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From our STATE COMMISSIONER



Dear Members and Friends,

Paper, Paper, Paper!! That is all I can see as I get ready for Australian Executive meetings. It is at this time that I realize that my efficiency and filing system is far from perfect — but thanks to Peg Barr and Dorothy Arland I am finally organized and have all the material I need to put forward Victoria's views when I am in Sydney.

For the first part of July, Peg Barr was on holidays in Canada. During this time, Doris Carter, Joyce Thompson and Dorothy Arland all carried a heavier work load and I was very grateful for their help. I think we were all pleased to see Peg return though.

We started the month with our State Council meeting. With regret we received resignations from Lady Selleck and Mrs. K. Bethel, and we do thank them for their support and interest over the years.

The highlight of the meeting was a talk by Anne Shoebridge who went to a Jamboree in Indonesia earlier this year. She painted a very vivid picture of the activities and had a wonderful bottomless bag from which she produced a variety of souvenirs she had been given.

I took three days off after State Council to join Fred in Sydney where he had meetings. It was great fun. I saw old school friends, and went shopping and on the last morning went on a tour of the Opera House. I feel this is truly one of the most magnificent buildings I have seen and I look forward to the day when I can attend a production there.

Mid term holidays came and went too quickly — within minutes of the boys arriving home the record player was going, the biscuit tins were rattling, models were spread all over the ping-pong table, and there was that continuous cry: "When do we eat?" It was disappointing that it was cold

and miserable but everyone found plenty to amuse themselves.

The Ranger Ball "Kobweb Kapers" was on Friday 13th — complete with a witch by her caldron and a magnificent cat. I was delighted to receive the 20 debutantes who all looked very lovely and very happy. They are to be congratulated on their excellent dance — it was particularly good when they "swung" it.

Frequently Fred and I do a Cinderella act at a Ball, but this was a night of wonderful fun for everyone. The music made you feel you wanted to keep dancing, through the Barn Dance to the Hokey Pokey. At this stage I discovered just how difficult it is to touch your toes!

My congratulations go to S.R.S. Invincible for their organization and if all Ranger Balls are as good I am eagerly awaiting the next one.

The Saturday morning following this I opened the Guide Section Conference. Needless to say I was not the only one to arrive a little bleary eyed and stiff — but still humming catchy tunes.

"Talkorroboree" with its theme of Communications was extremely stimulating. Miss Bunning gave us a wonderful account of parts of the World Conference, where was found the greatest opportunity for Communications between the members of our very large family.

We were all fascinated by the descriptions of early Guiding in Victoria and I am sure many of our girls today would love to belong to a Mounted Company.

I did not stay for the whole conference as I wanted to spend as much time as I could with the boys whilst they were home.

Two of our executive members are overseas and several others were away so this month we had quite a small meeting. Items from the Australian Executive agenda were dealt with.

A market research expert is preparing questionnaires which, if used, would assess the value of the 1972 Promotion and so give a basis for any similar ventures in future.

Arrangements have been made with Spotless Dry Cleaners to clean Leaders' uniforms at a reduced rate.

A design for the State Commissioner's Standard was approved — and we are very

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THE STATE STANDARD (Part 1)

Victoria is to have a beautiful State Standard!

For some time it has been felt that when the State Commissioner attends important and official functions her presence should be heralded by such an adjunct to her "office".

In Australia, as in other parts of the world, a Standard may be owned by any Guide or Ranger-Guide unit, a District, a Division or a Region, as well as on State and Federal level. However, on the status of such body depends the dimensions of the Standard. It is not usually flown from a flagpole but carried with its pole in a holster like any other flag. Victoria's Standard will be eight feet long, two feet six inches wide at the hoist, tapering by a sloping top edge, to two feet, the bottom edge being straight. Both sides of the Standard must be similar in design.

The Rules of Heraldry are quite strict and the design of any flag or Standard must be approved by the Royal College of Heraldry before being produced. The symbols thereon must be simple in character and bold in design, so that the flag is outstanding.

Stage 1 has been to collect suggestions from all sections of State Guiding. This took quite a long time as the various Advisers had to collect these and decide which to submit. These were then reviewed by a small committee which met again, with the State Commissioner, to put these suggestions on a practical basis. Some of the suggestions were very good and designs were beautifully illustrated. These have been included as far as possible and although the final design might not appear to contain many of the submitted designs, this is not so, as even one part of one symbol has been the com-

bined result of several, plus a great deal of discussion by the Standard committee.

The place of honour on a Standard is similar to that on a flag, that is, on the hoist quarter. The next place of honour is beside it, not in the "fly" end, as is the case with flags. A motto-band is then incorporated and from there to the end of the "fly", are placed symbols as desired.

Traditional heraldry states that the lozenge (diamond shape) shall be used by females, and a shield by males. So this shape is to be used unless symbols are used "proper", that is, in its natural colour and form. Simple rules must be followed. If a ship is to be included, and, say, tents, the ship cannot be placed OVER the tents or they would be submerged! Similarly, a plant cannot be placed above a bird or animal . . . all of which is just common sense! Yet, believe it or not, when planning a Standard for a unit within the City of Melbourne and having the permission of the City Council to use its Coat-of-Arms, it was discovered that we could not use it as it was incorrect according to the Rules of Heraldry. They had water over land and a few other incorrect things. So it was a case of the girls guiding the City Council . . . and it cost the City four hundred pounds to have letters patent drawn up correcting the faults.

Stage 1 having been completed . . . the ideas . . . Stage 11 entailed the actual decision on the design by a small committee of experts in various fields. The composition of each "quarter" was thoroughly investigated, results being checked with Heraldry in the United Kingdom. This has taken a

great deal of time. First, we must have the Trefoil. Was this to be a World Badge or the Trefoil with which we are enrolled/invested? Both are correct. Eventually we chose the latter as World Guiding is to be included elsewhere in the design. The next section caused a great deal of planning. We must have place of honour for the Federal Star, and then the State Badge. Could the crown of the State Badge be put into the Federal Star, the two forming one unit? "No" . . . said the U.K. One submitted design had the State Badge superimposed on the Federal Star. This looked good. "Yes" . . . said the U.K. . . . "BUT the size of this must be smaller than the Guide Trefoil" . . . Our committee decided this would look insignificant and the over-all design would be badly balanced. So we decided to revert to the Federal Star above the State Badge, which looks really well. It is laid down that we must have a motto band . . . so "Be Prepared" it is. This breaks up the design of the Standard, after which we can have what we like, within various limits!

To this stage, the background is to be a rich saxe-blue material. The Guide Trefoil will be emboidered in gold bullion, the Federal Star silver-grey and the State Badge in its "proper" colours. The motto band will be gold with red lettering. On the reverse side, the only difference allowed from the obverse is the lettering on the motto band. This is to be VICTORIA. Thus, when carried in procession Victorian representation is readily identified.

Now comes the really exciting part of our Standard . . .

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grateful to Mrs. Hartley Watson and her Committee for evolving this design. It will be very spectacular when finally produced.

Part of the Challenge Fund money will be used for Camp Wirreanda to be held over the long weekend in March. Six girls will go from each Division — two with Camper Badge and four who do not normally get to camp.

Mrs. Surry is Victoria's representative on the Planning Committee for the Association Assembly, 1975. Robin Saunders is our re-

presentative on the Planning Committee for the Young Leaders Event, Queensland, 1974.

Mrs. Anderson is on the Co-ordinating Committee for the Guide Link Up, 1974.

The participants to go to the camp at Chen-Chin Lake in Taiwan are:

Guider: Miss Jill Robbins, S.A.

Ranger: Jane Maxwell, N.S.W.

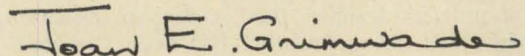
Guide: Coral Sprathing, Vic.

We were very thrilled that Mrs. Price, our Chief Commissioner, whose term finished at the beginning of August, was able to come to a farewell luncheon at headquarters. It was an excellent opportunity for members of State Council and representatives from the Regions to say "Thank You" for the wonderful leadership Mrs. Price has given us over the last five years. It was good to see Region representatives getting to know their members of State Council. Our Special Activities Committee in their usual highly efficient way produced a delicious luncheon for us. This Committee works very hard to help us with our "Special Activities" and can be relied upon for their support even when notice is short.

Our Advisers' Meeting was the last one attended by Mrs. Heard, Lone Adviser, whose term has just finished. We do all appreciate greatly the help given to Lones by Mrs. Heard. We had kept Matilda's beautiful birthday cake, given to me for the Staff at the L.A. Conference, until this meeting and it was fitting that one of Alma's last duties should be to cut this cake. Needless to say Advisers and Staff made short work of a very large cake. We were pleased to have Mrs. Jill Samman, Lone Adviser Elect, at this meeting and look forward to working with her.

I attended the Annual Meeting of the Youth Council of Victoria and was interested to learn of their work during the past year. The guest speaker was Mr. Justice O. J. Gillard, Chairman of the State Youth Council, and his topic was "Is There a Challenge in the New Act?" Everyone realizes there is a challenge, and it is now up to us to face this challenge and give the greatest benefit possible to the youth of Victoria.

With love and best wishes,





Miss Mary Lambie

On the evening of 2nd August, Mrs. J. R. Price handed over the badge of office and Standard of the **CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA** to Miss Mary Lambie, of South Australia, who becomes the Chief Commissioner for a period of three years.

The ceremony was brief and simple but had a quiet dignity. Each State Commissioner (present in Sydney for the Australian Executive meeting) spoke and said farewell to Mrs. Price, thanking her for all she had given to the Movement.

Mrs. Fairbairn, Australian Life Vice President pinned the Past Chief Commissioner's gold badge on Joyce's lapel and spoke of her great skill and dedication to the Guides.

It was a wonderful evening, all four former Chief Commissioners were present and I am sure everybody there felt proud to say thank you and farewell to Mrs. Price and welcome and good luck to Miss Lambie.

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STATE COMMISSIONER — SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Welcome to Mrs. Jean Williams, elected State Commissioner of South Australia.

Mrs. Williams follows Miss Mary Lambie, now Chief Commissioner for Australia.

SO THERE I WAS . . .

In a queue behind my friend, Mrs Coate. She had been a Guider in England YEARS ago. She told me that she had appointed herself Captain and started off a Company and had done so much Guiding in various fields that, on her wedding day, she was presented with a beautiful gold Guide Trefoil on a golden bar. She told me that the Guides, Brownies and Rangers of Bedford in England, had donated a penny each towards this brooch. The "G.G." had been enamelled in red, for Rangers, and the bar underneath, in blue, for Guides . . . the gold of the badge stood for the Brownies.

"You see", said she, "I was to be leaving England to live in Australia, and this was their way of saying 'Thank You.'"

"Forty years have now passed and I thought I would like to give it to you, as you are still active in Guiding. Would you like it?" . . . "That is kind of you", I said . . . "Yes, I would like it very much indeed". So, in due course, Mrs. Coate pinned her Trefoil on my jacket.

Then I thought that, one day, this lovely brooch might be lost . . . I mean . . . lost to Guiding. So I thought of various ways it might be used and discussed the matter with some of my Guiding friends. This badge-brooch is worn out of uniform and I wondered who could best do honour to it. Then I thought of the State Commissioner. It would be such a good thing for her to be able to wear it when not in uniform. So I offered it to the State Commissioner, who graciously accepted it. I suggested that it might go on with the "office". This she thought a good idea. So Mrs. Coate can rest assured that her gift will NEVER be lost.

I wrote to Mrs. Coate and told her how her brooch was to be used and suggested that she might write to Bedford and tell them about it. This she intends to do. Strangely enough, Mrs. Grimwade, our State Commissioner, knows Mrs. Coate well.

So, next time you see the State Commissioner out of uniform . . . do look at her lovely gold Guide Trefoil Brooch.

G.H.W.



I.F.O.F.S.A.G.

The 10th General Assembly of the INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FORMER SCOUTS AND GUIDES was held at Vienna in July, 1973. 440 members of Trefoil and Baden-Powell Guilds from 21 countries gathered in the Hans Dobling reception centre and were welcomed by Mr. Roger Kerber, President of the Fellowship Council and council members.

Hans Dobling is a modern student hostel, with several blocks of high rise buildings. This was our home, but some visitors were accommodated at another hostel. We were not the only residents, for some students and other travellers were there too.

The Australian Adviser for Trefoil Guilds, Ethelstan Dusting and Merle Puddicombe, of N.S.W., were the delegates for our Trefoil Guilds. Among the 30 Australians attending were John and Eileen May, Amy Bush, Vair Brett, Jill and Alfred Michel, Alex and Enid Taylor, all of Victoria, Florence Couper and Nancy Rogers of West Australia, and Jean Donnan and Isabel Nisbet of Queensland.

We were transported in three special trams of Congress Hall, for the opening ceremony, where among those present was the Consul for Australia, Mr. Rowlands.

The topic of the seminars at the Assembly was "You and your environment".

Discussion groups on the various topics were divided into smaller groups for reasons of language.

Our entertainment included — lunch at the Rathaus (the Town Hall), given by the Mayor of Vienna, after which a tree was planted in nearby gardens to commemorate the 1973 Assembly; a drive through Vienna Woods; visiting two abbeys; and a supper in the cellar of Klosterneuberg Abbey; visits to Schonbrunn Castle and many other famous buildings of the lovely city of Vienna.

The closing ceremony of the Assembly was held on Friday, 13th July, when the I.F.O.F.S.A.G. flag was handed on to Den-

mark. Afterwards there was supper at Grinzing Heurige and Auld Lang Syne.

Great thanks are due to the committee who put so much organization into the very large gathering. We were glad too to see again some who were with us in Australia in 1971, and we felt the strength of this truly international fellowship.

Vair Brett

VIENNA, July, 1973. News of the 10th General Assembly also from one of the Victorian Trefoil Guilders joining former Scouts and Guides from all over the world. Miss Amy Bush writes:—

"There have been about 450 of us at the Assembly altogether, and, apart from the Austrians, we've been in two large student hotels, with the various sessions being held in a hall not far away. This hall looked most impressive with flags of all the participating nations behind the president, chairman, secretary and members of council. Delegates seated in the hall had headsets for translations — official languages were English, French and German. Discussions in groups covered topics such as "You and your Environment", "You and Your Guild", and "The Fellowship and the Scouting/Guiding Movement". I must say how interesting it was to hear views from other countries on these topics".

In lighter vein, we had outings to the Vienna Woods, where the sun filtered down through the green and leafy branches of every kind of tree you could imagine; we had dinner at a heurigen at Grinzing, where we sat at tables overhung by grapevines, and listened to the two fiddlers who moved among us . . . although I must admit was difficult at times to hear the music, for the many conversations being carried on in many different languages!

The Burgomaster of Vienna received us all at a civic reception at the Town Hall — the rooms were beautiful, with crystal chandeliers, and after all the speeches a very delectable buffet meal was served. Later, across the road in the city park, a silver birch was planted with due ceremony, and a plaque to say that it marked the occasion of the 10th G.A. After the closing

ceremony, when the flag was handed over to Denmark for the 11th Assembly there in 1975, we had to pack in readiness for the tour next day, and farewell those who were not coming on tour. Imagine the loading of all the buses next day (about 250 came touring) and then imagine our bus load — Australians, Germans, Swedes and British; we changed seats each day, and my Swedish improved rapidly, with the opportunity to practise so much, for some of the Swedish party were not fluent in English, while others of course, spoke English as well as we do, if not better! The highlight of the tour was the Grossglockner Pass, where the mountains rose grandly on every side, and the glacier glistened, green and magnificent, in the occasional bursts of sunlight. We saw a marmot there too — oh, and the wild-flowers alongside the road were a riot of colour! As we wound our way down from the pass to the valley below we had at least four glaciers to watch between the mountain peaks, and then, in the valley again, all the houses with their gay window boxes brought all the cameras out once more!

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APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Janet Shepherd, of Somerville, hairdresser, is Apprentice of the year for 1973 — the first girl even to make the finals since the award was first made 18 years ago.

Janet is a leader with the 1st Somerville Brownie Pack — and the district has appreciated her enthusiastic and capable help over the past two years.

P.R.

I am righteously indignant
You are dismayed
He is making a fuss about nothing

I am fastidious
You are fussy
He is an old woman

I have reconsidered
You have changed your mind
He has gone back on his word
I am serene

You are quiet
He is sulky.

September, 1973

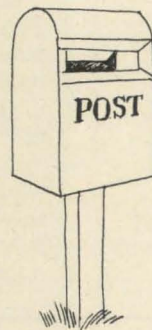
SCOUTS NEW DESIGN

Following an in-depth study over several years, Scouting in Australia has instituted an updated system known as New Design.

The new schemes for the Cub section (8-10 year olds) and Venturers (15-18 year olds) have already been introduced. The Scout Section (11-14) launched its new system on 1st August and the scheme is set out in detail in a revolutionary new publication, *The Australian Scout Handbook*.

The contents of the book follow the new training program for the Scout section: citizenship, air activities, campcraft, water activities, art, bushcraft, construction, emergencies, fitness, science, water safety and conservation.

\$2.25 at Scout Shops.



Dear Matilda,

Let us keep our badges flashing — here's a Public Relations opportunity in these days of unisex.

Quoting Reader's Digest, April, 1973.

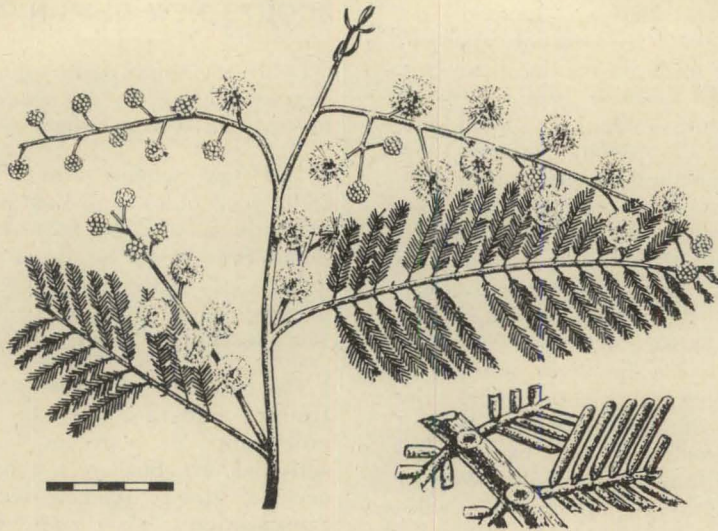
Sometimes children can give their parents heart failure. Take the case of ten-year-old Sarah, who was telling her mother about an adventure on the school bus.

"A boy asked me if I was a boy or a girl," she said breathlessly, "and when I said 'I'm a girl', he said, 'Prove it!' and I did."

"How did you prove it?" her mother gasped.

"Why", answered Sarah logically, "I showed him my Girl Guide badge!"

Joan Dale,
2nd Mitcham Pack.



ACACIA DEALBATA — the Silver Wattle. This wattle gets its name from the silvery patches on its trunk. It is nearly always found near creeks; therefore it is well seen in the Dandenong Ranges. The foliage, which is ash-green, is of the feathery type. Including the Silver, there are five well known wattles which have this feathery type of foliage. The blossom is made up of strings of pale yellow flowers. The flowering time is August to September. The fruit is a pod.

ARE WE PERMISSIVE OR JUST LAZY?

A very energetic person who, because of an operation was confined to the house for approximately three months, I received some shocks. How nice whilst in hospital to receive flowers and cards. But, on returning home, if only someone would call in for a minute and say hello, or if the phone would ring and break the monotony whilst the family is at work, or an invitation come to take a small outing in a car on a nice day. Don't we think of little things any longer or do we feel that because we send a card at the beginning we have done our duty? Are we permissive — haven't the time — or are we lazy?

I have found during this period true friends who have kept in touch and helped me a great deal, but what about the others?

—Country Bumpkin



When Dr. Stephens brought B.P. fishing to the Kiewa Valley in 1933 we soon found out what a kind, friendly person he was.

I met him in our paddock and was asked to "do him a good deed", which turned out to be sharing his lunch. He then showed me his pocket watch. It chimed the hours and had a scene painted inside the lid.

Part of the lunch we shared was what B.P. called "cackle berries" (eggs of course).

On his return to England he sent auto-graphed copies of photos of himself to the people on whose properties he had fished.

LONE ADVISER

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Mrs. H. J. Samman of Korumburra as Lone Adviser succeeding Mrs. P. G. Heard whose five-year term of office has now drawn to a close. Mrs. Samman is well known to Guide personnel in South Gippsland and to Ranger Guider friends and fellow Trainers.

To Mrs. Heard we extend a very warm thank you for her leadership and interest in Lones.

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HOW ARE YOUR BONES?

Somebody once told me that the membership of a club was made up of four bones:

The Wishbones, who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do the work.

The Jawbones, who do all the talking, but very little else.

The Knucklebones, who knock everything that everyone else tries to do.

The Backbones, who get under the load and do the work.

I wonder which? ? ?

—Dorothy Walker,
3rd Jordanville Company

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BROWNIES HAVE FUN OUTDOORS

This was the theme of a Snow Trip organised by 2nd Wangaratta Brownie Pack. We invited 4th Wangaratta, 1st Chiltern and 1st Moyhu Packs to join us. Altogether about 91 of us set off by bus on a cold, foggy morning for a trip to Dingo Dell on Mount Buffalo — 75 miles away. When we arrived — no sign of any snow, so our kindly bus drivers took us right up to the Tatra Inn where we found enough snow to really enjoy ourselves. The bus drivers supplied us with tubes and plastic and a really good time was had by all. The Brownies had asked the other packs to join us as we knew we would have more fun with others; and we have a link with our Chiltern friends and do lots of things together. Now we are going to write and tell our Brownie friends in Queensland all about our day in the snow.

—Vera Saunders, Brown Owl,
2nd Wangaratta Brownie Pack

WHAT MADE THAT, MADE ME

Lord, I'm a part of your creation.

What made everything else also made me.

We think of the stars and the planets as strange and mysterious things.

We think of emissions of radio waves from outer space as weird and alien.

But what made them, made me.

Francis of Assisi spent time thinking of animals as his brothers.

I need to spend some time thinking about this fact — that I share a common Father with all creation.

I stand in awe of creation.

I am staggered by the distances and dimensions which astronomers mention when they talk about space.

My mind reels and my imagination boggles at the ideas we now have of the immensity of the universe.

But I am a part of the same creation as all these things.

This thought makes me feel humble — but not insignificant.

It makes me feel very, very small — but not without dignity.

It isn't a dignity which has anything to do with my own powers.

But I feel that if I am made by the One who created this vast universe, then I can be satisfied with this thought.

I am proud of my creator, because He has created so much.

And because of that I have a sense of my own value and dignity as a human being.

Save me from being big-headed, Lord.

Save me, too, from losing this sense of my fundamental value.

Because if you made me, I'm valuable.

Like a little pencil sketch by an old master, nothing in comparison with his great masterpieces. But precious to the one who knows, and understands.

I am just a fragment of God's creation — but valuable because of my creator.

(From 'God Thoughts' by Dick Williams, by kind permission. Available through Emu Book Agencies Ltd., 1 Lee Street, Sydney.)

TALKORROBOREE

We were at Talkorroboree!!!!!!!!!!!!

New Guiders, not so new, and much older.

We came to see, to hear, to learn and to talk. Some brought their knee rugs (wise Guiders), some brought their knitting (a Guide makes good use of her time). Some just relaxed and enjoyed the freedom from household chores.

Talkorroboree was opened by our State Commissioner, Mrs. J. Grimwade, in her most delightful way. She said, "In this Association, 'Communication' is one of the most important things. We have got to be able to communicate with each other. You, as Guiders, have the greatest responsibility of all, because, it is you who are going to communicate to the children, the fun, the fellowship, the wonderful inspiration of this game called Guiding. Thank you, Guiders, very much for a wonderful job, because, you are really terrific. You are working hard. I know you are going to get a great deal back from it, and you'll probably say — I get more from it than I give — but you certainly do give."

We learned from Miss Bunning (visitor to the 21st World Conference) of the discussion of groups of Guiders from United States of America, Jamaica, Finland, Iran, South Africa, Tanzania, India, France, Denmark, Australia, Greece, Nigeria, she led; about the group of young Guiders, Senior Guides and Rangers who with their own hands built toilets in the streets and instructed their people in personal hygiene; and of another group in Jamaica who have organised classes to teach folk to read and write.

Do you read about Post Box in "Matilda"? Mrs. Williamson hopes you do. She spoke of the difficulties experienced in getting pen friends in certain countries.

What would you do with four feet of string? We had lots of fun making weird and wonderful objects from it. The cold ones made skipping ropes and skipped.

Have you been wondering about a new approach for your next Guide enrolment? Have you thought about having one with everyone on horseback? It wouldn't be new, it was done in the 1920's, but it could be fun. We heard about this and about a company

nearly getting shipwrecked at Dromana from three delightful, youthful-looking guiders from way back — Miss J. McDonald, Miss E. Purnell and Miss G. Swinburne. Miss McDonald brought with her Mrs. Field, who had been a Patrol Leader in her mounted company.

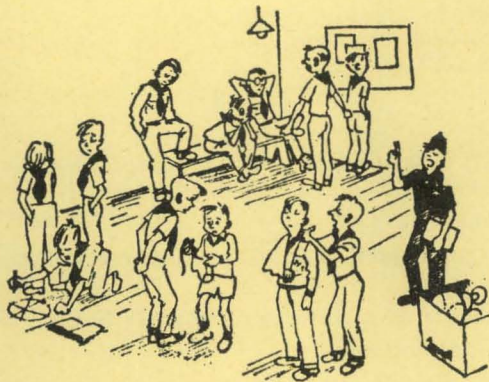
Have you ever heard of a witch-doctor having a nervous breakdown? Mrs. J. Orde, teacher of Speech and Drama for the Education Department, spoke of this in her segment "Creative Drama." Well, if you learn to relax properly, you won't break down either. Imagine 20 or so 10-12 year old boys and girls on the stage. A voice says, "You are a tree, you are thirsty, there is no rain, the sun beats down upon you, you are thirsty, oh, so thirsty." The children are trees. They visibly wilt in the sunshine, they are so thirsty. "The wind begins to quicken and the rain comes down". "The trees lift up their branches, their leaves absorb the moisture", and the children sway and move to the gentle rhythm of the music.

We were given a piece of paper. On the top of one side it said, MAN — upper half; on the other, MAN — his trousers. With two more pieces of paper, we folded, we turned, we folded on and on. The clever ones soon produced a clown-like looking creature. They helped the others, and most all of us felt a sense of satisfaction with our efforts.

Which way do you talk? Smoke rings? Actions? (speaking louder than words). Are you one of those guiders, your white slip showing because you really didn't have time to change, and it was a cold night, or do you whip your white one off and wear your blue or black? It only takes another ten seconds. That's action. You'd have looked and been a better advertisement for the Guide Movement. That's publicity. What impression do you make to those nearest and dearest to you? Does your family get sick and tired of you ear-bashing them about what you have to do for guiding today? Do they get tired of sausages and mash on guide meeting nights? You won't get co-operation from them if they do. Do you telephone and apologise if you can't go to a Guiders' meeting?

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TRAINING PAGES



"This is what he expected"



"This is what he got"

—Source unknown, but appreciated



"Guiding is a jolly game played in the out-of-doors".

Founder's Foreword P.O. & R.

OVER A CUP OF COFFEE

"Read any good books lately?"

"I had a look at one the other day, entitled, 'Let's Go Camping'".

I know we are just emerging from a rather chilly winter, but **now** is the time to start thinking and preparing for those sunny, outdoor days ahead. I'm sure most of you have similar thoughts, especially when your P.L.'s at P.L. Council start asking when, where, how are we going camping this year!

Julie, a Ranger doing her Leadership Training Certificate, and I were having a cup of coffee the other evening after the unit meeting when Sue joined us. I asked her what she thought about camp preparation and she said, "Good idea, what are you going to do?"

"Well", I said, "there are quite a few of us who know nothing whatsoever about camping so the first thing to do is look at the Training Calendar (it comes with the State's monthly newsletter) and see what campcraft trainings are being held. If there is nothing planned for our area we can ask the D.C. to put in a request for one on the form that is attached to the front of the Calendar, can't we?"

"Yes", said Sue, "But what can you do in the meantime with your Guides, they need some training too, in fact, even if they and you are experienced campers, you'll need to brush up on quite a lot of things, and there is always the new Guides who need help".

"I thought we could use 'Let's Go Camping' and the Guide Handbooks plus any other pamphlets, charts, etc., that I can find and with the P.L.'s work out some challenges in Campcraft for the Patrols.

"For example: **Did you know that different types of woods burn in different ways?**

"Pine wood burns fast and can explode, macrocarpa is marvellous for kindling and, of course, dry gum leaves are perfect as punk. It might be fun to collect samples of various types of wood and test them for burning qualities.

"How many knots are used in putting up a tent?"

"We can borrow a tent and practice putting it up, I believe you can do this indoors, using weighted chairs instead of tent pegs.

"How many knots are used in erecting a flag pole?"

"I have seen miniature flagpoles made with wooden skewers and thin string. In fact by using twigs, plasticine and other bits and pieces the whole camp layout can be planned in miniature".

Julie broke in at this point, "You know, **Rangers do lightweight camping** instead of the standing camps of the Guides, but we can adapt these ideas, Rangers can try lighting different types of fires in wet, snowy or windy conditions. Practice putting up a lightweight tent while blindfolded — it's quite possible that it will be dark before we reach our campsites. It's also well worthwhile practising packing your haversack and checking its weight when fully packed; with a little ingenuity, it is amazing what can be made lighter or smaller — three thicknesses of butter muslin sewn together makes an adequate towel and a small tablet bottle will carry enough soap powder or liquid for washing up".

"In other words", said Sue, "Take care of the grammes and the kilos will take care of themselves!"

"Mention of kilos and grammes, reminds me of food", I said. "Menu planning is something else that both Guides and Rangers can start thinking about — they can plan their menus and then visit a supermarket to find out the cost, THAT can be quite an education for them!"

"Yes", agreed Betty. "And it is a good idea to try out some of the recipes beforehand".

"You know", said Sue, thoughtfully, "It really is great to start planning for camp but that shouldn't be the only time we go out, I'm afraid we are inclined to stay indoors too much. It is probably far easier for us to stay in the hall, but there's little adventure to be found there. Let's go out more with our girls and rediscover with them the fun of being alive under God's heaven".

Julie said, "Thanks for your thoughts Sue, I'll pass them on to the other Rangers at our next meeting, bye now, must dash".

"Goodnight, Julie, don't forget to let me know how you get on", Sue smiles, "especially, fire lighting in wet conditions, I never have been very successful at that!"

After clearing away the coffee cups, Sue and I went our separate ways, full of enthusiasm for the outdoors days and nights ahead.

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If you, like Julie and I, are planning ahead for camp why not read the following books:

Let's Go Camping.

Camps and Holidays — Elizabeth Robertson.

Hints on Lightweight Camping—N. Squire. Q.M. in Camp.

Girl Guide Knot Book.

Tent Lore — "Lone Wolf".

Where are You Camping This Year?

Help Yourself series.

Outdoor Ideas.

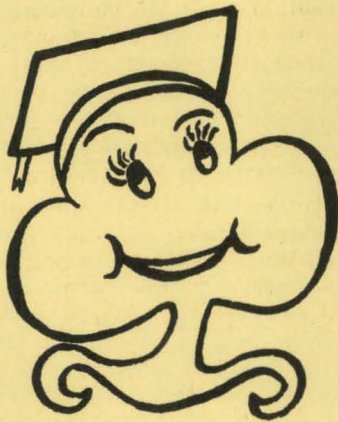
Recipes for Campers, Hostellers and Caravanners, by Kenneth Oldham.

(Above are available from the Guide Shop) Bushwalking and Camping — Paddy Pallin.

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SUE SUGGESTS SOME SIMPLE STARTERS FOR GETTING OUT

1. Go for a walk or jog, singing whatever the mood dictates.
2. Make a count of traffic as it passes a certain spot . . . estimate how many vehicles travel at approved speeds . . . correct lighting, etc.
3. Make a wind vane . . . record.
4. Tape record the "noises" of the night.
5. Do some bark rubbings or plasticine impressions.
6. Enjoy a swim at a heated pool.
7. Plot some stars.
8. Puddles in the moonlight . . . look . . . float a raft . . . or?
9. Make and erect a platform for feeding wild birds.
10. Keep a weather log for a month.



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HOW IS YOUR FAITH?

Is it:—

F—earless?

Are you prepared to stand by it whatever the position and even if it means standing alone?

A—dventurous?

Like the pilgrims and crusaders?

Are you prepared to go out and spread it?

I—ntegrated?

Is it an essential part of you?

Is it obvious to everyone you meet?

Without it would you feel unbalanced?

T—hankful?

Are you glad you have it?

Do you thank God all the time?

H—appy?

Is it a happy thing?

Does your happiness spread to those you meet?

—From the magazine of Fiji Girl Guides' Association

PACKS AND HAVERSACKS

When choosing a pack itself, it is a good idea to borrow for the first few trips until you have learned which is the right pack to suit your own requirements. There are large and small packs, packs with and without frames, packs with and without pockets and packs that sit just right on your back and packs that do not. The most suitable type of pack is one on a metal frame, either A or H, which helps to distribute the weight evenly, it should be made of waterproof material with pockets and adjustable shoulder straps with latex under the webbing to prevent rubbing. Once you have settled on the right pack for yourself it will prove to be your best travelling companion for years. Framed packs are more expensive but well worth the outlay as they will serve, if cared for, through Guides, Rangers and adult years.

(Sue said, "There's nothing worse than a pack that doesn't 'fit your kinks'").

PACKING

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTION OF ALL and there are quite a few tips to remember.

Not all packs are waterproof, so pack all your belongings in plastic bags particularly your sleeping bag. **Pack together things you will need** at the same time, pyjamas and sleeping singlet; clean socks, hankies and underwear; detergent and tea towel, etc.

Another way is to roll your things in plastic bags, secure with rubber bands, and place these rolls end ways into the pack rather than in ridges across, this is more comfortable and they are easier to extract without unearthing everything.

Pack things you may want at odd times in a place where they will be readily accessible, preferably in an outside pocket, and make a practice of always carrying them in the same place until you can, and do, find them in the dark. This applies to articles like a map, compass, torch, toilet paper, small groundsheet, and perhaps a little chocolate to nibble on the way. **Pack the bulky, knobbly things** such as billies, etc., in the front of your pack and the soft things where they will be next to your back.

Pack anything that can be damaged, such as a camera, well in the middle of a number of soft things and anything that can get squashed — like eggs, which can be wrapped in small pieces of newspaper, in your billy.

Last of all **pack your raincoat and rainhat on top of everything.**

DO CHECK AND RE-CHECK your pack before leaving home — it is very frustrating to be well on the way and realise you have forgotten something very important. Don't have billies, shoes, etc., hanging outside your pack. Everything, including sleeping bag must fit in to allow both hands to be free and if gear is left outside it may catch on bushes and besides slowing progress could come off and be lost.

Improvising, adapting, collecting, experiments in packing and in the lessening of bulk and weight can become fascinating. There is always something to be learnt from seeing someone else's outfit, comparing notes and hearing their experiences, and — finally — **cut everything down by half and you cut the weight of your pack down to half.**

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DO YOU FIND SCREENING DIFFICULT?

TRY THIS METHOD

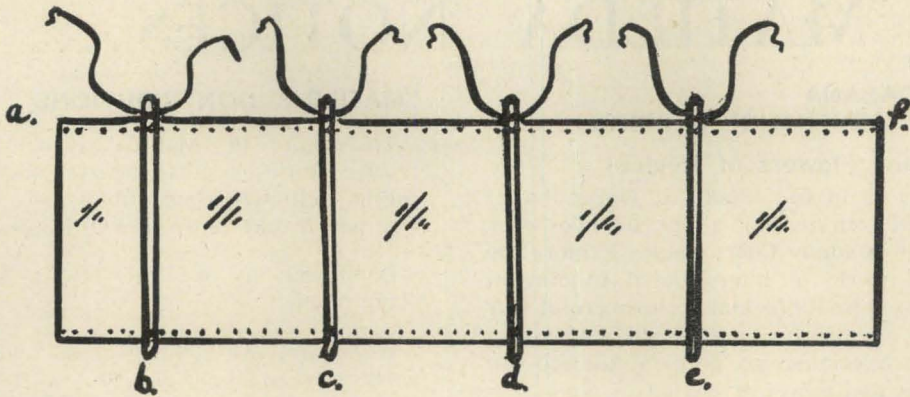
REQUIREMENTS

- 1 piece of screening approx. 22 ft. long.
- 4 poles approx. 6ft. 6 in. high.
- 4 lengths of rope approx. 20 ft. long.
- 12 pegs.
- 10 short pieces of rope.

1. Spread the screening out and after allowing for a 2 ft. overlap, divide into four. Mark this measurement on a string.
2. Lay poles on inside of screening as shown in fig. (i).
3. Using short pieces of rope and nearest eyelets, tie poles securely to top and bottom of screening. (e.g. West Country whipping).

4. Make clove hitches in centres of four ropes and attach to top of poles (fig. i).
5. Using marked string (step 1), measure a square on the ground where the cubicle is to stand and put in four marker pegs. Two paces from these markers put in eight pegs, two for each corner (fig. ii).
6. Carefully lift poles and place at marker pegs, matching letters as shown in (fig. ii).
7. Tie "f" securely to top of "b".
8. Tie "a" to nearest eyelet in "f"/"e".
9. Attach guy ropes to peg with a round turn and two half hitches.

(See drawings — Page 59)



fig(i).

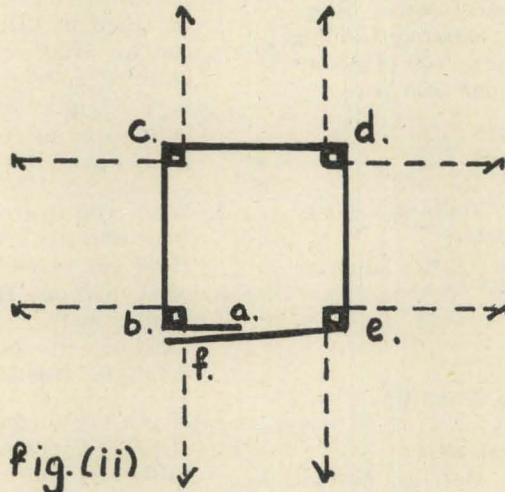


fig.(ii)

Prayer written by Robyn Grundy (3rd Wattle Park School for the Blind Pack) for her Brownies do their Best challenge for her Highway.

"Dear God, thank you for the sun which helps us to do our work and gives us light to play in.

Thank you for the moon which shines gently in the night sky and for the stars which twinkle softly.

Thank you for food to eat and water to drink.

Thank you for our parents who love us and look after us.

Help us to be kind to everyone, even to those who we find it hard to bear, and help us to understand them better.

Help us to treat animals kindly and help us to look after flowers and trees with care.

Please help us to keep our Brownie Promise and bless all the Brownies around the world.

Amen"

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Orders are being accepted for the souvenir recording of the twenty-first Melbourne Gang Show. The set consists of two stereo (mono-compatible) LPs in a double-sleeve cover, and features all the musical highlights of the Show, recorded live during performances at the Palais Theatre. Cost of the set is \$10.00, plus 60c per set for postage and packaging. Orders should be forwarded to Gang Show, 384 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, 3000, as soon as possible.

"MATILDA" CONTRIBUTIONS

The Editor of "Matilda" is delighted to receive stories, reports, articles about **interesting** activities, happenings, etc., games, etc., which take place in YOUR area.

Don't wait for someone else to write in about them!

When you are sending these articles in, would you remember please:—

1. It helps us if they are typed or printed (carefully) on a separate sheet of paper from any letter.
2. If typed (which is preferable) they should be typed in DOUBLE SPACING. Rarely can we print articles we receive in their entirety, and double spacing helps if we have to cut or alter. In any case articles need to be in double spacing to help the printer read the material easily.
3. When you are reporting an event please remember that "Matilda" is interested in HOW you planned, the RESULTS of your work, and any HINTS to others planning similar activities. Don't overload your stories with lists of names and local detail, for "Matilda" serves a wide public.
4. If you are sending in a report which has already appeared in your local paper (although you must remember that reports for local papers differ in approach to reports for "Matilda") will you make sure that you have permission for the article to be reprinted in "Matilda". The laws of copyright are very strict, and it is easier for local people to contact the papers than for "Matilda" to do it. Please send "Matilda" the name and address of your paper that a copy of the relevant issue can be forwarded to the Editor in due course for his records.
5. When writing to "Matilda" would you please use the Editor's address (given in the Victorian Guiding Personnel List under Headquarters Appointments) and so save Headquarters having to re-address letters?

THANK YOU!

THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION SECTION



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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Those who bring Sunshine to the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves.

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY —

We would like you to spare a thought for the most important member of the family: FATHER. Without his help and blessing, many transporting problems would arise; he patiently waits on cold winter evenings to bring his guide or ranger daughter home; and is readily available for all the trips the girls like to organise.

Maintenance of a Guide Hall would be rather sick without the strong arm and perseverance of dear old Dad. The Guide Leaders can do much with the girls during the Meetings, but the men are always called on to carry out the Working Bees and heavy jobs.

The Leaders really know the worth of the long-suffering husband, for without his help, the dishes and the children would suffer every meeting night, and come Camp and Conference time, it is always dear old Dad who is left to "keep the home fires burning".

Let us not forget also the lone Dads, for whom it would sometimes be much easier if their daughters left Guides. Their encouragement and support is very worthwhile, and sometimes they become more interested than they ever thought possible.

So girls, next time you are grouching and feeling that everything is left to you, spare a thought for Dad, quietly doing his bit to see that the children and Mum enjoy their Guiding.

CONSIDER YOUR GUIDERS!

We all appreciate what our Guiders do for our daughters and like to thank them in an appropriate way. This is usually in the form of a gathering around Christmas time. BUT HAVE YOU CHECKED WITH YOUR GUIDERS THAT THIS IS THE MOST SUITABLE TIME FOR THEM. Everyone is rushed at this time of the year, and the extra activities in Guide and Brownie Units adds an extra load to the Guider.

Is it possible she says to herself: "The L.A. are dears, but I do wish they wouldn't take another night at this time. I just haven't the time but I must go". Perhaps a "Welcome to the New Year" in February would put less strain on everyone. ASK AROUND!

GLEN IRIS INDONESIAN EVENING

Mrs. Sjahisti Abdurrachman very kindly opened her home to parents in the Glen Iris District for an Indonesian Evening. Proceeds from the evening went to the Shoreham Campsite.

There were many examples of Indonesian art and craft on display and a parade of traditional clothes was arranged. During the evening, Mrs. Abdurrachman's daughter, Ria, who is a Guide in Glen Iris, entertained with a traditional Javanese dance, and this was followed by an interesting talk by Miss Ann Shoebridge who recently attended a Guide Jamboree in Indonesia.

The evening concluded with an Indonesian supper provided by the hostess.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Rupanyup Local Association member, Mrs. G. Hemphill was awarded the M.B.E. in the last Queen's Birthday Honours for Services to the Community. Mrs. Hemphill has been Secretary and Treasurer of Rupanyup L.A. for thirty-seven years and last year, at the District Annual Meeting, a presentation was made to her in recognition of her long and faithful service to the Girl Guides Association.

WAITING ROOM READING

A suggestion made at a Tatura Local Association meeting resulted in the L.A. arranging for "Matilda" to be sent to their local doctor and dentist to be placed in their surgery waiting rooms with the other general literature.

The L.A. pay the annual subscriptions of \$2.00 and feel that this idea has a two-fold purpose — firstly, to make pleasant reading for many people and secondly, to advertise Guiding among those who previously had not been involved in the Movement.

Could this be a good idea for your District?

1973 RANGER GUIDE "SMILEY" CONFERENCE

The Ranger Guide Conference for 1973 was, for the first time in three years, residential, at the C.M.S. Conference Centre in Belgrave South.

The Conference is an annual fixture, and it is here that we decide our fixtures for the next year. These will include, for 1974, a Raft Weekend, Train Trek, Ball, Regatta, Handcraft Weekend. We also vote for the various committees which run these fixtures, our Sailing School and the Ranger property—Tapestry, as well as dealing with any other complaints or questions.

Our planning for this year's Conference started back at the 1972 Conference when certain nameless persons from our unit "volunteered" our services as convenors. There was so much to do and there seemed so little time.

Finally, many, many, late nights later, we found ourselves tripping up to Belgrave, ready to start the Conference. Most of the girls arrived on Friday night, had supper and struggled off to bed.

Saturday started in a panic, the opening speaker could not come at the last minute. But a few changes in the programme and we were under way.

Sister Francesca from the Home Care Service at St. Vincent's Hospital was our speaker after lunch and her subject was "Mingling Well". We were also most fortunate to have visiting us for the afternoon our State Commissioner, Mrs. Grimwade.

General business followed, with reports from various committees and afternoon tea, then voting on the 1974 fixtures.

The highlight of the weekend was Saturday night! The film taken on the Ranger trip to Fiji last Christmas was shown. It brought back many happy memories and put us in the right frame of mind for our visiting folk singers — Graeme Hindley and his quiet friend George. I think Graeme and George enjoyed it as much as we did, singing, dancing and generally "fooling about".

On Sunday we had a Rangers Own Service, held on Mount Morton, which meant a long

walk and climb, but the view from the top made it all worthwhile.

After lunch the girls on the incoming committees were announced and Mrs. Goldsbrough, the Ranger Adviser, officially closed the Conference.

I hope all the Rangers enjoyed the weekend as much as we "enjoyed" running it.

Vicki Collins,
A.R.F. Skylark



"ALCHERINGA" DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Twenty seven Rangers and leaders from the South Eastern Region discovered the country side around the Tynong North campsite. Under the guidance of Mr. Max Weatherhead, a local identity, and three of his relatives, the Rangers divided into groups and explored and mapped the surrounding areas.

Lunch time was spent at "Maxie's" Caves, with the largest gum tree in West Gippsland within a short walking distance.

After a noisy and long campfire around the big indoor fire at "Alcheringa" (Tynong North's Camp House) the girls retired for a few hours sleep, before finishing the maps and attending Rangers Own on Sunday morning.

The morning was then free for them to tour a local dairy farm, visit the Cornucopia Museum or Mill Valley Ranch, or do nothing in particular, before returning to Alcheringa to show parents around and entertaining them to afternoon tea.

A small group of Rangers visited Mary Knoll, a self-contained Roman Catholic settlement to the west of the Guide Campsite.

The weekend resulted in maps, showing local walks, available for Brownie and Guides to use in future activities. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we are grateful for the help and co-operation given by the Weatherhead family.

Heather Kempf,
Mount Waverley Rangers

RECIPE CORNER —

MUESLI CAKE

This is an excellent keeping cake — very good for picnics or camp!

1¼ cups of S.R. flour, 1 cup All Bran, 1 cup milk (skimmed milk may be used), ½ cup sugar (brown may be used), 1 cup sultanas or other dried fruits, ½ cup walnuts, almonds or peanuts, 1 tablespoon golden syrup.

Mix all together. Bake, in a paper-lined tin, in a moderate oven for about 45 minutes. When quite cold, cut into thin slices and spread with butter.

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Leadership was the big problem, the Mayoress of Camberwell, Mrs Aubrey McLaren, found when she chaired the Ashburton annual meeting.

There were plenty of eager young recruits ready and waiting to become Guides and Brownies. The only trouble was to find enough women with the time, talent and inclination to train as Guiders.

It was a problem which Mrs McLaren is observing in many spheres during her term as mayoress, not only with the Guides, Scouts and other youth organisations but in some of the older-established charitable groups which need new members ready to take office.

So the Mayoress has decided to do something about it, at the "grass roots" as the saying is. She's forming a Younger Set in the City of Camberwell, as a sort of task force to help when and where needed.

from "Chadstone Progress".

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Dear Matilda,

As you are a magazine read by woman would you please print the following:—

No doubt you have seen on T.V. the woman showing you how to feel your breast for a lump? This is all right as far as it goes, but there are other ways in which you can have cancer of the breast. A nipple that suddenly becomes inverted should be seen to straight away, also a discharge from the nipple. Cancer that is seen to in the very early stages has a good chance of being cured.

I have been through the mill, so I know the above to be facts.

—B.B.

Dear Matilda,

A few months ago Wodonga had one Brownie pack, one guide company and four guiders, our Ranger unit having gone into recess. Now we have two Brownie packs, two guide companies, a Ranger unit and six new guiders — making ten of us in the over-all team. How did we do it? Like many other districts we had almost given up the search for new leaders but, we thought, it was now or never. With Wodonga's projected growth and our waiting lists the time was overdue for expansion. So we set a date to commence one new pack, one new company and reopen the ranger unit.

The rangers made a list of their ideas of a good ranger leader — and we were lucky enough to find her.

We guiders sallied forth and began talking guiding to anyone who would listen. One mother volunteered to assist brownies after hearing the Region Commissioner's address to L.A., another offered to be in it because of the enthusiasm shown by Tawny Owl, who was to become guider of the new pack. The L.A. joined in and offered to take a month-about roster in 1st company as Assistant Guider was on extended leave. The first mother on roster enjoyed it so much she asked to stay. Another assistant came forward from one of our ex-guides now old enough for training.

For 2nd company L.A. again suggested names of ex-guides, who when approached expressed their delight at the opportunity to be in guides again.

That's how WE did it, but we do have one vacancy. We have a gleam in our collective eye so . . .

Wodonga District Guiders

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Thank you to the organisers of the "Rangers Ball" at the Palais, St. Kilda. The training of the debutantes seemed perfect and I was so proud of them all as I watched my daughter presented to the official party. The band was marvellous and the meal delicious. My thanks to all concerned for such a splendid night and from all the comments I heard I speak for everyone present.

Joy McAllister

FITZROY PLAY CENTRE

Guides from 1st Ivanhoe helped staff a play centre, run by the Sisters from the Mission to Streets and Lanes, for children in the Fitzroy area.

The Guides taught simple handcrafts to groups of children aged between 4½ years and 11 years; ceramics, macrame, bead work, match-wax sculpture and imaginative animal forms made from polystyrene shapes.

Each morning was spent at the centre and on some afternoons the children were taken out on excursions.

We were happy to meet Guides from several companies in the Keilor area who also helped the children with activities.

During the second week we arranged a full day outing to Eltham Park. It rained very hard so we were not able to help 2nd Ivanhoe's Guider erect rope bridges, scramble nets and flying foxes, for the children to play on.

The best entertainment on this wet day was food and 1st Heidelberg Guides and venturers from Keilor helped us barbecue chops and sausages.

The youngsters seemed to have hollow legs, with an eight-year-old boy as record eater.

We will be arranging another day outing but we are hoping for fine weather.

—Jenka,
1st Ivanhoe Guide Coy.

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TEN DAY TRIP

Our trip was truly fantastic. The bus drivers were Mr. Bohrman and his son Fred.

At every place where we camped people in the neighboring camps would ask questions about our green two-man, or Arab tents as they were more commonly known.

We went for tours around towns and places of interest. Favourite pastimes were playing "knuckle bones" or singing accompanied by two guitars.

We stayed overnight at Broken Hill, very hard ground to put pegs in! I think everyone enjoyed the opal mining at White Cliffs where everyone found chips of all colours and sizes. At White Cliffs we were caught in a dust storm. Ugh! Red dust everywhere and in everything. We also went to Mootwingee, a fascinating aboriginal camping

ground. On the second Sunday of our trip we were in Mt. Gambier and went to the Salvation Army. We all enjoyed it more than we thought we would. The trip on the paddle steamer at Mildura was fascinating, as we were in the lock while the water level was changed.

On three nights we had camp-fires, they were really fun. The patrols made patrol songs up, and did skits.

It was cold overnight at Burra in South Australia, it was 4 deg. below freezing — everything was white with frost.

I'm sure if there is another trip we would all love to go.

Jo-anne Richter,
1st Morwell Guide Company

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CHILDREN'S DAY — 24th OCTOBER

What is Universal Children's Day?

This is the day celebrated each year in more than one hundred countries as "a day of friendship and understanding amongst children". The day was proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1954 and is supported by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

In Australia, Children's Day will be on Wednesday, 24th October, also the anniversary of the United Nations itself.

Things to do on Children's Day

Have fun at home, at school and with your guide unit because it is your "special day".

Think about the children of other countries, growing up at the same time as you and reaching out together towards YOUR world of the future.

You could talk about how these children live, what they wear and eat, the games they play and their houses and schools. You may want to find pictures of these children, or draw them yourselves, read stories about them or sing songs from other lands. Or you may want to help the children who are sick and hungry and have no school to go to, with a collection for UNICEF.

Unit leaders can write to:—Victorian Committee for UNICEF, C/- U.N. Association, 134-136 Flinders Street, Melbourne 3000, for posters and leaflets.

A QUEEN'S GUIDE

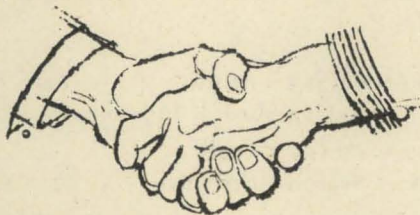
Merbein's first Queen's Guide, Susan Bennett, was presented with her badge by the Division Commissioner. The Guide hall was decorated with blue and gold paper flowers, made by the Merbein Guides.

Many of Susan's testers, friends and Scouts and Brownies were present. All the lights in the hall were turned off, and the Guides paraded in, each carrying a lit candle, to form a horse shoe. A crown had been made out of blue and red paper, tinted with gold. Around the badge (built on a sand box) candles had been placed.

Girls stepped out of the horse shoe and lit candles at the badge edge and then blew out their own candle. Then the lights were turned on again. With the help of the Guides placards of the badges Susan had obtained to gain her Queen's badge were displayed.

The presentation ended when all lights in the hall were turned out again and the Guides reversed the earlier candle lighting ceremony.

While the L.A. prepared supper the Scouts and Guides sang action songs, and during supper Susan cut her cake.



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RETIREMENTS

After 24 years as the Brown Owl of 1st Donald Brownie Pack, Miss Joyce Laing has resigned and at a recent dinner, tendered to her by the Local Association, parents of past and present Brownie Guides had the opportunity of saying a personal thank you for all those years of devoted service. Miss Laing has been a dedicated leader and will be greatly missed in Guiding circles in this district and division; but everyone present at her farewell dinner heartily joined in wishing her a happy retirement from the Movement. The District Commissioner thanked Miss Laing for years of service to the children of this district.

Sunraysia Region Commissioner Mrs. A. D. Mathews retired and she toured the three Districts on a Saturday afternoon to give us the opportunity to say farewell and to thank her for all the help she had given everyone in Sunraysia West Division. At each District Mrs. Mathews received engraved spoons to be placed in two cases, one with a Guide Badge on it and the other with a Brownie Badge on it.

TALKORROBOREE

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Are you one of those guiders, who say "We never get anything in the Press about our company?" Do you give a regular report of your activities to your Commissioner? This is Loyalty. The telephone is communication as close as your phone. Use it wisely. Tell of the things that happen in your company, in your L.A.'s. The good turn that grew. "They" at Headquarters who don't understand you are not so far away from you as you may think — they are all guides, members of the Movement and they do understand the problems at grass-root level.





Western Australia is looking at the possibility of having a new design for their State badge.

The July issue of the State's magazine, "The Girl Guide Courier", has no less than 18 designs to be voted on. Each one contains a representation of the black swan.

Later in the year the Heralds Choral Society of Singapore will visit Perth as guests of the Guide Association and will give three choral performances.

It should be a unique experience for Guides to "explore the arts".

Shades of Crystal Palace 1910! We have just formed a Brownie Pack on Cocos (Keel-

ing) Islands and will administer this area in the same manner as we administer guiding on Christmas Island. The Administrator of the island, Mr. C. McManus, was in Perth recently and told me that shortly after a Cub Pack was formed at Cocos he had a visit one morning from three very "young ladies" who pleaded with him to do something for the girls too. And so, as in 1910, because the girls wanted it we have started a Brownie Pack on Cocos and added another 20 members to our Guiding family. Welcome to our ranks, Mrs. Bryson and assistants and Brownies of Cocos Island.

(from the Western Australian "Courier")

SHOP NEWS

Guide Ties

To help with the change-over period which ended December, 1972, the Shop stocked ties without State badges to enable Guides who did not wish to remake their ties, to transfer their State badge on to the new tie.

Ties without badges will now be discontinued. State Badges will still be available for Units that make their own ties.

New Girl Guide Choir Record

A new record **Songs from "An Australian Campfire Song Book"** is now available —
Price: \$2.00

THE TELL IT — MAKE IT BOOK \$4.20

A delightful book for a Pack or individual Brownie. Stories with a difference. All the things they talk about can be made and all the directions for making and doing are given clearly.

Very attractive 1974 Australian Wildflower Calendars. 75c

LIVELY CRAFT CARDS.

Set 2 — Making Musical Instruments \$2.95

LIVELY CRAFT CARDS

Set 4 — Seasonal Activities \$2.95

Instead of book form these come in sets of cards, very useful for individual Six or Patrol use. Most of the activities illustrated are based on easily obtained waste materials, together with paste and paint, and require little financial outlay.

A DAY AT THE SNOW? Be Prepared 30c
Survival in the cold.

An excellent booklet published by the National Fitness Council of Victoria.

CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR — 1973

Family at the Lookout, by Noreen Shelley. \$3.95

A LADY BIRD BOOK ABOUT KNITTING 50c

Make learning to knit a pleasure. Step by step through the beginnings of knitting and at each stage a useful article can be made to add to the sense of achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:—

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

Mrs. M. Boyle (Rosanna); Mrs. D. J. Scott (Pascoe Vale); Miss P. Askew (Malvern); Mrs. J. Major (Rochester); Mrs. P. Orchard (Kilsyth); Mrs. P. R. Heath (Newborough).

Combined Long Service:

Mrs. J. M. Clark (Mornington).

Local Association Long Service:

Mrs. B. Wright (Box Hill).

Thanks Badge:

Mr. G. Long (Syndal North District); Mrs. E. Younger (Merrigum); Mayor of Waverley Council (Mrs. J. Baghel); Mr. L. Elliott (Syndal North District).

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

District Commissioners:

Mrs. G. M. Carson, Surrey; Mrs. B. W. Cloughley, Puckapunyal; Mrs. A. C. Crosbie, Winchelsea; Mrs. G. W. Hacon, Tongala; Mrs. J. Kealey, Bentleigh East; Mrs. F. G. Lord, Dimboola; Mrs. R. G. Pilbeam, Doncaster West; Mrs. H. Poole, Woomelang; Mrs. A. R. Thorn, Orvale; Mrs. H. Worboys, Foster; Mrs. J. S. Holden, Assistant, Colac.

Ranger Guider:

Miss P. J. Davie, "S.R.S. Brisbane".

Guide Guiders:

Mrs. P. F. Drummond, 2nd Moe; Mrs. G. W. Blandford, 1st Moe; Mrs. R. B. Fensham, 1st Bentleigh East; Miss H. J. Baker, 9th Ballarat; Mrs. L. M. Howden, 2nd Laverton; Mrs. B. L. Chester, 2nd Bairnsdale; Miss L. C. Beacom, 1st Merrigum; Miss E. Hepburn, 6th East Brighton (Extension); Mrs. J. C. Morton, 1st Blackburn; Miss R. J. Boyd, 2nd Camperdown; Mrs. I. J. Sheridan, 2nd East Keilor; Mrs. J. S. Farmer, 1st Avondale Heights; Miss H. Blair, 1st Whorouly South; Mrs. W. Bryan, 2nd Newport; Miss S. E. Hill, 4th Malvern; Mrs. K. Wilson, 1st San Remo-Newhaven; Mrs. R. G. Hawkins, 2nd Deer Park; Mrs. D. Watson, 1st Mansfield; Miss H. L. Wilkinson, 2nd North Balwyn; Mrs. F. A. Beilharz, 1st Lang Lang; Mrs. L. Grylls, 1st Dandenong North; Mrs. R. B. Asquith, 1st Tallangatta; Mrs. E. Dorozuk, 1st Boronia.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Miss J. L. Edwards, 1st Jacana; Mrs. M. L. Woodhead, 2nd Ringwood North; Miss S. Darvell, 1st Moe; Mrs. D. Bryant, 3rd Doncaster; Mrs. M. C. Hayman, 2nd Laverton; Mrs. C. Noade, 1st Laverton; Miss K. J. Wright, 1st Deer Park; Mrs. W. R. Winbanks, 2nd Blackburn; Mrs. B. A. Muhleisen, 1st Lockington; Miss J. Blunt, 2nd Newborough; Mrs. E. J. Campbell, 1st East Keilor; Mrs. F. B. Benzon, 1st East Keilor; Mrs. R. Bracken, 2nd Belmont; Miss R. Owen, 1st Wedderburn; Mrs. E. M. Sparks, 1st Mooroolbark; Mrs. M. Walker, 1st Grantville; Mrs. W. D. Leslie, 2nd Cheltenham North; Miss M. K. Gooch, 6th Brighton (Extension); Mrs. L. Smith, 1st Boronia.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. A. C. Stephen, 1st Koroit; Miss K. Weber, 1st Seville; Mrs. O. G. Guthrie, 1st Donald; Mrs. D. B. Dixon, 2nd Wonga Park; Miss A. J. Chandler, 4th Bayswater; Mrs. A. F. Madden, 9th Geelong (St. Andrew's); Mrs. J. Cornell, 2nd Mildura; Mrs. M. Deller, 3rd Laverton; Mrs. M. S. Cosman, 3rd Sorrento; Mrs. D. G. Bree, 2nd Heyfield; Miss J. Mathers, 4th Blackburn; Mrs. C. W. Osborne, 1st Meredith; Mrs. P. A. Tarrant, 1st East Keilor; Miss H. Darnley, 4th Kerrimuir; Mrs. B. R. Cameron, 1st Warnambool; Mrs. J. F. Connell, 2nd Wodonga; Mrs. W. Amor, 2nd Melton; Mrs. A. R. Pettitt, 3rd Blackburn; Mrs. W. J. McKenzie, 3rd Mornington; Mrs. R. Miller, 5th Moorleigh; Mrs. R. W. Wilson, 1st Waverley North; Mrs. J. Musgrove, 5th Sunshine West; Mrs. J. F. Leeding, 2nd Ballan.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. E. P. Rindt, 5th Syndal North; Mrs. L. Adams, 2nd Syndal; Mrs. J. Ring, 1st Seville; Mrs. F. P. Wilkinson, 1st Harcourt; Mrs. I. B. Chapman, 3rd North Ringwood; Mrs. F. M. Blackwell, 1st North Balwyn; Mrs. J. Crutchfield, 2nd Doncaster (Holy Trinity); Mrs. K. R. Hunter, 3rd Sale; Miss M. Higham, 5th Williamstown; Mrs. R. Whyte, 3rd Laverton; Miss J. E. Wilson, 1st Blackburn; Mrs. R. H. Draper, 3rd Mooroolbark; Miss J. Aarons, 1st Surrey Hills; Miss C. Higgins, 4th South Yarra; Mrs. I. Harvie, 1st Tongala.

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Registrations:

Springvale South L.A.; Dingley L.A.; Echuca Division Trefoil; Geelong West District Rangers; Box Hill (Greek) Rangers; Avondale Heights/East Keilor ("Carawah") Rangers; 5th Syndal North Coy; 5th Templestowe Coy; 1st Chiltern Coy; 4th Warnambool Pack; 3rd East Keilor Pack; 2nd Keilor Pack; 2nd Wodonga Pack; 1st Edithvale Pack; 1st South Melbourne Pack.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. L. A. Reynolds, Mitta Mitta; Mrs. A. G. Truscott, Promontory.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. S. Halliday, Puckapunyal; Mrs. M. A. McKemmish, Tongala; Mrs. L. H. J. Johnston, Trentham Cliffs.

Ranger Guiders:

Mrs. K. A. Barnard, Mt. Evelyn Rangers; Mrs. W. Smith, Sea Lake Rangers.

Assistant Ranger Guider:

Miss C. Garland, 2nd Beechworth (Extension).

Guide Guiders:

Mrs. L. M. Neil, 3rd Ormond; Mrs. J. C. Doyle, 1st Mornington; Mrs. J. R. Hudson, 1st Thomastown; Mrs. R. W. Clifford, 2nd Deer Park; Mrs. R. E. Westwater, 2nd Mt. Waverley; Miss C. A. Bailey, 5th Mt. Waverley; Mrs. G. B. Johnston, 1st Grovedale; Mrs. G. T. Clarke, 3rd Bendigo; Miss M. E. McGuinness, 1st Robinvale; Mrs. J. Murray, 1st Clifton Hill; Miss E. Stevens, 2nd Moe; Mrs. R. Challis, 1st Wendouree; Miss J. L. Edwards, 1st Jacana.

Assistant Guide Guiders:

Mrs. D. Keele, 1st Glenhuntly; Mrs. E. J. Campbell, 4th Mt. Waverley; Miss L. Reynolds, 5th Mt. Waverley; Miss J. Cuttler, 2nd Belmont; Miss A. O'Connor, 2nd Ashburton; Mrs. B. A. Earl, 1st Sorrento; Miss J. Graham, 1st Montrose; Mrs. R. H. Joyce, 2nd Ringwood; Mrs. D. B. Shelton, 1st Whittlesea; Mrs. W. Taylor, 4th East Malvern; Mrs. K. Ninnis, 3rd Syndal; Mrs. R. B. Fensham, 1st Bentleigh East; Mrs. K. Wilson, 1st San Remo-Newhaven; Mrs. R. G. Hawkins, 2nd Deer Park; Miss H. L. Wilkinson, 2nd North Balwyn; Mrs. L. Grylls, 1st Dandenong North; Miss H. Darnley, 4th Kerrimuir.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. R. Nicholls, 3rd Ormond; Mrs. L. Knox, 3rd Mornington; Mrs. G. D. Nokes, 1st Murrayville; Mrs. N. M. Gedy, 1st East Doncaster; Mrs. N. Ogleby, 2nd Mt. Waverley; Mrs. B. M. Harrison, 5th Mt. Waverley; Mrs. B. C. Jackson, 6th Mt. Waverley; Miss L. McDermott, 1st Moe; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, 2nd Hampton Park; Mrs. C. R. K. Boyes, 2nd Bulleen; Miss K. L. Taylor, 1st Essendon; Mrs. W. E. J. Roper, 2nd Syndal; Mrs. O. G. Guthrie, 2nd Donald; Miss J. Couch, 2nd Sandringham; Mrs. W. F. Coad, 1st Sea Lake.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. W. B. Ingram, 1st Glenhuntly; Mrs. J. A. Flett, 1st Melton; Mrs. B. Finnegan, 5th Mt. Waverley; Mrs. K. Robinson, 1st Chiltern; Miss F. Dooley, 1st Moe; Mrs. B. L. Johnson, 1st East Doncaster; Mrs. M. E. Ling, 1st Bulleen; Mrs. J. N. Burgess, 1st Corryong; Mrs. L. Erny, 1st Robinvale; Miss L. Krelle, 12th Ballarat; Mrs. A. Dews, 1st Yarragon; Mrs. A. C. Stephen, 1st Koroit; Mrs. M. S. Cosman, 3rd Sorrento; Mrs. D. G. Bree, 2nd Heyfield; Mrs. J. F. Connell, 1st Wodonga; Mrs. J. Musgrove, 2nd Sunshine West.

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Dear Matilda,

A Thanksgiving Service was held at Wesley Church, Ballarat, arranged and presented by the Rangers. Brownies, Guides, Rangers and many parents took part, and fruit, sweets and flowers were collected at the Service.

The parcels were distributed the following afternoon at the Queen Elizabeth Home for aged people by the Brownies of Wendouree District. The elderly people enjoyed talking with the Brownies and were thrilled with the gifts.

As a result of this visit, the Brownies of the 2nd Wendouree Pack will be making a further visit with home made marmalade.

L. Morcom,
Brown Owl,
2nd. Wendouree Pack

Dear Matilda,

Last month, Rangers, Guides and Brownies of Bentleigh District went gathering lemons for the elderly people at Kingston Centre. Lemons were collected in buckets, bowls and basins and taken to the Bentleigh Guide Hall. The lemons dropped and rolled all over the place because there were so many. We collected a whole station wagon-full.

Greetings from Susan Furlonger,
2nd Bentleigh Brownie Pack

Dear Matilda,

We went on pack holiday — our theme was Cinderella. We had a ball where everyone wore long dresses and all the Cinderella characters dressed up. We had a birthday and the cake was in the shape of a castle. The food was delicious. We went on walks, had a competition in which we had to make crowns, and all had a great time.

Catherine Anderson,
1st Mulgrave Brownie Pack