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Blue skies, warmer, longer days and our thoughts turn again to camping. This issue contains reports, training ideas and notices of camps both close to home and far away.

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From our State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

The end of the year is fast approaching and I hope you can all look back and say, "Yes, I did get moving — not only to improve my physical fitness, but in many other ways".

We are missing Jean, but are delighted to learn she is enjoying her trip overseas. Letters and cards from Iran and England have told us of the fun they are having and the contacts made with Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding.

Having arrived home JUST in time for the Chief Commissioner's Visit and the Mini-Olympics, I suffered no jet lag until after those were over. Then I must admit there was a slight feeling of anti-climax. However, I am now in full swing and holidays seem a long way away.

Along with many of our members, I was enthralled by Mrs. Margaret Thatcher when she spoke at a Rally at the Dallas Brook's Hall. All she had to say could be related to your own life style no matter what it was, and so much seemed very relevant to Guiding. As I listened I felt she must have once been a Guide. She felt we should CONSERVE all that is best in our particular field — use this to then CONSTRUCT something better or more appropriate for modern times, but that all this should be done with CARE — the family unit and the love found within this are the basis of our society today. I am sure everyone left that hall with a feeling of motivation to get up and do something, TO GET MOVING!

The Extensions Mini-Olympics was a wonderful day — beautiful weather, a delightful setting at Huntingtower School and such happiness and excitement. All girls participated with great enthusiasm both as competitors and spectators. Mrs. Renard and her Committee worked hard for the success of the day and were very pleased to see the wonderful help given by active Guides, Rangers and Venturers.

Peg Barr and I spent a very happy day with Goulburn Region learning that 'Fitness is Fun'. Peg crossed the rope bridge — whilst I was only prepared to try the Flying Fox! Again the beautiful spring weather and exciting activities made this a day for all to remember.

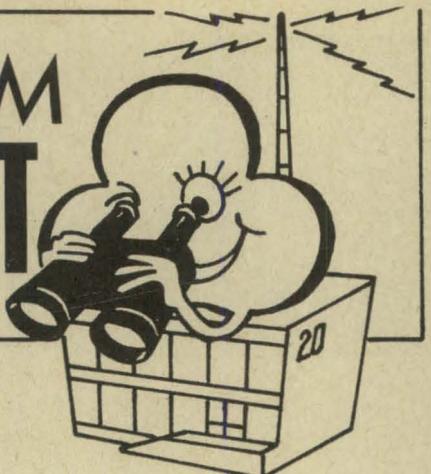
The downstairs training room was packed when we entertained the Lady Mayoress and ninety Mayoresses and Shire Presidents' wives, together with their Division Commissioners, to lunch. We were delighted to also have a Mayor and Shire President amongst our ladies. All enjoyed the day and went away better informed about Guiding.

The first weekend in October was busy but very happy — a visit to the Mornington District, spending time with the girls and their Local Association members and parents, the Queen's Guide Ceremony at Government House, the Queen's Guides' Own and then off to Sydney to Australian Executive on Monday.

We welcomed two new State Commissioners at this meeting, Paddy Firstenberg, Western Australia, and Meta Williams, Queensland. We had not met this year and there was much to be discussed — particularly in the light of the change in age groupings. Time was set aside for an informal gathering of State Commissioners with the Chief Commissioner, and the evenings were left free again to provide time for informal talk. The

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REPORTING FROM RUSSELL STREET



ANNUAL REPORTS

Our Annual Report for the year ended June, 1976, is now available and District parcels are wrapped, awaiting collection. We would be pleased if those Districts that have not yet received their parcels would arrange to have them collected at an early date.

GUIDING PERSONNEL

Also available is the new edition of "Guiding Personnel". One copy has been included in each District parcel of Annual Reports—others are available from the Guide Shop for 60 cents. Should anyone note any errors in this book we would be glad if they would inform Headquarters without delay.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION APPEAL

November is Australian Guiding's big month—it sees the Movement celebrating the Jubilee of our Australian Association. As well as having 'Open House' at Australian Headquarters in Sydney (to which any Victorian lucky enough to be in Sydney at that time is invited to drop in), members have been asked to recognize this important part of our history by contributing towards the Australian Appeal. It would be appreciated if all monies collected under the "50 cents for 50 years" scheme can reach Headquarters here in Melbourne at an early date.

SCOUT JAMBOREE

Guide Day at the Scout Jamboree will be celebrated on 5th January and all members are invited to come and see International Scouting in action on that day. Full details of the day's programme are given elsewhere in this edition of Matilda. Please read these now and pass on

the news to your girls so that those not holidaying in other parts of the State or Interstate at this time may share in these activities.

GALA CONCERT — SCOUT JAMBOREE

The Scout Gang Show team (and our Guide members of it) together with international contingents from the Jamboree are presenting a concert at the Myer Music Bowl on the evening of 5th January. All proceeds in aid of the Royal Children's Hospital. Tickets are now obtainable from the General Office at Headquarters. This promises to be a super programme and you will help a worthy cause at the same time, so please lend your support.

GUIDE/SCOUT HOLIDAY DISPLAY

Throughout January Guiding and Scouting will be on display at the Mural Hall of Myers, 6th Floor, Lonsdale Street Store, with entertainment on the hour every day. Again, this promises to be interesting and worthwhile so, if you are in Melbourne in January, don't miss it.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS — CAN YOU HELP US?

We would be glad to hear from any Local Associations or Trefoil Guilds who can supply helpers to serve lunches and help in other ways at Headquarters during 1977—Matilda wrapping on the second Tuesday of the Month, lunches for meetings of Region Commissioners and other special gatherings. If you or your group are willing and able to help, please contact the State Secretary at your convenience.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

50th Anniversary

So this is November 1976! Does it mean anything to you — the reader of this Guide Magazine?

It should, because this month the Girl Guide Association of Australia will celebrate its 50th birthday.

The World Chief Guide once said, "Look back in gratitude", so let us note some of the things for which we, who are Guides in 1976, can be grateful to our early leaders.

1926 — The first Council meeting was held in Melbourne with four States represented — Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia and Tasmania. Her Excellency, Lady Stonehaven, wife of the Governor-General, who was to become the first Federal President, chaired the meeting.

1927 — Welcome cards were placed in ships carrying migrants to Australia. Girl Guide uniforms and badges were registered in Australia.

1928 — Australia was represented by a Tasmanian at the International Council in Hungary.

1933 — An Interstate Camp for 20 Guiders from each State and New Zealand was held.

1939 — Mrs. Irene Fairbairn became Honorary Federal Secretary.

1939-45 — Mention was made of various records of service and the first reports of the Australian Guide International Service team in England. £6000 was raised for a B.P. Memorial.

1947 — The World Badge was adopted for wearing in and out of uniform.

1952 — An exchange for an Australian Guider to visit Norway and a Norwegian to come to Australia was made possible by a scholarship from the Juliette Low Scholarship Fund.

1953 — An Australian contingent travelled to London for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. An Australian Standard was presented to the Chief Commissioner (Mrs. Fairbairn).

1955 — It was agreed to maintain a room at Foxlease (England) and all States were to

contribute £5 per annum towards its upkeep. Miss Eleanor Manning became Chief Commissioner.

1956 — Australia was given full responsibility for all Training Diplomas. A grant of £2000 was given by the Commonwealth Government to assist the development of Guiding.

1957 — Visit of World Chief Guide.

1958 — Council Meeting was held in Canberra and was the first one using new constitution which placed full responsibility on the Council without reference to Commonwealth Headquarters.

1962 — Mrs. M. A. Buntine was elected Chief Commissioner. The "Ice Cream for the Chief" fund was approved.

1968 — Mrs. J. R. Price became Chief Commissioner.

1969 — 8-Point Program was implemented in Australia on 23rd September.

1970 — Beginning of the Development Scheme to develop and consolidate Guiding.

1972 — New Australian Constitution was signed in Hobart by State Commissioners and Chief Commissioner for Australia. Australian Brownie Guides decided to wear the same World Badge as the Guides.

1975 — Australian Festival of Song. The Australian Ranger Handbook appeared.

1976 — The Brownie Guide and Guide Handbooks which had been written and produced by Australians were introduced.

These are but a few of the historical facts found in the minutes. Link them with international camps, conferences and trainings, generously mingled with regular meetings of other organisations, and it can be seen that the leaders of the first 50 years of Guiding on a national level have been very busy. They have set a high standard of dedication to the cause which today's leaders will surely follow. During November, having looked back with gratitude, let us all give thanks for their work and go forward with conviction and courage.

In Sydney on Sunday, 14th November, there will be a Guide Thanksgiving Service in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

If your Unit or District is holding a Guide's Own or taking part in a Church Service near the time of the 50th Anniversary of the forming of the Australian Girl Guides Association

you may like to use one or all of the following prayers, which were written with that occasion in mind. Or perhaps you may like to use them at your Unit meeting some time in November.

**LET US PRAY
FOR THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL
FAMILY:**

We Thank You, O God.

**FOR GUIDING IN AUSTRALIA SINCE 1909
AND THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FORMATION OF AN AUSTRALIAN ASSO-
CIATION. FOR RANGERS, GUIDES AND
BROWNINES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.**

We Thank You, O God.

**FOR THE CHURCH AND THE FREEDOM
TO WORSHIP.**

We Thank You, O God.

**FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OTHERS
IN NEED.**

We Thank You, O God.

**FOR THE CHALLENGES THAT DEVELOP
CHARACTER THROUGH GUIDING.**

We Thank You, O God.

**FOR THE ASSURANCE OF YOUR LOVING
PROVISION NOW AND FOR EVER.**

We Thank You, O God.

Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYER

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for all your goodness to us and all people everywhere. We pray for our country, our families and our friends. Keep us alert to the challenges of our times. Inspire us with your love to serve. Bless with your strength and wisdom the Guide Movement throughout the world.

For Your Name's Sake.

Amen.

A RANGER PRAYER

God our Father, Who has called us into this world fellowship that we may help in the building of Thy Kingdom, may our witness be faithful, our service joyful and our work well done, to the glory of Thy Name, through the power of Thy Holy Spirit; and may Thy blessing rest upon us and upon all other Rangers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

50 CENTS FOR 50 YEARS

It has been suggested that each member donate 50 cents — 1 cent for each year since guiding formed a Federal Council way back in 1926. Victorian Headquarters Public Relations Committee sees this as a challenge for our younger members to find, within their own areas, former members of our wonderful guide family who remember their guiding days with affection. Perhaps, if you ask them, they would like to contribute 50c for 50 years of guiding as a practical way of showing their appreciation.

During her visit to Victoria, Miss Mary Lambie, our Chief Commissioner, explained the need for Australian Headquarters to remain solvent and efficient. Increases in administration costs and salaries have made it necessary to augment the quota received from each State. The Australian guiding family is big, varied, active, and widely scattered—from the North-west of Western Australia to the South-eastern tip of Tasmania. Communication costs have risen, too, but must be maintained so that decisions taken at conferences are discussed and explained fully. Training and travelling costs are very large, but are essential to keep our movement informed and up to date.

Victoria is organising a wonderful evening with an official dinner for hundreds of our members and their friends at the Melbourne Zoological Gardens on Friday evening, 19th November. Many districts are holding their Christmas party celebrations early this year by attending this gala night with their leaders, husbands, boy friends and senior Rangers. As profit from sale of tickets will be given to the Australian Headquarters Appeal, we can enjoy ourselves at this exciting dinner-dance and help Australian Headquarters at the same time. Tickets at \$15 per person are available from Mrs. E. Miller, 18 Mangarra Road, Canterbury, 3126 (telephone 836 1958), or Mrs. Nala Jones, Public Relations Department, Guide Headquarters (telephone 63 7911).

BETTE McLAUGHLIN,
Public Relations Committee.



"ILUKA" SHOREHAM CAMPSITE

'Tis Spring, and we are all planning for our camping season ahead. When we think of camping, we hope you are all thinking of "ILUKA" — your second State Campsite at Shoreham.

Many girls enjoyed camps at "ILUKA" last season and, thanks to your Planning Committee, extra facilities will be available this summer — the main one being the connection of electricity to the site. We thank you for your contributions, and especially groups and committees who, with Executive approval, "boosted" our bank balance with special donations.

If you have not yet visited "ILUKA", you may like to know we have completed our access road, car park, drainage, log cabin service centre with camping equipment, barbecue area for visitors, planted about 1500 trees and carried out several conservation projects. You can see your contributions have been well used.

We are indebted to the many guides, brownies, rangers, scout groups, parents, friends and neighbours, who have assisted many times with manual labour on working bees, thereby saving us extra expenditure. We must especially mention Mornington Peninsula Region — we know they are geographically available, but they have done outstanding service towards our new camp-site — aided and coerced by enthusiastic Camp Adviser Mrs. Joy Cardie, who is now Maintenance Convener — thank you all for your mammoth contribution.

Our Headquarters Team has convinced the Government of our place in the community and, because of the facilities our new "ILUKA" will offer many young people in the future, a grant of \$20,000 was made available to us through the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, enabling us to complete Stage 1. We

know you welcomed this tremendous incentive to increase our efforts towards Stage 2, which will include a residence for Brownies, Extensions, Rangers, Training Centre and winter indoor camps for Guides.

We fully appreciate how hard you work for your own area, but "ILUKA" is there for the use and enjoyment of many girls and leaders now and for years to come, and the sooner we can proceed with Stage 2 the sooner more girls from all Sections will benefit.

Are you prepared to hold special "ILUKA" fund-raising efforts? If every member of the Association in Victoria raised \$1 — we could proceed immediately with Stage 2! It just needs 40,000 willing people!

Mrs. Turnbull, one of our Assistant State Commissioners, has suggested an "ILUKA" Piggy-Bank in each Unit and District to collect those "spare" contributions. You will be amazed how quickly you will achieve a nice fat sum to back-up your busy Planning Committee and "Watch Iluka Grow".

Contributions will be welcomed by Mrs. Della Hutchinson — (new address) 3/89A Mont Albert Road, Canterbury, 3126, and she is still willing to visit your area to show slides and plans of YOUR camp-site. Will you help us to help your girls, please?

D.H.



CAMPING WITH JUNIORS

Girl Scouts in the United States has for many years been conducted in four age groups and ever since coming here as a student in 1974 I have been an adviser to a Senior Troop. But, with the opening of the new Scouting year last month, my community was still desperately short of leaders. Encouraged by the promise of support from parents, and the Seniors, I agreed to take on the Junior Troop. These are fourth, fifth and sixth graders (10 to 13 years old), very proud to be wearing Girl Scout green after Brownies.

What I did not know when I blithely agreed to lead the troop was that they were eagerly looking forward to a camping trip, a site having been reserved the previous semester. Not wanting to disappoint them, I agreed we would still go, in spite of the short time available for preparation. Juniors are the first age group that Girl Scouts camp, and they all enthusiastically anticipate the great event.

The campsite we enjoyed is part of an 800-acre site owned by the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and frequently used for established camping in summer. It boasts a beautiful Civil War mansion available to Seniors and adults, several heated lodges of different sizes, and swimming pool, as well as meadowland and woods for games and hikes. Our particular site was aptly named "Laughing Water" for the stream that ran close by, and was equipped with latrines and a large enclosed shelter containing a gas stove. The girls slept in platform tents, the most commonly used in Girl Scout camping. Each sleeps four comfortably and contains bunk beds and shelving. Made of canvas, they possess wooden flooring and are raised four steps off the ground. These tents certainly simplify camping as the tents are left erect all of the camping year. The kind of camping which Australian Guides participate in is regarded more as pioneering here, and is much less common.

It was soon apparent that, with this age group, such 'luxury items' as these tents and the gas stove are very necessary. Most of the nine girls who came away this weekend had not camped before, and even those who

had were not yet comfortable with their skills. I quickly found that, for the time being, all I could expect were the simple basics — cooking, cleaning up, and tent care. We had planned extremely simple meals, using the minimum of cooking utensils, which the girls could really prepare themselves. Tin Foil dinners, grilled cheese sandwiches, hot chocolate, salad, and so on. On our return they voted meal preparation as the best part of camp, so perhaps the many hours spent hovering around the fire were well spent.

The only activities we attempted in addition were an afternoon hike, during which the girls delighted in the frogs we found along the edge of a 'billabong', and the subsequent explanation of 'Waltzing Matilda'. On the Saturday night we arranged a short campfire. The Juniors quickly learned how to make the most famous of American campfire traditions — "S'mores". A bar of chocolate, and toasted marshmallows between two sweet biscuits, guaranteed to send even the liveliest Girl Scout rapidly to sleep. Or so I have been told. On this night it was not to be.

I had just crawled thankfully into my sleeping-bag when loud shrieks sent me dashing to the nearest tent. Nine petrified Juniors were standing on their beds insisting they could smell a skunk, that it was coming into their tents, and that they would have to burn all their clothes "and my pyjamas are new"!

Having never seen, much less smelt a skunk, I calmly assured them that they were imagining things, got them all tucked in again and departed. Stumbling towards my tent I sent a silent prayer towards unfamiliar constellations that my apparent confidence would not be shattered by the discovery of a skunk in my own tent!

Camping with this age group is a lesson in the delight of discovery. For those trying it for the first time my advice is simple. Do not plan an elaborate program, nor expect to keep to the one you have, and take along a large supply of patience, especially for meal times.

DIANE CANALA.

"People, who needs people?" (so the famous song goes).

I NEED PEOPLE

CAMPERS PLEASE HELP

I am being continually inundated with complaints about the state of equipment on our campsites.

"Who does the damage?" you ask.

"NOBODY", is the answer.

LET US ALL WORK TOGETHER AND TEACH OUR GUIDES that this equipment is **OURS**.

Guiders-in-charge are responsible for ultimate state of sheds and equipment and please do not program yourself out of time **AND THEN STAND BACK AND THROW IN THE EQUIPMENT.**

In Glendenning Hut there is a bay marked **CASUALTY SECTION**. This bay is to be kept separate and I ask that **ALL** breakages be taken to Glendenning Hut and put in this bay. Then **YOU** will not get that broken lantern (or similar) next time.

No Guides are to be in an equipment shed **AT ANY TIME without a Guider**. The Guider-in-charge must see that she uses only the equipment allocated to her. Once the camp is pitched **THE SHEDS ARE TO BE LOCKED IMMEDIATELY**.

J. LAMOND, State Camp Adviser.

DIVISION CAMP

Our recent Division Camp was called "Pungunga", which means gathering of the tribes. We had four large tribes from our six districts and six small tribes which were Patrol Camps. Some girls from a Surrey Hills company also joined us.

One hundred and thirty girls attended and we all enjoyed an Indian theme. We had good weather and on our last night we went howling around the camps with drums to the warden's house, where we presented Mr. Fraser with a gift of thanks.

All girls who attended had a marvellous time and are enthusiastic to go again.

SALLY MADDOCK,
1st Doncaster Company,
Mannington Road Division.

CAMPER VAN

In future, application forms for the Camper Van should be sent to Headquarters, addressed "Camper Van", c/o Camping Secretary.

Companies should consider asking now for a weekend camp early next year. Too often these plans are not made until after the unit starts in the New Year, and the van is not used to the full during good camping weather.



Dear Matilda,

Recently 2nd and 3rd Moorleigh Guide companies had an enjoyable four days at "Mirrabooka", Ocean Grove. On the way to Ocean Grove we stopped at Rippleside Park, Geelong, for lunch, then we continued on to Ocean Grove. On the Sunday night we had a short campfire before going to bed. On Monday it was fine and sunny, so we went to the beach after lunch and some of the girls went swimming. We also played volleyball on the beach.

Tuesday was wet and we had to cancel our hike to the Nature Reserve. Instead, we did firelighting when the rain eased. On Wednesday we did tracking and went to Finnigan's Donkey Stud, where we saw the Zedonk which is the only one in the Southern Hemisphere. The five Irish Donkeys lived in the Leprechaun Lodge which had a colour television set for them to watch, as they get lonely. That night we played a stalking game in the bush in front of the house.

Each morning about eight English sheep-dogs came to run in the park. After breakfast on Thursday we packed up and made our own lunches to have on the way home. We walked the two kilometres to the bus stop in Ocean Grove and had our lunch in Geelong in the gardens near the Art Gallery before getting on the train, which left at 2.00 p.m.

Parents met us at Spencer Street station after our enjoyable stay at "Mirrabooka".

Robin Patrol,
2nd Moorleigh Guide Company.



MINI OLYMPIC GAMES

Dear Everyone-Who-Helped,

What a thrill our Mini-Olympics proved to be! During the months that preceded those two colourful and happy days probably none of us would have thought it possible that we would leave Olympic Park feeling that we had been to the World Olympics. Yet, that was the impact that most moving Closing Ceremony had on everyone privileged to share in it. The dying flame, the ceremonial March-Past of our Olympic Flag, the gay Greek dancing, the competitors so bright and cheerful as they massed on to the arena — these are now treasured memories of a most wonderful occasion for Victorian Guiding.

No event of this magnitude can ever happen without strong support, careful planning and hard work, much of which is done very unobtrusively, and I would like to express our warmest appreciation to the many hundreds of people, young and old, member or outside expert, who helped bring this wonderful happening to its exciting climax. To thank each one personally is quite impossible, so I am asking "Matilda" to do this job for me.

At local level there was a positive army of helpers — men and women who helped plan or conduct the many sporting events which took place, judges who had the difficult task of selecting place-getters, parents who supported girls and helped with transport. Commissioners and Guiders who organised, planned and encouraged, cheerfully accepting the extra work that the Mini-Olympics placed upon them.

For the Mini-Olympics to 'happen' in Melbourne, many more willing helpers played their part: the catering team, some of whom left home before 6.00 a.m. to be ready to provide refreshments; gatekeepers, police, ushers, marshalls, first-aid attendants, all of whom helped in their own special way to

make our projects run smoothly; Brownies who made program covers; Guides who spent part of their precious holidays at choir rehearsals or practising as the colour party; Rangers who helped in a variety of ways; makers of medals; judges; officials; grounds-men. All these and many others played a valued part in making the Mini-Olympics the great success it undoubtedly was.

To the many competitors who entered into the spirit of the Mini-Olympics and did their best for their team-mates, a special thank you — without them there could have been no Mini-Olympics.

You may not know that 720 country girls stayed in Melbourne during our weekend in September in Guide Halls or with Guide families who offered their homes in the true spirit of Guiding — thanks are due to the many people who helped in this regard, too.

Mrs. Margaret McLean and the hard-working members of her committee come last on my list, but they earned a particularly big bravo, and I am sure they already know how very grateful we are to them for giving us such an exciting and memorable gathering.

My list could grow very much longer, but I must not let it. Instead I say, though quite inadequately, thank you one and all for 'getting Moving' to make your special contribution to a magnificent whole. The Olympic flame will burn in our hearts for a long time to come.

With love from

JOAN E. GRIMWADE,
State Commissioner.



MATILDA

EXTENSION MINI OLYMPICS



According to Olympic tradition, the Extension Mini-Olympics were held later than the Mini-Olympics. Huntingtower School in Mount Waverley proved a delightful setting on a perfect September day.

Our Opening Ceremony was a simplified version of the Mini-Olympics. Mrs. Grimwade declared the Games open, after which the Mini-Olympic flag was broken. The Oath was read by a Guide in a wheelchair from 3rd Balwyn Company.

The fun began.

The morning was spent in agility tests. Brownies, Guides and Rangers each took part in five events. There were three degrees of difficulty in each test. Bean bags were thrown into different sized containers to test accuracy. Wheel chairs were guided along planks to test balance. There were obstacle courses and tests of dexterity.

Every contestant received a ribbon according to the number of tests she passed. Carrying balls of various sizes in soup spoons, soup ladles and even plates proved very difficult for the unsteady. But everyone voted the morning lots of fun.

Overhead ball relays were held for Brownies, Guides and Rangers, as well as shuttle relays. For those with sticks or callipers there was Kick-a-ball, while the Winter Olympics were remembered in the Wheelchair Slalom, where the wheelchair had to keep all wheels on the ground, while being pushed by a person who was only allowed to

walk. The unsteady walkers had a race to themselves.

Individual sprints were held for those able to take part, and the final two events were the Todd River Races for Guides and Rangers. These races followed the style of the Todd River Race held at Alice Springs each year. The Guides and Rangers made their boats and then proceeded to "row or sail" them to the finishing line. The boats were "constructed" by various methods, some being a length of material into which the crew climbed, and some were timber framed which held wheelchairs.

Mrs. Grimwade, Miss Barr, Miss Carter by Mrs. McLean were present and helped with the presentation of the Mini-Olympic medals.

At the Closing Ceremony, the Final Speech was read from braille by a Guide from 3rd Wattle Park Company, after which the Mini-Olympic Flag was lowered and marched off.

S.L.

GUIDE/SCOUT OLYMPIC SERVICE

The smooth operations of last summer's Olympic Games in Montreal were partly due to a strong "Guide/Scout Olympic Service Team". Over 300 Scouts and Guides in special uniforms served as "Results Messengers" and in other capacities. Another group of 46 members of the Boy Scouts of Canada and l'association des Scouts du Canada were on the Protocol Team and handled the raising and lowering of the flags at all Medal Presentation Ceremonies.

(From World Scouting Newsletter.)



Reflections on the Mini Olympics

From a Guide

What a great two days of sport, friendship and fun. I think every Brownie, Guide and Ranger who took part in the Games would agree with me.

The Olympic torch was carried by a Ranger chosen for her courage to overcome an injury that nearly cost her the use of her legs.

I would like to thank all the organisers in Melbourne and the Otway Region and those who offered us hospitality, for giving us the opportunity of taking part in such a great event.

LORRAINE McSWAIN,
1st Warrnambool Guide Company.

From a Team Manager

Numerous phone calls, endless messages to this Guider and that Guider, trips to other divisions and districts, arrangement of billets, discussions with Headquarters, reading of endless instructions, arrangements for travel, organising of practices, helping parents to understand what this thing was all about, questions — answers, problems, above all else a fear that maybe the end result would not justify all this effort.

Wimmera Region team involved four Divisions, Lowan, East Wimmera, Southern Mallee and Wimmera West. Due to wonderful co-operation from Commissioners, Guiders and parents, I was able to unite girls of this vast area into an enthusiastic and eager team.

That exciting Thursday arrived at last and away went a huge busload towards "Olympic" City. Ninety-one team members — four Rangers, 53 Brownies, 34 Guides and seven team managers — made up one of the biggest country representations. We were given a warm welcome at the Northcote Guide and Scout Hall, where Northcote and East Preston Local Associations had a delicious meal waiting for us. They also organised our breakfast for the next two days and provided lunch for us on Friday. They made us feel very much at home and assisted throughout

our stay in every way possible. With all this, given to us free of charge, we experienced the true spirit of guiding.

On Friday we made the semi-finals in five athletic events, won a gold medal in the freestyle swimming relay and a gold medal in netball. On the Saturday a Charlton sprinter won another gold medal for us. But not all can be winners. We are equally proud of all the other Brownies, Guides and Rangers who also gave their very best. When they marched in the opening ceremony I could feel their excitement. Here they were, part of a spectacle which will live in their memories for many years.

If ever we attend such a gathering again we hope we will be billeted as a group, as we were this time. It gave us a great feeling of togetherness, fellowship and comfort (being with people we know well). The feeling of belonging was strong for Wimmera Region, therefore no tears, no disappointments, simply a strong bond of sisterhood. This was our greatest achievement.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this great challenge.

BEV. STRONG,
Wimmera Region Team Manager.

From a Commissioner

At our Division meeting recently, all who were present at the Mini-Olympics were so full of praise for everything concerning that event. They felt there had been so much friendship among the competitors that something wonderful had been achieved in that area.

MARGARET HACON,
Division Commissioner,
Western Goulburn Valley.

From a Bystander

What did the Mini-Olympics mean to me, a bystander, one with no Unit to be responsible for and who is not a mother, aunt or grandmother of anyone who took part in the Mini-Olympics?

It meant the delight of seeing the Nylex Clock in the distance showing 9.30 as the

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AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE ACTIVITIES

Guide-Brownie Day at the Scout Jamboree — Rossmoyne Park

Guides, Brownies and their Leaders are welcome to the special day on Wednesday, 5th January, 1977. The Jamboree is open to visitors between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Bring your lunch or tea.

The main gate is off Brady Road, Dandenong, and it is expected that buses will run to the site from Dandenong Railway Station for those using public transport. (If these are not running you will be advised in December "Matilda".)

Entrance on Guide Day for members of the Guide Movement (girls and leaders) will be 20 cents each. An Activities booklet will be given to each Guide and Brownie attending — it would be appreciated if leaders would collect the entrance fees and pay for all the girls in their care. This facilitates the issue of booklets and enables the leader to control their issue with instruction to her girls.

For the activities, Brownies are expected to remain in Packs under the supervision of adult leaders. Guides may work as Patrols provided their adult leaders are easily available, so as to accept responsibility for their care and behaviour. A "Guide Centre tent" will be operating for the day (its location will be described in the booklets).

The girls need to report to the Centre to have their booklets stamped if they complete the prescribed activities. The Centre will also serve for general information — "lost and found", etc. — for Guides and Brownies.

If you have never been to a Scout Jamboree make sure you and your girls do not miss this exciting opportunity. If you have been to a Jamboree, then we know you will be bringing your girls on 5th January.



COME SEE THE INTERNATIONAL 77 SCOUT SHOW

PRESENTED BY THE SCOUT AND GUIDE GANG SHOWS OF AUSTRALIA IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CONTINGENTS REPRESENTED AT THE 11th AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE (MELBOURNE, JANUARY 1977).

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at
The Sidney Myer Music Bowl

on
Wednesday, 5th January, 1977, at 8.30 p.m.

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL.

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Fixed Seating — \$2.50 each.
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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.

Brownie Guide "Ribbon of Gold"

Four Brownies from my pack and my leader, Uhu, went to Government House to plant a wattle tree for the "Ribbon of Gold".

Miss Lambie, Chief Commissioner for Australia, Mrs. Grimwade, our State Commissioner and Lady Winneke, the Governor's wife, were there to see us plant the tree.

The hole had been dug by the gardener. Mary put the tree in and held it while Joanne and I placed the earth back with shovels. Jocelyn then put the plaque under the tree to say it was planted for the Brownies' "Ribbon of Gold".

After the tree planting Kathy, an Extension Brownie, who finds it hard to see and hear, presented Lady Winneke with a handkerchief, embroidered with wattle, to thank her for letting us plant the tree in her garden.

We were all invited to go inside for afternoon tea in the Billiard Room. A footman brought in drinks and cakes, which he served to us.

We all enjoyed our visit to Government House.

SUSAN RAWLING,
2nd Wheelers Hill Pack.

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Dear Matilda,

2nd Stawell Brownie Pack had a very special visitor to help them participate in the "Ribbon of Gold".

It was Mr. Kevin Heinze, Mr. Sow-What himself. He kept the pack highly amused while demonstrating the correct way to plant the tree.

I am sure the Brownies gained a new insight into gardening.

HAZEL LEWIS.

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I would like to thank all the Brownie Guides who helped with the distribution of trees for the "Ribbon of Gold" and hope the Brownie Guides had fun, and gained some knowledge by planting the trees.

Country Regions — if you have not received the reimbursement for the cost of the trees, please apply without delay to Mrs. J. Dennehy, 23 Gladwyn Avenue, East Bentleigh, 3165.

JANET COOPER.
Brownie Adviser.





TRAINING PAGES

"GOING ON TO GUIDES"

— Success or Failure — Whose Responsibility?

During a recent survey one Brownie Guide answered "no", when asked if she wanted to be a Guide. When questioned "why not", her prompt reply was, "because I want to be a Brownie!" This is probably true of the majority of Brownie Guides. They are far too busy being Brownies to worry about what they will be in the future. Perhaps the most important single factor in transferring girls from one section to another is **CO-OPERATION**. This must exist between the adult leaders of the Pack and Company, and their combined aim must be to make "going on" a normal, and desirable, part of the program, so that every girl who joins the Pack knows that she will eventually transfer to the Company as a matter of course. Unless such an attitude is developed, the transfer can be a sudden, almost unexpected wrench.

It is necessary for all members of the Movement, both girls and adults, to be aware that there is just one long game called "Guiding", not three short ones!

Some Brownie Guide leaders send Brownies to the Company in twos and threes, in the belief that they will at least have a few familiar faces around them. Then these groups of girls are promptly split among several Patrols, making the original idea pointless. This arrangement will only work if the Brownie Guides have already met their Patrol Leaders. Three Brownies, not knowing what to expect, are already tense enough, without being separated as well. Co-operation is the key.

If we accept that both Brownie and Guide Leaders should support and encourage each individual girl in her move from one section to the other, it will be realised that thoughtful planning is necessary. Regular contact, through visits to the Pack Meetings, outings, activities, etc., by the Guide Leader and Patrol Leaders will not only enable them to get to know the individual Brownies, but when the girls transfer to the Company they will already know their new leaders.

It may be argued that the Pack Guide is the link between the Company and the Pack, but can we realistically expect one girl to shoulder the whole responsibility of selling Guide Guiding to the Brownies? With support and help she can do a great deal, but she cannot do it alone.

A 'veteran' Brownie Guide has already had at least three years' training, and probably she will have achieved a good deal before she is ready to "go on". If she is to be convinced that the Company is as wonderful as she has been led to believe, she will expect better things to do than those she has already experienced. Perhaps she is being removed from the Pack for no reason other than she is eleven years old, she will reasonably expect some compensation from the Company in the shape of more exciting and demanding things — only the Guide Leader and Patrol Leaders' Council can provide this.

When the time comes for a girl to "move on" the Brownie Leader should attend the Patrol Leaders' Council when her entry is being discussed. Her leader's verbal report on a girl's achievements and personality is worth far more than a written report. No girl should be placed in a Patrol just to even up the numbers. The difference between careful and thoughtful consideration at this stage can often mean the difference between success and failure.

Patrol Leaders play a vital part in the transfer from Pack to Company. As soon as the former Brownie has joined her Patrol it is the Patrol Leader's job to help her get started on her 8 Point challenges, to help her understand the value and use of her Handbook.

A girl who has been a Brownie may go straight into Guide uniform, she wears her Brownie Guide Promise Badge until it is replaced at her Guide Promise Ceremony. This helps to cement the concept that "going on" is a natural progression in a uniformed movement.

In many ways this period is the 'make or break' for the former Brownie. If her progress is not fast enough, or demanding enough to satisfy her, she will leave. The first few months in the Company are just as much part of "going on" as the last few months in the Pack. Patrol Leader training to cover this introduction process is vital — and only the Guide Leader can arrange this.

All this work and planning can still appear to be for nothing. A Brownie may not stay in the Company for many reasons. It is very disappointing for the leaders of both Pack and Company to see a Brownie go off after their efforts to keep her, but a good impression which a departing girl takes with her may bear fruit throughout her life. She has enjoyed the satisfaction of belonging to a challenging and caring organisation.



To be or not to be A RANGER

"The Rangers invite you to join them . . ."

Such an invitation received by a Guide 13 years and over gives her the opportunity to take part in a Ranger activity and, although shy at first, she will have had the opportunity to meet "future friends" and the pleasure of looking forward to receiving an occasional invitation to take part in further functions.

A Guide having had three years or more in Brownies and a further three years in Guides will no doubt be wondering what "going on" to Rangers, after six years of fun, will have to offer her.

CO-OPERATION between the adult leaders of the Company and Ranger Unit is needed so that the Guide turning 14 years goes on to Rangers as a matter of course, with the thought of trying new ideas, going to new places and having the opportunity to put into practice in the community all the things she has learned. She will also be aware that as a Ranger she will be asked to add to the Guide Promise as a further responsibility, "to be of service to the community".

Heard on a Guide's last night in her Company before going on to Rangers:

"It has been tremendous fun."

"How sad that it is all over," said a Guide standing close by.

"Not over, something very big and fine is just beginning. I am moving on to Rangers."

TRAINERS AND REGION TRAINING ADVISERS

YOUR WEEKEND

Weekend — 28th-29th May, 1977.

Location — C.M.S., Belgrave Heights.

Send your suggestions to the Training Department now.

Food for Thought and Action

Going camping, or on a Pack Holiday? You are! Good! Have you realised the importance of food on these occasions? It contributes greatly to the happiness as well as to the health of the camp/holiday and, like all other aspects, it is vital for the girls to be involved in the planning and preparation as well as the eating.

Try these ideas in your unit, whether they be Brownies, Guides or Ranger Guides.

Food Values

Make a set of four different coloured cards labelled "Carbohydrates", "Proteins", "Fats" and "Vitamins". Collect pictures of many foods and mount on cards corresponding in colour to labelled cards.

There are many ways of using these in matching games or if the cards are backed with sandpaper they will hold when placed on a hanging blanket. The girls will learn to recognise what makes a balanced diet.

Follow these activities with menu planning and when you have discovered the meals they like you are well on the way to knowing what they will eat in camp.

Help them to understand calorific value of food, explain how their bodies will be using more energy in camp life. Wholemeal bread has much more "staying power", although it is more expensive, buying it sliced makes distribution easier. Museli and porridge are more sustaining than cornflakes.

Try a camp where no sweets are allowed. Leave dried fruits out at snack times and, with plenty of fresh fruit, sweets will not be missed.

Food Preparation

This camp may be giving a girl her first experience in food preparation. Cutting up meat can be quite a challenge to a novice. Learning how to handle a sharp knife, using matches, peelers and can openers, mixing flour and water to a smooth paste may be new to several of your prospective campers. Help them by creating opportunities for practice in the unit meeting. Pikelets,

damper, fruit drinks or try a unit dinner and/or hike cooking.

Remember, Q.M., you may have to give a great deal of supervision to your unskilled staff, but be careful not to take over.

Discuss with the girls the values lost in poor preparation; loss of vitamins in apple peeling, lack of roughage in peeled potatoes, loss of vitamins in soaking lettuce for long periods, and that the addition of vinegar to fresh food kills vitamins. Vegetable water adds flavour and goodness to gravies and stews, thickening with wholemeal flour gives more "body" to casseroles. When tomatoes are plentiful, puree them for use in camp later in the year. Older Guides and Rangers would enjoy doing this. Apples can be preserved in this way too. Fresh orange juice prepared in camp will give more satisfaction than cordial.

Fresh Fruit Drink

1½ cups sugar dissolved in 2 cups hot water, pour over rind of 2 oranges (taken off with peeler). Stand till cool, strain, add juice of oranges, dilute with water till palatable.

Economical Cordial

A good thirst quencher. 4 cups sugar, 4 cups water, 1 tablespoon citric or tartaric acid, 1 tablespoon lemon essence or juice of 4 lemons. Use about 2 tablespoons in a glass of water.

Cooking Methods

When cooking for large groups where everyone is eating at the same time, boiling, stewing and baking are all reliable ways to cook. Frying and grilling are harder to manage for larger numbers. A **Hay Box** is useful if you are going for a hike and you want a hot meal ready when you return to camp. Use a large wooden box or strong carton, pack the bottom with dry grass or crumpled newspaper, place the boiling hot pot in the middle and pack tightly with more grass or paper. Cover completely with blankets or rugs. The pot is so well insulated that the heat will be retained for hours.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND ACTION

Food Presentation

An attractively served meal with a little imagination can whet the appetite.

Salad Man

Body of sliced meat roll, buttons of sultanas, legs of carrot, arms of celery, hair of lettuce, face of hard boiled egg and hat of beetroot.

Mice

Stewed pear halves, liquorice tails, cherry noses and almond ears are fun.

Candle Sticks

Rings of pineapple with banana candles and cherry flames.

This imaginative approach to presentation of food once caused a Guide leader some surprise — she had shown her girls how to make 'Frogs in a Pond' using green jelly and chocolate "Freddos".

When she was served her sweets, have you guessed it? There was one real live 'Freddo' on her green pond!

It is necessary, especially out of doors, to create a dining room atmosphere for meals. A table cloth or place mats, decoration and adequate table setting are important. In these days, when the practice of eating meals while watching television is increasing, manners may need to be taught and encouraged. Waiting on tables can be practised in the Unit meeting and Graces could be learned beforehand.

Ideas for Menus

Breakfast: Serve porridge with golden syrup. Corn fritters with bacon and maple syrup. Brain fritters with bacon. Scrambled egg with tomatoes.

Morning Tea: Fresh pineapple. Water-melon. Scroggin. Bonox. Tomato soup.

Lunch: Savoury loaf, hot or cold. Rabbit fricassee or casserole. Coleslaw. Rice salad. Corn on the cob. Apple puree topped with crumbled gingernuts. Pie flans filled with jelly or instant puddings and decorated. Mocha chiffon.

Afternoon Tea: Chocolate crackles. Hedgehogs. These can be made in camp.

Dinner: Pumped leg cooks well in a hay box. Chicken Maryland. Fish cakes made by the girls instead of buying fish fingers. Swiss steak, cut fresh topside into serving pieces, sprinkle with packet of French onion soup mix, and bake in a covered dish. Steamed sponge puddings cooked in foil-covered baby food tins stacked in closed pan, take about 20 minutes to cook. Stewed fruits in season. Bread and butter custard spread with raspberry jam and topped with beaten egg whites lightly sweetened and browned, makes a tasty "left over" pudding.

DISTRICT DISCUSSION TOPIC



Thinking now about the Christmas card list for your District?

Does it include that Tester, so often used?

The nice Expert, always available to the Units?

The very helpful Parent or Friend, Handyman or Keyminder?

The Exchange Visit district?

The much appreciated Extra on the staff for Camp/Holiday?

The District Guider who recently became an "Ex"?

The cards made and delivered by the girls, of course!

New Ranger Guide Camp Qualifications

Ranger Guide Camp Certificate

This qualifies a Ranger to take charge of a lightweight standing camp of four Rangers (including herself) for a period of up to three nights.

Six Rangers may be taken (including herself) provided that one other member has camped recently. All campers must be members of the same Unit.

The candidate must have taken part in at least two lightweight camps and have a knowledge of basic camping standards. She will be assessed, while in charge of a lightweight standing camp (to be discussed "of at least two nights duration"), by a Guider with camping qualifications, preferably with experience of lightweight camping, recommended by the Camp Adviser.

On satisfactory completion, the candidate will be awarded the Ranger Guide Camp Certificate.

Test:

Equipment — collect and keep in readiness a complete set of personal lightweight equipment.

Tents — tent pitching and striking; care of tents in all weathers; repairs.

Hygiene — screening erection; camp sanitation and health; ability to keep bedding and clothing aired and free from damp.

Q.M. — cooking out of doors; menu planning; storage of food.

Safety — know fire precautions when lighting a fire in any surroundings; know how to deal with an outbreak of fire; use a tomahawk or bushman's saw.

First Aid — be able to render First Aid in an emergency; have a suitable lightweight First Aid kit.

Rules — know and understand boating, bathing and camping rules.

Be able to discuss duties that need to be done and activities suitable for Rangers.



Ranger Guide Expedition Permit

To qualify, a Ranger must have camped as a Ranger for at least two weekends in mobile, and one weekend in lightweight standing camps.

The Ranger must have received appropriate training and show a knowledge of the following:

Planning — to include the use of ordnance survey map; understand grid reference and contours; be able to give and follow bearings; use a compass; be able to find compass points by sun and stars.

Equipment — (1) Demonstrate the use and care of lightweight camping equipment. Keep in readiness a set of lightweight personal gear suitable for all weathers.

(2) Show how to pack a rucksack or gear suitable to the special activity undertaken, e.g., canoeing, horse riding, bicycling, car touring, bush walking, etc.

Hygiene — lightweight aspect of types of screening for different conditions; erection of screening, camp sanitation and health; care of bedding and clothing.

Q.M. — lightweight menu planning, including necessary adaptations from climatic conditions, activities, etc.; packing and storage of food; cooking and utensils; open fires and different lightweight stoves; disposal of refuse.

Safety — fire and fire precautions according to state and particular area; weather conditions and ability to take precautions in case of flood, mist and fire, and how to cope in such emergencies; international distress signals; precautions regarding water supply.

First Aid — be able to render First Aid in an emergency; have a lightweight First Aid kit; survival kit; knowledge of care of the feet, exposure, sunstroke, exhaustion and evacuation.

Rules — know and understand the bathing, boating and camping rules.

The test to be a lightweight expedition of two nights duration, and should

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BUSH CRAFT TOUR

I am still "up in the clouds" after a fantastic 1976 Bush Craft Tour.

Congratulations Training Department and our Convener, Pat Goble, for a very well organised tour.

We were met by experts at the Barmah Forest, Hattah Lakes and Wyperfeld National Parks, and Fred Rogers, the Field Naturalist, was with us through Mt. Arapiles, Little Desert and Mt. Zero in the Grampians.

We all learnt so much, and the companionship of Guiding personnel on the bus was wonderful.

To encourage Guiders in the wonders of nature, let us have a 1977 Bush Craft Tour.

B. E. COCKS,
Guide Guider,
2nd Wattle Park Guide Unit.

STATE COMMISSIONER'S LETTER

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Australian Executive meetings are very important and everyone has decided that two meetings a year are imperative. Communication on paper is not the same as speaking together. I am sure you find this at whatever level you are working, it is IMPERATIVE to meet together regularly.

I hope you have all remembered your 50 cents for 50 years. Whilst Australian Headquarters hopes to attract finance from outside people for the Australian Appeal, it is important that we show we can help ourselves. We all need to remember that we are the Girl Guides Association of Australia and must help in whatever way we can to maintain and develop our Association.

With love and best wishes to you all.

Joan E. Grimwade

Queen's Guide Weekend

A practice at Headquarters on the evening before the Queen's Guide Presentation Ceremony set the tone of an exciting and happy weekend. We met many other girls who had also been working towards the badge.

Saturday was beautiful and sunny when we went to Government House to be presented with our Queen's Guide certificates by the Governor, Sir Henry Winneke.

Helen Woodhead of 2nd North Ringwood Company wrote this Message of Loyalty, which was read during the ceremony.

"On this momentous occasion we, the Queen's Guides of Victoria, express our loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We are prepared to live our life by our Promise and the ideals laid down by Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. In doing so, we look forward to passing on to others the fun, friendship and knowledge which we have received from Guiding."

Afterwards we enjoyed morning tea at Guide Headquarters with our leaders and parents.

On Sunday we took part in a Queen's Guides' Own, which brought this happy weekend to a close.

It would be great to get together as a group again to relive the occasion — so many new friendships were formed.

KAREN BATES,
2nd Williamstown Company;
SHIRLEY BRISBANE,
1st Stanhope Company;
SUSAN LOWE,
1st Torquay Company;
RUTH TOPE,
4th Victorian Lone Company.



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LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Education and training should continue life long — for to cease to learn and develop is to stagnate.

(from "The Waratah".)

Planning an Annual Meeting

The District Annual Meeting is designed to present local Guiding as a whole, and is NOT the Local Association Annual Meeting.

As the purpose of the meeting is to bring Guiding to the notice of your local community, thoughtful preparation is most important. The best possible image must be presented.

When do you begin planning,
The day before? . . . Surely not!
A month before . . . No.
Three months or longer . . . Better!

If you want particular people to attend, they need as much advance notice as possible. Courtesy and consideration for others is important.

If you plan to have a guest speaker, have you considered arrangements for their personal well-being, e.g., advice of date, time and place of meeting, including arrival and departure times, accommodation arranged if required, someone to greet and look after the visitor? Have you sufficient information to give an interesting introduction of your guest speaker?

A few points to keep in mind . . .

- The date, time and place . . . what suits your area best?
- Pleasant surroundings, with comfortable seating, etc.
- Publicity . . . local papers' invitations at least six weeks prior to meeting.
- Who to invite . . . Guiding personnel in nearby Districts, Region and Division Commissioners; representatives of all local organisations, including Council, Clergy, etc. Look wide . . . there may be a Guider just around the corner!

The business details of the meeting should be organised well in advance, e.g.,

- Agenda.
- Reports.
- Nominations for office-bearers at least a month prior to Annual Meeting.
- Moving and adoption of reports.
- Supper.
- Etc.

Of course, you do not always need to have the same type of Annual Meeting with a guest speaker each year. For variety, have you ever considered any of the following for your District Annual Meeting?

Family Barbeque at your local campsite or other suitable area; Picnic at Britannia Park; Field Day; Morning Coffee; Supper Party; Variety Concert; Film Night; Campfire Evening.

Ideas are inexhaustible. Over to you for thoughts and ideas on making YOUR District Annual Meeting interesting, informative and fun.

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RECIPE CORNER CHICKEN SOUFFLE

1 10-oz. tin cream of chicken soup, 1 cup grated cheese, 6 eggs. Combine soup and cheese in small saucepan. Heat slowly until cheese melts. Allow to cool slightly.

Beat egg yolks until foaming, stir into soup mixture. Beat egg whites stiffly and fold into mixture, using a knife or metal spoon. Pour into an ungreased casserole or souffle dish and bake in moderate oven (375°) for 30 to 40 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 4-6 people.

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

1977 COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE, MONASH UNIVERSITY,

25th-27th FEBRUARY, 1977

Have you sent your application form to the Treasurer yet? The Conference will start at 7 p.m. on Friday, 25th February, and your Committee will be ready to greet you at Farrer House Foyer from 3 p.m. onwards. You will be accommodated in comfortable, modern single rooms. Your car may be driven to the parking area directly adjoining Farrar House and kept there for the weekend.

Full uniform, including hats, will be worn for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Guides' Own. Camp uniform (i.e., navy slacks) will be necessary, including wet weather gear. Be prepared to join in camping activities.

Applications for Rail Concession Fares on country trains are available, on request, from the State Secretary. You must apply before 27th January, 1977. Have you made a booking on the bus which will leave Headquarters for Monash at 4 p.m.?

Friday Dinner

Although the Conference proper does not commence until Friday evening, arrangements have been made for those who desire it to have their evening meal at Monash. Pre-dinner drinks at 5.15 p.m. Dinner 5.30 p.m.

Your Conference Committee is:

Convener: Mrs. Meg Miller, Moorleigh District; **Secretary:** Mrs. Margaret Higgins, Hampton District; **Treasurer:** Mrs. Joan Faichney, East Waverley Division; Mrs. Lois Prictor, Macedon Division; Mrs. Helene Dennis, Heyfield District; Mrs. Lyle Hoddinott, Bacchus Marsh Division; Mrs. Avis Crawford, Templestowe District; Mrs. Val Edwards, City of Sandringham Division; Mrs. Anne Scott, Hawthorn District; Mrs. Jean Elliott, Nepean Division; Mrs. Margaret Haynes, Box Hill District.



CALLING ALL PACK AND UNIT LEADERS

The Public Relations Committee needs the co-operation of all leaders. The Scout and Guide Associations have accepted the invitation of the Myer Emporium to use the 6th Floor of their Lonsdale Street store to publicise their activities during the summer school vacation. We move in on 29th December and move out on 29th January, 1977.

Special Committees have been set up to plan static displays to show what Scouting and Guiding is all about, but what we need is Action. Something to bring the general public to see the show.

It has been suggested that we stage live performances each day on the hour for twenty minutes, and that the Guides have a morning and the Scouts have the afternoon sessions on one day and vice versa the next day. This means that a group would perform three or four times while they were in the store, and in between sessions could look at displays. Myers has indicated that these sessions would be advertised throughout the store.

Therefore we need your help . . .

Do your girls sing, dance, mime, act, play an instrument, pull puppets or do anything which would capture public interest?

They do . . .

Well, would you please encourage them to volunteer to perform at Myers during January. Get out your song books from "Festival of Song" days, make up a play for your Christmas Break-up, learn to make musical instruments and present a band, make and use puppets, etc.

Whatever you do, encourage your girls to help us, either a solo item, in pairs, a quartet or a group. We need Brownie Guides, Guides and Ranger Guides to arrange a balanced program, and we need lots of different items to fill twenty minutes each day.

If you can help in any way at all, please ring any of the following: Mrs. Nala Jones at Headquarters, 63 7911; Mrs. Lois Dunn, 379 2659; Mrs. Marjory Lane, 85 2787.

Lone Rangers Get together

On the Thursday night before the Mini-Olympics, three of us (Jill, Heather and Robin) went to Helen Goodes' flat in Hawthorn.

Early next morning we caught the tram to Olympic Park, where we met the other members of our team (LONES) and we took up our very honourable position at the end of the line. All members of our team (except Helen) were competitors — all nine of us. All but one of our team marched with us, she was conducting the choir.

Friday first appeared to be our lucky day as our mini orienteering team took out the silver medal. Later on things came to a standstill as our swimmers were "pipped on the post" for the bronze medal in the Rangers medley relay. At approximately 10 p.m. three weary swimmers and six voiceless spectators returned to Hawthorn.

On Saturday morning we had a discussion with Mrs. Samman (the Lone Adviser) about the new age groupings in the Ranger section. We talked about uniforms, meetings, etc. That afternoon we took part in the Mini-Olympics Closing Ceremony and a few of us had our photographs taken for Public Relations. In the evening we all went to Miss Lambie's supper party at Headquarters. We were introduced to her personally and had a good discussion about the Lone section. We also spoke to Mrs. Grimwade about our efforts in the Games and the Lone Ranger section.

On Sunday we went boating on Albert Park Lake with 1st Melbourne Greek Rangers (Hawthorn). We had a barbecue lunch, supplied by the Melbourne girls, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves — without too many mishaps.

All of us would like to say "thanks a heap" to Helen Goodes for arranging such a fabulous weekend.

ROBIN GROVER, MICHAELA SAMMAN,
CHRISTINE SAMMAN, JILL GRAHAM,
HEATHER McCOLL.

2nd, 3rd and 5th Victorian Lone Rangers.

COMING EVENTS FOR RANGERS

LIGHTWEIGHT CAMP CRAFT WEEKEND FOR RANGERS

27th-28th November, 1976.

At Wattle Glen.

Cost: \$1.00.

Applications to Mrs. S. Hopwood, 14 Sylverly Grove, Caulfield, 3162, by 12th November. Please enclose stamped addressed envelope.

RANGER SURPRISE CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

10th December, 1976.

Meet: 6.45 at Guide Headquarters.

DRESS: Early Australian.



RANGER GUIDE EXPEDITION PERMIT

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include three other Rangers from the candidate's own Unit. The Tester must be a leader with Lightweight qualifications approved by the State Camp Adviser. Throughout the test the candidate must demonstrate a good working knowledge of the care and maintenance of the mode of transport used, i.e., canoes, horses, cars, bicycles, feet, etc.

The Ranger Expedition Permit entitles the holder to take charge of expeditions of four Rangers (including herself) or up to six Rangers (including herself) provided one other has a good knowledge of lightweight camping. With the permission of the Ranger leaders concerned, this may include Rangers from other Units. With the approval of the State Camp Adviser the holder of this permit may take charge of interstate expeditions.



AUSTRIA KAMP — CAMP 77 — The Scouts of Lower Austria have sent an invitation to Scout friends around the world to attend Kamp-Camp 77, international camp for Scouts and Guides of all age groups. THIS CAMP WOULD MAINLY INTEREST THOSE WHO EXPECT TO BE TRAVELLING IN EUROPE IN MID-1977. Dates — 20th-30th July, 1977. One week's hospitality offered. Camp fee approx. A\$43 (plus fares).

Contact International Adviser no later than the end of January if you are interested.

INTERNATIONAL CAMP "AHEBOU", PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, August 1977.

An invitation has been received to send a contingent of two Leaders and 20 **Ranger Guides** (14-16 years of age) from Australia. The camp will be held near Port Moresby to celebrate 50 years of Guiding in Papua-New Guinea. Camp fee will be K 45 (Kina) — plus fares. Hospitality in Queensland from 1st-10th August — hospitality in Papua-New Guinea from 10th August. Camp dates 18th-26th August, 1977.

ONE APPLICATION will be received from each region. Contact Region Commissioner for Region Selection Day. After Region Selection, form is to be completed and forwarded to Headquarters **NO LATER than 18th February**. **VICTORIAN SELECTION DAY** will on **Saturday, 26th February**, at Headquarters — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Wear Uniform and bring a set of casual clothes. No further notice will be given.

PROJECT IN SURIN — THAILAND

Last year Australian Guiding sent \$500 to the Girl Guide Association of Thailand — this money was sent to Thailand on the request of Miss Isa Choanquila, who asked — "Could Australia join hands in Guiding to help their sister Guides in Thailand?"

Isa is a Guide trainer working on a service project in Ta Sawang, a village in Surin province, on the Cambodian border. The pilot scheme is to —

1. help 10 most needy families in the village to raise their standard of living;
2. stimulate other villagers to the possibility of helping themselves.

In this scheme —

- (a) mothers will be taught and trained in home making skills such as weaving or sewing to be able to earn income;
- (b) children of pre-school age will be put in a Day Care Centre, run by two mothers with assistance from Girl Guide Leaders;
- (c) fathers will be taught agricultural work such as kitchen gardening, poultry, mulberry farming and silk horticulture, and rabbit husbandry.

Some of these people thus trained will be hired by the Girl Guide Association of Thailand to work in the project and will be paid by food and some cash. After the projects bear fruit the earning will be paid back to the Girl Guides Association of Thailand and the profit shared by the ten families.

Many Guiding people have met Isa during her two visits to Australia in 1970 after the International Camp and 1974 on her way home from the Asian Pacific Conference. Isa has had many opportunities to travel on behalf of Guiding and is a well known ambassador for International Guiding in her country.

In our most recent letter from Isa, she informed us the project is working well but their needs are still great. They plan to buy pigs for breeding and need some sort of transport to move their produce to market. If you as a Unit, District or Division, would like to join to help Isa with her work, please contact the Overseas Service Co-ordinator, Mrs. G. Farrow, 3 Merrion Grove, Kew, 3101.

Perhaps you would like to do this for your Christmas good turn!



Goulburn Region now has three Trefoil Guilds as recently a new Central Murray Division Guild was formed with 14 enthusiastic members.

Visitors from the other two Guilds in the Region (Shepparton and Echuca) were present at the inaugural meeting.

Among our guests, who included Region Commissioner, Mrs. Watters; Division Commissioner, Mrs. Oaks; and District Commissioner for Numurkah, Mrs. Yarwood; we were pleased to welcome the first Region Commissioner for Goulburn, Mrs. Humphrys of Echuca Trefoil Guild.

Monthly meetings are held in Numurkah Guide Hall, as this is the most central place.

Members have offered to help units with transport for Guide and Brownie outings and a fund-raising casserole luncheon and fashion parade is planned for later this year.

Recently we were interested to hear a speaker from the "Those who have less" project. He was home on leave from India, where he and his fellow-workers are teaching Indian people modern methods of agriculture to enable them to grow more food for their large population.

GLADYS M. HODGE,
Central Murray Division Trefoil Guild.

TOWN AND COUNTRY TREFOIL GUILD

The Guild held a meeting, on a beautiful sunny day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Osbourn Shave at Anglesea. Their home adjoins the Anglesea Golf Course and, as we ate the delicious lunch prepared by our hostess, and then held our meeting, we watched players putting on the 12th green. We also noticed the birds enjoying the sugar and water prepared by Mrs. Shave and poured on to a dish in a gum tree.

The patchwork quilt made by members, and almost complete, was displayed.

Members recorded a vote for a Trefoil representative on State Council, and responded to an appeal for help in various way for the National Gathering of Trefoil Guilds.

There was lengthy discussion on a suggestion made by one of the members, Mrs. Laura Gregory, for a Trefoil Guild service project designed to meet the real and increasing need for the giving and receiving of security, comfort and companionship to many of our retired Guide personnel throughout the State.

After the meeting, members drove to the Golf Clubhouse and walked on the course to see the numerous kangaroos who frequent it, sometimes making an extra hazard for golfers. These kangaroos are amazingly tame, and we were able to get very close to them. Certainly an unusual and enjoyable meeting.

E.T.

VICTORIAN GIRL GUIDE CHOIR

The Guide Choir has enjoyed another successful year, with trips to the country and invitations to sing in the Metropolitan area, within and outside Guiding.

During the year the choir has sung in Kew at the Girl Guide Association Annual Meeting; Caulfield at a Guide Company celebration; Clayton at the Commissioner's Conference; and visited country centres, Daylesford and Swan Hill to sing at District Annual Meetings.

Our membership has remained constant throughout the year, with 24 active singers. Some have left to go overseas or to further studies. However, it has been comforting to welcome several new members. Do you enjoy singing with others as we do? Then come along and join us at 5.30 p.m. every second Tuesday at Girl Guide Headquarters. We are a group of enthusiastic active or trefoil members of the movement, always needing new singers — particularly Rangers. Each member has shown loyalty and co-operation, and all are grateful to Mrs. Elaine Clark for the time and encouragement she gives to the choir.

For any queries, telephone Mrs. Clark on 347 2040 (A.H.).

GUIDE SERVICE MOBILE WELFARE TEAM

There are 12 to 15 members in the Team. Tasks allotted to a Mobile Welfare Team are:

— Emergency Cooking and Feeding of people under impact stress, such feeding to be of a simple but sustaining nature, such as hot soup, hot stew and bread. Infant feeding.

— Clothing and blanket issue.

— Hygiene and Sanitation supervision.

Emergency First Aid— bearing in mind that all badly injured and handicapped people, in institutions and elsewhere, will have to be evacuated first, out of the danger zone and into hospitals right out of reach of trouble. Treatment by the team's medical staff will be for hypothermia, heat exhaustion and sunstroke, sunburn, shock, hysteria, minor cuts and abrasions. Care of nursing mothers and infants.

— Enquiries and Registration, to be processed on the officially recognised form and channelled through Red Cross.

— Personal Services — such as interpreters, spiritual aid, morale and entertainment, child care, care of the elderly and chronically handicapped and a host of other unspecified incidents which relate to people under duress. They will also be required to perform escort duty.

— Transport pool and maintenance (in the hands of Ranger Team, 18-25 year olds).

— Communications — from walkie-talkie to five-band frequency — could even be pedal wireless or ham radio contact.

There is need for a reserve force in all aspects — one team cannot go on indefinitely without a break in the event of a continuing need for service. Contact for this reserve force can be made through Beth Grover, c/o Police Station, Cressy.

The Team does not intend to restrict itself to disaster or emergency action, where service is needed in the community, in an institution or a home, anywhere at all, PROVIDING IT DOES NOT ENCROACH ON BROWNIE, GUIDE OR RANGER SERVICE, and that is important, a call for the team will do the job.

THANKS MATILDA! Our plea for help in training the team in communications and car maintenance have been answered — Lynne Clough of Fairfield has joined the team for telex and switchboard, Mr. J. P. MacLellan of Kew, who is the radio co-ordinator of the Westernport Safety Council, will tackle the communication training, and Mr. A. Taylor of Alphington will train the Ranger Maintenance Team in car maintenance. We welcome all three with the promise that we will do our best to fulfil their requirements.

Mr. Taylor is to communicate directly with the Australian Ranger Adviser, Margaret Callister, as to his training program, and Mr. MacLellan has proposed a training program of a number of short term sessions, probably at Guide Headquarters, on telex, switch and radio. All team members will be notified as soon as Mr. MacLellan is ready. We hope all team members will be able to attend.

A session with D.24 at Russell Street Police Headquarters has also been proposed, and is in the hands of team member Marianne Norton.

This communications training will culminate in an exercise — "The French Island Caper". The team is to be landed on French Island via Lang Lang (Mr. Taylor and the Rangers to arrange simple transport breakdown and repairs on the way).

The team will live in the old Penal Colony and will train in communications in the field. Mr. H. Austen, the Regional Officer at Shepparton for State Emergency Services, will attend the training to ensure unification of procedure within S.E.S. structure.



KNOW YOUR REGIONS

Western Plains Region

The Western Plains Region has three divisions — Banongill, Grampians and Mortlake, where Guiding has been in action for a long time. One of the best-known and loved Guides of the Region was Irene Fairbairn, who is remembered by us with a golden daffodil on our Region badge.

Earliest settlers of the Western Plains were a semi-nomadic hunting and food gathering people. Their journey to this part of Australia began some 30,000 years ago when their forebears island-hopped from countries to the north of Australia. The seas at that time were much lower, due to a glacial period, and made travel between islands much easier.

The Aborigines, as these settlers are now known, spread to all parts of Australia, particularly the coastal and river areas. They were living in Western Victoria some 20,000 years ago when the climate was very cold and the land area much greater due to the ice age. The Aborigines were hunters and no doubt contributed to the extinction of the prehistoric animals such as the giant kangaroo and wombat then living.

Aboriginal settlers experienced the volcanic activity which formed our Western Plains and the isolated volcanic caves, such as those at Mortlake and Derrinallum. The sandstone mountains at Ararat and Stawell are much older.

There were eight tribes in the Western District with well defined tribal areas. One of the tribes was the Boolucburrer tribe of Lake Bolac. When eels in the lake were plentiful they invited friends and relatives to share their luck and up to 1000 natives were known to have met there for feasting, great ceremonies, or for trade. The marsh at Caramut was another trading place.

In the early 1800's the country was invaded by strange white men who came in what appeared to be great white birds which travelled on the surface of the sea.

The invaders soon routed the inhabitants. They brought animals which ate and destroyed the grasses and berries used for food, fouled up waterholes, making them unfit for drinking, and killed the kangaroos and birds the Aborigines had hunted for food. When the Aborigines in turn speared the sheep and cattle they were shot and killed and driven from their lands.

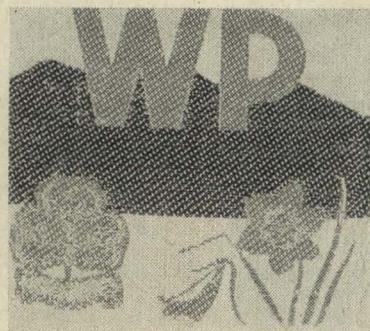
These newcomers settled Western Plains about the 1840's and large farms and grazing properties were established. Settlers brought with them their stock, which included sheep, cattle, poultry, foxes and rabbits, which all thrive in the district. They brought crops, too, and wheat, barley and oats are widely grown.

The young people who are born here more often than not have to leave the district to further their education and to gain employment. The size of most farm properties is generally too small for economic subdivision. The tendency is for the population of towns and country to decrease. This leads to shortages of adult leaders and girls as well.

Western Plains is a very beautiful part of Victoria, with its plains and hills. There are magnificent areas of gum trees and Spring is the time for wildflowers. Our native animals and birds are a joy and we would like to share it all with you.

Come and see us.

F. RICHARDSON.



SCOUT-GUIDE FRIENDSHIP TOUR — Fiji Islands

Just imagine! I had been selected as one of six Victorians to be part of the Australian Scout Guide Friendship tour of Fiji Islands. In all there were 21 Rangers and Leaders and 58 Venturers, Rovers (including six females) and Scouters who arrived at Nadi Airport over a three-day period — we were to be there for three weeks. My party touched down at 1 a.m. on Saturday and after a one-and-a-half-hour dreary wait to go through Customs, we boarded the rather strange local bus for a ride to Lautoka and bed — even if only for two hours — on the floor of a Fijian friend's house.

The latter part of Saturday morning was spent sight-seeing and shopping in Lautoka; the afternoon gave us the chance to see Fijian Brownies, Guides and Rangers in action at a rally at Ba.

Sunday we were up early to be ready for our seven-hour, 151-mile bus trip around the coast to Suva, the capital. The bus, which had no windows or doors, only roll down blinds for wet weather, was well suited to our very wet, humid trip.

Our base in Suva was a Roman Catholic Training College, vacant due to local holidays. The next three days were spent sight-seeing and shopping; we quickly learnt to bargain, the accepted manner of shopping there. Our efforts bought us saris, batik material, wood carvings, basketware and other native craft items. Tuesday afternoon we travelled 27 miles back along the coast to Navua, where we saw the Firewalkers from Mbbenga give a two-hour performance.

As the whole party was now together, our activity program commenced, giving opportunity to participate in those trips which appealed. My first activity was a service project with fourteen others, when we cleaned windows, gardened and re-erected play equipment at an orphanage in Nausori. After working hard in the heat, we enjoyed the show of dancing and singing by the children — the little native children were so lovable and appealing.

Back to base for two nights, we visited the Suva Rangers, who were very busy helping at the Local Hibiscus Festival (like

Moomba). Their efforts to teach us one of their favourite Fijian action songs brought nothing but shrieks of laughter at our antics ! !

A 5.30 rise next morning for a trip to Korovou as a start to the Waidina river trip. Three canoes with outboard motors conveyed 24 of our party to their destination. The non-arrival of the other two canoes left me and 11 others to experience a most impressive and enjoyable night as unexpected guests of the people of a nearby village.



Village children playing Lali drum

Their hospitality to us was gratefully received and it was here where most of us saw our first Yagona (kava or "grog" drink) ceremony. Next day was Sunday and we joined the villagers in their local church services (having been summonsed by the beat of the Lali drum) — all in Fijian, much to the delight of the children, who paid little attention to the service and concentrated on watching us. Joined by our river trip group later in the day, we travelled back to Suva.

JENNY DE MARCHI,
Stradbroke Rangers.

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Down in the Archives

One of the rewards for any writer is when an article sparks off a reaction from a reader, and I was very pleased to have the following response from one of our pioneer Guiders, Miss Gwen Swinburne.

"The State Badge on the beret is worn over the **left** eye because most of us are **right**-handed. The **right** is for action, the **left** is to support action; that is, to keep and carry what is needed, and to keep the right arm free, and to tell other people who we are — friend or foe. A shield carried on the left arm to protect the heart would show symbols for the warrior's name and rank. When firearms were invented, the person shooting would turn his head on to his left shoulder, so a brimmed hat had to be turned up flat on the left. This made the best place to show up badges that told others at a glance who was present."

In one of my earlier articles I mentioned an 'identification label' given to boys who attended the gathering in 1912 to welcome Baden-Powell on the occasion of his first visit to Australia (and, by the way, it was in June, not July, as stated in that article). I have recently had the pleasure of meeting a man who actually was present on that historic occasion. He did not remember anything about the label, but he did remember the way the boys cheered and that he had been very proud of his broomstick stave. He told me he had belonged to 2nd Richmond troop at that time, and later transferred to Albert Park, the Y.M.C.A. troop, where there was strict military discipline, and all the Patrol Leaders, who were youths of 17 and 18 years, wore black riding breeches and black leggings.

Looking through copies of the Girl Guide Gazette, the predecessor of The Guider, I was amused at a reminder to the District Commissioners who were responsible for organising trainings in the early 1920's, that no Trainer was to give more than six hours training in one day, and it was most important to ensure she had at least two hours rest each day, preferably in silence and alone. Our present Headquarters trainer, Miss Norma Sims, told me of an item she

saw in an early "Matilda", asking trainers to bring three pence with them, this was to cover the cost of electricity! I noted in another "Matilda" that the kit list for one of the first Victorian Training Weeks — it was printed in full in "Matilda" — included a **boot** cleaning outfit. Those were the days!

Most of you who read these articles are aware that the World Flag was adopted at the World Conference in 1930 at Foxlease; many will know the idea came from South Africa, and the final design from a Norwegian. From the Girl Guide Gazette, I learned that in 1924 the Provincial Commissioner of Natal took a flag with her to the First World Camp at Foxlease, to show the delegates who were also attending the 3rd International Conference. This flag had a navyblue background with a three-pointed flame to symbolise the threefold Promise. The idea was discussed at Foxlease, and then at the 4th International Conference in U.S.A. in 1926 it was adopted in principle. However, it took another four years before any design was finally accepted, and the 7th World Conference in Poland in 1932 was the first one where the World Flag was used.

I have found there is sometimes some confusion between 'International' and 'World' conferences. The first big meeting was in 1920, and it was the First International Conference. After the formation of W.A.G.G.G.S. in 1928, all such Conferences were known as 'World' ones.

In order to help those working for the Guide Knowledge Badge, I am trying to compile a list of people, probably ex-Guiders and Trefoil Guilders, who will be willing to give information about the early days of Guiding in their particular Districts. The plan is that these people could be approached on the telephone by the **candidate herself**, although some might be willing to answer definite questions in writing provided a stamped self-addressed envelope was included; telephoning in country areas would not always be practicable. I would be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to share their knowledge of the past with the Guides of today.

MARY LAMBE,
State Archivist.

MINI OLYMPIC REFLECTIONS

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first group marched on to the arena. The same clock showing 9.55 during the last part of Lady Winneke's address, and tipping over to 10.00 a.m. at the precise moment she declared the Games open.

The flocks of Brownies sitting down and tucking into their lunches in the interval before the start of competitions and who, I know, would be starving again by twelve o'clock.

The pervading smell of frying wafted over the ground as chip makers prepared for the onslaught which would be made on their wares when the proper lunch time arrived.

The Brownie who ran out of puff in her long fifty-metre swim, took a rest, then started off again and FINISHED.

The small Guide who, after a swim during the afternoon, called out, "Dad, can I eat my lunch now?"

The stretcher race team with the heavier than usual patient who they delivered to the other end quite safely in something resembling a string bag.

The small Guide running the fourth leg in a circular relay in a team running last, probably because of a dropped baton somewhere along the line, who ran with every fibre of her being in a race already won — a shining example of the precept — that it is not who wins or loses, but how the race is run that counts.

The amazing dexterity of Brownies walking on tins and the quite outstanding proficiency of Brownie semaphore signalling.

The gay little polka executed by Sergeant Horse during the Closing Ceremony. I WISH I had noticed whether his rider was able to continue drumming as he gentled Sergeant into standing firm once more.

On Saturday, the gay marching crowd (surely twice the size of the one on Friday) which, because of the necessary rainwear, was so much more colourful than the brown and blue of the Opening Ceremony.

A bystander, perhaps, but not quite so uninvolved as all that. Why then the thrill of pride at the sight of some of the Rangers who, until a year or so ago, were my Rangers, taking a prominent part?

M.J.
(From "Kuringal".)

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. Early application for all trainings is recommended. Training Fee is \$3.00 unless otherwise stated.

Stage 1 Training

Headquarters, Wednesday, 23rd February; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March — time 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **2nd February**.

Headquarters, Weekend 26th-27th February and 2nd-3rd April, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **5th February**.

North Metropolitan Region, Weekend 12th-13th February and 5th-6th March, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. P. Reidy, 324 Geelong Road, West Footscray, 3012, by **26th January**.

Western Border Region, Weekend 5th-6th February and 26th-27th March, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. F. Jervies, "Karingal", Hamilton, 3300, by **21st January**.

Advanced Leadership Training — formerly Stage 3

Baw Baw Region, Weekends 19th-20th February and 19th-20th March, time 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs. K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818, by **26th January**.

Campcraft Training

Bayswater, Saturday, 26th February, time 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., plus 5th-6th and 26th-27th March and 23rd-24th April, times 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 4.00 p.m. Sunday — location not yet decided. Note: Cost per weekend \$7.00. Applications, \$3.00 and stamped self-addressed envelope to Mrs. M. Tomkins, 430 Scoresby Road, Ferntree Gully, 3156, by **17th December**:

Full details of the following Stage 1 trainings may be found in December Training Calendar:

Dandenong Region, Weekends 12th-13th March and 16th-17th April.

East Metropolitan Region 26th-27th March, 16th April and 30th April-1st May.

Mornington Region, Weekends 5th-6th March and 2nd-3rd April.

South Metropolitan Region, Weekends 19th-20th March and 16th-17th April.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Region Commissioner

Mrs. K. R. Torode, Otway.

Division Commissioners

Mrs. R. Bailey, Mitta Mitta; Mrs. D. F. Smith, Lilydale.

District Commissioners

Mrs. J. R. Knight, Stawell; Mrs. R. Schottler, Merbein; Mrs. C. J. Elliott, Avoca; Mrs. G. C. Brown, West Heidelberg; Mrs. C. E. Watson, Gungower; Mrs. N. F. Darby, Assistant, Wattle Park.

Guide Guiders

Mrs. R. G. Dickins, 1st Heyfield; Mrs. W. E. McMillan, 1st Rye; Mrs. C. Sheehan, 2nd Boronia; Mrs. C. Parkinson, 3rd Wodonga; Mrs. J. Bennett, 1st Yarra Glen; Mrs. H. M. Bonis, 3rd Traralgon; Mrs. J. Moors, 1st Surrey Hills; Mrs. B. F. Eaton, 2nd Cranbourne; Miss J. Albert, 2nd Scoresby; Miss E. Mealing, 3rd Hampton; Mrs. J. Burns, 1st Somerville; Mrs. J. Matthies, 1st Mirboo North; Mrs. K. Mason, 1st Barham; Miss L. Sage, 4th East Malvern; Mrs. M. E. Bewley, 1st Epping; Mrs. A. B. Gee, 2nd Mt. Eliza; Mrs. F. Taylor, 4th Forest Hill; Mrs. V. G. Wood, 1st Nunawading.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss R. Mills, 1st Heyfield; Miss H. J. Goldsmith, 1st Kilsyth; Miss J. Mills, 2nd Essendon; Mrs. A. H. Capes, 1st Noble Park; Miss S. J. Timmins, 1st Hastings; Mrs. C. M. Lloyd, 1st Epping; Miss R. L. McCarthy, 1st Nunawading.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs. F. M. McClure, 1st Undera; Mrs. C. B. Burchett, 2nd Rye; Miss G. May, 2nd Dimboola; Miss T. A. Riches, 1st Cobden; Mrs. M. Chesterfield, 1st Monbulk; Mrs. M. Iacuone, 1st West Heidelberg; Mrs. R. Sayer, 2nd Sandringham; Mrs. W. E. Turner, 1st Apollo Bay; Mrs. E. G. Young, 2nd Reservoir West; Mrs. J. E. Stephens, 1st Mansfield; Mrs. H. W. Kluth, 1st Bonnie Doon-Merton; Mrs. K. R. Curtis, 3rd Keysborough; Mrs. W. Haylock, 3rd Benalla; Mrs. A. M. Capraro, 3rd Sale; Mrs. D. T. McGrath, 2nd Sale; Mrs. M. K. Jones, 2nd Golden Square; Mrs. R. H. Hallatt, 2nd Warragul; Mrs. K. Cormack, 3rd Reservoir West; Mrs. B. Lowe, 2nd Castlemaine; Mrs. I. Lovejoy, 1st Beaufort; Mrs. G. M. Cawley, 4th South Croydon; Mrs. C. Gerdz, 1st Murtoa; Mrs. J. George, 1st Macleod; Mrs. N. J. Pratt, 2nd Noble Park; Miss J. Bridges, 1st Harcourt; Mrs. R. T. Thorneycroft, 2nd West Melton; Mrs. D. Hetherington, 2nd Lalor; Mrs. G. G. Chismon, 1st Lilydale; Mrs. J. Cavanagh, 1st Ararat; Mrs. D. A. Young, 3rd Beaumaris.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Miss J. L. Sullivan, 1st Cobden; Mrs. R. E. Wells, 3rd Vermont; Mrs. L. C. Taig, 2nd East Brighton; Miss H. A. Black, 3rd Dandenong North; Mrs. C. A. McCarty, 2nd Dandenong North; Mrs. H. A. De Hommel, 4th Traralgon; Mrs. G. Vincent, 3rd Traralgon; Mrs. G. B. Stimson, 1st Skipton; Mrs. G. L. Rewell, 1st Harcourt; Mrs. W. Dowling, 1st Harcourt; Mrs. L. Billan, 2nd Sale; Mrs. L. G. McRae, 1st Trafalgar; Mrs. J. C. Fowler, 3rd Beaumaris; Mrs. R. Kent, 3rd Noble Park; Mrs. J. M. Kidney, 1st West Melton; Mrs. M. B. Brew, 1st Tanjil Valley; Mrs. D. Blackley, 1st Drouin.

REGISTRATIONS

Central Murray Division Trefoil; Eltham North Local Association; Nangiloc Local Association; 1st Cressy Pack; 1st Eltham North Pack; 1st Derrinallum Company; 1st Wodonga Ranger Guide Unit; 1st Orbost Ranger Guide Unit; 1st Strathmore Ranger Guide Unit; 1st Glen Waverley Ranger Guide Unit; 5th Noble Park Pack; 1st Woori Yallock Pack; 3rd Scoresby Pack; 1st Nangiloc Pack.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

District Commissioners

Mrs. D. Hutton, Stawell; Mrs. R. H. Halliday, Mulgrave; Mrs. D. L. Matheson, Lakes Entrance; Mrs. W. W. Buttress, North Melbourne; Mrs. J. D. Brooke, East Loddon; Mrs. R. Drake, Assistant, Wattle Park.

Ranger Guider

Mrs. R. Hull, Beechworth (Extension) Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Miss J. Mills, 2nd Essendon; Mrs. W. G. Embury, 1st Wodonga; Mrs. D. Nicholls, 2nd West Reservoir; Mrs. F. B. Green, 1st Noble Park.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Mrs. J. F. Burns, 1st Baxter; Miss P. Sutherland, 1st Reservoir West; Miss H. Lee, 2nd Black Rock; Miss L. M. Schroeder, 1st Boort; Miss W. S. Whadcoat, 1st Lakes Entrance.

Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. M. K. Jones, 2nd Golden Square; Mrs. A. Wilson, 1st Maffra; Mrs. R. W. Beach, 1st Harrisfield; Miss J. Bridges, 1st Harcourt; Mrs. D. A. Young, 3rd Beaumaris.

Brownie Guiders

Mrs. T. W. Webster, 2nd Golden Square; Miss J. E. Radford, 1st Balwyn; Mrs. L. B. Wolman, 1st Great Western; Mrs. J. F. Holstock, 1st Black Rock; Mrs. T. C. Brown, 1st Frankston; Mrs. K. Hastings, 2nd Broadmeadows West; Mrs. M. J. Whitworth, 2nd Newborough; Mrs. J. W. Weichelt, 2nd Reservoir West; Mrs. W. R. Warner, 1st West Heidelberg; Mrs. L. W. Colquhoun, 1st Maroochydore; Mrs. W. Spencer, 1st Harcourt; Mrs. A. G. Suters, 2nd Rosanna.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:

Guiders Long Service

(20 years): Mrs. N. Martin, Lake Boga; Mrs. R. Castles, Lake Boga; Mrs. K. Williamson, La-burnum; Mrs. B. Knight, Preston East.

(10 years): Mrs. N. Rawlings, Balmoral; Mrs. P. J. Hunt, Elliminty; Mrs. B. Henry, South Croydon; Mrs. V. McKerihan, North Dandenong; Mrs. B. Davis, Preston East; Miss J. Haigh, Preston East; Mrs. H. Hancock, Deer Park; Mrs. G. Ludwick, Deer Park; Miss J. Mills, Essendon; Mrs. B. Goodwin, Maffra; Mrs. N. Matthews, Traralgon; Mrs. L. Hewett, Meeniyan; Mrs. L. White, Monbulk; Mrs. J. D'argaville, Monbulk; Mrs. V. Surry, Moorleigh; Mrs. P. M. Roberts, Moorleigh; Miss B. Reynolds, Moorleigh; Mrs. R. H. Nicoll, Preston.

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