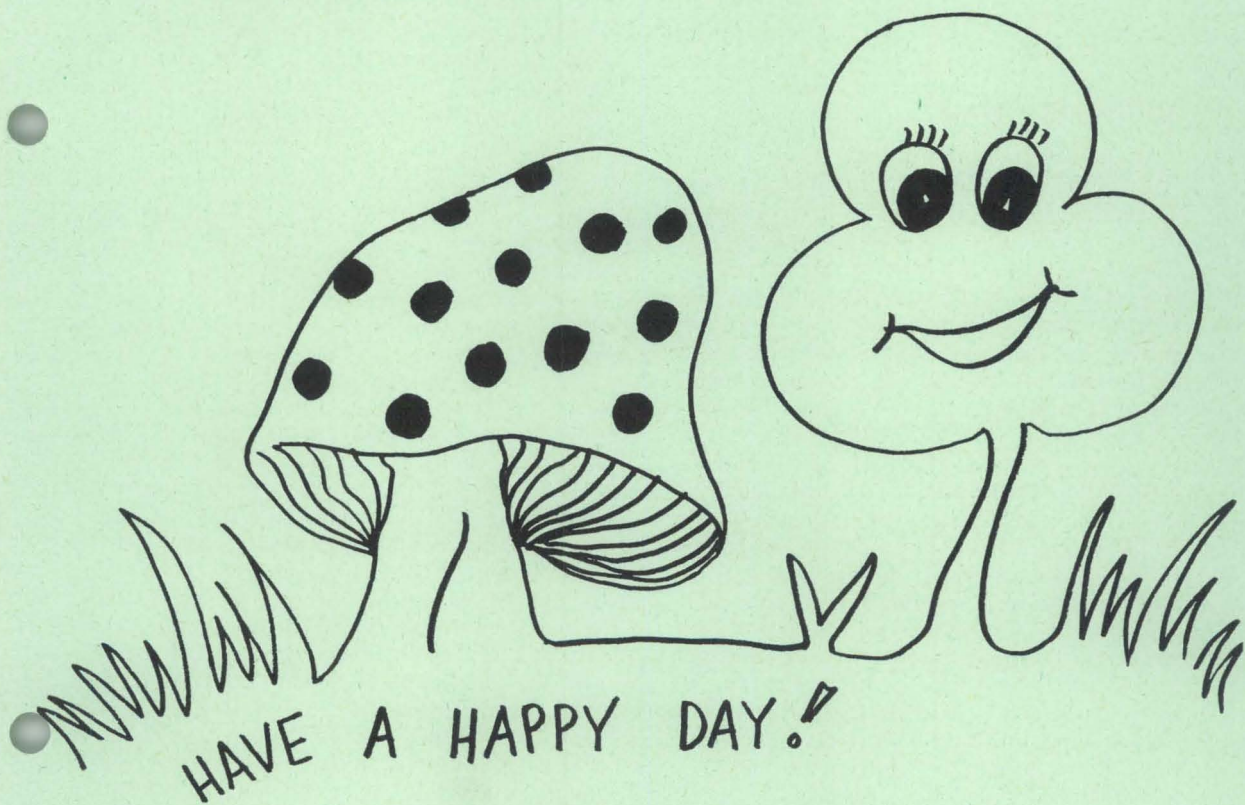
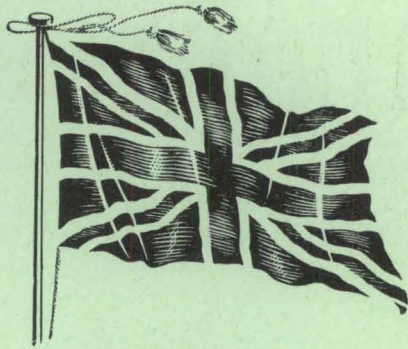


MATILDA



FROM A DESIGN BY SANDRA MASHITER
4th KERRIMUIR GUIDE COMPANY



SO THERE I WAS . . .

At Guide Headquarters . . . paying a bill! ! "It will be nice when those builders have finished," said I. "That metallic knocking is not from builders," said the accountant. "It's these wire ropes knocking on the metal flagpoles outside this office. I don't think I'll be able to stand it much longer as it is just getting on my nerves." She went away to fix my receipt . . . and yes . . . the knocking began to annoy me.

And then I had an idea . . . My husband and I were in England, at Windsor Castle. It is a wonderful building — added to through the centuries by England's Kings and Queens by a magnificent succession of buildings around the main fortress, the whole, surrounded by a high wall, set upon a hill overlooking the beautiful Thames. We had just left St. George's Chapel and were approaching the Round Tower which is the outstanding point of the Castle, and on which the Union Jack was proudly flying, when my husband stopped and said to me . . . "Well, fancy the Queen thinking of that — I would never have thought of it!"

My thoughts were interrupted by my receipt arriving. I proceeded to see the lass in charge and together we reviewed the situation. We undid the halyards and solemnly gave them a couple of turns around the flagpole (which can't be done with all wire ropes). Such a simple remedy and one that prevents undue wear and tear on the equipment.

Windsor Castle is the place from which our Royal Family name their line . . . The House of Windsor. Even in Saxon days, Windsor was Royal. Our Queen and Princess Margaret spent much of their time during World War II there when both were active Guides. The Windsor Great Park was in 1957 the venue of a wonderful camp to celebrate the centenary of the Founder's birth, to which our State Secretary, Miss Peg Barr and Miss Stacy, State Secretary of N.S.W., led an Australian contingent. One thing I was interested to see, was Queen Mary's Doll's House. This is really SOMETHING! Everything so small, in perfect detail — motor cars, furniture, clothes, the house, pictures, all done by artists giving of their best.

I remember Mr. Willie Ingram, of Ingram's the Jewellers, Melbourne, making needles and a thimble, so small one needed a magnifying glass to see them. He even threaded the needles . . . with a fine human hair!

We looked over the famous "playing-fields of Eton" — which adjoin the Castle grounds — before taking our places on comfortable chairs in the Horseshoe Cloisters only a few yards from the bottom of the steps leading to the main entrance of St. George's Chapel. We were to see the Royal procession of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. The steps were soon lined by breast-plated members of the Royal bodyguard and the procession slowly walked down the hill. First came the King-at-arms followed by the Royal Heralds, then the Members of the Noble Order, the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, and a final small bodyguard. The membership of this Order is limited by the number of seats around the great table in the Waterloo Room of the Castle for members dine there before the ceremony in the Chapel. Its walls are surrounded by two rows of magnificent, life-sized paintings of British monarchs, most pictured in the Robes of the Garter. This great Hall is illuminated by huge lights shielded by glass in the colours of the Cross of St. George — red and white, the whole, sparkling like diamonds in reflecting facets.

G.H.W.

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GUIDES and BROWNIES help FAMILIES OVERSEAS



Siti Rukmini is a twelve-year-old Indonesian girl. She lives in Yogyakarta, a city in Central Java, with her parents, her sister (Rachmi Muljati) and her brother (Rudjito). She has a married sister who lives in another town. Her family is extremely poor. In 1972 her father was making only about \$A2.50 a month by doing odd jobs as a laundryman, a builder's labourer, and other similar kinds of work. They lived in a rented bamboo house, fifteen feet by eighteen feet, with no toilet or water supply, not even a well. They could not afford to buy sufficient food. The father had to borrow money so the children could have a little rice and some vegetables.

In August, 1972, the West Waverley Division of the Girl Guides Association responded to a newspaper advertisement for Foster Parents Plan of Australia. This is an overseas aid agency that assists needy families and communities in Asia and Latin America. Guides had seen a film about its work, and they began to raise money to help one of these poverty-ridden families. They asked that the family be in Indonesia.

Siti Rukmini's family was assigned to them, and she herself became their "Foster Child". PLAN sent them a photograph of the child and a case-history of the family. Siti Rukmini writes to them every month. Like all other Foster Parents in Australia, the

Guides contribute \$14.50 each month to help their Foster Family. This enables PLAN to give the family a monthly cash grant, a monthly allotment of goods, medical and dental care in its own clinics and counselling and guidance of a trained social worker. PLAN also runs courses in vital matters like nutrition, sanitation, child care, money-management, etc.

Encouraged by this interest and strengthened by this help, Siti Rukmini's family have been able to improve their situation. They still live in the same house, but have been able to repair the walls and the roof. The father now works in a student dormitory, making about \$5.00 each month, while the mother earns about \$2.50 a month selling rice. Their social worker wrote in the annual progress report to the West Waverley Guides, "Your assistance has helped them a great deal in providing daily needs and paying school expenses. It has brought improvement in health, cleanliness, housing and the education of the children.

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The 7th Kew Brownie Pack has also helped a needy family through Foster Parents Plan. In the Republic of Korea PLAN is assisting families in a rabbit-raising project on the island of Ko Je. It is a co-operative venture

and a family enters the co-operative by providing a rabbit. The family shares in the profits from sale of young rabbits produced. Rabbits used are an improved breed of Japanese rabbit. They are three times as big as the native Korean rabbit and produce about seventy baby rabbits each year. The 7th Kew Brownie Pack sent their "Cents for Service" money (\$10.15) for a family to buy a rabbit and so enter the co-operative. The Pack was delighted to receive a little penant from PLAN's Field Director in Korea, and a letter from Ko Bok Keun, one of the children in the family they had helped. "Many of the families in our neighbourhood are engaged in rabbit-raising", wrote Bok Keun. "Thanks to you, we now have our own rabbit, which makes us very happy."

The National Office of Foster Parents Plan of Australia is at 36 Park Street, South Melbourne (telephone 699 1200).



It has been said, "It is much more blessed to give than to receive".

Think how we feel when we give of ourselves to those much less fortunate. Imagine the look on the face of an elderly person when a Brownie or Guide offers to do her shopping or even drops in for a chat.

Z.K. (Mulgrave).



NEWS FROM THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

The girls make their own string for gadgets by rubbing a special grass against their legs. They make balls for Brownies by plaiting coconut leaves, etc. What they cannot make, however, are things like paper, pencils, crayons, light cardboard for charts, etc.

None of the Guiders of the Island has access to books on background knowledge of Guiding, or finding out what Guides and Brownies in other parts of the world do. We do what we can with the newsletter, but any training is quite impossible because of transport problems.

We have Guides and Brownies who have come from China, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, New Hebrides, England, Australia, Fiji (Indian Fiji mostly), New Zealand and the different Islands of Solomons. The Guiders come from New Zealand, England, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and, of course, the Solomons, so we are quite an international group.

Sent into "Te Rama" (New Zealand) by a N.Z. Guider, August, 1974.



FLAMMABILITY OF CLOTHING

Flammability of clothing is a topic which should be of vital interest to every Guide.

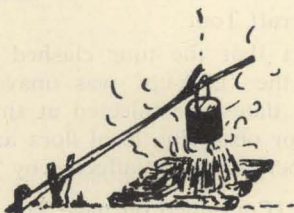
Dr. T. Pressley, of C.S.I.R.O., vividly demonstrated this theme with films and slides at a lecture he gave at the annual conference of the National Safety Council

Materials burn at different rates; wool is safest, but cottons and rayons may burn completely within ten seconds, Dr Pressley said. Garments rarely burn on hems or seams, and a tightly woven, or smooth material is less likely to catch fire than a loosely woven or fluffy one of the same fibre. Nylon is safer than cotton, rayon or polyesters because it melts before it burns.

Dr. Pressley claimed most overseas tests ignored the fact that people wore different materials at the one time, and in a burns case this affected the severity of the burns. He cited the case of two men involved in an air crash. One man, who wore a cotton shirt over a nylon singlet, was severely burned — the cotton melted the nylon onto his skin. The other man wore a nylon shirt and cotton singlet and escaped unharmed.

Fashions also had an important effect, said Dr. Pressley. Central heating was replacing open fires, and ski pyjamas are being worn instead of nightgowns, so there has been a drop in the number of burns cases involving small girls. However, long frocks and grass skirts have become popular wear at barbecues, and recently there has been a rise in numbers again.

Currently, however, most serious burns cases (over 40%) are small boys who light fires in their own back yards, and throw petrol or kerosene on to the fire to make it burn better.



The effects of burns can be very severe. Dr. Pressley screened a film, taken at the Royal Children's Hospital, showing badly scarred children receiving treatment. One boy had to have skin graft operations every four days for some weeks. One viewing of this film would be quite sufficient to make any child very careful with fire.

What Guides can do to prevent burns.

- (1) Use fire and matches with respect.
- (2) Don't put flammable liquids on a fire.
- (3) Don't carry fireworks in your pocket.
- (4) Don't wear loose clothing near fire.
- (5) Buy properly labelled clothing.
- (6) Buy wool or flame-retardent synthetics (there are new ones on the market).
- (7) Put pressure on manufacturers not to make garments in highly flammable materials such as chenille.
- (8) Try to create an awareness at home and in your local community.

Points of Interest.

The National Safety Council sells pamphlets (5c each) which provide information for several Interest Badges. These are available also in a pack (approximately \$1.20).

The Council will provide a speaker and films or slides for \$10 (daytime) or \$20 at night.

R.H.

CHIEF'S CHRISTMAS CARD

Remember —

Donations and signatures to:

Miss G. Buckland,

52 Tanti Avenue,

Mornington, 3931.

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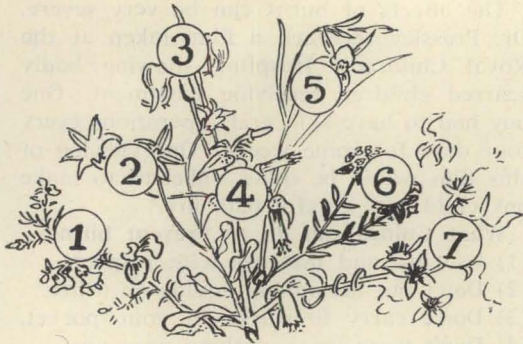
Dear Brownies, Guides and Rangers,

I actually had the pleasure of looking after the Chief Guide at Hampton Court Palace in 1972. She loves getting the Christmas card from us all each year, and she tells her visitors about the ice cream money you give.

The Guides of Australia have a special place in her heart, and she cares about each one of you.

Do remember her again this Christmas.

Gwen Buckland.



Dear "Matilda",

As a "bushcrafter" from the very first tour, I was very sorry indeed that this year's August tour was cancelled due to lack of numbers. Following a recent conversation, I now have the impression that this lack of numbers is due, partly at any rate, to the fact that the dates for the Bushcraft tour clashed with the dates of the Victorian "Link-up" and, if this is correct, it is a pity that the departments concerned didn't get together.

I was also very dismayed to be told that "of course you guiders on the bushcraft tour — **your holiday** must take second place to the guides — we think they are more important".

As a guide guider of 18 years service I agree that the guides should come first, but I would also like to point out that the Bushcraft tours are run by the Training Department and, although I am sure all participants would agree that we have a great deal of fun, we are learning all the time. One of the main reasons I went on the first tour was because I found that I was constantly being asked at camps or other outdoor activities, "What is that, Cap?" and I couldn't answer.

We are led by guiders with a considerable knowledge of the flora and fauna and "make-up" of Victoria, and we are also very lucky to have Mr. F. Rogers, a field naturalist with a vast knowledge of the bush, prepared to give up part of his leave to come to teach us. I had no knowledge when I first went on a bushcraft tour of the variety, for instance, of wattles; the names of many quite common wild flowers; the variety of trees and birds, and although even now I could not be considered one of the more know-

ledgeable guiders, I find that more and more frequently I am able to answer my guides. I have learnt to use reference books on the subjects; I have joined societies through which I am learning even more, something I would never have thought of doing before I went on the first bushcraft tour.

Perhaps the guider who made the comment to me knows a great deal about the bush, but I can assure her (and any others who may have the idea that the Bushcraft tours are holidays) that they are indeed quite strenuous training periods. Only a guider like myself who knew very little about wild flowers, for instance, can appreciate the thrill I received when staffing on a Pack holiday. A guider had been asked the name of a certain bush, and didn't know, but said, "Ask Mrs. Hewett, she'll know," and due completely to the training I have received I was able to tell the Brownie.

Many of the guiders who come on the bushcraft tours give up part of their annual leave to do so; most of us pay our own way, although some L.A.s have given grants towards the cost, if not every year, at least for one year. We work hard, are up early each day, usually walk or climb quite long distances, and in the evenings often have films or slides on conservation, wild flowers, or the areas we are due to visit the next day.

The reason I have written at length is because I felt that if there is a feeling amongst some guiders that these tours are "holidays", it should be discounted. We have fun, oh yes, but then didn't our Founder stress that he wanted Scouting and Guiding to be fun while learning.

I would also like to say that any general remarks I have made are also the feelings of Mrs. P. Avent, who, like myself, has been on each tour.

J. Hewett.

The Training Department would like to comment on the letter re the cancelling of the Bushcraft Tour.

The fact that the tour clashed with the dates of the "Link-up" was unavoidable — Bushcraft dates are selected at times most suitable for observing local flora and fauna. The numbers were not affected by "Link-up"

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THE T. C. LOTHIAN TRUST

Commissioners and Unit Leaders, do you know about this Trust, set up in 1970 by the late Mr. T. C. Lothian because he appreciated the value of our camping programme?

Mr. Lothian donated a parcel of shares to the Girl Guides Association of Victoria, asking that "the income from the Trust be used . . . for subsidies . . . to help some of your members to attend pack holidays, camps, conferences, jamborees and such like gatherings. . . . It should be to give a little help to those who might not be able to afford the whole cost of going to such Guide gatherings, etc."

Terms of reference for the Trust were finally drawn up by the members of the Executive and the special Committee appointed by them to administer the Trust, namely Mrs. L. Dwyer, International Adviser; Mrs. N. Squire, Camping Adviser; and Mrs. J. O. Tait, Chairman. Commissioners were notified early in 1971 through the Commissioners' Newsletter, and periodic references have been made to the Trust. However, due to the many changes in personnel, it is thought advisable to publish the main points regarding the working of the Trust.

In accordance with Mr. Lothian's wishes, grants are made to assist Brownie Guides, Guides and Ranger Guides of Victoria to be present at camps, gatherings, etc., arranged by the Girl Guides' Association or the Girl

Scouts' Association, which they could not otherwise attend. Such gatherings could be in Victoria, interstate, or overseas.

Special consideration is given to the one-parent girl, or the girl with one parent who is incapacitated; while applications from units as a whole will also be received.

Applications should be made by the Unit Leader through her Commissioner to Headquarters. They should be addressed to the T. C. Lothian Trust, c/o Mrs. B. McNally, Girl Guides' Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000. On receipt of the application, a special form will be sent, asking for **full relevant details**, e.g., name of girl, age, period of service in the unit, circumstances of the family, total cost of the camp or gathering, and the amount of assistance asked for, etc.

Each case is considered on its merits, and the Committee decides the amount of the grant, if it is decided to allot one.

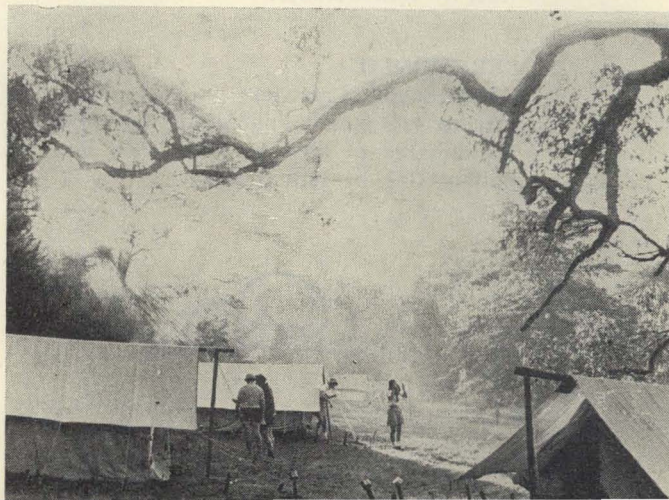
The Committee would like all applications to be made at least three months ahead of the proposed event, in order to be able to allot the money which is available each year to those whose need appears to be greatest. It is considered that grants should be made primarily to those applicants who have not formerly camped, or attended a Pack Holiday.

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as a check revealed only two of the previous "regulars" were involved.

The tour was only cancelled because insufficient numbers made it uneconomic.

The Training Department does not regard this tour as a "holiday" by any means. It is an interesting way of increasing a Guider's knowledge and therefore could be considered as a "Special Subject" training. The fact that it is enjoyable is most important and we hope that all training is "fun".



TRAINING CALENDAR

OCTOBER
1974

Commissioners and Unit Leaders with the necessary experience are welcome to apply for **ANY** Training. Applications should be sent by the **date requested** and be **accompanied by the training fee and a stamped self-addressed envelope**. Training fees are \$1.50 unless otherwise stated.

See also green Training Calendar supplement.

STAGE 1 TRAINING — for Leaders new to the Movement.

Geelong—14th November, 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., Guide Hall, Myers Street; plus Saturday, 23rd November, 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., "Tallawalla", Moggs Creek; plus 30th November, 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Guide Hall, Myers Street, Geelong. Applications to Mrs. A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, 3220, by **30th October**.

STAGE 2 TRAINING — for Warranted Leaders.

Bayswater, 26th-27th October, 16th-17th November, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. R. James, "Nigabinda", Stud Road, Scoresby, 3179, by **14th October**.

PACK HOLIDAY TRAINING

Barwon Region—Weekend 2nd-3rd November—Saturday, 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.; Sunday, 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, 3220, by **18th October**.

CEREMONIAL

"Lingbogol", **Creswick**, 2nd November, 1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications and 40 cents training fee to Mrs. G. Platt, P.O. Box 31, Ballan, 3342, by **18th October**.



SUMMER TRAINING WEEK

Britannia Park, 15th - 21st January, 1975.

Here's an opportunity for developing your leadership ability in an atmosphere of friendship and fun in pleasant bushland surroundings.

Open to **ALL** adult leaders.

Programme will include:

Stage 1.

Stage 2.

Special subjects, including Canoeing, Pioneering, Orienteering.

Accommodation will be both indoors and outdoors—state preference—indoor limited.

Transport will be arranged, Melbourne/Britannia Park, if necessary.

Fee—to be advised.

When making your application would you please indicate:

(a) The kind of training needed.

(b) Accommodation (indoor or outdoor).

(c) Whether transport will be required.

Applications and \$10.00 deposit to be sent to the Training Department no later than **11th November**.



An opportunist is a man who, finding himself in hot water, decides he needs a bath anyway.

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The successful man buys a needle instead of looking all over the haystack for one.

TRAINING PAGES

"TALK TO THE BIRDS"

How Else Do You Get to Know Each Other?

But **first** you must **see** them.

Do you like tracking? Have you followed bird tracks along the beach or in the bush? What did you read from them?

If they showed one foot in front of the other, as in walking, then you were following a bird that gets a great deal of its food from the ground—or maybe he is a swimmer and eats aquatic meals. When the feet are side by side, then your bird probably gets most of his food above ground level and spends most of his time on the wing, perching in trees and bushes—or on the garden fence—for rest. If you are city folk, don't wait to go to the beach or bush, look in your **garden**. I have often found a number of bird prints in recently raked over earth.

Where do these tracks lead?

Perhaps nowhere, the bird may take to the wing and so may your interest. . . .



The moments of mystery and wonder may in themselves be satisfying, but here is an interest that can be developed into varying depths. Bird watching can be—

- **just** looking;
- closer looking for recognition;
- patient observing for behaviour patterns;
- gathering and recording information.

It can be done just about anywhere and at any time, although the night is not so easy. From the office desk we have seen birds fluttering around the corners of the building opposite. (Were they gathering food or cobwebs for their nests? One family used a broken ventilator as a doorway into their nest.)

Even if your interest does not grow to any great depth, remember one of your responsibilities as a leader is to open up possible fields of interest for your girls. This often means **training yourself** to be a little more observant, a little more knowledgeable and to be sensitive to the moment to bring the topic before the girls. Some of them may pick up the interest and leave you far behind.

If you are a keen bird watcher, or you have a friend who is, and will go out with your girls, then it will be easier for you, as the enthusiasm is infectious and the knowhow will soon be learnt because curiosity can be aroused easily.

First you must train yourself to **SEE** things. Perhaps because birds are often around we take them for granted. Begin close to home and if you have never done this before, do a survey **just for one week**.

HOW MANY BIRDS VISIT YOUR GARDEN? (Make a chart for your answers.)

- What is their size?
- What is their colouring? (Males and females often differ.)
- What is the shape of the beak?
- How many toes and how are they positioned?
- Do they come down to the ground?
- How do they move on the ground? (Hop, walk, run?)

- Do they keep to the tree tops or bushes?
- Do they travel alone, in pairs or groups?
- What sounds do they make?
- Can you discover what they eat?
- Have you noticed them about before?

(If you want to know their names, use a reference book which includes introduced birds.)

Try this yourself before you suggest it to the girls; you may think up a good way of introducing it; you may need to adapt it or shorten it. When the girls try it they may find other points they would like to record such as behaviour, flight patterns and nests.

The findings could be kept either entirely individually or in small groups. They could be charted with illustrations or taped. The bird calls could be included too. Start each report with the date and the weather. Keep the record to compare with next year's report.

When you were out in your garden last month did you notice any nest building? September is the usual time, but keep watching. You might like to leave some old frayed rope or string, wool or hair caught in the fences or trees and see if it is used for building material.

Flight Patterns

See the Guide Handbook, page 114. Use a large sheet of paper and a felt pen, move your hand in the movement of the bird in flight and transfer the pattern on to paper. (If you are a creative type this might become the basis of a painting or squiggle sketch.)

I have a friend who makes sounds to go with the movements; I wish I could "write" them: they are delightful and so descriptive. Her sparrow flies something like — "brrrp, brrrp, brrrp"!

Invite the Birds to Your Garden

Provide shelter, nest sites, water and food, either fruit or nectar. "The meat will arrive on the wing when the insects fly in too."

Tall trees and low shrubs will both be appreciated. Plant **native** trees and encourage others to do likewise.

Grevillea, Melaleuca, Banksia, Eucalyptus, Epacris and Correa are good for this, but check which are the greatest providers of nectar.

Many gardening books and magazines include advice on the best to plant. See also Barbara Salter's "Australian Native Gardens and Birds". (Jacaranda.)

Nest Boxes

Those interested in woodwork might build a nesting box—hollow logs found on the wood heap can have one end blocked up.

- entrance holes should be just large enough for the bird you want to attract;
- if a constructed box, make the hole a little more than halfway up one side.
- secure the box **firmly** to a tree or post, in an open area with the entrance away from the weather side. (Do not damage your tree with nails.)

Recommended book: "Free Wildlife", Boy Scouts' World Bureau.

Feed the Birds

Supplement the natural food and keep the birds coming to your garden, but do keep it up; don't disappoint them, or they may not visit again. When there is plenty of natural food around they may not take as much, of course.

The potters could make a bird feeder; keep it shallow, hang it on a safe branch far enough out so that cats can't reach it. Do not use very thin wire, as it may twist around the bird's leg or wing and injure him.

No potters? Then use a wide tin.

"Free Wildlife" will help you again with designs.

Pudding.

From the magazine "Survival", published by the Gould League of Victoria, we have this recipe:

Recipe: 1½ kilograms mutton fat, ox suet or any other disused meltable fat. Mince, grate or crumble fat into a large saucepan. Heat until almost melted. The more it melts the more ingredients can be added. While it is gently melting, stir it occasionally and prepare the ingredients.

Crumble stale bread, cakes, broken biscuits and scones, into a large plastic bag. Add a little parrot or other bird seed, wheat, a handful of raisins or other dried fruit.

To the melting fat add a tablespoon of honey, bits of bacon rind, meat scraps, any tasty leftovers from the refrigerator. Seeds, berries or damaged fruit from the garden

can be added. When the fat is nearly or completely melted, add the dry ingredients from the plastic bag, a little at a time, stirring well.

Continue to add and stir so long as when you press, the fat still oozes out of the mixture.

This is the secret of making a firm pudding; if the fat is not oozing out the pudding will crumble and be gobbled up too quickly.

Transfer the mixture from the saucepan into a china or plastic pudding basin—take care, it will be **hot**—push it down well till the basin is nearly full.

Place a saucer upside down on top and press it down until you see fat oozing around the edges. You should be able to make two large puddings. Your pudding is now done—leave it for a day and a half to cool and set. They can be eased out of their basins by sliding a plastic spatula between the pudding and inside of basin. Place a pudding on a feeding table or hang it on a tree in a wire basket.

A Drink

A bottle can be attached by wires to a post, upside down into a shallow dish. Fill bottle with water and raise it a little to allow water to find its level.

Bathing

When planning a bird bath or pool, check to see if any of the birds in your area like to dive in—you may want to make the bath deeper for them. Do remember their enemy, the cat, when the birds are bathing they get quite excited and forget to keep a look out, and it is then they are most vulnerable.

Safety for Birds

Cats are their natural enemy; it might be best not to feed the birds if you have a cat for a pet.

Some dogs are killers, and so are some insecticides—dieldrin, D.D.T., chlordane, for example. (See if a herb mentioned in last month's "Matilda" will do instead of a spray.)

Human beings, when they disturb the eggs or keep the parents away from the nest.

Can you be a good hostess to the birds in your garden?

Visiting the Birds

Next time a bush outing is being planned in the unit the girls might find a place with a good bird population. Local field naturalists and bird observers will help.

For Melbourne and suburbs people—look for a fairly big area of natural bush with some water. "Britannia Park" and "Mindakilara" (near Romsey) are ideal; Studley Park, Sherbrook Forest (not on a public holiday), the You Yangs, Churchill National Park and Heaney Park (near Rowville), and Altona, for water birds.

Prepare Yourself

- You need—
patience,
ability to sit and stand very still,
ability to move quietly,
soft voices,
quickness of eye.
(Does that suggest some games for the weekly programmes?)
- Learn to use reference books;
- learn to use binoculars (these should not be too heavy, 6 x 30 or 8 x 40 magnification);
- learn to do rough sketching (The Gould League sketch book will help);
- gather a little knowledge;
- find out what birds live in the area;
- gather pictures of them.

Interest on the outing will soon be captured if a few birds are quickly recognized, a desire for a closer look for more detail will follow.

To help gather a little knowledge, use the pictures for games. Any photographs or drawings, or you might buy a set of Whitcombe's bird pictures which match with Leach's book, or two copies of an inexpensive book, e.g., Gould League's or the Instant series, and cut one up.

Cut off the names and gender signs and paste pictures on to individual cards.

- Here are some hints for using them—
- use a book to match and identify;
 - after identifying, find out something of interest, e.g., behaviour habits;

- put names on separate cards, pair names and pictures in a game of concentration;
- make up a "Who am I?" quiz —

I am black and white;
I am a meat eater;
I am about 40 cm long;

The first player to identify the bird takes the pictures; the one with the most pictures wins. Can be played in teams.

- Be prepared for the girls whose interest will wane fast, and who just cannot keep up long spells of standing and sitting still — they might return to a base "camp" for other activities or hike in the opposite direction (necessary supervision and safety precautions, of course).

The Actual Visit

Take a keen bird watcher.

Wear suitable clothing and shoes.

Take binoculars, reference books and your bird cards, notebooks and pencils, hike first aid kit.

Hike ground sheets.

Find a good spot; sit or stand very still; sudden movement or noise will send your hosts flying. Be patient; they might not be accustomed to friendly visitors. A good mimic might bring a bird close. I once found myself surrounded by female Golden Whistlers which had come to my whistling. The first time I discovered the ability to mimic was on a Pack Holiday — the Brownies noticed there was an answering call to my efforts and it was getting closer, so we all stood very still and the colourful male golden whistler came to a tree nearby, looking puzzled. In minutes he had converted 16 Brownies and one Guider into keen bird watchers!

And what a delight it was later to hear a soft Brownie voice telling a grey thrush, "You are a beautiful bird," and reassuring him, "We are friends, you need not run and hide". And he didn't!

After the Visit

Any thank you's?

Keep the recording and reporting of sightings alive by showing interest and participating.

Have an activity now and then to widen interest.

Use your artists —

- sketch beaks and feet on separate cards and play matching games; if really keen add nests;
- paint silhouettes for recognition games.

Researchers could find out what food the different birds eat, write on slips of cards. To play the game, spread the bird pictures around and place food cards on them. To make it a team game, have more than one set of food cards, each set marked in some way. At the end of the game, any incorrect diets can be rectified by appropriate team — points lost if you wish.

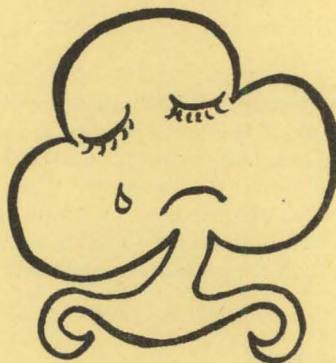
Talk to the birds: they will delight you and bring you pleasure, great knowledge of the natural world too, if you care to listen, watch, and read the signs.

Books Mentioned

"Survival" — Gould League of Victoria. Nature magazine published three times a year. 25 cents a copy, obtainable from the League, P.O. Box 96, Ashburton, 3147.

"A Series of Conservational Activities" — Boy Scouts World Bureau. (Free Wildlife is one of the series.) Obtainable from Guide Shop, \$2.00 a set.

See May "Matilda", page 239, for other bird books available from Shop.



Sue is sad, some folk are not reading the green supplement as well as the white pages of the Training Calendar.

Sue had great fun making the Pack Frame described in the August issue, and has kindly left it in the Training Department for anyone who would like to see it made up.

8 point badges

HOW LONG?

TOO LONG!

SO LONG!

Badges green, gold, red and blue,
Dear Guider it is up to you,
A four year programme for all Guides,
To progress well on all eight sides,
Enthusiasm does subside so send them on
—let's look wide.

Since the development of the 8 Point Programme many requests have been made for a fifth 8 Point Badge. This is not available and it is not considered desirable to introduce one.

This "Guide" time in the Girl Guide Movement is designed to be a four year productive programme.

It may take some girls up to 12 months to settle down into full participation in the Guide Programme, but the girl who starts immediately to make progress could be needing to extend her interests by the time she is 15, so we hope that **you will** encourage her to leave Guides for Rangers or any other youth organization at this time.

Girls very often have many school and social commitments at this age, and it is felt that it is better that the girl leaves Guides while she is still enthusiastic about it rather than hang on just drifting in and out as it suits her. This attitude does nothing for the girl concerned and as she is usually a Patrol Leader or Second it is a poor example to the younger Guides to see her with this lack of enthusiasm. No doubt we have all seen and experienced the disruptions to the Unit caused by the disinterested attitudes to the newer members by the older and more mature Guides.

These girls in the long run will probably be most grateful to be encouraged to progress beyond Guides and often a word to the parents, who sometimes encourage them against their own opinions, may set their minds at rest that we are not feeling let down, but pleased that "Mary Anne" is leaving Guides for a good reason.

In this era of opportunities for girls to do a thousand things, as well as Guides, it is surely better that they have 3-4 years that they remember with enthusiasm rather than that awful last year which created such havoc between parents and girl, boy friend and girl, other girl friends and girl, teacher and girl, and girl and her other developing interests.

Divided loyalties are hard to make decisions about. Let us help our older Guide to decide, before Guides has become a drag and a bore. It is a lot easier for us to see what is happening at Guides than for the girl or the parents, so it is up to **us** to speak up and encourage them to progress elsewhere.

If they leave while they are still enthusiastic instead of drying up all their enthusiasm, all because of an extra year, who knows? We may have them back as Leaders.



NOTICES

ANNOUNCING A NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SONG, 1975.

Are your Brownies songsters? Do your Guides sing with gay abandon at every opportunity? Rangers, have you sat over the embers of a camp fire, quietly singing your old favourites, while a guitar provides a gentle background, and contentment reigns?

If you can answer "Yes" or "Maybe" to any of these questions, READ ON —

Australia plans to hold a National Festival of Song during 1975. There will be competitions for each of our three sections — Brownies, Guides, Rangers — and every unit in every state will be able to take part. Heats will be held in local areas and finalists will come together for special State Finale. It is hoped that the winners from each State will be able to meet together for an exciting All Australia Grand Finale to be held during the August school holidays.

Plans for this Nation-wide Festival are still in their infancy, but we're sure you and your girls will want to BE IN IT, so START warming up those voices or musical fingers NOW.

THE COUNCIL FIRE

The Council Fire is the official magazine of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Through the Council Fire leaders can keep up to date with Guiding activities throughout the world.

Each Council Fire Correspondent regularly contributes articles which are of international interest. To keep those overseas in touch with Guiding in Australia, I would be grateful to receive any articles and photos about activities in your units.

Wendy Smibert,
Victorian Council Fire Correspondent,
4 Mayfield Avenue, Malvern, 3144.

YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

Our next meeting will be **Monday, 11th November**, at Guide Headquarters, commencing 8.00 p.m.

Our 1974 Break-up is to be dinner at a restaurant at the end of November or early December. Please watch **November "Matilda"** for all details. If any country Guiders are able to come to our break-up, accommodation can be arranged for the weekend.

For further details contact Judy Pretty (89 9637), 569 Elgar Road, Box Hill North, or Fiona Constable (89 8476), 17 Box Hill Crescent, Box Hill North.

See you at **"THE SPANNING SEMINAR '74"**
on **Saturday, 12th October**
from **9.00 - 5.00** at **Melbourne University**
5.30 - 9.30 at **Headquarters**

It is there that you will learn our new song:
"Everybody's building, everybody's building,
everybody's building, day by day,
Everybody's building, everybody's building,
everybody's building in a different way;
Everybody's building, everybody's building,
everybody's building, day by day,
Everybody's building, everybody's building,
everybody's building in a different way.
We are building bridges right across the
nations,
They are getting stronger day by day,
Hand in hand together strong are our
foundations,
Guiding is the spirit that will pave the way."



FELLOWSHIP DAY

On 24th October (United Nations' Day) members of twenty-eight countries around the world celebrate the founding in 1953 of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides.

Guilds arrange a special function on or near this date, or plan their October meeting as an International one. Usually a collection is made for the Fellowship Fund, which is used to foster good international relationships and help Scouting and Guiding in developing countries. It is hoped that the Australian Trefoil Adviser, Miss Ellestan Dusting, O.B.E., will come from Canberra to help Victorian Trefoil members commemorate Fellowship Day at the annual Trefoil weekend, to be held at Guide House, 25th/27th October.



AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL PUBLICATION

September saw another first for Trefoil members: the birth of a national magazine. This publication, "Australian Trefoil", gives a wonderful chance for members to speak with one another, and to pass on thoughts and ideas around the States.

This journal is to be issued March, May, July, September, and November of each year. Subscription is \$1.00 to the Editor, Miss Amy Bush, 7/3 Harrison Crescent, Hawthorn, 3122. Whilst it is expected that each Guild will subscribe, many individual subscribers will be needed to ensure the paper will be a paying proposition. News items are requested from Guilds, and should be submitted through State Trefoil Advisers.

I.L.

COME AND SEE NEW SOUTH WALES

Here is an opportunity for a Trainer who would like to spend 3, 6 or 12 months travelling in N.S.W. in 1975. Where necessary the Australian Training Adviser is prepared to approach an employer to arrange for leave. Salary by negotiation.

In the first instance apply through your State Training Adviser, stating period which would suit you, together with particulars regarding experience and qualifications.



Here is an excellent opportunity for you to tell your friends about Guiding.

BUY ONE . . . and give it to someone as a SPECIAL GIFT.

10,000 Calendars in 10,000 homes or offices. Think of the impact it will bring each month. This is good public relations. . . .

Available at Headquarters, \$1.00
Posted \$1.20

It has twelve coloured photographs depicting members actively participating in their programme.



P. O. & R.

Please note the following amendment to P.O. & R. Rule 34, page 50, for inclusion in State magazines:

RULE 34, PAGE 50

New clause to be included as No. 6 —
"6. Life Saver (Guiders): Metal Bronze Medallion or higher qualification.
Endurance Test: Metal 'E'."

Present Clauses 6 and 7 to be re-numbered as 7, combined as one item.

The omission of this Rule from our previous amendments is regretted.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Life is a grindstone—it either polishes you up or grinds you down, depending on what you are made of.

GIRL GUIDE BISCUITS

The following information has been received from Arnott-Brockhoff-Guest Pty. Limited concerning the Girl Guide Biscuits which many Local Associations have sold as a very successful fund-raiser.

At present the biscuits are costing \$4.08 per case of 24 packets, or 17c pkt., and are excellent value when sold at 27c pkt. The biscuit firm cannot maintain the price for much longer, so they advise Local Associations to work out the price per packet and add 10c to get the retail price. This gives the L.A. \$2.40 profit per case **all the time**.

During the next year, the months when biscuits will be manufactured are October, 1974, March, June and October, 1975. Orders are to be in by the first day of each of these months, and will be processed during these months. As the firm only manufactures against definite orders, it is usually not possible to take second orders during the nominated month. The minimum order is 10 cases and freight is paid by the firm. It is a good idea for L.A.s to give thought to the size of their orders, as many under-estimate their sales.

Those L.A.s who have sold Guide Biscuits in the past no doubt will want to order some more to sell, but what about those who have not sold them before getting their orders in quickly before the price increases too much. You will be giving your friends very good value for their money and at the same time helping to swell your Local Association funds.

When ordering biscuits, write to the Sales Service Manager, Arnott-Brockhoff-Guest Pty. Limited, 53-71 Huntingdale Road, Burwood, 3125.

LONG SERVICE

At the Annual Meeting of the Barwon Heads-Ocean Grove District a special presentation was made to Brownie Guider, Mrs. C. Emselle, who has served 1st Ocean Grove Pack for twenty years.

Mrs. Emselle's daughter is the Assistant Leader. Mrs. Emselle said she hoped to carry on until her grand-daughters were members of the Pack in a few years time.

The District is very proud of Mrs. Emselle who supports every activity and works hard on the Brownie Cottage Committee, as well as running a very enthusiastic Brownie Pack.

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BE A PATROL MUM

All Local Association Secretaries know the frustration of sending notices home with Guides or Brownies, only to hear that they finish up in the washing machine—no help either to your efforts or to the family wash. Yet with postage so costly, what is a poor secretary to do?

Mulgrave District seems to have the answer. The names of all the Guides and Brownies, with their addresses and telephone numbers, are listed at the beginning of each year, and then divided among the members of the Local Association, about six to each member, who then becomes the "Patrol Mum". When any function is arranged, the Patrol Mum goes into action and contacts her six patrol members, all of whom live fairly near her. They find they get more co-operation by using this personal touch.

GUIDING NEEDS YOU

May I, as the mother of two Brownies and a Guide, say a very sincere "Thank You" to those devoted women in the Guiding Movement, namely the Leaders and Unit Helpers. They devote their time voluntarily and do a marvellous job. It is sad, however, to hear that some mothers seem rather reluctant to offer their services to help their girls in the Companies and Packs. I am a Minute Recorder for the Guiders, a tester, and help with a Pack in my area by doing their books each week. I love being able to help in some small way, and really enjoy reading about what is going on in the District, and meeting people who are involved.

Guiding NEEDS you, so how about it, Mums: give the girls a go, hop in and help.

Z.K. (Mulgrave).

RECIPE CORNER

BUTTERSCOTCH SPONGE

3 eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, 1 tspn. cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ tspn. cream of tartar, $\frac{1}{2}$ tspn. soda, 1 tblsp. plain flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup custard powder, 1 tblsp. boiling golden syrup.

Beat egg whites stiffly, gradually add sugar, then yolks. Fold in carefully sifted dry ingredients, and lastly add golden syrup. Bake in 8 inch sandwich tins in moderate oven for 20 to 25 minutes. This sponge will keep quite fresh for a week in an air-tight container. Fill with cream, and ice with cinnamon icing.

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



CAMPFIRE QUIZ

1. You wake up in pitch-blackness of a tent, and there's no light handy. In your bag there are six black socks and six white ones, all mixed together. You want to pick out a matching pair. What is the smallest number of socks you can take out of the bag and be sure of getting a pair of the same colour?

2. A three-point plug and some touch-up paint cost a total of \$1.20. The plug cost \$1 more than the paint. What is the cost of each?

3. A deep-sea fishing boat is lying in the harbour. Over the side hangs a rope ladder, with its end just touching the water. Rungs of the ladder are one foot apart. The tide rises at the rate of eight inches an hour. At the end of six hours, how many of the rungs will be covered?

4. How much dirt is there in a hole 1 foot by 1 foot by 1 foot.

5. A camp cook wanted to measure 4 ounces of cordial out of a jug, but he had only a 5-ounce and a 3-ounce bottle. How did he manage it?

6. In how many years during a century do Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall in the same year?

7. How many grooves does a gramophone record have?

(From "Kalori," October, 1973.)

(Answers, page 90)

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From the GUIDE SHOP

GAMES TO PLAY

100 Games and Activities	60 cents
Activity Games	50 cents
Brownie Games	30 cents
Guide Games and Recipes	35 cents
Omnibus Book of Games	\$2.00
Wide Games and Night Games	25 cents
Children's Parties	25 cents
Cub Scout Games (Brownies love them)	\$1.65
The Children's Party and Games Book	79 cents
Successful Parties and Social Evenings	79 cents
150 Games and Competitions	79 cents
Fun for the Family	\$1.45
Encyclopedia of Games	95 cents
Fun and Games	95 cents
Games for Socials	70 cents
Games from Many Lands	30 cents
The Woodland Book for Guides and Brownies	\$3.00
Singing Games for Recreation (Book 4 only)	25 cents

CAMPIRE QUIZ ANSWERS

(See page 89)

- Three. Of any three socks taken out, two must be of the same colour.
- Plug \$1.10; paint 10 cents.
- None, because the boat rises with the tide.
- None.
- He filled the 3-oz. bottle and poured it into the 5-oz. bottle. Then he filled it again and poured that into the 5-oz. bottle until the five was full. That left 1 oz. in the 3-oz. bottle. Then he emptied the 5 back into the jug, and poured the 1 oz. that was in the 3 into the 5-oz. bottle. Then he filled the 3-oz. bottle and poured it into the 5-oz. bottle—making 4 ozs.
- 100.
- One on each side.

ALTERATIONS TO PRICES

Please alter your copy on the appropriate page.

Brownie Guide Promise Badge	to 35c
Guide Promise Badge	to 35c
Ranger Guide Promise Badge	to 70c
Commissioner Promise Badge	to 95c
L.A. Promise Badge	to 65c
Region Commissioner Warrant Badge	to \$1.15
Asst. Region Commissioner Warrant Badge	to \$1.15
Division Commissioner Warrant Badge	to \$1.15
Asst. Division Commissioner Warrant Badge	to \$1.15
District Commissioner Warrant Badge	to \$1.15
Asst. District Commissioner Warrant Badge	to \$1.15
Ranger Guider Warrant Badge	to 70c
Guide Guider Warrant Badge	to 70c
Asst. Guide Guider Warrant Badge	to 55c
Brownie Guider Warrant Badge	to 70c
Asst. Brownie Guider Warrant Badge	to 70c
Victorian Camp Badge (for belt)	to 90c
Pack Holiday Badge (for belt)	to 90c
State Badge	to 70c
World Badge	to 55c
Queen's Guide Badge	to \$1.10
Eight Point Badge	to 55c
Australian Friendship Badge	to 70c
Victorian Friendship Badge	to 60c
Miniature Guide Badge	to 35c
Brownie Charms	to 55c
Guide Charms (Gilt and Chrome)	to 55c
15 Year Long Service Ribbons	to 75c
Guide Belts	to \$1.90
White Lanyards	to 50c
Matilda Covers	to \$1.35
Tea Caddy Measure (Brownie)	to \$1.25
Tea Strainer, long handle on stand (Brownie)	to \$3.55
Key Rings — gilt (Brownie)	to \$1.35

Victorian Newsletter

OCTOBER, 1974

Dear Everyone,

According to my calendar it is meant to be spring, but as I write this it is pouring with rain and seems more like mid-winter. It is very disappointing for the Show — so much work goes into preparation of animals and exhibits, and bad weather spoils it for everyone. I was at the Angus Cattle Judging just long enough to get thoroughly cold and to put the sash on the Junior Champion Bull, which was a thrill. As so often happens wherever I go, I met several members of my Guide Family, although I am quite sure many hundreds were there whom I did not see.

I went to a very enjoyable luncheon at Ferguson's Winery at Dixon's Creek, arranged by Mrs. Renshaw Jones to raise funds for the Victorian State Standard. It was a very pretty drive and a most interesting spot.

I was delighted to call on Lady Winneke and we look forward to having her at our Annual Meeting at Kew Civic Centre, at 8 p.m., on Monday, 21st October. I hope many of you are planning to come.

It has been good to visit Units and Districts this month. I had a very happy night with 1st Upwey Company at just a normal meeting, and was interested to see the variety of things the girls were doing. I was given supper with a magnificent sponge cake, not a weekly occurrence, I believe! Monday 16th was a very full night. A visit to Moorleigh District first, which was great fun. All Brownie Packs joined together for songs and games and making delightful badge holders. I was very pleased to be given one. I joined all the Guides for dinner — as usual a superb meal — and then all the Guides arrived and I spent some time meeting them and watching them practise for a Field Day. From there I went to Keysborough District to the First Birthday of the Guide Company and 2nd Brownie Pack. A wonderful group of parents and friends were there to share the excitement. It was pleasing to see how this District has grown in the last 12 months.

Following our last Executive Meeting, we had a discussion on the future of Guiding, the reasons for a fall-off in numbers and loss of the older girls from Guides. If Guiding is to continue to flourish in these times of change, we need your help too. If you have thoughts about the future of Guiding and have some inspiration and ideas, please do contact me. Ask your girls what their thoughts are. They are the ones to make the decision to join Guides and when to leave. I intend asking as many people as I can for their comments, so let's start with all readers of "Matilda". I look forward to receiving many many letters in spite of the increase in postage! Who knows, YOU may have just the idea we need.

With love to you all,

JOAN E. GRIMWADE,
State Commissioner.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

SHOREHAM. — From Della Hutchinson comes this message:

"It does not seem possible but the fact is we are all starting to think about Christmas again — hasn't the year flown? We have the answer to those small gifts you will need — THE SHOREHAM NOTELETS — still 80 cents for 10 envelopes and cards (5 designs). We are not over-printing Christmas greetings this year — so much nicer to have your personal greeting in them, don't you think? They are available in the Camping Department at Headquarters, or from Della Hutchinson (80 3820), or Barbara Larbey (85 6139), and they will also be available at the Annual Meeting of the Association on 21st October.

You will be pleased to know we have planted out 300 more native trees at our beach campsite, and the access road has been surveyed and pegged out ready for the bulldozer to move in as soon as the area dries out sufficiently. As soon as this project is completed we can then proceed with the building of our first toilet-equipment complex. We now look forward to fine weather, development, and your continued support. Thank you."

GUIDE BISCUITS

Local Associations, Units and any groups which sell Guide Biscuits to raise funds, should note that the manufacturer — Arnott-Brockhoff-Guest Pty. Ltd. — has advised a cost increase. After the next baking, scheduled for early October, the price per case will be \$4.80, an increase of 72 cents.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GUIDERS

GUIDE SECTION

Interest Badge Certificates. — Please remember that, when Interest Badges from the Part II Revised Handbook are being done, the word "revised" should be included on the Interest Badge Certificate. Also if the Badge is an "over 13 one", the birth date of the Guide concerned should be written on the Interest Badge Certificate.

Collective Emblems and Interest Badges. — There have been many enquiries in regard to Collective Emblems and Interest Badges earned for the Queen's Guide Badge. If a Guide is not able to complete the syllabus in the Part 2 Handbook by 31st December, 1974, all Collective Badge Emblems and Interest Badges earned before 31st December may still be used.

BROWNIE GUIDE SECTION

Brownie Guide Jubilee Badge. — These Badges are now available at the Guide Shop and cost 10 cents each. Unit Leaders, please encourage your girls to buy them to wear on their uniforms. Don't forget! — On the **right** sleeve **above the cuff**. These badges may be worn until 31st May, 1975.

SHOP NEWS

Guider Jackets. — The Guide Shop has a small quantity of all sizes (i.e., 32" to 42") pure wool Guider four button jackets which are to be cleared at \$14.00 each. It is suggested that Guiders interested should bring their skirt along to match colour.

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

(To be read in conjunction with Training Calendar in "Matilda".)

Stage I — Headquarters.

Weekend — 26th/27th October and 16th/17th November.

Times — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$1.00.

Applications immediately to Training Department, Guide Headquarters.

Summer Training Week.

We hope to include among the Special Subjects the following — Pottery Drama, Macrame and Copper Enamelling. Please check the Training Calendar for further information regarding the training week.

Because of rising costs we are unable to estimate the cost for the Training Week at the moment. Please see your November issue of "Matilda" for this.

Campfire Club.

Final night for the year, 14th November.

...the Guilds... jackets... 45% pure wool... \$24.00... match colour...

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, 21st October
at 8 p.m.

Kew Town Hall

Everyone Welcome

Faded text containing details about the training calendar, including dates, times, and application information.

Congratulations to the recipients of the following:—

Guiders' Long Service (15 years):

Mrs. N. Matthews, Clayton; Mrs. D. M. Sims, Elsternwick.

Combined Long Service:

Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Port Fairy; Mrs. T. Hardie, Deepdene.

Thanks Badge:

Mr. B. Mason, Blackburn South.



APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS:

Mrs. A. B. Hosking, Yarra Junction; Mrs. S. R. Court, Traralgon; Mrs. K. R. Evans, Blackburn South; Dr. C. M. Paton, South Yarra-Toorak; Mrs. N. J. Heydon, Macleod-Rosanna; Mrs. L. G. Bamford, Preston East; Mrs. R. B. Wright, Shepparton; Mrs. B. Carrington, Assistant, Traralgon; Mrs. I. A. Hill, Assistant, Koonung Heights.

RANGER GUIDERS:

Mrs. N. E. Darby, Wattle Park Rangers.

GUIDE GUIDERS:

Mrs. A. D. Hillgrove, 1st Birchip; Mrs. N. P. Summers, 1st Baxter; Mrs. R. N. Spencer, 1st Simpson; Mrs. B. L. Baker, 4th Warragul; Miss E. S. Swyer, 3rd Clayton; Mrs. B. Slaghtman, 3rd Mooroolbark; Mrs. R. M. McLean, 1st Hallam; Mrs. J. K. Bennett, 1st Keilor; Mrs. B. I. Lowe, 3rd Overport; Miss W. L. Swift, 1st Canterbury; Mrs. H. Heron, 2nd Chadstone; Mrs. G. A. Whyte, 2nd Mooroopna; Mrs. R. Brice, 5th Beaumaris; Mrs. A. O. Parsons, 1st Bendigo; Mrs. G. Prewett, 3rd Geelong West; Mrs. G. I. Millar, 1st Chelsea; Mrs. V. M. Harris, 1st Edithvale; Mrs. L. J. Collings, 2nd Edithvale; Mrs. L. L. Nankervis, 1st Marysville; Miss M. Behrend, 4th Deepdene; Mrs. W. Tunstall, 1st Wycheproof.

ASSISTANT GUIDE GUIDERS:

Mrs. D. R. D'Elia, 2nd Oak Park; Miss G. P. Robinson, 2nd Oak Park; Miss G. A. Lane, 4th Moorleigh; Miss K. L. Stone, 3rd Frankston; Miss M. E. Brice, 1st Monash; Mrs. J. L. Quinlivan, 3rd Highton; Mrs. W. Wallace, 3rd Warragul; Mrs. F. B. Burrows, 3rd Cheltenham; Miss H. Lee, 2nd Black Rock; Miss P. Firkins, 1st Black Rock; Miss A. H. Poppins, 2nd Yarraville; Miss J. Derwent, 2nd Rosanna; Miss P. Harper, 3rd Yarraville; Miss D. Saunders, 1st Glenhuntingly; Miss B. J. Allanson, 2nd Noble Park; Mrs. V. Bedford, 1st Mooroopna; Mrs. E. Turner, 2nd Yarraville; Mrs. J. A. Henderson, 1st Marysville; Miss M. F. Allan, 1st Wycheproof; Miss S. Nilsen, 1st Ivanhoe.

BROWNIE GUIDERS:

Miss P. A. Phillips, 2nd East Malvern; Miss J. G. Shepherd, 1st Somerville; Mrs. R. P. Hale, 2nd Highton; Mrs. R. Earl, 2nd Eltham; Mrs. M. McCarthy, 1st St. Leonards; Mrs. B. Harris, 2nd Black Rock; Mrs. J. M. Craig, 3rd Lator; Mrs. B. Powlesland, 1st The Basin; Mrs. J. Wales, 1st Yarraville; Mrs. B. C. Ennis, 1st Waverley North; Mrs. W. Collins, 2nd Armadale; Miss J. O'Shea, 2nd Overport; Mrs. N. G. Harding, 1st Central Doncaster; Miss J. Clisby, 4th Mitcham; Mrs. L. Allemand, 1st Mooroopna; Mrs. R. I. Wayman, 2nd Mooroopna; Mrs. D. Pascall, 2nd Geelong West; Mrs. J. Ring, 1st Seville; Mrs. W. G. Aldrich, 1st Anakie.

ASSISTANT BROWNIE GUIDERS:

Miss J. Garrett, 2nd Seymour; Mrs. K. M. Power, 2nd Yarrowonga; Mrs. J. Dunstan, 1st Moorleigh; Miss A. R. Watson, 7th Kew; Miss H. E. Looker, 3rd Melton; Mrs. A. C. Burleigh, 1st Highton; Mrs. J. F. Sheahan, 1st Red Cliffs; Mrs. F. Grant, 1st Bentleigh; Mrs. G. R. Monk, 1st Katunga; Mrs. V. J. Hore, 3rd Warragul; Mrs. R. Duncan, 1st Narre Warren North; Mrs. P. L. Dewar, 2nd Laburnum; Mrs. D. Bendel, 1st Glenhuntingly; Mrs. G. Long, 1st Mossfiel.



REGISTRATIONS

1st Corangamite South Coy.; 3rd Mooroolbark Coy.; 3rd Donvale Pack; 1st Highvale Pack; 1st Kiewa Pack; 1st Meadow Fair North Pack.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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

DIVISION COMMISSIONER:

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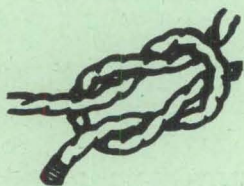
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GUIDE PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we pray Thee, that Thy blessing may rest upon us and all other Guides. Help us with Thy grace to serve our country and keep our Guide Law, and Promise.

Make us humble and friendly, eager for adventure, alert and prepared for Service.

Give us courage to dare to do right, make us both strong to fight and steadfast to endure, and may our lives be filled with the joy that spreads happiness everywhere.

Grant this, we pray Thee, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Especially for Sunraysia Guiders.



At Rosso, Mauritania, water is something to be queued for, by the hour if necessary. Buckets, pails and tins reserve places in the line at the water pump. The flood of drought victims to cities and towns made emergency food distribution easier but has added to the problems of rehabilitating the rural areas.

U.N.I.C.E.F. has joined with W.H.O. and U.N.D.P. in a major survey of water needs, being carried out as a priority programme at the request of the Ethiopian Government.

The Australian Freedom from Hunger Campaign allocation to U.N.I.C.E.F. from the recent appeal conducted by the Disaster Emergency Committee of the Australian Council of Overseas Aid (A.C.F.O.A.) will be directed to water supply programmes.

While it has taken a drought disaster to put U.N.I.C.E.F. work in Ethiopia in the focus of world attention—and world-wide support—the Fund has been working in Ethiopia continuously since 1952, when its programmes were first extended into Africa and a separate regional office was opened in Lagos to take responsibility for African countries south of the Sahara.

Regular programmes now include education and pre-vocational training, family and child welfare as well as the continuation of health services and nutrition, including the provision of high-protein food supplements.

Ethiopia, with its towering mountain peaks and ravines, can provide some of the most spectacular vistas in the world for the traveller. These same tourist features have also prevented communications between the different parts of the country and have helped to keep the remote interior as "a hidden empire." The country has been classified by the United Nations as one of the twenty-five "least developed" and, as such, will continue to be of special concern to U.N.I.C.E.F. for a long time to come.

