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From our State Commissioner

Dear Members and Friends,

The Associated Country Women of the World (A.C.W.W.) held their triennial conference in Perth in October and I was delighted to be invited to hear the World President, Mrs. O. Farquharson, speak to Victorian C.W.A. members at the Dallas Brooks Hall.

As I listened I couldn't help but think somewhere I have heard this before! More and more as she spoke, I recognised the similarities between A.C.W.W. and W.A.G.G. G.S. Both world wide organisations are working hard to promote international understanding and to raise the standard of nutrition and literacy in developing countries.

Mrs. Farquharson spoke of A.C.W.W. Seminars on development and only the previous week I had heard Sue Tickell from N.S.W., who was at the Juliette Low Seminar and Olave House, speak on the same theme in connection with Guiding. I heard of the close co-operation between C.W.A. and Guiding and how A.C.W.W. activities are also controlled by that inevitable word — finance!!

As I left the hall thinking how closely allied were our two organisations, a member who had travelled all the way from Deniliquin spoke to me. She held her 25 year long service badge and was still an L.A. member. The next person I spoke to was a C.W.A. Group President wearing her Guide name badge, and the member I had been sitting next to had been a member of the Guide movement for 52 years. I am sure I would have found a large number of that vast audience were involved in both organisations.

We aim to give a basic training to girls which is then carried on in many spheres as adults. These women are the "givers" and the "doers" who play such a vital role in our don't care society. So many people today believe they have rights but no duties, and are prepared to leave the helping to someone else. Fortunately for us, though, there are still many women who are prepared to give of their time and their talents as Guiders, L.A. members and C.W.A. members. We greatly appreciate their help and I delight in seeing them work so closely together.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade

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DINNER WITH PRINCE CHARLES

During the recent visit to Victoria of H.R.H. Prince Charles, I attended a dinner in his honour at the Royal Commonwealth Society given by the Victorian Government. The dinner was for members of Youth Organisations and Junior Groups of Loyal Societies. The 120 people who attended the dinner gave a very crowded effect to the Society's dining room. At the end of a rather hurried meal, many had an opportunity to talk to Prince Charles, and I was fortunate enough to have a fairly long conversation with him. Even though it was a short function, it was a privilege to be able to represent the Guide Association.

Wendy Smibert.

"MATILDA'S READERS . . .

So many people say 13 is an unlucky number:

Matilda's Editor and her committee disagree — we have had thirteen years of enjoyment, learning and fellowship working together to edit "Matilda".

We wish all our friends a joyous Christmas and a peaceful and growing year in 1975.

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▲ HOSPITALITY ▲

It is with regret that we announce the retirement from our Hospitality Committee of Mrs. J. A. Hutchinson who has looked after the interests of our visitors and travellers so well over the many years that she has been our Hospitality Convenor. Many hundreds of our Victorian members and those from other States and other countries have been on the receiving end of Della's friendly interest, capable planning and loving care and we know all concerned will want to join us in saying to Della and to her family THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

We welcome Mrs. R. Spratling of 1 Arden Crescent, Rosanna, 3084, telephone 45 2385, as our incoming Hospitality Convenor, knowing that she will follow in Della's footsteps with the same friendly interest and consideration.

Mrs. Hutchinson and her family have sent "Matilda" this message:

"May I take the opportunity of my retirement as Hospitality Convenor to again thank all the hostesses who have helped me over the last few years. Your willingness to assist with home hospitality, sight-seeing trips and visitors' shopping needs — especially some at very short notice, has made my task so much easier. It is pleasing so many friendships have evolved and reciprocal visits made by many girls over the years. I also thank most sincerely those very kind people who visited Guiding patients in

various hospitals — it was always a nice surprise for them to know someone else in our big "family" took this trouble for them.

I am delighted to introduce Mrs. R. Spratling as my successor. She and her family have always been willing hostesses, and I am sure the pleasure they have received from their many Guiding guests, both local and overseas, helped persuade Doris to accept this pleasant appointment. Would you please enable her to start her own new list of willing helpers by indicating in which sphere you would be able to assist? She would like to hear from members who can provide accommodation for girls or adults, meet planes and trains, offer sight-seeing trips, assist with shopping needs or visit members in hospital.

To all who have waited with me at airports, railway stations, bus terminals — to the helpful voices on the telephone or names on a letter, a very big Thank You, and I wish you many more happy years of Guiding contacts with the kindly leadership of Doris Spratling.

Best wishes for the Christmas Season and the Coming Year."





THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE

The South Australian Commissioners' Conference, which Mrs. Oldfield and I attended, was held at the Rymill Conference Centre, Woodhouse. This is a lovely building, very modern, set amongst the Adelaide hills. It belongs to the Scout Movement, but is let out for various conferences. We were met at the airport, Jean from Melbourne and myself from Mount Gambier, by S.A. personnel, and made most welcome. We were given a tour of Headquarters, a very bright, modern and spacious building. I was driven to Paxlease on my return from Woodhouse, this is also on the hillside, an old bluestone school now converted into a Guiding Training Centre.

The State Commissioner, Mrs. Jean Williams, officially opened the Conference, and then spoke on her five weeks visit to the outback of the Northern Territory on Guiding promotion. She was most impressed with the 90 Aboriginal Guides and Brownies in Arnhem Land, and said they were such clean and tidy people. It is surprising how vast an area South Australia covers, from our border to companies as far as Darwin, Alice Springs, etc. One Commissioner at the Conference came from Kangaroo Island. She said there are two Guide Companies there. The guest speakers were most interesting also: a Doctor of Conservation, a Scout Field Commissioner, a Guider from East Africa, and a former Guide Commissioner back from a tour of the Middle East.

We learnt a lot from this Conference. Although partly the same as ours, it differed slightly—smaller, of course, about 100, including day people. We worked in patrols all the weekend. Jean was a Magpie and I was a Rosella. We set-up, served and washed-up at mealtimes and quite enjoyed ourselves. The Conference theme was "Commissioners Out and About", and we were, even though it was very cold and rained most of the time. One item during the advisers' section which interested me was that the Public

Relations Commissioner was trying to get Guiding signs put up at the International Airport, and I wondered if we had these at Tullamarine.

I was very happy to have the opportunity to attend.

J. Gilmour, Region Commissioner,
Western Border Region.

DON'T PLAY CHEMIST WITH CLEANING SOLUTIONS

Two housewives were stricken under similar circumstances when both decided to add some household bleach to toilet bowl cleaner to see if the mixture would be more effective.

The two women, in their respective homes, added the bleach and stirred with a brush. Death came to one within minutes; the other survived but spent a long, long time in the hospital.

A medical newsletter reported that twenty people were overcome by toxic gases released from a do-it-yourself cleaner—a regular witches' brew of cleanser, chlorine, bleach, and ammonia.

It is important for every housewife to know that poisonous gas may be generated if chlorine bleach is added to an acid or acid-producing substance such as toilet bowl cleanser, or even just plain vinegar. If bleach is mixed with other alkaline matter, such as ammonia or lye, the chemical action liberates a highly irritating gas which, when inhaled, can cause serious injury or even death.

Don't mix any cleaners.

Read and heed all labels on all household products.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions to the letter.

Keep all household chemicals out of the reach of children and well separated from food and medicines.

Don't keep safety a secret!

Practise safety off the job just as you do at work—so you will be around to do your job.

(From National Safety Council Newsletter.)

FLOOD AT NUMURKAH

Do you remember when we used to "prepare for emergencies" at Guide meetings? We would be given a time limit to have all patrol members and equipment at least three feet off the floor in preparation for an "oncoming flood". It was fun how we managed to utilize what we had, sometimes successful, sometimes not so. Little did we dream that that practice would be needed one day.

We were told that at least three feet of water would be through the town in a few days. A quick working bee was organized to place equipment at least above that mark. Tents and canvas were slung from the rafters as the atmosphere was very damp, wooden equipment pegs and ropes and all kitchen utensils raised, cupboards emptied, and so on. After a good afternoon's work we were prepared.

The amount of water was in excess of what was first anticipated. Sandbags were needed for homes and public utilities, and so the hall had more than 18 inches of water through the building. While we all worked in some capacity at saving our homes and feeding the men and volunteers, we had a very tiring and worrying five days—little thought was given to the hall then, knowing we had done what we could.

At last water was receding here, but pushing on through to other farms and towns. Quick smart, while it was still high enough to wade in with rubber boots, we inspected the damage. The scene looked disastrous with tents and canvas slung equipment looking untidy. With buckets and mops and strong backs it was tidy-up time. Only those who have experienced the slime and smelly mud know what it is like—**get it before it dries.**

It was school holidays and we had plenty of helpers. Heard guides saying it was much more fun having beetles night to raise money for flood victims than to do the cleaning up! Things eventually became shipshape. It was at least another three weeks before we felt it safe to use the hall. Slippery mud outside—the floor developed "waves" from condition of foundations.

After inspection, the Shire Engineer gave us the verdict, and told us the needs. It was quite a list, but not impossible.

We are proud of our hall. Mothers are rostered for weekly cleaning, Guides proud of their Corners and the Brownies their "Homes". Now comes the "crunch"—it takes finance.

It is when trouble strikes that you realize how marvellous is the "Family". Money came from near and far. Headquarters were very early on the job with a donation—they were not only thinking of us, but also helping practically. Other places that also had water problems, such as Robinvale, Murchison and Shepparton, heard how our hall was affected, and sent financial help. Other people offered help when needed. It was heart-warming to know how many friendly sisters we have. What a wonderful opportunity of Guide Law in action—care of possessions—facing up to difficulties—being helpful—consideration, etc., etc. Our one regret to Sunny Sue—when the action was really on, everyone was too busy and occupied to take appropriate pictures for publicity.

E.Y.



PACK HOLIDAYS

Julie, Ann, Justine and Michelle, 1st Boronia Pack brownies, sent word of their weekend at Belgrave Heights Convention Lodge, when the theme of the holiday was Circus.

They enjoyed finding fools gold and wild-flowers, making animal toys of leather and Brownies' Own under the big pine trees.

Leeanne Zlonzak went with her pack, 1st South Dandenong, to Tynong North.

They stayed in a house shaped like a triangle. Stairs led to their bunks at the top of the house.

During a hike the brownies visited a museum where they saw a cat with two heads, a pig's leg with two feet and a snake.

They also went to a guide camp and watched the girls making tuna casserole.

2nd Wodonga Pack brownies chose Hume Weir as the venue for their first Pack Holiday.

They enjoyed it so much that, on their return they decided to stage a "Bike-a-thon" to raise funds for their next holiday.

Their Brown Owl, Margaret Connell, says parents and friends sponsored the girls who rode thirteen miles along quiet country roads and now have a substantial sum in hand for their future plans.

and wouldn't that be funny? We
haven't got enough water here
so that's another job for us to do.

There are lots of little animals
that we can help. We can
make a home for them and
make sure they have enough
water to drink.



CONSERVATION



Dear Guide and Brownie people,
Where on earth has this year gone? No sooner
had we returned from our annual holidays
than Christmas was lurking around the next
corner.

We are all another year older; birthdays
come and go . . . This year I spent my birth-
day in a very strange place . . . a silver, lead
and zinc mine way out in the outback!

Speaking of birthdays . . . I hear there is a
very special birthday coming up for some
very special people.

The Brownie Guides are having their
sixtieth birthday, that means a Silver Jubilee,
and lots of fun for every Brownie helping to
celebrate. I wonder how we can help cele-
brate these sixty years? Could we all plant a
birthday tree? It would be fun to watch a
tree grow up with you, and when you are
quite old you could still be able to see the
beautiful birthday tree you planted when
you were a Brownie.

Your hall or local park may need a tree,
or perhaps your local council knows just
the place for a special tree.

We planted several trees at our hall, but
the hot dry summer and wandering cows
destroyed some so we will replant these for
our birthday. Our guides are also planting
trees at Sherbrook River campsite so when
the Brownies become guides they'll be able to
camp in the shade of our Brownie Birthday
trees.

Did you all hear about the Boneseed weed
which is a problem on Mornington Peninsula?
This plant was brought from South Africa to
Australia because people enjoyed its bright
yellow flower in their gardens.

However, it proved to be a pest as it grew
so rapidly and took over land where our
native plants grew. It is so plentiful in some
areas it has even killed off trees. Conserva-
tion workers try to destroy this weed so the



NAKUMIN TA DOOR

native plants can return. Poisons and sprays
are not very successful so we need to find
a lot of people who will help pull up the
weed in infested areas.

This could be a splendid challenge for your
unit, especially if you live close to the Penin-
sula, the You Yangs, Portland, Lake Hind-
marsh, the Dandenongs or Phillip Island
where it is found.

If you would like to help, perhaps I could
send you a leaflet which tells all about the
boneseed plant?

You may remember I told you earlier of
my guides' visit to a nature park to see the
native animals? We were very sad to hear
some of the animals died recently. Scientific
examination showed the poor creatures had
been poisoned by the tear-off strips from
instant photograph negatives.

It is terrible to think that litter left by
careless people spoils our countryside, and
is even thrown into the animals' enclosures.
Naturally, curious animals lick at anything,
and the poison on the strips caused them a
dreadful death.

I haven't heard much of your conservation
efforts lately. Have any of you worked for
the Conservation badge?

Please send me news of your units' activi-
ties as it will help other guides and Brownies
who want ideas on how **they** can help with
conservation.

I'd love to hear about the Birthday Trees
you plant, too! Meanwhile it's almost time
for Christmas trees and I hope you all enjoy
a bright and happy Christmas and look
forward to an even busier, happier new year.

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Summer is with us again and we'll all be
spending as much time as possible outdoors.
Seaside resorts will be crowded and cool,

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AUSTRALIAN LINK-UP

QUEENSLAND

Think of 40 Guides, 4 Guiders, 2 bus drivers, 1 Rambler Bus Lines coach, 1000 odd miles and 30 hours, and that is the Victorian contingent's journey to the Queensland link-up camp. Why did we choose an express bus trip? — The best possible way to transport Guides a long distance, in a short time and for very reasonable cost — take it from one who has sat up on more than one occasion for two nights on a train to Brisbane and KNOWS!! Despite my strong beliefs and the detailed trip programme planning by the staff, my feelings were wavering by the time we left, after all the morbid stories of exhaustion and boredom on a trip like this. Obviously they have never travelled with a group of Guides! Our programme plans to break boredom were fruitful; we were tired on arrival — but who wouldn't be after all these miles — but definitely not exhausted.

The greatest thing about the trip was the friendship, help, and hospitality shown to us along the way. Firstly Guide districts at Parkes and Tamworth that so willingly set up a cafeteria so we could have a hot meal — and one district didn't bat an eye when we were three-quarters of an hour late for dinner — we were still greeted with a smile. Hospitality and thoughtfulness in our 5½ days of billeting after the camp formed, I am sure, many lifelong friendships, and of course camp itself goes without saying. Surely the real sisterhood of Guiding.

Camp was eight days crammed full — too full sometimes, as free time for letter writing was virtually non-existent, and many a scratchy few lines reached home in Victoria. But Queensland certainly planned for the Guides to "think for themselves", with active participation in music and drama,

orienteering, pioneering, hiking, no-utensil cooking, trail following, crafts (a choice of one from primitive pottery, china painting, candle making, copper shim, screen printing and copper enamelling) and camp talent quest, and even challenged them further by providing printed instructions on most of these, for later use with their own units. A camp challenge which added beads to a plaited woggle for their camp scarves very adequately used any spare time left in the day.

Camp atmosphere was quickly established with the provision of bags of "goodies", each one containing a camp scarf with link up badge, woggle signifying camp colour, red material drawstring bag with the camp "Sunny Sam" badge, comprehensive book on all camp details, challenge card and a "fun" letter to send home.

Victorian Guiders often needed to tell Victorian Guides, "Please put on a sun hat", or "Put something on that sunburnt nose" — so difficult to adjust to in August. After six days of heat and thick dust on the roads we welcomed rain, even though it did wash out one sub camp's no-utensil cooking activity, it laid the dust and Victorian Guides learnt why Queenslanders seldom wear raincoats in camp in summer rain — humidity makes it wetter inside than out, and bathers are most practical wet weather garb. We didn't resort to that action, but we were so clammy in our raincoats, and our Victorian gumboots (knee length) looked hilarious beside the adequate Queensland ankle boots.

Terminology created a light vein to camp life, and confusion — peanut butter or peanut paste; hike groundsheet or sit upons; auto or marquee; morning and afternoon teas or breaks; plate bags or mess kits, so

it went on. Confusion came with Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria pitching a tent — marquee hitches, rolling hitches and round turn and two half hitches!!

All learnt much from the camp, and found it a tremendous experience. The first 12 hours of our return trip was non-stop chatter as everyone caught up on the past two weeks. And can you imagine the chatter when all the Victorian contingent meet for their re-union?

If ever you are given the opportunity to attend a camp such as this, don't bypass it — to be one of the Victorian contingent was an honour, and to work with those who comprised it a pleasure.

Betty De Marchi.

Camp Mirambeena, held for a week in August on Brisbane's Guide camping ground, "Kindilan", was the camp where all the action was; with 219 guides, you would expect action. It was not unusual to wake up in the night to see a 60-year-old man wearing scout hat and guide camp tie, walking around the campsite; he was our security guard.

Camp Mirambeena was divided into two groups, Australian Artists and Australian Writers. Each group had three camps. Central staff, who did a great job making sure we all got enough food and that everything was going well, had their own camp.

Each day we eagerly attacked our activities. These included Pioneering (using rope bridges, scramble nets, etc.), going on an Orienteering hike and at the same time attempting to cook a two-course meal without utensils; following the Kumanka Trail, which was made up of little red feet nailed to the trees, also many art and craft activities. A day tour to "Marineland" and Currambin bird sanctuary on the South Coast gave an enjoyable break to camp routine.

We were honoured to have both Miss Lambie, Chief Commissioner for Australia, and Mrs. Moore, State Commissioner for Queensland, to officially open our camp and later to walk amongst us. It was a surprise to see the two commissioners on our merry-go-round, made as part of our pioneering course.

We greatly enjoyed our stay in Queensland, and hope many other guides will have opportunities to attend interstate camps.

We would like to thank our leaders for ensuring all forty Victorian guides arrived home happy and well after such an enjoyable venture.

Helen Arnold,
1st Lilydale Company.
Sally Levecke,
1st Castlemaine Company.



Getting There . . . and Back

We boarded the Rambler bus very early on the day we left for Brisbane. Each girl was given a sachet of maps, tourist information, autograph card and two Victorian name tapes.

Mid-morning we picked up more guides at Shepparton and Tocumwal.

Leaflets about places we would see were distributed, and we divided into bus patrols — to buy food, clean the bus, etc.

We lunched in a park in Finley, and had tea in the Red Cross hall at Parkes.

After tea we hopped into sleeping bags and curled up on seats to face the night — and what a night!!! After a series of short dozes I woke at 4.30 a.m. feeling I had rocks in my head.

We stopped for breakfast at Tenterfield. A park in Ipswich was the venue for lunch. Then on to Hanlon Park, Brisbane, at 2.20, where we met our hostesses, who took us home for the night. A lovely sleep, and we were ready for camp next morning.

After camp, I stayed, for six days, with a family in Ashgrove, a Brisbane suburb, and had a really great time. I was taken to a pizza restaurant, a zoo, and tropical gardens, the top of the City Hall tower, Springbrook — in the mountains, Bribie Island — swimming and sun-soaking.

We left Brisbane early for the return trip, and stopped at Glen Innes for lunch and Tamworth for tea, prepared by the Local Association.

We slept better than we had on the journey north, and next morning discovered we had passed through floods.

Breakfast at Finley, "drop-off" stops at Tocumwal and Shepparton, and we were back in Melbourne ahead of schedule. While waiting for our parents we cleaned the bus!

The camp was great, and so was the trip. Even though it was long, the guiders succeeded in making it interesting. It was tremendous.

Many thanks to guiders, bus drivers and billet families, also the guides — they were such a friendly bunch.

Sandra Dunne,
1st Upwey Company.



PACK CELEBRATES 25th BIRTHDAY

When 4th East Malvern (Ewing) Brownie Pack celebrated its Silver Anniversary recently, ten-year-old Brownie, Deirdre O'Sullivan welcomed the guests with these words:

"Welcome to our Brownie Pack,
We hope you like our show.
We know you're in a hurry,
BUT, it's not quite time to go!"

Say Happy Birthday later,
We're only 25,
But age does not matter,
When you're a Brownie or a Guide! . . ."

A parade of Brownies in international uniforms, and a cake with 25 candles, cut by the first Brown Owl, Miss Alison Plane, were the features of the party.

As well as Brownies past and present and Brownies from the District, guests included several former Brown Owls; Assistant State Commissioner, Mrs. Jean Oldfield; and the Mayor and Mayoress of Malvern.

M. J. Kemp,
Brown Owl.

COMMONWEALTH KNOWLEDGE EVENING

Together with two guides from Nathalia, Carolyn Field (4th Lones) and I organised an evening as part of our Commonwealth Knowledge badge.

A delicious casserole tea helped us to get warm as it was a very cold wet night.

As well as articles from other Commonwealth countries, Carolyn had slides of Barbados, where she had visited, and our rector had slides and first hand information about Fiji.

It was interesting to discover the differences between these two tropical countries, and we noticed that the tourist industry in both countries is of major importance.

After reading Mrs. Tonkins' letter to "Matilda" about Fiji, I contacted her and discovered more about guiding in Fiji.

I also collected informative and colourful pamphlets from the Fiji Visitors Bureau in Melbourne, as well as an excellent picture of the Fijian flag and the Fijian Guide Annual Report 1973.

While collecting press cuttings for clause 2 of the badge requirements I discovered one piece of cake Miss Cockerell did not get.

(I read in "Matilda" that Miss Cockerell, my guider, received a piece of our present Queen's wedding cake for her extension company.)

The cutting says: "The fine art auction house, Christies of London, is to offer . . . a 134-year-old piece of Queen Victoria's wedding cake. The fragments of cake will be offered in a sale of Victorian valentines, scrap albums and books. Queen Victoria married Prince Albert on 10th February, 1840."

Jennette James,
1st Victorian Lone Guide Company.

A Special Honour for Two Australians

Members here in Victoria will be interested to hear that India bestowed the Silver Elephant Award on Mrs. Fairbairn (posthumously) and Miss Eleanor Manning in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Sangam, our World Centre in India.

TRAINING CALENDAR

DECEMBER
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.

Note: See also green Training Calendar supplement.

Stage 1 Training

Headquarters Tuesdays: 11th-18th-25th February, 4th-11th-18th March plus follow-up day, April 29th. Times 9.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Closing Date — 20th December. Note: This course has been planned for new leaders and Assistant Leaders who are starting work with units early in 1975.

In the case of a leader opening a new unit it is suggested that the opening be planned for a date **AFTER** March 18th and the re-opening of an existing unit also be deferred until **AFTER** that date.

For the six weeks of the course it would be expected that the Leader be **WORKING** with an established unit in her area and be **ATTENDING** District Functions, so gaining practical experience with which to relate the course.

To gain maximum benefit it would then be hoped the leader had commenced working with her own unit by the "follow-up" day in April.

Creswick 15th-16th March and 19th-20th April, 1975. Times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. — "Lingbogol" Applications to Mrs. G. Platt, P.O. Box 31, Ballan, 3342, by **28th February**.

Moorleigh Weekend 21st-22nd June and 19th-20th July, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Ave., East Bentleigh, 3165, by **6th June**.

Pyramid Hill Weekend 22nd-23rd March, 26th-27th April, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. R. Wilkins, P.O. Box 492 Bendigo, 3550, by **7th March**.

East Metro Region An Evening Stage 1 will be held during the months of April, May and June — times 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Ave., Doncaster, 3108.

Stage 2 Training — Warranted Leaders

Chadstone Wednesdays — 12th-19th March — 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. — Guide Hall plus

residential weekend 12th-13th April — **Mayfield Centre, Malvern** times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 3.30 p.m. Sunday — cost of weekend to be advised. Applications to Miss M. Hunt, 8 Alcalá Court, 7 Alcalá Ave., Chadstone, 3148 by **26th February**.

Hamilton 31st May-1st June plus 5th-6th July — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. D. Maconachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300, by **16th May**.

Lakes Entrance 22nd-23rd February plus 22nd-23rd March — time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850, by **7th February**.

Campcraft

Maroondah Region Weekends — 1st-2nd March, 15th-16th March and 12th-13th April. Further information available from Mrs. C. Howarth, 7 Lauriston Court, Ringwood, 3134.

Pack Holiday

Coleraine Weekend 15th-16th March — 10.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday, 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Applications to Mrs. D. Maconachie, 372 North Boundary Road, Hamilton, 3300, by **1st March**.

South Metro Region 11th-13th July (residential) Friday 6.00 p.m. till 3.00 p.m. Sunday (fee to be advised). Further information available from Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165.

Special Subjects

Hoisting Flag — Ceremonial

Box Hill North Saturday 22nd March — time 1.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. — Koonung Guide Hall, Rosstrevor Parade. Note: 1 Leader and 3 children. Applications and 50 cents fee to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Ave., Doncaster, 3108, by **7th March**.

8 Point Programme

Cheltenham Saturday April 5th — 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165.

Outdoor Day

Donvale Campsite Saturday April 19th — 9.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Please bring lunch. This day will cover badge preparation bushman, hiker etc. Applications to Mrs. F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108.

TRAINING PAGES



IT'S IN THE BOOK

The Brownie Guide Handbook contains material for endless activities but the girls need encouragement to discover things for themselves.

When organising the following type of activities the preparation beforehand and sufficient help is vitally important to their success. Make sure everything is placed for easy access, and that instructions are clearly and simply written.

HEALTH

1. **Equipment:** Large sheets of butchers' paper, scissors, glue, magazines.

Instruction Card: Turn to Page 57 in the Brownie Guide Handbook. How can you keep your body healthy? Cut pictures from the magazines of things you can use or do to keep healthy. Glue them on your sheet of paper. Turn to Page 117 in your Handbook for help with your glueing.

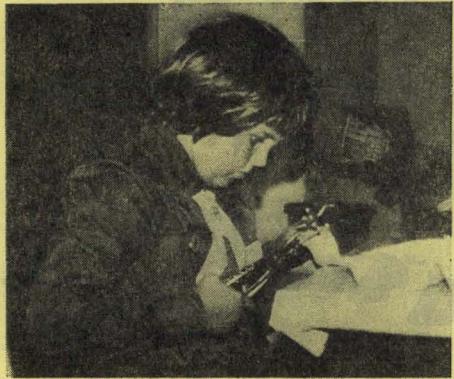
2. **Equipment:** Ropes of suitable length for skipping.

Instruction Card: Make up a skipping challenge and find out who in your group is

the best at doing it. Look up your Brownie Guide Handbook, Page 89.

3. **Equipment:** Balls of various sizes and composition.

Instruction Card: Make up a ball challenge and find out who is best at doing it. Check how to throw and catch a ball in your Brownie Guide Handbook, Page 88.



4. **Equipment:** Scissors, glue, plasticine, clay, pipe cleaners, buttons, shells, string, wool or cotton, pieces of material, cotton wool, etc.

Instruction Card: Using any of the things provided, make models of all the things you need to keep yourself clean. Look up your Brownie Guide Handbook, Page 61.

5. **Equipment:** Butchers' paper, crayons, pencils, felt pens.

Instruction Card: Draw pictures of as many ways you can think that water keeps you healthy. Look up your Brownie Guide Handbook, Page 57 for some ideas, and then think of others yourself.

This type of activity could of course be adapted to any other point in the programme.

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The Guide Handbook also contains a wealth of ideas for Patrols and individual Guides, but the girls often need guidance to help them discover its possibilities. One method

that has been found useful is to use suggestions from Patrol Purpose Plans and Self-Training Schemes when planning Company programmes. By choosing a topic or activity in which the Guides have shown interest, you can help them to find information about it from their handbooks by devising a challenge and giving reference pages from the Guide Handbook.



If, for example, they are interested in First Aid or nursing, or you would like to arouse their interest in these subjects, try some of the following activities:

Plan 4 or 5 activities, depending on the number of Patrols and the Patrols can then rotate at 10-15 minute intervals.

Instructions for each activity should be clearly set out on a card, and all necessary equipment put out ready for use. Make sure each Patrol has handbooks, charts or pictures for information and if you can invite an expert in the subject to act as a resource person, this will increase the benefit of the activity.

Group 1. Slings.

Equipment: Several triangular bandages (old style Guide ties will do), a few small safety pins, Guide Handbooks.

Instruction card:

1. Using the illustration on Page 181 of the Guide Handbook, practise putting on two types of sling. Make sure each member of the Patrol has a turn.

2. How would you improvise a sling if you didn't have a bandage? See what you can do with parts of your uniform or anything else that's handy.

3. Check the Patrol Purpose Plans and Self-Training Scheme on Page 186 of your handbook. If you have achieved something, record it in your book, but if you feel you need more practice you could do some in Patrol time or at home before recording it.

Group 2. Triangular Bandaging

Equipment: Triangular bandages, safety pins, handbooks, St. John or Red Cross First Aid books.

Instruction card:

1. Using the pictures on Page 181 of the Guide Handbook, practice putting on bandages for ankle, wrist and knee. Make sure every member of the Patrol has a turn.

2. Try some of the bandages shown in the First Aid manual.

3. Have you completed any of the Patrol Purpose Plans or Self-Training Schemes on Page 186 of the Guide Handbook?

Group 3. Meals on Trays

Equipment: Trays, cutlery, cloths, crockery, glasses, butter dishes, vases, table napkins, salt and pepper shakers, flowers. Include a variety for selection.

Instruction card:

1. Read the article "Meals on Trays" Page 159 in the Guide Handbook.

2. Use the equipment available to set trays for:

- (a) Breakfast for a sick child.

- (b) Lunch for an old lady confined to bed.

3. Look up the syllabus for the Home Nurse badge (Guide Handbook, Part 2, Page 31). Can you do Clause 3b?

4. Plan a meal for a tray. Self-Training Scheme Page 162.

Group 4. Taking Pulse

Equipment: Home Nursing Book with instructions for pulse taking, watches or clocks with second hands, note-books, pencils.

Instruction card:

1. Read the instructions for taking a person's pulse.

2. Work in pairs and practice taking each other's pulse. Always write it down.

3. Look up the syllabus for the Home Nurse Badge (Guide Handbook, Part 2 Page 31). If you'd like to do this badge, talk it over with your Patrol and your Guide Leader.

Other groups could include roller bandaging, carrying injured people, etc. Some of the Guides will probably be satisfied with just one evening of these activities, but others may want to practice with the Patrols or at home.

Some may want to work on Interest or Service badges, or use their new skills in some practical way. This could lead to a Home Nursing or First Aid course with local experts called in to give instruction. Or giving service in a local nursing home, or helping with First Aid at school.

Other possible topics to be treated in a similar way:

International Guiding,
Camp Preparation,
More First Aid,
Compass and Mapping,
Fire Lighting, etc.

(From "Courier" Western Australia.)

Fun and Games for Rangers

The title may suggest a frivolous approach to the serious business of Ranger Guiding, but as all Guiders know, there is a time in every Ranger Unit when the sophistication (true or assumed) becomes too inhibitive, and the Rangers want to let their hair down and indulge in activities reminiscent of their Brownie Guide days. When these occasions arise the Ranger Guider may need to have some activities in mind which require little preparation, unless the Rangers introduce an activity spontaneously.

Each Guider must judge the right moment for introducing and then selling an activity. This is a difficulty I do not minimise, as what is a success on one occasion can be a miserable flop on another. In her timing, the Guider needs to consider certain other factors:

The Rangers —

Who are they? What are they like? What previous experience?

Atmosphere of meeting —

bored, excited, indifferent (and reasons for).

Facilities —

one small room, an open door and all situations between.

The Guider —

her own confidence in "selling" an idea. I cannot claim to be original in any of the following ideas; all I can say is that I have tried them all once, some more frequently than others, and some have been successful.

Shoe Identification

Ask Rangers to remove shoes, and give one to Guider and hide the other. Shoes are placed in a line and Rangers try to identify owners. (Remember facilities — is the floor suitable for tights (stockings), feet?)

Spontaneous Talking

Each Ranger writes a noun on a piece of paper, for example, "parrots", "calendars", "jewellery", and is given a number. Numbers are placed in another box. One number is drawn and one title, and the selected Ranger has to talk non-stop for one minute on the subject.

Creative Dance

A record is played (perhaps of a jaunty country dance tune) and in pairs or groups Rangers create a dance routine. This could be extended to many types of music to act emotions — sadness, happiness, melancholy.

Detective Work

Walk down a street, and then answer questions which will test powers of observation. Possibly could lead to consider the value of a witness' report of an accident.

Collage

With whatever materials are available, create a collage in groups, pairs or as a Unit. Rangers could use leaves, stones, books and other items in bags and pockets, or off-cuts of polystyrene, coloured paper, newspaper and magazines.

Free-lance Interviewers

The A.B.C. and Commercial T.V. stations use interviewers to help with news items. Can you find out what people think about strikes, rising prices, unemployment. Battery operated tape recorders are not absolutely necessary though great fun if available! Can you do this activity with shorthand writers?

Five Senses

In pairs or groups, Rangers challenge others to name five items related to the five senses.

Compass Bearings

Arabs walking in the desert use the system of lining up with one another, for example A stays still, B walks 20 yards and stops, C walks 20 yards and stops. A lines B and C with the compass bearing on which he is walking and then walks 20 yards ahead of C with the bearing and stops. B lines A and C with the bearing and walks 20 yards ahead of A and so on.

(Competition is helped if some object is hidden and Rangers are given either a timed start or different bearings to locate it.)

Blindfold Bearings

Each Ranger is blindfolded facing North. Instructions are given, for example, ten paces South-West, three paces East, etc. Who keeps a sense of direction?

From "Guider".

The Unit Helper

Hey, girls, are you wise birds, who share responsibilities and are not confused with little red hens who do everything themselves? Many Unit Leaders already have outside help. This falls into two categories.

One is the "Instructor", i.e., an expert called in for the specific purpose of sharing knowledge with the girls in a particular field. These people may be members of other organisations, as well as members, or friends, of the Movement.

The other category is the Unit Helper, an adult who may assist the Unit Leaders with the general running of the Unit so that the Leaders are free for the main role of Leadership. The Unit Helper could, for instance, be responsible for the purchase of uniforms, keep unit accounts, arrange for badge tests, or similar time consuming jobs in fact doing anything the Leader requires of her. These responsibilities need not entail weekly attendance at Unit meetings.

A Unit Helper may be recruited from the Trefoil Guild, Local Association, or just be an interested friend, she is not required to wear uniform or have made the Guide Promise. The District Commissioner should be consulted when anyone is invited to become a Unit Helper. Official appointment is made by the District Commissioner, who will apply to Headquarters for the application form, appointment card and badge.

There should not be more than two helpers to any one Unit. Unit Helpers who are chosen by the Unit Leader to assist her, retire with that Unit Leader. It goes without saying adults never take over jobs or responsibilities that could and should be undertaken by the girls of the Unit.

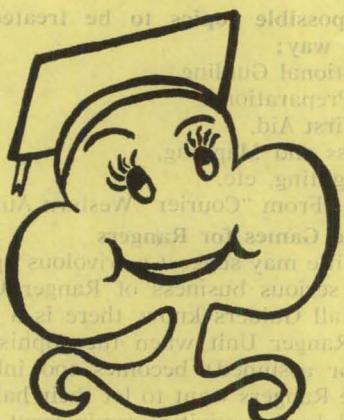
So girls, if you have need of assistance within your Unit, don't delay, consult your District Commissioner.



NEWS FROM THE PRINTERS

The Leaders Workbook will be here early 1975.

Watch for further details Jan./Feb. Matilda 1975.



Sue takes this opportunity to send Christmas greetings to all her Readers.



FIELD OFFICER

Outgoing personality to promote, encourage and develop Girl Guiding in the State of Tasmania.

The applicant should have experience in the Guide Movement

Salary by negotiation.

Apply in writing with references to:

State Secretary,
Girl Guides Association
91 Davey Street, Hobart, 7000.

QUEENS GUIDE PRESENTATION

On a recent bleak, showery Saturday 136 Guides and 75 Venturers received their Royal Certificates from the Governor, Sir Henry Winneke, in the ball room of Government House. Six Rovers were also present to receive their Baden Powell awards.

The size of the ballroom and its official atmosphere overwhelmed all who took part, but perhaps especially, Rhonda Bevis, a Brownie, who received a Certificate of merit for helping to save her girlfriend's life.

Following the Governor's congratulations we were delighted to receive those of our new State President, Lady Winneke (who wore her Guide uniform for the first time) and our State Commissioner, Mrs. Grimwade. The peace and tranquility of the ballroom was shattered as 75 pairs of well-paced feet heralded the arrival of the Venturers to meet the Governor.

After the ceremony we adjourned to the garden for photos in the now present sunshine, and to admire the glorious row of flowers. Guiding people went on to Headquarters for morning tea which was most welcome.

Pauline Kennedy & Jenny De Marchi,
2nd Balwyn Guide Company.

MESSAGE OF LOYALTY

"On this memorable occasion, we, the Queen's Guides of Victoria, pledge to be loyal, capable, worthy servants to the Queen. With the help of God may we follow the footsteps that have been laid down before us by Lord and Lady Baden Powell, and in doing so accept the responsibilities of being courteous, respectful and obedient. In giving service to the community we hope to achieve a feeling of goodwill and friendship throughout the entire population."

This message, composed by Ellen Mueller, 1st Fish Creek Guide Company, was read at the recent ceremony at Government House.

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Many guests attended the ceremony when Jennifer Darbyshire, 4th Box Hill (St. Andrew's) Company, received her Badge from the District Commissioner. Guests included the Mayor of Box Hill and guides and leaders from all other Box Hill companies, as well as relatives and friends.

A narrated journey through Brownies and Guides led up to the investiture by candle-light. Members of 2nd Pack took part, and Brownie and Guide songs were sung by the girls.

The Queen's Guide cake was made by Jennifer's mother and decorated by a family friend, showing the Trefoil and replica of the Queen's Guide badge.

Jennifer thanked all who had contributed to the enjoyment of her membership of the Movement, particularly her Brownie Guide leader, who had introduced her to Guiding, and her Guide leader for friendship and assistance, and her parents.

A delicious supper was served by members of 4th Company to climax the night.

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BALLAN'S FIRST QUEEN'S GUIDE

A ceremony was held at Guide House, Ballan, for Jennifer MacKay, who gained her Queen's Guide badge. In the seventeen years of Guiding at Ballan, this was the first Queen's Guide badge, and the district is naturally thrilled.

Our Region Commissioner was present, with Division and District Commissioners. Also invited were the Ballan Shire President, testers, Local Association members and guides.

Candles n trefoil holders, each one representing a special badge passed, were lit by Jenny.

The Region Commissioner presented the badge with warm words of congratulation.

Campfire songs and a cheery log fire added to a pleasurable evening. A sumptuous casserole tea had been arranged by the guides, and the evening will long be remembered by those who took part.

Rosalyn Muir, Hon. Secretary,
Ballan Local Association.

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Have you ever helped to make 900 paper rosettes? Girls of 1st Balwyn Company have done so recently, and thoroughly enjoyed the task, even though it was very time consuming. The rosettes were used to make a large replica of the Queen's Guide badge which was the decorative highlight of a recent

ceremony held by the Company. The important occasion was the presentation of Queen's Guide badges to two members of 1st Balwyn. It was held in the hall where the Company has its weekly meetings, but the surroundings with balloons and the large badge were much gayer than usual.

Those present were impressed by the friendliness and originality of this happy occasion. The ceremony was held by candle-light, and all members of the Company took part in describing Sue's and Anne's years in Brownies and Guides, as well as the badges they earned.

After Sue and Anne had been presented with their badges by the District Commissioner for Balwyn, they cut a specially decorated cake. After this a short camp fire was held, and supper, which included a piece of "the cake" for everyone.

This was a memorable evening, and I know everyone present felt as I did, grateful to be included in such a refreshing and happy occasion, and certainly a fitting conclusion to all the time and effort given by the two girls who were awarded their Queen's Guide badges.

"A Visitor".

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TRIP TO THE POULTRY FARM

The great day came. We were off to the Poultry Farm at Red Hill. We started at a steady pace, up and down busy roads through little side streets. Then all at once came green paddocks, it was the country — up hills and down dales, through bushes and out again. I was going with a lady who went there often so she told us a bit of history.

We came to Warrawi's holiday house and had a beautiful lunch, then off again to the Poultry Farm. We had talked a lot about it and when we got there we knew all about it. Phoe, the smell! But the chickens themselves were beautiful. We went up a hill to the cows' paddock and watched them being fed.

Then on our way home we stopped at the house again and to our surprise, there was a birthday cake. It was the Pack's 6th birthday. Mm Mm, it was nice. Home sweet home, our whole day was gone by with the trip to the Poultry Farm.

Amanda Tanner,
1st Malvern Brownie Pack.

DAY OF DISASTERS

Under direction of the Stawell Civil Defence Unit, guides of Ararat and Stawell recently staged a "disaster" in the Ironbarks at Stawell.

The programme included a variety of disasters which could occur in the area. It followed training, over twelve months, directed by the Civil Defence organization in conjunction with the local Fire Brigade, Ambulance and Swimming club officials.

Cooking the mid-day meal over campfires provided experience of survival in the bush, with attention to rubbish disposal and covering of fire sites with safety and least disturbance to surroundings. All guides "suffered" severe burns which miraculously healed when correctly treated — cold water is so cheap!

What excitement when Tammy "disappeared", presumed abducted. By the time she was found everyone had experienced a "bush search", complete with walkie-talkie and radio equipment.

Injuries occurred frequently and collar bones, ankles, arms and legs were successfully treated.

The ambulance on standby was useful when Andrea became "unconscious". Strapped to the stretcher, she was soon comfortable, until the stretcher was turned upside down to test the knots! Stretchers were also made from materials available.

Several badge tests were passed.

The Civil Defence controller stressed the importance of guides as messengers, able to send and receive correct, concise verbal messages in an emergency.

Grampians Division.



We record with sadness the death of "Maggie", Mrs. Dorothy Elva Todd, guider of 1st Stanhope Brownie Pack. She will be greatly missed in her district.

CONSERVATION

(Continued from page 122)

quiet mountain streams will have regular admirers.

But where we have people we also have problems! You all know the problems created by many people on our beaches?

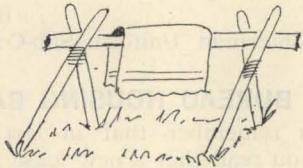
How many of you have gashed your foot on someone else's broken bottle at the beach? And how many when fishing, have "caught" some old iron or other strange junk on your line?

We can help prevent this by being careful not to throw our own litter about.

Is there a polluted creek near your home? Even in the country we find old iron and other rubbish dumped by thoughtless folk.

The streams become clogged, poisoned by the contents of dumped drums, or decomposing animal bodies and polluted with chemicals from farm sprays or dairy waste.

Have you ever drunk from a cool running stream and THEN found an animal carcase dumped upstream? It's not a pleasant thought but unfortunately it happens regularly.



And what about your camps this summer? Will your lats and grease traps be set beside a creek . . . and will you or other people be using water from that creek? Give careful thought to siting so that runoff from camp facilities will not drain into any stream.

Water pollution is becoming a greater concern every year with increasing amounts of detergent, factory and household wastes flowing into waterways throughout the state.

We can help by using only biodegradable detergents which cause less pollution when they finally reach rivers or creeks from sewage plants.

We can't afford to waste water either. We can help here by being careful in our use of water — not leaving taps or hoses running, and by obeying water restrictions.

It is wise to remember that we need water to live.

If every one of us picked up just one can or bottle on our visit to the beach it would look so much nicer . . . and just think of the nasty accidents we could prevent. If they see YOU picking up their litter, others will soon understand that there are people who care about conservation, and they may even become interested themselves.

Happy suntans to you all.

Yours in Guiding,

Anne L. Fraser,
18 Hampden Street,
Terang, 3264.



SAILING SCHOOL

After the ceremony, when Mrs. Goldsbrough opened the Sailing School and wished us all well for the coming season, we went down to the beach. Here Rev. J. McDiarmid blessed each boat and met the crews.

Following afternoon tea, when the boats were out, Mrs. Goldsbrough remarked that it was an exhilarating experience.

So Rangers, come and enjoy this exhilarating experience — get the required number of rowing hours so that you can take part in the Regatta in March.

This year Anne Thomas is the booking secretary — please phone her before Thursday nights on 49-3709.

NOTICES

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

Please make the following alterations to your Campsites List — Corryong, "Towong Hill"; please delete from your list, Colac, "Burton's"; Apply to Mrs. L. Porter, 6 Edgar Street, Colac. Monbulk, "Monbulloc"; Apply to Mrs. M. Owen, 17 Leonard Street, Moorabbin. South Belgrave, "Barkala"; Apply to Mrs. N. Squire, 1 Salmon Road, Boronia. Ventnor, "Phillip Island"; Contact Mrs. H. Wilson, School Avenue, Newhaven, 3925.

Mobile Camping Unit — An Urgent Request

— Has anyone, please, a garage to house a Toyota Hi-ace Van — on the east side of Melbourne preferably. If anyone can help, please contact the State Camping Advisor, Mrs. N. Squire — 762-1846.

Britannia Park — Over 380 metal tent pegs have been picked up by the Warden at Britannia Park. Guiders, please count your pegs before returning them to the Equipment shed. Apart from the fact that these pegs are expensive to lose, they also can wreck the mower attachment on the tractor.

CAMP BADGE DESIGN

Janet Whitlam Memorial Park Campsite — Belgrave South — There has been a request for a Cloth Camp badge for those who camp at Janet Whitlam Memorial Park. Would your Guides like to submit a design for this badge to the Camping Department by the end of January?

BALLARAT DEPOT

The hours when the Ballarat Equipment Depot is open for business, which were given under "Notices" in the August "Matilda" should be amended as follows —

Thursday — 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.



GUIDERS —

GRAB THIS OPPORTUNITY

Plan now to take your Guides and Brownies for an interesting and enlightening day at "Camp Yammimga", the State Ranger Camp at Britannia Park.

All welcome to visit us on OPEN DAY, 11.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m., Monday, 27th January, 1975.

Join in celebrating 55 years of Rangering in Victoria.

GUIDERS' CAMP DRESS

Suitable one piece Camp Dress for Guiders, in Guide Blue, may be made from Style pattern 4071 or 4072. The dress may be zipped to the waist in front and have revers or collar. It may be sleeveless or short sleeved, with or without pockets.

B. Smith,
Chairman, Uniform Sub-Committee.

WORLD BUREAU HOUSING BADGE

Do you remember that in last month's Matilda you read that a new lease had been signed to give the World Bureau in London a house for 40 years? It costs £52,000 sterling.

Do you remember that Australia decided each member of the Movement should be asked to play her part in financing their World Guide Headquarters in these ways:—

1. That each member be asked to give 2 cents per year for three years.
2. That an attractive cloth badge, and a car sticker, be sold in the Guide Shop (cost 10 cents each.)

A colourful pamphlet on World Guiding is available in the Guide Shop (cost 5 cents) which can be used for displays in halls, etc.

Will you start promoting this scheme at your earliest convenience please, and send your money direct to H.Q. (marked World Housing Appeal) as soon as it has been collected. The badges and stickers are now on sale.

M. Lane, Public Relations Adviser.



TEA TOWEL NEWS

There are songs and shouts to greet the dawn
As 'old girl guides' salute the morn —
Now the Trefoil Tea Towel has been born.
To prove that guiding is the key
A trefoil circles Friendship's Tree
So bright for everyone to see.
The linen's Polish and quite sound.
There are state badges placed around
Upon the blue of guide background.
Now if you'd like to join the queue
And be the owner of one or two
This is simply what you do:

Contact the Trefoil Guild in your area or the Commissioner living nearest to you and see if you can send in a district/division order. If you live too far away from any contacts write direct to either of the following: Mrs. V. Johnston, 104 Rosamond Road, Maidstone, 3012. Mrs. M. Townsend, 843 Ballarat Road, Deer Park, 3023. By the way, the cost is \$1.50 each. Thank you everyone.

We have only ordered one thousand so far, and as they are going Australia wide, please do not delay your order if you require them before Christmas.

VICTORIAN TREFOIL GUILD — ANNUAL MEETING, 1974

It is indeed an ill wind if it does not blow someone a little good and although it was sad for the brownies that their revels had to be postponed owing to the heavy rain, it did give some of us a chance to attend the Trefoil Annual Meeting at Ferntree Gully.

We arrived at Ferntree Gully Guide Hall in record time. This is a very suitable hall and we were most impressed by the artistic decorations and the row of smiling brownies waiting to look after us.

The time until the actual meeting was spent in eating and drinking brownie made tea and coffee and meeting old and new friends. Afternoon tea consisted of guide made scones cooked out in the open and then lashed with jam and cream and served again by the "smiley" brownies.

At 3 p.m. the meeting was opened by a prayer written by Mrs. H. Carlyon of Argana Trefoil.

Mrs. I. Lister, State Adviser for Trefoil, welcomed everyone and gave a most interesting report on the activities of the Trefoils during the past year, and Mrs. Horton, our treasurer, presented a fine financial statement.

From Miss G. Swinburne we had a most enlightening talk on how guiding "came into being" in Australia. She asked if there was any person who had any items of news or old photographs that she could use for her research into the archives.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Dame Phyllis Frost, a member of the State Relief Committee, who gave us a resume of work done by State Relief in Victoria of which few people may be aware.

Editor, Miss A. Bush, introduced the new publication "Australian Trefoil" magazine and anyone wishing to become a subscriber has only to contact her.

Greetings to the meeting from guide headquarters were brought by Mrs. A. J. Turnbull, Assistant State Commissioner, who made us aware of the help that could be given to guiding by trefoil members.

A sample of the new Australian trefoil tea towel was handed around as well as the trefoil stickers.

Thanks go to all members of the movement, young and not so young, who worked cheerfully and untiringly to make this day so worthwhile for us.



CONCERT AND PRESENTATION

Cheltenham District Brownies and Guides held a concert which was well attended by parents, friends and special guests.

Highlight of the happy night was the presentation of the Wattle Award to Mrs. Isobel Burnell by the Region Commissioner for long, unselfish and devoted service to the Guide Movement, and 1st Cheltenham Guides in particular.

After the presentation, 1st Cheltenham Company led three cheers for "their" Cap.

LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH — A Christmas greeting between friends is the handclasp of the heart.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY:

An exciting time for the Maffra Local Association was the recent celebration of their Silver Anniversary. The members arranged a luncheon, to which all past and present friends who had been connected with the Guide Movement in Maffra were invited.

Special item of interest was that the oldest active L.A. member, Mrs. S. Hales, cut the Anniversary cake. She has given twenty-two years of service to the Maffra L.A.

Everyone had a very happy day, recalling many old memories and experiences.

WOOL PARADE WITH A DIFFERENCE:

Belmont District Local Association members, Leaders, Guides and their families and friends recently enjoyed a Fashion Parade of knitted and crocheted garments to raise funds for the Miss Barwon Guide Quest. All money raised for this quest is going towards the building of "Mirrabooka", a Brownie Cottage for the Barwon Region.

The models in the parade were Guides, mothers and one three-year-old sister, each one helping to create a friendly atmosphere while showing the fashion garments, mainly crocheted tank tops, jackets, jumpers and ponchos.

Due to the very large number attending, chairs were in short supply and later arrivals made themselves comfortable on bales of wool, giving a truly factory atmosphere. Noticed around the room was raw wool on spindles ready for dyeing.

The co-operation between the L.A. members and the Guide Leaders helped to make the evening a great financial success. The Guides printed and sold the admission tickets to save on costs and members of the L.A. provided the supper, the cost of which was covered by the 5% commission allowed on the sale of wool after the parade.

Most Mothers and girls went home after a most enjoyable and successful evening, well equipped with enough wool to either knit or crochet their family needs.

ANNUAL MEETING

East Metropolitan Region Local Associations Meeting will be held at Box Hill Guide Hall, Linsley Street, Box Hill, on 17th February, 1975, at 10 a.m.

Policewoman Marilyn McKinley will speak on The Role of the Policewoman.

We would like your support and attendance.

Toole Pate Luncheon was an excellent effort and raised approximately \$200 to go to the Region Travel fund.



RECIPE CORNER — Some easy-to-make recipes for the Christmas season. Your daughters may like to try them during the school holidays.

JELLIED CHRISTMAS PUDDING

1½ cups mixed dried fruit, ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon mixed spice, 2 cups water, 1 pkt. raspberry jelly crystals, ¼ cup Dry Sherry or lemon juice.

Put fruit and spices into saucepan with water and simmer until tender, then stir in jelly crystals, stirring until dissolved. Add sherry or lemon juice, and place in fancy mould to set. When firmly set, turn out and decorate with cherries and holly, and serve with cream or ice-cream.

CHERRY RIPE SLICE

¾ lb. Malt biscuits, 3 ozs. Copha, ½ lb. coconut, 2 ozs. chopped glace cherries, ¾ cup Carnation Milk, 1 teaspoon cochineal, 1 tablespoon sugar.

Grease a swiss roll tin and put in a layer of biscuits. Melt Copha and add to other ingredients. Spread this over biscuits, then

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From the GUIDE SHOP

OFF TO CAMP?

Camp Blouse	\$ 4.70
Exacto Tee-shirt with Guide badge sizes 30, 32, 34	\$ 3.15
14, 16	\$ 3.60
Shorts (Brownie and Guide) sizes 8-15	\$ 2.25
Keyman Jeans sizes 10-16	\$ 7.75
Camp Hats sizes 21-24	\$ 3.60
Campfire shirts small, medium, large	\$ 3.15
Pullover sizes 30-42	\$ 8.95
Camp cutlery sets	.95
Sheath knives	\$ 1.50
Pocket knives Assorted prices	
Torches Assorted prices	
Sleeping bags Superior acrylic	\$17.20
Sleeping bags Superior polyester	\$20.90
Sleeping bag sheets	\$ 2.80
Ground sheet 7' x 3'	\$ 4.15
2 pocket rucksacks	\$13.80
3 pocket rucksacks	\$13.80
3 pocket rucksacks with "A" frame	\$22.45
Let's go Camping	.90
Camps and Holidays	\$ 1.20
Pack Holidays	.40
Are you a Camper?	.30
The Quarter Master in Camp	.40
Off to Camp (The Patrol's Own Camp Book)	.60
Camp Record Card (includes Camp Tenderfoot Camper Badge and Patrol Camp Permit)	.10
Recipes for Campers, Hostellers and Caravanners	.80
Camp Prayers for Guides	.25
Readings and Prayers for Guides	.40
Inspirations under the sky	\$ 2.00
Altars under the sky	\$ 2.50
An easy guide to Southern Stars	.85
Stars of the Southern Hemisphere	.25
Cloud, Wind and Weather	.35
Planning on Orienteering Competition?	.95
Know the Game — Orienteering	\$ 1.00
Be Expert with Map and Compass	\$ 2.60
Maps — How to Read and Make them	.50
Girl Guide Knot Book	\$ 1.00
Bushcraft Handbooks — Huts and Thatchings	.55
Campcraft	.55

Food and Water (How to live off the land)	.55
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CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Wattle Award:

Mrs. I. Burnell, Cheltenham.

Certificate of Merit:

Miss Rhonda Bevis, St. Albans.

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Guiders' Long Service (15 year):

Mrs. H. T. Thompson, Hazelwood North.
Miss E. M. Collins, Beechworth.

Local Association Long Service:

Mrs. A. Graco, Dunolly. Mrs. J. Welford, Newborough.

Combined Long Service:

Mrs. B. H. McDonald, Charlton.

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Thanks Badge:

Mrs. A. Nash, Lower Ferntree Gully. Mr. V. Nash, Lower Ferntree Gully. The Marshall Family, Lalor. Mr. H. T. Thompson, Hazelwood North. Mr. R. D. Knight, Cheltenham.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Division Commissioners

Mrs. L. Bulluss, Ovens River; Mrs. C. M. Watters, Central Murray; Mrs. M. J. Main, Tambo Valley.

District Commissioners

Mrs. J. S. Miller, Moorleigh; Mrs. A. J. Couper, Glen Waverley; Mrs. A. J. Martin, Strathfieldsaye; Mrs. E. L. Hunt, Elliminint (Acting); Mrs. A. H. Doherty, Cardross; Mrs. G. C. Theodore, Corangamite South; Mrs. E. A. Charleston, Bairnsdale; Mrs. E. R. Craig, Overport; Mrs. D. Owen, Heywood (from January); Mrs. S. Bianchi, Burwood (from March, 1975); Mrs. R. I. Squire, Invergordon.

Ranger Guiders

Miss B. M. Hill, Braybrook-Nth. Sunshine Rangers; Mrs. G. W. D'argaville, Monbulk Rangers; Mrs. F. D. Rogash, Altona North Rangers.

Assistant Ranger Guiders

Miss P. Stanford, Braybrook-Nth. Sunshine Rangers; Mrs. P. Imrie, Nth. Ringwood Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, 1st Donvale; Mrs. E. W. Craig, 1st Airport West; Mrs. D. Hendy, 1st Kaniva; Mrs. B. A. Fitzpatrick, 2nd Monash; Mrs. R. G. Edgar, 2nd Croydon West; Mrs. P. Rich, 1st Brighton; Miss B. J. Willis, 1st Beaufort; Mrs. J. E. Freestone, 1st Thomastown; Mrs. D. F. Kelly, 2nd Doveton; Mrs. G. E. Purdie, 1st Elliminint; Mrs. G. J. Miller, 4th Mitcham; Miss P. Morecroft, 1st Langwarrin; Miss O. E. Bryan, 1st Sunshine; Mrs. P. B. Henwood-White, 2nd Greensborough; Mrs. D. P. Cuff, 3rd Box Hill; Mrs. J. M. Robertson, 2nd Altona Nth; Mrs. S. R. Craig, 4th Camberwell; Miss S. Russell, 2nd Springvale Nth; Mrs. E. Lang, 1st Tallangatta; Miss S. Talbot, 1st Tallygaropna; Mrs. R. Wyborn, 1st Scoresby;

Mrs. D. Campbell, 3rd East Doncaster; Mrs. S. Luder, 2nd Healesville; Miss G. P. Robinson, 2nd Oak Park.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. M. D. Roxburgh, 1st Beaufort; Miss V. Noyes, 2nd Croydon West; Mrs. B. L. Jewell, 1st Kaniva; Miss A. Maher, 2nd Newport; Mrs. P. Roberts, 4th Mitcham; Mrs. B. Juillerat, 1st Glen Waverley; Mrs. C. Nolan, 1st Glen Waverley; Miss P. J. Wooller, 1st Langwarrin; Miss J. Farrugia, 3rd Oakleigh; Miss W. Lanyon, 6th Kew; Mrs. H. Van den Dungen, 1st Emerald Lakeside; Mrs. L. R. Gerbes, 1st Tallangatta; Mrs. E. J. Lockyer, 1st Barwon Heads; Miss R. Cooper, 3rd Sunshine; Miss D. M. Bethell, 3rd East Doncaster; Mrs. L. Brebaut, 3rd Bairnsdale; Mrs. N. F. Foley, 1st Kinglake; Miss M. E. Jenner, 4th Warragul; Mrs. N. D. Stebbing, 3rd Springvale Nth.; Mrs. D. M. Friedrichsen, 2nd Reservoir West; Mrs. M. E. McDougall, 2nd Heywood.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs. J. Izzard, 1st Plenty; Mrs. E. A. Weaver, 2nd Gisborne; Mrs. T. Vivian, 3rd Chadstone; Miss J. E. Radford, 1st Balwyn; Miss S. Williamson; 2nd Hawthorn; Miss E. A. Ireland, 2nd Ringwood; Mrs. M. Heyland, 1st Lara; Mrs. G. Ball, 1st Carrum; Mrs. R. Tickell, 1st Greythorn; Mrs. M. Fleming, 3rd Greythorn; Mrs. M. Griffith, 2nd Greythorn; Mrs. M. G. Gorway, 1st Coburg; Mrs. W. Spencer, 1st Harcourt; Mrs. E. Wohlgemuth, 1st Altona North; Mrs. A. C. Pryke, 1st Emerald Lakeside; Mrs. P. S. Danby, 1st Camberwell; Mrs. M. Smith, 3rd Jordanville; Mrs. R. D. Leviston, 3rd Bairnsdale; Mrs. V. J. Reeves, 1st Kinglake; Mrs. J. Flowers, 2nd Belmont; Mrs. D. S. MacLeod, 1st Chiltern; Mrs. P. A. Oldham, 2nd Aberfeldie; Mrs. I. Comport, 1st Sandringham.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. B. J. Pope, 1st Altona Nth.; Mrs. A. J. Randall, 2nd Heywood; Mrs. W. Wiseman, 1st Hurstbridge; Mrs. D. Leach, 1st Rowville; Mrs. J. W. Fitzmaurice, 1st Plenty; Mrs. P. R. Holt, 1st Dingley; Mrs. R. W. Membrey, 2nd Barham; Miss K. Morrissey, 2nd Ivanhoe; Mrs. R. W. Jeffrey, 1st Croydon West; Mrs. K. A. Bradford, 1st Plenty; Mrs. G. Chapman, 1st Toora; Mrs. D. A. Young, 3rd Beaumaris; Miss J. A. Barta, 3rd Bayswater; Mrs. B. J. Trimble, 5th Glen Waverley; Mrs. J. B. Ross, 1st Glen Waverley; Mrs. K. M. Baker, 2nd Keilor; Mrs. J. Nagtzaam, 2nd Nth. Cheltenham; Miss K. F. Bromfield, 4th Mordialloc.

Registration

6th Beaumaris Pack.

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RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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

Region Commissioner

Mrs. K. Shaw — North Metropolitan.

Division Commissioner

Mrs. G. Allingham, Diamond Valley.

District Commissioners

Mrs. M. Williamson, Bendigo East; Mrs. P. C. Spink, Overport; Mrs. S. M. Loader, Bairnsdale; Mrs. A. H. Kilpatrick, Corangamite South; Mrs. D. A. Farmer, Melton; Mrs. A. S. Pink, Beeac; Mrs. A. H. Brown, Heatherdale; Mrs. A. C. McMicken, Asst., Glen Waverley; Mrs. G. Fryatt, Asst., Mt. Waverley.

Victorian Newsletter

DECEMBER, 1974

Dear Everyone,

School holidays are just around the corner. What a wonderful thought to have everyone home again! It is very much easier spending the week in Melbourne, but I do miss my home and garden very much. As I watered the garden last week, I couldn't help thinking — the irises have been beautiful but I have hardly seen them, the roses are now in full bloom and I cannot enjoy them and I scarcely have time to talk to the daphne Box Hill District gave me. I now know how my children feel at boarding school as they cross off the days until they can go home. I am almost doing the same thing myself!

I suppose you are all in the midst of those final meetings and Christmas break-ups, trying to fit a month's activities into a couple of weeks. At Headquarters, we too, are tying off a few ends prior to Christmas, and trying to make plans so next year will get away to a flying start, for it already looks to be a busy year.

The Australian Executive Meeting at the end of October was a most thought provoking one. There are many challenges facing Guiding at an Australian level at present, one of the greatest of these being finance. We have been asked to take a long hard look at Guiding at an Australian level and also within the State both today and in the future and see what constructive ideas we can come up with.

Perhaps you do not know very much about Guiding at an Australian level, but you do know Guiding within Victoria. So — while you are sitting on the beach, by the pool, fishing, just soaking up the sun in the garden, how about letting your mind revolve around some of the things YOU would like to see Guiding do, and the ways in which WE can bring better Guiding to the girls of Australia.

Having thought, and come up with all sorts of exciting ideas, would you please then act, put your ideas in a letter to me, care of Headquarters. I can then go through your ideas as I am sitting in the sun.

If you are a Guider or Commissioner who is leaving Guiding, perhaps you have some ideas you would like to pass on. If you have girls leaving your unit, why not give them each a stamped envelope addressed to me, and ask them to tell me why they are leaving, what they liked, didn't like, and how it could be bettered.

We have about 43,000 members in Victoria and I am sure at some stage each one of those has thought "Why Don't THEY?" Here is your opportunity to have your say and throw your idea into the melting pot — it may be the very one for which we have been waiting.

I hope you all have a very relaxing and a very happy Christmas with your families, and a New Year which brings you the very best of everything.

I look forward to being back with you all after the holidays for a year which promises to be very full, very exciting and I hope, very rewarding.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade,
State Commissioner.

TRAINING CALENDAR SUPPLEMENT

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

STAGE I — Headquarters

Tuesdays: 11th, 18th, 25th March; 8th, 15th April. Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Training Department, Guide Headquarters by 26th February.

STAGE I — Pyramid Hill

Please note that dates have been changed to 22nd/23rd March and 5th/6th April. Further information in Training Calendar.

STAGE I — Tongala

Thursdays: 13th, 20th February; 6th, 20th March. Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. J. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Road, Shepparton, 3630, by 30th January.

STAGE I — Warracknabeal

Weekends: 1st/2nd March and 23rd/24th March. Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. N. D. McIntosh, "Wood Park", Box 120, Jeparit, 3423, by 17th February.

STAGE II — Warracknabeal

Weekends: 15th/16th March and 12th/13th April. Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Applications and \$1.50 fee to Mrs. N. D. McIntosh, "Wood Park", Box 120, Jeparit, 3423, by 28th February.

STAGE III — South Metropolitan Region

Weekends: 26th/27th April and 31st May/1st June. Further information available from Mrs. E. Roberts, 11 Vasey Street, East Bentleigh, 3165.

OUT OF DOORS DAY (Geared for Hiker's badge) For Guide Guiders

Saturday, 19th April, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Location: Guide Hall, Cheltenham. Fee: 50 cents — Note: Please bring a cut lunch. Applications and fee to Mrs. A. Watsford, 6 Millis Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165.



*On behalf of Jean, Lysbeth, Peg, Doris
and everyone at Victorian Headquarters,
I would like to wish each member of our
Guide family a very joyous
and peaceful Christmas.*

*We hope that the New Year will bring
you happiness and success.*

With love from

Joan E. Grimwade

OF INTEREST TO ALL

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SONG

Exciting news! Victoria will hostess the Grand Finale of this fabulous festival during the weekend of 23rd-24th August, 1975. Put those dates in your 1975 diary, Everyone, as soon as you own one!

Prior to that date our State Competitions will be held and full details of these will appear in January-February "Matilda". There will be 4 Sections:

1. Brownie Group Item
2. Guide Group Item
3. Ranger Group Item
4. Solo or group item (group not to exceed 4)

The item may be a Campfire Song, short act, pop group, or dance, etc. etc. — plenty of scope for all, so dream up those items now to be ready to reach "concert pitch" in first term, 1975.

"CENTS FOR SERVICE"

As a result of your answers to the "Cents for Service" Survey conducted throughout Victoria earlier this year, some exciting changes, the main one being a new name for the Drive, will take place in 1975.

We hope you will all be happy with these changes, and will have lots of fun planning and carrying out the activities in your Units.

Let's try and make it a bigger and more successful drive than ever before!

Watch for further news and details in the January/February "Matilda".

SHOREHAM CAMPSITE

More Exciting News! After waiting many months for the rain to ease, roadwork has really started and our first building should be commenced soon.

Any families visiting Shoreham area during the holidays are welcome to visit the site for a picnic. If you do so, the young trees would appreciate the removal of a weed (take a gardening fork?) or a drink (a bucket in your boot, perhaps, yes?). For directions or information please ring Nan Squire (762-1846) or Della Hutchinson (80-3820).

Did You Know? Owing to the increased postal rates we have reduced the price of the Shoreham Notelets to just 50 cents per packet.

ATTENTION ALL BROWNIE GUIDE LEADERS

A new "Australian Brownie Guide Interest Badges" booklet containing all updated as well as new Interest badges syllabi will be available for sale in the Guide Shop from 1-1-75 and will cost 15 cents.

This booklet will replace the one already being used in the Units and will be the only one sold with each Brownie Handbook. It is expected that all Brownie Guides will purchase a new booklet and that the changeover will be made before 1-7-75 — after this date only the new syllabi will apply.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Workshops: 20th-24th January; Gippsland Adventure: 28th-30th January. Application forms for these exciting activities are now available from Headquarters.

HOSPITALITY

Please note that Mrs. R. T. Spratling (1 Arden Crescent, Rosanna, 3084 — telephone 45-2385) has now taken over as **Hospitality Convenor**, and she would appreciate advance news of anything "big" happening.

Ranger Guider

Mrs. F. N. Carlyon, West Doncaster Rangers; Mrs. L. G. Garlick, Eltham Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. R. G. Edgar, 2nd Kilsyth; Mrs. B. L. Jewell, 1st Kaniva; Mrs. J. Roberts, 2nd Scoresby; Mrs. D. S. Wilson, 1st Elliminnyt; Mrs. G. York, 2nd Mildura; Miss L. Menzies, 1st Essendon; Miss E. R. Mewett, 1st Horsham; Mrs. A. A. Bell, 4th Mitcham; Miss D. Y. Masters, 2nd Pascoe Vale; Mrs. E. L. Haines, 2nd Lower Plenty.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. D. Hendy, 1st Kaniva; Mrs. G. E. Prudie, 1st Elliminnyt; Mrs. R. Wyborn, 1st Scoresby; Miss G. P. Robinson, 2nd Oak Park; Miss P. M. Buckle, 1st Solway; Mrs. D. J. Jordan, 3rd Nth. Ringwood; Mrs. J. Gray, 3rd Montmorency; Miss J. H. Dick, 1st Hurstbridge; Miss J. L. McDonald, 1st St. Arnaud.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION SECTION

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add another layer of biscuits and press lightly with finger tips. Ice with chocolate icing.

NUT LOAF

2 cups S.R. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped dates, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped walnuts, pinch salt, 2 tablespoons Golden Syrup dissolved in 1 cup warmed milk.

Mix ingredients altogether and bake in loaf tin in 375° oven for 40 to 45 minutes.

TRUFFLE SLICE

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Marie or Milk Coffee biscuits, 1 cup coconut, 2 level tablespoons cocoa or drinking chocolate, 1 tin condensed milk, vanilla, 3 ozs. butter.

Roll out biscuits into crumbs, mix together with coconut and cocoa. Add condensed milk and vanilla, then lastly add the melted butter. Press into greased flat tin and ice thinly with chocolate icing, sprinkle with coconut. Put in refrigerator to set. Cut into small pieces and keep in airtight container in refrigerator or freezer.

HERE IS AN IDEA

A District Commissioner in the western suburbs visited the principals of the schools in the area. She showed the Brownie Guide and Guide handbooks to each of them and asked if permission could be granted for the school's library to be given a copy. In each case the principal agreed, the members of the Local Association asked if they could donate the books, and now hundreds of children are able to learn about the movement in their reading from the school library.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs. G. Kolenaty, 2nd Rushworth; Mrs. R. Fenna, 3rd Maryvale; Mrs. W. McDonald, 3rd Shepparton; Mrs. M. J. Grenfell, 4th Nth. Balwyn; Miss J. M. Carolane, 1st Heidelberg; Mrs. T. R. Anderson, 1st Lang Lang.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. T. Vivian, 3rd Chadstone; Mrs. I. Comport, 1st Sandringham; Mrs. N. Botheras, 3rd Sth. Shepparton; Mrs. R. W. Orrman, 3rd Shepparton; Mrs. P. Lovegrove, 1st Hurstbridge; Mrs. F. P. Wilkinson, 1st Harcourt; Mrs. B. T. Walters, 1st Ivanhoe; Mrs. R. A. Murray, 3rd West Doncaster; Mrs. A. Dosser, 1st Harrisfield; Mrs. R. C. Curtis, 1st Sandringham; Mrs. L. J. Millen, 2nd Reservoir West; Mrs. P. R. Moore, 1st Nth. Cheltenham; Mrs. D. Gilfillan, 3rd Maryvale; Mrs. S. H. T. Smith, 3rd Nth. Ringwood; Mrs. J. A. Kemp, 7th Kew; Mrs. P. Webb, 1st Pascoe Vale; Miss S. M. Neal, 1st Templestowe.



PRAYER ON ARRIVING AT CAMP

Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us safely to this place and we would ask your blessing and protection for this camp.

Help each of us, Lord, to play our part. May we each acknowledge you as in charge. Let all we think, say and do be for your honour and glory.

We pray, Dear Lord, that your love in us will teach us to grow in understanding and love for each other, and to see afresh the wonder and beauty of your creation, in and around us.

Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and enable us to meet the challenge of each day with a willing, joyful heart.

This we ask in your Name. Amen.

"Jenka", 1st Ivanhoe Guide Coy.

FOLK 'N' FUN FIXTURE

Have you been folkling and funning lately? You haven't! Well ask the Rangers and they'll tell you all about the weekend we had doing just that.

The weekend was organised by Brisbane Rangers (Balwyn) and about 40 girls, as well as assorted guiders, attended. The fixture was held in the Scout and Guide Halls in Vermont.

We started off doing soap carving, wax moulds, weaving or candle-making. You should have seen some of the creations — they were . . . "different!"

After lunch we learnt, or at least were taught, May Pole dancing. When we were doing it properly the poles looked really fabulous with the multi-coloured ribbons weaving together with tremendous effect.

A folk singer came to entertain us and he sang folk songs we all knew as well as some different songs.

After a fabulous meal of casseroles, we had a campfire with tuition on how to run a campfire. It was very interesting — I think most of us had never realised how much actually went into planning a campfire.

Our Rangers Own was followed by a song composing competition. Six songs were composed in all — (watch out Elton John!)

There was much enthusiasm put into learning the square dances "O Johnny O" and "The Slopsh", and then Heather taught us a fabulous new song called "Have Fun" written by some American Girl Scouts, and we were all soon singing (in two parts) with true Ranger spirit.

Afternoon tea and it was time to go home — thoroughly exhausted after all our folkling and funning.

FOR SALE

1. Commissioner's Uniform (complete), size S.W. (36), excellent condition, \$30. Mrs. D. Allen, Box 1, Noorat, 3265.

2. Commissioner's Uniform, size S.W., good condition, reasonable price. Mrs. M. Cavanagh, 33 Maine Street, Traralgon.

THINKING DAY IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Our Headquarters has a nice new wall, all built on Thinking Day, by each guide donating a brick, and also helping in the building operation. It was a lovely sight to see the long rows of guides passing bricks from one end of the grounds to the roadside. The job was done in no time, thanks to the Sarvodaya Movement, whose volunteers did the building as part of their service. You should have seen our Chief Commissioner assisting one of the masons laying bricks.

LEST WE FORGET

If I am never lucky enough to see another rainbow,

Let me never forget this one.

Its arc across the sky, spanning it like a semi-circle,

Depicting every colour.

A promise in itself that God, while life is still in harness

Is keeping within nature's law.

If I am never lucky enough to see another sunrise,

Let me never forget this one.

Silver streaking across the sky, then turning brilliant red,

Then lighter to a sparkling dawn.

If I am never lucky enough to see another sunset,

Let me never forget this one.

Slowly the life, awakened at dawn, slips peacefully into its rest,

And all is quiet and still.

The long, red, burning fingers set a last snap spasm

To light the sky . . . and so . . . to die.

If I am never lucky enough to reach the goal of Paradise

May I never forget this day.

With all nature turned out in magnificent display

For those with eyes to see.

And all God's gifts in great abundance were offered for the taking.

Lord, let me not forget this day.

—May Townsend,