



# MATILDA WALTZES ON...

## ... WITH A CHANGE OF TEMPO

### "MATILDA" SUBSCRIPTIONS—

*The Executive Committee have agreed that, from (and including) the May 1974 issue, a copy of "Matilda" will be made available without charge to each unit and each Commissioner.*

*The unit copy will be posted to the leader registered at Guide H.Q. as the leader in charge of the unit.*

*The former practice of taking out Subscriptions (\$2 per annum) still applies for all other members and friends who wish to read "Matilda" regularly and it is anticipated that units and/or L.A.'s will still wish to arrange subscriptions for these other leaders and L.A. Members. Please complete the form bound into the centre of this copy of "Matilda" to arrange these and any other subscriptions.*

*H.Q. hope you will all co-operate by advising immediately of any changes of leaders, including address changes.*

**"Matilda" looks forward to reaching out to some new readers and welcomes them.**

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For all Thy ministries,—

For morning mist, and gently-falling dew;  
For summer rains, for winter ice and snow;  
For whispering wind and purifying storm;  
For the reft clouds that show the tender  
blue;  
For the forked flash and long tumultuous  
roll;  
For mighty rains that wash the dim earth  
clean;  
For the sweet promise of the seven-fold bow;  
For the soft sunshine, and the still calm  
night;  
For dimpled laughter of soft summer seas;  
For latticed splendour of the sea-borne  
moon;  
For gleaming sands, and granite-fronted  
cliffs;  
For flying spume, and waves that whip the  
skies;  
For rushing gale, and for the great glad  
calm;  
For Might so mighty and for love so true;  
With equal mind,—

We thank Thee, Lord!

—From "A Little Te Deum of the Common-  
place" by John Oxenham, by kind permis-  
sion of his daughter.

### COMMUNICATIONS . . . .

A word we hear so much these  
days . . . when we listen.

"Matilda" is indebted to **Austra-  
lian Standard Cables** of Melbourne  
for allowing us to use the illustra-  
tion on this month's cover from one  
of their advertisements.

We appreciate their courtesy . . .

How many methods of communi-  
cation can you find in the design?

# MATILDA

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## WHY A MINIPARK?

How could our Council tell the Girl Scout story to a passerby — who has to spare only a minute or two of time during a very busy tour of a State Fair?

By statistics? We thought not, although we are proud that Girl Scouts form one of the largest youth organisations in the world.

By pointing with pride to our historical past? We have been around more than 60 years . . . involved in service to our communities long before it was fashionable; practising ecology before most people knew the meaning of the word; recognising the value of women in society before our Constitution was amended to grant them the basic right to vote.

But we know we have only just begun. And our message to you today is that Girl Scouts dare to care.

So Great Blue Heron Scouts put together a small playground that takes little space, cost almost nothing, is bright and cheerful, and can be safe and fun for even very young children.

Our materials were "found"; old tires, cinder blocks, oil drums and cable spools. Girl power and paint turned these into "playground equipment" both colourful and different.

Thus, in a glance, we hope we have showed you that Girl Scouts dare to care

about nature  
about conservation  
about thrift  
about beauty  
about children  
and about you.

(from Great Blue Heron Girl Scouts,  
Waukesha, Wisconsin, U.S.A.)



Lord, make me kind.  
The world is full enough of needless tears,  
And hungry hearts are full enough of nameless fears.  
To these no vision of Thy humanness appears,  
Lord, make me kind.

Lord, make me think—  
For thoughtlessness has caused so much of  
needless woe,  
And thoughtless words of mine may grow  
and grow,  
Until like torrents made, nothing can stay  
their flow.  
Lord, make me think.

Lord, make me love—  
And place Love's sign upon the face of me,  
That loveless men may pause and turn, and  
see  
A little of that love that comes from Thee.  
Lord, make me love.

—From "Women at Work",  
Australian Church Women





## THE COLONEL J. S. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The W.A.G.G.S. advises that the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides (I.F.O.F.S.A.G.) has initiated the Colonel J. S. Wilson Scholarship Fund to commemorate the memory of Colonel J. S. Wilson, Camp Chief, Gilwell Park, Director of the Boy Scout World Bureau and finally as President of I.F.O.F.S.A.G. He died on 19th September, 1969.

The Scholarship is a lump sum award of up to U.S. \$1000 to cover the cost of travel, fees, accommodation, etc., for advanced professional courses or seminars offered by Girl Guide/Girl Scout organisations. Training in management through institutions or organisations outside Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting or any other college or university course, which is relevant to the candidate's personal growth and work, would also be considered.

### Conditions for Award of Scholarship

1. Candidate's personal qualifications:
  - (a) She must be certified by her National Organisation as being competent and likely to serve the Organisation for some time in the foreseeable future.
  - (b) She must be at least 25 years of age.
  - (c) She must have served in her National Organisation for a minimum of 5 years.
  - (d) She must have successfully completed the basic training experience in her National Organisation.
2. Preference will be given to individuals from National Organisations where, for economic reasons, it would be highly improbable for the individual to secure such facilities.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded by I.F.O.F.S.A.G. to the recipient through the World Bureau concerned and will be for the year in which it is awarded; even

though the actual training may take place in the next calendar year. The award will be to a woman and a man for alternate years.

4. Recipients of this Scholarship must use the grant within 12 months of its award. Exceptions would be considered by I.F.O.F.S.A.G. and the World Bureau concerned.
5. Applications for the Scholarship from professional or voluntary Girl Guide/Girl Scout Leaders should be addressed to their National Organisations for consideration, in time for recommendations to reach the World Bureau by 1st August, 1974.

Anyone interested should apply to the International Adviser, Guide H.Q., 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.



To the International Commissioner,  
Australia—

Soma Hellinidon Odigon  
Athens, Greece.

Dear Miss Manning,

On behalf of the Hellenic Girl Guide Association I would like to tell you how happy we were to learn that the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit for 1972 has been awarded to the Girl Guides of Karingal District, Victoria, of Girl Guides Association, Australia.

We extend to you all our warmest congratulations together with our best wishes for the future, and we are looking forward to learning more about the projects which were so successfully undertaken by your Girl Guides.

Yours sincerely,  
Hariclia Zannou,  
International Commissioner.

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Australian Headquarters has just received the following letter from the International Commissioner in Pakistan:

"We are very distressed to learn of the terrible floods in Brisbane. Our thoughts and sympathies are with the affected people, who are experiencing this calamity for the first time.

"I shall be grateful if you would convey our feelings to the local Guides."



**From our State  
Commissioner**

Dear Members and Friends,

It is now just over a year since I wrote my first letter to you, and how very quickly that year has gone. I hope you have enjoyed reading my letters as much as I have enjoyed writing them.

After a complete break from Guiding over the holidays — I am now looking forward to settling down to work again.

The holidays were great fun — even if I always seemed to be feeding hungry hordes. Fred and the boys had a new toy to play with at Mt. Martha — a Paper Tiger Catamaran — and they enjoyed sailing it very much; needless to say I was always a very willing passenger.

I am sure you were all as delighted as I was to see that Mrs. Renshaw Jones was awarded an O.B.E. by the Queen in the New Year's Honours. This honour was bestowed on Mrs. Renshaw Jones in recognition of her great leadership during her term of office as your State Commissioner and is an indication of the high regard in which Guiding is held in the community. Mrs. Renshaw Jones has asked me to convey to all members in Victoria her pleasure at being thus chosen as the representative of all leaders in the Movement.

This year Fred and I celebrated Australia Day in Melbourne. We went to the Flag Raising Ceremony in the City Square and also to the Australia Day Luncheon, both events were very hot but most impressive. It gave me a great thrill to see so many adults in Guide uniform at the Flag Raising — and at the Luncheon thirty Guides with Mrs. Surry as their Leader formed a Guard of Honour and presented posies to Lady Delacombe and other distinguished guests. The girls all looked very smart and it was good to have

them participating in these celebrations. I hope they enjoyed it.

I was disappointed to miss the ceremony in the Pioneer Women's Garden, but the lateness of the Luncheon and no taxis meant Miss Barr and I were unable to get there in time. I am sure that once again our girls were a credit to us.

We are all quite shattered by the floods in Brisbane, and our thoughts go to those people who have lost so much and must now face the mammoth task of cleaning up and rebuilding.

**Many of our Guide sisters will have suffered greatly and we can now indicate the strength of our family ties with practical help. We have launched an appeal to assist them, and I hope you support this by sending your donations to Headquarters. We will forward this to Queensland Headquarters to be used as they think best.**

March is the month when we must finally farewell Lady Delacombe as our President. We have been very lucky to have His Excellency and Lady Delacombe with us for an extra year, but this time has gone so very quickly. Lady Delacombe has taken a wonderful interest in our activities during the time she has been in Victoria — and we shall miss her very much.

I am sorry we cannot invite all members of our family to the farewell to be held on 15th March — but when your family numbers around 47,000 this is just not possible.

I hope you are all now settling down to work within your units — as once again we seem to have a busy year ahead of us. Early in the year we have Camp Wirreanda to enable girls to camp who have previously been unable to do so. I hope this will be the beginning of a much greater interest in camping not only amongst girls but also amongst leaders. It is not always easy for leaders with children to gain camping qualifications but with the help of families and L.A.'s it is not impossible and camping is something that the Guide Movement can do better than most other youth organisations. So this year let us put camping very high on our list of priorities.

With love and best wishes to you all,

*Joan E. Grimwade*

# A Letter for all to read . . .



The following is a copy of a letter forwarded to one of our Region Commissioners. Because it focuses attention on a matter of vital concern to all members, we print it here in its entirety. We hope all readers will give careful thought to its message.

"Dear —,

I write to you as a concerned father of five girls, three of them Guides, to ask a little space in your next monthly magazine. I want to warn parents and girls of the dangers existing in the vicinity of Guide Halls in particular and in the streets in general. The number of attacks which have been made on young girls recently is no less than alarming. Among these attacks a small girl was waylaid at knifepoint and subsequently criminally assaulted near a Guide Hall during daylight hours. There have also been cases of possible prowlers attending near halls during meetings. The fact that I happen to know this girl has made me think, as I have not done before, "This could happen to any daughter". Isn't it strange how we dismiss newspaper reports lightly until a tragedy comes closer to home, and yet I understand from police friends that there are more cases unreported than those we ever hear or read about.

It is therefore important that we **never** allow our daughters to travel to and from our halls unaccompanied by an adult, even during daylight. Pairs of girls have even been attacked in daylight recently and a little thought will bring the realisation that Guide Halls can be an attraction to this type of offender.

To girls who may read this I offer the advice given me by a policeman for the benefit of my daughters:

- (1) Don't speak to strangers.
- (2) If you are asked for directions or must speak, stand at least 7 or 8 feet away so that if attacked it is easier to dodge.
- (3) If attacked do as much as possible to attract attention. Scream, yell, run, wave arms, etc.

- (4) Mark your attacker by scratching, biting or pulling out hair.
- (5) Get a good description, remembering clothes are easily changed.
- (6) If you are able to escape resist the temptation to run home; instead ask the **nearest** residents to contact the police. Make sure there is obviously someone home before entering a yard or you may be trapped. The assailant may be caught before leaving the area.
- (7) Report **all** suspicious circumstances to the Police, who are most understanding.

Remember this is **not** intended as a scare; it is an attempt to make you "Be Prepared" for next time it could be YOU.

Yours in Scouting  
Alec Geekie,  
Venturer Leader,  
4th Oakleigh.

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Dear Matilda,

Guides and Brownies of 1st and 2nd Clayton set out for Rupanyup near Murtoa. After quite a long train journey they arrived at Murtoa and were greeted by their hosts, who took them the ten miles to Rupanyup where they were billeted.

Time with families on farms or at the Grampians, Church services and a barbecue at the Guide Hall were highlights of a most enjoyable weekend.

Yvonne Linnet,  
2nd Clayton Co.



## THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA

### Precedence of Flags Flown on Buildings

1. On a building with one flag staff:  
The Australian National Flag is flown.
2. On a building with two flag staffs, both of equal height:  
The Australian Nation Flag is flown on the right (i.e., the observer's left, facing the front of the building). The Union Flag of the same size is flown on the left (the observer's right).  
On occasions of State celebration, the Flag of the State of Victoria may be flown on the left (the observer's right).
3. On a building with three flag staffs of equal height:  
The Australian National Flag is flown on the right (the observer's left). The Union Flag is flown in the centre, and the Flag of the State of Victoria is flown on the left (the observer's right).
4. On a building with three flag staffs, the centre flag staff being higher than the other two:

The Australian National Flag is flown on the centre, the Union Flag is flown on the right (the observer's left), and the Flag of the State of Victoria is flown on the left (the observer's right).

5. On a building with four or more flag staffs the precedence referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 should be observed in respect of the three principal flag staffs, having regard to position and height.

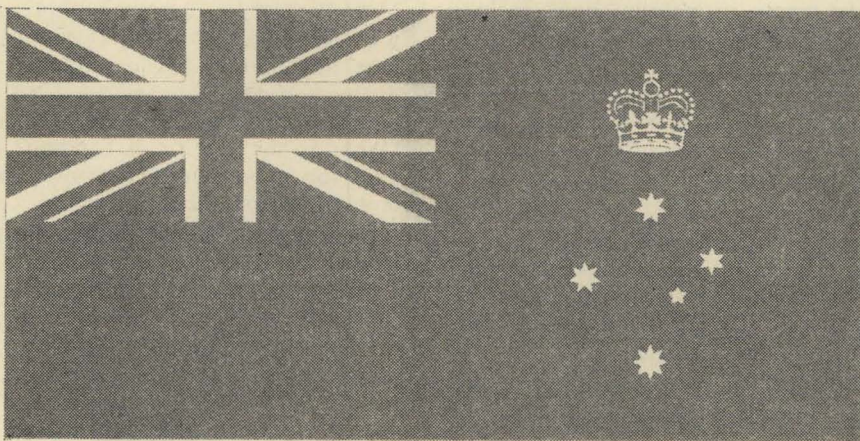
The Premier's Department will be pleased to indicate the correct position of the flags to be flown in any case.

The Crown on the State Flag is St. Edward's Crown—

This comprises a circlet of gold, embellished with rosettes of precious stones, ringed by diamonds. From the circlet rise 4 crosses-patee and Fleurs-de-Lis and from the former rise gilded arches surmounted by an orb bearing another cross-patee. The Crown is fitted with a crimson velvet cap turned up with miniver.

The Crown is 1/5th of the width of the Fly in both height and width.

(from 'Flag Code' published by the State of Victoria.)



### DESCRIPTION:

*The Flag of the State of Victoria is the British blue ensign, consisting of a BLUE flag with the Union flag occupying the upper quarter next to the staff, differenced in the fly, or half of the flag further from the staff, by five white stars representing the Southern Cross surmounted by a representation of St. Edward's Crown.*

Dear Matilda,

Central Metropolitan Region had an "Ideasmart" at Headquarters where everyone had the opportunity to "swap" an idea. Here are a few ideas that I'm going to try.

## GAMES

### Little Nellie and Uncle Fred

EVERYONE has heard of "stew" or "fruit salad", and perhaps even "Baby Austin", but here's a new one, Little Nellie and Uncle Fred. Guides line up in teams at one end of the hall. No. 1s are Little Nellie, 2s Uncle Fred, 3s the zookeeper, 4s the lion, 5s the tiger, 6s the monkey, etc. And at the word (you guessed it) ZOO! **everyone** runs. Much easier adlibbing a story about Little Nellie being eaten by the tiger than talking about making a stew.

### Egyptian Mummy

Each team is given a roll of toilet paper and must wrap a team member like a mummy. (If it tears, no sticky tape.) I hear this is really fun, and the toilet paper is not wasted as after soaking it in water, squeezing it dry, crumbling it and mixing it with clag, abracadabra, papier mache. (Hint, if it's to be kept till the next meeting, add a little dettol.)

### True and False

Have two teams in parallel lines facing each other. Guider calls out a statement and if it is true, TRUE runs and FALSE chases and catches as many as possible. Score a point for each victim caught. Then back into straight lines for another statement. Novel way for revising.

### Snake Chasey

One person is "he". When she tigs a player, the victim falls in behind, holding on to the waist in front. Only the head of the snake tigs but as the snake grows, the tail can encircle the free ones.

### Animated Words

Have two teams sitting on the floor in parallel lines facing each other. Give each team member a card with a large letter printed on it. Each team has the same letters and the leader knows what words can be made from these letters as it is unlikely that the whole alphabet will be included. The words should be simple to start, e.g. ATE, ROAD, etc. When the Guider

calls out a word, the first team to hold up the right letters (remember they will not read in order) wins a point.

## ACTIVITIES

### Miniature Garden

Groups are given a matchbox. They can decorate the outside with coloured paper. The box is then lined with moss and small cuttings of plants put in (tweezers are a help). On a recent holiday a Brownie added a tiny grub to her garden.

### Money-raiser

Non-talkathon (a ring-in idea from 1st Glenhantly Guide Company). Same principle as a walkathon. Guides are sponsored for each quarter of an hour they don't talk. The normal activities continue and it is amazing how everyone is still able to communicate.

### Nature Charts

Nature charts are available from the Visual Aids Department of the Victorian Education Department. There are 12 charts in the series, one depicting each month of the year and "nature in Victoria" that can be seen. Birds, insects, plants, etc. They are 10c each.

At the function the Region farewelled Mrs. Barratt as Region Commissioner and were introduced to Mrs. Dorothy Leigh, our new Region Commissioner. Other activities during the day included Points of View "On being a Migrant" and an open forum on "What is the Future of Guiding? Is it relevant for today **and** tomorrow?" Both excellent "food for thought".

Congratulations and many thanks to the organisers of a well run function.

"Lutana"

Glynis Keele

1st Middle Park Guide Company





# Volunteers . . . .

Recently I noticed in the press, reference to a commercial lecturing bureau whose aims are to put lecturing on an orderly basis and ensure adequate remuneration for the lecturers. This seemed, at first reading, to be a reasonable state of affairs, but on seconds thoughts I wonder. Is this just another angle encouraging us to think in material terms, instead of the contribution we can make to the community?

Many people who have the ability to express themselves well, have had to work hard to achieve this skill — nevertheless, they will also have reaped many rewards for that work and will also have benefited from help and opportunities provided by others. Some will have had the advantage of university education made possible by community taxes. . . .

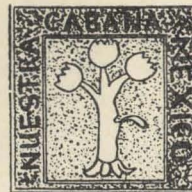
If we have information or an opinion in which we believe, surely it is our obligation to do what we can to have it accepted.

What a tragedy would face us if all the people who now give honorary service to a variety of causes, were to put a fee on their efforts and time? The mind boggles at the thought of the taxes we would have to pay to support all the services which are part of the structure of our society and which we have come to take for granted. Those who give are also the receivers and many a rich, full life is the result of giving oneself to a cause in unselfish service.

I believe "the labourer is worthy of his hire", particularly where he is providing entertainment or profit. Let us not however "bring order and adequate remuneration" to the point of losing the intrinsic value of giving oneself to others.

(from 'Management Diary' — Director's Message — Australian Institute of Management.)

March, 1974



## OUR CABANA MEXICO

The tree in the centre is the emblem of the City of Cuernavaca. It is known as the talking tree, as words of wisdom are said to come from the branch half-way up the trunk. The three leaves at the top of the tree symbolise the Trefoil. The badge is in four colours — dark and light brown, green and gold. It may only be worn by members of the Movement who have stayed at least one night at Our Cabana.

Did you read about the activities you can enjoy at Our Cabana in the September issue of "Matilda"?

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## A BROWNIE'S THOUGHTS ON GOING UP TO GUIDES

Now I'm leaving Brownies behind  
I'm looking forward to Guides — to find  
The adventurous things that Girl Guides do.  
I think it is going to be fun, don't you?

In hiking many a mountainous mile,  
We'll go on trips that last a while,  
Going to camps where we learn to be wise,  
Camcrafts teach us to improvise.

I've heard a little of camp-fires, too  
Of which I hope there'll not be few.  
Gathered outside a tent at night  
While the warming camp-fire's burning  
bright.

Patrol nights at other Guides' houses, too,  
Learning just what they personally do —  
There are so many things that I think we'll  
do,  
I'm eager to enrol as part of the blue.

Leaving the brown and adopting the blue,  
I think it is grand to become one of you.

Judy A. Boyd,  
2nd Ringwood Company.

## FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS NIGHT

Dear Matilda,

May I thank the Brown Owl of the 2nd Kilsyth Brownie Pack for her wonderful idea in a recent "Matilda" — having a get together for Brownies and their Dads.

I tried this last night with my Pack and it was a huge success. I faced the evening with much trepidation — but I need not have worried. Much to my delight, sixteen fathers rolled up.

We started off with Brownie Ring and presented some Interest Badges. Then all the fathers went into the grounds to find three hidden parcels. While this was going on the girls wrapped themselves in blankets with bags over their heads and a number on their backs. The fathers were called in to find their daughters. It was amazing how many fathers did not recognise their daughter's voice. Our off-duty policeman father was the first to pick out his daughter — maybe his training helped him? For the next activity all the fathers sat on the floor, ate a salada biscuit and had to whistle a tune. The Brownies thoroughly enjoyed watching their fathers chewing away and trying to whistle. A three-legged race proved to be the highlight of the evening, there was much laughter at the antics of the fathers.

By this time everyone (including me) was very exhausted, so we decided to have our bar-b-que. Everyone trooped outside where tables and stools were ready and soon the delightful smell of food was wafting through the air. To round off the evening we had evening prayers said by one of the dads.

I can thoroughly recommend an evening like this. I found it very rewarding and it gave me a chance to get to know my Brownie Dads. Thank you Kilsyth for a bright idea. We hope to make this an annual event.

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



## SCOUT/GUIDE RALLY

Recently our Guide Company received an invitation from the McMillan District Scouts and Venturers, to participate in a rally they were running. Each Guide Company, Scout Troop, Brownie and Cub Pack was asked to set up a static display with a Guide or Scout theme. Our company chose Bushcraft.

The preceding Guide Meetings were taken up with planning, preparation and practice, and several of us collected wood and scrub the Saturday before to use in our display. Each patrol was allotted a particular part of the display to set up on the day.

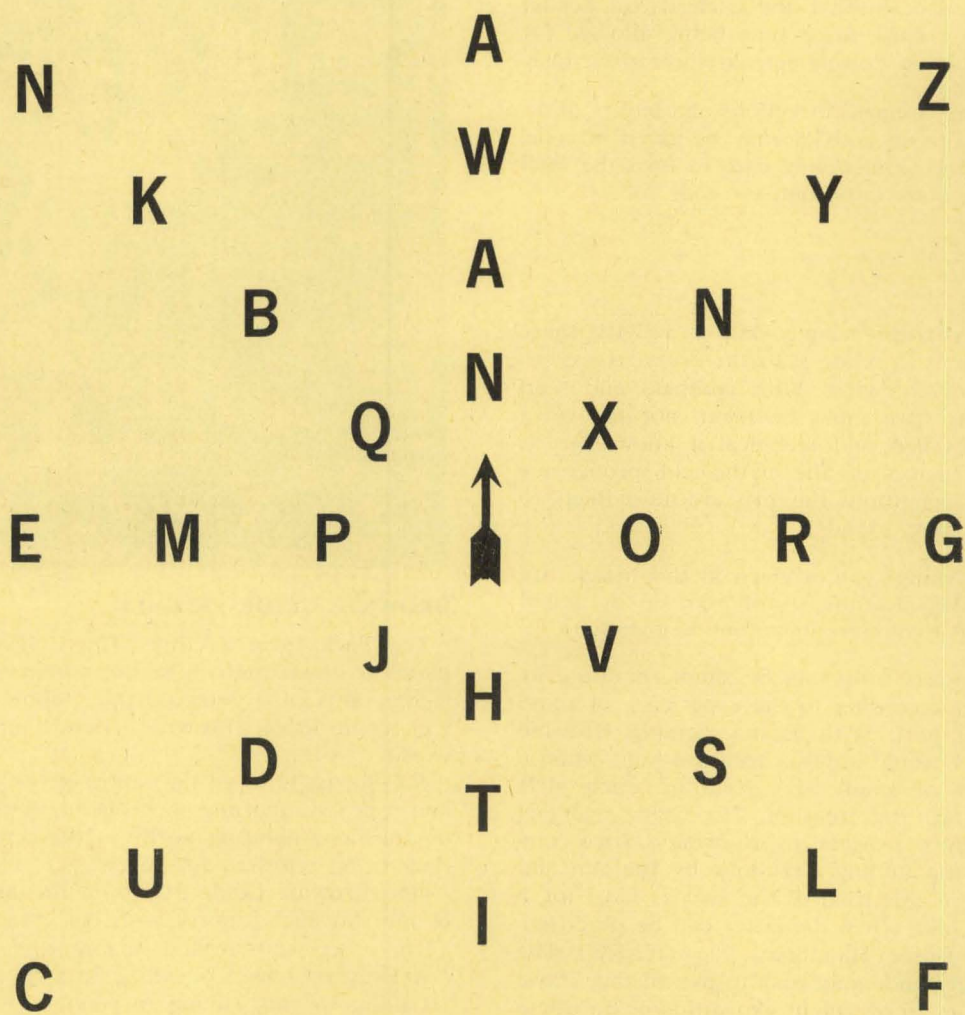
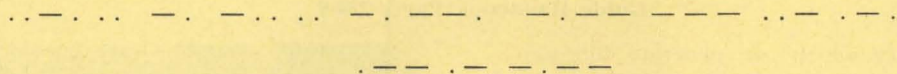
The finished display comprised a two-man hike tent, emergency bush shelter, mia-mia, two-man bush shelter, tracking signs, five structural types of fires, a map of our region, compass, nature books and a haversack fitted out for an overnight hike. This was spread over an area of 30ft. x 40ft. Other displays included First Aid, Water Safety, Conservation, International Guiding, Camp Craft, Aborigines, Road Safety, Wheels.

The second part of the rally was inter-company competitions. The Guide events were: Lifeline and discus throwing, Scouts pace, one-man shelter erection, billy boil, first-aid relay, knotting relay, identification of natural specimens, orienteering and observation. The Cubs, Scouts and Brownies had similar events relevant to their groups. The whole day was really great fun and a tremendous success. It was estimated the rally was attended by over 800 people.

The success of the rally must be put down to the many hours of preparation put in by organisers and to the young people who participated so well throughout the day.

Gayle Ross,  
Platypus P.L.,  
1st Heyfield Co.

# TRAINING PAGES



Hidden Proverb A 2SE 2S 3S 2S 4SW 1S 3S 2NE 2S 3S  
 2W 3W 2SE 2N 1SE 3W 2SE 4NW 3S 4NW 3W

**Guide Handbook Pages 284-5**

An activity which can generate fun and imagination is that by using a code from the Handbook in Patrols the girls prepare instructions for another Patrol to carry out. These are shuffled and each Patrol Leader draws a card. After time being allowed for deciphering Patrols act out their given task.

Using compass directions and letters directions for an activity may be given in code. You, the Guider may care to turn the final instructions into compass code too.

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When considering a skill or activity, there is a need to relate it to the everyday experience of the girls. With compass and map reading care must be taken not to expect too detailed and technical a knowledge at the expense of the in-the-field proficiency under conditions the girls are most likely to encounter.

“Learning” games given in this article are of little value unless followed up by actual use of a compass in an out-door activity.

Compass trails can be simple or quite involved according to the experience of those taking part. With Easter coming Brownie Guides would enjoy a treasure hunt when a basket of small eggs (one for each girl) could be the treasure. The Guide age girl will enjoy progressing to using a Silva compass and finding directions by the sun and stars — this time of the year is ideal for a night hike when the latter can be practised. (Ref. Guide Handbook Page 103-106.) The Ranger Guide may wish to use all this knowledge in an overnight expedition or an orienteering exercise.

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**BROWNIE GUIDE FRIENDS**

The Pack form a circle. The Guider explains to them that no matter which of the eight points of a compass they follow they will come upon Brownie friends in the world.

A Compass is set in the centre of the circle and a pencil, or some such object, is placed on the floor pointing north — the compass then being removed for safety.

One Brownie Guide stands in the middle of the ring facing north with her eyes shut.

The others skip around singing:

A Brownie friend is calling to you,

Calling to you, calling to you.

A Brownie friend is calling to you,

Guess where she lives.

(Tune: Mulberry Bush)

Pack stands still at the end of the song and the Guider points to a player in the

circle. The chosen one calls the name of the Brownie Guide in the middle and the latter replies with the point of the compass from which the call came. If she is correct the two change places.

As some players become more efficient they can be asked to face South when it is their turn in the centre.

This game can be played and enjoyed by the recruit on her first day with the Pack as the Guider can regulate her "pointing" to the knowledge and ability of the "blind" player in the centre.

### COMPASS POINTS

Paste a picture on the back of a circle of card. Divide card into the eight points of the compass and mark clearly then cut card into the eight wedges. If the Brownie Guide arranges the points in the correct positions the picture on the back will be complete when turned over.

### SNAKES AND LADDERS

For this game you will need a snakes and ladders board — this can be "home made" or a cheap bought variety covered with fablon. A list of penalties and successes must be prepared and listed on a firm piece of card — first list the numbers on all the tails of your particular board (obviously these will be the penalties), and the numbers at the base of the ladders (for successes). Now work out mistakes which can be made with a compass which would incur a penalty, e.g. wore my compass swinging on my belt, set my compass on my hand, set my compass with the painted needle pointing South, dropped my compass, etc., etc. Record these penalties with an appropriate number on the card. Record successes in the same manner, these could include such statements as — carried my compass in my pocket, cleared a flat surface on which to set my compass, turned the compass around slowly until the painted needle pointed over North, checked there was no metal near my set compass, etc., etc.

This game can be played by two or more players using a dice and coloured buttons as counters.

NOTE: The board can be used for similar games on both technical skills and attitudes.

### MEMORY MAPS

Equipment — A large map drawn by the Guider in which eight (or more) features of landscape are clearly marked with the correct signs used in Ordnance maps, and numbered. **North must be clearly marked on the map with an arrow.** Have a sheet of paper with only the outline corresponding to the above map and a pencil for each team of players.

Directions — Place the complete map at the far end of the room. At the given signal number 1 in each team runs up to the chair, looks carefully at the map, then runs to her team leader and describes as accurately as possible both the nature and the position of the feature numbered 1 on the map. This description must be given by word of mouth only, not by pointing to the sheet of paper. The player then goes to the rear of her team and the leader is allowed one minute to fill in this particular feature of the landscape. When the signal is given again player number 2 runs up to the map and brings back a description of feature numbered 2 and its position, and so on, the team winning whose leader, following the directions given by each player in turn, has made the most accurate copy of the original map.

### SIXTEEN POINT COMPASS

Equipment: Take a large sheet of paper for each team, on it draw a large star with 16 points. With an arrow somewhere on the paper indicating North. Prepare a set of 16 cards for each team, on each card write one point of the compass.

Directions: Place a prepared sheet at the far end of the room in front of each team. Place a set of 16 cards face downwards in the centre of each sheet. At the given signal player number 1 runs up to her team's sheet, takes the topmost card, reads the direction on it and places it in which she considers the correct position on the star. She then runs back and number 2 takes her turn, and so on until all 16 cards have been placed. No card wrongly placed must be moved by another player. At the end of the game a point is scored for each correct direction.

NOTE: When the players have become really quick and efficient a four point star only need be given as a guide.

"You Explore Your District" in the "What Happens When Series" Number 8 is available from the Scout Shop for \$1.15. It is written for the primary school age but gives ideas for interesting projects in elementary mapping and local knowledge which could also be used in the Guide Programme.

For further activities on compass and codes refer to Matilda, June 1973.

## ATTENTION ALL TRAINERS AND REGION TRAINING ADVISERS

*Trainers' Weekend — 4th/5th May at Gilwell Park, Gembrook.*

*Gilwell Park is the Victorian Scout Association Training Centre, it has indoor accommodation for 106 residents.*

*Applications to be made to the Training Secretary, Headquarters, by 20th MARCH AT THE LATEST.*

*Please notify the Training Department Secretary as soon as possible if you require transport to and from the city.*

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## A LESSON IN SEMANTICS

In many Scout associations, part of passing a "First Class Journey" or similar test is writing a "log" or record of the trip. The World Scout Bureau in Geneva has spotted many local Scout bulletins republishing these hints on log-writing, originally by Rex Hazelwood of Great Britain:

### Wrong:

We missed the bus.  
We got lost.

Jim stepped on something that wriggled.  
I cut my finger opening the can of soup.

We forgot the tent pole so we used a stick.

Breakfast was horrible.  
I felt I had walked 100 miles.

51st Berengaria (Cyprus) Cub Pack asked the public to contribute a "mile of Mils" (coins of Cyprus). The line of coins was begun at 09.30h and people added to it until 13.30h when the Cubs tried to pick up their money. They then discovered that in the 101 F. degree heat the coins had become too hot to handle. When they did lift the coins from the street they were still hot enough to melt the plastic collection bags, but they had raised \$US 115.

(from the Newsletter published by the Scout World Bureau.)



### Right:

We decided to adjust our schedule.  
A small diversion took in added points of interest.  
A water rat was observed.  
Overcoming difficulties, dinner was prepared.  
We made good use of the site's natural resources.  
We did not feel hungry that morning.  
It did not seem like 14 miles.



# NOTICES

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY — 19.4.74

Guides are asked to be seated by 7.30 p.m., the service will commence at 7.45 p.m.

### Hymns to be sung will be—

The Guide Processional Hymn  
Feed us now  
Come sing a song of joy  
Scout Hymn  
For all the Saints

It would add much to the service if the Guides could practise these hymns before they come to the service so that they can sing them well.

Flags 7.15 p.m. in the Cathedral Close—bearers only, no escorts.

Speaker—Rev. G. Winterton.

If you are thinking of hiring a bus to come into town for the service perhaps you could give thought to sharing it with other units or Scout groups.



## SHOREHAM TENNIS DAY

Monday, 8th April, 1974

Full details available from Mrs. J. A. Hutchinson, 8 Marshall Avenue, Kew. Phone 80 3820.



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## IS THIS YOU OR ME?

I heard a story recently of a friend who was working in a very busy city office. People continually called in and the phone ran hot all day. The boss wanted things done in a hurry, and this day her timetable was more chaotic than usual. At the end of the day, hoping to relax over dinner, the girl bowed her head and instead of giving God thanks for the food before her, gave Him her phone number instead!

This may tickle your sense of humour, but how often have you done much the same thing?

I wonder how often we stop and try to assess how effective our busy-ness is? It's all too easy for each to be caught up with meetings, committees and functions and live at such a breakneck pace that people can't see us for dust.

Surely the hymn writer knew a thing or two when he wrote:

"Drop Thy still dews of quietness

Till all our strivings cease.

Take from our souls the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of Thy peace."

—From the "Presbyterian  
Missionary Chronicle"

# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION SECTION



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight.

## ARE YOU BEING LEFT AT HOME!

Mothers, do you find the family is growing up and you are left at home while everybody goes to their particular 'thing'?

Why not become a Unit Helper and go to Guides or Brownies once a week with your daughter? She will be delighted to have a with-it Mum, who takes the worry out of her Guider's evening, so giving the Guider more time to be with the girls.

There is no uniform or training involved, just a couple of hours once a week and perhaps a few outings, and even maybe, some camps — how long is it since you slept under canvas and mixed with an excited bunch of happy teenage girls. Imagine having early morning cuppas brought to you, being waited on hand and foot — and having jokes played on you late at night.

You wouldn't recognise your girl if you were away at camp with her. A fuller, more companionable life could be had with your daughter, if you gave two hours a week to becoming a Unit Helper in her Guide Company or Brownie Pack.

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## VISITING SICK CHILDREN

Is your L.A. looking for some way in which to perform community service? Do you know there are hundreds of children in city hospitals recuperating from injuries or operations, who don't see their parents often, because they live too far away to visit frequently. Anyone who has a few hours to spare each week could contact their local hospital and make enquiries about becoming a 'special visitor'.

One patient we heard of had suffered severe burns and was very shy, and did not take easily to strangers. A Brownie Guide

Leader became her regular visitor and with patience and understanding, encouraged the little girl to use her hands. The Guider started sorting small shells and painting them with nail polish. They were then arranged and glued into small lids to make shell gardens. Such a 'pretty' task eventually appealed to the little girl and she began to help. The Guider continued to visit and encourage her, and was well rewarded by seeing the girl improve both in health and spirits.

All of us have some talent we could pass on to young patients, or perhaps we could just sit and read to them. But it surely is a most satisfying way of giving service.

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## GARDEN TOUR

A very pleasant way to raise funds for your District is to have a Garden Tour. Select four attractive and well-kept gardens from the parents of the girls in the Units and with the parents' permission, open the gardens to the public for one day over a weekend.

It takes very little organising and can bring in quite a few dollars. Firstly, organise two Guides with a Leader to be at your Guide hall to collect the admission fee to all the gardens, and supply each family with a map showing where the four gardens are situated, then position two fathers at each one to see that nobody walks on the gardens or parents break off cuttings from shrubs, thus upsetting the people who generously open their gardens for the day. These gentlemen should be able to discuss the different plants with the many interested people who will be strolling around the gardens.

At each home you should have something different to attract the people. At the first there could be a guessing game, to count the leaves on a bush or something similar, the prize being the particular bush or shrub.



At the second, a stall to sell drinks for the little ones who are by now becoming bored with Mum and Dad talking about gardens, and what they are going to do when they have another working bee in their garden. The third could sell potted plants, such as azaleas, camelias, rock plants, etc. — things that catch the eye and are not too big to carry home. The fourth house could serve afternoon teas to the weary parents, who are now green with envy at the gardens they have visited and full of enthusiasm to improve their own.

## RECIPE CORNER —

### ASPARAGUS AND EGG SAVOURY

1 can asparagus cuts, 6 hard-boiled eggs, 1 pint white sauce made with 2 ozs. butter, 2 ozs. plain flour, 1 pint milk, with pinch mustard added, 6 ozs. grated cheese, finely chopped bacon.

Cut eggs in half length-wise. Place asparagus pieces and eggs in alternate layers between white sauce. Sprinkle with cheese and bacon, and brown in moderate oven or under griller.

Tuna or sweet corn may be used in place of asparagus.

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

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Guides of 8th Kew M.L.C. had a sad task but they made the best of it. They had to say goodbye to their Assistant Guider 'Pug', who had been with the company since it re-opened in 1970.

To overcome their grief they planned a funeral and a small group of Guides organised the service and the 'celebrations' afterwards.

Pug was taken in a wheelbarrow to the gym, where the Guides had drawn a tombstone on the wall and a grave on the floor. Pug was laid to rest with lilies during the service, then it was on with celebrations and a special Goodbye cake.

We all regret Pug's leaving and extend to her our thanks.

8th Kew M.L.C. Guides

# River Marathon

During the holiday break from Guiding, six members of Ivanhoe-Heidelberg district were land crew for a paddler on the Red Cross Murray River Marathon, one of the longest canoe races in the world. As land support party we provided service, food, sleeping accommodation and a 70 mile mid-race road portage for crew and kayak.

Part of our crew struck trouble 100 miles out of Melbourne when a major car breakdown left them champing at the side of the road. They did what any self-sufficient, resourceful Guides would do — they telephoned father, who arrived after a few hours and rectified the trouble.

The combined land parties numbered about 500 people, all striking camp each morning and moving on to the next site along the river to have everything set up for when the paddlers came in. The atmosphere was one of friendly fun with everyone helping where they could.

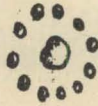
Besides supporting our own paddler, we gave vocal support to the Sea Scouts, Rovers and Venturers who had entered one or other of the nine different sections.

The final night of presentations, combined with New Year celebrations, was a fitting climax to the week and we felt proud as one of our party won the Charity Princess of the marathon prize for our efforts in raising money for Red Cross.

Results of the week away? Memories never to be forgotten, and three Guides determined to enter the marathon when they turn 16.

Jenka.





South Yarra-Toorak Trefoil Guild has lost well known members Jean Robertson and Jean Brown.

The first was a delicate child as a Guide at school — she tried to train at the Children's Hospital but was not finally accepted because of her health. For many years she was a Brownie Guider with the Toorak pack. She fought her disabilities every inch of the way and eventually achieved her great ambition to work at the hospital. Always cheerful and kindly, willing to cope with anything, she was greatly missed by both staff and children when she retired. Jean had been a member of the Trefoil Guild for some 12 years.

Jean Brown — Patrol Leader, Toorak, to Commissioner, Carlton — was loved by all who really knew her.

The eldest of five little girls when her mother was left a widow — and no pensions for widows in those days — she helped build up a splendid business; and after her mother became crippled Jean carried on, caring for her mother at the same time.

When she gave up regular Guiding she was always happy to help with the planning of rallies for such things as the Chief's visit and the Guides' Own service for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. After her retirement she travelled and her home here was a base for many overseas Guiding friends.

"All the trumpets will sound for these two on the other side" (Bunyan).

A. McA. C.

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Friends of Miss Shirley Luke, who is in Austin Hospital, will be pleased to know she may be allowed home for a few days. If all is well, she may then be able to go home permanently.

Cecil Rae Pollard — forty-one years actively associated with Guiding in Cohuna, will be long remembered for her great contribution to the young people of that area.

Mrs. Pollard, a Guide and Guider in Shepparton, transferred to Cohuna in 1932 as a Guide Captain. After ten years she relinquished this position to become Brown Owl, a position she resigned only during her last illness. Mrs. Pollard was also District Commissioner for some years.

The Emu Award was presented to Mrs. Pollard in 1969.

She was also well known in the business life of Cohuna, having worked for the one company for twenty-five years.

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Lorna (Mrs. Harry) Arnott, Brownie Guider with the Dergholm Pack from 1966 until it went into recess in 1969 — then she came to help in Casterton. She held a Pack Holiday Permit and enjoyed taking the Brownies away. Her life ended tragically when she and her husband were killed in a car collision. She was a dedicated Guider and loved her little ones. She said she learned so much from Brownies.

Lorna was always to the fore in the Division activities of this area.

Lorna Arnott will be greatly missed, but her memory will prove an inspiration to us all.

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## TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. The Value of Time.
2. The Success of Perseverance.
3. The Pleasure of Working.
4. The Dignity of Service.
5. The Worth of Character.
6. The Power of Kindness.
7. The Influence of Example.
8. The Obligation of Duty.
9. The Wisdom of Economy.
10. The Virtue of Patience.
11. The Improvement of Talent.
12. The Joy of Originating.

(From Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators — New Zealand.)

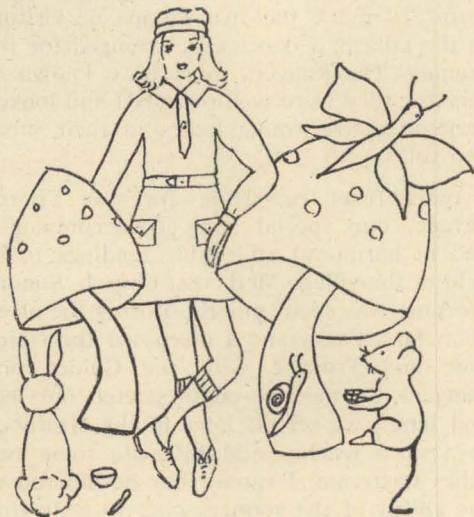
# From the **GUIDE** **SHOP**

## BROWNIE GUIDE UNIFORMS

Due to the world shortage of cotton the sailcloth material normally used for Brownie Guide Uniforms is not available at the present time. Our manufacturer has been fortunate in obtaining a supply of a suitable cotton material but it is a deeper shade of brown.

It has been agreed by our Executive Committee that until our normal Brownie uniform material can once more be obtained, it will be necessary to accept other suitable cotton material even if there are variations in colour, rather than have no uniforms to supply to Brownie Guides.

Guiders are asked to kindly explain to parents who may query the difference in shade of Brownie uniforms, the reason for the change.



## NEW ITEMS

Brown Shorts for Pack Holiday Uniform — Sizes 8, 10, 12	\$2.25
Guiding '74 Calendar	85c
Guide All-Purpose Certificate	10c
Cub/Scout Games	\$1.65
Gould League — Birds of Victoria No. 5 — Dry Country	\$1.50

## Brownie Craft Books—

Brownies Make Things — Books 1 and 2	each 50c
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## Story Books—

Professor and the Possum	\$1.95
Dog Called Debbie	\$3.95
Gift Wrapped Pony	\$3.95

## New Ladybird Book Titles—

Stories of Special Days and Customs	50c
Madame Curie	50c
Florence Nightingale	50c

## FOR RANGER GUIDE SECTION

### Uniform

Frock and Jacket	\$26.00
Forage Cap	\$3.70
Pale Blue Skivvie	\$3.20
Metal State Badge	60c
Handbag	\$7.10

### Books

Ranger Guide Handbook	\$1.00
Ranger Guider Handbook	\$1.50
Design for Living series	each \$1.45
Modern Living series	each \$1.75
A New Look at — Marriage and the Home	50c
A New Look at — Adventure	50c
Also available, books on — Boating, Sailing, Sewing, Photography, Camping, Home Hints, Etiquette.	

## FOR THE LEADER—

Ranger Guide Section Certificate Book	30c
Ranger Guide Record Sheets	40c per 10

## A PERSONAL LETTER TO "MATILDA"

I left Melbourne with my husband and three children to spend our long service leave of six months in Fiji. We spent 10 weeks on the western side of Viti Levu, staying with many local people, and have now settled in Suva for the remaining weeks. The children, although enrolled with Melbourne Correspondence School, attended Government schools in Lautoka and will start Term 3 at a Methodist multi-racial school where they will be the only Europeans.

I wonder how many Guiders are able to work with Rangers, Guides, Brownies other than your own? Usually I haven't the time either, but while I am in Suva with my family, I am taking the opportunity to meet other Guiders and Guides and to share in their activities. Those I have met have been so friendly and warm in their welcome that I am better able to understand what it means to belong to the "world wide sisterhood of Guides". For this — "Vinaka vaka levu" — "Thank you very much".

Four Suva Rangers, their Assistant Guider Ana, and I left one Friday afternoon on a bus for Navua, along the Queen's Road. There we were met by three men from Namuamua village, who were to take us by an outboard motor boat, for our journey up the Navua River — a trip of a further 1½ hours. None of us had travelled this way before, so it was with much excitement that we loaded our belongings and ourselves into the narrow boat. Reminders of Hurricane Bebe (last October) were obvious in the lower reaches of the river — the submerged road-bridge span, trees and other debris, metal frames washed away from a quarry, many silt banks and mounds of gravel and stone. It was a beautiful afternoon as we zig-zagged our way up the river and the grandeur of the heavily timbered mountains was impressive. Numberless waterfalls attracted us, and when darkness came the silvery band of water contrasted with the dark vegetation and rocks. The boatman was just as skilful in the dark, negotiating the rocky sections of the river until we arrived at Namuamua.

Mrs. Cama, Guide Trainer, Ranger Guider and teacher, and her husband, also a

teacher, were there to welcome us and take us to the school compound where we were to stay. The young wife of another teacher, Kelera Bati, let us take over her house. After the formalities of welcome by the leaders of the village, when the yagona ceremony was performed, we had tea. Sleep came later, as first the Rangers sang through their repertoire of songs, rhythms and hymns, always harmonising.

Saturday was fine, and with the Namuamua Rangers and Guides (20 altogether) we set off to build shelters by a smaller river, preparing the shelters so that we could spend a night sleeping out. (The bamboo is quite a remarkable tree, for it provides poles of various sizes for the framework, branches for thatching of roof, and the hollow sections can be used for cooking utensils. Kasava was cooked like we cook potatoes, in the ash, but dalo or taro leaves can be steam-cooked inside the bamboo. Similarly, water for a much-needed cup of tea was boiled in a bamboo section.)

Two Guides went off and found some prawns and crabs, and these too were cooked in bamboo for Mrs. Cama's lunch. Sugar cane was cut for the Guides — this provided a syrup and helped quench their thirst.

After a hard morning's work and a good lunch, the Guides swam and played in a natural rock pool in the river. Our visit coincided with a visit from the Navua Rugby team, so we had a break in the afternoon to cheer on our adopted village's team. To mark the two groups of visitors to the village, a dance was arranged for the evening. The Rangers must have known of this, for they were well prepared and looked very attractive young ladies in their jabas and sulus.

Apart from preparing for our Church Parade, our special song (unaccompanied and in harmony) and Bible readings to be held in the village Methodist Church, Sunday morning was spent quietly. During the afternoon Mrs. Cama and I discussed the Guide Law and Promise with the Guides and Rangers. So that we could stretch our legs and lungs, we set off later in the afternoon to visit a teacher and his wife some two miles upstream. I cannot but be amazed at the ability of the younger girls to walk that

riverside track without stumbling, or slipping. Rain fell heavily, and we all had to wade through the river twice, to a depth of my upper thighs, for some it was waist deep. Darkness came well before we got back to the village. The Guides were real guides, so accurately did they lead the way that I think we must have trodden in exactly the same footsteps as earlier! Completely wet through from the rain and wading in the river, we returned with much laughter and chattering as we re-told our adventures to the group waiting for us.

Monday morning was wet. We all got up early to farewell Ana, as she had to return to Suva for work. We continued with our plan to invest the Suva Rangers, and an impressive ceremony was held on the Rugby ground with the Fiji flag flying in the breeze, the river below us and the steep-sided lush green mountains around us.

It was decided not to return to our shelters because of the rain, and the lack of waterproof sheeting for the Guides to sleep on. So the afternoon was spent with more discussion on Guide work — W.A.G.G.S.S.; Service and how this applies to Rangers. A creative session preparing a memento of our camp was appreciated, and the Guides have a painted-lacquered stone from the river among their belongings.



While we were busy with Guide matters, some of the boys of the village were preparing our special tea, including weaving palm branch mats for the table. What a wonderful evening of food and fun! And laughter, singing rhythmic songs and meke (dances) and more yagona. Brownies, Guides, Rangers, young boys of the village, parents and younger brothers and sisters all joined in the fun — not the usual camp fire but a typical Fijian family gathering. The formalities of farewell were expressed again through the yagona ceremony — my sincere thanks for such a wonderful weekend. The thought that we had to be up early next morning did not deter the young people

from singing and talking late into the night.

We were all sad on Tuesday morning to say “Ni sa moce” — goodbye — for we all felt a part of us was being left behind with those isolated but friendly people.

I was given a Fijian name, with the approval of the Chief, after a mountain which stands high over a village in the province — Voma. So as Adi Voma (Adi being the equivalent to Lady) I finish this story and hope that you, too, can take time from your own unit and share in the activities of another group, for I am sure you will be rewarded as I have been.

Margaret Tonkin,  
3rd East Ringwood Guide Unit,  
Melbourne.

## THE FIJI FLAG

The flag of the Dominion of Fiji reflects the new nation's history. In the top left-hand quarter is the Union Flag — the flag of the Colony of Fiji after the Islands were ceded to the British Crown on 10th October, 1874 — the flag which Guides in Fiji have had to know so much about, and the one we have grown to love and respect. In the fly is the shield from the Colony Coat of Arms, which has been retained by the new Dominion. In three of the four quarters of the shield sugar cane, coconuts and bananas are shown, representing the traditional agricultural foundations of Fiji's economy. The fourth quarter contains a reproduction of the Dove of Peace which was the principal feature of the Flag of the Cakobau Government just before Cession. At the top of the shield, a heraldic Lion holds a cocoa pod in its paws.

In its National use, the new flag has a background of air force blue. Ensigns for use in Government vessels, merchant ships, and in future Naval Establishments will feature the same basic design but have dark blue, red and white backgrounds respectively.

The Governor General flies a flag of the customary Commonwealth design. It is dark blue, with a centre crest of a crown surmounted by a Lion, with the word “FIJI” below the Crest.

## ORCHID ISLAND, FIJI — and how it happened

It all began in 1968, when we were standing on the banks of the Veisari River and someone, pointing upstream to a tangled mass of undergrowth which appeared to be part of the mainland, said, "There's an uninhabited island over there". We waded across the river and found three acres of virgin bush and mangrove swamps — Masima Island — and nobody wanted it. We had been looking for an area, close to Suva, which could be developed to show the visitor the Fijian way of life, entertainment, local handicrafts and the exotic flora of Fiji. A lease was obtained for the island from the native owners and in May, 1969, we started to tidy it up!

As it was known that the island was susceptible to flooding, one of the first jobs was to build up the bank. This was done with drums filled with silt from the river bed. The site was chosen for the large bure, and this was built by the native owners. The mangrove-swamp in front of the bure was reclaimed and planted with Batiki Blue grass. The first path cut into the bush is now the Forest Walk. The ugly creek which had been widened and deepened to obtain valuable "fill", became the turtle pool.

It was mid-1970, when we had completed half the work on the island, that a Company was formed. Up until then, it had been a family affair. The Dominion Development Company was formed with Hunts, The Fijian Investment and Development and ourselves as shareholders. Later B.O.A.C. became shareholders through their holding in Hunts, and last, but by no means least, Raymond Burr joined us. With the formation of the Company the name of the island was changed to Orchid Island. There were many native orchids already growing there and we have taken, and will be taking, many more that have been introduced to Fiji from other parts of the world, e.g., Singapore, Java, Malaya, New Guinea. It is not intended to be purely an Orchid garden, but one which contains a representative selection of flowers, shrubs, trees, ferns, creepers, not necessarily indigenous, which have been introduced to Fiji.

The Fijian village was built when the Com-

pany was formed. This is where the Fijians who entertain on the island, live, and you can visit them in their homes and see their way of life. On your right, over the bridge, is the Puzzle-nut tree (*Xylocarpus granatum*) — it is claimed that once the nine pieces forming the nut are taken apart, it is impossible to fit them together again.

After crossing the second bridge and passing under the archway of *Bougainvillea* and *Allamanda* (yellow flower) you will see a small thatched bure sheltering the Lali (drum). Every village has a Lali and it is used for beating the time of day, calling meetings, etc. An experiment is being carried out on the thatch of this bure. The thatch on the right has been given preservative treatment and the remainder is untreated. Untreated thatch will last only four years at the most, whilst the treated one, it is hoped, will last for up to 15 years.

In the flower bed behind the Lali house, you will find *Dracaena*, the Gian Begonia, Red Ginger, Torch Ginger, White and Yellow Ginger, Shell Ginger (this is white, tipped with pink, and like a strand of closely strung shells) — you will find the edible Chinese ginger growing in the farm-crop section.

The orchids are growing in beds of wood shavings, rice husks, and compost. They attach themselves to tree trunks or wooden stakes and obtain their nourishment from the moisture rising from the bed and from bird droppings. Our collection is comparatively young, and we feed the plants about three times a week with organic fertilisers to encourage growth and early flowering. Many people believe orchids are parasites, but they only cling to the trunk, they do not obtain any food from it. Nobody knows how many natural species occur in the wilds (estimates vary from fifteen to thirty thousand) and to this can be added a further fifty thousand or so hybrids produced by orchid growers.

*Bougainvilleas* are growing at the entrance to the Forest Walk and the flowering season is from June onwards. We have too much rain to have *bougainvillea* flowering all the year round. *Silver Congea* is covering the archway and this too will flower about mid-year. A few foliage plants, *anthuriums* and *spathiphyllum* have been planted in the bush but it is mostly natural bush containing tree ferns, ferns, *philodendrons*, Bamboo, dark



green leaved Mismisi — which is used as thatch for burees. A similar leaf, only prickly, is Voi-voi (*Pandanus caricosus*). It is stripped of the prickly edge, dried and used for making baskets and mats. There are many Ivi trees in the area, and they can be recognised from their spreading buttresses. The fruit of this tree, after being boiled for many hours, can be eaten — tastes like a chestnut, and is very indigestible — it is known as the Tahitian chestnut. Anthuriums are growing in wood chips and rice husks, under the trees as you leave the "Forest Walk". On the far side of the bure, are the crops — pineapple, ginger, banana, coca, sugar cane, tea, coffee, dalo, tapioca, passion fruit and vanilla. In the small burees you can see Fijian women weaving baskets and mats, a carver at work, and a Fijian canoe being made.

The bush beyond gives some idea of what the island was like originally. This is to be left untouched but later will have a path through. When you are wandering around, you will probably see our Indian gardener, Ameka Prasad, who has been with us for a year and has helped with so much of the work. He is always ready to answer any questions you may have. In conclusion, I would just like to quote something which I read a long while ago—

"Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints."

—Ivy Watkins



## CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

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

Miss M. Tharle (Dandenong); Mrs. E. F. Dubens (Gisborne); Mrs. J. R. Selman (Terang).

### Combined Long Service:

Mrs. D. Clarke (Bright).  
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### Thanks Badge:

Mr. S. M. Beckworth (Morningson).

## APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

### District Commissioners:

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Dear Matilda,

The camp that made history for us was at the Devils Racecourse, N.S.W., about 15 miles from Mildura. No one was willing to challenge the Devil, it being his home ground. This was the first light-weight camp for our Ranger Unit.

When we arrived, we left the car and descended the great mountain. Someone kept filling our packs with bricks!

It was almost dark, so we went to get water first. Kay had much pleasure in telling us all she was the lightest and wouldn't sink into the mud left by receding flood waters. So Kay went over to get the water. Or should we say "down" to get the water! !

But Kay redeemed herself by saving Sue and Corliss from the big, striped tiger-like animal they found in their tent. She tried to tell them it was only a cricket! ?

Surprise! Surprise! We were ready and walking by nine in the morning with packs weighing at least 60 lb. a piece.

We walked across country, explored washaways, explored washaways and walked across country.

We found a great spot to camp by lunch time — our packs each weighing about 100 lbs. by now.

The afternoon slipped by quickly with a mud bath. We found a beautiful cave in the

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side of a cliff about 6 inches deep in clayey mud. All eight of us went bathing in our underwear and the slides taken at the time could be quite embarrassing!

After a great tea we went for an evening stroll and Lorraine found an easy way to climb up the cliff. She led the way and waited half way to help the others up. Sue went first, bravely showing us all how it was done. Kay followed; the few footholds crumbled after their first use. If it wasn't for the tree root at the top of this 60 ft. cliff we wouldn't have made it.

Up in the morning after a . . . night's sleep. Almost everyone showed signs of a harder bed than the night before. Kerry didn't. Kerry was still asleep. Again!

It seemed further back to the car than it was out and it was certainly hotter. When we reached the car we decided we didn't have time to explore the washaways. Nobody would admit it was just an excuse. We fitted much better into the van on the way back. Were we all skinnier or was it just that the food had gone from the packs? We still had the tent Kay and Helen had been going to carry taking up most of the room. Just as well someone arrived with an extra light-weight tent.

We were all delivered safely at our door by our ever-reliable Ranger Leader, tired but agreeing that it was great.

Corliss O'Donnell and Sue Ferrett,  
East Sunraysia "Illawong" Ranger Unit.