

MATILDA



Dear Members and Friends,

I have decided to do a changeover—my letter about the month's activities will appear in the centrefold—so that it will be a little more up to date, and what we used to call "The Purple Sheet" will go into the main "Matilda". I only hope I can continue to write two letters about the same time.

Today has been my first lazy day for a while—the house is so quiet now that all the children have gone back to school, and I found it difficult to settle down to anything. I took time to walk around the garden, which at this stage looks a little bare—although a few bulbs are beginning to show through, and there are buds forming on some of the shrubs.

As I moved around I thought that during the winter our Guide units are rather similar to our gardens. There doesn't seem to be a great deal of activity or display on the outside, but there is a great deal going on inside our meeting places. This is the time of the year when girls tend to stay inside, but in just the same way as the roots of plants are growing, so our girls are developing. This is the time to have special training sessions,



**From our State
Commissioner**

learn new skills, mend equipment and make plans, so that when spring and the warm weather comes, Guides can burst forth into activity, preferably out of doors, just as our gardens burst into flower.

I hope that your roots will grow well this winter and we can look forward to a glorious spring.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimsdale

IRENE FAIRBAIRN AWARD FUND

Last month I wrote of Mrs. Fairbairn's dream that this fund should play an important part in helping Guides in Australia to look outward, to see how other Guides in other countries live—to learn to enjoy each other at camps, conferences and the like.

This month I want you to think about us making this DREAM into a REALITY. HOW? you may ask!

Do you remember "Icecream for the Chief"? What a success it was, and how each single member felt involved! What about a project along these lines? We need to start somewhere, so why not encourage each Brownie, Guide and Ranger to either earn 10 cents or give up 10 cents that she would otherwise spend on herself, to contribute to the "I.F." fund in August this year. To help this idea along, how about thinking for one meeting of Guides in another country, and make our 1974 effort a Japanese one. Here are some suggestions . . .

Could you invite to your meeting a Japanese person living in your area to tell you about his/her country, perhaps show you how to make a bird in Oregami, or sing a Japanese song and talk of children in Japan. OR . . . Could you get a recipe for a Japanese dish, e.g., Sukiayaki, and have an Eating Meeting, the girls trying their hands at cooking. (Perhaps in electric frypans.) OR . . . Could everyone dress in kimonas (dressing-gowns with big sashes do very well) and explore some Japanese festival. . . . But I'm sure you have lots more ideas than I have, so let's make the last week of Term 2 the I.F. week, and plan a programme, and perhaps a ceremony, around this theme to collect the money.

I'll be back with advice for forwarding all those 10 cents next month, and tell you more about the fund. We all need to know about it and work for it. If you have any suggestions I'd love to hear them.

**Shirley Farrow,
3 Merrion Grove, Kew.**

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ?

Mutual Aid

Guides around the world have a special way of helping each other. Do YOU know about it?

Mutual Aid is the name given to a worldwide scheme whereby National Organizations in countries needing help in various ways, can inform the World Bureau of these needs. The Bureau compiles a list from time to time, which is distributed around the world.

Mutual Aid not only helps those Guides who really need help, but also is one very good way of letting us all know we are part of a **VERY LARGE** family, spreading over 91 countries of the world. This movement of ours is a growing thing, a **VITAL** thing, and the Mutual Aid scheme can tell us **WHERE** we can be most help to others. How good it is to know that the money we send really does something practical, as you can see by excerpts from the latest list, printed below.

Do not forget that any contribution, however small, you can make to a project, is a great encouragement to the National Organization whose work is frequently hampered by lack of funds or equipment.

Many links of friendship and understanding between countries have been made as a result of this Mutual Aid Scheme, and it is hoped that this aspect of the work will be of growing importance.

Some Requests are:

1. 16 mm film projector to be used for training. Approximately \$350.
2. Printing cost of 1,000 enrolment cards for Brownies. Approximately \$170.
3. 10 sets gardening tools for cleaning and beautifying Guide playgrounds. Approximately \$100.
4. 4 x 8 man tents. Approximately \$330.
5. Camping equipment.
6. Typewriters and duplicating machines.
7. A Volkswagon Minibus.

If any unit is thinking about taking up some form of Overseas Service, I can highly recommend this scheme, so discuss it with your unit, and if you would like any further information please contact the Overseas Service Co-ordinator: Mrs. Shirley Farrow, 3 Merrion Grove, Kew; phone 86 6677.

An Idea for Service — for Guides in Thailand.

Miss Isa Choangulia, a Trainer from Thailand, was visiting Melbourne a short time ago, and spoke to me of the need for material for use in Rural Guide Programmes in Thailand. She suggested things like coloured pencils, paper, ribbon, lace, cards, string — in fact, all the bits and pieces you have in unit boxes! If anyone is interested in packing such a parcel and sending it to Isa, please let me know and I will advise you of details. This would be a good project for Brownies.

SHIRLEY FARROW,
Overseas Service Co-ordinator.

3 Merrion Grove, Kew, 3101.
Phone 86 6677.

Commonwealth Day Message — 1974

FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A remarkable feature of the Commonwealth is the way in which it has met the challenge of contemporary developments and has managed to benefit from them. Although rooted in history, it does not remain static.

Two of the most important advances of our times have been in communications and education and both have been of great help in strengthening the Commonwealth.

Modern communications, by shrinking distance and making the world smaller, have made it possible for our association of thirty four nations to get to know each other in a way not conceivable when our only link was by sea.

As I travel through the Commonwealth, I am always impressed by the number of personal contacts and by the flow of correspondence and ideas between friends, schools and government and voluntary organisations. Already this year I have myself been able to open Parliament in Wellington, Canberra and London, all within thirty days.

Education has transformed the Commonwealth and has begun to reveal the extent of the talents of its members. We have come to appreciate more fully our literary and artistic treasures some of them coming from ancient cultural traditions, others breaking new ground in creative experiments.

Perhaps literature illustrates best the unity in diversity which is so important a feature of our Commonwealth. Using the same English language, writers of many races and backgrounds have enriched it with their individual qualities, and have expressed both universal human themes and the character of their own countries.

We can all widen our experience from such writings, and gain that greater depth of understanding of each other's viewpoint which is one of the most valuable examples the Commonwealth can show to a changing and troubled world.

ELIZABETH R
BUCKINGHAM PALACE.



COLONEL J. S. WILSON SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINERS

The International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides (consisting of members of the Trefoil, Baden Powell, and St. George's Guilds in 27 countries) is to award grants of up to \$US1000 annually, in six successive years, alternatively Scout/Guide, in training scholarships.

The grants will provide "formal training, not available in their own countries, to professional or volunteer leaders of both youth movements to perfect their education and Scouting/Guiding experiences."

The "Colonel J. S. Wilson Scholarship Fund" is the outcome of a request from guild members for a "worldwide project" to be shared. It will be administered by the I.F.O.F.S.A.G. through the Scout and Guide World Bureaux.

Why "Colonel Wilson" scholarships? "Belge" Wilson, who visited Australia for the Scout Jamboree at Lansdowne (N.S.W.), was an outstanding Scout leader, associated for many years with Gilwell Park (U.K.). He was a Director of Scout World Bureau. He was an untiring worker to "harness" the potential of all the men and women in the world who had enjoyed membership in the Scout and Guide Movements, and to launch the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides. The Scholarship is a memorial to his love of the Movement and a united service project of the world's guilds he sought to bring together.

The Australian guild's target is very modest — \$100 for each year. But — as a gesture to the disadvantaged countries — we would like to give our quota in a lump sum in the first year . . . \$600 on Fellowship Day . . . that is, 24th October, 1974!

Will you make a personal contribution, or have a film night, a table of cards, a fork dinner, a trading table at some function, or some other special effort, to help attain our

target, to send this year's GUIDING trainer the grant that will be a constructive move to bringing children in a developing country more effective Guiding.

Cheques (made payable to: Australian Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides) may be sent to: Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. M. Mitchell, 46 Cobham Avenue, West Ryde, 2114.

Thank you.

M. PUDDICOMBE,
International Secretary,
A.F.O.F.S.A.G.

SRI LANKA IS IN OUR HANDS NATIONAL LEND A HAND PROJECT

Theme: "Sri Lanka is in our hands"

Headquarters was a hive of activity. 33 Little Friends and 12 Sylvannas from Galle, Moratuwa, Mt. Lavinia, Colombo, Kegalle and Batticaloa, Amparai, had gathered to participate in the final part of the Little Friends Challenge.

Opening Ceremony: With clay lamps in their hands the Little Friends moved into the hall to the soft music of Sri Lanka Deepe. Before them stood a miniature Sri Lanka. It was such a moving occasion! I thought "These children are 7-10 years old, but they do step with true national feeling." And, for a moment, a happy thought rushed to my mind, "We are glad we've caught them young."

The Chief Commissioner, Mrs. N. N. D. Jilla, then placed Sri Lanka in the hands of the youngest participant — a mischievous looking nine year old, and opened the Project by pinning the National Flag on the map. Three gold trefoils were placed by the Little Friends Commissioner and the other Officers, after which a Little Friend from each Division adorned Sri Lanka with small illustrations depicting their ideas on "hopes for a brighter future for Sri Lanka"! The topics were: (1) Good Health. (2) "Green Fingers" — make our country self sufficient. (3) A Happy Family—Father, Mother and two children **only**. (4) Care for the Sick. (5) Anti-Litter, and (6) Conserve our beautiful green isle. The oil lamps shone around Sri Lanka while the words of "Sri Lanka Deepe" echoed in the hall. After the opening address by the Chief Commissioner, the Little Friends Commissioner spoke on the theme, "Sri Lanka is in your hands — protect it."

Mrs. T. N. Abeywira,
Little Friends Commissioner.

DISCOVERIES 4

Western Australia 1916-1974

Among a stack of old newspapers were found last year some issues of "Western Women," 1916-1917—each about the size of current "Women's Weekly," but not so thick, with regular reports of the Girl Guide Movement in Western Australia. One full page, 1916, has reports in detail of companies from Albany through Perth to Kalgoorlie, and many between—North as well as East. These were brought to Mrs. MacKay, State Archivist, and Mrs. Wilson, who are looking through early files for more news.

"Western Women" reported fully all the social welfare activities of the Women's Service Guild—which had branches through the State—and all in which they might be interested.

In January, 1915, an article on Boy Scouts, by Mr. Chipper, Scoutmaster, St. Alban's Own, had ended: "A question that is always being asked of those in charge of this troop and no doubt of many others, is with reference as to how and where to join Girl Guides. Who will answer this call which the girls are making?"

The Women's Service Guild answered.

They obtained information, organised their plans, and in June, 1915, an enthusiastic meeting packed the Town Hall, Perth, in the presence of the Governor, the Lord Mayor and leading citizens.

After speeches, the resolution was passed:

"That a Girl Guide Association be formed in this State and that we apply to the headquarters of the Girl Guides' Association of Great Britain for a warrant."

A Council was formed and about seventy girls arrived for the meeting a few days later at the home of Mrs. Osborne Wilson, Hon. Secretary. Miss Grace Holder, aged eighteen, became Travelling Commissioner.

The Women's Service Guild took responsibility for sponsoring companies through their branches, so an amazing increase in numbers was firmly based.

Miss Holder was representative for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and in that capacity travelled to many country towns. The Guides carried out varied ways of national service during the war 1914-1918, but especially they made thousands of fly-nets for the horses of the

Australian Light Horse regiments in Palestine and Middle East. They used binder twine, collecting from farmers much that would have been discarded.

1st Perth is the company with the longest unbroken record in Australia. Mrs. Bartlett, who was in 1915 Rita Bannon, Patrol Leader, has continuously since then held uniformed appointments.

The Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated in 1975.

G. H. SWINBURNE,
Archivist Girl Guides Australia.

With acknowledgments to "Guiding in W.A." as well as to the recent "FINDS."

Dear "Matilda,"

In reply to the query in the issue, June, 1974—"WHO ATE THE ROYAL CAKE?"—I HAD A CRUMB OF IT.

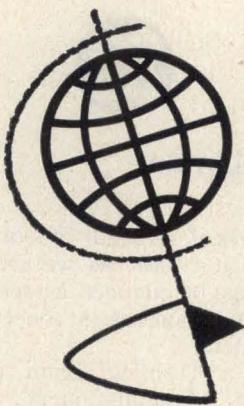
In Matilda, March, 1948, the following appeared:

"THE WEDDING CAKE

Princess Elizabeth has sent a piece of her wedding cake to the Guides of each State. The cake was made from ingredients sent by Australian Girl Guides. Our piece weighs 1½ lbs., and is on display at H.Q. with a photograph of the complete cake beside it. It has been decided to present the cake to the Extension Branch, where the number of Guides will probably allow each member to sample it. I am sure we shall enjoy it in spirit with them."

To the best of my knowledge, the then Commissioner for Extensions, Miss Joan Alston, sent to each Captain and Brown Owl a piece of THE CAKE for distribution to members of her unit. I cannot remember how many Post Brownies I had in my Pack then, but I do know that the small "finger" of cake was cut so that EVERY MEMBER OF THE PACK was sent a tiny piece in a match box, and, probably as I did, the Commissioner for Extensions had a crumb from the cutting thereof, but you can rest assured that in Victoria anyway, THE ROYAL CAKE WAS EATEN BY EXTENSIONS—ALL OF THEM.

Alma Cockerell,
ex Brown Owl, 1st Victorian Post Pack.



PHILIPPINES HOLDS SCOUTING GOLDEN JUBILEE JAMBOREE

The first Asia-Pacific Regional Jamboree in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee of Philippine Scouting was held in Mt. Makiling, Laguna, Philippines. Some 20,000 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts/Guides came from the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, United States, Israel, Fiji Islands, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand and Japan and participated in this milestone in the history of Philippine Scouting.

This was the first major activity undertaken jointly by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Philippines. Theme of the encampment was "Kapatirang Paglilingkod" or Service Through Brotherhood. The Camp had the following objectives: To give meaning to the ideal of world brotherhood; develop and promote the spirit of service through brotherhood of Scouting; strengthen national discipline and foster closer unity; develop goodwill and friendship among participating scouts and scouters; improve scouting knowledge and skills and provide opportunity for testing the effects of the scouting programme in the levels of the scouts. The jamboree also meant to train scouts in the democratic way of life and to put to test the spirit of service to God, country, to other people and to self.

An Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forum was held during the Jamboree. The dialogue, participated in by chosen local as well as foreign delegates, sought to establish a meaningful involvement and understanding of the current national and international issues as they affect the youth.

A programme overview of the Jamboree included varied activities from the usual campfires to a demonstration of scouting skills called skill-o-rama, patrol and troop displays, brotherhood lunch and the New Year "Noche Buena" (a traditional Filipino midnight supper during the New Year), arena shows and cultural programmes which were designed to entertain as well as to promote fellowship, service and brotherhood.

A notable feature of the Jamboree was the community development work undertaken by both Boy and Girl Scouts to make them realize the value of community service. The Scouts were taken to outlying areas, met townsfolk and started off a community project themselves so as to put into actual application the principles of Scouting which they have learned.

The Jamboree city is a 200-hectare fertile land which is more than 1,000 feet above sea level. The site has immense educational value, being what foresters call an "aboretum" where some 3,000 species of flora from different countries are grown for economic and scientific studies.

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THE 11th NATIONAL JAMBOREE OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF ISRAEL Marks the 25th Anniversary of the State

By Esther Lucas

If you drive south from Tel Aviv and turn East towards Jerusalem, you come to a beautiful horse-shoe shaped forest of eucalyptuses and pines with a wide clearing in the middle. In this forest we, the Boy and Girl Scouts of Israel, and our guests from abroad set up our 11th National Jamboree, perhaps the most exciting jamboree ever.

The theme this year was the 25th anniversary of the State, and the six Associations (Arab School Scouts, Arab Scouts, Catholic Scouts, Druse Scouts, Hebrew Scouts and Orthodox Scouts) pitched their tents and arranged their camp sites to represent phases in the history of the land.

The winning "tribe" made their site into a diminutive Jerusalem, complete with domed tents and a Western Wall. Many facets of the past were portrayed, for instance the ships of the illegal immigrants before the State, the primitive towers and stockades of the early kibbutzim, or the

bamboo model of Mary's well in Nazareth, built by the Catholic Scouts. It took literally hours to walk all round the jamboree and see the fantastic array of towers, gates, bridges, and gadgets constructed by 15,000 enthusiastic campers.

Activities were so varied that there was never a dull moment. There were competitions and races and games all through the five days of the Jamboree and singing round hundreds of campfires went on right into the night. Scouts and Guides could buy souvenir Tee-shirts and hats and scarves at the Scout Shop. Services included a mobile Post Office and a Public Relations Tent, as well as all the usual camp facilities.

If the official theme was the 25th Anniversary of the State, the unofficial one was co-existence. Some 350 Scouts and Guides from the U.S.A., Great Britain, France, Belgium, Mexico, Argentina, Denmark and Switzerland joined the jamboree, as well as one Girl Guide from Ghana, and the Chief Commissioner from Sierra Leone, who announced the presentation of a high award from his country to the Chief Scout of Israel. Gifts were presented by the Boy Scouts of America and of Britain. The campsites of the visitors from abroad were always full of Israelis, Jews and Arabs alike, exchanging badges and experiences. We were really sorry that no one from the Asia-Pacific region was able to be with us on this great occasion.

The closing ceremony, attended by the President of the State, was an impressive pageant of light and sound depicting the life of Scouts and Guides against the background of the development of the State. Spotlights, phosphorescence films, slides, shadow-shows, and even illuminated water jets were skilfully used to highlight the singing and dancing of the children who represented Scouting as a modern, vital part of the life of Israel to-day.

The 11th Jamboree will live in the memories of the participants for many years to come!



FROM MALAYSIA

Training:

The numerical strength of our Movement now stands at 29,000. As we are having an acute shortage of qualified leaders, our Association at the moment is concentrating on training leaders.

There is a Training Team (comprising Headquarters' Commissioners and State/ District Commissioners and others) at work which gives training to potential leaders at both State and National levels. In 1972 14 Prospective Trainees were given two sessions of intensive training at the National Headquarters during the school vacations.

In 1973 the Training Team assisted in training the student teachers at the Teacher Training Colleges in four States, so that when they leave the Colleges after the two-year training course, they will be equipped to run Companies and Packs in the States where they will be posted. This programme is being run with the co-operation of the Ministry of Education.

Rural Service:

Besides the usual service projects the Guides and Rangers are helping in the expansion of Guiding in the rural areas, by running Companies and Packs and holding meetings, in some cases even adopting a kampong (village) and generally getting involved with one small community.

Service in Schools:

As 95% of our Companies are attached to schools, Senior Branch have begun a service of giving free tuition in certain subjects to pupils from poor homes, who are backward in their studies.

Floods:

As a result of the enormous housing and other urban development projects taking place in the country, flooding appears to be increasingly common. The Guides are always at hand to assist in the cooking and care of the inmates at the rehabilitating centres, collection and distribution of clothes and necessities.

TRAINING CALENDAR, JULY, 1974

Commissioners and Unit Leaders with the necessary experience are welcome to apply for **ANY** training. Applications should be sent by the **date requested** and be accompanied by the training fee and a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Training fees are \$1.50 unless otherwise stated.

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Stage 1 Training — for Leaders new to the Movement:

East Bentleigh: 14th - 15th September and 19th - 20th October, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Moorleigh Guide Hall. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165. Closing date, **29th August**.

Leongatha: 3rd - 4th August and 14th - 15th September, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. R. Gaudion, 32 Blackmore Avenue, Leongatha, 3953. Closing date, **29th July**.

Mildura: 20th - 21st July and 21st - 22nd September, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. B. Hocking, 812 14th Street, Mildura, 3500. Apply immediately.

Warrnambool: 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th July, 6.00 p.m. till 10.00 p.m. **each evening.** Applications to Mrs. W. Macdonald, 5 Scott Street, Cobden, 3266. Apply immediately.

Western Border Region: 17th - 18th August, and 21st - 22nd September, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Further information from Mrs. D. Macdonachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300. Closing date, **2nd August**.

Stage 2 Training — for Warranted Leaders:

Please note: Stage 2 Training is planned around topics and help requested prior to the course by those taking part. Requests for training are to be forwarded with application forms to Region Training Advisers before the closing date.

Glenroy: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd August, 12th September, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., Guide Hall, Cromwell Street. Applications to Training Department, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000. Closing date, **19th July**.

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Stage 3 Training — for Warranted Leaders.

Dandenong: 21st - 22nd September and 19th - 20th October, 10 a.m., to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Smith, 6 Jeffrey Street, Dandenong, 3175. Closing date, **6th September**.

Mildura: 14th - 15th September and 26th - 27th October. Applications to Mrs. B. Hocking, 812 14th Street, Mildura, 3500. Closing date, **30th August**.

Pack Holiday Training:

Creswick: 27th - 28th July, 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday, Lingbogel. \$1.00 plus cost of food. Note: Please bring bedding. Applications to Mrs. G. Platt, P.O. Box 31, Ballan, 3342. Closing date, **12th July**.

Western Border Region: 17th - 18th August, 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., Saturday, and 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Further information from Mrs. D. Macdonachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300. Closing date, **2nd August**.

Campcraft Training:

Cheltenham: Friday, 13th - 20th September, 11th October, 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Saturday, 21st - 28th September, 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and 5th - 6th October. Further information from Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165. Closing date, **30th August**.

East Metro.: Monday, 16th and 30th September, 7.30 p.m. till 10 p.m., Koonung Heights Guide Hall. 21st September and 5th October, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Koparra Guide Hall, North Balwyn, plus weekend 26th - 27th October, Donvale (cost to be advised). Applications to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108. Closing date, **2nd September**.

Lingbogel, Creswick: 27th - 28th July, 17th - 18th August and 14th - 15th September, 10.00 a.m., Saturday, till 4.00 p.m. Sunday. \$1.00 plus cost of food. Note: Please bring bedding. Applications to Mrs. G. Platt, P.O. Box 31, Ballan, 3342. Closing date, **12th July**.

Western Border Region: 14th - 15th September, and 5th - 6th October, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. daily, plus 19th - 20th October, 10.00 a.m. Saturday till 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Further information from Mrs. D. Macdonachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300. Closing date, **30th August**.

Special Subjects:

Cheltenham — Teaching Aids: 3rd August, 1.30 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. Further information from Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165.

Headquarters — Training Day for L.A. Office Bearers:

As a result of requests received, we will be holding a Training Day at Guide Headquarters on Wednesday, 7th August, from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Please bring lunch. Applications to reach the Training Department, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, by **26th July**.

Bushcraft Tour:

Come join us on our Bushcraft Tour this year. Dates: 24th to 31st August, inclusive.

The tour will include visits to Rushworth, Barmah Forest, Wilga Park, Hattah Lakes, Little Desert and Green Lakes Reserve.

Pleasant company, all meals provided, and a floor on which to place your lilo is assured!

Details of cost advised nearer the time.

Closing date, 19th July.

Application forms available from Training Dept., 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Summer Training Week will be held at Britannia Park from 15th-21st January, 1975.

Suggestions for training to be included during this week should be sent to the Training Department by **23rd August**.

MAINLY FOR COMMISSIONERS . . .

Last month my husband and I were invited to an Open Night at our local country High School. Eight years has passed since I'd attended one of these functions, and as the stream of humanity moved from room to room according to the scheduled plan, I noticed another Commissioner and four or five of our twelve Guiders in the throng.

Later, the function over, one of them moved with us in a group down the front steps towards our cars, we two for once strangely silent. At last . . .

"What did you think of that?"

"Do we really need Guiding these days?"
So . . . we shared mutual thoughts!

The canoe and kit-bag near one wall, with slides being shown of a river camping trip for senior students — both boys and girls. I wonder if any of our Guides went? We did a lot of camping, and had talked about canoes on our river. Must talk to the young teacher in charge.

Two girls very professionally demonstrating skin care. One of them was a Guide — and we had had make-up lessons once or twice at Guide meetings.

Another group listening with amused interest to a taped play rehearsal — a play they'd written and were performing themselves.

We'd watched pendants being enamelled, table mats being screen-printed. We'd admired the curtains at the top of the stairs, hand printed by the students, and watched a demonstration of bandaging by a First Aid interest group.

Wasn't there something very similar about some of those project books and, for example, one produced by one of the Guides for her Australian Aborigine Badge?

Students using an overhead projector; a discussion group engrossed in the drug problem; the results of a first effort at movie-making; two girls (both of them Guides) from the deportment class, showing the right and wrong ways to don and remove an

anorak. There was even a Student Council to assist in the running of the School.

I thought of the Service projects of which we'd heard — training in citizenship. And the group working on the Duke of Edinburgh Award, only as an introduction it was true.

All rather startling, and certainly food for thought to those of us not in constant touch with the education system. It had been an interesting evening, and I was glad I had gone. Wonder what the Youth Club was currently offering in the way of activities? Better check on that, too!

Yet, on thought, we still had very much to offer that was not available elsewhere, but the gap had narrowed considerably since my last school visit. As long as we knew what the schools and other youth bodies were doing, we could supplement and extend some of these interests, as well as offering many new ones.

A little complacency crept in. We really did understand the concept of Challenge — personal extension and continuity of growth, didn't we? And as long as the units were self-programming, was there really much danger of over-lapping interests?

(from "Guide Courier", Western Australia)

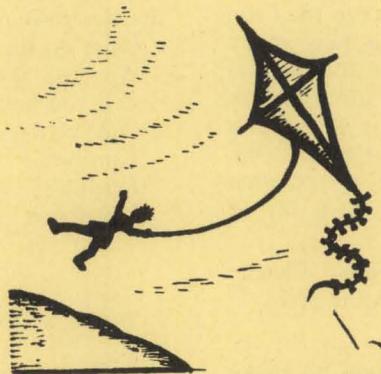
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With the high cost of living these days, one has to keep reminding oneself that it's cheaper by the doesn't.

TRAINING PAGES

Are you looking for an activity which covers
eight headings of programme?



"Go fly a kite for an eight point landing."

Kite flying is one of the oldest sports known to man. There is **NO AGE LIMIT**. Entire families are known to enjoy this outdoor activity.

**HOW ABOUT INTRODUCING IT TO THE
MEMBERS OF YOUR UNIT?**

Most kites consist of four main parts:—

The frame that holds it rigid.

A covering to catch the wind.

A tail to hold it up.

A line to control flight.

MATERIAL NEEDED

Frame.—Cane or bamboo is suitable for the frame. Balsa is not strong enough. Suitable string for lashing. Sharp pocket knife.

Covering.—Most suitable covering is a closely woven material similar to nylon. Tissue paper or a light brown paper also satisfactory.

Tails.—A kite needs a long tail to attain enough wind resistance to hold it up. Strips of cloth, tissue or toilet paper or plastic film quite suitable.

Line.—Hemp twine very suitable; binder twine will do.

FLYING FACTORS

Weight.—What makes the difference between a kite flying well and barely getting

off the ground? The most obvious of these is weight.

A kite's weight must be as low as possible in relation to its surface area, with the one qualification that the framework must be strong enough to withstand a wind force of approximately 10-15 m.p.h.

Launching Places.—Good launching places are generally not hard to find, even in flat irrigated country. Area should be free of trees and **Away From Power Lines**. Football ovals tremendous!

Wind.—Wind is often harder to come by, but everyone becomes terribly involved studying the weather conditions. Sue says, "Good opportunity to study the Beaufort Scale, page 95 Guide Handbook." Wind conditions vary enough to make even perfectly balanced kites fly in a different way each time they are sent up.

Shapes.—Kites may be flat, bowed or box type. They may be free flying in the shape of

a fish, bird or dragon. The shape will dictate the way they will fly. Three types of kites are illustrated—page 91, Guide Handbook.

Bridle.—The line is attached to a bridle which is controlled by the flyer. The bridle allows the kite to be angled into the wind.

Points to Remember When Flying Kites.

Guide Laws.—Kite flying provides a wonderful opportunity to put our Guide Law into practice. There are ten parts to the Law. Ask the members of your Unit how many they think may have to put into action.

Males.—A flying kite attracts all members of the male sex, from 8 to 80. These kite flying enthusiasts will offer a variety of help, and if you are not careful will be last seen running madly to catch that extra bit of breeze.

N.B.—For Charlie Brown Fans: Charlie Brown says, "Beware of kite-eating trees"!

INTERESTED?

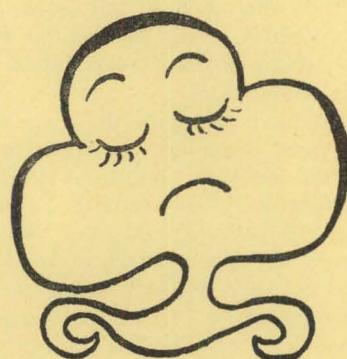
A free illustrated leaflet on how to make the following four kites is readily available by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:—

Training Department,
Girl Guides' Association,
20 Russell Street,
Melbourne, 3000.

1. Conventional Flat Kite.
2. Box Kite.
3. Fish Kite.
4. Hawk Kite.

HOW MANY POINTS DID THE ACTIVITY COVER?

Sue used them all. Check your score:—



YOU AND YOUR TRAINING

Have you looked at the Australian Leadership Training Plan lately?

Re-read your yellow leaflet that gives the outline of the plan, and circle the spot where you are at this moment.

THINK! Where would you like to go from there?

What do you need to help you in your role and its responsibility?

What do the other Leaders need from you?

What do the girls need from you?

Can you help yourself to fulfil these needs?

Can anyone else help?

Family? Other

Friends? Commissioners

Librarians? and Guiders?

The Girls?

Would a more formal course help?

Stage 2 St. John's

Stage 3 Y.M.C.A.

Special Subjects

C.A.E.

Discuss your training needs with other leaders in the district; perhaps others have similar needs, some may have the knowledge and skill to help you. Share your leadership experience and skills with others.

Does your district receive copies from other organizations of their syllabi which include leadership training and/or the development of special skills?

Look in the Training Calendar in this magazine. If there is nothing there that you want, then **make it happen**, tell your Region Training Adviser about it. When you send in your application to guiding training courses, tell the trainers what you want covered, then the training will be planned to suit **your** needs.

Refer to the October, 1973, training pages for the background of the Australian Leadership Training Plan.

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TRAINING YOUR PATROL LEADER

Heather, the P.L., was a little wide eyed and breathless, "Kim, Angela is outside with a couple of boys." The Guider, Kim, thought for a second. "Would you tell her, please, that I want to see her about her camp form?" After Angela had seen the Guider (who made no mention of boys outside), Heather and her Second came up again and said, "We are worried about Angela, she is only eleven. Do you think we should see what happens after the meeting, if the boys are still around?" "I think they might be her brothers," the Guider replied. "Her parents know that someone must meet her after the meeting, but perhaps you could see which way she goes; you know I am sure we can trust Angela but you are obviously concerned so you do what you think best."

A few minutes after the close of the meeting, Heather and Sally returned. "It's all right, Kim. They probably are her brothers, they all went to Angela's place."

We will not go in to the soundness of that statement, but re-read the story again; P.L. Training **IN ACTION???**

How did the Guider help the P.L. do her job?

Did she take over?

Did she imply that the P.L. was jumping to conclusions?

Did she help the P.L. look more closely into the situation before making decisions and taking action?

Did she help the P.L. in her relationship with a member of her patrol?

Would the members of Heather's patrol benefit from the way the matter was handled?

A P.L. needs help in learning skills and gaining knowledge to pass on to her patrol and to help her programme for patrol time; to most people this need is obvious and most of us either pass on the skills and knowledge we have or find a resourceful person to do it for us.

But a P.L. is not a leader in a field of skill or knowledge, but a leader of girls. This is not an easy role, don't we know it! But she has an advantage or two over us: she is chosen by the girls to be their leader, and there is no generation gap. A disadvantage is the lack of experience in coping with situations that arise when working and playing with individuals and with groups (of individuals) and that is where we come in. Our experience is to be shared with discrimination and great wisdom. **Every** meeting we have is an opportunity for training the leaders. Pause a moment . . . how much does your example of leadership influence their behaviour as leaders? Think back to the last company meeting: how would you rate yourself? Give yourself a 1 to 5 score for —

enthusiasm
sense of humour
patience
tact
courtesy
adaptability
awareness of people

Add some of the qualities you think I have left out, total your score and see if you are satisfied that your P.L.'s are given a good guide to follow.

Think again of the last company meeting. . . . Did the patrols make good use of patrol time? If not, why not? Had it anything to do with individual differences, likes, dislikes? Have you made it clear to the P.L. that she can come to you for advice (even if she does not follow it)?

Try this . . .

- Ask your P.L.'s to list what they think the girls of their patrol expect from them.
- Ask the Patrols to list what they expect from their Leaders.
- Ask the Leaders to list what they expect from you.
- Tell the Leaders what you expect from them.



Compare all the ideas with those in the handbook. Whilst experience will help the P.L. grow in understanding of the role of Leader, there is some basic knowledge that is easily available to her, and she should make use of it.

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Opportunity to gain experience is essential, and it is back to us again.

B.P. said to the P.L.'s, "I want you to train your patrols entirely by yourselves."

Do your P.L.'s know this? Do they know what is expected of them?

Be clear and consistent; saying one thing and doing another will confuse them.

Have you ever explained to the parents of a P.L. what it means to hold this position?

Be prepared to give loads of encouragement and show courage by letting them have a go.

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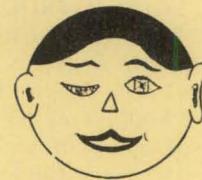
If your P.L.'s have difficulty expressing their views or giving constructive suggestions to P.L. Council, do you include activities in the company meeting to help them? Do you include things to stimulate the imagination, to help them think clearly? Do they find it easy to mix with other people and make conversation? Do they need opportunity to meet other people? When was the last time a P.L. was responsible for:

- taking a game
- taking a meeting
- teaching a song
- choosing and leading prayers
- welcoming visitors
- letting their second and patrol know they are going to be absent
- programming for a camp fire

How did she cope? Were you available, but not obtrusive, to give advice?

Are there any activities that could be included in the meeting programmes that might help her next time she takes such responsibility?

B.P. said to the adult leaders: "... if you only give partial responsibility you will only get partial results." So Sue says, "Take the time, thought, patience and courage to allow your leaders to lead."



Old Fred

Old Fred's face is a piece of card (white, pink, or even fawn!) the size of a plate. On it are placed cardboard features: a mouth, a nose, two eyes, two ears, and a shaped brown or black bit for hair.

The idea is to make two sets of Old Fred, with a collection of assorted features. One Guide chooses features and lays them on Old Fred's face. The other Guide looks at him for one minute. He is covered up and she makes an identical Old Fred using the second set.

Eyes are circles of card with the centre marked or painted. Note that Old Fred is an off-beat type of character so that his eyes and ears need not match each other! Features can vary in shade as well as in shape, but always make an identical copy of each feature for the second set.

— From the "Guide".



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NOTICES

UNIFORM

Camp Uniform for Adult Members

In early 1972, as a result of an All States vote on a recommendation that a pale blue frock be recognised as Camp uniform, it was agreed that States should be free to design their own camp uniform for adults, i.e., the style could vary from State to State, but not the colour.

The Executive Committee has approved the recommendation of the Uniform Sub-Committee that a pale blue frock made to Simplicity pattern 5624 or 8702 (with zip in front) be approved for wear by Guiders as a camp dress.

This uniform is to be worn only at camps or on occasions for which camp uniform is regarded as acceptable, for instance, unit meetings, outdoor campfires. The decision to wear camp uniform is to be made by those concerned in the usual way, e.g., by P.L. Council in the case of a Guide Unit, so that everyone will be similarly dressed.



YOUNG LEADERS' GROUP

Did you read our article in the Newsletter insert in June "Matilda"?

We are now pleased to give you details about our **Theatre Night on Friday, 2nd August**, commencing at **7.45 p.m.**

We will be going to Balwyn Cinema, 223 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn.

The film to be shown will be either "Paper Moon" or "Blazing Saddles".

The cost — \$3.00 — including supper at the theatre to wind up our evening.

For tickets, phone Judy Pretty, 89 9637.

Don't forget our next meeting on **Monday, 22nd July, at 8.00 p.m.** We are hoping to see many new faces to help plan our social outings for the rest of 1974. See you there!

THE SPANNING SEMINAR '74

All Brownie, Guide and Ranger Leaders and Commissioners are reminded that "The Spanning Seminar '74" will be held at the Melbourne University on Saturday, 12th October next from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. (an evening session may be held at Headquarters).

So . . . keep the date free (organise your baby-sitter — if necessary — now), and **COME AND JOIN US!**

QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The next Presentation Ceremony will probably take place in October, and information to this effect should now be passed on to present and prospective Queen's Guides. It is necessary that papers for any girl who is to attend this presentation should reach Headquarters by **21st August** at the latest. Information about the ceremony and the rehearsal for it will be sent to the girls concerned at the end of August.

QUEEN'S GUIDE BADGE

Change of Syllabus

Until December, 1974, the syllabus in the Guide Handbook Part 2 or the revised edition may be used, but it is pointed out that in the revised syllabus the "AUSTRALIA" and "GUIDE KNOWLEDGE" Badges replace the "COMMONWEALTH KNOWLEDGE" Badge. These two badges, plus the present Commonwealth Knowledge Badge, must be tested by a person approved by Headquarters. Your Tester for the Commonwealth Knowledge Badge may test the "Australia" Badge, but it is suggested that names of people with a good Guiding background, who are happy to test the "Guide Knowledge" Badge, should be sent to the Guide Adviser at Headquarters for approval.

Would Commissioners please contact their Commonwealth Knowledge Badge testers

notifying them of the change in syllabi and asking them if they would be happy to test the "Australia" badge. If they are not willing to do this, would you please advise Headquarters so that our lists may be kept up-to-date.

Biennial Badges.—When a Biennial Badge is re-tested, there is no necessity for the Interest Badge Certificate to be again sent to the Shop, as the Guide concerned has already received the relevant Badge to wear.



"I belong to the PTA, League of Women Voters, Legion Auxiliary; I'm a Den Mother, Brownie Leader . . . now, what have you got in mind?"



Photo by G. Thomopoulos

Plasticene.—Mould it into a shallow cup with a thick, flat bottom (thick to take the impression, flat to stand and set). Select some object of which you want to make a cast—small, firm things like lilac buds, Silver birch catkins (while firm), small berries, etc.—or other things like service stars and miniature trefoils. Press the object firmly into the plasticene in the base of your shallow cup, inside the cup, and lift out very carefully; any pricking at the edges will show. Mix plaster of paris (any ironmonger) with water in a cup to a consistency that will pour like thickened gravy, and fill the cup. Leave to stand about 1-1½ hours, depending on the weather and then, when it feels hard, peel off the plasticene. If a number are done, scratch initials on base before peeling off plaster. There is a very wide margin of error in the consistency of the plaster and water, but if **too** watery takes a long time to set; if **too** thick it does not fill all the cracks of the impression, and cast is not sharp.

Required: Plaster of paris; cup; spoon (easy to wash off); plasticene; native specimens.

C FOR CASTS

Start by making plaster casts of twigs, as they are easy to handle. You need a bag of Plaster of Paris and some Plasticine. Roll the Plasticine to form a flat base, about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick. Gently press the twig on the base until half its depth sinks into the Plasticine to give a good impression. The tip of a knife helps to remove the twig without breaking the edge of the impression—or leaving your fingerprints on the base!

Complete the mould with an inch-high wall round the edge of the base. Either use long rolls of Plasticine pressed flat or use a cardboard strip with the edges joined with a paper clip.

Put some water in an old jar. Add the plaster gradually and stir thoroughly with a stick. Practice will tell you when the plaster mixture is just right, but the best verbal description is "about as thick as cream." Pour it quickly into your mould and leave it to harden.

A string or wire loop laid in position before the cast hardens will provide a loop to hang up the finished plaque.

Some casts dry off in about fifteen minutes, others take an hour or two, while many Guides leave their casts overnight before handling them.

When the cast is absolutely dry, remove the wall and the base. There should be a perfect model of a twig lying on the smooth plaster plaque, and when it is painted with poster paints it will look absolutely realistic.

Warning. Small quantities of plaster harden very quickly. Once hardened they will never dissolve again. So mix your plaster in an old container and **after use wash out at once** before the plaster dries. If possible wash it in a bucket and empty the contents outside. Ice-cream cartons are ideal, as they can be thrown away when used, without being washed.

Work on an old surface or on thick cardboard, and have plenty of newspapers on the table and on the floor.

Animals' Tracks are exciting casts to make. This time your base and impression are made for you. Add the wall, then pour in fairly **thick** plaster, as you will have to stay there till it is dry!

Finished Casts. Keep these in a box as a Company nature exhibit. Give them hangers and make plaques for walls, gifts for friends, bazaars, etc. Let the Guide know if you think up any more ideas for making use of them.

—from the "Guide."

WHAT THE WORLD SEES ON TV

Around the world in an average week, a quarter of TV viewers will be looking at imported television for half their time, according to the Unesco Statistical Yearbook which has just been published.

Figures in this new section of the Yearbook rub in why television services need to import material — the sheer number of TV hours. Countries commonly supply more than the ordinary viewer could watch: France gives 153 hours, Cuba 136, the island of Guam 369 (although less than 12 hours of this is home produce). In big countries with multiple services the hours run into thousands; no figures are cited for the United States but Canada has 7874 hours and Brazil 3137.

Television continues to spread, as the tables of distribution of TV per thousand people show. The United States tops the table with 412 sets per thousand, then come the Bermudas with 315, Sweden with 312 and Britain with 293.

But the rise of radio since the advent of the transistor is even more striking. Leaving aside the U.S. (where, with 1412 per thousand, there are actually more sets than people) the startling growth is in the developing countries. Distribution rates are low in Africa, where Zaire has only four per thousand, but Liberia and Egypt both have 132 and the Spanish Sahara has as much as 222. In Asia (Japan excepted), the general range is from Syria's 224 to Pakistan's 14 per thousand, while in Latin America it is between Argentina's 370 and Brazil's 60. Since listening is always wider than ownership (group listening is common in Indian villages, for example) few people in the world are still as isolated as they were.

Six African countries have only one newspaper, but 44 countries still have none at all. Best supplied, on latest figures available, are the Swedes with 534 copies of newspapers per thousand, the Japanese with 511 and the Icelanders with 448. Next come the Norwegians (383), the New Zealanders (376), the Swiss (375) and the Danes (364). Although the U.S. had 1773 newspapers in 1970, the circulation was only 302 per thousand, less than the Australians, the Germans and the Dutch. Best supplied in Africa were the Ghanaians (46 per thousand), best in South America the Argentinians (182).

(Unesco Features)

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought for the Month

Happiness is that certain something you acquire while you are too busy to be miserable.

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HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED?

It seems the time has come again to say a few words about the Local Association Section in "Matilda" and how it works. Since introducing the committee to you, we have two new members. As well as Mrs. Jean Oldfield chairing the committee, and Mrs. Marje Lycett from Kerrimuir L.A., we are pleased to welcome and introduce Mrs. Jeane Tregear from Laburnum L.A. and Mrs. Joan Johnston from Strathmore L.A.

Together, we will do our best to give you the kind of reading we hope you will enjoy and which will give you plenty of ideas for your Local Associations. But we do need YOU — to read the page and to send us articles to fill it.

However, when you do send a contribution, please don't feel frustrated if it doesn't appear in print two weeks later. In fact, our page is collated and sent to the Editor nearly six weeks before publication. It is therefore possible that it may take three months for your article to be printed, but it will be there as soon as possible.

We generally do not acknowledge articles which we intend to use in the near future, or contributions to our recipe section, as postage costs are becoming so expensive, but we do thank you most sincerely for your interest and we look forward to your articles, your ideas and your criticisms.

YOUR COMMITTEE.

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



ENJOYING THE OUT-OF-DOORS

In a delightful bush setting at Burton's Camp Site near Colac, the Polwarth Division of Girl Guides held their Annual Meeting. The Division Commissioner welcomed the Shire President of Colac, Cr. B. Lang, and Mrs. Lang, the Otway Region Commissioner and the Region Camp Adviser.

Commissioners and Local Association members were welcomed from the six Districts within the Polwarth Division, as well as members of the Irrewarra Trefoil Guild. In her opening speech, the Division Commissioner said it was a time of sharing and of fellowship.

Representatives from each L.A. gave a report of their activities during the year. These were many and varied — catering, fetes, demonstrations, fancy dress, casserole luncheons, street stalls, sale of Guide biscuits — just to mention a few. A representative from the Trefoil Guild said it was their aim to help Guiding as well as other organisations, their main fund-raising effort being an annual luncheon.

To conclude the afternoon's activities, the Colac Assistant District Commissioner conducted an enrolment ceremony. For this, all enrolled members present made a horse-shoe formation and renewed their Guide Promise, while Mrs. Joy Evans, a member of the Elliminnyt Local Association, made her Promise.

This was a most enjoyable and informative meeting for all those who attended.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE

As the final payment on the Laburnum Guide Hall loan had recently been made, it was decided that the occasion of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting warranted a celebration family barbecue tea, to thank all those past friends who had pioneered Guiding in Laburnum District. Many families of Brownies and Guides past and present attended the tea, and fortunately rain held off until after our meeting.

Approximately thirty L.A. members attended, together with a number of past members who were interested in staying on for the proceedings.

The District Commissioner opened the meeting with prayer, and the President welcomed those present, including the Region Commissioner. The Secretary read both the minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting and the L.A. Annual Report, and these were accepted.

The Treasurer followed her Annual Report with an interesting resume of the activities in 1958 leading up to the building of the hall at a cost of \$3,600, and its official opening in 1964. She thanked the Directors of the Co-operative Society who had kept the finances in order during those ten years, and moved that this, her last report, be accepted.

The District Commissioner's report was printed in full in a newsletter—the cover of which was specially designed by a member of the L.A.—which was issued to mark the occasion, and she briefly outlined a few points from her report. She then particularly thanked the retiring Treasurer and President for their continuous efforts on behalf of the Laburnum Girl Guides since 1965 and 1966.

The Region Commissioner thanked the retiring officers and took the Chair for the election of new officers, after which she congratulated those elected. The incoming President thanked her for her attendance and invited her to stay for supper to chat with those present. It was felt that the evening was a great success.

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RECIPE CORNER

BEEF MACARONI

1 lb. coarse minced steak. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. bacon pieces, 1 medium green pepper, 1 medium onion, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups macaroni, 1 large can tomato soup.

Cook mince, bacon, pepper and onion together. Cook macaroni in salted boiling water, drain. Add mince, etc., to cooked macaroni, then add soup, salt and pepper. Stir until blended through. Serves 4 people.

MATILDA WALTZES

Did you see "Matilda's" daughter in the "Age" on 29th May?

Liza, 6 feet high at birth, was born to Matilda, the female giraffe at the Melbourne Zoo.

We've seen references to Matilda as a boat, a restaurant, a Queen, a song, and now a giraffe.

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Dear Matilda,

In the West Metropolitan Region, an "Adventure Week" was conducted at St. Andrew's Hall.

One of the things we did was creative expression, with acting of all different types. One minute we were acting out an elephant and the next an elegant lady.

Most of the days it rained, as on Wednesday when we were supposed to be doing outdoor activities, such as archery. We DID do archery, but only in the hall. One of the girls broke a window when aiming for the target.

The main attraction of the week was the day on the farm. It was really good fun, even though all of us stepped into a puddle at least once.

Over all it was a very exciting week and we express our gratitude to all involved. I hope that there will be another adventure week very soon, and I'm sure all the other girls feel the same.

KIM CRUICKSHANK,
Footscray.



**FIREWORKS ON THE LAKE . . .
SPIT ROAST . . .
OPEN AIR PLAYS . . .
WATER SKI-ING . . .**

A Guide venture?

Not exactly, but it was "Fiesta week-end" in Boort, and the Guide movement was extremely involved. The week-end of festivities commenced on Friday evening with an open-air Talent Hour. A big welcome was extended to about a thousand visitors by the Guide Choir. Then followed a bevy of talent of both Brownies and Guides.

The next morning the main Guide Service commenced. It was in the form of a child minding centre in the park, **complete**. Frequent drinks were supplied by the Guides while the adult in charge supervised numerous play games. This creche was open for all Fiesta time and was greatly appreciated by the hard-working and fun-loving Mums alike.

On Sunday there was a Rock Church Service by the lake. Once again the Guides showed their willingness to be a part of the community, and featured in an interesting vocal item.

When Fiesta drew to a close and the many visitors were setting off home, there were some very tired Guiders, L.A. and Guides, and Brownie legs were weary from running messages.

J.S.

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"S.A. WALKABOUT"

South Australia's Link Up with the 8 Points

Forty-three Guides and four Guiders from Victoria boarded the Overland Express for the South Australian Link-Up. On arrival in Adelaide we were met by the hostesses who were billeting us for our stay during the Walkabout.

During the following week the Guides went on three days of activities, from a group selected prior to the Walkabout. The rest of the time was spent sightseeing or whatever the hostesses planned.

The activities planned for the S.A. Walkabout included **Pioneer Furniture** held at a lovely campsite of Wongolere, which we had the opportunity of exploring during the afternoon. **From Here to There with Maps** was conducted in the Waterfall Gully Reserve over a National Fitness Course of rugged and scenic terrain. **Art in the Bush**, at the Cleland Wild Life Reserve, was a great challenge to everyone, especially searching for the bark, leaves and natural materials needed for the "art". Many guides completed their boomerangs and even threw them (and ducked). Many wonderful ideas in this section. **Bush Survival**, at Parra Wirra National Park, provided the guides with the opportunity to learn to skin a rabbit, eat bush plants, and gain a taste for witchetty grubs—cooked they taste like peanut butter—and what to do if lost in the bush. **Outdoor Cooking**, at the Olave Hills, without pot nor pan provided interesting challenges. The uses of the biscuit tin oven were tried out by the guides.

All Guides, visitors and locals, were invited to Headquarters for tea and a campfire in the parklands opposite. The campfire was a fitting end to an interesting, exciting, outgoing week in South Australia.

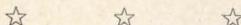
The Regions in Victoria are to be commended on their chosen representatives to this Link-Up. As the Overland Express pulled away from Adelaide station and we bid a sad farewell to our Adelaide hostesses, it was clear to see the Australian Link-Up was off to an excellent start. Congratulations to the South Australian Link Up Team. This Guider feels very privileged to have been with the Victorian contingent.—RIKI.



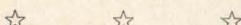
—Block by courtesy "Sunraysia Daily"

Guides from Ouyen, Manangatang, Robin-vale, Murrayville as well as Sunraysia attended a training at South Mildura Guides Hut.

Hammock-making was among the practical exercises. The hammock made of hessian bags, was designed for slim girls, and proved to be just right for Maree Phillips.



The only job you can start at the top is the digging of a hole.



You make a living by what you get—you make a life by what you give.



From the GUIDE SHOP

GUIDE TIE.—It has been noted at various functions being held in Victoria that Guides are still wearing the old tie. It has been suggested at numerous times that these could be adapted to the tie which is to be worn with Guide uniforms. If you are unsure of how to wear the new Guide tie please refer to Matilda, August, 1973.

Name Tapes

Unit Name Tapes	2 doz. to	\$3.15	Page 2 Price List
	4 doz. to	\$3.66	
(Add \$1.02 for each additional 4 doz.)	8 doz. to	\$4.68	
	12 doz. to	\$5.70	
Combined Region and Unit Name Tapes	3 doz. to	\$6.68	,, 2 , ,
	6 doz. to	\$8.80	
(Add \$2.12 for each additional 3 doz.)	9 doz. to	\$10.92	
	12 doz. to	\$13.04	

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Metal Numbers for Venture Badges, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.	each to 10c	,, 4 , ,
T-Shirt (pale blue), size 30 in., 32 in., 34 in.	to \$1.75	,, 5 , ,
size SW, W	to \$2.25	,, 5 , ,
Material — Guide Blouse, per yard	to \$1.50	,, 5 , ,
Rucksack — 3 pocket	to \$13.80	,, 17 , ,
Brownie and Guide Airways Bags	to \$3.45	,, 19 , ,
Australian Guide Furnishing Material, per yard	to \$2.20	,, 19 , ,

(Design includes all State badges and tracking signs in Guide blue and gold on natural coloured material, for curtains, cushions, etc., in Guide halls and elsewhere).



Victorian Newsletter

JULY, 1974

Dear Members and Friends,

This month began on a very exciting note with one of the highlights of the year for Commissioners. It was the annual Commissioners' Conference at La Trobe University. The theme of the Conference was "Dare to Lead" and by the end of the weekend over 200 Commissioners — many of them new — had dared to do many things and enjoyed them all. We all returned home having learnt much, full of enthusiasm and having had great fun.

With Fred, I attended the Installation of Sir Henry Winneke as Governor of Victoria in the Council Chamber of Parliament House. I was most impressed by this ceremony which I had never seen before. The following day we also went to the Reception given for the Governor and Lady Winneke by the Government of Victoria.

As the Mother of a Lone Guide I was so pleased to be able to attend a meeting of the Lone Local Association and meet the members who do so much to help our Lones.

At the Queen's Scout and Queen's Guide Presentation, Sir Henry Winneke presented the Certificates for the first time and everyone was very stimulated by his message to the boys and girls.

I spent a very pleasant evening and day in Stawell for the Western Plains Conference. I do so enjoy meeting Region members at these days and learning more of their activities and plans.

Central Metropolitan Commissioners met together at Headquarters and I was able to call in and talk with them for a short while.

I called on Lady Winneke on behalf of you all, and was able to tell her how very thrilled we are to have her as our President. I was also able to tell her a little more about the Girl Guides and all we are trying to do for the girls of Victoria.

We had with us for the long weekend, which was great fun, Martin, Rick and three friends who came home for Rick's 16th birthday. It took me all my time to keep the boys fed, five teenage boys certainly eat a great deal more than our usual household of three adults!

When you read this I should be in the U.S.A. with Fred. I hope to see something of Girl Scouts whilst I am away and if possible to visit an established camp. I should have lots to tell you all when I return home.

I know Jean and Lysbeth will look after you well whilst I am away.

With love and best wishes,

JOAN E. GRIMWADE,
State Commissioner.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ALL

LIAISON FOR JEWISH MEMBERS

We are pleased to advise that Mrs. Tess Green (4 Tantram Avenue, East St. Kilda, 3183 — telephone 53 6907) has accepted the appointment of Liaison for Jewish Members in place of Mrs. Segal, who recently completed her five-year term of office. Commissioners and Guiders may contact her if they want advice on any matter of particular relevance to Jewish members.

EXTENSION SECTION

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary for Handicapped Guides to be held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 13th August, at 8 p.m. There will be a film of the early days of Extension Guiding, "Into a Wider World" and a Speaker.

CLOTHES BURN — SO DO KIDS — A new leaflet

An excellent multi-language leaflet outlining the burning qualities of different types of clothing and important Safety Hints has been produced by the National Safety Council. It is now available from Headquarters free of charge (please send stamped addressed envelope if requesting a copy by post).

KEEPING TRACK

The second issue of Australia's new newsletter "Keeping Track" is now obtainable at the Guide Shop.

AUSTRALIA — A LAND OF THINGS TO DO

The Australian Tourist Commission has produced an attractive promotion book which may be of interest to Units and families. Copies are available from Headquarters, free of charge. (This book is being circulated through all Tourist Agencies so country members are advised to obtain their copies locally and save postage.)

ESPECIALLY FOR DIVISION COMMISSIONERS

Division Commissioners will be invited to bring their local Mayoress to Headquarters for a special Luncheon on 16th October. Note this date in your diaries now and watch for further information.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GUIDERS

LECTURES ON THE HANDICAPPED

Through the courtesy of Mr. Brian Dixon, the Assistant Minister for Education, a series of 6-7 lectures on the general subject of "The Handicapped Child" has been arranged.

They will be held over a period of 3 weeks, at Travancore Special School, 50 Flemington Street, Flemington, probably from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., on the 10th, 17th and 24th September (dates subject to ratification).

The subjects to be covered will include

- i. types of mental retardation
- ii. types of physical retardation
- iii. management of the disturbed child
- iv. the multiple handicapped child
- v. activities for these groups.

The lectures will be given by members of the Association of Special Teachers.

Any interested Guider or Commissioner is welcome to attend. For further information contact the Extension Adviser, Mrs. R. H. Renard — 857 9447.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

In the Training Calendar you will note that there will be a Refresher Camp-craft Training held at Janet Whitlam Memorial Park during the weekend of 28th and 29th September. People may come for the day if they wish — not necessarily stay overnight. Do put this date in your diary and make application to the Training Department to attend.

GUIDE INTEREST BADGE CERTIFICATES

To avoid any confusion it would be appreciated if, when Interest Badges from the revised Part 2 Handbook are being used, the word "revised" be written on the particular Interest Badge Certificate.

AUSTRALIAN LINK-UP (Guide Section)

Please note that the dates for the N.S.W. Event in January is from January 11th - 18th, 1975.

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

(to be read in conjunction with Training Calendar in "Matilda")

Stage 1 — Western Border Region

This Training will be held at Coleraine. Further information in Training Calendar. Overnight accommodation available in Guide Hall. Please bring sleeping bag, blankets and food for Saturday night and Sunday breakfast.

Stage 1 — Yarra Valley Region

Weekend 17th-18th August and 14th-15th September.

Times—10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Further information from Mrs. C. Dean, 33 McKellar Street, Watsonia, 3087.

Stage 3 — Barree Region

Weekend 28th-29th September and 2nd-3rd November.

Times—10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location—Wodonga.

Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. D. Hamilton, "Hamilton Park", South Wangaratta by 13th September.

Stage 3 — Sunraysia Region

Please note that this training has been cancelled.

Stage 3 — North Central Region

Weekend 14th-15th September and 26th-27th October.

Times—10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (subject to change).

Location—Pyramid Hill.

Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. R. Wilkins, 14 Scott Street, White Hills, 3550, by 30th August.

Campcraft Training — Baw Baw Region

Wednesdays, 31st July, 21st August and 11th September.

Times—7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Location—Public Hall, Princes Highway, Nilma.

Saturday, 10th August, 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. at Brogie Park, Warragul, plus one weekend to be arranged early in 1975.

Fee—\$1.00.

Apply immediately to Mrs. D. MacDonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828.

Refresher Campcraft Training

Weekend 28th-29th September.

Times—9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. Saturday, and 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday.

Location—Janet Whitlam Memorial Park.

Fee—to be advised.

Note: Please advise if overnight accommodation is required.

Applications to Training Department, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Pack Holiday Training — Western Border Region

Location will be Coleraine. Overnight accommodation available in Guide Hall. Please bring sleeping bag, blankets and food for Saturday night and Sunday breakfast. Further information in Training Calendar.

Colour Ceremonial — Yarra Valley Region

Thursday, 1st August.

Time—8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Location—Greensborough.

Applications and 40 cents fee to Mrs. C. Dean, 33 McKellar Street, Watsonia, 3087, by 18th July.

Training Day for Patrol Leaders and Guiders

Saturday, 21st September.

Times—10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Location—Public Hall, Campbell Street, Yarragon.

Applications and 40 cents fee, together with names and units of those attending to Mrs. S. Macdonald, 27 Tovell Street, Newborough, 3828 by 23rd August.

Bushcraft Tour

Dates—24th-31st August inclusive.

Cost—\$75.00 (this has been based on a minimum of 20 applicants).

Further information in Training Calendar. **Closing Date 22nd July.**

Campfire Club

Come and Join Us—8th August, 12th September at Headquarters from 8 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

THE SPANNING SEMINAR — OCTOBER 12TH

FILL IN YOUR APPLICATION NOW

VICTORIAN GUIDERS

"THE SPANNING SEMINAR '74"

APPLICATION FORM

"THE SPANNING SEMINAR '74"

Saturday, October 12, 1974.

9.00 am - 5.00 pm at Melbourne University, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at Headquarters

APPLICATION FORM

Send applications

TO: Mrs. Margaret Barbour, 47 Loeman Street, Strathmore. 3041

BY: As soon as possible, but no later than September 14, 1974.

ENCLOSING: Stamped, self addressed envelope for return of Seminar entree tickets, catering tickets and receipts.

NOTE: One form per unit - please let your Assistant Leader have the opportunity to apply.

UNIT: DISTRICT:

SECTION 1 - PERSONAL DETAILS (please print)

(a) NAME OF LEADER: 'PHONE NO:

ADDRESS: POST CODE:

(b) NAME OF ASSISTANT LEADER: 'PHONE NO:

(c) NAME OF ASSISTANT LEADER: 'PHONE NO:

NUMBER OF COUNTRY GUIDERS REQUIRING APPLICATION FORM FOR RAIL CONCESSION

SECTION 2 - SESSIONS

(a) NAMES OF LEADERS WISHING TO ATTEND MORNING SESSION:

(b) NAMES OF LEADERS WISHING TO ATTEND AFTERNOON SESSION: (see details below)

Please indicate which of the two alternative sessions you wish to attend:

(i) Out of Doors
OR (ii) Communications and Thinking for Yourself

(c) NAMES OF LEADERS WISHING TO ATTEND EVENING SESSION :

SECTION 3 - QUESTION BOX - Please fill in any questions you would like answered or points for discussion

SECTION 4 - PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

Number of leaders wishing to attend Seminar @ .65c. per head ...= \$

Number of leaders requiring (a) Morning tea @ .40c. per head ...= \$

(b) Afternoon tea @ .40c. per head ...= \$

(c) Lunch (soup and basket lunch) @ \$1.55 per head ...= \$

TOTAL (INCLUDING SEMINAR FEE) = \$

I enclose cheque/postal order for the above amount. (Cheques and postal orders to be made out to "Guiders Seminar Committee", money orders to Strathmore Post Office), PLUS a stamped, self addressed envelope. (We regret no refunds will be available after the closing date)

UNIT: SIGNED: DATE:

SECTION 5 - HOSPITALITY

Do you require hospitality? YES/NO If so, please give details

Can you offer hospitality? YES/NO If so, please give details

UNIT: NAME:

AFTERNOON SESSION DETAILS

Guiders are invited to join either

(i) Out of Doors including conservation, the environment, pollution, lightweight camping, Brownie ventures, creativity in the out of doors, indoor vs. outdoors, and the Promise in the out of doors

OR

(ii) Thinking for Yourself including where to look for help and how to adapt ideas to suit each section, the Promise in Action, assessing the challenges and Communications including relationships and the patrol system.

CHECK: HAVE YOU FILLED IN SECTIONS 1 - 5?

SEE AUGUST "MATILDA" FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON "THE SPANNING SEMINAR '74"

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Mrs. C. Lowry, Narre Warren North.

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An American opera has been composed based on the life of Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouting in America. It was commissioned in 1971 by the Miami Opera Guild and Tropical Florida Council, and composed by Julia Smith to a libretto by Berita Harding. The world premiere took place in November, 1973.

LITTLE FRIENDS PAGE

The Little Friends of Sri Lanka recommend this recipe from the Pacific Islands:—

1. Cut up 2 cups of ripe bananas.
2. Put into saucepan.
3. Add 1 cup sugar.
4. Add 2 tablespoons lemon juice.
5. Put on to stove and heat gently, stirring all the time. When cooked, the jam is thick.

It usually takes about 15 minutes of boiling but it does depend on the type of bananas used.



On 17th April, 1974, Gerda Deenik, Guider of 3rd Hampton Guide Company, was allowed to part from her friends.

Gerda was born in Holland. Coming to Australia nine years ago, she was naturalized after five years and carried on her nursing profession as a midwife.

Life had never been easy for Gerda. Just as one is sometimes helped by a "special" thing when life seems very dark and unhappy, so it was for her. Gerda discovered this help in Guiding when she was a teenager before the second world war. It gave her the companionship and excitement she craved—a great beacon of light and of inner truth. As a Ranger during the war she continued Guiding—secretly—because it was forbidden, and punishment when detected was swift and frightening. However, there was time for deep thoughts and spirited discussions amongst the girls—perhaps even to projecting ideals and values, wishes and desires for peace, for better conditions for mankind as a whole, which were not even put by the Founder?

Guiding gave Gerda a way to live and courage to go on and face life bravely. For many projects and plans she ran out of time, but one of her beliefs was "what is sown now will come up later and will bear fruit, for that is life." This was her aim as a Guider. Although her Company were young and she realized many of her thoughts were beyond their understanding, she knew the seeds would come up and bear fruit—later, perhaps much later—but she believed.

Real values in life can be shared with others without words, and this she did to her full capacity—our friend Gerda, the "gentle golden giant."

ELIZABETH SAMSON-BOURET