

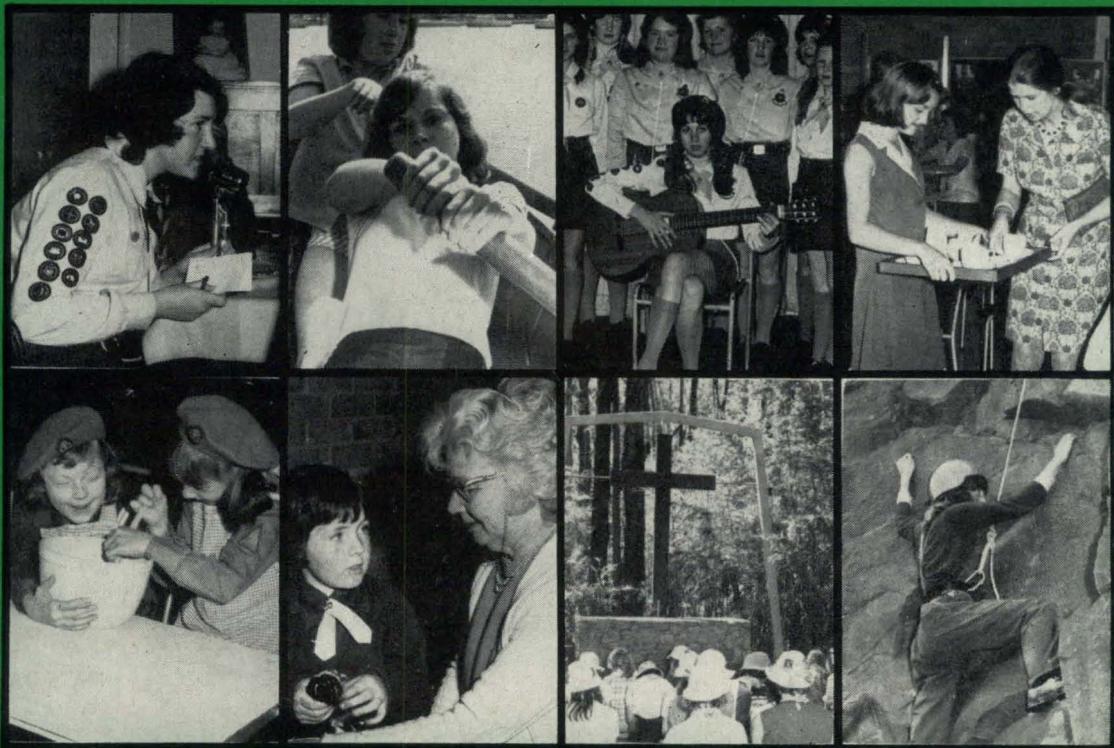
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Flags of twenty-seven nations were part of the exciting and moving ceremonies at our wonderful Mini Olympic Games. See pages 96 ad 97 for more pictures and full account.

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From our State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

How wonderful it is to be home with my family — even if as I write this I am huddling by the fire trying to keep warm. After three months of heat, these last few days have been rather trying.

It was a great thrill to meet Granny, Rick, Martin and Ann in Singapore. Three planes from Teheran, Bali and Melbourne all arrived in Singapore on the one day, amidst great joy and incredible excitement. We had a very happy week as a family in Singapore — although six people trying to shop is five too many! Everyone managed to get what they wanted though, as was noted when we arrived at Tullamarine ! !

What a wonderful welcome back to Guiding I had — the Official Visit of the Chief Commissioner and the Mini Olympics. I do not think I can remember such an exciting time and it must surely be the highlight of my term. North Metropolitan Region turned on a great welcome for Miss Lambie at Tullamarine which made her feel at home immediately, and from then on the action started.

A group of Brownies planted the first tree of our Ribbon of Gold at Government House, watched by our State President, Lady Winneke, and our Chief Commissioner, not to mention three magnificent dogs which almost stole the show. We were all thrilled to think one of our trees is at the home of our President.

On Thursday night Miss Lambie met Executive Committee members, Headquarters personnel, Australian Office Bearers and their husbands, at dinner at Headquarters. Once again the Special Activities Committee gave us a delicious meal and this night we presented each of them with a Cooks badge, feeling they had truly earned it.

Words will not describe the Mini Olympics — they were magnificent. I am sure we all now feel we have been to an Olympic Games. The Opening and Closing ceremonies with the colourful flags, thousands of children, lighting of the flame and finally the slow march past of the Olympic flag ensured there was many a damp eye in the audience. Margaret McLean, her Committee, and all those many people who helped are to be congratulated and thanked for giving so many people such a weekend of excitement and fun — one we will remember always. I am sure many of the supporters would have been quite hoarse by the end of the weekend and even the Chief Commissioner and all Advisers could be heard urging on different teams. The medals really thrilled all recipients and long after girls left the various arenas they were seen wearing their medals.

Did you see the Victorian State Commissioner's Standard at the Mini Olympics? It is truly beautiful — and thank you to Mrs. Hartley Watson, Lysbeth and the Special Activities Committee who financed the project. We will all enjoy the standard as I take it around the State.

The Ranger Section entertained the Chief Commissioner on Saturday night — and she enjoyed meeting everyone. The films of the Alpine Adventure and Camp Yamminga were great, although I feel the Hockey Match may have to be put on the restricted list!

Sunday and Monday I returned home to wash and get Martin and Ann back to school.

Lysbeth looked after the Chief Commissioner, who spent a wonderful day at "Iluka", Shoreham, and another in the Baw Baw Region — where she was delighted to meet everyone, especially so many children.

Open Day at "Glenaroua" was a very relaxed day — except for the wonderful Local Association members who provided picnic lunches. The weather was beautiful and I shall always cherish the memory of my garden filled with my Guide family. Miss Lambie continued the Ribbon of Gold over the divide into my garden — and I also have a lovely Boronia to remind me of the day.

A visit to the 1st Broadford Brownie Pack concluded a very busy, fun-packed time, and we all felt very sad to farewell the Chief Commissioner at Tullamarine. My deep thanks to Mrs. Austin and everyone who worked so hard to ensure it was a happy time for us all.

Jean is now in Teheran enjoying a well-deserved rest and seeing new parts of the world. To all of my team I say a big and very special thank you for working so hard during my absence.

With love and best wishes to you all.

Jean E. Grimwade

Dear Members,

The visit of our Chief Commissioner, Miss Mary Lambie, to Victoria will be remembered by everyone who was able to see or speak to Miss Lambie.

It was a very friendly and happy visit and I am grateful for all the assistance and co-operation I received when planning Miss Lambie's itinerary.

My thanks to all who contributed in any way during the visit, thus making the visit such a memorable one for Miss Lambie and a pleasant task for me.

Yours sincerely,

AUDREY AUSTIN,
Co-ordinator for Visit.



THINGS TO DO ON CHILDREN'S DAY

At your meeting closest to Universal Children's Day on 27th October:

- Have a short "thinking time": Why am I lucky?
- Invite friends from other parts of the world to describe their homelands; their houses, schools, food, traditional festivals, games and songs.
- Try a cup of rice for your day's food — or even for your lunch.
- Have a party or picnic for handicapped or orphan children in your neighbourhood.
- Parade or display national costumes or "dress up" to represent children from other parts of the world.
- Make kites to fly in the park. Decorate them with the U.N.I.C.E.F. letters or the Children's Day emblem.

The new Australian emblem for Universal Children's Day was designed by Graphic Design student, Rose Anick of Perth.

Rose, born in Los Angeles, U.S.A., has lived in Australia since she was ten years old.

Posters and further information are available from The U.N.I.C.E.F. Committee of Victoria, 49 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, 3000. Telephone 62 6355.



Reporting from RUSSELL STREET

ANNUAL MEETING — 25th OCTOBER

You are coming to the Association's Annual Meeting, aren't you? 8.00 p.m. at Kew Civic Centre. An enjoyable and stimulating meeting is assured, so don't miss it.

RANGER GUIDES IN REMOTE COUNTRY AREAS

We are investigating the possibility of providing a Ranger Guide Scheme for girls over 14 years of age in small isolated country Guide Units and would be pleased to hear from Commissioners or Guiders in these areas. Please state numbers and ages of girls who may be involved and give details of any difficulties or problems that you may foresee. We hope to be able to develop a scheme which will benefit the girls in remote areas.

COMMONWEALTH KNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE (Ranger Guides)

To enable girls who wish to use this certificate toward their Queen's Guide Badge, clause 4 has been temporarily altered to read —

4. Do ONE of the following:—

- (a) Have corresponded for at least a year with someone living in one of the chosen countries.
- (b) Know the history, significance and symbolism of the Australian flag, correct procedure when using the flag and demonstrate the correct way to fly or carry the Australian flag.

QUEEN'S GUIDE

With the change of age grouping in the Guide and Ranger Guide Sections the question of the future of the Queen's Guide Badge is being discussed throughout Australia. So that Victoria's recommendations can be representative of the opinions throughout the State, Guides, Ranger Guides and Guiders are invited to write their opinions to the State Guide and Ranger Advisers.

The questions to be raised include whether the Queen's Guide Badge should be retained or discontinued? If retained, whether it should be in the Guide or Ranger Guide Section? If in either Section, the form the syllabus should take, e.g., based on badges or certificates? the "good character" component, if any? a change of emphasis to "challenge" or other form? the maximum age for earning?

Opinions need to reach the Advisers by **30th November** so they can be correlated for sending to Australian Headquarters.

AGE CHANGE AND CAMPING

Guide Guiders, those of you who hold Guide Camping Qualifications and are thinking of changing to the Ranger Section — your Camp Adviser will be able to tell you how you can, as an interim measure, use your qualifications in Rangers.

INTERNATIONAL

Juliette Low Gathering — Our Chalet —
12th-27th July, 1977.

One or two Ranger Guides from Australia, 16-18 years at time of event. Cost: A\$146 plus

fares. Detailed preparation will be necessary for this event. Further details and application form available from Secretary to Advisers on receipt of stamped, addressed envelope. The **Victorian Selection Day** will be 13th November.
International Guiders' Seminar, Singapore, June 1977

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Singapore Guiding, the Singapore Girl Guides Association is holding an International Guiders' Seminar and has invited Australia to send four delegates.

Date — June 1977.

Participation — Guiders or Commissioners.

Age Group — 20-30 years.

Further details and application forms from International Adviser at Headquarters. Closing date for applications is 22nd November, 1976.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION JUBILEE APPEAL

The Public Relations Department asks — How are you celebrating the Australian Jubilee Birthday? Some people are sending along '50 cents for the 50 years' and others will be attending the Dinner at the Melbourne Zoological Gardens, which is to be held on 19th November, but what is your District or L.A. doing? Why not act on the suggestion that you have a lunch or a dinner in your area? Birthday parties are fun. So be in it. Plan a party during November and send in the proceeds, which will be added to Victoria's cheque to Australian Headquarters.

1977 CALENDARS

There are still some calendars waiting to be collected. Please arrange to collect your parcel immediately.

CHRISTMAS GIFT — WORLD CHIEF GUIDE

Who would like to remember Lady Baden-Powell this Christmas? In a letter received from her in August she states, "Although I am now practically an invalid, I am still Chief Guide and care about you all as much as ever". If you would like to send a small contribution, this will be forwarded to her and she will know that you care about her. If you care to send your signature on sticky paper, this will be forwarded too. Please send to Miss G. Buckland, 52 Tanti Avenue, Mornington, 3931, by 1st December.

UNIFORM

With summer fast approaching, the Uniform Sub-committee would like to remind Guiders and Commissioners that, for official occasions, cardigans should not be worn with the blue summer dresses. They may be worn at normal Unit meetings, but not at official functions or outings. If the weather is too cool for the summer dress, then winter uniform should be worn.

While brown slacks remain official uniform for Brownie Pack Holidays or informal occasions, blue jeans, to be worn with a yellow T-shirt or skivvy, will now be acceptable.

LOST PROPERTY — MINI-OLYMPICS

There are quite a number of articles collected from the three venues during the Mini-Olympics — especially shoes, expensive items of clothing. Please check with your girls and suggest they or their parents come to Headquarters if they lost items at the Mini-Olympics.

GUIDE DAY — SCOUT JAMBOREE

Wednesday, 5th January, will be **Guide Day** at the Jamboree, so ask your girls to keep this day free. More details will be available later.



Chief Commissioner for Australia

VISIT TO VICTORIA
September, 1976

At Tullamarine Airport Miss Lambie was welcomed to Victoria by members of North Metropolitan Region and Headquarters team.

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Visiting Lady Winneke at Government House, the Chief Commissioner shared fun with Brownies after they had planted a tree to begin their "Ribbon of Gold".

(Photograph — G. Thomopoulos)



Miss Lambie enjoyed the Mini Olympic Games and presented medals to these excited winners.

(Photograph — G. Thomopoulos)

Dear Mrs. Grimwade,

Before leaving Victoria, where I have spent six glorious days meeting members of all sections of the Movement, may I please say a big, big 'thank you' to all who have made my visit such a happy and enjoyable one.

The highlight of the visit must surely be the Mini Olympics, and to Mrs. Mar-

garet McLean, the members of her committee, the competitors, and indeed all who participated in any way I extend my whole-hearted congratulations and appreciation of the pleasure given to so many people.

It is very difficult for me to find the right words to express my joy in being with this part of the Australian Guiding family, but I leave feeling very proud that Guiding in Victoria is so happy, alive and forward-looking.

My love to all and my very confident hopes that the Association here will go from strength to strength.

Yours very sincerely,

MARY LAMBIE.



A bouquet of sunshine for the Commissioner from her Guide family in Gippsland.

(Photograph — Traralgon Journal)

MINI OLYMPIC GAMES

I really began to feel the Olympic atmosphere as we assembled at Yarra Park on Friday morning and then, region after region, we moved proudly along Batman Avenue to the entrance of Olympic Park. The great response from spectators as each Region, headed by the flag of their "nation", marched onto the track to the sounds of the Army Band was something spectacular and made us feel like real Olympians. After assembling in true Olympic line-up, the Olympic torch

Opening ceremony over, the program was soon under way. Track and field events were at Olympic Park, swimming at the Olympic Pool next door, and netball and ball games at Royal Park. After weeks of preparation and training and hard work each Brownie, Guide and Ranger was finally competing — at her very best.



was carried in by a Ranger and the Olympic flame lit. Lady Winneke, our State President, declared the Mini Olympics open and two colour parties unfurled the World Flag and our very own special Olympic flag.



Friday was the day of track and field events, and late in the morning the Guide relay teams were called — at last the big moment for us! We walked onto the track and took up our positions — we had to do our best to qualify for the semi-finals. The gun sounded and everybody's heart jumped a beat in fear — the baton was over to me, then to Cathy and Katrina and, after 57 seconds of running, we found ourselves gaining second place. After watching other exciting heats, the time came for our semi-final — it was so exciting as we flew home, like rockets, into first place. This meant the finals on Saturday afternoon, so home for a good sleep to keep up our standard.





Netball and ball games and the swimming events were all finalised on Friday and the thrill of medal presentation ceremonies made us keener than ever to do well on Saturday. Proudly, several medals had already come to our Region in these events — hopes for us, maybe.

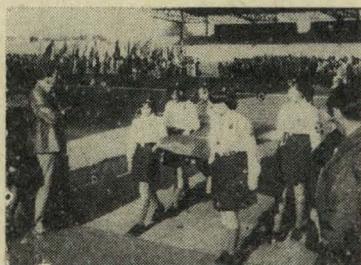


Saturday was cold and windy and I was a bit scared. We knew we would have fast competition. The gun sounded and our first



runner was sprinting as hard as she could as she sped round the curve, a superb baton change and it was over to me. I sprinted down the track and passed two people — we were third then! — baton over to the third runner, who went well, and then to our last competitor, who accelerated and sprinted home in second place — just one-tenth of a second behind the winners — wild cheering and applause from the stands, it made each final so thrilling. Then what we had all been hoping for — the presentation ceremony — who was going to stand on the blocks? — we chose our smallest member, an eleven-year-old who proudly mounted with our two teddy bear mascots !! How thrilling and proud to know we were receiving our medals from a real live Olympian — Miss D. Carter — and, just fancy, she is Headquarters Secretary ! "

Finally it had to come to an end—a very impressive ceremony in true Olympic style — mass march-past of competitors with massed international flags, the extinguishing of the flame, the slow march off of the Mini Olympic flag — and it was all over.



As they went home, many wondered if it would be possible to hold further games every four years to coincide with the real Olympic Games — quite a lot of food for thought.

From a very proud and thrilled Guide, a big thank you to Mrs. McLean for organising such a fantastic gathering, giving us the incentive to "Get Moving", "To Keep Fit" and the fun and excitement of competing, but, above all, the thrilling experience of being an Olympian and a Guide!

IRENE De MARCHI,
East Metropolitan Region.

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BRAVO TO ALL

As an Olympian and a Guide, may I congratulate all competitors in the Mini Olympics. All of you who took part displayed true sportsmanship, whether you won or lost. For some, this cannot have been easy, especially in the finals, where one mistake often made the difference between winning or missing out on a medal. Each of you deserves a Gold Medal for the tremendous effort you made to perform well and the obvious friendship you extended to one another. You truly captured the Olympic Spirit, and I was proud of you.

A big 'thank you' to all Region Representatives for your hard work over many months; to all Team Managers, for the marvellous job you did in organising and looking after your teams; to all Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders who helped the committee in so many ways before and during the Games.

I am sure everyone would like to know the names of the committee who organised the games. They worked and planned for nine months and achieved fantastic results. Each member of the committee had a special job to do, and I wish to thank them all publicly for the many hours spent in planning and the organisation during the games. A BRAVO to them all!

Mrs. Elizabeth Stock, Secretary; Mrs. Tess Green, Treasurer and Netball; Mrs. Pat Cash, Assistant Treasurer; Mrs. Joy Cardie, Catering; Miss Enid Bunning, Ceremonial; Mrs. Judith McIntyre, Region Liaison, Mini Orienteering; Mrs. Chris. Carlin, Region Liaison; Mrs. Diana Davis, Athletics; Mrs. Janet Knight, Athletics; Mrs. Shirley Dredge, Swimming; Mrs. Shirley Sullivan, Art Work, Medal Presentation; Mrs. Verna Surry, Transport and Official Party; Mrs. Doris Spratling, Hospitality; Mrs. Marj. Lane, Publicity.

If you should meet them at any time, do say "Hi" and shake them by the hand, for they all did a fabulous job and are a great bunch of people.

I am sure all of you at the Games made new friends, not only in your own Region but in other Regions as well.

My greatest hope is that you will carry on the Olympic Spirit with a deeper understanding of the Guiding ideal. Do keep in touch with your friends in the future so you can all continue to share in the greater game of Guiding.

I hope you all had fun during the Mini Olympics — as for me — I had a ball ! !

MARG. McLEAN,
Convener, Mini Olympic Games.

(Committee members say that much of the credit attributed to them is due to the untiring cheerfulness and infectious enthusiasm of their convener, Mrs. Margaret McLean.—J.R.)

THANK YOU FOR HOSPITALITY

Dear Matilda,

Through your pages, may I pass on sincere thanks to all who helped with hospitality during the Mini Olympics — those who individually opened their homes, those who "linked up", and those who helped with hot meals, showers, shopping, and in many other ways for those Regions billeted in Scout and Guide Halls.

A very big "thank you" to all concerned. It is people like you who help me to like my job!

Yours sincerely,

DORIS C. SPRATLING,
Hospitality Convener.

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GUIDE SERVICE MOBILE WELFARE TEAM

The Guide Service Team is now the **Guide Service Mobile Welfare Team**, and is recognised as part of the State Emergency Services.

It has a dual role, to give specialised service as a Mobile Team, self sufficient in itself, in times of disaster or emergency, and to be used in a functional capacity where needs of the community have to be met.

Team members met recently to hear a report by Beth Grover, Team Secretary, of the course which she attended at the National Emergency Services College at Mount Macedon. Beth was one of three Victorians; the other 34 students were from interstate and New Zealand. While coming from many different walks of life and being engaged in as many occupations, each student had been nominated by an organisation in his/her State, and was there to learn and take back to their States an organised Disaster Plan; to raise a team to carry out that plan; to train as a team; to exercise and thus be ready to activate without problem when the need arose.

It was strongly emphasised that (a) training is required, (b) there must be no overlapping of tasks, (c) convergence of people and goods must be avoided.

The course lasted for two weeks with fourteen hours of study and two hours of preparation each day. Subjects covered included a survey of the National Disaster Plan, all aspects of Welfare, Lecture Techniques, Hygiene and Sanitation, Map Reading and Signals Procedure. Films shown in the evening included the earthquakes at Mecckering in Western Australia, bushfires and the bridge collapse in Tasmania, Cyclone Tracy, and the laundry explosion at Mount St. Cannis in Tasmania. All graphic accounts of what can happen when least expected.

For brief respite from study, during the middle weekend of the course, several interstate and New Zealand visitors were taken in Beth's jeep to locations of the film "Picnic at Hanging Rock".

Four participants in the course had association with the Guide Movement, although none was there as a Guider. All of "Red Syndicate" became "honorary Guides" and were presented with miniature trefoil badges, while the New Zealander took home the Australian Friendship Badge.

The "honour wall" of the College at Macedon bears plaques presented by international and State organisations which have had representatives at the College. There is now a small, but very significant, Guide Trefoil Plaque, indicating Guide participation in this prestigious collection.

Having successfully passed No. 695 Welfare Instructors' Course, Beth was presented, at the end of the meeting, with her Certificate of Qualification as a Welfare Instructor by Mrs. L. Turnbull.



CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

The end of August saw the death of one of Guiding's oldest friends, Mrs. B. Hall, 'Nell'. During her long life Mrs. Hall served the Movement in many capacities — Guider, Commissioner, Executive Committee member, State Secretary and Secretary for Post Box. She received the Beaver Award for outstanding Service to Guiding in 1951.

Mrs. Hall had the distinction of being one of the Pioneer Guides in the United Kingdom. She was one of the girls who joined their brothers for Scouting activities and wrote to B-P asking him to start something for girls. She was enrolled in 1910 in the first Guide Company in Wales and her enrolment badge proudly carried the initials B-P on it.

To have known Mrs. Hall was an inspiration, a pleasure and a privilege — now, a treasured memory.



Dear Editor,

I noticed in 'Matilda' that the Girl Guides Association appealed for assistance to the Girl Guides of Guatemala following the dreadful earthquake in February.

I have visited Guatemala and made friends with Jeannette Simon who, when I first met her in 1968, was President of the Girl Guides Association of Guatemala. When I visited again in 1974 she was still on the Executive.

In a recent letter Jeannette had this to say about events:

"Well, it was a tragic experience, unforgettable. That night I had my children here with me, some of them were living in the house. My daughter, her two babies and husband came an hour later. So we all installed a camp in my back garden, even though the walls were down, the carport quite unaffected. The grass and some tents were our provisional home for two weeks. We made do with what we had. We did not have electricity, water, gas, etc., so it was difficult, specially with children, the little one of my daughter was only 40 days old.

With the Guides we could not do a regular work because each one of us had problems and tragedies around us. We finally had a good number who, thank God, did not have troubles in their houses and they paid service, specially in the poor neighbourhoods.

I proposed to our association to send a message to all our friends in guiding all through the world who had asked how they could help and we called it "Operation Roofs". Now, with the donations we have

received we already have built 80 small houses in a place called Comalapla, an Indian village with wonderful weavers. Little by little we will keep building more. We made census and personal investigations to select the poorest and worst affected ones.

We also planned to offer recreation on the weekends in the poor neighbourhoods to all those hundreds of children who were just in the camps doing nothing. Then we also took buses outside to the small places and spent days with people there. The girls enjoyed this service very much as we had hundreds of children from one year up."

There is nothing to add. Jeannette's letter says it all. They are wonderful Guides in Guatemala.

Sincerely,

NORMA YOUNG.

INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

Following the recent report of earthquakes in **Indonesia**, we (Australian International Department) wrote to Lt-General Sarbini, the President of Gerakan Pramuka, expressing our deepest sympathy to those who had suffered.

We have received the following letter from **Guatemala**:

"Enclosed you will find a receipt for the amount of the generous donation which has been sent to us by your Association for our fund to help the injured by the earthquake.

We have been thinking of publishing in the Council Fire magazine details of the manner in which the donations will be used.

In the name of the Association of Guides of Guatemala, many thanks.

With kindest regards,"

We had the happy task recently of sending \$21.28 to **India**, not as aid in a disaster, but to be used to further Brownie Guiding in that country. This amount was raised in their April Action effort for 1976 by 2nd Heatherdale Brownie Pack in Victoria, and it was their wish that this money be sent to their sister-Brownies (or, more correctly, "Bulbuls") in India.

STELLA W. GREEN.

THE COUNCIL FIRE

Council Fire Shows Richness and Variety of our Movement

Do you know:

- * that Girl Guides/Girl Scouts in numerous countries are involved in Environmental, Literacy, Nutrition, Migrant, Handicapped and other service projects?
- * that Girl Guides/Girl Scouts in at least 23 countries have service projects aimed at migrants?
- * that Girl Guides in El Salvador conduct Literacy Classes for women in the markets?
- * that the Co-Action (U.N.E.S.C.O. Gift Coupon) Program supports four specific Girl Guide/Girl Scout Centres in Nigeria, Tanzania, Egypt and Mexico; that you can support these projects by buying Co-action coupons?
- * that the new Thinking Day Symbol has a special meaning?
- * that Brownies are not called "Brownies" in 57 countries? Their names have meaning in their countries, like the Poulia (birds) in Greece and the Lechwes (little red antelopes) in Zambia.
- * that our four World Centres (Our Chalet, Olave House, Our Cabana and Sangam) offer many interesting sessions (from skiing to handicrafts) and welcome visitors for most of the year?
- * that Junior Girl Scouts (Brownies) in the United States of America are searching for Hidden Heroines and examining the role of girls and women?
- * that W.A.G.G.S. representatives attended 16 international meetings in 1975 (like the World Conference for International Women's Year and the Inter-agency Meeting of the Child and the Family), bringing back news and information to **YOU?**
- * that some handicapped Guides in Belgium keep in touch through a delightful little booklet which they post to each other; that handicapped Guides all over the world use similar means of "getting together"? All of this information and much, much more can be found in your world Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting magazine — **Council Fire**.

Council Fire is the best link **individuals** can have with all of the 94 countries that make up the World Association, with the World Bureau, and even with the World Conference (a special issue is devoted to each Conference).

The richness and variety of the Movement is shown through photographs, news items and articles, usually appearing in three languages (English/French/Spanish).

The theme, which changes with each issue, focuses on the activities of Girl Guides/Girl Scouts around the world in a specific area. Themes covered have included Environment, The Handicapped, Brownies, Literacy and Politics. Future themes include two issues on the regions of W.A.G.G.S., Recreation, the Decade of Women and Development, and Public Relations. The use of themes has already proven to be a valuable reference tool.

Council Fire has been an inspiration to girls and leaders; for example, having read about the co-action (U.N.E.S.C.O. Gift Coupon) Program and the Atepec Literacy Centre in Mexico, which is supported by the program, Guides in Scotland undertook a fund-raising campaign for Atepec and collected the sum of £1000.

The magazine is aimed mainly at Ranger/Seniors, Leaders and other adults in the Movement. Not only does it keep the reader well informed of the world-view of our Movement of 7.3 million, but also it can be used for International Education at company/troop meetings, as a Public Relations tool, for World Knowledge badges, and for Trainings. It is an asset to anyone working in the Movement.

Subscription forms are available at Victorian Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.



Asia-Pacific News

FROM SANGAM

Program of Events at Sangam:

Three sessions this year at Sangam have opened interesting possibilities that can be made special features of programs, namely, Service Project, Wild Life Session and Social Activity. Very heartening was the work achieved by ten Australian Rangers of Essendon who initiated a specific project with Phulenagar families by undertaking Home-making and Vegetable gardening activities.

Sangam Offers Outdoor Life Possibilities to Poona Community and Bombay Groups:

Since Divali time, Sangam has been continually opening its doors to Guide groups coming for camp sessions and even Poona Guides have surprisingly increased their visits to Sangam. Families of Friends of Sangam find the location a convenient springboard for their tour arrangements. The swimming pool is a main attraction to prospective friends, whose numbers have increased remarkably in the summer months.

Government Offices have discovered Sangam for the site of their Seminars:

From one contact to another, Sangam has gained more patrons. Last year we had the Seminar of the National Institute of Bank Management and the College of Agriculture and this year — the Animal Husbandry Institute, the Bureau of Fisheries Experimental Station and the College of Agriculture. We have also been approached by civic organisations like: Inner Wheel, Social Welfare and Zoological Survey of India.

The incoming year augurs well for an increased use of Sangam by both Guide, national and international groups, as well as outside units.

Special Projects:

Our Community project has received generous donations from the World Foundation of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the World Centre Association of Australia. This resulted in the setting up of

Multi-Purpose Children's Centre managed with the assistance of the Department of Social Welfare and the Karve Institute of Social Service. The service program will be expanded to include the training of adolescent girls in mothercraft which requires the help of outside volunteers such as Mrs. Lukutke of the Mental Hospital Staff. The sessions will concentrate on personal hygiene, home management, nutrition and child care. Arrangements are being made to initiate this program in the school recess period.

Of note are two interesting projects offered by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. through two Councils.

Part of Suffolk Girl Scout Council's undertaking, "Gardening for the Hungry at Home and Aboard", is the "peanuts for Sangam" project, proceeds of which are to be used to buy seeds for the garden.

"Books for Sangam" is the undertaking of the Penn Laurel Council. This will be a boon to the Community Project, and will greatly benefit the children's group, which needs reading material, especially in the school recess period.

New Developments in the Sangam Farm:

Another patch at the river side has been made ready for cultivation after a difficult venture of clearing stumps of trees.

Our latest try at crops has resulted in a successful experiment with the growing of onions and garlic which at this stage is being harvested. With the services of a garden supervisor, the G.I.C. will be relieved of this responsibility.

New Prospects:

We have been promised a mixed-breed cow which normally gives 35 litres of milk. This will be given by the Animal Husbandry people, who had a seminar at Sangam recently. During that time, we had a supply of 35 litres of milk a day from Urli Kanchan, their experimental station. We had the Fisheries group after them and they gave us fish for the kitchen. Both groups were very happy with the facilities and the services made available to them.



LIGHT WEIGHT CAMPING



Camping and hiking have tremendous appeal to all people with a longing for adventure and a desire to experience the simple life away from the noise and tensions of modern living. In the Ranger Section girls can use their experience in wider fields like exploring new territory, visiting out of the way places, rock climbing, skiing, cycling, etc.

There is no age limit with lightweight camping, everyone knows her own capabilities. Some can hike 14 miles a day for eight or nine days, others will do eight miles a day for two days and some will hike a few miles to a nice spot and just camp and enjoy the surroundings.

Campcraft, and especially lightweight camping, is a skill, and like all skills can only be acquired by participation and practice. There are many books on the subject and one can learn much from lectures, demonstrations and other people, but there is only one sure way to become an expert camper, and that is to camp.

Preparation for camping, especially lightweight, and hiking is essential. Everything one will need for two or three days and nights has to be carried on her back and if the pack is too heavy and uncomfortable there will be no enjoyment. It is a good idea to make one or two short trips first to find out what mistakes have been made and to get used to your gear.

Planning your hike is very important. First obtain a map of the area in which you wish to hike, then work out which route you will be hiking, taking into consideration water availability and good camping spots.

PACKS AND HAVERSACKS

When choosing a pack itself it is a good idea to borrow for the first few trips until you have learned which is the right pack to suit your own requirements. There are large and small packs, packs with and without frames, packs with and without pockets and packs that sit just right on your back and packs that do not. The most suitable type of pack is one on a metal frame, either "A" or "H", which helps to distribute the weight evenly. It should be made of waterproof material with pockets and adjustable shoulder straps with latex under the webbing to prevent rubbing. Once you have settled on the right pack for yourself it will prove to be your best travelling companion for years.

BOOTS

Good, well fitting, hiking boots are essential. They should come up to your ankles and lace tightly. Leather boots are by far the best, although a cheaper boot, the upper made of thick vinyl, is obtainable and quite satisfactory for the moderate hiker.



TENTS

Hike tents are easy to make and can be sewn on an ordinary sewing machine. Patterns available for various shapes and sizes. Japara seems to be the most popular material for hike tents, they fold up into an extremely small parcel. Another material is proofed nylon. This tends to sweat underneath and one can wake up feeling a little wet even though it has not rained. Good ventilation in the tent helps this problem a little.

An easy tent to make is the "A" tent, which does not slope down at one end. It opens at both ends if required and on warm nights one whole side can be raised to make a canopy. This is also very handy if it is raining during the day. If weather is bad it is far better to have only one person in a two-man tent than to risk touching the sides. Pegs for these tents are usually thick wire or aluminium, they are a little more expensive but are much lighter. Some hike tents have jointed aluminium uprights, but most simply hang from a cord strung between two trees or, if there are no trees in the right places, between two makeshift uprights guyed by an extra cord and pegs. So if you have this type of tent remember to take a little extra cord and pegs.

A small piece of unbleached calico, or similar material, 8 feet x 4 feet, will be needed for screening, with light thin cord and a few pegs. A small trowel or table-spoon should be included for your daily digging exercise.

GROUNDSHEETS

A piece of plastic or proofed nylon 7 feet x 3 feet to sleep on is essential — the material used is very much a matter of opinion and personal choice. Proofed nylon stands up to a lot of hard wear, is absolutely waterproof and folds up to a 6" square and weighs only a few ounces. Other campers prefer the heavier army type groundsheet, they say it is much warmer than plastic or nylon and can be fitted for use as a cape, extra weight being balanced out with other items in your kit. Several small pieces of plastic should be carried to be used for 'sit on' groundsheets and for washing up.

SLEEPING BAGS

The warmest and most expensive is one filled with feathers or fine down. Orlon and kapok filled ones are the most popular, one with a hood is far better to keep your head and shoulders warm. If you feel the cold you can knit an inner bag out of scraps of wool. To knit one of these, collect all the half balls of wool from your friends and buy a large pair of needles, size 0. Cast on 70 or 80 stitches in three-ply wool and then knit and knit straight on in garter stitch until you have a long strip about 12 feet x 2 feet. Double this over and sew up the sides to make a bag about 2 feet by 6 feet and since this loose knitting stretches readily it can easily be made to fit any size sleeping bag. Another warm inner bag can be made of silk. It is extremely light and parachute silk can be bought at Disposal stores.

COOKING EQUIPMENT

First of all you will need one plastic plate, one bowl and mug and cutlery. A few small pieces of greaseproof paper should be included to place over your dirty plate to put your second course on. This does away with the extra plate.

A small aluminium frying pan or mess kit with a diameter of five inches can cook a whole meal of eggs and bacon. Foil will be your best utensil, but do remember to bring it home with you. A billy is an essential item. It is also very handy for storing eggs and breakables. A small one-pound tin can be used for steamed pudding as well as an extra billy if a wire handle is put on it.

STORING AND CARRYING FOOD

Fresh meat can only be carried for a day. Do not wrap it in plastic. Butter, salt, dripping, tea, sugar, jam, etc., can be stored in plastic tablet containers. Flour, rice, dried vegetables can be put in plastic bags. You can have great fun collecting food containers for your lightweight camping, it takes a long time to get them finally as you want them.

Food for your hike or camp should be well thought out. Do not take involved meals which require a lot of preparation. Try to arrange your menu so that your meals are quick, easy and do not entail too much cooking, yet are interesting and well balanced.

FIRST-AID KIT

Your first-aid kit must be adequate, but also light. It is meant to be a pocket kit, carried either in your pocket or in an outside pocket of your pack. It is best kept in a plastic bag or a film slide container. Many people have different ideas as to just what should be taken, but the bare essentials are: Several bandaids for cuts, blisters, etc. Leukoplast for feet blisters. Asprin or disprin for headaches, toothaches, etc.

Small tube of Butesin Picrate or other approved cream for burns.

Needle to remove splinters.

Mild disinfectant for wounds.

Two or three Alka Seltza tablets.

Small quantity of cotton wool.

Small amount of salt and bi-carbonate of soda.

Everything should be labelled.

This first-aid kit, like torch and matches and anything else that may be needed quickly, should be carried where it can be produced without delay.

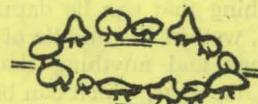
CLOTHES

Take only the bare minimum of clothing. Type of clothing naturally depends on the time of year you are camping. Always take spare shoes and woollen socks. If you are hiking all day your feet take quite a beating if they are not used to it. It is a good idea to have as your spare pair some lighter ones, sneakers or desert boots are good for this,

to change into when a halt is made for a meal or for the night, and this is particularly comforting if your hiking boots have become wet. On a long trip change your socks for a fresh pair before you feel the start of a blister. If you have no spare pair change the ones you are wearing from one foot to the other.

Pyjamas are optional. If you are not used to sleeping in some of your clothes it may be worth carrying the extra weight of a thin pair of pyjamas. It depends on how far you are travelling and how much room and weight you have to spare. A change of under-clothes must be taken. On a trip covering several days, light nylon underwear can be rinsed and dried overnight. A warm singlet or spencer is essential if the night is cold and, together with your extra warm jumper, can give as much warmth as an extra blanket.

An oiled japara jacket with hood is a necessary item of equipment and should be carried at all times. Cotton windcheaters and parkas are not good as they do not dry easily if they become damp.



PERSONAL KIT

With a little thought a surprising amount of weight can be saved on these articles. A towel made of butter muslin is very absorbent and dries quickly. Collect small cakes of soap, also leave a small amount of toothpaste in the end of a tube, these are very handy and light. A nailbrush or old toothbrush is well worth its weight, but a comb will have to do the duty of your hairbrush as well. These personal items should all pack into a small plastic bag.

A small amount of soap powder or liquid put into a plastic tablet bottle, a piece of Jex and half a tea-towel will take care of your washing up. While on this subject, there are many types of wash-up basins, but the most effective is to dig a small hole in the ground with a spoon or small trowel, place a piece of plastic in it and then pour in the water. Don't forget to include toilet paper in your personal kit. Mending kit consisting of needle and cotton may be included.

PACKING

This is the most important section of all, and there are a few tips to remember. Not all packs are waterproof, so pack all your belongings in plastic bags, particularly your sleeping bag. Pack together things you will need at the same time: pyjamas and sleeping singlet, clean socks, handkerchiefs and underwear, detergent and tea-towel, etc.

Another way is to roll your things in plastic bags, secure with rubber bands, and place these rolls end-ways into the pack rather than in ridges across. This is more comfortable and they are easier to extract without unearthing everything. Pack things you may want at odd times in a place where they will be readily accessible, preferably in an outside pocket, and make a practice of always carrying them in the same place until you can, and do, find them in the dark. This applies to articles like a map, compass, torch, toilet paper, small groundsheet and perhaps a little something to nibble on the way. Pack the bulky, knobbly things such as billies, etc., in the front of your pack and the soft things where they will be next to your back.

Pack anything that can be damaged, such as a camera, well in the middle of a number of soft things and anything that can get squashed — like eggs, which can be wrapped in small pieces of newspaper — in your billy.

Last of all, pack your raincoat and rain-hat on top of everything.



A FEW DO'S AND DON'TS

Do collect some kindling for the morning fire the night before so you have some wood that rain or dew has not wet.

Do get your fire going first thing in the morning, so when it comes time for cooking your breakfast you have nice hot coals. Choose and plan your campsite carefully before setting up your equipment.

Do check and re-check your pack before leaving home — it is very frustrating to be well on the way and realise you have forgotten something very important.

Do not have billies, shoes, etc., hanging outside your pack. Everything, including sleeping bag, must fit in to allow both hands to be free and if gear is left outside it may catch on bushes and, besides slowing progress, could come off and be lost. Improvising, adapting, collecting, experiments in packing, and in the lessening of bulk and weight, can become fascinating. There is always something to be learnt from seeing someone else's outfit, comparing notes and hearing their experiences, and —

Finally — cut everything down by half and you cut the weight of your pack down to half.

Happy camping!

DISTRICT DISCUSSION TOPIC

Thinking Day, 22nd February, 1977



How are you planning for next Thinking Day?

Division, District, Unit?

Have you thought of cards to pen friends, those who have left the unit, to testers.

Will you invite anyone special to your meeting? How will you collect your Thinking Day money?

Some ideas for Ceremonies — Dawn ceremonies . . . breakfast together . . . candlelight ceremonies . . . make trefoil shaped holders . . . flags of all nations . . . sheets available from Headquarters. Pictures at an Exhibition . . . International Gallery. Badge/coin/stamp collections.

TUNE IN ON CHANGE

Questions and answers about new age grouping:

Will the age for leaders in the new group be changed?

There is no thought of any age changes for Guiders in any of the three Sections.

If we have done Stage 1 Training and there is a Stage 2 coming up, how do we stand for training if we are going to change to Rangers?

There will be training for Guide Guiders who are planning to change over to Rangers. This is specifically for experienced Guiders and will cover the basic Ranger program.

Will it be possible for Guide Leaders who want to know more about Ranger Guides to sit in and see what Rangers are doing, for the activities listed in 'Matilda' for the rest of the year, for the Ranger Section?

Yes, we would love to have you. Let me (Ranger Adviser) know you want to come.

A girl doing her Queen's Guide badge already holds some of the badges and will have to do others in Rangers; does she have to do the ones she now holds over again in Rangers?

Badges she already holds will not have to be done again.

What is going to happen to the Queen's Guide badge?

On page 39 of August 'Matilda' it says that the Queen's Guide badge may be completed in the Ranger Section, up to the sixteenth birthday. It is an interim measure and equivalent Ranger Certificates will be taken to qualify. This will be until Australia decides whether the Movement should keep it or not, and, if it does, where it would be best to put it. Victoria has suggested that the vote on the Queen's Guide badge be deferred until it can be discussed more fully, and would appreciate Guides', Rangers' and Leaders' opinions.

A girl is fifteen, turning sixteen early next year and has almost finished the Queen's Guide badge. Is she advised to stay and finish or go on to Rangers?

It depends entirely on how quickly your District plans to make its move. Until the Ranger Unit is ready for the younger girl, Guides do not move on. If your District is moving very fast and is about to start this new and exciting thing then it would be far better for the girl to go with her friends now than stay and finish Queen's Guide in the company.

Should each District have a Ranger Guide Unit, or should it be a Division Unit?

This is really a matter of numbers, and this is where you have to work together. If you are in a Division where there are two or three small Districts, you may only need one Ranger Guide Unit for the Division, on the other hand there could be some Districts with two Ranger Guide Units.

The suggested number for starting a new unit is eight. In my District eighteen girls will be fourteen by the end of the year. What do we do?

I think you should not start with as large a number as that. Unless you start with a small number the Guiders do not have a chance to get to know the girls, and the girls do not have opportunity to learn about Rangering. The others could wait for a few weeks or a couple of months.

In a District which is moving fast and is already breaking into Ranger Guides, there is a Patrol Leader who has done her two practice camps, but has not done her permit. What can she do now that she has no patrol?

The practice she has done will come in very handy for the Ranger Camp Permit which will be of more use to her and her Ranger Guide Unit. She should be able to get her Ranger Permit very quickly.

If a Leader is going for a Camp Permit, will that carry on?

No camping qualification goes amiss, and you will need a knowledge of campcraft for light-weight camping anyway. It is possible you will have standing camps for Rangers, although to date they have preferred light-weight camping. If you go ahead to get your Permit as a Guide Guider you can use it, but you will need some further training for light-weight camping. The amount of this light-weight training would be decided by the Camping department.

Will there be any alteration in badges, particularly the Patrol Leaders' Permit?

At the moment we have a policy in the Guide Section whereby badges are revised every three years, and this year we are revising, with the thought of the younger age group in mind. A lot of badges have been designed with the fourteen- and fifteen-year-old in mind. There will be a new book, but not until the end of next year. As far as the Patrol Leaders' Permit is concerned, Victoria is not going to suggest any alterations until we find out how the new age group works. For the time being it will stand at thirteen.

A lot of Guide Badges cannot be undertaken until thirteen years. Will anything happen until the end of next year with regard to them?

If any change is made it will not happen before the end of next year. The reason for making an age qualification is that there are badges on which life depends. Other badges are done at the level of the girl, but these are the badges which, if they are done at the level of the very young girl, could have serious consequences.

Will the Guide and Ranger uniform change?

No. Ranger Guide uniform and program will be as in the present Ranger Section. Although uniform is expensive it can be made comparatively cheaply at home. Any change to uniform is to come from the girls through the appropriate channels.

In a small country town, Guiding is the only thing for girls in that town, and they are often called on to do services, as they are the only youth organisation that anyone can call on. If there are only the younger Guides left, and the older Rangers are meeting in the bigger country towns, how are you going to overcome this?

We are thinking of the girls' needs, rather than the town's needs. However, Ranger Guides can still do their service in their own town even though their unit does not meet there.

How long can we keep a girl if she feels she is not ready to go to Rangers?

I often wonder why the girl is convinced she is not ready. I think it depends on the image that is being given of the Ranger Guide section. If the girls are very immature fourteen-year-olds, then the program should be run for immature fourteen-year-olds. It is not the girls who have to fit a Ranger Guide Unit, it is the Unit that has to fit the girls. If it is a case of the girl's attachment to a particular leader which holds her to the Guide Company, then it is up to us, the adults to give a push.

The Pack Guide is the link between Brownies and Guides. Is there any thought of having a similar link between Guides and Ranger Guides?

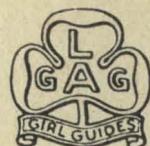
No. The only way for a Ranger to work with the Guide Section would be if she was doing a Leadership Certificate. Then she would be there for a purpose; but liaison between all sections is important.

Is the new age group going to affect Pack Guides very much?

The requirements for Pack Guides remain the same, that is, one Eight point badge, and this will not change. The Pack Guide is a link between Guide company and pack and she is close to the girls in age. Too many Pack Guides are used as junior Guiders, and they are **not** Guiders.

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LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Count your blessings often; your problems seldom, if ever.

RAFFLES

Local Associations and other supporting committees which raise money for Guide purposes will be interested to learn that the Association has modified its policy on raffles. The conducting of raffles by supporting groups is now permitted provided the following conditions are strictly adhered to:

- 1) That Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders or Commissioners do not take part in organising or conducting a raffle.
- 2) That any lay members who object to any such enterprise on moral or other grounds are not expected to take part.
- 3) That all legal requirements are observed.
- 4) That the organising committee will personally carry the responsibility both financially and legally.

The following requirements of the Raffles Board must also be observed:

- 1) Only goods may be raffled — cash orders or vouchers are not permitted as prizes.
- 2) A prize of liquor is not permitted.
- 3) Tickets may not be sold on Sundays.
- 4) Tickets may not be sold on licensed premises.
- 5) No person under the age of 18 years may sell tickets and tickets may not be sold to anyone under 16 years.
- 6) Tickets can be sold in the organising committee's own area only.

Before any raffle may be conducted it is necessary for the organising committee to submit an application form to the Raffles Board, which lays down set procedures that must be followed, including the obtaining of an official letter of approval from the Girl Guides Association. An information sheet listing these procedures is now available

from Headquarters and any Local Association or other supporting group which may be contemplating a raffle should apply to Headquarters for this, giving full details of their proposals. (Please supply a stamped addressed envelope.)

APRON PARADE

A different type of fund-raiser, which involved the whole District, was an Apron Parade arranged by the East Preston Local Association. Separate sections were for aprons made by Brownies and Guides, and the Open section included Thriftiest, Daintiest Hostess and Child's Apron.

Aprons in each section were paraded before two judges and it was good to see a Brownie win the Thriftiest section, with an apron made from small patches, as well as her own section. Guides decorated some very attractively with Hobbytex, and Rangers made some practical gingham ones. Small prizes were awarded in each section.

Financially, this function was very successful as a result of a small admission charge and the sale of aprons which were donated for the opportunity table.

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RECIPE CORNER

Passion Fruit Shortcake

4 ozs. softened butter, 4 ozs. S.R. flour, 4 ozs. plain flour, 3 tablsp. castor sugar, 1 egg.

Cream butter and sugar. Mix in the flours sifted well together. Add beaten egg and mix well. Bake in round or square tin in moderate oven for approximately 30 minutes. When cold, cut across in half and fill with a mixture of 1 cup icing sugar, 1 tablsp. butter and 2 passion fruit creamed well together. Lemon butter can be substituted for the passion fruit cream if desired.

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

DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

WHAT DOES AN ARCHIVIST DO?

Here are some of the requests I have had since the announcement of my appointment:

No. 1 — A telephone call from a father — "My daughter is going to the Guide Knowledge tester this afternoon, can you give me some information about our District?"

No. 2 — From a District Commissioner — "Can you let me have the names of all the Queen's Guides in . . . District and . . . District? We are planning a Honour Board and do not want to leave out anyone."

No. 3 — From a Guider — "Will you send me the names of all the Guiders, Commissioners and Local Association presidents of our District for my Guides who are interested in doing the Guide Knowledge badge?"

No. 4 — From a Guide — "Can you let me have information about early Guiding in Victoria?"

I am writing this article because such requests are coming in more and more frequently, to say that the answers to the first three questions are, or should be, available in the local area. They are not available from Headquarters without hours and hours of research, and my day, like that of everyone else, has only twenty-four hours. Very often I have discovered that the person making the inquiry — and, by the way, it is the girl who is going for the badge, not Mother, or Father, or her Guider — has not tried to find out anything in her own District.

Please think of these facts. The Queen's Guide badge was instituted in 1946 and sometimes there were more than 300 badges gained within one year, and they are recorded under the girl's name, not her Company or her District. Then, the turnover of Guiders is horrifyingly rapid, some units having more than 12 leaders in four years.

Now some suggestions which I hope will help you.

Consult your local people first, Commissioners and former Guiders. Is there a Trefoil Guild nearby? Even if recently started, the members will have had years of association with the area.

Does the local tester really demand names of Local Association presidents?

Although early issues of 'Matilda' are scarce, she has been going for over 50 years, and there will be lots of the later copies around.

Have you searched in the Guide Hall?

I would like to remind Metropolitan Guiders of the Display shelves in the Members' Lounge at Headquarters. This year there have been a number of Special Subject trainings on Guide Knowledge, more are planned for the future, and material from the archives is always shown at my trainings.

Although publication of a book on Australian Guiding has been delayed, there is much information in the Commissioners' Handbook, and the Australian Guide Handbook. I am also writing articles each month in 'Matilda' and the Ranger publication 'Kuringal'.

So please search locally because it just is not possible for the archivist or Headquarters to spend the time answering questions such as mentioned earlier.

MARY LAMBE,
State Archivist.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION JUBILEE

Victorian Dinner

Tickets are still available for the Gala Dinner at Melbourne Zoological Gardens on Friday evening, 19th November.

Contact Mrs. E. Miller, 18 Mangarra Road, Canterbury, 3126 (telephone 836 1958) or Mrs. Nala Jones, Public Relations Department, Guide Headquarters (telephone 63 7911).



TOWN AND COUNTRY TREFOIL GUILD

Annual Meeting of the guild was held at Headquarters in July.

Retiring President, Mrs. Charlotte Renshaw Jones, welcomed ten members and reported that there are 37 financial members. Members have given service to Guiding in various ways, including serving afternoon tea at the opening of the Shoreham Campsite. The patchwork quilt being made by some of the members is nearing completion, and members have received a newsletter, called *MiniNews*, after each meeting. We have set aside \$10 to help maintain the State Commissioner's standard and we have given financial assistance to the Guide Choir.

Mrs. Renshaw Jones, one of those responsible for the formation of the Guild, tendered her resignation because of her recent appointment as Australian International Adviser.

Office bearers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. N. Squire; Vice-President, Mrs. L. Gregory; Secretary, Mrs. C. Caple; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. D. Halligan; and Treasurer, Mrs. M. Pritchard.

Mrs. Lister, Trefoil Adviser and guest speaker, told of recent registrations of new Guilds, and of work done by other Guilds.

E.T.

MILDURA TREFOIL GUILD

Sixteen dishes were prepared by various groups and tasted by all who attended a Fondue Cooking night, arranged to celebrate the long service of seven members of Mildura Trefoil Guild.

Guests included Region, Division and District Commissioners, Mrs. Phyllis Shives, New Zealand National Secretary for Trefoil Guilds (Mrs. Shives lives at Timaru, South Island, and was visiting her daughter), and Miss Judy Rogers, Victorian Personnel Recruitment Officer.

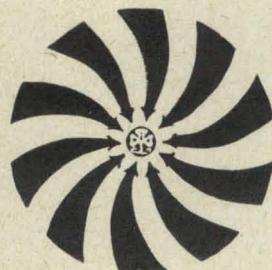
Highlight of the evening was recognition of Mrs. Betty Matthews' 30 years of faithful and dedicated service to Guiding.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THINKING DAY?

Thinking Day is celebrated throughout the world by Scouts and Guides. In 1932, at the World Conference, a Belgian Guider suggested that a day be set aside for members of the movement to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the Guiding companies of the world. Many Guiding Units have Thinking Day activities on or near 22nd February, the joint birthday of the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and his wife, the Chief Guide.

Some units have an international night, others have a special Guides Own, and some even ask someone to come to speak following a visit to a World Centre. Some Guide units are fortunate enough to have a Guide from another country with the unit, who is able to bring the links of Guiding friendship closer together.

Do you know that Mrs. Buckham has international uniforms which can be used for international evenings? Also the Public Relations Department has information on overseas countries. International section would be interested to hear of any activities being held.



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BROWNIES FROM OUTER SPACE

At our last Promise ceremony each of the four tweenies wore a space helmet. The hall was decorated with a huge rocket, stars, sun, moon and flying saucers.

Tweenies walked through the rocket from "space" into a circle of autumn leaves around the toadstool, where they made the Promise.

As it was our birthday we had a party too. It was a wonderful day of fun.

KIM,

1st Bright Brownie Pack.

OUR PACK HOLIDAY

We went on a Pack Holiday to Britannia Park. We went by bus and discovered it is a long way to Britannia Park. It was nearly dark when we arrived.

We unloaded our sleeping bags and cases and looked over Guide House. Our leader said we could not go outside with our torches after tea. By then it was too dark and too late for the little ones.

On Saturday I was a cook and had to get up very early. We took our lunch and had a picnic at Britannia Falls.

At night we had a party. We had doughnuts on strings. They kept moving, so it was hard to eat them. After the party we went OUTSIDE WITH OUR TORCHES. We went on a long walk before going to bed.

Sunday was exciting. We went to the outdoor chapel for a church service. We had visitors for dinner. Our parents came to take us home.

It had been a lovely weekend for our first Pack Holiday.

ROBYN BURTON,

3rd Wheeler's Hill Brownie Pack.

VISIT TO SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE

One Saturday our Brownie Pack visited Schwerkolt Cottage at Mitcham.

We enjoyed the walk (about 1½ miles) from the Scout Hall, where we have our meetings, to the cottage. First of all we had lunch in the playground area and then we looked at the wine cellar. It was not quite finished, but we went inside and saw old wooden shelves holding many old bottles. It was very dusty.

In the Barn there was an old cart and harness. Next we went to the Blacksmith's shed and saw an old-fashioned fireplace with coal on it. There were horseshoes hanging on the wall.

All of this was very interesting, but the best was inside the cottage. The room I liked best was the children's bedroom. This had tiny little beds with raggedy dolls on them and old-fashioned clothes on the bed. The clothes were long and hot looking. I think they would have been very hard to play in. There were also very old books on the shelves and pictures on the walls with fancy writing on them.

The parents' bedroom had a double bed, a chair and table with a very old Bible on it.

The cottage has three rooms altogether. It is made of hand-made bricks which were moulded on the property from its own quarry.

After signing the Visitors' Book we set out for home.

JANET SEARLE,
1st Heatherdale Brownie Pack.



COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE, 1977

COMMISSIONERS — This is your invitation to attend the 1977 Commissioners' Conference to be held on 25th-27th February.

PLACE: Monash University Halls of Residence.

TIME: 7.00 p.m. Friday—3.30 p.m. Sunday.

APPLICATION FORM

Please fill in and return with Conference fee to Mrs. J. Faichney, 56 Damien Street, Glen Waverley, 3150, no later than 1st December, 1976. Enquiries regarding cancellations or refunds should be made direct to Mrs. Faichney. No refunds can be given if cancellation is made later than 20th February, 1977.

Please make cheques payable to "Commissioners' Conference".

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BADGERS CLUB

The Badgers Club, a group of Scouts and Guides interested in collecting both metal and cloth badges, is compiling a badge history of both movements. Any person interested or with badges of interest should contact the Secretary, P.O. Box 38, Fairfield, Victoria, 3078.

CRISIS LINE

S.R.S. Invincible (Ivanhoe) Rangers conducted an unusual Ranger fixture. The day, entitled "Crisis Line", was organised to give Rangers an idea of groups in our community which assist people in times of crisis.

Speakers from Youthline, a telephone advice service for the young; Alcoholics Anonymous, The Citizens' Advice Bureau, The Children's Protection Society, The Victoria Foundation for Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, the Police Force and the Emergency Service at the Royal Melbourne Hospital addressed about 60 Rangers and Guiders at Headquarters. The many questions asked by the girls indicated the immense interest generated by the speakers.

Rangers learned a great deal from this informative day and many ideas for both individual and group service were gained.

JENNY BEALES.

MONSTER FETE

For Ranger Section Sailing School rebuilding fund, on 26th March, 1977, at Dendy Park, Brighton. A meeting of conveners of stalls will be held at Guide Headquarters on 28th October at 7.30 p.m. Come along to discuss plans.



OPENING OF BOATING SEASON

At the Ranger Section Sailing School, Jetty Road, Sandringham. On 17th October, 1976 — 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Inspection of boats by Water Police and Blessing of Boats in the morning, Mini-Regatta after lunch.

SURPRISE!

Ranger Section Christmas break-up party to be held on 10th December, 1976.

FAREWELL, DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Mrs. Launder's five-year term as Commissioner for Vermont District has ended. So we planned a surprise dinner, to be followed by a "This Is Your Life" program. We kept it all a strict secret from her. Mrs. Launder was most surprised when she walked into the Scout Hall and was confronted by over 260 people, including an avenue formed by Guides and Brownies through which she walked while we sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow". Following an official welcome Grace was said and everyone enjoyed the sumptuous feast provided by the Local Association and other mothers.

Then all children were transferred to the Guide Hall (next door), where two films were kindly shown by Mr. Buckland. By the time the films had finished many of the Brownies, Guides and even ex-Brownies of Mrs. Launder's 3rd Pack were dressed up ready for the "This Is Your Life" segment. Parents gradually drifted to the Guide Hall and were seated when Mrs. Launder was escorted to that hall, then the Show began.

Comperor, Mrs. Jean Platt (District Secretary) narrated Mrs. Launder's biography, interspersed with sketches hilariously performed by the Guides, Brownies and ex-Brownies. Of course, if you watch "This Is Your Life" on television you will be accustomed to advertisements which they never fail to show. This night was no exception — but what a difference!

Even though all this was very carefully planned, the best part of the evening was Mrs. Launder herself. Although the script was written to include many jokes, they were not half as funny as Mrs. Launder's comments and jokes. They came in split second timing and one could be forgiven for thinking they had been rehearsed.

Later, there were speeches and presentations.

DENISE BEANLAND,
2nd Vermont Guide Company.



KNOW YOUR REGIONS

Outer Eastern Region

Outer Eastern Region consists of three Divisions. Knox is the largest, then Blue Dandenongs and the smallest is Sherbrooke.

KNOX. As early as the 1830's there were settlers in the Division who had established cattle runs, horse studs and small farmlets. The area still upholds the names of early pioneers in housing areas, streets, parks, playing areas and other landmarks.

Today Knox is a fast-growing urban and industrial area, a vast contrast to its early beginnings. Along with the railways came the weekend dweller and the Sunday tripper. Ferntree Gully became a popular resort. "Progress" followed, bringing housing development, permanent dwellers and industries.

The first Guide company in the Division was started in 1945 at Boronia. Miss E. Bunning saw the need for guiding in the area and obtained use of the only hall available at Boronia. Guides travelled many miles to attend her weekly meetings. From this beginning guiding has spread to all corners of the Division and now there are 36 units catering for girls of all ages, who come from the industrial area of Bayswater, the suburbia of Boronia, Ferntree Gully and Knoxfield, the rural areas of Wantirna South, Rowville, Scoresby and The Basin. There is little public transport in this City, so we rely heavily upon our parents for assistance.

BLUE DANDEMONGS DIVISION extends from Upper Ferntree Gully to Gembrook. Upper Ferntree Gully can still boast of its National Park, which covers 1000 acres, although it has suffered many bushfires. Beautiful homes now surround the town and at weekends artists and potters gather at the station car park displaying and selling their wares.

Upwey, a busy township, has a large High School, picturesque Churches, Guide Hall, caters for its Elderly Citizens and is the

Centre for "Meals on Wheels" in that Shire. Electric trains run frequently from Melbourne to Belgrave, where there is a busy shopping centre in a curved road lined with flowering cherry trees. Guiding flourishes here in a cosy Guide Hall and there are many good hiking places.

"Puffing Billy", the popular narrow-gauge train, runs from Belgrave to Emerald Lakeside and is an attractive mass of color as it puffs along with hundreds of children waving coloured flags and dangling their legs from the open carriages. Puffing its black smoke and blowing its famous whistle, it chugs through tree-fern gullies, passing dairy-farms, market gardens and stately eucalypts. This is the same "Puffing Billy" which, some 70 years ago, took Gembrook people to shop for sacks of sugar and flour, etc.

Guiding also flourishes in Emerald, Cockatoo and Gembrook, where the Guides and Brownies once more are fortunate in having open space for hikes and camping. Blazes of red, white and pink heath (Victoria's emblem) can be seen along the tracks and roadside against a background of eucalypts from Menzies Creek to Gembrook. A grand view of the Cardinia Dam is also seen from Menzies Creek station, where there is also a "Puffing Billy" Museum.

SHERBROOKE. Formed in 1960, this Division takes its name from Sherbrooke Forest, in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges, an hour's drive eastwards from Melbourne. The forest is a paradise for nature lovers, bushwalkers, picnickers and students, and a favourite haunt of Scouts and Guides. There is a wonderful variety of plant and animal life. Although the lyre-bird is the best-known inhabitant, there are many other creatures, both friendly and shy, to be discovered there.

The Division is comprised of Monbulk, Ferny Creek and Olinda Districts.

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Queen's Guides

Queen's Guide Joanne Overall received her badge at a tea arranged by 1st Horsham Company in the Guide Hall, which was decorated as a camping scene.

When she entered the hall Joanne followed a trail depicting her progress through Guiding to a point where her Guide, Mrs. F. Mewett, presented her badge.

Joanne lit eight candles on a cake, signifying the eight points covered in Guiding.

The many guests included local civic dignitaries, Joanne's parents and friends, Guides, Brownies, leaders and testers.

F. MEWETT,
1st Horsham Guide Company.



Lynette Mills, of the 2nd Traralgon Guide Company, was presented with her Queen's Guide badge by Mrs. Bette McLaughlin, Publicity Co-ordinator for Baw Baw Region, at a dinner given by the company. We feel that the speech Mrs. McLaughlin made was an inspiration to our Guides as well as to Lynette and we would like, through "Matilda", to share it with others.

"A 7th Century B.C. Chinese philosopher, named Loa-Tzu, said:

'A leader is best when people barely know that he exists;

Not so good when people obey him and acclaim him;

Worse when they despise him.

But of a good leader, who talks little,
When his task is done, his aim fulfilled,
They will all say,

"We did this ourselves".'

We have a fine example of this type of leadership with us today — in this 2nd Traralgon Guide Company. The fulfilment of a young girl's wish to receive her Queen's Guide Badge. Achieved by her leader's knowledge of the girl's personality and family's needs, by the smooth operation of each step

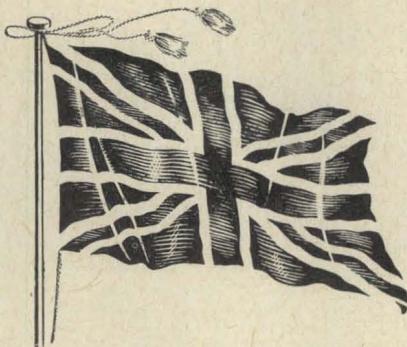
of the way and by pointing the girl in the right direction. Lynette has received much more than a cloth child's badge — she has received a new maturity of outlook as she sorted out her priorities, researched for the specialised knowledge she had to have, and correctly worked out the difficult timing of her program, at the same time NOT neglecting her responsibilities to school, home, church and community. Of course, as any Guide knows, she was also carrying out her Promise to keep the Guide Law by making good use of her time.

In guiding we all make that Promise. Its very intention is to inspire the girl or adult to achieve much. One of the chief products of actively living the Promise is to become loyal to the guiding movement for the inspiration we gain, and for the qualities we find in ourselves.

Lynette shows loyalty in her life — loyalty to her home and kin, loyalty to church and school, loyalty to guiding, and I am sure that when, as an adult, she reads the word "Guiding" she will always feel a loyalty to the movement.

She leaves us with an obligation — an obligation to the community to use the skills she has mastered with such high distinction. In her wider search for self-fulfilment she takes with her the ideals of guiding, loyalty to it, her personal dignity, a mind which takes kindly to becoming educated and a search for truth, beauty, a belief in the value of innocence and purity — ideals which I believe are lacking in some sections of our society today. Her parents have supported her, and both the guiding and scouting movements of this town, and we are grateful to them for such help. All this makes Lynette a privileged person — one who has gained much, early in her life. It has also given her a sense of purpose, of even a dedication to use her skills and person to help others as she has been shown."

JULIE MILLS,
LISA CROMER,
LYNDEE MITCHELL,
Patrol Leaders, 2nd Traralgon Guides.



SO THERE I WAS...

Proud of the members of our movement who raised the colours in the city square. It was the beginning of a week of festivities celebrating British Commonwealth of Nations Week and culminating in the official Birthday of Her Majesty our Queen.

That evening three of us represented Guiding at a reception held by the Government of Victoria in the Melbourne Room of the State Government Offices. Here were gathered several hundreds of guests. Mr. Hamer, Premier of Victoria, and his wife, with the President of the Legislative Council, received the guests. After the Loyal Toast the Premier addressed the gathering and told us that there were 865 million people representing 38 nations covering a quarter of the world population within the British Commonwealth of Nations. This we found very interesting when we think of the Australian population of about 13 million. We know we are lucky to be sheltering under the "wings" of our sisters and brothers within those 865 million!

G.H.W.

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TUNE IN ON CHANGE

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With the changeover what happens to one's warrant?

If you are a Guide Guider changing over to a Ranger Guider your warrant is handed in and, after the usual three months, in a new unit, training, and a visit from your Commissioner, a new warrant is issued. The warrant you hold is for the unit with which you are working. The same thing happens if any Guider is changing from one Unit to another — even in the same Section.

Is it the same for a Ranger Leader of the 18- to 25-year-old group; will her warrant carry on if she goes on to Rangers?

Not if she wants to be a consultant to a Ranger 18- to 25-year-old group. There is no appointment for a leader with this group. If she is to be a consultant, the warrant would have to be cancelled as there will be someone else taking over from her in the Ranger Guide Unit.

Can a girl join Ranger Guides if she has never been a Guide?

Yes, certainly. This is one of the things we have found; that not only do you get new girls in, but you also get back older girls who have dropped out.

Will a Ranger Guide Unit have to register? Will it be the Ranger Guides or the Rangers who do so?

If you have an existing Ranger Guide Unit, the older girls will form a new unit and register it.

You say that Venturers will link up with Ranger Guides. What happens when the Venturer Unit has girls of its own?

There would be other youth groups in the area, or perhaps you could look around for another Venturer Unit. Not all have girls in them, and even if they have it should be possible to get together for some activities.

Will the Ranger Guiders' training be a weekend training?

The one planned for October is for a Saturday and a Sunday. It is possible that other trainings will be held at other times.

OUTER EASTERN REGION

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Monbulk (from Monbolloc, an Aboriginal word for "hiding place in the hills"), lies near the Silvan reservoir. Some of Victoria's fruit, vegetables, berries and flowers are grown here. A cannery has been established to preserve local produce. Dutch settlers, attracted to the area, have planted bulb farms. People come from far away to see the tulips in bloom.

Ferny Creek borders on Sherbrooke Forest. It is a residential area, settled by people who like to be surrounded by natural beauty. The round-the-year charm of its gardens and nurseries attracts many visitors.

Olinda, higher up Mount Dandenong, is the home of the tall television towers. From the hills here one can look out towards Mount Macedon, or the You Yangs, or the sea. Melbourne appears as a fairyland of lights in the evening and on a clear night it is even possible to see the lights of Geelong.

In winter the occasional snowfall brings residents out of doors to admire its beauty, and children have fun with snowballs and snowmen. The area is a centre of social and cultural activity. Restaurants, art, handcraft and antique galleries; nurseries and horticultural exhibits — all attract visitors, particularly at weekends and on holidays.

Settlements date back to the early sheep runs of last century. A forest area was proclaimed a timber reserve to protect the supplies of mountain ash being cut down for palings to supply builders developing the young city of Melbourne. Records show that some of these trees measured over 200 feet high.

Following a financial depression in the 1890's, the government opened up part of this Dandenong Forest Reserve. Land grants of ten and twenty acres were issued to settlers willing to clear the land. Before long, these settlers had established many guest houses catering for tourists. These continued until the Second World War, but bushfires, lack of domestic help, and the popularising of the private motor car caused the decline of this industry. Now the area is inhabited by small-town dwellers, many of whom commute daily to their work in Melbourne.

SHIRLEY HAWLEY,

TRAINING CALENDAR

Commissioners and Unit Leaders with the necessary experience are welcome to apply for **ANY** training. Applications should be sent **prior to the closing date** and be **accompanied by the training fee and a stamped self-addressed envelope**. Training fees are \$3.00 unless otherwise stated. **Early application for all trainings is recommended.**

Pack Holiday Training

Sherbrooke River: Weekend 27th-28th November — times 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Saturday and 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Sunday. Note: Fee \$9.00. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by 6th November.

Campcraft Training

Yandiah: Weekends 6th-7th November and 20th-21st November, plus third weekend (dates to be advised) — times 10.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 Sunday. Applications to Mrs. S. Smith, 10 Barry Avenue, Mildura, 3500, by **15th October**.

Residential Weekend for Indoors Guide Holiday Permit

"Benwerrin", Yarra Junction: Weekend 5th November to 7th November — times 7.00 p.m. Friday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday. Applications and \$8.00 to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **20th October**.

Summer Training Week

Britannia Park, Yarra Junction: Dates 22nd-29th January. Subjects to include Stages 1 and 2, Pioneering and Orienteering, and Special Subjects. Note: Accommodation will be both indoors and outdoors — state preference — indoor limited. Transport will be arranged Melbourne-Britannia Park if required. Applications, \$36.00 and stamped self-addressed envelope to be sent to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **2nd November**.

Changeover Training for TRAINERS who are changing sections

Headquarters: Monday, 8th November — time 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **25th October**.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

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(10 Years): Mrs. N. Flegg, Kerrimuir; Mrs. A. Lovie, Kerrimuir; Mrs. V. Bell, St. Albans; Mrs. F. R. Bisby, Werribee; Miss M. Christopher, Torquay; Miss M. Capewell, Elmore; Mrs. V. Paterson, Frankston; Mrs. W. Bate, Lara; Mrs. M. Drew, Heyfield; Mrs. H. J. Fox, Newborough; Mrs. R. E. Sawyer, Highton.

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APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

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Mrs. H. A. Wilson, Latrobe; Mrs. R. H. Halliday, Berwick.

District Commissioners

Miss W. Clisby, Heatherdale; Mrs. N. Parosien, Beaumaris Bay; Mrs. W. L. McColl, Meredith; Mrs. B. L. Proudman, Sunshine West; Mrs. J. F. Christoe, Undera.

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Mrs. P. Jones, Doncaster West Rangers.

Assistant Ranger Guider

Mrs. K. W. Smithers, Caulfield Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. R. G. Fenton, 2nd Ocean Grove; Mrs. L. A. Nankervis, 2nd Bennettswood; Mrs. K. Kennedy, 1st Gladstone Park; Mrs. S. J. Mills, 1st Foster; Miss J. Williams, 1st Mitcham; Miss R. Mayne, 1st Altona North; Miss D. E. Perry, 1st Heathcote; Mrs. E. Fam, 1st Glen Waverley; Mrs. G. D. Elliott, 1st Avoca; Mrs. G. D. Wuchatsch, 2nd Armadale.

Assistant Guide Guiders

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REGISTRATIONS

Cavendish Local Association; 2nd Hopper's Crossing Pack; 1st Cavendish Pack; 1st Olinda Pack; 1st Wentworth Company; 1st Research Company; 1st Kerrimuir Company.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

Region Commissioner

Mrs. N. D. McIntosh, Wimmera.

Division Commissioners

Mrs. R. W. Gerlach, Wimmera West; Mrs. S. E. Kirkham, Berwick.

District Commissioners

Mrs. R. Molesworth, Meredith; Mrs. G. L. Toose, Clunes.

Ranger Guider

Mrs. C. Marshall, Mordialloc Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. A. E. Huxtable, 2nd Bayswater; Mrs. I. E. Wolstencroft, 1st Bairnsdale; Mrs. A. Mashiter, 4th Kerrimuir; Mrs. J. R. Richardson, 5th Mitcham (Extension); Mrs. J. Knight, 1st Mitcham; Mrs. L. Lovie, 2nd Kerrimuir.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss A. J. Long, 2nd Moe; Mrs. N. Flegg, 2nd Kerrimuir.

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Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. D. Sbrana, 2nd Belgrave; Mrs. G. A. Goodman, 2nd Kerrimuir; Mrs. E. Keesing, 2nd Burwood.

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MACEDON DIVISION GARDEN DAY

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For details telephone (054) 22 1454.

GUIDE SHOP

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1977 Australian Girl Guide Calendar	85c
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Sugar Spoon	\$1.55
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Boxed 3-piece set — Jam and Sugar Spoons and Butter Knife	\$6.65
Boxed 6-piece set — Teaspoons	\$11.35
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