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LADY PRICE, Chairman of the World Committee of W.A.G.G.S. presented the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit to 1st Keilor Guide Company at the Commissioners' Conference (see pages 248 and 264).

— Photograph by G. Thomopoulos.

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From our State Commissioner

Dear Everyone,

This is the second time I have started this letter — the first time I was sitting on the banks of the Yarra watching Martin row. Family, food, friends and fun saw that I never got beyond the first paragraph.

One of the really happy occasions of this month was the marriage of Doug Oldfield and Libby Gross in Horsham. Doug is the son of Jean and Doug Oldfield and Libby is an Extension Brownie Guider and daughter of Horsham District Commissioner. Fred, too, found he had many friends there as Libby's father was one of his colleagues in the Legislative Council.

Fred and I left Horsham early Sunday morning to drive to Portland to celebrate 50 years of Guiding. We arrived in time for a picnic lunch with the Portland girls, but unfortunately missed the Church Service which I believe was wonderful and made more inspiring by the beautiful singing of the Christ Church South Yarra choir which was visiting Portland.

In the afternoon we all enjoyed a Region Rally and it was great to meet Guiders and girls and share in their activities.

In the evening local Guide people gave a party for all who had been involved in Guiding over the past 50 years. It was wonderful to meet the original District Commissioner and two of the first leaders.

The most frequently heard expression was "Do you remember?" and it all sounded such fun and full of excitement. I could not help wondering if our present girls and

leaders will feel the same way in 50 years' time. Will they remember their Guiding days as days full of excitement and adventure? We have to make very certain that Guiding activities are memorable for everyone.

Before we left Portland we attended a Civic Reception given by the Mayor, Cr. Davis, a truly remarkable woman — a business woman, councillor and mother of fifteen. It is very good to see so many women now taking their places in local government.

On the way home, Fred and I came through Streatham and were horrified to see the devastation of the fires. Whilst there was already a faint green shoot coming in some of the burnt paddocks, it may take a lifetime to build up homes, fences and stock again. Thank you all for your response to our requests for cakes, biscuits, jam, etc., car loads have been delivered to Streatham and Cressy. Your gifts have been greatly appreciated by all members of the community who received them and we quote from one of the letters received:—

"I think I speak for each person who has been affected in our Banongill Division when I say that although we knew "in our heads" that we were part of a Guiding family — we now know it in our hearts. Each call and letter helped so much and gave each of us a little bit more to go on with".

How many of you visited the Chinese Exhibition? Fred and I went the night we returned from Portland, and we were quite fascinated by it all. It was incredible to see the workmanship and relate this to the age of the exhibits.

Once again Commissioners' Conference was a most stimulating and interest-packed weekend — attended by over two hundred Commissioners from throughout the State plus two visitors from South Australia. We were delighted to have our State President, Lady Winneke, open the Conference and meet with Commissioners.

A very exciting occasion was the presentation of the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit to the Guides of the 1st Keilor Guide Company by Lady Price, Chairman of the World Committee. It was marvellous to have the families of the girls share in the excitement of the day — and how very lucky we were that Lady Price happened to be visiting Melbourne over that weekend.

I hope you have been encouraging your Guides to enter the Patrol Challenge. The first certificate was awarded at the Conference to the members of the Bugs Bunny Patrol of the Russell Street Company. Patrol time (about midnight) saw great hilarity as Jean, Lysbeth, Peg and I put the finishing touches to our pennant which was last seen adorning the walls of the staff room at Headquarters!!

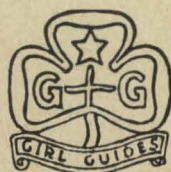
This last week I was sandwiching Guide activities around our Pert Angus bull sale which is always a very busy time. Considering the state of the rural economy, this went very well. We also went to Wodonga to the Suzuki Angus Beef Classic — the visiting American judge was excellent and I am sure everyone learnt a great deal from his detailed explanations. It was quite a change to be a farmer's wife for a couple of days.

Many of our girls and adults enjoyed the Youth Garden Party given by the Governor and Lady Winneke. It was a perfect morning and the displays were excellent. It is always a great thrill for our members to visit Government House and enjoy the beautiful setting.

I do hope that you all have a very happy Easter.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade



A posy of gold pom-pom dahlias, gold rosebuds, a very delicate spray of gold orchids, and blue cornflowers, tied with blue and gold ribbon was sent to Canberra for The Queen. The card, signed by the Chief Commissioner, had the following message:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

Your Majesty:

We, the Members of the Girl Guides Association of Australia, send loyal greetings on the occasion of your Jubilee Visit.

Your most obedient servant,

Mary Lambie.

Chief Commissioner, Australia.

It was tastefully hand-painted bearing the Australian badge and the six State emblems.

Marjorie Wood,
Australian Secretary.

At Canberra, Australia.
8th March, 1977

Dear Miss Lambie,

The Queen has commanded me to thank you so very much for the delightful bouquet of yellow roses, cornflowers and dahlias which you have sent to her on behalf of the members of the Girl Guides Association of Australia.

Her Majesty much appreciated this gift and commands me to ask you to convey her warm thanks to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,
Susan Hussey,
Lady-in-Waiting.



SILVER JUBILEE BADGES

The special badges (cloth) to commemorate our Queen's Silver Jubilee are now available from the Guide Shop, cost 25 cents. Metal badges for Rangers and Adults will arrive later this month, cost \$1.00. It is expected that the proceeds from the sale of these badges will go partly to the National Jubilee Appeal and partly towards a special project for youth in this State. Because of the nature of the occasion, it is suggested that the girls should earn the money needed to purchase their badges.

The badges may be worn on uniform, if desired, until the end of this year:

Brownies (Cloth): Left sleeve, under Venture Badge.

Guides (Cloth): Right breast, under World Badge.

Rangers and Guiders (Metal Badge): Right breast, under World Badge.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE

This Ecumenical Service will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Friday, 29th April, at 7.30 p.m. Those attending are asked to be seated by 7.15 p.m. for hymn practice. The speaker will be the Rev. Peter Corney. Guide and Ranger Units are urged to choose a Colour Bearer (not escorts) who should report in the Cathedral Close at 7.00 p.m.

AIR AND SHARE DAY

If you came to one of our Guiders' Open Forum sessions last year, you will know how enjoyable and thought-provoking these **Air and Share** days can be. Another is scheduled for Wednesday, 1st June, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., at Guide Headquarters. Those coming are asked to send their names to the State Secretary, please.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Headquarters requires the services of experienced Commissioners or Guiders to join our Development Team, for part-time work in both suburban and country areas. This is an interesting job for the right person — **You?** If you'd like to know more about it, contact Mrs Turnbull, 88 2591, or Miss Barr, 63 7911.

There is also a Vacancy in our Guide Shop. If you have experience or potential in merchandising, study the "ad" on page 252 of this 'Matilda' and apply now.

GUIDE CHOIR

Those of you who have enjoyed performances by our Guide Choir will be sorry to hear that the Choir Leader, Mrs Elaine Clarke, has resigned. Elaine's association with the Choir extends over many years. Her musical expertise and enthusiastic leadership have helped the Choir to attain an exceptionally good standard of work and through their music they have brought pleasure to many hundreds of people within and outside the Movement. Thank you, Elaine.

We would like to hear from anyone who has had training and experience in choral work and may be interested in sharing their knowledge with the Choir.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND TRAINING DEPARTMENTS

Our Public Relations and Training Advisers, Mrs Lane and Miss Bunning, are now enjoying Leave-of-Absence. They are travelling overseas — Mrs Lane for six months, Miss Bunning for three — and we wish them happy voyaging. For those of us at home it is "Business as Usual", so please contact their Department Secretaries at Headquarters concerning anything which you would normally refer to either of them.

RANGER SECTION

The Ranger Section thanks the many people who supported the Monster Fete and helped raise over \$3000 for the new Sailing School Building. The intangible benefit of goodwill and enthusiasm generated from this effort will last for a long time.

EXTENSIONS—How it all began.

Fifty years ago, in August 1927, Lady Soames, the then State Commissioner, and Miss Sybil Irving, the State Secretary, came upon a little book called 'Extension Guiding', printed in England, in which the tentative Guiding work in hospitals and with the blind, was outlined.

They read it eagerly, and asked a young physiotherapist, Miss Alison McArthur Campbell, to do something about it in Victoria. Alison was reluctant — she already ran a Guide Company in Fitzroy, but was eventually persuaded.

Soon a company was started at the Austin Hospital for Incurables, and in August the 1st Extension Guide was enrolled. Blind Guides were also enrolled in August at the R.V.I.B. and later units were formed at Yooralla (then a day school in Carlton). Miss Campbell developed the Section as Commissioner for the Handicapped from 1927-1940, when she gave it up to serve overseas.

From her we have heard how it all began:

"In those days there were few social workers (then called almoners) and little social welfare, and nothing much was done to relieve the boredom of children, who often spent years in hospital.

Miss Liddy Hooper and Miss Enid Stokes (Mrs Wheeler) started Brownies at the Blind Institute. They did not realise what they were taking on, but they were wonderful. They used to take flowers that smelled sweet to the meeting, and let the Brownies smell them and say, "Now, here is the toadstool, and we are in Fairyland". By degrees a Brownie Pack evolved. Later, Miss Claire Broadhurst was a Guide Leader there.

At the Austin, many patients had tuberculous and were in bed for years. Miss Peters was Guide Leader and ward Sisters co-operated wonderfully. Firelighting was done in a baking dish on the guide's chest while she was lying in bed. She built a little pile of punk and put sticks over it, and lit the match, and the moment it seemed to be alight the Captain hurried it outside before it set the ward alight.

A terrible polio epidemic swept the country about this time and dozens of children were in hospital. The Orthopaedic Hospital at Frankston ran as an offshoot of the Children's Hospital. There children were given stringent outdoor treatment, so that Guides and Brownies were enrolled wearing full uniform — a tie!

When the children left Frankston, the hospital would contact the Commissioner for Extensions — so 'Post Guiding' was born. At one time there were nearly 400 post Brownies and Guides, each receiving a monthly illustrated letter, in which they were helped with their Guiding. In addition, a local person would help, with Tenderfoot and other tests, and see that the Brownie or Guide was taken to any local special occasion.

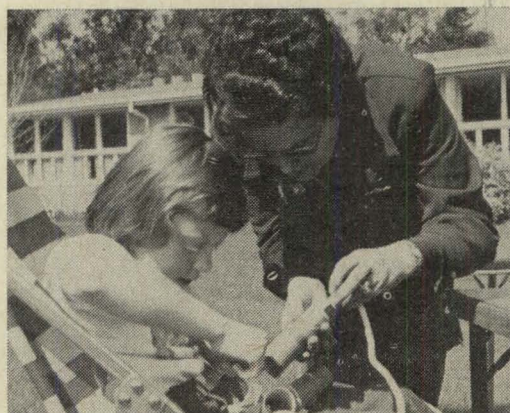
Miss Edith Peters was the first 'Post' Guider. Later, Miss Betty Preece (Mrs Hall) and Miss Lysbeth Thomas (Turnbull) were amongst the Guiders.

Camping was a highlight of these early days — and everyone in Guiding was roped in to help. Enthusiasm made up for lack of experience. Guiders slept under canvas — in fairly primitive conditions — but everyone enjoyed those camps."

If you took part in any of these early doings, will you contact the Extensions?

There is to be a reunion on Saturday, 6th August, at the Y.W.C.A. We would like you to be there.

—MARJORIE WEST.



PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company Limited has advised that the premiums for the Personal Accident Insurance policy available to the Girl Guides Association are to be increased as from 30th April, 1977 — the common due date for renewal.

Policies taken out on a District basis provide the following compensation in respect of:—

- (a) Warrant holders, unwarranted uniformed Guide officials and registered Unit Helpers whilst engaged in any 'Guide activity' with the knowledge of the Association and/or District.
- (b) Guides and Brownie Guides, whilst under the control of, or whilst engaged in any 'Guide activity' with the knowledge of a Warrant holder or other Guide official.

EXCLUSIONS

Policies do not cover travel by air or air training involving flying and/or gliding.

1. Death by accident, \$500.
2. Total and irrecoverable loss of all sight in both eyes, \$500.
3. Total loss by physical severance of the whole of both hands or the whole of both feet or the whole of one hand and the whole of one foot, \$500.
4. Total loss by physical severance of the whole of one hand or the whole of one foot together with the total and irrecoverable loss of all sight in one eye, \$500.
5. Total and irrecoverable loss of all sight in one eye, \$200.
6. Total loss by physical severance of the whole of one hand or the whole of one foot, \$200.
7. Permanent and irrecoverable total disablement from accidental injuries certified after twelve months' treatment (other than loss of limbs or eyes as above provided), \$500.
8. Medical, surgical, hospital, ambulance and similar expenses (including the supply of dental, surgical and optical

appliances necessitated as a result of accident but excluding loss or damage to existing appliances) incurred with the consent of the Guider or Authorised Official by or on behalf of any one individual following an accident sustained whilst under the control of any Guider or other Authorised Official, \$100.

9. Total disablement by accident from engaging in or attending to usual profession, business or occupation (including home duties) and to those engaged in employment, profession or paid occupation (limited to 26 weeks). No liability shall attach to the Company in respect of weekly disablement benefits for accident unless each separate period of such disablement shall exceed seven (7) days. Limit for any one individual — \$20 p.w.

COMPENSATION FOR SICKNESS

10. Medical, surgical, hospital, ambulance and similar expenses incurred with the consent of the Guider or Authorised Official by or on behalf of any one individual by reason of sickness contracted during participation of any recognised or official camp, but excluding medical expenses for any treatment given by officials of the respective Associations at such camp. Provided always that the sickness is diagnosed, or indisposition by such as to require initial treatment, during period of camp, but in no case shall the benefit extend to infectious and contagious diseases developed after the individual concerned has left scene of camp. Limit for any one individual — \$50.

EXPENSES

11. Out-of-pocket travelling or personal expenses necessarily incurred by or on behalf of any one individual for attendance at hospital or place of treatment or by reason of being left behind at scene of accident or illness as defined in Benefits Nos. 8 and 10, \$20.

LIMIT OF LIABILITY

In respect of any one individual, \$520.

In respect of any one year of insurance, \$2080.

PREMIUMS

The increased rates to apply from 30th April, 1977, will be **20 cents** per annum for each Brownie Guide and Guide, and **30 cents** per annum for each Guider (including Commissioners and uniformed members holding Division or Regional appointments) and registered Unit Helpers (i.e. holder of an official appointment card from Headquarters).

In addition to the premiums, there is a 10 per cent rating surcharge and 7 per cent stamp duty.

These premiums cover members for Guiding activities and also include coverage whilst travelling to and from Guiding activities.

PLEASE NOTE — The foregoing information refers only to **District policies** and it will be noted that no mention is made of Ranger Guides or Ranger Guiders as these members are covered by a special policy taken out by the Ranger Guide Section.

When taking out or renewing a District policy, in addition to **not** including Ranger Guides and Ranger Guiders in the Insurance Company's Adjustment Certificate, do **not** include Brownie Guides and Guides in Extension units or handicapped members in other units. The Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company has recently agreed to accept Personal Accident Insurance of handicapped members of the Girl Guides Association of Victoria provided one policy is taken out to cover all of them, and this policy will be administered by the Extension Adviser.

It is important to remember, however, that **able-bodied Guiders with Extension Brownie Packs or Guide Companies** should be included in the appropriate District policies.

Since the introduction of Medibank, e.g. refund of 85 per cent of doctor's fee — only the balance not met by Medibank can be claimed under the Insurance policy.

Early in April each year, a form is sent from the Insurance Company to the District Commissioner and this should be completed and returned **as soon as possible after 30th April**. The numbers to be shown on this form for the insurance year just ended are those taken from the annual reports for the District as at 30th April.

Later, an account for the premium due will be received by the District Commissioner, and she should arrange for payment to be made without delay.

SENIOR SALES VACANCY

— GUIDE SHOP

- An interesting position offering opportunity for advancement exists.
- A sales person with retail merchandising and management experience would be ideal for our team.
- Salary and conditions are appropriate to the appointment.
- Telephone 63 7911 now for an application form.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Leisure Time Indoor and Outdoor Activities for Guides and Brownies at Guide Headquarters, Russell Street, on 10th and 11th May, 1977. Cost \$2.50 per day. Application forms available from Reception desk at Headquarters or by post from Mrs M. Pritchard, 16 Comer Street, East Brighton, 3187.

PLEASE ENCLOSE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR RETURN OF FORM. Closing date 28th April, 1977.



THINKING DAY CELEBRATIONS

AT ALEXANDRA

Mansfield, Eildon and Alexandra guides joined to celebrate Thinking Day together at Fraser National Park at Alexandra.

Natural beauty of the park and the fellowship enjoyed amongst guides and leaders made us **think hard** about how much we had to be thankful for.

We held a "Guides Own" service amongst the trees, had a picnic lunch, went for a nature walk through the bush, followed a trail set by the Alexandra guides and had a swim.

Enjoying all this and knowing our contribution to the "Thinking Day Fund" will help in some way guides in countries less privileged than our own, made our "Thinking Day" celebration meaningful and worthwhile.

—M. McMILLAN,
1st Mansfield Guide Co.

AT DONCASTER

One hundred guides, brownies and leaders from Doncaster District met at Doncaster Municipal Gardens to celebrate Thinking Day.

After a picnic meal and sweets served by members of the Local Association, games were played which brought to mind other guiding nationalities.

During the Thinking Day ceremony each unit represented a country — U.S.A., Israel, China, Greece and Wales, and a girl from each unit presented a greeting from her chosen country. Joanne Pileus (3rd Doncaster Company) was dressed in an old Welsh guide uniform. The original owner of the uniform, Ranger Anita Mazey, wore it to the 1939 PAX TING (Peace Parliament) held in Hungary and attended by 4000 guides from 32 countries.



A tape recording of the proceedings was sent to former Doncaster leader, Mrs Joan Brown, and the guide unit in Darwin where she is helping for a while.

Sonia Grover, of 1st Melbourne Greek Rangers, one of four Australians chosen to attend an International Conference at "Our Cabana", in Mexico, told the girls about the people and cultures of the countries she had visited.

—RUTH PILENS.

AT KILMORE

I belong to the first Kilmore Brownie Pack.

We had a poster competition for Thinking Day about Brownies from other countries and we raised \$5.20.

—JACINTA DUMARESQ.

PAINTING COMPETITION

Do hope your Brownies, Guides and Rangers are working on this competition. Full details were published in Matilda, December, 1976.

OUR ARK (Olave House)

Following the outstanding success of Our Chalet, the World Committee decided to set up a similar World Centre in London. On Thinking Day in 1937, Brownies, Guides, Leaders and former members of the movement contributed to a fund which was instrumental in starting the new world centre.

Originally Our Ark was located in Palace Street, in a building erected in 1672 during the reign of Charles II. Next door to Our Ark was the World Bureau. Much preparation took place to make the two adjoining houses in Palace Street fit for use as a World Centre. In May, 1939, Our Ark was officially opened, with Guides from many nations forming a guard of honour.

An ark has been a symbol of security ever since Noah launched his ark on the rising waters of the Flood. Our Ark was launched on the stormy waters of an international crisis and the years of the Second World War gave refuge to many Guides who were forced to leave their homes. Since then Our Ark has continued to provide hospitality and friendship to many Guides and Girl Scouts.

Lease on the houses in Palace Street expired after 21 years, so a new home had to be found for Our Ark. Much searching ensued, and eventually its present location in Longridge Road was found to be an ideal spot. Our Ark now consists of two Victorian houses, and much to everyone's delight, can accommodate more visitors than the premises in Palace Street.

For many years Guy Fawkes Day has been celebrated at Our Ark. The tradition started when builders rubbish needed to be burned following alterations to the "new" houses. So a bonfire was made in the garden, and ever since, the tradition of celebrating Guy Fawkes day has continued, even though the celebration takes a different form each year.

The new premises is further away from such activities as the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, and also from the Horse Guards' pass, but still visitors who stay at Our Ark travel to see these events.

Not long after Our Ark moved to Longridge Road, consideration was given to change the name of the World Centre. An easy decision was reached to call the centre Olave House, after the World Chief Guide. However, the symbol of the Ark still remains as part of the Olave House badge, as a reminder that at this place one can come and find the fun and friendship of world Guiding.

Members of the movement can stay at Olave House, and also take part in sessions. Recently Christmas sessions have been held, when Christmas is celebrated in the traditional English way. Other activities have included brass rubbing, a tour of London and a fox hunt. An unusual one was attending the Ceremony of the Keys, at the Tower of London. This is held each night at 10 p.m. and hearing the heavy door close gives an eerie feeling, and one senses the finality of freedom as the door is locked.

After attending a session at Olave House, one appreciates the bonds of friendship that are made when making new friends amongst our "world family". Whilst staying at Olave House I had no difficulty finding someone to accompany me to a concert, or on a sight-seeing trip around London. Olave House caters for guests who are staying just a short time, as well as those who are staying in London for six months or more.

A constant stream of visitors pass through the doors of Olave House. W.S.

GUIDE GUIDERS

Do your Guides know what Rangers do? You are invited to attend the Ranger Conference as an observer to find out all about the Ranger Section. The Conference will be held at the Methodist Church Hall, corner Oxley Road and Hepburn Street, Hawthorn, on Saturday, 25th and Sunday, 26th June, 1977. For more information please write to Miss Libby Farow, 3 Merriem Grove Kew, 3101.

COUNTRY FIREMAN'S WIFE RECALLS DAY OF FIRES

I am reading when the power goes off.

That fierce northerly wind means trouble. Bill goes searching for the power fault — so often the cause of fires.

Conditions on this Total Fire Ban Day are terrible so Don and Bill stay at the fire station and monitor radio reports.

Now the siren confirms our fears.

Peace is shattered and excitement sends a tingling chill as that eerie signal echoes over our small country town.

FIRE — out of control — is rushing toward our town.

Firemen spring from corners everywhere; from homes, shops, swimming pools and golf course. Mary is asleep when her fire phone rings. By the time she wakes properly, Brian has already left. The wind is almost gale force — one fireman's car has been damaged by flying debris.

Awful realisation has just dawned.

That "overcast" sky is not cloud — it is SMOKE; smoke from four large grass fires which are making their sweeping attack in our direction.

The power is still off. Wires have been brought down by the wind. Repair gangs are working in another area. Half our street is without power.

I have packed the refrigerator with cordial and ice cubes. Firefighting is thirsty work. I hope it does not defrost too quickly.

Bill has stayed at the station to man the radio. A crew of men has taken one fire truck to the blaze. The town truck stands by for further emergency.

All over town, women and children wait and worry over fathers and sons. Are they all right? Will they return safely?

Butchers, panel beaters and postmen become one. Mechanics, farmers and bus drivers are working side by side in critical conditions.

The wind has not eased but the air seems cooler. Will it rain?

All I can do now is sit by the telephone.

Will it only be grassland that dies?

Will stock survive? Will houses be lost? We will not know until the men get home. It could be many hours.

My neighbour has loaded fire-fighting equipment into his car.

Now the street is deserted, silent — but for the howling wind.

I have no car. I am alone here. What of tomorrow? Will tomorrow ever come? Electric clocks stopped when the power failed. I am alone in a timeless land of fear.

A.F.



Dear "Matilda",

I want to thank EVERYONE who has made cakes, collected goodies and clothing for the Bushfire victims of Western Victoria.

I will not have time to write to each unit or person, but want you to let them know that we are so very grateful, not only for these gifts and the money sent, but also for your thoughtfulness and prayers. It has given us great strength to carry on our reconstruction program.

We send you our love and grateful thanks.

—ROSEMARY WEATHERLY,
Western Plains Region.



WORLD CENTRES TOUR

Are you interested in the Four World Centres?

Ever dreamed about visiting them?

This may be your opportunity.

A suggestion has been made, and executive approval gained, to investigate the possibility of a tour of our four World Centres. A bank travel department has given the following information as a guide.

Using the group-inclusive plan, which means all monies must be paid before leaving Melbourne, a group could arrange a round-the-world ticket, which has eight stop overs, e.g. 1. Los Angeles to see Disneyland; 2. Mexico City to visit Our Cabana; 3. Zurich for Our Chalet, via the Rhine to, 4. London — Olave House; 5. Paris; 6. Rome; 7. Bombay for Sangam; 8. Singapore or Hong Kong.

For a five week tour like this, accommodation at moderate priced hotels, all breakfasts and some meals included, present cost would be \$2600.

Would you be interested to go on such a tour in 1978? August-September is the suggested time. Group inclusive tours require a minimum of 20 people and the tour of the four World Centres would be open to all people interested in Guiding — husbands, wives, sons and daughters.

We would be interested to learn your views of such a tour.

Please write immediately to tell us of your interest, if you would prefer a longer or shorter tour, where you would like to go, etc.

Then a comprehensive plan and costing can be worked out.

Many people travel together in "interest" groups. Here is your chance to travel on the first guide tour.

Write to the Secretary, 4 World Centres Tour, Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

GREETINGS TO AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, we greet the Girl Guides Association of Australia a hearty MABUHAY and congratulations on its 50th Anniversary celebration.

We have always felt a close kinship with the Australian Girl Guides. In the past, we have had numerous occasions to work, train and play together in international gatherings, conferences and encampments; and certainly, we cherish these treasured moments spent with our sister Guides from the Land Down Under.

This is also a most propitious opportunity for us to show our affection and gratitude to all of you who so very generously lent expertise, skills and know-how to the Girl Scout grantees we sent to your beautiful country under our Five-Year Training Plan co-sponsored by the Asia Foundation of the Philippines. What our trainees learned from your leadership programs was put into good use and has considerably enriched our own scouting programs.

Once more we send to one and all our greetings coupled with much love and prayers for the continued success of your Association.

—ESTEFANIA ALDABA LIM, Ph.D.,
National President.

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The Girl Guides Association of Trinidad and Tobago send greetings and best wishes to the Girl Guides Association of Australia on the Golden Jubilee of their State Associations combining to form the Girl Guides Association of Australia.

Although we are so widely separated by time and distance the friendships which members of our Association have made with members of your Association show that our Movement is really a force for proper understanding and peace throughout the world.

May your Association continue to grow in strength physically and morally and we look forward to even closer relationships in the future.



WHY PLAN!

TRAINING PAGES

PROGRAMMING

"Is your unit off to a good start this year?"

It is not too late to do a long-term planning outline. Your leader's workbook, page 68, gives an idea on how it can be done.

- Mark in the dates for 1977 (see January and February "Matilda"), include dates of community happenings in which your girls could be involved.
- Find out what the guides want to do? Have they tried any of these?

Volley Ball

Ecology

Numismatics

Throwing Boomerangs

Ukelele

Revels

Insect Study

National Days

Guides' Own

Tenting

History Trails

Recording

Orienteering

U.N.E.S.C.O.

Gold Panning

Hospital Visiting

Tree Climbing

Hostessing

Esperanto

Early Guiding

Ikebana

Good Turns

Hobbies Exhibition

Traffic Count

Planetarium Visit

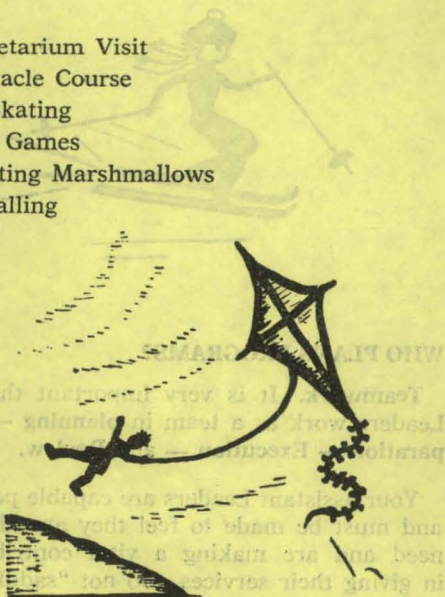
Obstacle Course

Ice Skating

New Games

Toasting Marshmallows

Signalling



WHY PLAN!

Planning gives . . . purpose — direction

Ensures . . . vitality — progress

Aim of Program (same for all Sections). "The aim is to provide a program of activities which girls enjoy, and which at the same time helps each individual to develop as a whole person, physically, mentally and spiritually — thus growing in her understanding of the Promise and in her ability to keep it.

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The long-term outline is not a "magic formula", it is not the only method available. But no planning outline at all leads to frustration for both girl and leader. Spasmodic progress could deprive the girl of the whole spectrum of Guiding.

The general objective in program planning should be to make your programs so full of fun — adventure — achievement and interest that members will remain and others will want to join.

The basic appeal of Guiding is proved . . . imaginative . . . intelligent planning brings it to the members of your Unit.



WHO PLANS PROGRAMS?

Teamwork. It is very important that all Leaders work as a team in **planning — Preparation — Execution — and Review.**

Your assistant Leaders are capable persons and must be made to feel they are filling a need and are making a vital contribution in giving their services. Do not "saddle" as-

sistants with record keeping or mechanical procedures only. Rotate jobs so that assistant leaders have opportunity to grow and develop on the job.

Sue says "Two or three Leaders planning their Unit's programs will be more productive than one Leader working alone".

PLAN YOUR WORK — WORK YOUR PLAN

Each Leader needs to know:

1. Where her items come in the program.
2. The approximate length allowed for them.
3. Equipment available.
4. The reason for the activity (Pack Guides often need help in this area).

Aim to get 60 minutes out of every hour.

See that the opening and closing ceremonies do not drag.

Start and finish on time.

No lagging between items — keep on your toes.

Stop activities at their zenith.

Set a time for the following and then beat the time down:

How long does it take the Pack to get into a circle?

How long does it take for Unit to become quiet?

How long before last member leaves the hall?

PROGRAM

Atmosphere

Most of the atmosphere is already created by the Movement itself . . . it is up to all Leaders to keep it **Distinctive . . . Unusual . . . Thrilling . . . Fun.**

Terminology — Use of special Unit name for Leaders, not Mrs/Miss.

Uniform — Always suitable for the occasion.
Clean and tidy surroundings.
Use out of doors.

Discipline — Happy — but firm and just, based on the Promise and applied at all times.
Games well controlled — rules fully explained or decided by girls themselves.
Silence signals, etc., really carried out.
Apologies when absent or late.

Instruction — Where possible keep it to
5% talk
10% demonstration
85% practical.

Variety — Each program should contain variety — change from noisy to quiet . . . mental to physical . . . work to play . . . known to unknown. We are catering for the changing personalities of our members and a set routine of items should be avoided.

Continuity — Part of each meeting should tie in with what you did last week and what you will do next week.

Flexibility — Program must be flexible to allow for weather — other conditions — unusual occurrences. What you plan and what actually happens are often two different things. This should be recorded in your program book.

Purpose of Program Book

1. Saves time and gives Leaders confidence.
2. All Leaders know what is happening.
3. Records Unit activities and progress.
4. Acts as a check to ensure overall Aims and Objectives are achieved.
5. Records any variations to planned program.

After Meeting Review is Essential — Always Analyse the Program

1. Was it fun and satisfying (a) for the girls, (b) for the Leaders?
2. Were the Assistants busy for most of the time.
3. Did the girls accomplish anything they could go home and talk about?
4. Did the Unit as a whole seem to enjoy most or all of the program?
5. Did you listen to what the girls said about the activities? Too short . . . too long . . . too rough . . . too babyish.
6. Were there any difficult discipline situations?
7. Were members attentive during prayers . . . ceremonies?
8. In the aim of the program for the evening did you feel the objectives were met?
9. How did this program relate to the previous one?
10. Was there any recognisable theme?
11. What outside resources or help from experts did you use? Did the program benefit from such help?
12. Were there any surprises or did the program follow the same old regular pattern?
13. Was there something in the program for each girl?
14. What purpose did your games achieve?
15. Did your program make the best use of available time?
16. Who planned the program? You alone, or did your assistants and members of the unit help?
17. What attempt, if any, was made to influence the spiritual development of your members?

1976 TRAINING PAGES

Copies available from Training Department — **30 cents a Set.**

If ordering by mail — please add 30 cents for postage.

We have received a suggestion that favourite unit teaching and fun games could be exchanged. Good idea! Especially those that those that cannot be found in print elsewhere.

Here is one to start the ball rolling — it could be just as much fun for Guides.

Brownie Cricket (Threading a needle)

Two cricket teams (England, Australia). Toss to decide who will be which country. Toss to decide on first to bat.

Batters (A) have chairs (X and Y) at each end of hall to mark pitch. Bowlers (B) have chair (Z) at opposite end of hall — on it is cotton and needle. Umpire (U) stand behind chairs (X and Z).

U . . . X Y . . . A
U . . . Z B

Bowler and Batsman make first run together, batsman runs back and forth until Bowler calls stop. Umpire counts completed runs.

Bowler runs to chair, receives needle and thread from umpire and begins threading needle. When she has done so she calls "stop".

Second bowler and batsmen run and so on. When all batsmen are "out" change over.

Eye of needle depends on age and ability of girl. Any number in teams, so long as even. Good idea to have piece of cotton for each girl and practice threading needle before playing.

M. Shalders.

Reminder to all Trainers

Applications for our Trainers Weekend should be sent in **immediately**. We are looking forward to seeing you all again — C.M.S. Centre, Belgrave Heights — 28th-29th May.

THANK YOU

To all our friends who responded to **Support Our Scribes**, the Training Pages Group is most grateful. We are thrilled to hear so many of you do appreciate the pages and thank you for sending us your ideas for further issues.

A number of Guiders requested a reprint about programming. We have combined two articles on this topic and hope you find the revised version just as helpful.

DISTRICT DISCUSSION TOPIC



"A program is only as good as the leader who interprets it".

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LOCAL



ASSOCIATION SECTION

Thought for the Month

Keep your fingers on the near things
And your eyes on the far things.

A Date to Remember

Tuesday, 2nd August, 1977, from 9.45 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

WHY?— Because this is when the 20th State Conference of Local Associations will be held.

WHERE?— At the Broadmeadows Town Hall, a most attractive and well-appointed new building with plenty of parking space available and situated very close to the Broadmeadows Railway Station.

It is expected that two delegates from each Local Association (or more if you wish) will attend this Conference, with one spokesman to speak on behalf of his/her Local Association and one vote per Local Association on any resolutions which may be put to the Conference.

The Conference Committee would be pleased to receive topics for discussion as soon as possible so that these may be circulated to Local Associations to discuss at their meetings prior to the Conference.

These can be sent to the Local Association Adviser, Mrs J. C. Pennington, 28 Rowland Street, Kew, 3101.

Application forms to attend the Conference will be sent out to Local Association secretaries next month, so please make sure the name and address of your current secretary is registered at Guide Headquarters, otherwise the forms and information may be sent to the wrong person.

Start thinking NOW of those members who will represent YOUR Local Association at YOUR State Conference.

Prompt Action

In answer to an SOS for bushfire victims in the Western District, many Districts have rallied to help those who have suffered so much loss and great anxiety.

Among those who answered the call so promptly were the Districts of Box Hill South Division, whose Local Association members lovingly baked biscuits and, packed well in air-tight tins, delivered them to the Division Commissioner's home, which was the depot for contributions in that area.

This Commissioner writes on behalf of her Local Associations and thanks them sincerely for their quiet dependability. The action of these and all the other Local Association members who have helped in this way shows that they are very aware of others' sufferings and needs, and are always willing to do their bit to help.

Can You Help?

More willing helpers are required to fold "Matilda" at Guide Headquarters on the second Tuesday morning of each month. Whether you can spare only half an hour or two hours between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon, you will be most welcome.

RECIPE CORNER

Peanut Crisp Cookies:

4ozs. butter; ½ cup sugar; 6 ozs. S.R. flour; ½ tspn. cinnamon; 1 egg; ¾ cup raw peanuts; 1½ cups Rice Bubbles.

Cream butter and sugar, add egg and mix well. Fold in sifted flour and cinnamon. Stir in peanuts and Rice Bubbles, stirring until mixture is even and peanuts thoroughly mixed in. Place rounded teaspoons of mixture on greased tray and bake in moderate oven for 15-20 minutes.

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

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Does the idea of working with girls in the inner suburbs appeal to you? If it does and you have a little spare time, we would be very pleased to have you join us — even for one term.

If you can help, or would like to know more about our work, please contact Ro Lawson, telephone 92 8742, or Barbara Kearney, telephone 89 1221.

Our thanks to the following people for their donations of secondhand uniforms, handbooks and equipment.

Beaumaris District, Blackburn South District, Spotswood District, Morwell District, Mrs Douglas, Heathmont Unit, Dandenong North District, Cooper Trefoil, Altona District, Malvern District, Bulleen District, Mrs Barnes, Mrs V. Andrews, Karingal District, Mrs Proctor, Mrs Didier, Mornington Peninsula Region, Wimmera Region, Mrs J. Ralston, Heatherdale District, Parkmore Local Association, Ocean Grove District, Moorleigh District, Mrs M. Pritchard, Lone Guide Local Association, Mrs Pricor, Miss J. Pretty, Wodonga Unit, Mrs Friece, Benalla Local Association, Miss C. Helder.

Uniforms and handbooks are still wanted. Parcels, marked "National Development Project", may be left at Headquarters.

—B.K.

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SPECIAL OCCASION AT SHEPPARTON

About 150 guests attended the special evening when 2nd Shepparton Guides Gail Bonnett and Glenys Young were presented with their Queen's Guide badges.

The company performed a play, "Pollyanna", written especially for guides. They used uniforms dating back many years, which delighted both girls and guests.

Gail's mother, Judy, leader of the company for 25 years, has recently commenced a Ranger Guide unit.

To mark Judy's retirement her guides wrote the following:

DEAR CAP,

We thank you for so many things,
both past and for what this new year brings.
We thank you for the fun we had,
the things we learned, the camps we shared.
You helped us in so many ways,
and understood our latest craze.
You taught us how to tie our knots
and cook with a minimum of pots.
Under the stars with us you slept,
and many an all night vigil kept,
You kicked up your heels and joined our game
and many a time you shared our pain.
Our badges were not always bright
but you brought the "Brasso" to put them
right.

Our eight-point plan you helped us through
and turned us into a first-class crew.
To be like you has been our aim.
You led many of us to Queen's Guide fame.

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We wish you luck with the Girl Guide
Rangers.

And as you change from "Cap" to "Scrap"
we know you will always be on tap
To come and see us when we are small,
and greet us when we grow up tall.

—J. CURRIE.

P.S.: "Scrap" is Judy's Ranger name.



RANGERS THINKING DAY AT HEADQUARTERS

Late last year, when we were making plans for Thinking Day, we wondered how many Rangers would come together to celebrate that day. After we had advertised the special celebration, and asked Rangers to let us know if they intended to be at Guide Headquarters at 8 a.m. on Sunday, 20th February, we received replies from 60 Rangers and we felt pleased that so many were prepared to get up early to meet together to mark Thinking Day. We also knew then how many to cater for, and what sort of activities we could have.

Imagine our surprise when we looked outside the door of 20 Russell Street some time before 8 a.m. and saw hundreds of Rangers waiting to get in. During the morning we counted 200 Rangers, but there were probably more present during the two hours of our celebration. Just as well we had over-catered, and then added some more! It was wonderful to see so many Rangers there.

The morning began with coffee at tables outside, then at 8 a.m. Glenda, our Unit Chairman, welcomed everyone, to an accompaniment of jack-hammers being used a few doors away. Then the World Flag was broken by a colour party of Rangers from the Essendon "Donessen" Unit. All were then invited inside to take part in pancake making, an audio-visual presentation on Sao Paulo, Brazil, and learning poi, maori stick, and tinikling dances.

Later, everyone crowded into the big room downstairs to hear Mrs Twist's very interesting and amusing talk about early Rangering in Victoria.

Then it was time for breakfast of warm croissants, fresh French bread, jam and gallons and gallons of coffee.

Climax of the morning came when all the Rangers formed a huge chain with linked arms. The chain went along corridors both up and downstairs, down the front and back staircases and joined up with itself. So, joined in a huge circle, the Rangers sang the

"Ranger Song" together and gave their donations to the Thinking Day Fund. Then, at 10 o'clock, we farewelled our guests and thanked them for making this Thinking Day exciting, and one that we will remember for a long time.

—SANDRA, JANE, HELEN and ANGELA
Essendon Ranger Guide Unit.

Ranger Guide Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Cover 1977

Commonwealth Headquarters advises that —

"To mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Ranger Guide Section formed in 1917, the United Kingdom Girl Guides Association has produced a special Commemorative Cover. The cover, or envelope, bears an attractive and colourful illustration of Ranger Guides in 1922 and 1977. Inside is an insert card printed in blue and aqua giving a brief outline of the aims and history of the Ranger Guide Section and showing the 1977 Ranger Guide Diamond Jubilee badge.

The Cover which measures 8½" x 4½" costs 25p serviced and stamped with U.K. or overseas surface mail. Customers wishing airmail postage should include an extra 5p per cover (i.e. 30p per cover total). Payment should be by cheque, postal order, Sterling money order or Sterling mail bank transfer, made payable to the Girl Guides Association.

As well as being the ideal souvenir for this "Year of Jubilees", these Commemorative covers would be just right for scrapbook and project work as both The Queen and Princess Margaret were themselves Ranger Guides.

RANGER GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

On Saturday, 9th July, 1977, 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., at Girl Guide Headquarters.

Come to find out about the Ranger Section.

RANGER ROVER REVELS

Recently eighteen Rangers and Rovers from Beaumaris motored to a property bordering on Lake Mokoan, near Benalla.

As the Rovers had access to an inboard motor boat and a catamaran, the days were filled with hours of water fun, sunbaking, swimming, sailing and ski-ing, etc.

The weather was glorious and the Rovers were very patient with the L-plate skiers and sailors. The only mishaps were not, surprisingly, to human bodies (although bruises were plentiful), but to the craft. The catamaran ripped its mast completely out of the deck and the motor boat now needs a complete overhaul.

Only balm to our conscience is that both problems occurred while Rovers were in charge.

A fantastic weekend was had by all and similar mixed activities are recommended to any crew/unit.

A piece of advice — permission must be obtained before the activity, so leave plenty of time for planning.

—BEAUMARIS (Melbourne) RANGERS.

Note from Ranger Adviser

Please see P.O. and R. rule 36, paragraph 4.(c) when making any plans for joint camping and activities with boys.—J.T.

B.U.R.R.P.

Ranger/Rover Hike

29th April-1st May

Invested Rangers over 17.

— Come roll in the wildflowers on the Alpine Track,

Bring your tucker, tent and pack on your back.

PHILLIP ISLAND FARM HOLIDAYS

Spacious attractive surrounds, beachfront, horse-riding, hay-rides, animals, etc. 4 new log cabins. Recreation hall. Families, schools and groups. Telephone Mrs Jeffrey on (059) 56 7288.

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE 1977

Nearly 200 Commissioners from all over Victoria attended the 1977 conference for the whole weekend, living in Monash University's luxurious surroundings. Another 50 or more came for the days or individual sessions only. The extraordinary benefits that are gained from being part of this large group of interesting and happy women cannot be overstated.

Theme of the conference was "Discover the Way" and speakers included an author/traveller who had spent two years in the Amazon jungle, in most primitive and arduous conditions. He talked fascinatingly of these experiences and showed fine slides. Guides' Own-speaker, young Methodist Pastor left no doubts that her path is one of exploration, too.

One session that was greatly appreciated was on Public Speaking and Meeting Procedure. Led by a very experienced lady, this session was not only informative but also highly amusing. Another session — Emergency, First Aid and Crisis was extremely useful and entertaining, too.

Training sessions on Saturday afternoon proved very valuable and Saturday evening brought some rather alarming displays of costume worn for the "Commissioner's Mini Olympics", and by the Bugs Bunny Patrol who had camp scarves the size of bed sheets. Much fun was had by all (especially the participants).

On Sunday morning we were privileged to witness the presentation of the Walter Donald Ross Certificate of Merit to 1st Keilor Guide Company by Lady Price. The company, their leaders and parents were present, and the quiet voice of Lady Price speaking simply about the service these girls had undertaken created emotional moments for many of us.

This group of Guides, and Rangers who talked of their International camp experiences, and other Rangers who sang during Guide's Own served not only to give us pride, pleasure and information, but also to remind us for whom we were attempting to "Discover the Way". J.E.

KNOW YOUR REGIONS

South Metropolitan

When the very large South Eastern Region was divided a few years after the regional system was set up the seaward section, the municipalities of Brighton, Moorabbin, St. Kilda and Sandringham broke away to form the new South Metropolitan Region. At the same time South Melbourne, Albert Park and Port Melbourne became part of Central Metropolitan Region.

The Region has approximately twenty kilometres of coastline with sandy beaches and sandstone cliffs and has Life-saving Clubs, Angling Clubs, Yacht Clubs, Sea Scout boat-sheds and the Ranger Sailing School within its borders. Further inland most of the well-known Golf Clubs are situated on what is known as the sand belt.

From the earliest times St. Kilda has been a place of refuge within reasonable reach by horse transport for jaded city dwellers longing for a breath of sea air, while Brighton was the site of Dendy's Special Survey.

The land to the south and east was taken up first as cattle runs then, as the cattlemen were pushed further out, the light, sandy soil became the market garden for the growing city of Melbourne. The kinds of crops grown varied from place to place depending largely on the amount of water available. Some parts of the area were very well watered and surprisingly rich in springs. One of these springs, known to the Aborigines and enlarged by later settlers, can still be seen in its little wire enclosure close to the Cheltenham Guide Hall. During the last big drought water from this well kept the lawns on some of the local bowling greens alive.

Another relic of the past can be seen in Centre Dandenong Road near Moorabbin Airport. To prevent laden wagons from the market gardens becoming bogged in the muddy roads when on their way to market

two metal tracks, just wide enough to accommodate the wheels of the carts were laid down on the main roads. One of these tracks can still be seen peeping out from under the bitumen on the north side of the road.

Nothing but a street name is left to remind us of the old horse tram which used to make its leisurely way from Sandringham Station, down through Beaumaris and up to the Cheltenham Station so that passengers with plenty of time to spare could make the round trip. During wet weather sand used to wash down the hill in Tramway Parade and cover the rails, often causing derailments. On rainy days children travelling to school in Cheltenham would sometimes refuse to pay their penny fares until they were quite sure the tram would make it up the hill.

Guiding came early to the Region as it was well established in St. Kilda in 1923, Brighton and Hampton by 1924, Sandringham in 1925, Brighton Beach in 1927 and Cheltenham in 1928. Bentleigh, Gardenvale and Black Rock had Guides in the early 1930's but Black Rock had a period without Guides after the Company moved into the recently acquired Guide Hall in Sandringham and changed its name to 3rd Sandringham. Black Rock had to wait until 1960 before there was another unit in the area. The other Districts, East Bentleigh, Beaumaris, Moorabbin, Moorleigh, Highett and, the newest of all, Cheltenham North, all began after their open spaces were built over following the Second World War.

One legacy of the divided South Eastern Region is the joint ownership of the delightful camp and cottage at Tynong North. Sandringham was one of the first Districts to acquire a meeting place of its own when it took over the building previously used to house the Sandringham Branch of Firbank Girls' Grammar School. The building

is now known as the Garnet Learnly Memorial Hall. Since then many Districts have built halls and others are working towards that goal.

Today the Region is largely one of dormitory suburbs with pockets of light industry. On the outskirts a few of the market gardens remain but they are gradually being nibbled away by the spread of housing. If the area no longer plays a large part in supplying cabbages for the citizenry it does produce members of the Movement. According to the last census 1,582 Brownies, Guides and Rangers in 50 units are being cared for by 220 leaders and Commissioners.

M. JONES.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

May I introduce the Public Relations Department to you?

It is from the office of the Public Relations Department that many things can be hired, borrowed or given away.

Aim of the department is to help our members to develop Guiding in their own districts, and to make the community aware of our association. You may —

1. hire slides and commentaries — \$1.
2. hire film of Mini Olympic Games — \$5.
3. hire caramate — \$1.
4. borrow display boards and photographs.
5. borrow display equipment.
6. obtain literature about the movement.
7. obtain names of speakers for Local Associations or Annual Meetings.
8. arrange to collect early Girl Guide uniforms for display.

Please take care of equipment and return it immediately after it has been used.

Nola Jones is our part-time secretary and may be contacted at Headquarters on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

M.L.

Girl Guide Muster Cover

There will be a special commemorative Cover with hand postmarker and special registration label for the Sixth State Muster to be held at The Rock, New South Wales, from 9th to 15th May, 1977. The PHILATELIC COVER will show the camp badge and will contain an informative "filler". The postmarker and label by courtesy of the Australian Postal Commission. Mrs. Raymonde Read, State Commissioner N.S.W., will autograph a limited number. Order early to avoid disappointment.

Payment with order by cheque or postal note (made out to Girl Guides Association N.S.W.) — no coins or loose stamps accepted. Please **print** name and address clearly and allow extra for postage of quantity. As covers are sometimes spoilt in the post it is suggested that a large enough stamped and self-addressed envelope be included with order, if desired, for safe return of cover. Please check with your Post Office as envelopes are priced for post by size first, then weight if oversize.

Orders may be placed with — Mrs J. E. Skillington, 28 Bimburra Avenue, St. Ives, N.S.W. 2075.

Unserviced Cover — 10c each, plus postage.

Unserviced and Autographed — 20c each, plus postage.

Serviced Cover — 30c each, plus postage if required under separate cover.

Serviced and Autographed — 50c each, plus postage if required under separate cover.

Quantity (Unserviced only) — 20 per cent discount for 20 or more in multiples of 10.

Special Registration Label on Serviced Cover — \$2.40.

And with Autograph — \$2.60.

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The happiest people in the world are surely those who give without remembering and who receive without forgetting.

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The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without his teacher.

DOWN IN THE ARCHIVES

Headquarters Fifty Years Ago

An article in "Matilda" in December 1925 mentions the forthcoming move to new rooms in the Colonial Mutual Life Building in Collins Street, and talks of some of the articles that would be acceptable as gifts for the new Headquarters. Listed were things already given when Headquarters was in the Girls' Friendly Society Building, at the corner of Flinders Lane and Spring Street: "roll-top desk, blackwood inkstand, perpetual calendar, clock and letter scales, and quite lately we have had a silver tea strainer given us which has been very useful. Some things which would help the Office to Be Prepared are another pair of scissors, bookshelves to hold the reference library we hope to have available for Guiders, any number of petrol cases, preferably stained brown (Condy's makes an excellent stain), a few chairs for the use of Guides and Guiders who have to wait at the Office and for meetings, one or two wire or wicker letter baskets, one or two waste paper baskets".

Baden-Powell and Stamps

Many members of the Movement collect stamps and are probably aware that many stamps show the Founder. Only two countries, to date, have shown the Chief Guide on stamps — Haiti and Barbados. When researching a collection on the Baden-Powell story I came across two interesting items linking B-P with recent issues of stamps. Last year Malta issued a set showing types of armour. B-P had a great deal to do with arranging and setting up the collection of armour in the San Antonio Palace when he was in Malta as aide-de-camp to the Governor, his uncle, Sir Henry Smyth. Many of you know that B-P's names were Robert Stephenson Smyth. Robert Stephenson was the name of his godfather, the son of famous George Stephenson, who invented the 'Rocket', the first practical locomotive. Robert was also a well-known engineer, and portraits of both George and Robert Stephenson are on a set of railway stamps issued by Poland in February 1976.

Rosebuds

The first Brownies were called Rosebuds, but the girls did not like the name, and B-P then suggested Brownies. I came across some Rules for Rosebuds for those early days. The Rosebud was not allowed to wear a Girl Guide's uniform hat, nor any Guide badges. She could not use the Guide's sky-blue 'neckerchief', but was allowed to tie her hair back with sky-blue ribbons. She could not salute with three fingers, for a Rosebud only made two promises — "I promise, on my honour, that I will do my best to do my duty to God and King, and to do a Good Turn to somebody every day". She **was** allowed to "tie six knots and do various bending exercises"!

—MARY LAMBE,
State Archivist.

1978 GIRL GUIDE CALENDARS

Were you one of the many people who missed out on Girl Guide Calendars for this year?

Here is your chance to secure one for 1978 and at the same time make money for your unit or Local Association.

You may order calendars, in multiples of 10, from now until 31st May.

Delivery is guaranteed by 31st August, in time to catch overseas Christmas mail.

Photographs will depict all aspects of Australian Guiding.

Depending on total quantity ordered, price of each calendar to you should not exceed 75 cents, for retailing at \$1.00.

Please send the following details to Girl Guide Calendar Committee at Headquarters:—

Name of pack, company, group, Local Association; name and address of Leader, Secretary; number of calendars required; do you want them (a) collected at Headquarters; (b) posted?

SHERBROOK RIVER

The Sherbrook River Brownie and Guide House and Campsite are to be found just off the Great Ocean Road about six kilometres east of Port Campbell, near the famous Loch Ard Gorge.

During the 1950s Camperdown Division, seeking a seaside camping spot, found this one, near the mouth of the Sherbrook River where the Forests Commission had an experimental pine forest. With permission from the Forests Commission and a lease from the Department of Crown Lands and Survey, the campsite was opened in December 1959. Guides from Camperdown Division and further afield who camped there enjoyed the unusual combination of river, pine forest, bushland and seashore.

In 1967 opportunity arose to purchase the house formerly occupied by the Forest Ranger. Western Border, Western Plains and Otway Regions agreed to purchase and maintain the house for Pack Holidays, Indoor Camping, Residential Training, etc. Support from Units, Local Associations, Districts and friends was outstanding, and the house was bought for £860. Sherbrook River Council was set up to manage the property, with representatives from the three Regions. Most of these are past or present Guiders or Commissioners. A family picnic day in March 1968 marked the formal opening of the house.

Since then groups from most sections of Guiding, including Trefoil, have been in residence. On occasions, units have booked both house and campsite. There have been many bookings by other youth organisations, Church groups, college students, field naturalists, etc., when the house was not needed for Guiding. During the past three years there have been heavy mid-week bookings by local schools.

Since 1968 many additions and improvements have been made. Another house was donated and moved to the site; S.E.C. power was connected. (Early tenants will recall

struggles with home lighting plant and kerosene refrigerators.) This year, with the help of a grant from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, the kitchen has been enlarged. Additions have been made to camping equipment, and many native trees have been planted, some of which will provide windbreaks and shade for future camping areas.

Continuous financial and practical help has been given by members of Units, Local Associations, Service Clubs from nearby towns and by friends of Guiding.

There are beds for 25 in the two houses and ample camping equipment for a Permit camp. Enquiries may be made to Mrs J. Bell, Rydal Farm, Camperdown, 3260.

—E.T.



LEYLAND BROTHERS FILMS

For an enlightening and adventurous fundraising evening, Leyland Brothers Films are offering Local Associations their screening service.

The films are based on travels throughout Australia by the Leyland Brothers team. They will supply their own equipment and operator, and will screen any two films from their library.

These are 16mm colour films, each of 50-minute duration. Takings of the evening are split on a 50/50 basis with a minimum payable of \$36.00. More details are available on request from Leyland Brothers Films, 8 Sydenham Street, Highett, 3190, or telephone 598 5639.

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

Geelong, Tuesday, 21st, 28th June, 5th, 12th, 19th July, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs A. Bell, 1 Layton Crescent, Newtown, 3220, by **1st June**.

Headquarters, Weekend 25th-26th June and 23rd-24th July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **1st June**.

Maffra, Weekend 18th-19th June and 16th-17th July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Applications to Mrs M. Frawley, P.O. Box 641, Sale, 3850, by **30th May**.

Warracknabeal, Weekend 18th-19th June and 16th-17th July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Further information available in May Training Calendar.

Stage 2 Training for Warranted Leaders

Canterbury, Weekend 4th-5th June and 2nd-3rd July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs F. Ludbrook, 5 Curnola Avenue, Doncaster, 3108, by **16th May**.

Dandenong, Weekend 18th-19th June and 16th-17th July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Dandenong North Special School, Heatherton Road, Dandenong. Applications to Mrs H. Lardner, 51 Bundeena Avenue, Noble Park, 3174, by **30th May**.

Goulburn Region, Tuesday, 24th, 31st May, 7th, 14th June, times 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs J. Murphy, 73 Balaclava Road, Shepparton, 3630, by **3rd May**.

North Metropolitan Region, Weekend 18th-19th June and 16th-17th July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Further information available from Mrs P. Reidy, 324 Geelong Road, West Footscray, 3012.

Campcraft Training

Strathmore, Monday, 11th, 18th July, 1st August (evening) plus weekend 23rd-24th July (Guiders only) and 6th-7th August (Guiders and girls). Location of weekends to be advised. Applications to Mrs P. Reidy, 324 Geelong Road, West Footscray, 3012.

Advanced Leadership — Stage 3 Training for Warranted Leaders

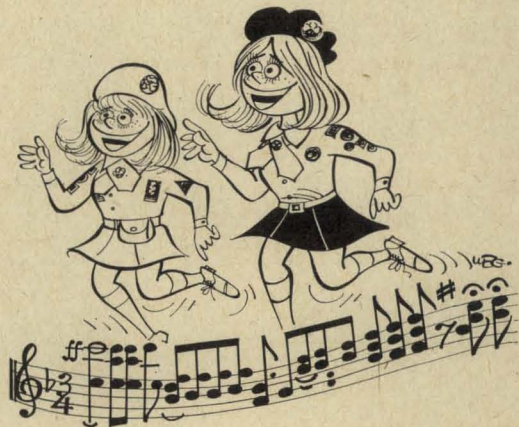
Box Hill, Wednesday, 25th May, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd June, times 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Applications to the Training Department, Guide Headquarters, by **4th May**.

Moorleigh, Weekend 25th-26th June and 23rd-24th July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs E. Roberts, 11 Vasey Street, East Bentleigh, 3165, by **4th June**.

Wangaratta, Weekend 18th-19th June and 2nd-3rd July, times 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Applications to Mrs P. Miles, 14 Gayer Avenue, Wangaratta, 3677, by **30th May**.

Changeover Training for Warranted Guiders who are to move over to the Ranger Section

Maryvale, Weekend 4th-5th June, times 9.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Note: Would Guiders in Baw Baw, Gippsland and Woorayl Regions requiring Ranger training make a special effort to attend this course. Advise Region Training Adviser if accommodation is required. Applications and \$1.50 to Mrs K. Marshall, 29 Hearn St., Drouin, 3818, by **16h May**.



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RETIREMENT HOME PROJECTS OF BADEN-POWELL SCOUT AND TREFOIL GUILD

The committee thanks Guild members and others for letters, comments and suggestions.

Through our meetings, need for the project has become more evident. (An eleven-year-old who joined the first troop or company would now be over seventy years of age and his/her leaders at least eighty years old. Some of these and others over sixty years old are in need of companionship and assistance.)

It is felt we should decide on a definite site and we now ask for information regarding possible properties or land in your area.

Initially we are thinking of a group of five units or flats in a suburban, country or near-country area.

We have arranged to visit and discuss similar projects with people experienced in this field.

Through this Guild project, those who have completed appointments in the Movements can give continued service to older and less active brother scouts and sister guides.

We would be interested to hear from you.

—LAURA GREGORY,
MICHAEL BADEN-POWELL,
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APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Division Commissioners

Mrs H. G. Wilson, Nepean; Mrs W. W. Elliott (Assistant), Nepean; Mrs L. A. Jensen, Echuca.

District Commissioners

Mrs W. A. Phelan, Oak Park; Mrs R. L. Hamilton, Wodonga; Mrs F. C. MacLeod, Carrum-Bonbeach; Mrs N. Wild, East Loddon.

Ranger Guider

Mrs L. Glover, Lilydale Division Rangers.

Guide Guiders

Miss J. Saunders, 1st Ellinbank; Mrs N. R. Davie, 1st Mt. Macedon; Mrs J. Chow, 1st Mansfield; Mrs C. A. Duncan, 1st East Doncaster; Mrs G. McKinnon, 1st Cann Valley; Mrs G. R. Mayne, 2nd Mildura; Mrs M. Walker, 1st Greythorn.

Assistant Guide Guiders

Miss C. L. Turner, 1st Neerim; Mrs. V. M. Harris, 1st Edithvale.

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Assistant Brownie Guiders

Mrs. G. Hegan, 2nd West Bulleen; Mrs. J. H. Thomson, 1st Benalla; Mrs C. Jennings, 2nd Rowville; Mrs R. H. Chamberlain, 3rd East Doncaster.

REGISTRATIONS

1st South Merbein Pack; 1st Longford Pack; 3rd Sunbury Pack; 2nd Warrandyte Pack; 5th Doncaster West Pack; South Merbein Local Association; Williamstown Local Association; Gramplan Trefoil Guild; Mt. Waverley Ranger Guide Unit; Emerald Lakeside Ranger Guide Unit; Noble Park Ranger Guide Unit; Moorabbin Ranger Guide Unit; Surrey Hills Ranger Guide Unit; Moorabbin South Ranger Guide Unit; Lower Plenty Ranger Guide Unit; Simpson Ranger Guide Unit; Moorleigh Ranger Guide Unit; Burwood Ranger Guide Unit; Mooroolbark Ranger Guide Unit; South Croydon Ranger Guide Unit; Ferny Creek Ranger Guide Unit; Werribee Ranger Guide Unit; Golden Square Ranger Guide Unit; West Heidelberg Ranger Guide Unit; Manangatang Ranger Guide Unit; Preston East Ranger Guide Unit; Macleod-Rosanna Ranger Guide Unit; Terang Ranger Guide Unit.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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

Assistant Ranger Guider

Mrs J. Beales, Ivanhoe Rangers.

Division Commissioners

Mrs. L. S. McRae, Yarra Yarra; Mrs. G. Parker, West Waverley.

District Commissioners

Mrs P. Anderson, Merrigum; Mrs W. H. Cash, Carrum-Bonbeach; Mrs J. B. Salvado, Middle Brighton; Mrs D. G. Ball, Mt. Waverley; Mrs D. H. Cotton (Assistant), Mt. Waverley.

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