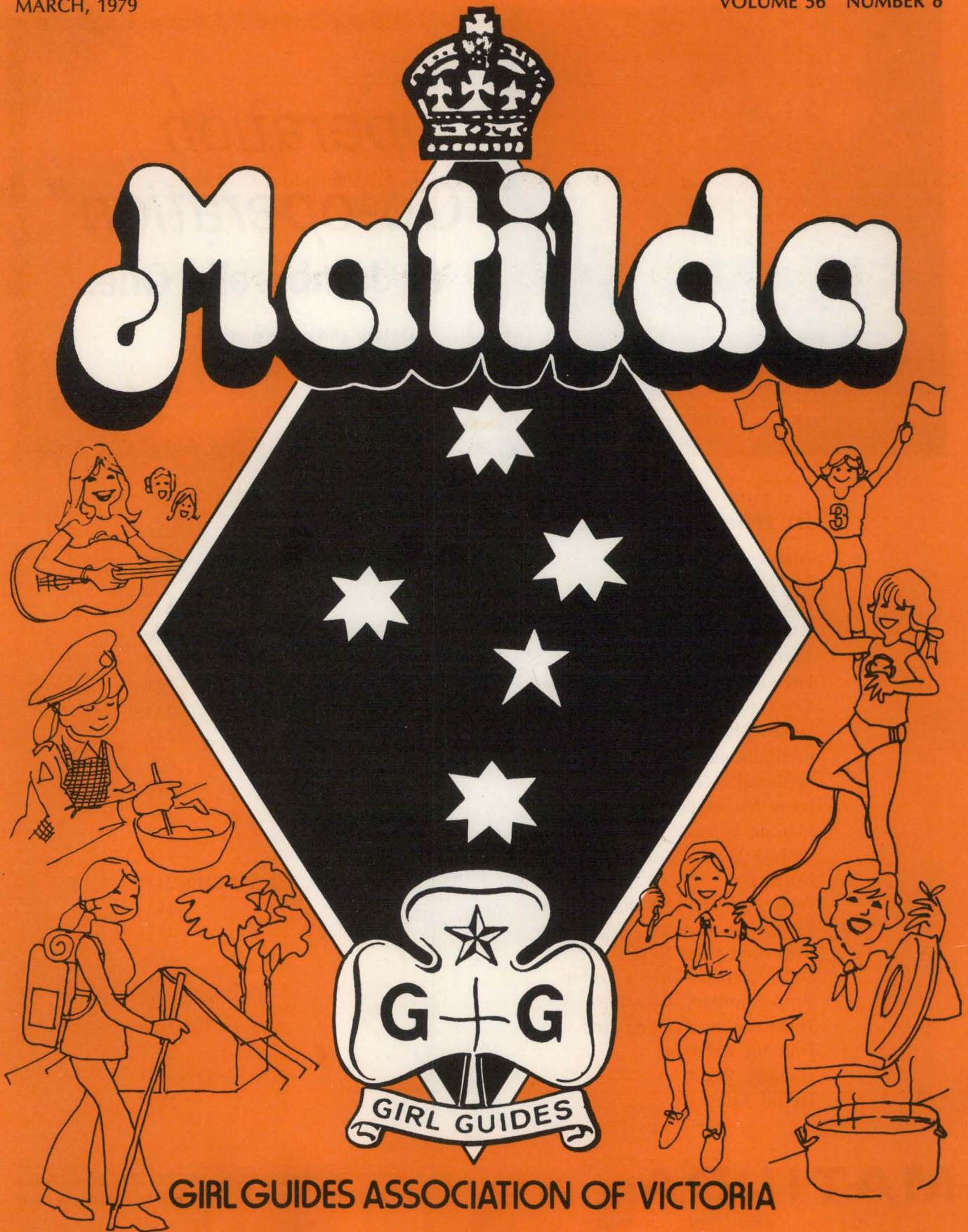


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“Operation Co-operation” at Jamborella One.

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From our State Commissioner

Hello Everyone,

Firstly, I must tell you that the new Assistant Chief Commissioner for Australia is Mrs J. L. Carrick, who took up her appointment on 1st February, 1979. Mrs Carrick was Assistant State Commissioner to Mrs Read in New South Wales and we wish her a very happy and rewarding term of office.

I was delighted to open our State Camp, Patanga, in January at Britannia Park, where 630 girls from all over Victoria enjoyed a week camping together. I hope that during her guiding life every girl will be able to participate in an exciting experience like this. On the only rainy day, 300 brownies visited the camp and were willingly shown by the guides what a State Camp is all about. Thanks to the Healesville Laundry, everyone had a dry sleeping bag that night! One of the highlights was travelling on Puffing Billy. Rangers helped in many ways and 530 girls completed the Camp Challenge and were awarded Patanga Pennants. A very happy camp ended with a Campfire led by Miss Peg Barr. Congratulations to our State Camping Adviser, Mrs Jessie Lamond, and her wonderful committee for the great success of this camp.

So much happened during the holidays — things are certainly never dull in Guiding, are they?

More than 100 girls from isolated areas in New Zealand, Canada, England, Scotland and Australia met in Sydney in January for the International Lones Camp and two leaders, four rangers and two guides from Victoria were able to share this wonderful experience. Activities included canoeing, rowing, sailing, crafts, orienteering and service. Many friendships were made and renewed and it broadened guiding for these girls. Prior to this event, many girls were hosted by Victorian families, and this means so much when you are in a new country.

The 5th Australian Venture was held in South Australia in January and 66 ranger guides and 10 leaders from Victoria took part in this camp and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Summer Training Week was well worthwhile; my Assistants and I were able to meet everyone and it was evident that a great deal was being achieved.

The contract for building the log cabin at 'Iluka', Shoreham, has been signed and building will commence shortly, so that is exciting news.

Girls took part in two-flag-raising ceremonies during the holidays — the Women's Australia Day Ceremony at Pioneer Women's Gardens and the Australia Day Service at Brighton Town Hall. Well done girls and thank you.

I hope Thinking Day was a special day for you all, either as a unit, or part or your district, division or region celebration.

Kindest regards to you all,

Margie E. West



REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



ASSISTANT AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ADVISER

We are pleased to report that Mrs J. D. Kirkpatrick has been appointed Assistant Australian International Adviser. Pat, who recently completed her term of office as Region Commissioner for East Metropolitan, is well known throughout Victoria and we all wish her well in this new job.

MOBILE GUIDE SHOP

The Shop is being taken to HORSHAM on TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL, for the Wimmera Region Conference and will be located in the HORSHAM SCOUT HALL, near the Guide Hall where the Conference is being held.

It will be open for business from 12 noon for the benefit of those attending the Conference, and will remain open until 7.00 p.m. to give parents and leaders the opportunity to bring their Brownies, Guides and Rangers to shop for books, stationery, gifts, metal and cloth badges, uniforms, etc.

The Mobile Shop will then move on to Sunraysia Region, where it will open in the MILDURA SOUTH GUIDE HALL on THURSDAY, 5th APRIL, from 12 noon until 7.00 p.m. Again it is hoped parents and leaders will bring their girls to see what is available for them and their Units.

Elsewhere in this issue you can read about this new venture and the interest it has already created in some of our country areas.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE — 20th APRIL

This annual ecumenical service for all members of the Guide and Scout Associations will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Friday, 20th April, at 7.45 p.m. Colour bearers are asked to assemble in the Cathedral Close at 7.00 p.m. and all participants should be seated by 7.30 p.m. This year the singing will be led by the Scout Brass Band.

DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD BUREAU

The post of Director of the World Bureau of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will become vacant during 1979 when the present Director, Miss Lyn Joynt, retires. Applications are now sought from those interested in this appointment and the World Bureau has sent this message: "Please help us to find a successor to

Lyn Joynt as Director of the World Bureau. Do not confine your enquiries to our own members but help us to find the ideal person to fill this vital role in the World Association".

The Director is required to direct and develop the work of the World Bureau in accordance with the policies of the World Committee of the World Association, currently comprising a membership of over seven million in 98 countries. Based in London, she will promote and safeguard the interests of the Movement internationally through effective planning, publicity and administration. Overseas travel has a high priority and a key task is the organisation of the World Conference held every three years.

The Association requires a Director with a total belief in the principles, the objects and the methods of the Girl Guide and Girl Scout Movement, who has had senior administrative experience in public or other services, who has travelled and who, it is hoped, will have had experience of working with countries other than her own.

For further information concerning the appointment and how to apply for it please contact the State Secretary as soon as possible.

NATIONAL ANTHEM ON TAPE

It has come to our notice that the Federal Government is willing to supply cassettes of the National Anthem to community groups to help Australians to become more aware of our national symbols. If any District wishes to take up this offer, application should be made through the Federal Member for that area.

SILVER JUBILEE TRUST FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

Advice has been received that the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust is now calling for applications for grants. These may be submitted by organisations planning special projects that benefit young people or by individuals who may wish to undertake a course of study or other project which would help in their general development or involve them in the welfare of the community.

For further information contact Peg Barr at Headquarters.



The State Camp "PATANGA", meaning place of gum trees, was held at Britannia Park in January.

There was much excitement amongst the "PATANGA PEOPLE" (the central committee) as we waited on the side of Guide House Road for the 630 guides and leaders and ranger guides to arrive. It was a beautiful day and promised to be warm. "HERE THEY COME" the cry went up! And down the road drove 20 buses.

Friday was a busy day, pitching camp and getting ready for our opening ceremony at 7.30 p.m. by our State Commissioner, Mrs West.

Ninety-three guides and rangers were involved in the opening and after a short talk Mrs West declared the camp open and turned on the lights (not quite dark enough at that time to see our lovely badge superimposed on a background of the State of Victoria). It looked great after dark. We had 26 sub-camps and the theme of these was "around the regions of Victoria".

Saturday: Guides settled down to the challenges, which were assessed by the 50 ranger guides who were rostered daily to the sub-camps for this purpose.

Sunday: "THE VISITORS"!! and our first day of TOTAL FIRE BAN. Our on-site policemen estimated 600 cars in the surrounding areas with an average of four visitors to a car. We leave the rest to your imagination.

Monday: The surprise outing was a day on Puffing Billy, two trains were chartered and I know all who went enjoyed the relaxing day.

Wednesday: Approximately 300 brownies arrived with leaders, mums and dads, in cars and buses, with steady rain accompanying their arrival. But this did not worry many brownies as they were greeted very enthusiastically by waiting guides and whisked off to various campsites to have lunch and do their challenges (they received a Camp Patanga badge for their efforts). Every day all guides had a swimming time, and inter-

sub-camp sports were held. It was great to hear all the laughter and excitement echoing around the pool area, particularly on days of total fire ban.



Thursday: The task of striking camp began. It did not seem possible it was nearly over, after 12 MONTHS of planning, meetings, telephone calls, etc.

After our final Campfire we had our simple closing ceremony and the Patanga lights were turned off for the last time.

Friday: 4.00 p.m. and the "PATANGA PEOPLE" were again on Guide House Road, waving goodbye to 630 guides and leaders, just one short week after it all began. I would like to say thank-you to all my wonderful friends, those "PATANGA PEOPLE" who made it all possible.

—J.L.



JAMBORELLA ONE

There was apprehension and anticipation in the minds of those who set out for Gilwell Park. As they travelled the winding roads they wondered what it would be like. Would the next eight days be as exciting as they dreamed? At last they saw the large sign that read "Welcome to Jamborella One", and welcomed they were. For the 900 or so guides and scouts it was a welcome to a week of great weather, challenging activities, entertainment and, above all, making new friends.

The first day was spent setting up camps. The whole of Jamborella One was a hive of activity. A total of 25 units spread out their gear, sleeping tents, dining tents, Q.M. tents, the wash-up area and campfire. Soon all were comfortable in their new homes among the gums and wattles. Many units manufactured impressive gateways to their sites and each unit had its own particular atmosphere. Guides and scouts were encouraged to mix and meet with other units. Special "tucker transfer tickets" were issued so that guides could experience the mysteries of scout cooking and vice-versa. There were so many people to meet and so much to do that not everybody could visit every site.

The opening ceremony, at Gilwell's "Campfire Hollow", was impressive. The slopes of natural area were covered with a mass of blue and khaki uniforms. All eyes were on the flagpole, waiting for the unveiling of the Jamborella One flag. And suddenly it was there — the band played and Jamborella One went into action.



Scouts and guides set their eyes on the challenge belt badges, awarded for participating in certain types of activities such as overnight hikes, half-day activities and on-site activities. The overnights included introductory and advanced hikes, bike hike, survival camp and aquatic camp. These activities were perhaps the most challenging. Half-day activities provided opportunity to try new sports and pursuits such as motor-bikes, swimming, water-skiing, rock-climbing, abseiling and canoeing. On site there was plenty of room for 'frat tents', 'new experiences' and 'sumfing difrent'. (Fraternity tents — a place where guides and scouts could mix, play table tennis and enjoy free refreshments.



New experiences and 'sumfing difrent' gave the chance to try crafts and hobbies and learn new skills — stilt making, bottle gardens, pottery, musical instruments, photography, orienteering,

nature tracks, weaving, brass rubbing, bark painting, welding and even "pet rocks". These activities added to the success of Jamborella One.

The Gauntlet! The mere mention of the name brings back memories of that special course to test even the strongest entrants. All who tried will remember the mud and slush, but always with a smile the comical sight of bodies slipping and sliding and scrambling around this special corner of Gilwell Park.



On Sunday afternoon all shared together in an enjoyable and worthwhile Guides' and Scouts' Own — a cast of guides and scouts presented a modern version of Biblical stories.

Evening activities included campfires, films, talent quest, folk singing and a variety of parties on New Year's Eve — discos, pyjama parties, etc.

All too soon it was over. Once again the whole Jamborella One was assembled in the "campfire hollow", the scene of so many good times. Again a stirring atmosphere, but this time with a touch of sadness, knowing that the Jamborella One flag was coming down for the last time. The flares were lit as the Guide and Scout laws were read and Sir Henry Winneke officially closed Jamborella One.

—V.T.

From Here and There

We at Unit 12 experienced nine wonderful days of friendship and fun and made many new friends. This was most evident at our unit closing ceremony, watched by many scouts who came to say goodbye, not only to the guides, but to us who were leaders as well.

It really impressed me when they came and shook my hand and said goodbye.

Congratulations and many thanks for making it all "a new experience".

The scouts from Unit 5 could not do enough for us and we in turn did what we could for them. The atmosphere at all times was friendly and we enjoyed campfires, New Year's Eve tea and suppers together.

One night their gas ran out, so they made a huge fruit salad and we cooked the first course, and it was a great success.

Thank you for all the time and effort you all put into Jamborella One, as without people like you who were prepared to have a "go" it may never have taken place.

Looking forward to Jamborella Two.

The happiest camp I have ever entered.

Fantastic activities and organisation.

Incredible organisation of food orders and deliveries.

Praise for Hospital Staff, Police Scouters, Shop People, Headquarters Staff and Administration for all their time, trouble and many helpful visits.

My daughter returned home from the Jamborella One with one word on her lips — "Fantastic". She talked almost non-stop for two or three days about the camp and had nothing but praise to say about the facilities provided and the running of the camp.



On behalf of Jamborella One Council may I extend sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the camp.

It is gratifying to know that Jamborella One, a first experience in this type of project in Victoria, has been such a wonderful success, worthwhile and enjoyable for every fortunate scout and guide who attended.

Success was due to the work, co-operation and enthusiasm of every leader involved.

Thank you.

—VICKI TREMBATH.

GUIDELINES FOR TRANSFERS AND WAITING LISTS

The following notes have been prepared to help ease some of the problems experienced when members transfer from one district to another. They are intended as guidelines and should not be regarded as "rules". **Note:** Forms for all transfers are obtainable through Headquarters. Interstate and international transfers should be forwarded to Headquarters for processing, not sent direct.

When a girl leaves her unit, a transfer form should be completed by the guider, signed by the district commissioner and posted to the district commissioner of the new district as soon as possible.

In the case of international transfers, there may be unavoidable delay in despatch and receipt of the forms. Therefore, if a girl is going overseas from the unit, it could help her to take an open letter of introduction to present to the leader of the overseas unit. If a girl from overseas presents herself and no transfer form has been received, she should be accepted and welcomed, provided there is reasonable evidence she has been a member of W.A.G.G.S.

Every effort should be made to list the correct new address on a transfer form. The introduction tear-off slip at the bottom must be given to the girl on leaving the unit. If there is doubt about her new address, details on how to contact the district commissioner in the new area can also be given to her.

On receipt of a transfer form the district commissioner, in consultation with her guiders and the girl's family, determines which is the most appropriate unit for the girl to join.

If there is no vacancy in any unit, this is explained to the family and the girl's name can be placed on the top of the waiting list for that unit, though if the girl has only recently made her Promise, i.e., 1-2 months, it would be reasonable to place her slightly lower on the waiting list. However, at the discretion of the guider, the girl could be taken, especially if some of the existing members are due to go on to Guides or Rangers within the next month or two. **Note:** We do not advocate that units exceed the maximum number, i.e., 24 brownies, 36 guides and 30 rangers, but are aware that many units operate at the recommended numbers, e.g., brownies—18.

Transfers from Waiting Lists

The district commissioner sends the transfers in the normal manner, using the existing form and filling in appropriate portions of it, listing the date on which the girl's name was placed on the original waiting list. The receiving district then slots that girl's name into the waiting list in the sequence of that date, e.g., Mary Smith placed on Blue Hills waiting list 3-1-78, transferred to Bellbird and placed on waiting list between Sarah Jones 12-12-77 and Lucy Brown 10-1-78.

Reasons for encouraging units to accept transfers as soon as possible into their units include:

- (a) A girl coming new to an area needs to meet and be accepted by her peers. Guiding has the opportunity and ability to give this girl the friendship and support she needs.
- (b) Guiding aims at the overall development of a girl. This is not achieved in a short period and if it is interrupted or terminated the opportunity to carry on what previous guiders have begun is lost.

It is appreciated that in some areas the pressure of receiving transfers may preclude the acceptance of the girls from the existing local waiting lists. However, in these areas this situation points to the need to open more units to meet the demands of a growing area.



Dear Guiders,

As the author of the Australian Brownie Guide Book I have been asked, with the artists Sadie and Suzanne Pascoe, to prepare 'aids sheets' for guiders to use with their packs. These sheets will be sold in Guide shops and will cover the programme from Pre-Promise through Footpath, Road and Highway with ideas for activities, games, puzzles, puppets of various kinds, etc. As there are already wonderful ideas being used successfully in packs throughout Australia, this is your opportunity to have some of your ideas incorporated in these sheets.

Please send ideas, accompanied by suitable sketches, to me — Mrs J. D. Haley, 183 Canterbury Road, Blackburn, 3130, or to Girl Guides Association of Australia, 7 Wilmot Street, Sydney, 2000.



ENCOURAGING ENCOUNTER



Last month we talked about making friends with new arrivals to our country. This month we publish the addresses of Commonwealth Hostels, and information and patterns for Welcome Bags, that can be given to the children.

Incidentally, some of the suggested goodies would make ideal gifts for babies, and children in homes, hospitals and day-care centres. Perhaps you could even approach local kindergartens, see what equipment or playthings they need, and offer to make or provide a collection of suitable toys and/or activities. Imagine the joy if each child had a glove puppet they could play with, for instance. Perhaps you can think of other ideas in this area.



LEADERS, after you and your unit have discussed IYC and the girls have decided what they would like to do as a project, please write to Mrs M. McLean, 2 Wyatt Street, Seaford, 3198, and tell us what you are doing, so we can publish it in Matilda and share your ideas with everyone. We look forward to hearing from you.

COMMONWEALTH HOSTELS:

Eastbridge Hostel, Rooks Road, Nunawading.
Enterprise Hostel, Westall Road, Springvale.
Midway Hostel, Williamson Road, Maribyrnong.
Wiltona Centre, Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown.

Here are some suggestions of the types of items you may like to include in Welcome Bags for your new friends made through Encouraging Encounter.

For children 0-6 years —

- Small soft toy, 20-25 cm long (no larger and do not use buttons for eyes).
- Glove puppet, mouth opening type.
- Cloth picture book, "contact" self-adhesive cut-out pictures or prepasted wallpaper pictures or children's wrapping paper glued are all suitable. Size about 23 cm x 18 cm. Maybe your artists

could draw in book using waterproof crayons.

- Balloons.

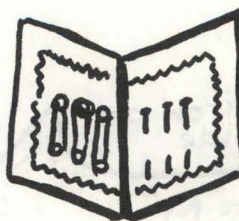
For children 6-12 years —

- Novelty bean bag. Make face or similar with embroidery, felt, buttons, etc.
- Pencil case, felt or vinyl, with pencil, biro, notebook.
- Glove puppet, finger and thumb type.
- Novelty comb case.
- Australian flag.
- Balloon.

For children 12-16 years.

- Plastic drawstring toilet bag.
- Standard comb case, with comb, and slot for nail file.
- Needle case with buttons, cotton wound on card, etc.
- Pencil case with pencil, biro, notepaper.
- Used Australian stamps in plastic envelope (starter collection).
- Lavender bag.
- Australian flag.

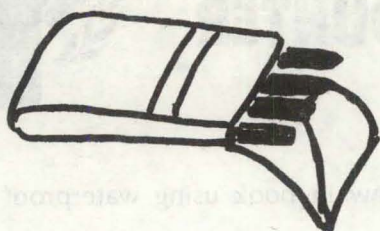
Include in each bag a card or note to say, "Welcome to Australia — with love from 'Sue'." (No surnames or addresses.)



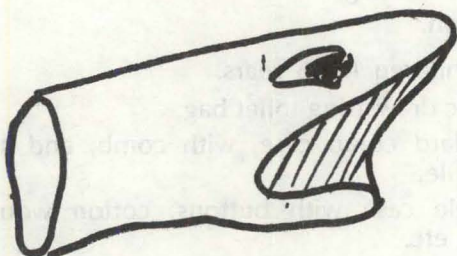
The simplest needle case is piece of woollen material 12 x 8 cm placed on an outer felt cover, 15 x 10 cm, stitched down the centre and folded over to form a book.

Decorate outside with felt. A needle case is an owl, with cut-out felt eyes and beak glued on, sewn around top of head to catch in centre piece of material to hold needles. A few shirt buttons and length of white cotton wound on a piece of

shaped cardboard would be a handy addition to the needle cases.



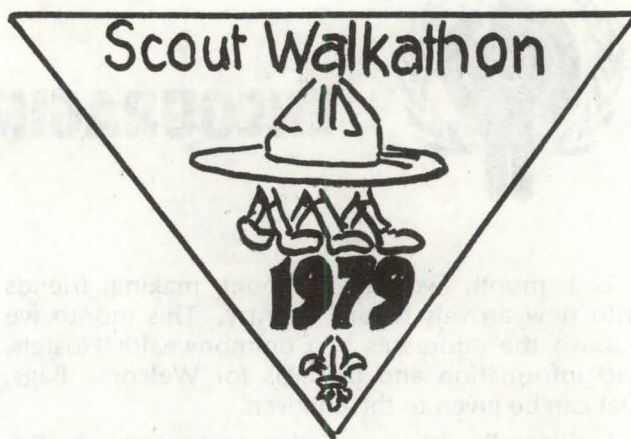
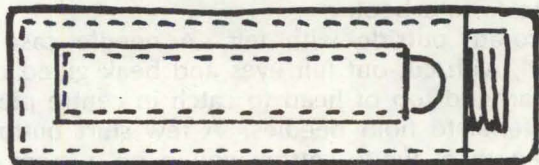
A pencil pouch of leather vinyl or felt, finished size 18 x 10 cm, has a flap 10 cm long inserted through 1.5 cm wide band to hold it in place. Slightly taper end of closing flap to ensure a snug fit. Handstitch around edges, catching in closing band at the appropriate place. Older girls may be able to use a sewing machine for these pouches.



This basic 'mouth opening' glove puppet can be made into a rabbit by the addition of long ears, a cat by adding pointed ears and whiskers, or a monster with a few felt triangular teeth. Terry towelling is very suitable for this puppet, also fur fabric. The mouth piece is cut from a non-fur material. Shank buttons, cotton bobbles or wooden beads may be used for eyes.

(From THE WARATAH)

COMB CASES



We have been invited by the Scout Association to join their Walkathon on Sunday, 6th May.

Please encourage as many of your girls as possible to join in this fun day with the scouts. The money they earn may be added to their other efforts for April Action, time limit of which we intend extending by one week.

Organisation is well in hand and will generally be on an area (region) basis, but in the country, because of distances involved, it will be on a district basis. Details will be published later.

Route maps will be printed on the back of walkers' cards. Two alternative, interesting and scenic routes have been prepared for each area, one 24 kilometres long and the other 16 kilometres (for younger or older or less fit walkers).

A cloth badge will be given to each walker and an "I Spy" competition is planned for each route.

Further information is available from Mrs Jill Anjou, 29 Kenny Street, North Balwyn — telephone 857 7752.

THE GREAT SCOUT AND GUIDE YACHT RACE

About 80 guides — over 14 years of age — are needed to sail as crew on a racing yacht on 25th March.

Leaders are asked to advise their guides about this and to show them this form which, when completed, must be sent to Headquarters NOT later than 20th March. Successful applicants will be further advised as to their yacht, etc.

Great Scout and Guide Yacht Race.

Application to sail as a crew member on 25th March.

NAME.....

BIRTHDAY.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

UNIT.....

When completed, this form is to be sent to 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000, and envelope marked "Yacht Race".

FOR SERVICE TO THE MOVEMENT

An award! What an exciting thing this is for a member of the movement, for her family, and those near to her, and for those who have worked with her. It is also gratifying to see good, meritorious, or outstanding service to the movement recognised.



There are many people in the movement who feel that an award system is not necessary. They say that part of our promise is to give service, that we train our girls to be useful, and to help others.

However, if you stop to think about the people you know or have read about who have received an award, be it for courage or service, have they not been just that extra bit more courageous or given service to the movement in a way that was more than was expected of them for the warrant they held?



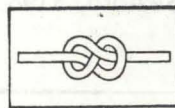
You may ask why someone, who you know has given fantastic service to the movement, has not been given an award? **The reason is most likely that no-one has ever nominated her!** Any member of the movement may nominate a worthy brownie, guide, ranger or guider (meaning all adult members) for an award for bravery or service to the movement. The Awards Sub-Committee does not nominate people for awards, it assesses applications and passes on recommendations to the Executive Committee. So, if you would like to nominate someone for an award, read carefully the relevant section in P.O. & R., obtain an application form either from Headquarters or from me,

fill it in carefully and give as much information as you can, as precisely as you can.

Remember the whole operation must be kept confidential, i.e., the awardee must not know about it. As you need the signature of your Region Commissioner on the form, it would be advisable to talk it over with her, or your District or Division Commissioner or your Adviser or the State Secretary, whoever seems the most appropriate.

The Australian Executive Committee has decided that we will continue with the Awards System — so let us make good use of it.

—BETH CHAMBERLAIN,
Chairman, Awards Sub-Committee.



Long Service Awards

Any member who fulfils the length of service required for a Long Service Award in any of the listed categories is entitled to that particular award. Application is made direct to Headquarters on the appropriate form, all Long Service applications being processed directly by Headquarters and not through the Awards Sub-Committee. A commissioner may apply on behalf of a member in her district so that the presentation of the Long Service Award can be a surprise, is she so desires. In the case of a 30, 40 or 50 year Long Service Award, it would be usual for the presentation to be made into a special occasion.



Thanks Badges

The Thanks Badge is basically for people outside the Movement who do a special good turn for Guiding, and it is only on very rare occasions that uniformed or local association members are considered eligible for it. Applications for Thanks Badges are also processed through the Office, and not by the Awards Sub-Committee.



STROLLING PLAYERS

Strolling Players still have a few places available for instrumentalists who can also sing in tune, are active members of a Guide or Ranger Guide Unit and aged between 10 and 18 years.

Strolling Players are required to attend a workshop at Headquarters on Sunday afternoons every three weeks.

Violin, viola, 'cello, double bass, flute or clarinet players are especially invited to apply, but applications are welcome from players of other instruments too.

Please complete the following form and send it to Mrs M. McLean, 2 Wyatt Street, Seaford, 3198, no later than 30th March.

STROLLING PLAYERS CLUB APPLICATION

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

UNIT.....

AGE.....

I can sing in tune (state experience, e.g., school choir).....

INSTRUMENTAL EXPERIENCE (state instrument, grade achieved or performances given).....

PARENT'S PERMISSION

My daughter.....has my permission to apply to become a member of the Strolling Players Club.

SIGNED.....
(Parent/Guardian)

One of the songs presented by the Strolling Players during the Opening Ceremony at Jamborella One was written especially for them to perform at the All Adult Seminar last September. The song, 'We Belong to Many Nations', is published now in answer to the many requests for words and music.

WE BELONG TO MANY NATIONS

Music: M. McLEAN. Words: J. RICHARDSON.

We be- long to many na- tions, Many cultures many creeds, And each one of us may
wor- ship In the spe- cial way she needs. Oh, Christian, Buddhist, Moslem and Jew, Des- pite our different points of view
Wor- ship one great power in- deed. Ours is a mul- ti ra- cial un- ion, Black & brown &
Guides are born in lands of plenty Where cars are few and
yellow & white, Ruled by councils, courts & monarchs - Yet we have a com- mon right To a world of fun and
minds are free. Other Guides tho', live in countries - Torn by war & poverty. But for all that we may
laugh- ter, A sense of pur- pose, forward sight To the one great source of light We be-
differ, We share un- i- ver- sal- ly In the one great God of peace We be-

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SUPPLEMENTARY



ACTIVITIES

SAC ON THE BEAT

Water Activities (Dandenong Region)

A fabulous weekend was held recently at Fraser National Park for 32 guides and 20 staff. Most went by bus, except those required in cars to pull boats and other equipment. Activities were canoeing, aqua-planing and water skiing. Camp site was beautiful, weather perfect, and atmosphere throughout the camp was very happy. Many thanks to the guide and scout personnel on the staff for providing such a tremendous weekend.

Gardening Day (Dandenong Region)

This was an afternoon activity involving mums, aunties, grannies, brownies and guides. We went around to private gardens on a Nature Reserve. At each stop we found helpful, interested people to tell us how they were achieving results in their gardens. Some had cuttings to give to all interested, others divided bulbs, and there were plants to buy at a small cost. A very worthwhile activity and we know of three new gardens being cared for because of it.

Would you like to have either of these activities in your region? Why not get in touch with your region SAC representative and ask her if she could organise it for you?



LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Dandenong Region Leisure Time Activities will be held in Dandenong Guide Hall on 22nd, 23rd, 24th May from 9.30 a.m. till 4.00 p.m. daily.

Brownies and Guides can enjoy enamelling, leatherwork, woodwork and macrame and many other crafts. Costs involved are 40 cents per day registration fee, which also covers the girl's morning and afternoon tea, and about \$5.00 over the three days for materials used.

Application forms, which will be available from the 23rd April (early applications will be first accepted) may be obtained from Mrs Shirley Smith, 8 Aratula Street, Dandenong (telephone 792 3100).

ROUND-UP 3

We had a tremendous residential Horse Riding weekend in January at Tooradin Estate. The whole weekend was very successful and a full report will appear in the next issue of Matilda.

JAMBORELLA 1

The Strolling Players performed at the opening ceremony and at the evening concert. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience, as we were given the opportunity to see around the camp and also to stay overnight.

Our thanks to the Jamborella Committee for inviting us to be a part of such an interesting camp.



CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

You will remember we asked everyone to write in to express their views concerning SAC and the experimental programme that has been undertaken over the past 18 months. The programme and its objectives will be reviewed at the end of April. Do let us know whether or not you want SAC to continue, with suggestions of method or manner in which it should continue.

Here is part of a letter already received:

"I think they (supplementary activities) offer enormous wealth to a girl's guiding experience. Many of the girls have particular interests which cannot be adequately accommodated in a company programme.

It is wonderful for these girls to feel that there may be a special camp for them.

Our unit has had one guide at the 'Strolling Players', one at 'Moving On' sportsweek camp, and two

at 'Round Up'. All of these have returned enthused by the wider scope of guiding.

We have not supported one-day activities, as this is difficult to organise (for a whole unit). When presented as an activity for individual members, a one-day activity is not considered as enthusiastically as a camp.

I wonder about one-day activities in a particular region. For example, many of our guides would love to go canoeing. I feel totally incapable of organising and running this. A SAC activity for many local companies would be great, so that interested individuals could apply to attend.

I really want to make guiding interesting and exciting for my guides, but due to heavy commitments with family and work, I cannot take on much extra organising. I feel it is a bit unfair for my SAC representative, whoever she be, to have to do it for me.

I don't think family days are nearly as appealing, as exciting activities for guides. Most families in our area are either heavily committed and regretfully miss out, or, a few are not interested — that is, they would rather just SEND the girl to guides.

However, my guides and I thoroughly appreciate your work. I know of brownies who already say, "When I'm in guides, I'm going to apply for one of those special camps" — and one who saves her pocket money so she will be financial when she finally gets the chance!

Many thanks to you and your committee for the work you are doing."

WELL NOW !! DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED?

Please write to let me know — Mrs. M. McLean, 2 Wyatt Street, Seaford, 3198.

Incidentally, the reason we have region SAC representatives is so they can organise specialised activities for you, and ease the load of all our busy guide personnel. That — in a nutshell — is their job!

OLAVE BADEN-POWELL ROSE

Those of you who see "The Guider", the English leaders' magazine, will know that some years ago a new rose was raised and named the Olave Baden-Powell rose. The Hon. Michael Baden-Powell, Lady Baden-Powell's grandson, imported several of these plants to Melbourne, where he now lives, and he graciously gave cuttings to the Guide Association for propagation with a view to fund-raising. It is an attractive red rose and should do well in Victoria.

The first of the Olave Baden-Powell rose plants which have been propagated here will be available for planting in July and members may now place firm orders for this beautiful and significant rose. The cost will be \$8.85 (bush rose) or \$11 (standard) plus freight.

The roses may be ordered from Guide Headquarters or direct from S. Brundrett and Sons Pty. Ltd., of Brundrett Road, Narre Warren North, Victoria, 3804. In either case payment will be made when the rose is received and not at the time of ordering. The plants will be despatched direct and an invoice will be enclosed — this should be paid immediately it is received. A small royalty will be paid to the Association by Mr. Brundrett for every rose sold.

Fill in this order form now and reserve for yourself, your Guide Hall or campsite, one of these special roses. What better way could there be of perpetuating the memory of our dear World Chief Guide?

ORDER FORM — OLAVE BADEN-POWELL ROSE

(Please forward completed form to Guide Headquarters at an early date)

Name of person to whom rose(s) is to be sent.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Number of roses requiredbush (\$8.85 each plus freight)

.....standard (\$11.00 each plus freight)

I would like my orders despatched by
post/carrier/rail to.....station
(cross out as appropriate)

I will forward the full amount due to S. Brundrett & Sons Pty. Ltd. as soon as I receive an invoice.

Signed.....

Date.....



TRAINING PAGES

FOR YOUR NEW PACK GUIDE

Dear Pack Guide,
Welcome to the
Pack. We're sure you
will enjoy your time
with us and we hope
the following notes
will help you to be a
good representative
of your Guide Company
and a helpful friend
to the Brownies.

yours sincerely,
your Brownie Guider

BE PREPARED to

- ★ be friendly
- ★ help the guiders and brownies
- ★ take responsibility
- ★ attend regularly
- ★ arrive a little before starting time
- ★ check with guiders before leaving
- ★ tell the guiders if you cannot attend or will be late
- ★ tell the guiders of your interests and other commitments
- ★ share your knowledge and skills
- ★ tell the guiders your ideas for pack meetings
- ★ discuss your plans for teaching a new game or skill and say afterwards how it went
- ★ listen to advice
- ★ learn from any mistakes you may make
- ★ act as a link between Company and Pack
- ★ HAVE FUN BEING A GOOD PACK GUIDE.

You will need a special note book. As you read this article make notes of anything about which you want to know more and what you will need to tell your Brownie guiders. You can also use it to jot down things you learn about the Pack. For the first meeting or two you will probably be busy getting the feeling of it, but after that you will be asked to do a little more each meeting.



Be friendly. Learn the brownies' names as quickly as you can. They will probably give you a nickname; it should be one you are happy to be called.

During the first few meetings be alert to the traditions of the Pack so that you do not spoil relationships. Find out about the Pack rules and keep them. Learn the Brownie Guide Song. Watch for the silence and rallying signals — obey these immediately. Some day you will want to use them and will expect the brownies to respond quickly. There will be a talking sign, especially for Pow Wow, which is the business meeting of the Pack. In Pow Wow your main job will be to listen and observe. Do not make suggestions unless invited to do so. If you have something of interest, especially about Guide happenings, tell the guider beforehand and she will put it on the agenda.

You do not vote but may be asked to count the vote, which is always secret. You might note the voting on a slip of paper and give it to the chairman.

Being helpful means being alert to what needs to be done and doing it, do not wait to be asked! Be careful *how* you help brownies. Encourage them to carry out their duties. Never do anything they should or could do themselves. Show them how to do things if you need to, then let *them* do it.

You will need to find out

- ★ The Brownie Promise and Law and Motto
- ★ The Eight Points for Brownies
- ★ What the Journeys are and how a Brownie travels along them
- ★ What a Venture is.

Responsibilities vary in each pack. You may be asked

- ★ to enter the money in the subscription book OR
- ★ to see that the brownies keep the cupboards in efficient working order OR
- ★ to keep an eye on equipment, check its return and its condition.

Whatever your responsibility, do it cheerfully and properly.

Attend regularly so that you can be of real help. Make a note of your Brownie guiders' names and addresses, telephone numbers and the best time to call them.

If you know in advance that you cannot attend a meeting tell the guiders as soon as you know. Find a way of getting a message through in case something unexpected happens and you cannot get to the meeting.

Give the guiders *your* address and a method of contact.

Before the meeting commences there is always some preparation. Whilst you are still new the

guiders might like to spend some time hearing your plans, they can then advise you and, if need be, assist you.

Always have your equipment ready, no matter how late in the programme your activity might be. Cover it if you do not want the brownies to see what it is.

After the meeting. Although the brownies clear away there are sometimes things that have to be done by the leaders — see how you can help. You may have something you want to tell the guiders — occasionally a behaviour or relationship matter arises among the brownies and you might have a way of helping overcome it. You may want to ask a question about something that happened or discuss your contribution to the meeting. You will also want to know what you are to do next meeting and give your ideas.

Share your knowledge and skills. You will be given an Australian Brownie Book and its Part Two. Look through them and see how many things you know well enough to teach others. Tell the guiders about them, and about the things you would like to learn yourself — they will help you.

When you are going to teach something, think out carefully how you are going to do it. Brownies do not like to listen for long, they would much rather "DO". So teach them a little at a time and let them do it as you go. Where would be the best place to teach it? A large area or small one, the kitchen or out of doors? Do you need tables? Make a list of the equipment you will need. How will you get it? What does the pack own? How much time do you need? Seek the guiders' advice on your plans. Try to make a "game" of the learning. Pack Guides are usually asked to **lead games**. The leaders will lend you books, you may find others in your library and later you may invent games yourself. Your guiders will tell you what type of game is needed for the meeting; it will be either physically active or inactive to suit what comes before or after and you may be asked to choose from a specific area such as:

- ★ wide awake
- ★ nature
- ★ ball
- ★ setting a table
- ★ international
- ★ to be played in Sixes
- ★ for only *so many* brownies.

You will also be told how long you have. Physically active games take 8-10 minutes, hunting or thinking games may take 15 minutes. Keep the brownies in mind when choosing the game, for it must appeal to them as well as to you. *Will everyone be involved all the time?*

Learn the game so that you will not need to refer to the book and it will become your game. If you feel the need, then write a few important points on a small card. Check equipment and space — most games are better played outdoors, make sure it is a safe area. Use the pack silence sign and, when all are ready, start the game.

It is *not* a good idea to start by saying "We are going to play a game now?" You will have everyone calling for her favourite.

Either play the game as you explain it or use a few brownies to demonstrate it. The first time through is always a trial run and if it does not go smoothly you and the brownies can make adjustments. The best Brownie games are very simple with few rules, but see that everyone understands what they are. If there is a need to keep a score, hand out a token (button, bead or counter) to the brownie who earns it.

Arrange the scoring so that even the last one still gets a counter. For example, in a pack of three sixes, the first six would get three counters, the second, two counters; third, one. This way, if the same six always comes last, it does not feel too badly when it is time to add up scores. Applaud any winners. Does your pack have a Pack Salute for this?

Always finish a game when all are enjoying it, give a warning, e.g., one more turn or two more goes.



Singing games are fun and if you are musical ask the guiders for "Musical Fun with the Brownie Pack". Brownies will be happy singing a few songs but they would much rather be moving about than just sitting, so that is why singing games are so popular. You teach these in a similar way to ordinary games, but teach the song first. It is better if you use your voice to teach the tune, but if that just will not do then use a musical instrument only long enough for the brownies to carry the tune, then *put away your instrument*. When most of the pack can carry the tune, teach the actions

in parts. Some movements are better if 'walked through' first. Put it all together, sort out any hitches, then play it through to its conclusion or until you feel it is time to stop.

Are you good at *telling stories* or reading aloud? Brownies love stories. Look in the Pack Library, your guiders will give you an idea of the types of stories your brownies enjoy. When you have chosen one, read the story through several times. If you can learn it from memory you will be able to put more expression into it, but if you need to have the book by you, use it as a reference only. Look at the brownies as much as you can. It does not matter if you alter some of the words as long as you do not alter the sense of the plot. Remember, when you look down as you speak, your voice drops. Keep in mind the brownie furthest from you and make sure she can hear. When they gather round for the story see they are not too close, otherwise fidgety ones will annoy others — see that everyone is comfortable before you start. Stories that last for only 8-10 minutes are best, longer ones could be told in serial form.

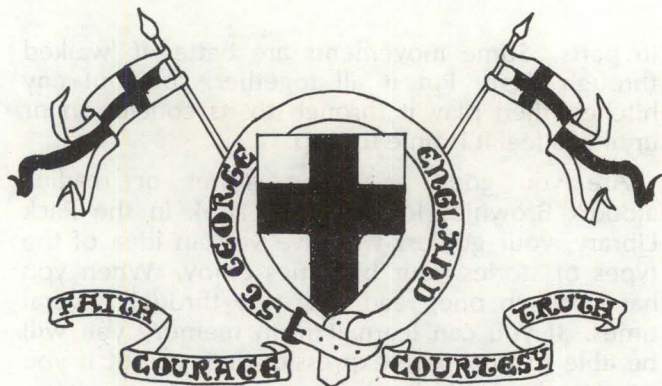
Grooming activities are a fun way of encouraging brownies to care for their health and dress. You probably will not be asked to do these until you have seen some examples and have assisted the guiders. Let the brownies adjust anything not right. Any remarks must be encouraging and directed to the brownie concerned. *Never* choose one brownie as an example. Find out why.

Check your own grooming before the meeting — everything correct, well pressed and polished? Hair neat? How are your hands and nails? You might be looking at "cards of buttons" (brownies hands and nails), they will be seeing yours!

You are the link between the Company and the Pack. When your Patrol Leader Council approved of your appointment, one of the things the leaders would have considered was whether you would be a good representative of their company. They will expect you to remain loyal to your patrol, to show you are sincere in doing your best to keep your Promise and challenging yourself to gain further eight point badges. The brownies will ask you about your company and you will be a great help to those who are preparing for the Link Badge and for going on to Guides, so you need to be a keen guide as well as a keen pack guide.

The Brownie guiders are your friends and will help you, when they feel you are at home in the pack and can take activities and teach some skills, the brownies will present you with your Pack Guide stripes. You may also wear a yellow scarf and a brown lanyard to pack meetings.

Being a pack guide does take quite an effort and you will meet many challenges, but being a friend of the brownies is very rewarding and lots of fun.



St. George has been the official Patron of England since the early 14th century, but his association with England is even older than that. During legendary King Arthur's times the red cross of St. George was adopted by the King's knights as their official shield device when they chose the saint to be their Guardian in Battle.

Later, in King Richard's reign, he appeared in a vision to the Crusaders and led them from impending defeat to victory, and they also chose his banner to be theirs, as he too had fought to save Christianity, and the red represented the blood he had shed for his Christ. His feast day, 23rd April, has been celebrated in England since 1222.

St. George was not English. He was born in Palestine of Greek parents, in the early part of the 3rd century A.D., Georgius was brought up as a Christian. He became a soldier, then an officer in the Roman Imperial Army in the Middle East, but during the persecution of the Christians by the Roman emperor Diocletian, he refused to renounce his Christian beliefs and was imprisoned and then martyred, probably beheaded, on the 23rd April, 303 A.D.

The story of St. George slaying the dragon to save a fair princess and her people is basically true . . . except that the "dragon" actually represents the Roman empire and its atrocities against the spread of Christianity, while the princess symbolizes the Christians themselves. Between leaving the army and being imprisoned, Georgius travelled through Libya invoking the Sign of the Cross to help him in saving fellow-Christians from persecution. Doubtless that was a major contribution to his subsequent martyr's death.

HOW TO USE THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR UNIT

Hold a St. George's Day Meeting. Recount the History of St. George, or encourage the girls to research for themselves, and then re-enact the stories, either by pre-planning or ad libbing. There is plenty of scope here for dressing-up, sword-fighting, dramatic deaths with a plentiful use of mock blood and gore. Having a dancing night . . . you can choose from Olde Englishe to Greek to Middle Eastern.

SAINT GEORGE

St. George is the Patron Saint of England.

His day is the 23rd April. His flower is the Rose.

His flag is a red cross on a white background.

The same applies to a cooking meeting. Here are some example menus:

English . . . "Toad in the Hole"

Turkish . . . Shish-Kebab
Rice Pilav
Turkish Coffee
Turkish Delight

Greek . . . "Moussaka"
Greek shortbread crescents.

A sample game . . . "Crusaders and Saracens". Using coloured counters, three per player . . . half red, half any other colour, or colours. All the red counters represent the Crusaders, the other colour/colours represent the Saracens.

One girl from each six or patrol is chosen to be a "Chaser", and the leader hands out one counter to every other girl, these are kept hidden in one hand.

The "Chaser" tries to catch any girl, who must then hand over her counter . . . whichever is the first colour "captured" by a Chaser determines the colour she must then follow . . . e.g., if a Chaser captures a Red first, she may then **only** capture reds, if she catches a girl with another colour, she must return it (secretly) and try for someone else.

As each girl loses her counter, she returns to the leader for another until she has had three — however, she may still run around with a clenched hand if she has already surrendered her quota of three.

When all counters are used up, or when time has run out, the Chasers then count their "captures" to see who caught the most Crusaders or Saracens.

It could be advisable to declare a time limit.

"Dragon's Lair"

Join ropes to form a large circle on the floor. Everyone removes one shoe and places it inside the circle, these are St. George's Roses.

One girl is the dragon who tries to keep the 'roses', the others each try to retrieve their own 'rose'.

The dragon may sit or lie on them or try to protect them in any way. The game ends when every girl has retrieved her own 'rose'.



Thought for the Month

Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

Calling all Secretaries

If your local association has changed secretaries either at or since your last annual meeting, have you remembered to forward the new name and address to Guide Headquarters, so that files can be updated and information sent straight to the correct person?

Fact 'n' Fun Days are to be held in various regions during the year. Please check the Training Calendar towards the back of Matilda each month for dates and venues.

More Tealadies needed urgently at Headquarters to assist with weekend training sessions for leaders. Please refer to Matilda, November 1978, for full details.

Two stories and some suggestions

Last year I was in New Zealand and this January I was in Perth, both for relatively short and busy stays.

Problem: How to fit in shopping for the family at home amid conference activities, sight-seeing and minimum sleep?

Answer: Look up Girl Guide Headquarters in the telephone book!

I made a swift trip to their Headquarters and associated shops and soon had a collection of blanket and camp-hat badges, trinkets, T-shirts and songbooks that was guaranteed to thrill the keen members of the movement at home. Another swift trip to Scout Headquarters and I could heave a sigh of relief.

The other story concerns a young neighbour of mine called Sarah, who became a 'Leprechaun' at a Hampstead Brownie Pack for six weeks while she and her family were in London. Before they went away an official card of introduction was obtained for Sarah from Headquarters and a selection of cloth badges was bought from the Guide Shop as gifts for her temporary pack. Her Monday night Brownie meetings became one of the highlights of Sarah's trip to England and she brought back badges for her own pack as a gift from all her new friends in Hampstead.

Are you, or your family, planning a trip overseas or interstate this year? Remember Guiding is to be found in almost one hundred countries.

Prepare in advance by obtaining a card of introduction for any enrolled members (ask your district commissioner about the procedure). Plan to have space in the suitcase for a uniform if your daughter is putting down even short roots in any place. Then, while away, use the telephone book! Visit, identify yourself as Australians or Victorians interested in Guiding, ask questions, make contacts and bring the wider world of Guiding home to your daughters.

RECIPE CORNER

Kosciusko Fluff

3 teasp. gelatine, ½ pint hot water, 1 cup sugar, 3 tabs. lemon juice, 3 whites of egg.

Dissolve gelatine in hot water, add lemon juice and sugar. Chill. When beginning to thicken beat until very thick. Add stiffly beaten whites of egg. Continue beating until stiff enough to hold its shape. Serve with fruit or ice cream.

Egg Yolk Left-over

Cheese, bacon, egg yolks and bread.

Cut bacon into small pieces, grate cheese, beat eggs and season. Mix together, spread on bread and grill.

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



FUND RAISING

Why not include a Fashion Parade in your programme this year.

Charge admission and collect 10% commission from all sales.

New season's knitwear, skirts, slacks, suits and dresses, all at much below retail cost.

Sizes 10 to 24 — all prices very reasonable.

Have a Fun Night, save money and raise money. For further information ring Edna Taggart 758 3398 A.H., or call into 21 Francis Crescent, Ferntree Gully. Inspection welcome.



FOR CHILDREN BY CHILDREN

Are your brownies interested in a service project for the "International Year of the Child"? This project is aimed to help children who have suffered from burns. We would like to establish a special fund at the Royal Children's Hospital to provide appliances for children who require special treatment. These appliances, known as JOBST suits, are especially made for children and are worn to minimise scarring and deformity. Brownies will need to decide in Pow-wow if they wish to participate in this project and the best way they can earn or raise some money. Here are some ideas to discuss —

- Sell snowballs, peanut brittle, toffee or lamingtons.
- Hold a cake stall, a pet show, or a concert.

Programme activities may include the care and safety necessary to prevent accidents which cause burns.

Posters, literature and further information may be obtained from Brownie Adviser, Mrs Janet Cooper, c/o Guide Headquarters.



2nd Horsham Brownie Pack welcomed six new members at its 27th anniversary. Past leaders of the pack helped them celebrate. Former leader Mrs Thelma Walker helped Corryn Savage (left) and Julie Greenall extinguish the candles on their special cake.

BROWNIE MOVIE MORNING

"FERN THE RED DEER" and Shorts

These films have been specially selected by the Victorian Council for Children's Films and Television from the IYC Film Festival.

PLACE: Balwyn Village Theatre, Whitehorse Road, Balwyn (on Balwyn Tram Route).

DATE: Saturday, 28th April, 1979.

TIME: 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.,

COST: \$1.00 per seat (Brownie or Guider).

One ticket only per group will be issued on receipt of application and cheque made payable to "G. G. A. Movie Morning". Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and forward to Mrs W. J. Dean, 310 Lawrence Road, Mt. Waverley, 3149 (232 5512). Applications close as soon as all seats are sold, so be early. No refunds available.



COMMUNITY DAY STALL

Brownies of the 2nd Ormond Brownie pack wrapped "luck; dips" for the Glen Huntly-Ormond Guide stall at the Caulfield Community Day and helped put up the stall. We had books, cakes, sewing goods, secondhand goods and lucky dips. We took turns in helping on the stall. It was very hot, but we enjoyed ourselves.

—FIONA RODGERS, YVONNE FAULKS,
VANESSA RODGERS,
2nd Ormond Brownie Pack.

BRASS RUBBING

Hold a brass rubbing night at your meeting. A demonstrator is available for any afternoon or evening.

Write or telephone for samples and price list.

Country leaders — miniature brasses, materials and full instructions can be rail freighted to your area.

Margaret Angus, 16 Ingrid Street, Scoresby, 3179. Telephone 763 6811.



GO GUIDING

Guide Guiders' Weekend — 31st March—1st April

We hope YOU have booked to join us for this weekend. If you have not, there are still two weeks in which you can apply for "Day Attendance". Send your name, address, unit, \$3.00 conference fee and a stamped self-addressed envelope for reply to "Guide Guiders' Weekend", c/o Guide Headquarters.

May we remind all day attenders that they need to bring their own picnic meals — there are no canteen facilities.

Challenge Emblem

When earned, this emblem is worn on the right sleeve in position as described for other Collective Emblems. The badges earned for the Challenge Emblem are removed when the Emblem is won.

Olave Patrol Challenges

Patrols can still apply to participate in the 1979 challenges. For details see February Matilda.

Do You Know?

Each region has a "B.P. Emblem Co-ordinator" to whom queries can be directed about this emblem, and who usually receives and checks the final application before the card is signed by the region commissioner.

Maintenance of standards for this emblem is the responsibility of the guiders in the region.

Within the district, opportunity should be made for Guide guiders and commissioners to discuss how they utilise the badge system, the amount of training they provide at Guide meetings and the standard they expect of a girl before she is allowed to be tested. The importance of prior training within Guide meetings and the expected level of expertise varies with different badges, e.g., First Aid and Camper badges will require a lot of preparation of the girl from the unit, whereas a Collector badge may depend on the girl's unsupervised efforts.

"Keeping the Guide Law", clause 1, requires the guide to "Discuss the Promise and Law with your commissioner or someone appointed by her".

This clause should not be attempted until the girl has completed about 75% of the emblem's other requirements. It can be expected that the girl, by then, should have developed a reasonable understanding of the implication of the Promise and Law on her own life and behaviour.

The Australian Guide Handbook, Part 1, takes the approach that the guide is searching for her own moral standards and can question those of other girls and boys of her age and those of adults.

In discussing the Promise and Law with a B.P. Emblem candidate a commissioner should listen more than speak, and refrain from preaching. This does not preclude the commissioner from quoting her own experiences and beliefs. The girl needs various points of view if she is to develop her own philosophy, but the commissioner should not be dogmatic.

The girl may need encouragement to enlarge and extend her thoughts into words.

The commissioner could find the need to question the guide on her understanding of words in relation to the Laws, such as "loyal", "considerate", "control", etc.

A guide should be able to show that she has thought through and considered the meaning of the Promise and Law and how she is applying them to her every-day living. If, bearing in mind the girl's ability and experience, the commissioner is not satisfied that the girl has reached this understanding, she should suggest further study and thought and could recommend books and help in the company from the guider. The commissioner needs to describe to the guider those areas in which she feels the girl needs further help before presenting again for more discussion.

Watch for more about the B.P. Emblem in next month's Matilda.

RANGERING AROUND

FOUR CORNERS FIXTURE

Leadership Skills Training at Girl Guide Headquarters, 7th-8th April. This weekend is part of the Four Corners Fixture and is being held early in the month to allow ranger guides and rangers to take part in both weekends if they wish. Hurry to get your application forms into Training Department no later than 20th March.

Water Activity: "Country Cousins Aquatic Carnival" will be held at Geelong on 27th-29th April and Barwon Region Ranger Guide Council (conveners) have lots of surprises in store for those who attend. Application forms were with January Newsletter. Enquiries to Mrs J. Neumann, 42 Settlement Road, Belmont, 3219.

Air Activity: "Burrana" will be held at Berwick on 27th-29th April and the lucky participants will have opportunity to fly in a light aircraft, as well as learning about air traffic control and having instruction in flying technique. Berwick Ranger Guide Unit is convening and has lots of interesting items on the programme. Application forms are with January Newsletter and, as numbers are limited, those who apply early will be the lucky ones. Enquiries to Miss Karen Pawsey, telephone 707 2539.

Land Activity: "Royston Rubicon Ramble". This is the landlubbers department. So ranger guides, rangers and leaders, be adventurous, come out on 27th-29th April and use your legs! Walk through forests of mountain ash, alpine ash and snow gums. See magnificent views of Eildon Reservoir and the Goulburn Valley. Application forms with January Newsletter. Enquiries to Mrs S. Hopwood, 14 Sylvester Grove, Caulfield, telephone 523 7248.

APRIL FOOL'S CANOE RACE

WHEN — 1st April (of course).

WHERE — Yarra River, from the picnic area near Collins Street footbridge to Church Street bridge, just above Melbourne High School — a distance of about six miles.

This race is being held because of the popularity of the State-a-Thon Canoe Race last year. Paddlers are asked to assemble at the picnic area at 9.30 a.m. and everyone is invited to come to cheer competitors and join in the barbecue lunch at the end of the race. Bring your own lunch. Applications with January Newsletter.

THE DISASTROUS RETURN OF COMMANDO CAPERS

WHEN — 13th-16th April, Easter.

WHERE — Tapestry, the Ranger Section lovely campsite at Strathewen.

If you have never been to our own property, now is the time, and you will have the chance to experience the thrills provided in the programme for this event. There will be flying fox, scramble net and other contrary contraptions in this Commando Course, so apply now and join in the thrills and spills. Application forms with January Newsletter.

'RANGER RUSH'

Recently Girl Guide Headquarters saw a crowd of rangers piling aboard a furniture van about to embark on a 'Ranger Rush' to 'Lingbogol', Creswick.

The following morning (Saturday), after Miners, Troopers, Squatters and Bushrangers had completed their duties we set out once again, this time for Ballarat.

The new Gold Museum and Sovereign Hill were visited by 35 rangers, who learned how the old-timers lived.

On Saturday night our chairman was captured and hidden in the bush and a search-party tried to rescue her. The bush was alive with the sounds of twigs snapping and shouts of glee or shock as someone was caught.

Rangers' Own, held in an outdoor chapel, was followed by our Sunday activities, weaving — Navaho Indian style, candle making in sand, screen printing our 'T' shirts, making pet rocks and learning macrame. I think everyone enjoyed being creative.

In the afternoon a scavenger hunt led to a water-hole for a swim. Riddles that had to be answered en route proved difficult and some of the answers were hilarious.

Swimming and sunbathing took up the rest of the afternoon and that night we sang around a roaring campfire.

SUE PLOWRIGHT.

"TAPSY TOUR"

Tapsy Tour day finally dawned and everyone arrived for the famous Ranger Section "Around the World Trip".

The weekend happenings began with Scottish dancing and crafts followed by games from Malaysia, Mexico, Peru and India and there was much shrieking and laughing as El Lobo got her breakfast and the pinyata came crashing to the ground, with everyone scrambling for the lollies it contained. To recover from these strenuous activities everyone attempted to create Aran Knits with a ball of wool and THREE needles.

By this time afternoon tea was needed to revive the travellers and the five patrols scattered to prepare skits for the evening campfire. At 4.00 p.m. we travelled back to Australia and enjoyed Australian Colonial Folk Dancing, stories, and craft which involved making patchwork. We are not quite sure whether the dinner of John and Jenny was enjoyed but everyone had fun trying to cook offerings for the International Supper. End results were Danish open sandwiches, Chilli Can Carne (Mexico), fried rice (China), caramel custard, crepe suzettes (France) and devonshire scones (England), all eagerly devoured by hungry ranger guides after a terrific campfire.

6.00 a.m. Sunday saw many sleepy ranger guides and rangers attending an International Rangers' Own. During the morning Greece was visited and we learned to dance the Zorba and painted hard-boiled eggs.

Pottery, spinning and weaving wool were the next activities with some very odd articles being produced. Our last port of call before returning home was New Zealand, where we learnt how to make pois and use them and also the Maori Stick Game. A wonderful tour around Tapestry ending in a bus ride to Hurstbridge in time to catch the train home!

Many thanks to the leaders and Tapestry Activities Committee and the friends who came to show us so many skills. It was a great weekend.

—R.G.

1978 MELBOURNE GATHERING

The Melbourne Gathering, an annual Venturer Scout Camp organised by Yarra Batman Scout Association held at a variety of venues on the first weekend in December, comes at the end of the school year and provides a perfect time for unwinding after exams and talking with other people about the next year's activities. And the most recent gathering gave many the chance to meet other venturers and ranger guides who would be attending the 5th Australian Venture in Adelaide, South Australia, at the end of December.

For a number of years rangers have assisted at the Gathering, by teaching skills to the boys, but in 1978 ranger guides were invited to take part in the whole programme of activities.

This Melbourne Gathering was held at Y.A.B.A.M.A.C., Wandong, the theme being "The Living City", designed to give participants a taste of careers available to school leavers today.

After the area opened at 6.30 p.m. on Friday the city began to grow — people checked in at the registration desk and were given maps, timetables and group numbers.

The Gathering consisted of five sub-camps of about 200 each with a sub-camp chief — each sub-camp containing groups of 15, each person being given a number.

We took our own gear, equipment and food, but hamburgers were provided for dinner on Friday night. After meeting old and new friends most of us retired early, anticipating the 8.00 a.m. start of activities on Saturday.

After checking timetables to see where our job hunting started, we headed in various directions. There were six timetabled activities, and others to try if you could find time. Rovers and a few rangers helped to run activities.

City SEARCH and RESCUE had an aptitude test called "Operation Impossible" which consisted of ten different tests in the form of a commando course, ranging from transporting an injured person to escaping from prison-camp over a 3-metre-high wall.

City FIRE DEPARTMENT ran training in fire fighting. Auntie Trine's Sweet Shop had everyone making toffee apples and chocolate crackles. We printed posters at the Yabamac Courier, and at Diamante and Van Osterom's Studio 69 we had a chance to take, develop and print our own photographs. Blondin Brothers Aerial Artistes had a flying fox (500 metres), a scramble net (6 metres), a rope bridge (100 metres) and they provided a little basic training in abseiling.

In between these training sessions we were able to try our hand at rope works, radio station, archery and screen printing.

On Saturday night there was a dance and on Sunday we concluded our activities.

I hope organisers of the next gathering will invite ranger guides as I am sure anyone lucky enough to go will enjoy it as much as we did.

—LEONORA GOFFIN,
Beaumaris Ranger Guide Unit.



Around the State with the

MOBILE GUIDE SHOP

Half-way through last year, an exciting venture was initiated from Guide Headquarters. Plans for taking a Mobile Guide Shop on tours of country centres were put into action.

For some months prior to this discussions had taken place regarding the need for a mobile shop to serve Guiding personnel and parents of girls in the Movement who, because of long distances, are unable to visit our Guide Shop in Melbourne. While our mail-order department gives excellent service and covers a wide field, it does not give our country folk opportunity to see the total range of goods available in the Shop. Therefore, it was decided to take a mobile shop to them so that they could shop personally for their Guiding requirements.

The first tours which took place towards the end of 1978 included the main centres in far northern and north-eastern Victoria, reaching as far as Swan Hill and Wodonga. These tours covered a great portion of four Guide regions — North Central, Goulburn, Barree and the northern part of Hume — which gave those from the many districts in these regions opportunity to see what the Guide Shop has to offer.

In November a one-day visit was made to Mornington Peninsula Region which, although not as distant from Melbourne as the other areas, showed the need for an occasional trip to a closer centre.

Arrangements were made well beforehand with the district commissioners concerned, and I would like to thank them and others in their districts for their whole-hearted co-operation in making these tours so successful.

Adequate notice of the tours was published in Matilda and local publicity included notices in newspapers and announcements over radio sta-

tions for the week preceding each tour, and in Echuca the newspaper photographer arrived to record this item of interest for the readers.

The initial experiment for a Mobile Guide Shop has shown that the need really exists as the response has been quite overwhelming, and it has now been decided to continue the tours in 1979.

First tour planned for this year will be in early April, when the Shop will be at Horsham on the day of the Wimmera Region Conference. The Shop will then be taken to Mildura during the same week for one day. Please read details of this tour in the Russell Street Reporting page in this issue. The Shop will also be at the conference being arranged by Acheron, Hume and Outer Eastern Regions at Yea in June.

It is hoped to take the Shop to Gippsland and the Western District during the year. Details will be announced through Matilda at a later date. Direct contact will be made with commissioners concerned in due course.

As with the previous tours, a selection covering almost every item from the Guide Shop will be transported in the Guide station wagon to the various centres. Because of limited space, it is not possible to bring many of the same article, especially uniform items, so if you know your requirements beforehand it would be advisable to send a specific order to the Guide Shop at 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, at least TWO WEEKS prior to the tour, for delivery through the Mobile Shop at the centre being visited. Owing to the large variety of emblems and interest badges available, it is not possible to carry these, but they can be ordered, accompanied by appropriate certificates, with the Mobile Shop people for despatch by the mail-order department the following week.

Orders for any other items not available at the time can be placed similarly.

When the Mobile Guide Shop is due to visit your area, please be sure that your Guiding personnel, parents and all the girls in the units hear about it. After all, it is there for their benefit, providing goods that they need for Guiding. Any correspondence regarding the Mobile Guide Shop can be sent to me at Girl Guide Headquarters, or send orders directly to the Shop Manager at the Guide Shop, stating that delivery can be made by the Mobile Shop.

—JEAN OLDFIELD.



DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

The "Good Turns" done by guides and brownies and rangers have been very varied over the years; in the early days one small girl scout sat at the bottom of a steep hill and politely asked all drivers of horses to loosen the bearing rein before starting up the hill, this was back in 1908.

One of the lesser known service projects concerns the sending of lorries to help Guide associations in France to overcome the tremendous difficulties they faced due to lack of transport after the occupation of their country by the enemy. In November 1944 the request was made and by October 1945 all the many permits had been acquired from both France and England, passports and visas were obtained and six guiders left for France, with the lorries (four of them), the joint gift of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the Girl Guide Association of Great Britain. The cost of the convoy was paid by the Guide International Service Fund (British).

The lorries were packed full of bales and crates of gifts — clothing, blankets, footwear, soap and toys — and in an article in *The Council Fire* in 1946 leader of the team described the intense excitement as the lorries and cases were handed over to the Guides de France and the Federation Francaise des Eclaireuses, all the crates being stamped 'from the Guides of Canada' or Australia or Great Britain, or New Zealand, etc.

For several weeks four of the team worked in the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, where in the town of Luneville there was one old lorry to serve the needs of the 24,000 inhabitants. Roads were bad, and bridges had been blown up by retreating Germans, and the loads they carried were varied.

"... carrying biscuits, furniture, blankets, sabots, potatoes and fuel to the destroyed areas, returning stained-glass windows to a repaired church, taking the family to the re-burial of a young man shot in the Maquis, who wished him to lie among his friends. Another day we conveyed an old, ill countrywoman, with all her goods and chattels, back to her remote farm after six years separation from her family. We found great happiness and friendliness, working among the people, who were always so grateful for the help and gifts given to them by Les Anglaises."

In the same issue of the *Council Fire* I came upon an unusual use of the Thinking Day Fund.

"Gifts of Eggs from the Thinking Day Fund. A large number of eggs, through the kind co-operation of the Danish Girl Guides, have been sent to the Netherlands."

Mrs Peereboom-Kikkert writes: Will you please thank everybody who contributed to the Thinking Day Pennies Fund in order to send those very welcome parcels with eggs, etc., to Holland. We distributed the food amongst Guides and Brownies who were ill or badly in need of extra nourishment. It is indeed wonderful what the other countries are doing to help us, and we are proud and glad to belong to our great sisterhood. We have been cut off from any contact for so long and are overjoyed at being in touch with you again."

Anyone who was in the Movement ten years ago will remember that the wording of our Guide laws were slightly different then, and the implications of them in 1946 were very different from those of the present day. I quote once again, from the same *Council Fire*, part of an article by Catherine Christian, for several years Editor of *The Guide*.

"A Guide's honour is to be trusted—and throughout a haunted continent children knew, and did not tell, secrets that the Gestapo were at pains to learn. A Guide is loyal — and in a smoke-filled basement of a London slum a little Guide with both legs shattered, indicates the younger child beside her. 'Take Tommy first — I promised Mum to take care of 'im', and she turns her face to the wall, knowing well enough there will not be time for the warden to make a second journey. A Guide obeys orders — and in a jungle hospital the Malay Ranger nurses crouch trembling beside their patients, while the tramp of Japanese soldiers comes nearer and nearer."

To conclude on a more cheerful note, here are a few reminiscences from the Golden Jubilee number of *The Trefoil*, the magazine of the Trefoil Guild.

"1908. We were the Wolf Patrol, we built a hut of spruce branches and cooked on a camp fire. Our first loaf of bread we made was handed over to our dog, who gnawed it like a bone."

From Agnes Maynard — *"There were no C.A.s or camp regulations in those days and no doubt we*

ran risks. One of my patrol leaders brought two toddlers with her, for she was the eldest of fourteen and could not be spared from home otherwise. Two Guides took charge of the little ones for a day at a time. This realistically helped towards their Child Nurse badge, especially learning that unripe blackberries meant a bad night. Another badge we expected all Guides in the 1st Wimbledon Company to gain was the Bootmenders. We often walked ten miles to visit another company and it was the boots that gave out, not the girls.

Early days at Foxlease. One very hot August night at about half-past nine the front doorbell rang. At the door stood a Guider with plumes in her hat, who said to the Secretary: 'I am the Chief Guide of Norway and I have come. My husband and I are on our honeymoon. He has gone to Gilwell Park and I have come to Foxlease.' There was not an empty bed in the house! And a telephone call from London at the time of a large conference at Headquarters — The Maharanee of . . . wished to come to the Brownie Training Week. She would bring her maid and her secretary, who was male and coloured. And again the house was completely full."

Those were indeed the days!

—MARY LAMBE,
Archivist.

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TREFOIL TALES

I have had a long letter from May Townsend — formerly Argana Trefoil, now living in England. At first the snow was a novelty to her but after five weeks she is eagerly awaiting warmer weather. She is making contact with former Guiding people in her village with the thought of re-opening a Trefoil Guild. She sends her love to anyone who remembers her and wishes them a happy new year. In last month's Matilda I mentioned speaking at a meeting at Echuca and said members from Goulburn Valley had joined us. I had my guilds mixed up, it was Central Murray Trefoil members — my apologies. Here are some dates for your diary:

Saturday, 24th March, 1979, at mid-day. The Caulfield branch of the Baden-Powell Guild is holding a barbecue in aid of the Baden-Powell Memorial Homes Project, at the Caulfield district camp site, Beaconsfield. Bring your own food and refreshments. Admittance charge, \$3.00 per car, includes use of barbecue facilities. R.S.V.P. and all inquiries to Mrs Elizabeth Oberin (560 4804).

Friday, 22nd June, 1979, at 7 p.m. Annual Baden-Powell Guild Dinner Dance at Carnevu Licensed Restaurant, 415 Warrigal Road, Burwood. \$10.00 per head (3-course meal, drinks extra). Contact Mrs Elizabeth Oberin (560 4804) by 31st May.

Saturday, 6th October, 1979, at 2.30 p.m. Trefoil Annual Meeting at Girl Guide Headquarters.

Please do not forget I shall be away during March and April. For any Trefoil matters please contact Isobel Lister (95 1835).

TREFOIL LUNCHEON

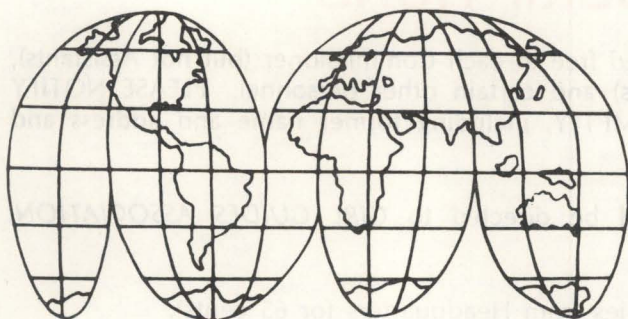
Ashglen Trefoil Guild will hold a luncheon to raise funds for the Baden-Powell Homes Project in All Saints' Church Hall, East Malvern, at 12.30 p.m. on 3rd April. \$3.00 per head. Details and bookings to Olive Anderson (telephone 277 2308) please.

FULL TIME TRAINER FOR QUEENSLAND

Would you like to work in the Sunshine State? This will be a full time position for a qualified Trainer, with opportunities to travel throughout Queensland.

A fully equipped campervan will be available. Salary negotiable.

For further information please contact the State Secretary, The Girl Guide Association of Queensland, P.O. Box 56, North Brisbane, Qld., 4000.



TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA

The chance to travel overseas is indeed appealing to everyone, and to hear somebody talk of her participation in a camp overseas cannot be denied as an opportunity of a lifetime. But how do you get there? Notice of the trips available appear in Matilda and information is also available from your Region International Representative. Application forms must be obtained, and then you will be notified of the Selection Day.

Most people shudder at the thought of this formal day in full uniform where you are told only to bring your lunch and that is all you know. But what does go on and for what are the selectors looking? All the activities are aimed at finding out how capable and independent you are, how well you can cope in a strange situation and how well you get along with other people. These are qualities you will need to travel as a representative outside Australia.

To discover if you are suitable, selectors ask you to participate in a 'get-to-know-you' game. Then you may be asked to give a talk about a hobby or interest. After a chat over lunch, you have an interview with a panel of three selectors, but the questions are not hard and I think sometimes selectors are almost as nervous as the people being interviewed. Remember, they are looking for you to be yourself, not another Einstein.

After the interview you relax and realise it is not so bad after all. The rest of the afternoon flies as you are given topics of interest to discuss with the other girls and, before you know it, the afternoon is over and you have had a great day and made many new friends. Even those who have not been selected will probably agree that it was not a waste of a day, and they are invited to apply again if they wish. Although the day's programme may differ slightly, the aim will be the same and if you are good at being yourself you will enjoy the experience.

INFORMATION from the International Adviser

Q.—Travelling overseas and want to see Guiding activities?

A.—Write to the Secretary to Advisers at Guide Headquarters requesting a form for an Overseas Introduction card. (Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.)

Q.—In your area do you have Rangers, Guides or Brownies who want to transfer to groups overseas?

A.—Write to the Secretary to Advisers, requesting a transfer form. (Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.)

When this form is completed please return to Guide Headquarters and not to the State International Adviser's home address.

Q.—Is your group planning a trip overseas?

A.—Before Australian Headquarters can contact overseas Guiding Organisations the following is to be undertaken:

1. A rough estimate of the cost of the trip is to be obtained.
2. Plans organised as to how funds are to be raised.
3. A rough plan of where you wish to travel, and how long you intend to be away.
4. Please send details of the above to the State International Adviser at Guide Headquarters.
5. Your request is then taken to Victorian Guide Executive and, once approval has been granted, you will be directed to go ahead with your plans.

Q.—Want information about what uniform to wear at overseas events?

A.—Write to the State International Adviser giving full details of the event that you will be attending.

Q.—Do you require information about Guiding in other countries?

A.—Please write to the State International Adviser stating **clearly** the type of information you require.

Q.—Do you want details of people available to speak about Overseas Events which they have attended?

A.—Write to the State International Adviser giving several alternative dates if possible. It would be helpful if you could indicate the type of meeting it is to be.

I hope this information answers some of your questions. If I can help you at any time concerning International activities please do not hesitate to get in touch.

—WENDY SWIFT,
State International Adviser.

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. **Please note: Acceptance cards are not sent out until the closing date.**

Stage 1 Training

Coleraine: Weekends 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply **immediately** to Mrs F. Jervies, 'Karingal', Hamilton, 3300.

Glenroy: Weekends 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply **immediately** to Miss M. McLeod, 3 Glenview Road, Strathmore, 3041.

Mildura South: Weekend 23rd-24th June and **Cardross** 14th-15th July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs S. Smith, 10 Barry Avenue, Mildura, 3500, by **1st June.**

Wattle Park: Weekends 30th June-1st July and 21st July and 4th-5th August, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster East, 3109, by **4th June.**

Stage 2 Programming and Activities for WARRANTED Leaders

Bairnsdale: 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply **immediately** to Mrs L. Ryan, 5 Araleun Drive, Sale, 3850.

Morwell: 7th-8th April and 5th-6th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Apply **immediately** to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818.

Seymour: Weekends 28th-29th April and 23rd-24th June, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs M. Gorman, 33 Batten Street, Seymour, 3660, by **7th April.**

Wangaratta: Weekends 5th-6th May and 2nd-3rd June, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Ranger Guide training is available. Applications to Miss H. Smith, 21 Cusack Street, Wangaratta, 3677, by **16th April.**

Accent on Leadership — Special Subjects for Guiders who have completed Stage 2 training

Baw Baw Region: Weekends 2nd-3rd June and 30th June-1st July. Further information available from Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818.

Campcraft Training

Glenroy: Monday, 28th May and 4th June, time 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., plus Saturday, 7th July at **Janet Whitlam**, times to be advised, plus 21st-22nd July at **Rowallen** and 11th-12th August at **Britannia Park**, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Miss M. McLeod, 3 Glenview Road, Strathmore, 3041, by **7th May.**

'Yandiah': Weekends 2nd-3rd June and 30th June-1st July and 21st-22nd July and 11th-12th August. Times for **first** weekend 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Times for other three weekends 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Cost of weekends to be advised. Applications and \$6.00 to Mrs S. Smith, 10 Barry Avenue, Mildura, 3500, by **18th May.**

Pack Holiday Training

Glen Waverley: Weekend 5th-6th May, times 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$4.50 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **18th April.**

'Yandiah': 4th-5th-6th May, times 7.30 p.m. Friday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Note: Fee to be advised. Applications to Mrs S. Smith, 10 Barry Avenue, Mildura, 3500, by **18th April.**

Camp First Aid

Headquarters: Weekend 23rd-24th June, times 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **4th June.**

Facts 'n Fun for Local Association Members

Kerang: Thursday, 7th June, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and 50 cents per local association member to Mrs B. Whelan, 8 Hope Street, Kangaroo Flat, 3555, by **25th May.**

Goulburn Region: Thursday, 21st June, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs M. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Road, Shepparton, 3630.

Western Plains Region: Wednesday, 9th May, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs G. Swainston, 13 Wright Street, Skipton, 3361.

Yarragon: Tuesday, 24th April, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and 50 cents per local association member to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **3rd April.**

Skill Days

Kilsyth: 13th and 27th June, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Note: Skills will include Orienteering, Camp Gadgets, Campfire and Programming. Applications and \$1.50 to Mrs R. Anderson, 17 Oliver Street, Ringwood, 3134, by **27th May.**

World Friendship

East Metropolitan Region: Saturday, 5th May, times 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 to Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3109, by **16th April.**

Ranger Leadership Weekend

Headquarters: Weekend 7th-8th April, times 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily.

Training in leadership skills for ranger guides and rangers who are working on Leadership certificates and any who are interested in learning leadership skills.

Applications, \$1.50 fee and stamped self-addressed envelope to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **20th March.**

Special Subjects for Brownie Guiders

Headquarters: Thursday, 10th May, times 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Note: To include Programming, Skills and Creativity and **YOUR** requests. Applications and \$1.20 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **24th April.**

Q.M. Course (open to all sections)

Castlemaine: Weekend 5th-6th May, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday, OR 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 7.00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Note: Overnight accommodation available in hall. Applications and \$9.00 to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **26th April.**

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Gas Accident	Size 14¼" x 10½"	20c
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Stalking	Size 16½" x 11½"	60c
Firelighting	Size 17" x 12" ..	30c
Uniform Wear and Care	Size 10" x 15" ..	10c
Uniform When, What and Where	Size 8½" x 14" ..	12c

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An attractive Gift Voucher is now available from the shop. This will have many uses as it is suitable for presentations, outdoor and sporting events. Vouchers for values \$10 and over are free. All values up to \$10 each	10c
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OCTOBER:

South Morang Local Association (2nd), Wattle Park Local Association (13th), Moorleigh Local Association (27th), Extension Auxiliary (27th), Newport Local Association (28th), Carine Trefoil Guild (30th), Katunga Local Association (30th), South Morang Local Association (31st).

NOVEMBER:

Colbinabbin Local Association (4th), Simpson Local Association (7th), Airara Post Trefoil Guild (6th), Marysville Local

Association (8th), Frankston Local Association (9th), Meeniyan Local Association (10th), Preston Local Association (10th), 1st Emerald Guide Company (11th), 4th South Yarra Guide Company (12th), Narre Warren District Girl Guides (13th), 1st Whittlesea Guide Company (17th), Maidstone Local Association (20th, 21st), Springvale Local Association (22nd), Geelong Trefoil Guild (24th), 4th St. Kilda Guide Company (25th, 26th), East Malvern-Gardiner Local Association (30th),

DECEMBER:

1st Merrigum Guide Company (1st), Miss D. Thorowgood (3rd), Donvale Local Association (4th), Montrose Local Association (6th), Eltham Local Association (8th), Yarragon Local Association (11th), Narre Warren North Local Association (13th), Preston Division (14th), Benalla Local Association (17th), Whittlesea Local Association (24th), 3rd Cheltenham Guide Company (25th), 1st Mooroolbark Guide Company (25th), 1st Kerrimuir Pack (25th).

JANUARY:

1st Brighton Beach Pack (1st), Templestowe District (2nd), Burwood Local Association (3rd), 2nd Thomastown Pack (26th), Manningham Trefoil Guild (30th).

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Guider Long Service

(20 years): Mrs T. Norton, Moorabbin.

(10 years): Mrs I. Cook, Doncaster; Mrs N. Bourband, Black Rock; Mrs R. C. Lawson, East Brighton; Mrs P. Bone, Wurdibolac; Mrs E. Tyack, Euston; Mrs J. Robbins, Mildura; Mrs B. Baker, Red Cliffs; Mrs R. Stillwell, Highett; Mrs P. Webster, Maffra; Mrs M. Parr, East Bentleigh; Mrs W. Farrall, Moorabbin; Mrs J. Slagman, Mooroolbark.

Combined Long Service

(20 years): Mrs J. Morphett, East Bentleigh; Mrs G. Sayers, East Bentleigh; Mrs F. Seward, East Bentleigh.

(10 years): Mrs B. L. Robertson, Highton; Mrs D. Thomas, Frankston; Mrs B. Evelyn-Williams, Greensborough; Mrs M. Pollock, Ormond.

Local Association Long Service

(20 years): Mrs B. Macauley, Mulgrave; Mrs M. Roberts, East Bentleigh; Mrs N. Reynolds, East Bentleigh; Mrs B. Deveson, Ballarat.

(10 years): Mrs J. Woodwood, Dunolly; Mrs V. Scott, Alexandra.

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Thanks Badge

Mr J. Cavanagh, Ararat; Mrs B. Evelyn-Williams, Plenty; Mr G. Holland, Frankston.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Region Commissioner

Mrs B. W. Lithgow, East Metropolitan.

District Commissioners

Mrs J. H. Brown, Belgrave; Mrs G. R. Gulline (Assistant), Horsham; Mrs K. R. Carlile, Montrose; Mrs B. L. Cormican, Katandra West; Mrs A. K. Kerrison, Moorabbin; Mrs M. E. Shields, Hazelwood-Churchill; Mrs L. E. Sykes, North Melbourne; Mrs W. R. Rae, Somerville; Mrs J. H. Read, Beaufort; Mrs A. H. Robertson, Kinglake; Mrs I. R. Berryman, Mortlake; Mrs I. M. Fraser, Yarrowonga.

Guide Guiders

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Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs R. A. Flack, 5th Syndal North; Mrs G. Dow, 1st Upwey; Mrs G. Arnold, 1st South Shepparton; Mrs R. Squire, 1st Invergordon; Miss R. E. Ward, 3rd Nunawading; Mrs J. Comrie, 1st Hazelwood; Mrs K. C. Duggan, 1st Springvale North; Miss S. M. Brant, 4th Ballarat.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs K. R. Robinson, 2nd Mortlake; Mrs R. M. Greenwood, 2nd Morwell; Mrs T. J. Boland, 2nd Korumburra; Mrs H. Van Wijk, 2nd Belgrave; Mrs L. O'Shannassy, 1st Dimboola; Mrs D. Jones, 4th Malvern; Mrs R. Buchanan, 4th Sunshine West; Mrs S. McLaughlan, 2nd Dingley; Mrs A. Deas, 2nd Camperdown; Miss S. L. Barry, 3rd Chadstone; Mrs J. Nichols, 2nd Chadstone; Mrs C. T. Molloy, 2nd Ringwood; Mrs R. C. Nickels, 1st Yarraville; Mrs B. Wyatt, 1st Glenroy; Miss B. K. Thorn, 1st Orrvale; Miss B. Cornell, 2nd Mildura; Miss S. T. Warren, 1st Herne Hill; Mrs S. L. Lammers, 5th Dandenong North; Mrs R. Lim, 2nd Upwey; Mrs J. Hann, 2nd Lockington; Mrs J. Lo, 2nd Lilydale; Mrs R. Green, 1st Sale; Miss R. Cameron, 3rd Doncaster; Miss G. Vaughan, 1st Ballangeich.

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1st Wallan Pack, Somers Local Association, 1st Somers Pack, 2nd Belgrave Pack, 5th Dandenong North Pack, 2nd Newcomb Pack, 2nd Black Rock Company, Royal Children's Hospital Lone Pack, 1st Wyndham-Vale Company.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

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Mrs J. D. Kirkpatrick, East Metropolitan; Mrs J. W. B. Draper (Assistant), East Metropolitan.

Division Commissioners

Mrs J. Mole, Oakleigh; Mrs L. L. J. Tyack, Upper Mallee; Mrs L. E. Sykes, Melbourne; Mrs W. R. Rae, Westernport.

District Commissioners

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Ranger Guider

Mrs I. M. Donald, Syndal North Rangers.

Assistant Ranger Guider

Mrs K. C. Rowe, Bendigo Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs W. A. Spicer, 4th Ballarat; Mrs H. Key, 4th West Waverley.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss K. Spicer, 4th Ballarat; Mrs M. Rogan, 2nd Seaford; Miss J. Spicer, 2nd Ringwood; Mrs R. Cooper, 1st Camperdown; Mrs R. Corben, 4th Syndal North (Extension).

Brownie Guiders

Mrs J. Rhodes, 3rd Altona North; Mrs D. Stevens, 2nd Hoppers Crossing; Mrs M. Lake, 3rd Syndal North; Mrs K. Wangman, 7th Colac; Mrs G. W. Sant, 2nd Dingley; Mrs E. J. Birthisel, 1st Dallas.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs B. Heesom, 3rd Korumburra; Mrs K. Hope, 3rd Altona North; Miss P. Goodman, 4th Doncaster West; Miss J. O'Connor, 2nd Reservoir West; Mrs R. M. Greenwood, 2nd Morwell; Mrs C. Molloy, 2nd Ringwood; Miss S. T. Warren, 1st Herne Hill; Mrs S. Lammers, 1st Dandenong North; Miss R. Cameron, 3rd Doncaster.



At a recent gathering of Maryvale and Morwell Districts, local association members and guiders paid tribute to retiring Baw Baw Region Commissioner, Mrs Bessie Porter.

During the luncheon presentations were made to Mrs Porter (right) by Mrs June Graham, local association president, and District Commissioner, Mrs Marjorie Lenscak.

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LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Mrs Alberta Koop was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Alexandra, and in the New Year's honours list was awarded the British Empire Medal for her service to youth, sport and the community.

As well as being a member, and, in many cases an office-bearer, of numerous other local clubs and organisations, Mrs Koop was District Commissioner for Alexandra Guides from 1965 to 1971 and has been a member of Shepparton, Euroa and Alexandra Local Associations.

DOROTHY SEDGFIELD

Ivanhoe district lost a wonderful worker for Guiding when Miss Dorothy Sedgfield died recently.

Enrolled as a guider early in 1926, she founded 1st Ivanhoe Brownie Pack, which she led until 1935 when she became leader of 2nd Ivanhoe Guide Company.

In the early 1950's she served as District Commissioner and was for many years a member of Southern Cross Trefoil Guild.

—E.McG.