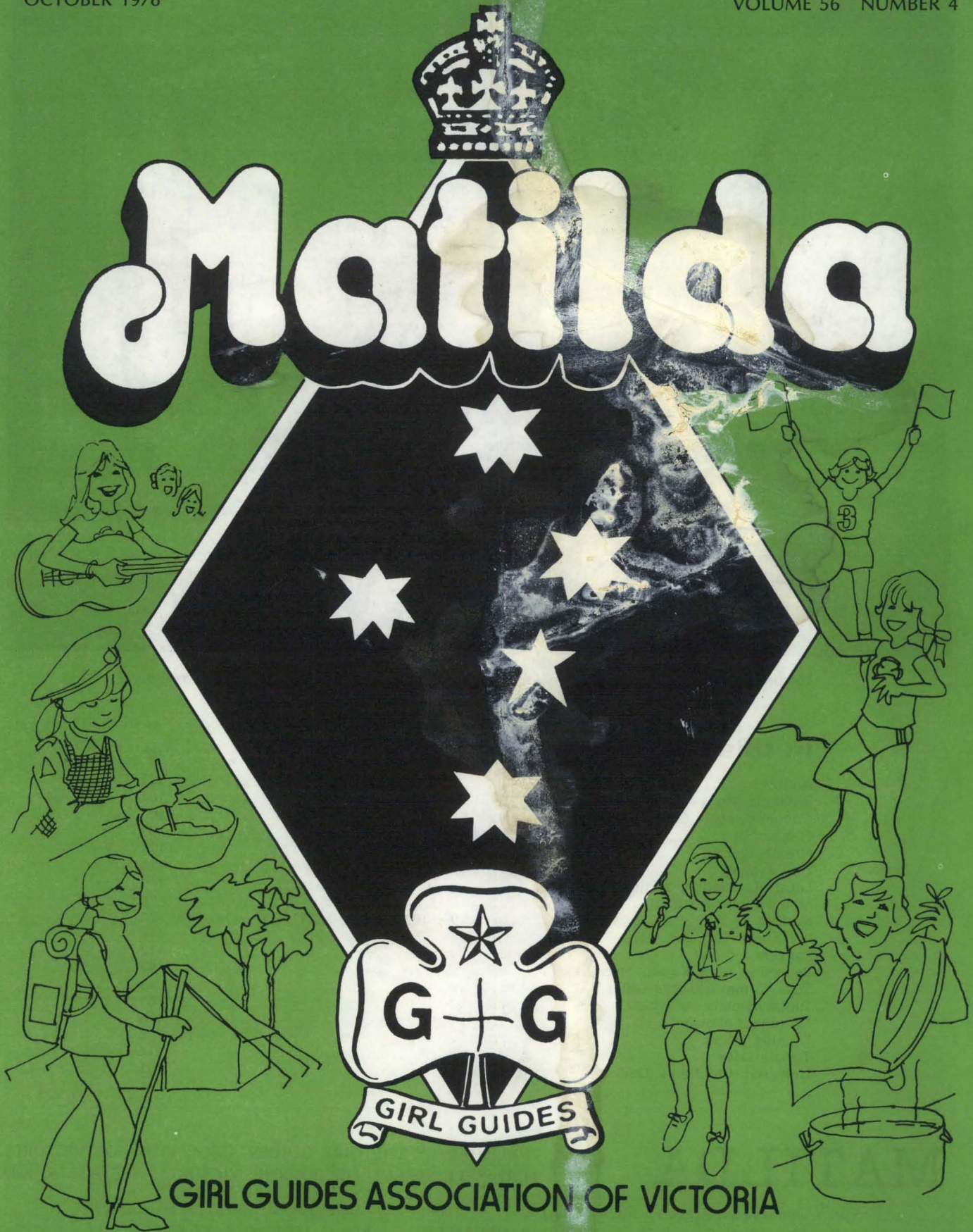


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GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA



Looking in on the recent Australian Association Assembly at Glengarry, New South Wales.

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From our State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

Third term is now under way and the young all have their noses to the grindstone. The holidays went too quickly but we all enjoyed them very much. The Grimwade family spent a very happy week skiing at Mt. Buller with Peg Barr, and once again I met some of our rangers on the summit. I discovered that perhaps I am too old to ski — as I am now hobbling around like Grandma with a decidedly gammy knee.

The week prior to the holidays we had our Finance and Executive meetings at which we received the Annual Statement of Accounts for the past year. It was very pleasing to see that, thanks to the way in which you all responded to the increase in membership fees, we managed to just balance our books. Once again we are budgeting for a deficit in the forthcoming year, but the Treasurer and members of the Finance Committee consider we can carry that deficit considering our sound financial position. At our Executive Meeting we were sad to farewell Mrs Sheila Molesworth. We all greatly appreciate the contribution Sheila made to Executive.

I was disappointed to learn that again this year we saw a small decline in numbers — surprisingly this extended to the Brownie Section also. We still have large numbers on our waiting lists so the fall in numbers results mainly from the difficulty in finding leaders. We have now appointed Dr Kay Patterson as Development Adviser and I hope that this department working together with Region Development officers will help overcome our difficulties with the numbers game. We intend examining all figures with Region Commissioners and hopefully this will help pinpoint areas where help is needed.

We welcome Mrs Beth Kirkham as our new Extension Adviser and I am sure the section will

be very happy under her guidance. We thank Marjorie West very much for all she has done for Extensions during her term as Adviser.

Jean, Lysbeth, Peg and I were greatly honoured to be invited to the Scout Annual Meeting and the most enjoyable dinner which followed it. The Annual Meeting was short and concise — the ideal way to run a meeting. The Annual Report, based on "A Year of Initiatives", showed that Victorian Scouting had an extremely successful year. During my term as State Commissioner I have been very pleased to see the increased co-operation between the Victorian Scout and Girl Guide Associations.

Jean Oldfield went to Encore '78 — her daughter Bronwyn was in the Anne Rylah Rangers item. I believe the event was highly successful and a very happy time was had by all participants. I look forward to hearing more about this from everyone when I return to the office. It does not seem three years since those wonderful concerts at the Dallas Brooks Hall — does it?

I called in at Headquarters one day during the holidays to find the ground floor training room a hive of industry with girls enjoying Leisure Time Activities — enamelling, basketry, brass rubbing and toffee making. All ensured a great day for the participants. We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated leaders prepared to give up their time to teach girls over the holidays.

Gang Show '78 was a S-U-P-E-R, super night! I thoroughly enjoyed the evening except for a few moments when I viewed the uniforms of a certain Guide Company having a truly super time on stage! I was very pleased to have a last opportunity of going backstage and saying congratulations and thank you to all the gang who gave us such a terrific evening.

Today Fred had the pleasure of opening Karvin Park, a Leisure Centre near Kyneton. Accommodation is provided in very comfortable timber cottages or bunk houses. I am sure it will provide great pleasure to the people who stay. Karvin Park is in a delightful bushland setting complete with lake and island. Fred and I arrived in Ben Hall's coach from which Fred was hijacked by bush-rangers — only to be rescued by the local constabulary. You never know what new experiences are around the corner.

Our thoughts have been with everyone gathered in Teheran for the World Conference. I do hope that the unrest in Iran has not marred what should be a truly memorable experience for delegates and visitors.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is to be held at Kew Civic Centre on Monday, 23rd October. Some of our finalists in Encore '78 will entertain us and at the end of the meeting I will hand over to Marjorie West as State Commissioner. I do hope that we will see as many of you as possible at this meeting.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade

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INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

Next May, Victoria will be hostess to 40 trainers from overseas who will attend an International Training for Trainers to be held at Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School.

To help make this project a success, we **need your help.**

Why is this important?

To help our Movement meet the needs of our young people, it is necessary that conferences such as this are held on a regular basis so that the programme can be reviewed. This enables people from various countries to get together to share ideas, and to formulate new and better training programmes for our members. There is a great deal which we can learn from our overseas friends.

How can you help?

You can assist us by organising fund-raising activities in your units.

Your Region International Representative is able to help with any ideas for an International Evening.

Victoria hopes to support a trainer from India. See what you can find out about Guiding in India. Why not have an Indian Cooking night?

This is your opportunity to help Guiding in this country and throughout the world. If every Brownie, Guide and Ranger Unit in the State can raise at least \$5.00 our target can be reached.

See what you can do.

Further information in next month's Matilda.



PROMISE DAY

Big moment at Pack Holiday at "Minda Killara" for 1st Reservoir West Brownie, Karen Smith, came when her guider, Mrs Pam Exell, pinned on her Promise badge.



BROWNIE GUIDE INTEREST BADGES

Designs of Brownie Guide Interest badges have recently been revised and modernised, and will have more colour and appeal to Brownies. These badges will become available as existing manufacturer's stocks run out and the price will be 26 cents.



PACK HOLIDAYS

If, after consulting your Camp Adviser, you are still having difficulty in obtaining staff or staffing experience for your Pack Holiday, write to Mrs P. S. Thompson, c/o Guide Headquarters, for relevant application form, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

This is the final call for members wishing to travel to Kew Civic Centre on Monday, 23rd October, to attend our Annual Meeting. This meeting will be Mrs Grimwade's last official appearance as our State Commissioner and we hope her many Guiding friends will come to express their thanks to her and her team for their leadership. Please notify Headquarters if you intend being present as numbers are required for catering purposes.

FAREWELL TO STATE COMMISSIONER

It would be helpful if Guiders who are planning to bring members of their units to Fitzroy Gardens on Saturday, 21st October, would send in their names and approximate number to Headquarters as soon as possible.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

GET GOING — GET GUIDING.

At last our 'Get Going — Get Guiding' bumper stickers have arrived and are available at the Shop or through the Public Relations Department for 8 cents each.

Calendars — there are still calendars waiting to be collected. Will Local Association secretaries please arrange to collect orders immediately.

Foto Fun — correction to entry forms —

- * Do not return your entries to Pacific Films.
- * All sections deal with guiding only, including humour. and entries are limited to 6 photographs overall.

MOBILE GUIDE SHOP

The Shop will be in the Mornington Peninsula Region for one day only, and will be open at Rosebud Guide Hall, Jetty Road, on Saturday, 11th November, between 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

A wide variety of goods from the Melbourne Shop will be brought to Rosebud, so take the opportunity to buy for your units, local associations and Trefoil Guilds and, with Christmas not far away, you may like to do some Christmas shopping from the books and gift items available.

RANGER-RANGER GUIDE SECTION

The Executive Committee has agreed that, except in exceptional circumstances, no Ranger Guide Unit or Ranger Group will be considered registered with Headquarters unless there is a minimum number of five members in the unit. If a unit falls below this strength there should be a period of three months allowed for it to carry out promotion and recruitment before the registration is cancelled.

GUIDER LONG SERVICE BADGES

We are pleased to advise that, at long last, we now have supplies of 40 and 50 years Guider Long Service Badges.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

It has come to our notice that there is confusion concerning the time at which a guider or commissioner places on her uniform those badges which denote her appointment. Beret flashes can be worn from the commencement of appointment — it is only the warrant badge which cannot be worn until the warrant has been issued.

OVERSEAS MAGAZINES — A REMINDER

During October Headquarters will accept subscriptions for:

The Council Fire — \$2.00 for one year, \$5.50 for three years (World Association Quarterly).

The Guider — \$7.00 one year, \$19.00 three years (monthly, from Great Britain).

The Guide — \$6.20 one year, \$16.00 three years (monthly, Great Britain).

The Brownie — \$14.00 one year, \$36.00 three years (weekly, Great Britain).

All of these magazines are well worth reading, so make your selection and subscribe now.



Encore '78

Remember all the lucky girls who won their Sections at the State Finals of "Encore '78"? The next step was the National Finals (non-competitive) in Brisbane and all 83 girls immediately explored ways and means of earning money for air fares. Each girl was advised that she would have to provide \$75, while the committee undertook to find the balance. The girls raised the money in a variety of ways, e.g., the Warrnambool Brownies conducted a "Good-deed-a-thon"; Glenroy Guides collected, washed and sold used Vegemite jars; one group collected and sold garden compost, while service clubs (Rotary, Lions) also gave assistance.

The guides, ranger guides and most of the rangers flew to Brisbane on Monday, 28th August, while the brownies and the rest of the rangers travelled on Wednesday. For many girls it was their first flight and there was much excitement. All girls were billeted privately and many new friendships were made.

The Queensland Committee had arranged outings to Lone Pine Sanctuary and the Gold Coast for the girls, who came from all parts of Australia.

Unfortunately, sunny Queensland could only produce rain on these days, but the warmth of fellowship and good fun was always there.

Victoria was invited to open the first concert on Friday night, and we were all very proud indeed to watch our girls on stage. Tasmania, Western Australia and Queensland also appeared on Friday night, while New South Wales, South Australia and more Queensland items had their turn on Saturday night. The overall standard was extremely high and large audiences enjoyed the concerts. Each participant was presented with an "Encore '78" metal badge and a sample bag from the Queensland Committee.

Before we all went our separate ways on Sunday, a very moving Guide's Own was held in a park (the sun decided to relent and shone brightly). Girls from all States took a part in this service — one of our Glenroy guides read a prayer. Too soon it was time for us to board the bus taking us to the airport, the entire Victorian contingent travelling home on one plane.

A very big BRAVO to the Queensland Committee for staging such a memorable event, with such humour and friendship.



Victorian contingent to National Final of Encore '78.

COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

The Commonwealth Girl Guide Commissioners' Conference took place in the United Kingdom from 21st to 25th August, 1978. It was held at 'Foxlease', the Commonwealth Training Centre in Hampshire, and was attended by delegates from 36 countries.

Australia was represented by the Chief Commissioner, Mrs R. Renshaw Jones, O.B.E.

The Conference was chaired by the Commonwealth Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Owen Walker, and discussions emphasised the fact that the individual Guide Associations in 53 Commonwealth countries comprise a total membership of over 1½ million girls in five continents. The strength of the Girl Guide-Girl Scout Movement throughout the world today exceeds seven million members.

It was resolved that every effort should be made to make better known to Commonwealth Governments, educational and youth agencies, the important role which is performed by the Girl Guides Association in each country. Each is a recognised non-governmental organisation and plays an integral part in all matters concerning the informal education of young people and community service.

Renewed efforts are to be made to strengthen Commonwealth links, to increase awareness of the Commonwealth, and for each country to achieve greater understanding of other Commonwealth countries.

Mrs Renshaw Jones comments that

"On three occasions we were able to spend time with the girls — the focal point of all our Conferences and endeavours. By individual invitation we dined at patrol or company camps in the grounds; were joined by representatives for the opening and conduct of our Commonwealth Market (where souvenirs, pamphlets, curios, were sold or given away) and, finally, shared a superb camp fire on the Foxlease lawn. In addition, Guides and Rangers (in impeccable uniform) gave service in the dining room by carrying food and clearing dishes."

and

"Two aspects especially impressed me — firstly, the women of initiative and intelligence who expressed themselves so ably — this was particularly noticeable in some younger women in the newly independent countries. A number were teachers, a few were wives of leading politicians, one the wife of a Chief Justice, another a member of the Judiciary, one an eye specialist; many held full-time jobs in addition to being wives and mothers. The interests, hobbies and community service in which they are involved is boundless.

Secondly, the sisterhood and camaraderie which showed in so many ways — to the Chief Commissioner of Cyprus whose luggage was lost without trace en route — to the Chief Commissioner of Kenya, so deeply sorrowing at the death of her country's President Kenyatta. The way countries in adjacent areas of the world (near neighbours) combined — not as a "clique" but sometimes manoeuvring their less "forthcoming" sisters to the right place at the right time with a little reminder. The exchange of information, etc., between the larger independent Associations, the newly independent Associations and the Branch Associations — a sharing of, and interest in, problems, ideas, solutions, suggestions.

One of woman's important roles was highlighted by the presence of the one-month-old son of the Chief Commissioner of the New Hebrides and when "mum" was last at meals or arrived late for a session, we all understood that "junior's" feed times had to take precedence. There was never any lack of nurses to cuddle the chuckling, dark-eyed Andrew."





UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY

Have YOU prepared to celebrate Universal Children's Day on 25th October? Good! If you have not, then quickly get your Universal Children's Day Kit from UNICEF, 49 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000.

This kit contains UNICEF posters to decorate clubrooms and ideas for things to do on Universal Children's Day.

The educational theme each year can increase understanding of children's problems in developing countries. The 1978 theme "Health Care — Every Child's Right" is a reminder that only a lucky few of the world's children are within reach of a doctor, nurse or hospital to treat them when they are ill or injured.

Additional contacts, after hours and weekends — Mrs E. Morgan, 1009 Malvern Road, Toorak (telephone 20 5408), or Mrs P. Warland, 73 Madeline Street, Burwood (telephone 29 2866).

It would be a shame to miss an opportunity to do something special.

On this fourth Wednesday in October we send our love and thoughts to ALL children in the world, not only to brownies, guides, rangers, leaders of units, districts, divisions, regions, states and countries who belong to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Do you know why? It is because the World Association is associated with the United Nations Association, and separately with the United Nations Children's Fund — UNICEF. In Australia we have a Liaison Officer, who votes for us at the UNICEF Committee of Australia's Annual Meeting. So we BELONG!

If October has "crept up" on you — perhaps you could find a good World Atlas and discover

a country that does not belong to W.A.G.G.S. and try to find out something about the children of THAT country.

That will be a good start for 1979, which is a very special year, THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, when the whole world will be thinking and planning to make the life of every child in the world as wonderful as yours is! Perhaps one of you will think of a special way to help children. Remember it was the bright idea of one little brownie which resulted in thousands and thousands of dollars of gift "Ice-creams for the Chief", which Olave, Lady Baden-Powell with her unfailing generosity and love gave to help so many Guiding projects in the less privileged countries. It could be YOUR idea which is chosen for the Australian project.

Australia's National Co-ordinator is Senator the Hon. Margaret Guilfoyle, Minister of Social Security.

In Victoria, our State Co-ordinator is the Hon. Walter Jona, M.P., Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and Assistant Minister of Health. The State Chairman is Dr Anthony Clements, Director of Infant Health. He will head a committee of approximately 20 members representative of organisations working closely with and for children. You will be glad to know that the Girl Guides Association is one of them.

You will read and hear much more about this International Year of the Child as time goes by but, please, as you start planning for your own Thinking Day on 22nd February, start planning too for every day of 1979, remembering what our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell said: "When you think you are looking wide, look wider still".

—MARJORIE ANDERSON.



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THINKING DAY 1980

In 1980 World Guiding will be 70 years old. How can we best celebrate this achievement? Let us start planning **NOW** to do something really **BIG** for Thinking Day 1980.

Let us make it a day for us all to get together — perhaps at the Myer Music Bowl or the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

We expect to be able to arrange hospitality for country members.

We need your co-operation and we need your ideas by 30th November, 1978.

Please send all suggestions to Miss Beverley Cornell, 3/30 Ryeburne Avenue, Hawthorn, 3122.

NEW ZEALAND COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 1980

An invitation from The Girl Guides Association, New Zealand, has been sent to all member countries of the Asia Pacific Region to attend the following —

- a conference at Massey University, Palmerston North — 8th-11th February, 1980;
- a gathering at Arahina, Girl Guides Association's National Training Centre, Marton — 11th-15th February, 1980;
- a bus tour from Auckland to Christchurch — 3-4 days both before and after the event.

Two commissioners from each country are invited, although, if space permits, extra delegates may be accepted.

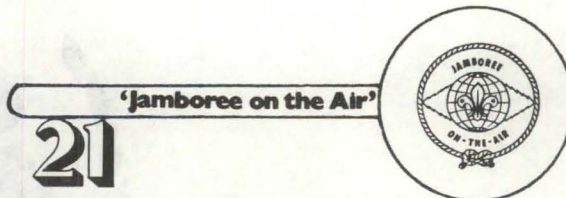
Home hospitality is offered throughout bus tour and before and after to fit in with delegate's travel.

The gathering and tour will be geared to overseas guests and a limited number of New Zealanders.

Delegates will be asked to arrive in Auckland and leave from Christchurch, and the fee is approximately A\$100.00.

Closing date is 26th March, 1979, and selection will take place at Headquarters between 10.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, 7th April, 1979. Applicants need to wear uniform and bring lunch, and applications are limited to one per region.

PLEASE APPLY TO YOUR REGION INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE.



Are you taking part on 21st-22nd October?

When returning your log sheets (before 1st November), I would be pleased if you included any small notes on what you may have done.

Good Luck — Happy listening, talking, receiving and sending.

Do not forget a letter of thanks to the operator. You may like to go back again next year and I am sure this would help.

—JOYCE KELLETT,
Guide Liaison.



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Next International Workshop will be held at Headquarters on Saturday, 11th November, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Areas to be discussed include finance, ideas for unit international activities, and the four World Centres.

For further information please write to Miss W. Swift, International Adviser, C/- Guide Headquarters.



SANGAM — PROGRESS IN THE FARM AND GARDEN

Much has been accomplished in the farm and garden at Sangam. An area of land was levelled, free-of-charge, by the Military Engineering College, and a variety of crops is being cultivated. Coconut trees and coffee plants are being grown on an experimental basis.

Heavy rains produced an abundant harvest. The vegetables grown are used in the house, and any surplus is sold. Profits from the sales go towards kitchen expenses. The staff now intend to keep a cow, and chickens.

New equipment for the farm includes a water storage tank, donated by the Girl Guides' Association of New Zealand, and a water spray from the Bureau of Agriculture.

(from World Bureau Newsletter.)

SUPPLEMENTARY



ACTIVITIES

WHOOPEE DAY

This is a family day, and the final activity to be run by SAC for 1978.

DATE: Saturday, 25th November.

TIME: 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

PLACE: Braemar College (formerly Clyde School), Woodend (near Mt. Macedon).

Come along and join in the fun! Activities we hope will take place all day are orienteering, a commando course, tennis, croquet, a golf competition in putting and driving nearest to the pin.

Other activities we hope to include are boomerang making and throwing, Punch and Judy shows, kite-making, "Potter Corner" (a fascinating opportunity to make things of household discards), picnic races for all ages.

Highlight of the day, we hope, will be the "Fly In", where you can bring anything that flies, i.e., model aeroplanes, kites, frisbees, paper darts, glider planes, balloons, etc.

If you would like to be part of this day you will need to bring

1. Your own picnic lunch and drinks. (No barbecues because of restrictions and NO GLASS BOTTLES, please.)
2. Tennis racquets and tennis balls — if you wish to play.
3. Golf putter and driver.
4. Anything that flies (e.g., kites, model planes, frisbees, paper darts, etc.)

There will be a small charge for kite making and boomerang making. We will also have a stall, with goodies for sale.

Get your application in early as numbers are limited.

APPLICATION FORM — WHOOPEE DAY

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

I wish to attend Whoopee Day and enclose the appropriate fees of.....

SINGLE — 70c. Number.....

UNIT — 70c per Head Number.....

FAMILY — \$2.50.

NUMBER IN FAMILY.....

AGES OF CHILDREN.....

SIGNED.....

Parent/Guardian/Unit Leader

Applications close on 14th November, 1978. Please return application form with fees to Mrs M. McLean, 2 Wyatt Street, Seaford, 3198.



SAC ON THE BEAT

We have two new SAC Region Representatives — Mrs Betty Davis, 7 King William Street, Reservoir for Yarra Valley Region, and Mrs R. Bell, 10 Bekenham Drive, St. Albans, for West Metropolitan Region.



BRITANNIA PARK

Once again I remind you of the Wooding Bee on 15th October. Do let us (Jessie Lamond or me) know if you can bring a chain saw, or if you could use one, if we hire it for you. We have had joyful news from Beth Grover at Cressy; the wonderful people in that area have collected a truckload of firewood and Beth's husband will drive it from Cressy, all the way to Britannia Park, for us. Also, Mr Noel Ramage has said we may collect mill ends from his mill at Yarra Junction, so please bring a trailer, if you can.

A wonderful gift to us from Spotswood Local Association, the largest gift the Maintenance Fund has ever received, is to be shared equally by Guide House and Brownie Cottage. Now we have the joyful task of deciding the most needy of all our projects.

Do you remember that, about last March, Mr Fraser predicted a severe winter? We certainly had it. But Britannia Park is coming out of it all right, and we look forward to the visit, once again, of Trefoil Guilders, for their weekend in October. Most of these people have loved the Park for so many years.

Many of you would have known Shirley Luke, who died earlier this year. A rhododendron has been planted in front of Guide House, the money for it was given by many Trefoil members who knew Shirley, and loved her and appreciated her service to Guiding. Also another rhododendron has been planted nearby, in memory of Beattie Ellison, a founder member of Eastern Suburbs Trefoil Guild. This was donated by Mrs Phil Pinder in appreciation. Rhododendrons thrive in certain parts of Britannia Park, have a long life, and are so beautiful. It is a lovely way to remember one's friends, and the service they have given to Guiding.

It is most exciting to see how many of you are helping through the Maintenance Fund. We apologise to Strathmerton Local Association for giving their credit for 1st June to Strathmore Local Association. Thank you also to Glen Iris District (7th April), Spotswood Local Association (1st-14th

April), Bright Local Association (11th July), Deepdene Local Association (23rd July), Blackburn South District (29th July), 1st Dandenong South Pack (4th August), Miss N. Young (6th August), 1st Bonbeach Pack (8th August), Longwarry Local Association (9th August), Springfield Local Association (10th August), 2nd Kerrimuir Pack (11th August), Miss M. Tharle (14th August), In memory of Aileen Horsefall (15th August), Mrs B. J. Turner (14th-18th August), 1st Research Guide Company (16th August), Plenty Local Association (19th August), 1st Research Pack (20th August), 2nd Deepdene Guide Company (22nd August), 1st Ivanhoe Guide Company (24th August), Glen Waverley Local Association (24th August), Hadfield Local Association (26th August), Invergordon Local Association (29th-31st August).

—PAT GRAY,
Acting Convener.



MOOMBA FOTO FUN COMPETITION

Keep clicking your cameras and send in your photographs and slides.

Please see August Matilda for details.

Entry forms may be obtained from Public Relations Department at Headquarters or from your Region Commissioner.



TRAINING PAGES

Have you ever made PAPER?

A great activity for your Unit . . . why not plan to make your own paper for Christmas Cards?

Equipment

1 container in which to mix paper, blotting paper, rolling pin, hand mixer (I use my husband's power drill with the paint stirring attachment), iron, fly-wire mesh and some lengths of 1/2" square wood; two lengths of string and paper of any colour.

Method

Step 1. Measure the top of your container and make a frame slightly larger, from the 1/2" square wood.

Step 2. With small nails tack the fly-wire mesh to the TOP of the frame, carefully trimming off the excess wire with scissors.

Fasten the string on two sides of the frame to make handles.

Making Pulp

1. Put paper in container, add water and mix with hand mixer — or other — until paper has 'dissolved'.

2. Drain the pulp stock through the wire mesh frame, mixing gently with the water to disperse the fibres evenly. (Do this outside or over sink please.)

3. Place a sheet of blotting paper on top of the mat of fibres and **gently** roll with rolling pin, squeezing out excess moisture. Peel off blotting paper and the sheet will adhere to it.

4. Now place a dry blotter on top of the sheet and iron with a warm iron (set iron for 'cotton') until completely dry. Remove the top sheet of blotter and peel off your self-made sheet of paper.

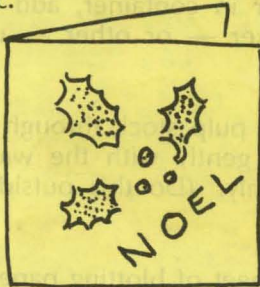
Good luck with your paper making !!!



MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Stencils

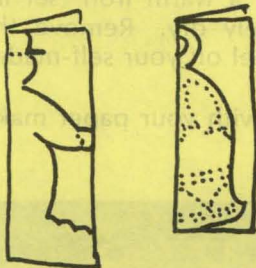
1. Use cut-outs of strong paper or card.
2. Outline using coloured pens.
3. Use pieces of foam plastic as applicators of water paints.
4. The cut-out pieces can be laid on the cards and spatter painted with ink or an old toothbrush rubbed over a comb.
5. Make designs using potato shapes, tops of cotton reels, etc.



Coloured Foil

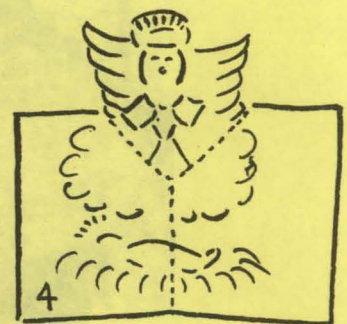
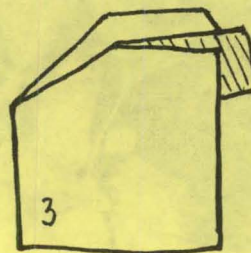
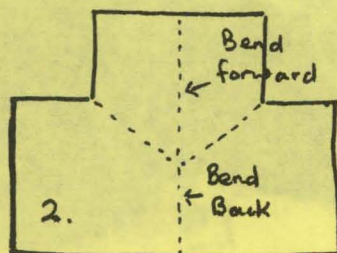
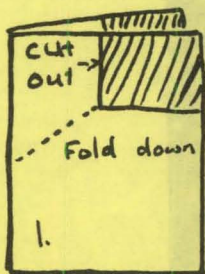
Fold foil and cut shapes.

Paste to cards and press designs with blunt pencil.



Pop-up Cards

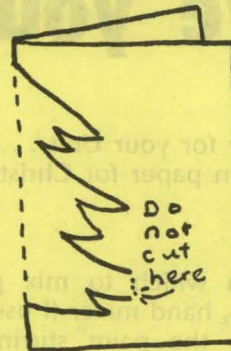
Draw angel on open card inside, fold him away and paste another card over the outside.



Cut-Out and Stand

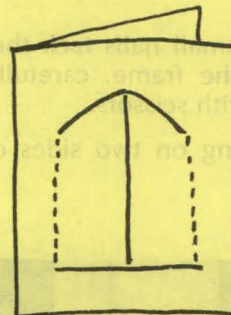
Push tree through to inside and colour.

Glue another card to the outside and decorate.



Open the Door

Fold card, on front draw a door, cut top, bottom and centre of doorway, crease hinge sides. Draw or paste a picture on inside back of card. Seal edges with Christmas tape. Write message on inside door flaps.



HAVE YOU MANY FLIES IN YOUR HOUSE?

(NOTE: This article was originally produced to be included in a Lone Guide "meeting", but we feel it would be equally useful for all guides.)

Here is a letter from Felicia Fly — she lives with Sheeza Grubb.

The Garbage Bin,
2 Much Trash,
DOOR-WON'T CLOSE.

Dear Guides,

Hello! I am Felicia Fly. I live in a garbage bin near the back door of Sheeza Grubb's house. I am a very beautiful fly. I was born in a nice smelly dust-bin quite close to my present home. We had such a cosy little nursery on some decaying cabbage leaves and an unwashed sardine tin. It was such a lovely home! The bin was hardly ever emptied, and Sheeza and her family are so considerate about leaving the lid off!

My mother was a wonderful fly. She reared us all. I am sure that, in her time, she must have brought up hundreds of flies in that self-same bin. She always kept the fly population of Sheeza's house really up to scratch. You know, we are a very old fly family. One of my ancestors was a Norman fly who came over with William the Conqueror, and a later one came out with the First Fleet.

Well, Guides, I am sure that you can just picture me first of all as a beautiful white maggot winning the silver cup at the local Baby Fly Show before changing into the elegant insect that I now am. My sisters are all envious of my lovely hairy legs. Have you ever noticed the sticky pads I wear on all my feet? These are great for walking upside down on the ceiling.

Do you sometimes wonder just what a fly like me does all day long. Well, I am lucky — I am always busy — and happy! There are such a lot of dust-bins in our road, with all sorts of exciting refuse, and when I get tired of playing in the bins I fly off to Sheeza's place. I have many a gorgeous feast there. Such nice generous friendly folk — they never cover any of their food up. Sugar! Ah, bliss! How I adore it! Have you ever noticed my mouth? It really is quite cute — a long tube-shaped thing with a sucker. I will tell you how I eat sugar — I pour some of my saliva on it to dissolve it and then I suck it up with my sucker. Absolutely scrumptuous!

I had a narrow escape the other day. I must tell you all about it. I fell into a jug of milk — a very nasty experience, I can tell you — but I managed to crawl out just in time. I certainly got a real beauty bath that day, but you know, I really do not believe in too much washing. I think it is not healthy.

And now I have a lovely secret — I must tell you. I have laid ever so many dear little eggs in the filth in Sheeza's dust-bin and soon there will be hundreds of dear little flies flying around her house — and just think of how many flies there will be when I become a grandmother!

I must go now — someone has just spat out a lovely sticky toffee beside my bin — I just cannot wait to get my sucker on it! Next time I write I might tell you where flies go in wintertime.

I am, your affectionate faithful friend,

Felicia Fly



P.S.: I hope there are not too many mistakes in this letter — I went to quite the best fly college in the country. It was most select.



Reminder Note:

"Have you planned your Thinking Day Celebration?"

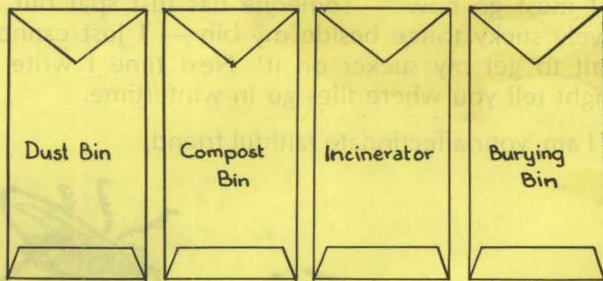
WHERE SHOULD SHEEZA PUT THE RUBBISH

There is always such a mess in her house!

Can you tell her in which bin she ought to put all these things?

Underneath are the 'bins' — make a list for each bin, put your name on it, and put it in the right envelope.

- Broken Bottles
- Dead Mouse
- Chop Bones
- Orange Peel
- Sardine Tin
- Crayfish Shells
- Old Rubber Hotwater Bottle
- Coffee Grounds
- Milk Carton
- Greasy Paper
- Bad Egg
- Stale Crusts
- Old Pair Corsets
- Broken Plastic Doll
- Soft drink Can
- Cardboard Carton
- Old Newspapers
- Ashes
- Egg Shells
- Used Tissues
- Biscuit Wrappings
- Fishbones
- Banana Skins
- Dead Flowers
- Pea Pods
- Tea Leaves
- Potato Peelings
- Plastic Wrap
- Onion Skins



Guides!

We really must help poor silly Sheeza Grubb.

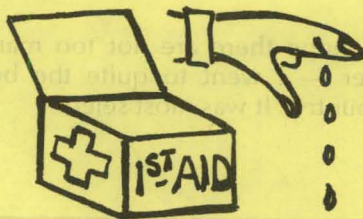
Please write to her and tell her how dangerous Felicia Fly really is and how she can put a stop to her nasty little ways.

From the things that Felicia has told us in her letter, make up a list of the things Sheeza can do to cut down the fly population at her house and include it in your letter.

Put your letters in this envelope.

VERY URGENT

Miss Sheeza Grubb,
2 Much Trash,
DOOR-WON'T-CLOSE.



CUTS

Accidents causing cuts to fingers and legs can easily happen in the life of the young and active.

If BLEEDING appears to be SEVERE immediately APPLY direct PRESSURE to affected area, treat for SHOCK and seek MEDICAL ADVICE.

In the case of a SIMPLE CUT the following treatment is recommended —

DO

- sit the patient down
- clean the affected area under cold running water if possible
- apply a small amount of antiseptic cream if necessary
- cover the area with a band-aid or similar dressing if required.

DO NOT

- leave a cut untreated
- apply dry cotton wool as part of the dressing
- leave a damp or soiled band-aid dressing unchanged.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought for the Month

Happy is she who suffers with the very old,
the very young, the very lonely . . .
for she has COMPASSION.

Happy is she who greets the world with a smile,
and laughter and anticipation . . .
for she has COURAGE.

Happy is she who lives not where she chooses,
but where she must . . .
for she has FREEDOM.

Eureka!

Eureka Local Association held a very successful casserole luncheon. Guests enjoyed delicious food donated by members. Tables were decorated with orange berries and serviettes were in orange and green. A profit of \$250 made a day of hard work (and fun) end on a very happy note. (Eureka is in Ballarat Division.)

Encourage Your Daughters!

Our 16-year-old ranger-guide had just flown out of Sydney alone on her way to a Guide Camp in Tanzania, East Africa. She stood tall in her new, longer uniform (with its Australian flashes and flags) at Tullamarine early that morning and she left us with a smile and a face full of happy eagerness for whatever lay ahead.

She went too with her family's full support — from the early discussions about the possibility, through selection, through all the hard work of raising her own money and thinking through problems that seemed well-nigh insuperable at times.

It has been a most rewarding time for us, as her parents, to watch her accepting her challenges and responsibilities as they arose, working consistently towards her financial goal (\$2000) and appreciating and responding to the tremendous support given to her by various people and groups in Guiding and the outside community.

Mind you, we have been asked many times, "How-could-you-let-her?" and "Why-does-she-want-to?" and even "Where-did-you-say?" And we have had some times of very real worry, but finally it really happened.

Then a telephone call came from Tanzania with a faint and slightly wobbly young voice on the other end. Things were not easy in East Africa and

comfort and courage are hard to send over thousands of miles of very poor connections. Sleep was short in our house, I can tell you, until a perkier call came a few days later.

Now she is safely home again, thinner and browner and so very, very glad that she went. The constant stream of letters arriving from Tanzania, Zambia and Norway testify that others are very glad also.

We are immensely proud of her — proud of the way she grew so quickly in her understanding of the immense problems facing this poverty-stricken emerging black nation, and proud of the love she gave to and received from so many people in the name of Guiding.

And she is just one!

At lunch-time the same day another ranger-guide left Tullamarine alone for Portugal and that night a guide from Tasmania passed through on her way to England. Norway, Sweden, Austria and Taiwan also will see our Victorian girls as ambassadors for Guiding and Australia this year.

Support your daughter in her Guiding at whatever age level, help her to understand its aims and to realise that she is part of a worldwide sisterhood and encourage her to make it all come alive when the opportunity presents later in her years as a guide and ranger.



RECIPE CORNER

Lemon Tea Cake

4 oz. butter or margarine, 1 cup castor sugar, 2 eggs, 1½ cups S.R. flour, rind of large lemon, ¼ cup milk.

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs, then flour and milk, lemon rind.

Bake ¾ hour at 375°. While hot, pour over syrup made from ¼ cup castor sugar and juice of 1 lemon stirred over heat.



Please send contributions for this section to Mrs W. Pye, 31 Kerferd Street, East Malvern, 3145.

The world is full of beauty when the heart is full of love.

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

Never been to a Commissioners' Conference? You haven't lived!!

Earlier this year I went to my first conference and not only did I renew acquaintances with training friends from recent months, but I also saw familiar faces, one from my childhood guiding days (and she did not look any different), and one who had been a guider in our district some years ago. I met friends from school days and, to top all, one of the girls, serving our much appreciated meals, lived in the next street when we were youngsters!!

It was a wonderful conference and I know the next one (I intend being there) will be just as much fun.

It was a very beneficial and happy time. Where else would someone with a lovely smile say to you, "Could you do a skit for campfire tomorrow night?" and in the next breath, "Sleep well!" HELP!!!

—"A NEWHEY",
Forest Hill.



ELIZABETH MUIRHEAD

In December 1950 Mrs Elizabeth Muirhead, a young Scottish widow, with her son accompanied 29 homeless British boys to Dhurringile Boys' Home, where she joined the staff as matron.

She became leader of the first cub pack in Murchison and later, having been a guider in Glasgow, she became vice-president of the local association when Guiding began in Murchison.

She was a badge tester for both brownies and guides and often helped with camps and activities. She also helped to form our Ranger Guide unit, which she led until her death in June.

Mrs Muirhead, who taught Scottish dancing and religious instruction at primary school, remained a loyal and patriotic Scot and shared tales and legends of Scotland with the young people.

Mrs Muirhead is remembered with love and gratitude by many Murchison families, but she was Murchison Rangers' "everything". We will miss her very much, but we have many precious and special memories.

—CAROLYN WATSON.

JANET WHITLAM MEMORIAL PARK

Guiders, now that nicer weather is coming, you will be looking for somewhere to take your girls on an outdoor day activity. We have a delightful camp site known as Janet Whitlam Memorial Park, situated opposite the property "Mooltan", in Mt. Morgan Road, South Belgrave. There are adequate toilet facilities and the site may be reached by either car or train. Train travellers have a three-mile hike from Belgrave station along the Hallam Road into Mt. Morgan Road, South Belgrave.

Why not organise an outdoor day now by telephoning Headquarters on 63 7911.



GOING CAMPING IN THE SPRING?

Book now for "KOORONGA",
Dandenong Region Campsite,
6 kilometres north of Dandenong.

8 Hectares of beautiful bush. Hot and Cold Shower. Septic Toilets. Belt and Blanket Badges available to campers.

Please note new booking secretary—Mrs Margaret Owens, 23 Summerlea Road, Narre Warren, 3805. Telephone: 704 7931.

MACEDON DIVISION GARDEN DAY

On Thursday, 26th October.

10.30 a.m. at Lowland Farm, Mt. Macedon, for morning coffee.

View gardens in full spring bloom, then lunch at 12.30 p.m. in C.W.A. Hall. Cost \$3.00.

If attending, please inform Mrs C. Pricor, "Lauriston Park", W.S.D. Kyneton, 3444. Telephone (054) 22 1454.

GET GOING



GET GUIDING

GUIDE GUIDERS' WEEKEND



This is the motif for 1979's Guide Guiders' weekend. In Victoria we have not had a gathering or conference for guide guiders since 1975 — so hope that 1979's will be extra special. So that guiders can have fun, meet other leaders, exchange ideas, and relax, the event is being held at Gilwell Training Centre, Gembrook, on 31st March and 1st April.

You can come for the weekend, or for the day. There will be catered-for indoor accommodation available, but if you prefer to make up a group of 4-6, why not bring your own tent and food and cater for yourselves?

Already region representatives have come up with what they think the programme could include — but I would like your ideas and suggestions. Write to me care of Headquarters.

This is YOUR weekend, help us make it memorable.

COUNTRY DANCE BADGE

Recently I received a letter from a country guider asking for help in finding dances which fitted the various formations required.

Not being a dance specialist, I sought the help of the Education Department Physical Education section. I was referred to a book which I feel would help any guider who wished, with her guides, to explore country dancing, whether for the badge or just for fun. It explains, with diagrams, the various formations and steps, then gives direction for seventy-seven dances.

In the badge syllabus reference is made to "round whole-set" and "round progressive" formations, whereas the book has single and

double circle formation. A Physical Education teacher's opinion is that circle formations would be suitable — the "round progressive" being those where partners changed.

This useful book is "Folk Dance Directions", Standard 2 to Form 2, by the Physical Education Branch of the Department of Education, New Zealand. I obtained my copy from "Allans", 276 Collins Street, Melbourne.

—YVONNE JAMES.

OVERNIGHT STAYS AND EXCHANGE VISITS

Please note: Brownie and Guide Guiders.

With the introduction of the P.O. and R. ruling which allows warranted guiders without camping/holiday qualifications to have two "overnight stays" per annum, it may help to interpret the difference between "local" overnight stays and visits involving travel outside the unit's district.

For units to stay overnight in a local guide hall, a guider's house or similar, requires comparatively simple arrangements and the completion of a form (Group Accommodation) which checks such things as suitable adult supervision, parent permission, cooking, washing and toilet facilities are adequate. This form is to be in the hands of the district commissioner at least 14 days before the "overnight" stay. Forms are available through district commissioners.

When a unit plans to visit another town or exchange visits with a country or metropolitan unit, more detailed planning is needed. For these events guidelines have been produced which guiders can adapt to the type of visit planned. If practical, up to three months forward planning is suggested. For this type of stay a form (Single Accommodation) is available for "billeting in private homes", or if staying as a group in a hall or home, the form (Group Accommodation) described for "overnight stays" is required.

A guider who is uncertain which procedure she should follow can discuss her plans with her district commissioner or adviser.

—YVONNE JAMES, Guide Adviser,
JANET COOPER,
Brownie Adviser.

RANGERING AROUND

RANGER SECTION SERVICE PROJECT

As well as service carried out in units, Ranger section organises a special service project each year. All Victorian rangers, ranger guides and their leaders participate in this challenge.

This year we have decided to call our service project **MAY WE SELL IT?**

What will you sell? Think up something original and unusual and start selling **IT** now (**IT** must be sold by May.) We are looking for the most original **IT**.

Sell chocolates and lollies.

Sell cakes at a stall.

Sell tickets to a concert,

Sell almost anything at all.

There are biros or auctions,

Fresh fruits you have picked,

Or think up something different

For your MAY WE SELL IT.

MELBOURNE GATHERING

We have received an invitation for ranger guides and ranger guide leaders to take part in this annual Venturer Scout camp, organised by Yarra Batman Area Scout Association. This year the camp will be held at 'Yabamac' Scout campsite at Wondong from Friday, 1st December, to Sunday, 3rd December. A wide variety of activities will be available and requirements for ranger guides and ranger guide leaders who wish to attend are published in the August newsletter.

Application forms are available from Mrs J. Thompson, secretary to Advisers, on receipt of a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Selection day is 15th October at 1.00 p.m. at Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

KNIT-A-K

Ranger guides, rangers and leaders, come to Morwell Technical School Hall and help make a record by knitting a KILOMETRE! During the weekend 18th-19th November you will see local sights and visit the Moe Folk Museum. Get out your knitting needles and apply NOW! Application forms with the August newsletter.

TAPSY TOUR

Become a Culture Vulture! Come to Tapestry at Strathewen on 9th-10th December and sample a bit of this and that from here, there and everywhere. Try your hand, and feet, at ethnic "crafty-foodances", and enjoy an end of the year light-weight camp at our beautiful property. Ranger guides, rangers and ranger guide leaders are welcome. Application forms with August newsletter.

WEST AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Selection day for this event will be held at Headquarters on Sunday, 12th November, 1978. See August "Matilda" for details.

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was agreed at the conference this year we should hold our Central Surprise Break-up on a Saturday night instead of the usual Friday to give country ranger guides and rangers opportunity to attend. Come and have lots of fun with Central Committee at Guide Headquarters on Saturday, 2nd December, 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Application forms with August Newsletter.

MOORLEIGH DISCO

Moorleigh Ranger Guides will hold a "disco" at King George VI Park, East Boundary Road, East Bentleigh, from 8.00 p.m. to midnight on 21st October. Entry \$2.00 (includes supper).

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Robin Hopwood, a member of North Melbourne (Ann Rylah) Ranger Unit has gained her gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Congratulations, Robin.

DISCO

About 70 ranger guides and friends put on their dancing shoes to dance the night away at the central "Disco" fixture held at Yarraville Guide Hall. The night was a thumping success and all enjoyed themselves immensely.



Fire Danger

During summer, campfires and barbecues are busy providing food, fun and fellowship for hundreds of campers.

But is YOUR campfire or Pack Holiday barbecue really safe?

- Do you thoroughly clear leaves, twigs, grass or other flammable material from the area around the fireplace?
- Is it clear overhead?
- Is it well away from trees, logs, stumps, tents, undergrowth, buildings?
- Are you ALL fully aware of fire regulations in your area — at ALL times of the year?
- Are your fire buckets and wet bags in place BEFORE you even start to build your fireplace?
- Does EVERYONE know how to use a wet bag properly in emergency?
- Does EVERYONE know your fire emergency plans — where to go, what to do, how to act?
- Do the local authorities (police, hospital, etc.) KNOW you are in camp?
- Have you a telephone number for local brigade and quick access to a telephone?
- Is your fire or stove completely out when you leave on a hike?

Since much of our camping is in bushland or grassy areas, extreme care must be exercised with ALL types of fire.

Kerosene lanterns are defined by Fire Regulations as a "fire within a fireplace". As such they are illegal on Total Fire Ban days. Since such days are dangerously dry, the hazard of an overturned lantern is obvious.

Gas appliances are coming into more frequent use, particularly in summer.

These also are illegal on Total Fire Ban days, and the same precautionary measures as with open fires, should be applied when using gas at any time of the year.

The only legal barbecue on a Total Ban day is an **electric** one.

The use of gas appliances within tents or marquees requires great caution and should be avoided wherever possible.

Fire shelters over open fires or wood stoves can be equally hazardous.

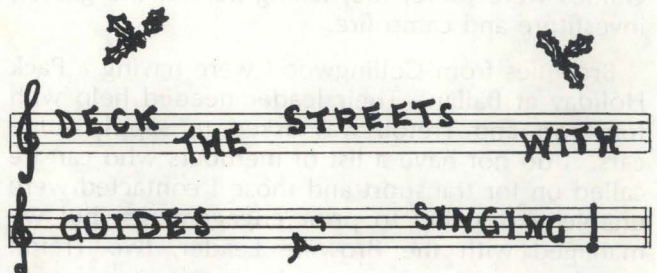
A gas appliance CANNOT be used in a tent or marquee on Total Fire Ban days. It can only be used in a solid shelter, e.g., timber, stone, brick, having at least three walls and a roof.

Fire Prevention cannot be too strongly emphasised in our work with guides and brownies.

Apart from the damage and destruction to countryside, stock and property — the danger to young lives in OUR care is something we must always remember.

From many years experience as the wife of a firefighter, I can say the horror of fire injuries is something which can never be forgotten.

—ANNE L. FRASER,



IF YOUR UNIT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO MELBOURNE SHOPPERS

please contact Mrs N. Jones, Public Relations Department, Headquarters, for details.



Thurs, Fri 1-3 pm.
Lenna Deary
Engineer Gas Co.

TREFOIL TALES

During the last month I have visited a number of Trefoils. The first was **CARINE** Trefoil to hear Ranger Christine Grigg speak of her trip to New Guinea. A letter from Carine, Lady Baden-Powell told of her disappointment at not receiving the telephone call from Carine Trefoil earlier this year. Due to shocking weather in London her telephone was out of order.

The Maroondah Singers' concert was a great success. Trefoils (**TALLARINGA, MANNINGHAM** and **MAROONDAH**) who organised it are very pleased with the result. Over \$800 will be sent to the Memorial Homes Project.

Then came a luncheon at **WAVERLEY** Trefoil. Are you interested in embroidery? If so, you would have enjoyed listening to and examining the beautiful work of Mrs Morna Sturrock, the guest speaker. I was invited to Janefield to a Guide-Ranger meeting when four girls who are now too old for Rangers joined Trefoil. The Bundoora Guides were there, too, taking part in the games, investiture and camp fire.

Brownies from Collingwood were having a Pack Holiday at Ballan. Their leader needed help with transport and Trefoil was asked to supply some cars. I do not have a list of members who can be called on for transport and those I contacted were unable to go due to prior engagements, but we managed with the Brownie Leader, two Trefoil members and two co-opted husbands each driving a car. The order form for the Fellowship Plate No. 2 is now available. You will remember we were able to order the first plate last year and it will be delivered in October this year. Plate No. 2 shows a camp-fire scene. It is produced in blue underglaze surrounded by the running rope with the reef-knot and with the international guide symbol.

Each plate will cost about \$26.00. If you wish to order one contact me (M. Stubbs 89 3898) and I shall send you a form. Most banks will organise a cheque for you to send to Denmark.

Mrs Field of **COOPER** Trefoil has completed 55 years of Guiding. In April this year, the 55th anniversary of her enrolment as a member of the 1st Wannon Mounted Girl Guide Company in the Western District, she saw her grand-daughter, Alison Field of Youanmite, presented with her Queen's Guide badge. Alison's two sisters, Carolyn

and Wendy, also Queen's Guides, were present. Since her enrolment, Mrs. Field has been a lone guide, lone ranger, lone lieutenant, lone guider, local association member and now a Trefoil member. That is certainly a lifetime in Guiding.

The Baden-Powell Retirement Homes Project Committee invites you to a luncheon at "Ripponlea", 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick, on Monday, 13th November, at 12 noon. Guest Speaker will be Mr Lloyd Hull, Senior Display Manager of Myer Emporium and member of Australian National Display Association telling of "The Magic of Christmas at Myers". Cost is \$6, which will include several door prizes. Stamped, addressed envelope for tickets to Mrs D. Horton, 30 Marquis Road, Moorabbin, 3189 (557 3512) or Mrs E. Lister, 440 South Road, Moorabbin, 3189 (95 1835).

As "Ripponlea" is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. you may spend as much time as you wish wandering in the spacious gardens.

—M.S.

CLAYTON 21st BIRTHDAY

Clayton District invites past and present brownies, guides, leaders and local association members to 21st Birthday Celebrations, 4.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. on 21st October, at the Guide Hall, Fregon Park, Clayton.

Guides' Own Thanksgiving will be held in the hall at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd October.

For details please telephone Mrs Jean Matthews, 544 2055.

DUNOLLY JUBILEE

1st Dunolly Guides will hold a reunion on 11th November, 1978, to celebrate their silver jubilee and would like names and addresses of former guides and local association members to be sent to Mrs Jan Stephens, South Dunolly, 3472.

FOR SALE

Ranger uniform. Size 36 — \$25.00. Telephone Mrs Westbrook 509 9391 or A.H. 299 1450.

T.D. 80

DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

In the logbooks of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell kept at Commonwealth Headquarters is one marked "Our Wedding" and I was amazed at the enormous number of press cuttings announcing their engagement. They came from papers all over the world and were in a number of different languages. Somewhere I have read that the Chief Guide wrote over two hundred letters of acknowledgement just in the first week after the notices appeared. It is possible that some readers of Matilda are not aware that it was only because two people cancelled their booking at the very last minute that Olave Soames and her father were passengers, as was B.P., on the R.M.S. Arcadian — which sailed for Jamaica early in January, 1912. The Chief Guide gave many details of their early meetings in her book 'Window on my Heart', and the logbooks gave many more.

B.P. was usually Chairman of the Committee for Sports and Amusements when he travelled, and on this voyage Juliette Low, as well as Miss Olave Soames, was also on the committee. In the programme of the Ship's Concert, she is mentioned as being in a quartet with B.P. when they sang 'Sweet and Low'. The logbook had a copy of a poem by B.P. entitled 'Bewitched' with mention of 'Bulgy eyes' and 'Stitches', and those of you who have read 'Window on my Heart' will remember Lady B.P.'s references to these words as being some of the 'secret language' they used while their engagement was still a closely guarded secret. I was particularly interested to see this, as one of the more satisfying aspects of the work as archivist is coming across isolated facts which connect with other known facts to make the whole story fuller.

The engagement was announced on 20th September, and they made their first appearance together in public the following day, when the Chief Scout inspected a yacht which had been given to the Sea Scouts. Soon reporters let their imaginations run riot in descriptions of the forthcoming wedding. I saw many news cuttings saying how the wedding would be in Dorsetshire with a large guard of honour of Boy Scouts — a great ceremonial with the bride and groom inspecting large numbers of scouts — a large congregation including many Army and Naval men. As many readers know, the wedding actually took place very quietly indeed, with no guard of honour at all, though there was **one** scout present. Marguerite de Beaumont tells about this in her book "World Adventure" when Lady B.P. was in France helping

in a Recreation hut — "one of the men spoke to Lady B.-P. and offered his left hand, explaining with great pride that he was a scout and had been at her wedding. She was much surprised and even incredulous over this statement, as their wedding at Parkstone four years before had been quite a private affair. However, the young fellow then explained that he had been passing St. Peter's Church on his bicycle at that exact time that day and looked in to see what was going on. He then realised to his delight that the bridegroom was the Chief Scout, so he remained quietly at the back of the church until the service was over."

There was a description in the logbook of one of the groom's presents to the bride — "a Moorish leather glove box with replicas of all the Scout badges Miss Soames had qualified for, and in the design was a message in Morse". The wedding present from the Scouts was officially presented to the Baden-Powells on the 17th May, 1913 (the anniversary of the Relief of Mafeking) by the Duke of Connaught; it was a 20 h.p. Standard landaulette car, and there is a picture of it in 'Window on my Heart'.

—MARY LAMBE,
State Archivist.



BACCHUS MARSH BIRTHDAY

Bacchus Marsh Guiding celebrated its 21st Birthday with activities organised by the girls of the three Brownie packs, two Guide companies and newly-formed Ranger unit and their leaders. They were strongly supported by local association members who attended to catering arrangements and hall preparation.

A very happy time was enjoyed by all who attended. Many renewed old acquaintances, some met for the first time, others laughed heartily over "old" photographs and slides on show, and everywhere there was the feeling of friendship so characteristic of Guiding.

—BACCHUS MARSH (WANDARRAH) RANGERS.

N-E-W-S

from all directions



CELEBRATION AT BELMONT

About 30 former guides joined present members and their families to celebrate 1st Belmont Guide Company's 25th anniversary.

Barbecue dinner, patrol skits, campfire and supper produced a very happy evening.

—LYNETTE PICKLUM,
1st Belmont Guide Company.

AT NYORA PICNIC FARM

Overport brownies enjoyed horse rides, hayrides, games and feeding lambs and a pig called Arnold when they visited Nyora Picnic Farm. And even though it was muddy it was fun watching cows being milked.

—NICOLE PARSONS,
MICHELLE BROADBENT,
4th Overport Brownie Pack.

WATTLE DAY

Did you know 1st August is Wattle Day? We did not until the guides of 1st North Fitzroy Company invited us to share their Wattle Day Challenge Sports. Two guides met us at the station with a bunch of wattle and as we walked to their hall we noticed wattle blooming everywhere. Our name tags had wattle drawn on them. We had a delicious morning tea, the guides had made scones. This company has a hall of their own with an open fire, it was really cosy.

We played lots of fun games, three-legged races, thread the needle relay, message relay, kim's game, overhead ball, light the candle relay and volley ball. Some of the guides had made an obstacle course, which was great. We played a drawing game and sang songs. Too soon it was time to say thank you and good-bye and we walked back to the station to catch the train home. We think it is a great idea to celebrate Wattle Day and we had a happy day sharing a programme with other Guides.

—5th Brighton Guides.



50 YEARS IN BARWON REGION

Miss May Freeman joined the Guide Association in 1923 and became an enrolled member in 1924. Since then she has been actively involved in Guiding activities in Geelong as leader, commissioner, region secretary, treasurer and training adviser. Region Commissioner, Mrs Ruth Cross, recently presented Miss Freeman with her 50 years long-service brooch.



WANGARATTA CELEBRATES

Forty years service to Guiding by mother and daughter was celebrated at a recent Local Association meeting. Region Commissioner, Mrs T. Lyons, presented a 20-year local association long-service badge to Mrs Maude Broadribb (right) and a 20-year combined long-service badge to her daughter, Mrs Welda Lewis.

Mrs Broadribb joined the association when her daughter became a guide and is currently serving her second term as president.

Mrs Lewis, a guide, leader and local association member, has become leader of recently re-formed 2nd Wangaratta Guide Company.

—PAT MILES.

PACK HOLIDAY AT HALLS GAP

At their Pack Holiday at Halls Gap, 2nd Horsham Brownies liked sleeping in bunks and playing on a trampoline and flying fox.

—CORALEE GARTH,
2nd Horsham Brownie Pack.

FANCY DRESS AT HAWTHORN

6th Hawthorn Cub pack invited Hawthorn Brownies to share their Fancy Dress party. Costumes were colourful and varied and games and supper provided lots of fun.

—MANDY WAIN.

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WATTLE AWARD IN WIMMERA

Earlier this year at a Getting-to-know-you dinner for past and present leaders, commissioners, and local association members in Wimmera Region, Mrs Lesley Reid was presented with the Wattle Award by Mrs G. Ferguson, Region Commissioner.

Leader, trainer and camp adviser, Mrs Reid was instrumental in establishing the "Arura" campsite at Dimboola.

CHURCH SERVICE AT NUMURKAH

At a special service arranged for all members of the Guiding family in the Church of England, Numurkah, brownies, guides and rangers heard many stories about our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell.

—LEESA COLE,
1st Numurkah Guide Company.

BROWNIES AND CUBS

Horsham Brownies went to a Cub meeting, where they made damper, sang, played games and made paper hats.

—KAREN WRIGHT,
2nd Horsham Brownie Pack.



WONDERLAND PACK HOLIDAY

"Lingbogol" campsite (North Creswick) became Wonderland to the brownies in 11th Ballarat Pack when they discovered so many new and exciting things to do and places to explore on their recent pack holiday.

Pretending to be ten inches tall (like Alice), they found that puddles seemed like great lakes and robins and magpies appeared to be giant birds.

A Mad Hatter's tea party proved a very successful way of entertaining parents on Going-home day.

TRAINING CALENDAR

Commissioners and unit leaders with the necessary experience are welcome to apply for **ANY** training. Applications should be sent **prior to the closing date and be accompanied by the training fee and a stamped self addressed envelope.** Training fee is \$3.00 unless otherwise stated.

Pack Holiday Course:

Frankston: Weekend 4th-5th November, times 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$4.00 to Mrs W. Rae, "Craig Arran", 285 Hastings Road, Somerville, 3912 by **16th October.**

Q.M. Course:

Chadstone: Weekend 11th-12th November, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday or 9.00 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 7.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$6.50 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by **17th October.**



Summer Training Week (1978) participants so much enjoyed the training they urge YOU to join the FUN at . . .

Summer Training Week

Britannia Park, Yarra Junction
24th-30th January, 1978

Subjects to include—

Stage 1 and 2, Special Subjects including Accent on Leadership (Stage 3); Pack Holiday, Campcraft and Ranger Lightweight training.

Applications and \$38.00 to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **10th November.**

Pack Holiday Training

For guiders interested in attending Pack Holiday but unable to attend for the whole of the Training Week 24th-30th January at Britannia Park — Pack Holiday training will be held on **27th, 28th, 29th January.** Guiders interested in attending this training are asked to forward their applications to **Training Department immediately.** Further details will be sent to you as soon as the programme has been finalised.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

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(30 years): Miss M. W. Barr, Balwyn.

(20 years): Mrs G. Lewis, Nyah.

(10 years): Mrs H. A. Barton, Mt. Waverley; Mrs M. Head, Newtown; Mrs J. McCluskey, Traralgon; Mrs B. Schlager, Seaford; Mrs J. Varcoe, Girgarre; Mrs S. Pyke, Girgarre; Mrs E. J. Stackpoole, Yarrowonga; Mrs E. Shorten, Sunshine; Mrs N. N. Cole, Vermont; Mrs J. McLean, Doncaster; Mrs M. Marshall, Black Rock; Mrs V. Simmonds, Noble Park.

Combined Long Service

(10 years): Mrs D. Richards, East Bentleigh; Mrs L. Chapman, Frankston.

Local Association Long Service

(10 years): Mrs D. Stephens, Maryborough; Mrs J. Ireland, Ringwood, Mrs L. Laing, Edithvale.

Thanks Badge

Mr S. Rawlings, Gatum; Mr E. Tippet, Coleraine; Mr S. F. Frew, Coleraine; Mr V. Barnes, Coleraine; Mrs J. Fritsch, Nhill; Mrs M. Morrison, Nhill; Mrs L. Harris, Nhill; Mrs L. Cannell, Nhill; Miss I. Lang, Geelong; Mrs B. Wheatland, Mildura.

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APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Division Commissioners:

Mrs M. Schroeder, Mallee; Mrs J. McRae, Mortlake; Mrs C. McK. Shaw, Gippsland East.

District Commissioners:

Mrs K. J. Moreton, Lake Bolac; Mrs I. W. Cox, Beaumaris Bay; Mrs K. J. Lowe, Dingley; Mrs W. M. Stephens, Orrvale; Mrs A. Winnell, Niddrie; Mrs W. C. Dixon, Ouyen; Mrs L. J. H. Bills, Footscray; Mrs B. W. Mustey, Lockington; Mrs D. Ferguson, Caulfield-Elsternwick; Mrs K. A. Stone, Rushworth.

Mrs M. D. C. Crombie (Assistant), Sunbury, **not** Sunshine as shown in August issue.

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Mrs G. N. Sprott, Warrandyte Rangers; Mrs I. Lillywhite, Highvale Rangers; Mrs A. R. Burcher, Montrose Rangers.

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

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