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## EDITORIAL.

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MARGOT ANDERSON,  
Guide Headquarters,  
60 Market Street, C.1.

I would be very glad if you could send articles to reach me by the 14th if possible, because I am no longer in the city.

I am very sorry, but through no fault of Miss Sydes, the Nature Page arrived too late for publication.

## Message from Headquarters.

17 Buckingham Palace Road,  
London, S.W.1, England.  
2nd April, 1937.

Editor "Matilda,"

Dear Madam,

May I say how very interested I was in "Matilda" for February? Especially pages 6 and 10, where you touch on the international side of Guiding.

Let us know if we can help you at all to collect the information which you need. You probably know our Fourth Biennial Report, which contains information regarding our Movement in different countries which are members of our World Association, and you have also probably seen Mrs. Kerr's "The Story of a Million Girls."

There is only one point I should like to make for the sake of the members of the World Association, and that is—do try to limit the number of letters written to their National Headquarters, asking for information about uniforms, etc.

Though in some cases "any attention is better than none," we have to remember that in some countries the staff is very limited. However, they have their own way of protecting themselves, namely—not to answer; but this would be disappointing for your people.

It is nice to see your Thinking Day ceremony described, and, incidentally, I think you may be interested to know that the hymn "These Things Shall Be" was written by my father (J. A. Symonds) many years ago. It is a long poem, and only a few verses have been quoted in "Girl Guide Hymns and Tunes."

We have already received £115 for the Thinking Day Fund this year, and are busily spending our reserves on helping Guiders to take Trainings and contributing to the expenses of Miss Bewley, who is going to visit several countries on our behalf. So far Miss Bewley's plans only take her to European countries, but perhaps she will be able to travel further in the future.

It is so encouraging to us to see mention of International Guiding in papers like "Matilda," and I just wanted to send you a message of goodwill from the World Bureau.

Yours sincerely,  
KATHERINE FURSE.

## Guide House News.

The latest total of the Guide House Fund is £3800, and 75 days have been endowed. We do hope that we may eventually have the whole 365 days allocated to companies and districts.

Replies have not been received to all the circulars sent out, and it would be a help if those people who are still considering if they can subscribe £5 could tell the committee that they would like to join in the scheme, then perhaps it could be arranged for two companies to make a joint endowment.

H. WILSON.

Up to the present time the most likely spot for the Guide House is a place that was found last Autumn at Woori Yallock. It is 220 acres, with a frontage on the Yarra, and the pipe line from the O'Shannasy Dam running through; 2½ miles by road from the station, and 1½ miles walking distance across private property. There is an 8-roomed brick house that is structurally sound, but would need some alteration for our purpose, and a large and solid barn that would be excellent for solid shelter.

We do not feel that we should go ahead with PURCHASING ANY property till we have the full sum, both for the initial cost and endowment, but on the other hand we realise that people feel more disposed to help if they can see what they are getting. We have now got permission from the owners to go up and take parties of Guides, or friends of the Movement, to look at the property.

In view of the fact that nothing is settled, and we may yet find a place even better suited to our purpose, we are not publishing the name or directions in the press, but these may be got on application to Headquarters. We also feel that this will keep a check on outside people, unconnected with the Movement, going and possibly doing damage for which Guides would be blamed.

Further offers of endowments are coming in, and still more are needed. The following is last month's list:—

Jan. 1st-Dec. 31st, St. Kilda District; Feb. 10th, 3rd Richmond Rangers; 13th, 1st Curlwaa; 22nd, South Melbourne and Port Melbourne District; March 10th, G. H. Swinburne; 26th, Miss D. M. Myer; 30th, 1st Glen Iris Pack; April 2nd, Mrs. Onians; 3rd, 8th Hawthorn Guide Co.; 10th, Crib Point Co.; 12th, 1st Brighton Beach Guide Co.; 21st, Fitzroy and Collingwood District; 23rd, 24th and 25th, Warrnambool and Koroit District; May 12th, Tatura District; 15th, Hawthorn Guiders; 24th, 1st Skipton Co.; June 9th, Dandenong District; 26th, Swan Hill District; July 1st, Camperdown District; 27th, 2nd Brighton Beach Guide Co.; August 29th, 1st Skipton Pack; 30th, Kyabram District; Sep-

tember 15th, Girgarre District; 19th, Williamstown and Altona District; 28th, Glengarry District; October 11th, Warragul Rangers; 23rd, 1st Avenel Co.; 27th, 1st Port Campbell Guide Co.; 29th, Cowes District; November 7th, 1st Elsternwick Pack; 11th, 1st Benalla Guide Co.; 30th, Yarraville and Newport District; Dec. 9th, 1st Marnoo Co.; 13th, Akuna District; 19th, 1st Nambrok Co.

## Camper's Meeting.

A bright and interesting meeting was held at Guide H.Q. on June 7th. All Campers' Licence and Indoor Camp Certificate holders had been invited to welcome Miss Moran, the new Commissioner for Camping, to farewell Miss Purnell, and to hear Miss Moran and Miss Broadhurst speak on their travels.

Unfortunately Miss Purnell was unable to attend owing to the death of her father, so in the absence of both Miss Purnell and Miss Bush, Miss Moore presided until Miss Moran was welcomed to the chair.

There were 48 Guiders present, including Mrs. Carelton, Commissioner of Training from Perth, W.A. Apologies were received from a number of Guiders, and from Miss Broadhurst, who has gone rather unexpectedly to Queensland.

A letter was read from Miss Purnell expressing her regret at not being present. She said how happy she had been during her time as Commissioner of Camping, and sent her best wishes for the future, telling Guiders to welcome changes, which naturally arise, and are for the good of all, and hoping they will support Miss Moran as they have supported her. Miss Moore stressed how much was owing to the two first Commissioners of Camping; it was due to their efforts Camping had progressed so far. Miss Moran came to them as their third Commissioner, a lucky number and a good omen. She had had much experience in Camping, knew its ups and downs, and would, we were sure, as much as her forerunners, have all its interests at heart. Everybody welcomed Miss Moran heartily, and she took the chair for the rest of the meeting.

Miss Rogers moved that a letter be sent to Miss Purnell expressing our appreciation of all that she had done for camping.

Miss Moran then gave out various notices which you will find in the Camping section of "Matilda."

Miss Moran first spoke about Foxlease, where she attended the C.A. Camp. This was specially important this year, as leaders from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales were present, to discuss making an even standard of Camping for all these centres.

Various Victorian Guiders—Misses Broadhurst, Wilson and Irving—were staying at the Link at the same time, so it was easy to get home conversation if feeling lonely.

Part of the Green Cord test was an overnight hike with one companion. Sealed orders were given with a map, the rest was up to the candidate. From England they were taken to Sweden and Denmark. Two days were spent at Stockholm, and then they went to the Camp itself. Every Company in Sweden was

represented by a P.L. Peasants from neighbouring villages in the native costumes visited the camps and performed their local folk dances—an unforgettable spectacle!

In Denmark and Sweden there are the two kinds of Guides—Y.W.C. and National Guides. In Sweden these have much in common, joint committee and conferences. They all had prayers together at the Camp. In the Danish Camp there were merely the twenty representatives present from the Y.W.C.A. Branch, as from the other countries.

After supper Miss Boyes spoke about the Guide Camp House and the meeting closed.

## Library Notes.

Dear Matilda,

We would through your pages like to say "Thank you very much" to our kind friend Miss Margaret Herring, who did so much to reinforcing our shelves this month.

We are indeed grateful, and gladly tell our Guiders of our good fortune.

"Creatures of the Night" (an ideal book for little folk).

"A Trip up the Nile."

"Rowing, Sculling and Punting." Sea Rangers, Hail!

"The Story of the Weather."

"Half-a-crown Garden."

"The Children's Garden."

"Plant Traps and Decoys" (F. M. Duncan).

"Land and Water Plants" (Enid Blyton).

"Fights for the Flag" (W. H. Fitchett).

"Stencilling."

"The Plays of Elizabeth."

"A Visit to a Coal Mine."

"Russia."

"The People of Egypt."

"African Stories."

"In the Forests of Brazil."

"Australia, New Zealand in Pictures."

"Pictures of Many Lands."

"The World in Pictures."

"Painting and Paper Hanging."

And a number of those handed over to the Brownie Library. 1d. subscription on each book, now bringing a library of over 450 books within your range.

Guiders, soon I feel we will believe ourselves lucky. What say you?

## AUSTRALIAN THINKING DAY CARD.

Australian Guides are to have their own Card to send Guides in other countries for Thinking Day 1938, that is if some Australian Guide or Ranger is able to sketch an attractive and suitable design.

There will probably be a competition for the best design, but the Hon. Federal Secretary, Miss Dorothy Hawthorn, is not able to give us any information about this yet. She has, however, asked me to remind Victorian Guides, Rangers and Guiders that a design is wanted, and wanted quite soon, so that we will have the card in plenty of time to post to a Guide in, say, Greenland, so that she will have it by 22nd February, 1938.

Watch next month's "Matilda" and the daily press for information about a competition, and in the meantime be working out your ideas, all you clever people who can draw and paint. S.H.I.

## RANGER PAGE.

### The Spiritual Aspect of Guiding.

#### The Guide Promise and the Law for Rangers.

The following are brief notes of a talk given by Miss Alison Campbell at a Training Class for Ranger Guiders.

Miss Campbell has had experience with a number of different types of Guide and Ranger Companies, and gave us much help by telling of what she had tried with them.

Before enrolling, we make sure the recruit passes her tests, but the more important thing is to make sure she knows that the Promise and Law are the very basis of her Guiding. It is trying to live the Law that makes the Guide—not her knowledge of tests.

Busy people often don't take time to think very seriously about the promise and law; Extension Guides and Rangers have much time for thinking, and take this all very seriously.

One way of studying the Law is to consider it as a moral code—a list of desirable virtues—and compare it with other moral codes throughout history; e.g., What is the ethical code of the Koran? The 10 commandments? The Seven deadly Sins? The Fruits of the Spirit? etc.

Another way of looking into the Law is to consider it under the following headings:—

- 1.—Self as an individual, and how you react to the Law; this can be exciting and adventurous.
- 2.—Effect of the Law in one's home (where it is much needed).
3. At work (not so difficult as at home).
- 4.—Nationally and internationally.

Think of the effect there might be if all the ex-Guides and ex-Scouts were living the Law—we should be nearer to the Kingdom of God on earth.

"It is not the ability to tie knots that will keep Bolshevism out, but the living of the Guide Law."

Help the Rangers to see that the living of the Law and Promise are "goodness coming from within." There are other youth movements in which the code is applied from without. The Guide Law is not just the idea of a few people and what they think best.

Some of the Extension Guides make a chart of a day ahead; they map out the day to come, perhaps even marking the times, and foresee likely pitfalls where the Law may become strained. At night they check it through and find how they have managed. This is something of William Osler's idea of living "a quiet life in day-tight compartments."

It is difficult and probably unwise to talk to Rangers en masse about the First Promise—better to talk to individuals as the opportunity offers.

Rangers begin to question, find they cannot believe some of the things they have been taught, so decide to believe nothing. They look to and need someone they can admire, who seems to know the way. We all have an instinctive desire for the right. A girl who is a Ranger has obviously not thrown everything decent overboard. Perhaps she has

faith, and some source of help, e.g., church. Another type has a code of ethics and will even face her friend's criticism. With others it is a slow climbing—possibly only to those who have learnt to reason (e.g., students).

Religion is caught, not taught, and one's life must show what one believes. Some Guiders find it easier than others to talk of spiritual things. Some find it almost impossible. We should make ourselves, sometimes, read or say something that will show the Rangers our heart, and what we believe. This will give some girl confidence to come to you for help.

Religious discussions in the full company are not desirable or helpful. There is much unconscious following of Christ in Christian families, where they are not churchgoers. The girls will have the Christian outlook and way of living. The Oxford Group has an attraction for this type of girl.

Even an atheist will agree that Jesus Christ is the finest character the world has ever known. Advise the Rangers to read the Gospels, leaving St. Paul, etc., for the moment, and even an agnostic will want to follow Jesus. The test is: "Dost thou love Me?" The "sheep" and "goats" were not asked what they believed—but what they DID. Girls brought up in a Christian home but without any acknowledgment of Christianity will understand this point, and the spiritual side grows with exercise.

Some Rangers can be led to a realisation of the Great Spirit through Nature, beauty and character, and here Ranger Guiders can help. We can help the Rangers to the point where they can take the step to a faith that will lead to a true spiritual life and friendship with Christ.

#### SERVICE-DEPENDABILITY.

Ranger Guiders should be careful to watch that whatever service the Ranger undertakes to prove her dependability, it should not involve neglect of home responsibilities. This is a real danger. There is actually no need to go outside the home for the "definite undertaking for others," and the stiffest test of the living of the Guide Law is often at home.

It is the training afforded the individual Ranger that matters more than the "goodness" of the Company, and the solid "trying" of individuals in the background rather than well-run Company meetings, that make for a useful Ranger Company. F.V.B.

#### COMPANY MERGED.

The 1st Hampton Company has now merged with the new Brighton District Company, which is being run with Miss Isla Stamp as Captain, and meeting on Tuesday nights at 8.15. The present address of the Company is 11 Menzies Avenue, Brighton Beach, S.5.

G.C.

#### DO YOU TAKE AN INTELLIGENT INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF YOUR COUNTRY?

Of course!

Good! Then come to the meeting convened by the Australian Natives Association and the League of Youth, in the Council Room, Melbourne Town Hall, at 8 p.m. on July 28th.

MARY H. JOLLY.

(Representative G.G.A. on Governing Council of the League of Youth).



Miss N. Thewlis, Editor.

We must meet reverses boldly, and not suffer them to frighten us. (David Copperfield)

### HANDICRAFT GAMES.

Handicraft, as everybody knows, is not a case of filling in that odd five or ten minutes that sometimes crop up in the Pack meeting. By the time you have got all your Brownies started and everybody settled and then cleared up afterwards a considerable amount of time has elapsed. At least twenty minutes, usually much longer. These cold winter nights we cannot keep our Brownies sitting so long, so that as a rule handicraft as definite handicraft cannot come into our meetings.

In order to give them the benefits derived from handicraft plus action we give them handicraft games, and here are a few examples:—

#### BUTTONS.

Brownies are drawn up in their Sixes. At the other end of the room, facing each Six, is a chalk circle in which reposes a tin or cardboard box containing a length of string, one boot button per Brownie large enough to be threaded on the string, and six extra boot buttons which are too small for threading.

On the word "go" each leading Brownie rushes to her box, opens the lid, secures the string, and ties a knot on the end of it, threads on a button, closes the box (with the string and buttons inside), runs back to her Six and touches the next player, who repeats the performance, and so on, until the last Brownie has threaded the final button, closed the box and carried the string and threaded buttons to Brown Owl.

If any Brownie fails to close her box she must go back and do so before the next Brownie can have her turn. The Six to finish first wins.

Give each Brownie a piece of coloured paper and send them out of the room for a minute. Hide pieces of paper, same sizes and colour, round the room, each with a message written on the back. The Brownies come into the room, look for a piece of paper corresponding to the bit they have in their hands.

They read the message, which tells them to take a piece of newspaper from the centre of the room, and tear it into the shape of a certain animal. They are all then put in a line in the centre of the room, and Brown Owl picks the best one.

## 1st Eastern Hill Pack Holiday.

"I would like to take the Brownies away for a holiday," said Brown Owl. "Would you come if I can arrange it?" and Sister said she would.

For eighteen months our hopes jumped from holiday to holiday while Brown Owl coped with the problem of finance, collected a staff, finally booked a house for Coronation week, and amid great excitement, told the Brownies.

Then the days flew by for the staff, and Brown Owl's remarks ranged from "Oh! I think they'll be alright" to "Sometimes I think

we're mad to attempt it!" But to the Brownies time crawled; and they said: "Oh, Mother! I'm so happy, only eleven more days!" or "I can bring a packet of Weeties," or, in tragic tones: "Brown Owl, I can't go! I haven't got the things we have to take!" But Brown Owl had foreseen the difficulties that even the barest kit list would create, and extra undies, pyjamas and blankets were found, as well as uniforms.

On Friday, 7th May, Brown Owl took the advance party (Q.M. and two small Guides) to Victoria Cottage, Frankston, and returned to town to superintend the packing of Brownies into cars, and luggage on to the van next day.

During the morning groups of very spic and span and strangely quiet Brownies arrived; and by dinner time we were complete—13 Brownies, two Guides and six Staff; but no luggage. "Six forks between 21 people means four sittings," murmured a harassed Q.M.; but Brown Owl produced some spares and we dined in two sittings.

Meanwhile the Brownies had found their voices—"Can we go down to the beach?" "Are you going to take us, Tawny?" "We've been paddling." "It's awfully rough." "My pants got wet." "Take them off." "Has the luggage come yet?" "What's for tea?" "I'm not going to have a bath. I had mine last night." "Do we have to have baths?" "Oh! Brown Owl! They put the lights out!" "There's someone knocking at the door." "I saw a hand through the glass." "I'm frightened." "It was only a man selling cream." "It's your turn to have a bath. Sister baths you. It's nice!" Thus passed our first day, and the same busy tongues formed an accompaniment to all the events of the week.

On Sunday each Six had its job—cook, mess, house or rest—and were all very thrilled. Brown Owl took 16 to Church in a Baby Austin by taking a batch part way, dropping them and going back for others who had started to walk. Then there were meals, beach, rest, orderly work, baths, lots of chatter, and a sad farewell to "Bluebird" and "White Owl," who had to return to the busy world; and the four remaining Guiders said "How would we have managed without them?" and "How will we manage without them?"

A lovely picture chart showed what we should be doing all round the clock. Each Six changed its job each day, so the thrill remained in all but the things you have to do at home. We went shopping in Frankston, built sand castles, paddled (followed by Sister's "Are your pants wet? Well change them, and bring them to me!"), had a competition for the best coronation drawing, and everybody got a painting book as a prize. Baths became popular, rest hour was a trial despite the painting books. The carrying out of the threat that "People who aren't quiet during sleeping time may not have any sweets next day" caused surprise and indignation, which seemed likely to lead to revolution; but the clouds passed over.

One Brownie had a birthday party, we had concerts, and on Coronation Day a picnic, followed in the evening by a bonfire and crackers. Next day members of the Frankston L.A. kindly drove us to the Orthopaedic Hospital to visit the Brownies there; and on Friday we visited Mrs. Ebeling's Guides and

Rangers, who were staying near; and then down to the beach again, our holiday nearly over. and the Guiders wondering had it been worth while. Certainly some of the Brownies had brighter eyes and cheeks, and even looked fatter (breakfast sometimes included three helpings of porridge, a second course and bread and jam), but did they give into the older folk more readily? Did they listen to what was said to them, and realise that grown-ups really mean what they say? Yes, perhaps a little; certainly the silence after "Lights Out" was sometimes like the sudden stoppage of machinery. Had they enjoyed it? We thought so—surely, then, it had been well worth while.

That something had sunk in became evident when they gave a playlet in which a "Bog-gart" was turned into a Brownie with the help of a few quotations from Sister's remarks on obedience.

Our last morning was very busy, but we found time for a ride, two at a time, wearing borrowed bathers, in a tiny boat towed by Q.M., who occasionally let it capsize in the rough, shallow water.

Then dinner, packing up, and the arrival of the kind people who drove Brownies to and from Frankston.

"Brown Owl, couldn't we stay another week?" "I want to go home," said the smallest Brownie, just to see my Mummy, and then I'd like to come back here." "Goodbye! You'll come to Pack to see us, won't you?" "Goodbye, Brown Owl!" "Goodbye, Tawny!" "Goodbye!"

H.G.

## Co-operation between Pack and Co.

Why do some of our Brownies not want to go up to the Company? Some of our very nicest Brownies complete with wings either do not fly up or else, after a night or two, leave the Company. This is always very distressing to Brown Owl, who has looked forward to watching the progress of these Brownies in the Company. Why is it? Sometimes it is because parents do not like their eleven-year-olds out at night, and often these children join up again later. But often it is because the Brownie knows nothing of the Captain and Company to which she is going, and she feels lost and shy among so many strangers.

There are many ways in which a Guide Company and a Brownie Pack may keep in touch from one another. B.O. can visit the Company from time to time, perhaps at the enrolment of a "gone-up" Brownie, or merely to Court of Honour, when she will report on the progress of the Pack, and give any items of interest. When she goes to the Company to an ordinary meeting, she will take some part in the programme, so that the Company regard her as part of themselves.

Likewise, when Captain comes to the Pack, not only for birthdays and such like days of excitement, she will be prepared to help with inspection, for Brownies love being inspected by some one different. She will tell the Brownies a story or something interesting about the Company, or even give them a new game. Then, too, it is quite a good idea to

invite the Patrol leaders for meeting, and turn them into Brownies for the day. They thus take part in the meeting, and the Brownies lose their shyness with the older people. One of the biggest difficulties of sending Brownies on to Guides is that the children do not know the leaders, and are afraid.

Quite the most successful of combined meetings one Pack experienced was the taking of the older Brownies to an ordinary Company meeting. The Brownies got some idea of what they were going to from personal observation and the meeting being interestingly carried out, removed most of the prejudice against going up the Company.

Birthday parties are always a means of meeting together for a short while, the party being Guide or Brownie. Combined Church parades can be held from time to time, but the Brownies should not march with the Guides, but go into Church quietly before the Company.

A combined picnic is great fun. Each Patrol can be made responsible for the care and entertainment of so many Brownies, B.O. being nominally in charge of the Brownies. Care should be taken that the day is not too long and the Brownies do not get over-tired.

Then there is Packleader. She is a very definite link between Pack and Company. To the Pack, she is the Company, therefore she should be an enthusiastic Guide, and one who will help to give the Brownies the right atmosphere.

There are distinct advantages to be gained from Brown Owl going to the Guide Camp and Captain to a Brownie Pack holiday. In the first case, Brown Owl comes back full of enthusiasm for camping, and is able to tell the Brownies so many thrilling adventures that she enthuses them with a desire to go, and the older Brownies become impatient with waiting for the time to fly! Whereas when Captain goes to the Pack holiday, she has no Brownies to fire with enthusiasm, but she has gained an intimate knowledge of the children who will shortly be coming up to her. The children in turn will know and love Captain, and there will be no feeling of restraint and shyness when the children go on, for they will be going on to a friend they know.

Last and by no means least, there are combined money making efforts. No Company or Pack has unlimited means, and when the two work together, they not only get to know each other very well, but the work seems only half as hard. And the Company and Pack have more respect for each other, as both realise that neither could have done half as well alone.

If the Pack and Company can co-operate together and be one big, happy family, then never will that cry arise, "I do not want to be a Guide!"

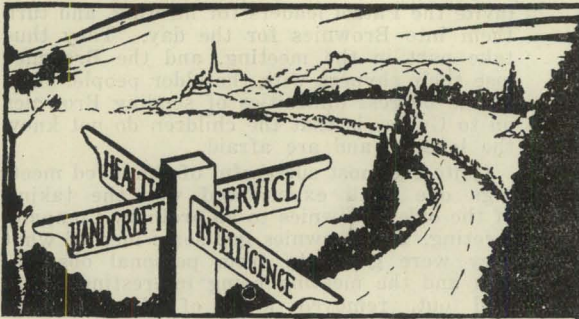
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## Notices.

### BROWNIE BRANCH GET-TOGETHER.

An evening of games, campfire, etc., will be held at H.Q. on Monday, August 2nd, at 8 p.m. Supper!! A charge of 3d. will be made. We hope that ALL Owls will keep this night free, and come to their own party (in or out of uniform), as it is such a long time since we last "got-together."

U. A TATE.



# The Sign Post

(Editor, Miss R. Denny)

## The Guide Law.

"A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others."

It is a commonplace—but most significant—that there is a right and a wrong in human activities. Things we ought to do, and things we ought not to do.

We speak of duty; what is it? It is that which is due from one person to another.

No member of a community is absolutely alone and out of relation to others.

No matter where we look; no matter what path in life we choose, there, before us, lies our duty towards others, individually and collectively, be it our neighbour, parents, teachers, or in one great whole—our country.

No Guide is alone and out of relation to other Guides. Not only has she her duty towards her Company as a whole, but towards each individual member.

The sense of duty developed in this sphere fits her for that wider field of citizenship which in the near future she will enter, for, after all, is not her company but a miniature of that larger community—the State—in the life of which she will wish to play an active and useful part?

Wordsworth conceived of duty as "the stern daughter of the voice of God."

Need it be stern? Need it conjure up for us something we wish we might avoid, if the way would but open for us? Need it restrict us or suggest something irksome? Need its meaning be narrow and without hope of widening into spheres of happiness and privilege?

Duty gives us independence, energy, dignity and nobility.

Let us take the third law and see if within its wider meaning it holds the secret to some great happiness. Here it is!—"To help others."

At the sound of three simple words any suggestion of sternness vanishes, the seemingly narrow meaning bursts like a rocket against a dark sky, revealing to a waiting world the truth and beauty within.

To help others; to forget ourselves—a thought, the power of which can alter the destiny of nations. Try to estimate its significance and realise the great opportunity it offers of bringing joy to the hearts of our fellow men.

By contrast does not all that is base and ignoble lie within the meaning of selfishness? Its power for evil is staggering; its victims countless.

The paths of life, down through the ages, are strewn with the wrecks of individuals and of nations, crushed and broken by this remorseless trait in human nature.

Would that this thought might sink deep into the heart of man.

At this moment the dark clouds of war cast their shadows across the distant horizon. Blinded by fear and distrust, the nations of the world cannot see beyond themselves. If their leaders could but develop that sense of duty towards each other, and try to see the world as one great community in which each must play his part in being useful, and helping others, then would a trembling world know the inestimable blessing of goodwill and peace on earth.

When we Guides repeat our third law let us grasp its tremendous meaning; let us realise that in showing us our duty towards others it offers at the same time a great gift, and a great privilege.

What greater gift than the strength and will to forget ourselves in the joy of bringing happiness to others.

What greater privilege than that we might contribute to the welfare, not only of our own nation, but of all the world!

This we Guides have within reach if with an understanding heart, we carry out the injunction—"A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others."

Tasmania.

ALICE GREER.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Matilda,

Could we hear further progress reports from M.C. and her "Knights of the Law"?

Yours,

E.J.M.

I felt sure people would be keen to hear more of the "Knights" and their practical way of dealing with the Law. So, please, M.C., will you find time to write again?

This month our article on the Third Law has come from a Brown Owl in Tasmania. Mrs. Greer has given us something very stimulating. Thank you, Mrs. Greer. R.D.

## THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

All readers of the Signpost Page are asked to begin thinking of subjects for discussion during the Guide session at the Annual Conference. This question appears here because the Signpost Page is read, we imagine, by Guide Guiders as opposed to Brownie or Ranger Guiders.

Are the Brownie people to be tu-whitting over their toadstool, and the Ranger people to be talking of trees and telephones while the Guide folk sit in solemn silence? No! did you say? You'll send in those questions you've been asking all the Guiders you've met in the trams lately, or that idea you got in the middle of the night when it was so frosty? It would be so exciting if I could hand a budget of subjects for discussion to the Conference Secretary and proudly say "These are sent in by readers of the Signpost Page." R.D.

## Colour for Handicrafts.

In thinking about colour in designing we need to think of 1.—the relationship between the various colours; and 2.—the strength of the colours we intend to use. These two rules are a simple and reliable guide for choosing and combining colours. Let us deal with (1) Relationship, first. There are three primary colours—red, yellow, blue, which, when mixed, produce other colours called secondary colours—orange, purple, green (red and yellow produce orange; red and blue make purple; yellow and blue make green).

Each primary has a complementary or contrast colour which is composed of the other two primaries. So the contrast colour of red is green; of yellow is purple; of blue is orange. Now we know why a girl with "red" hair looks well in green frocks; a fair girl in black. We know to put yellow flowers in a violet vase and orange cushions on a blue couch.

And now for the strength of each colour. Will you take a pencil and paper, draw a circle and mark one to twelve as on a clock face? Opposite twelve write "yellow," opposite two write "green," four "blue," six "purple," eight "red," ten "orange."

Now you have a rough spectrum, an exhibition of the colours in light. In this spectrum yellow is lightest, green a little darker, blue darker still, purple darkest of all, red lighter than purple, orange lighter again, back to yellow, lightest of all. So, supposing you are working with yellow, violet and a little blue, the yellow will be light, the blue darker, and the violet dark and rich.

Now we see why mauve is nearly always an unpleasant colour; it is because it is a light violet. If you use mauve, let it be in very small quantities, or else have any other colours lighter than it is.

This law of tone relationship is easily and most interestingly to be seen in Nature, and never fails. Birds, flowers, fruits and, best example of all, the sunsets, should be studied.

These two rules should be quite enough to help in combining colours, whether for handicrafts, clothes or surroundings. It may be helpful to remember, too, that yellow-green, yellow, orange, red, scarlet and crimson are warm colours; while purple, blue-violet, blue, blue-green and green are cold colours. Gold is warm, silver is cold. Orange, gold, bright greens, peach, soft blues are cheerful; while black, mauve, grey and silver are depressing. Stimulating colours are yellow, vermilion, deep rose and orange.

It is often a good thing to make the border of a design of the darkest colour or tone in the piece of work. Again, black outlines tend to make dull, while white make brilliant.

Imagine the Union Jack with black where the white is! Let us get more colour into our homes and our belongings and let it be well chosen and combined. R.D.

## Camping Notices.

### COURSE FOR INTENDING QUARTER-MASTERS.

An interesting course is being arranged for Guiders and Rangers who would like some extra help and hints before undertaking the job of Q.M. at a guide or ranger camp. This will consist of two evening sessions on the 6th and 13th September, and a week-end at Gipton on 18th September, when practical work will be done. Commissioners and Guiders are asked to bring this before the notice of others who they think would be capable of being Camp Q.M.'s, and just need to be shown good methods of catering and supervising the cooking for a small camp. As the accommodation at Gipton is limited, those intending to take the course are asked to send in their names early.

### CAMP-CRAFT BADGE.

It is proposed to hold a course of training for Rangers and Guiders who wish to qualify for the Campcraft Badge. Applicants should have had camping experience, and should not be entirely new to the kind of work demanded by this test. As the number in the class will necessarily be limited, those with the most experience will be accepted should too many apply. It is proposed that evening lectures should be held at Headquarters on 16th and 23rd September and 14th October, and week-ends at Gipton should be held on 2nd, 9th and 23rd October. Rangers and Guiders who would like to attend this course are asked to send their names to the Commissioner for Camping at Headquarters, giving details of the camping experience they have had and the dates of the camps. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss Barfus.

### INDOOR CAMP TEST CERTIFICATE.

It is proposed to hold a series of lectures in connection with this Certificate and the Pack Holiday Permit on Monday evenings in October, with the written test on 8th November. The full details of this Certificate are to be found in the Victorian Supplement to P.O.R.:

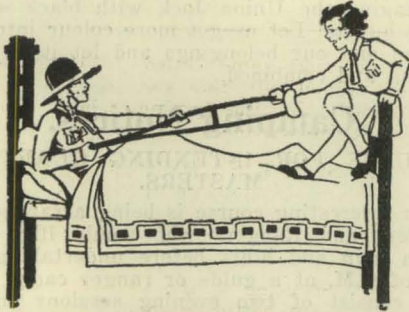
- "... To be eligible a Guide must—
- be a warranted Captain or Brown Owl;
  - be recommended by her Commissioner;
  - have attended a Victorian Training Week or approved Camp (Brown Owls attend a Pack Holiday);
  - have attended a complete training course in Indoor Camping."

There will be no session of the Quarter-master section in this course, and applicants are asked to attend the two lectures on this subject on 6th and 13th September (but not the week-end at Gipton unless they enrol for the Q.M. course). Intending candidates are asked to send their names to the Commissioner for Camping, who will furnish Commissioners with a recommendation form.

### GIPTON WEEK-END FEES.

The fees at Gipton at the above week-ends will be approximately 7/6, including 2nd class return fare.

ELAINE E. MORAN,  
Commissioner for Camping.



## HERE IS SERVICE FOR SOME OF YOU!

During the last few weeks two new Extension Companies have been formed—the 9th Kew Guides and the 4th Post Rangers.

The 9th Kew Guides is a Company among the highest grade girls in the Children's Cottages at the Kew Asylum. Many of these girls are not very far removed from the slow, dull, difficult or unstable girls who may be found in many an open Company. They are NOT idiots or imbeciles, but just mentally dull or emotionally unstable.

We all know Guiding can help and encourage our difficult girls to gain self-control, self-respect, and to try to learn to be useful and helpful to others.

The girls in the Cottages have not many interests—it is only recently that a School has been supplied by the Government, and so many of the older ones have never had the opportunity of learning to read or write. They are one and all tremendously keen to be Guides and although their test work must of necessity take a long time, they will certainly be able to do most of the ordinary Tenderfoot and 2nd Class tests—and the interest and fun of Guiding should bring them very great happiness.

If any Guiders or ex-Guiders would like to help with this most worth-while Company, either regularly or occasionally, will they please get in touch with Miss A. McA. Campbell, 41 Spring Street, C.I. Company meetings are held on Saturday afternoons, and we feel that more helpers would make it easier to run the patrol system properly.

4th Post Ranger Company has been started for the girls in the Craft Hostel at the Children's Hospital at Frankston.

These girls have nearly all been Guides in the Hospital Company, and many of them had been transferred to Posts. Now they are back at Frankston learning Homecraft at the Hostel and at the same time catching up with their education.

We would dearly love to have been able to give them a proper Ranger Company, but it seems there are no prospective Ranger Guiders to be had in that district, so they have been formed into a Post Ranger Company with Miss Sidney Foott as Captain. She will visit them once a month, and we are hoping to be able to arrange something at least one other Saturday in each month so as to give them a fortnightly meeting.

Ranger Guiders who could help by having a hike down there and asking the Hostel girls to join them, or taking a Company meeting and doing some bit of the Ranger test with them, or by having a camp-fire and sing-song

with them, should get in touch with Miss Foott, 88 Collins Street, Central 1170, early morning or evening.

This is service for you. There are ten girls at the Hostel, most of them are fairly lame, one or two are in chairs, but there is thick bush all round, the beach is quite near—suitable for hiking—and the girls have nothing else to do on Saturday afternoons and evenings, so why not a camp-fire sing-song?

The Hostel is about 3 miles from Frankston and there is a bus if you are too lazy to walk!  
J.A.

## CORONATION RALLY.

More than 8000 Scouts and Guides had the opportunity of celebrating the Coronation of King George VI. at the rally held on May 12th.

The programme combined the March Past, Empire Pageant and service. The Deputy State Commissioner (Mrs. Faulkner) and Mr. Hoadley took the salute from the dais.

The Guides' massed colours at the head of each group made a particularly fine opening to the March Past.

When Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts were all in place on the ground the groups in national costume, representing each part of the Empire, formed up in the centre of the arena.

Brownies and Cubs were responsible for the formation of the Union Jack, one of the most effective and simple efforts in pageantry I have ever seen.

During the service of loyalty and thanksgiving readings were taken by Mrs. F. W. Faulkner and Mr. Hoadley, Scout Commissioner, after which the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies delivered a short address on the significance of the Crown and the Coronation.

The Extension Guides were well represented at the Rally this year, as 93 of this branch were present—and over 30 were able to join in the March Past.

## THE RALLY AND COURTESY.

### COUNTRY CAPTAINS' SPECIAL.

The rally has been a very special interest to guides of country companies, and could be a very special opportunity for training in courtesy and consideration in new circumstances.

Some billeted guides have written charming letters to their hostesses, and some even wrote before they came, and made an excellent impression.

In my experience the behaviour of billeted guides was very good indeed, but some of them have not known that notes of thanks should be written to hostesses.

Captains should explain to the guides what should be done, and help them to write the notes if necessary. It could all be the greatest interest, a way of discovering how to finish an adventure, and the best training for independence in thoughtfulness in the future.

Please note that this is urgent and important.  
G. H. SWINBURNE.

## REFRESHER COURSE.

A refresher course of three or four meetings will be held for Brownie Guiders at H.Q. early in September. Brownie Guiders are asked to apply by sending their names to H.Q. Further information will be given in "Matilda" and in the press. U. A. TATE.

## Equipment Notes.

### BOOKS.

**Fourth Biennial Report of the W.A.G.G. G.S.** (period July, 1934, to June, 1936). Price 2/4, postage 2d.

We told you about this in the December issue last year, but as you probably had no time to read it then, we are telling you a few other points of interest in this attractive publication.

First, you find the representation of the World Flag—or would you prefer to buy a coloured one on a card for 1d.? There is a thrilling description of how the Luxembourg Guides, camping near Adelboden, happened to meet and talk to the Chief Guide, without recognising her.

On another page is an excellent picture of "Australian Brownies at Melbourne Rally"! There is the heartbreaking description by a Guider of how she went through the hospitals after the Quetta earthquake, seeking Bluebirds and Brownies and Guiders—and finding them, always smiling in spite of their pain.

There are some articles in French for your Guides to read, if they can! There are tales of good turns, including the big one Madame Malkowska is doing in Poland. Tell your Guides what Guiding is doing for the girls of India; about the Camp in U.S.A. attended by girls representing thirteen Indian tribes; about the Guides at Tororo, who had to be warned not to be frightened as the train bearing the Chief Guide approached—they thought the engine would come off the rails and run into them, as they had never seen a train before!

Need you hear more to convince you that this is a book your Company cannot afford to be without?

**STANDARD BEARERS**, Price 2/3, post. 3d.

"These are the stories of the Patron Saints of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland . . . We remember them as men whose lives were great adventures of courage and love and holiness. They are like standard-bearers who went before and showed the path for us to tread."

For the second class Guide test, a Guide "should have been told the legends of the Union Jack Saints." This is a book which is simply written, and will be a great comfort to Guiders who want something really useful and interesting to tell the Guides in connection with this part of the test.

**AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL SIGNS AND SYMBOLS**, Price 1/-, postage 2d.

Even if you and your Guides are not interested directly in the Aborigine Badge, there is much to interest you in this book. If the Patrol have as emblems emus, lizards, kangaroos, crocodiles, tortoises (for which H.Q. does not stock ready-worked emblems), here are simple designs to work themselves. If they want something more unusual for an emblem, what about water, fire or rain, whose emblems can be found in this book? At the end there is a list of aboriginal names for various animals and birds. And why not try

the aboriginal game called "thirring-nunna," a variation of our hide and seek?

You will like the tracking signs, too, and other picture-writing.

**GIRL SCOUT HANDBOOK**. Price 4/6, postage 6d.

When the new edition was first published, the Chief Scout wrote: "A new handbook is like a rising barometer; it points to all being well with Scouting in the United States, with promise of yet better to come."

This book is an endless source of inspiration to any Guider; the very first chapter gives four most useful stories for pow-wows—about "famous trail makers": Sakakawea, Louisa Alcott, Anna Shaw and Juliette Low.

A noticeable point about every chapter of this book is that it tells not only the material needed for a badge test, but much that is a background for that knowledge, and the busy Guider will be saved much reading of odd books if she can look up a subject here. For instance, under "tracking signs" we find notes about beacon lights for aeroplanes, traffic signals, harbour signs, and some extra tracking signs the Guides would love to use.

You will be thrilled with the bits about hiking and camping (everything is charmingly illustrated); there is much first-aid, with helpful drawings; lots about hike cooking (though some of the recipes seem very extravagant!), as well as a good deal that would be very helpful on such proficiency badges as Health, Sick Nurse, Child Nurse.

And before I finish—do look at the handcraft section, if only for the "Indian symbols adapted to leather tooling"—you will want to use some of them at once on any handcraft you are doing!

Buy the book as a present to the Company from itself for its Birthday!

### EQUIPMENT.

**Groundsheets.** Are you needing a groundsheet for your Company hike, or for the next camp? We are now stocking the 6ft. x 3ft. size in a different type of sheet—rubber, light and cheaper, 5/6. You will like these, we know. Begin to think now how many of your Guides hope to camp in the summer, and start saving the money for some of these groundsheets—they are guaranteed waterproof.

**Shoes.** We still have a few pairs of the black glace kid or black calf shoes—lace-up—for the reduced price of 15/11 per pair. These are available in all sizes and half-sizes, in narrow and wide fittings—please say which you want. These are very well-shaped shoes, with sensible, comfortable heels—the kind it is difficult to get elsewhere.

**Coronation Mugs.** There are still some of these for you to get. They are grey with a blue conventional Guide badge on one side and the royal monogram and date on the other side. They are breakable, so unsuitable for hiking purposes, but delightful for your supper drink, and look perfectly charming used as vases for violets! A nice idea for a birthday gift to your Guide friend! Price 2/-, postage 1/-.

CLARA BROADHURST,  
Commissioner for Equipment.

**APPOINTMENTS.****District Commissioners.**

Nhill—Mrs. R. Angus, Nelson St., Nhill.  
 Parkville and North Melbourne—  
 Mrs. John Foster, Mount St., Heidelberg.  
 Rupanyup—Mrs. Eric Sinclair, Belwood,  
 Rupanyup.  
 Warragul, etc.—Mrs. Adamson,  
 Palmerston St., Warragul.

**District Captains.**

Caulfield—Miss M. Cumbræ Stewart,  
 Elm Avenue, S.4.  
 Preston—Miss E. Tobin,  
 94 Powlett St., East Melbourne.

**WARRANTS.****Brown Owl.**

1st Prahran—Miss G. Oxley.  
 4th St. Kilda—Miss B. H. Casper.

**Tawny Owl.**

1st Chilwell—Miss J. Rankin.

**Captain.**

1st Carnegie—Miss M. E. Bullock.  
 1st Coleraine—Miss J. Trangmar.  
 1st East Malvern—Miss M. E. Alfred.  
 12th Geelong—Miss J. Roberts.  
 14th Geelong—Miss R. Miles.  
 3rd Hawthorn—Miss L. Cuzens.  
 11th Malvern—Miss E. Frost.  
 1st Myrtleford—Miss J. Moncrieff.

**Lieutenant.**

1st Brighton Beach—Miss A. Sides.  
 1st Euroa—Miss J. White.  
 1st North Fitzroy—Miss O. Cairns.  
 1st St. Kilda—Miss M. Clinton.

**Ranger Captain.**

1st Vict. Post Rangers—Miss E. Armstrong

**REGISTRATIONS.**

Lang Lang Local Association.  
 1st Brighton Pack, 1st Euroa Pack, 9th  
 Hawthorn Packs.  
 1st Warragul Ranger Company.  
**DISBANDED**—1st Collingwood Rangers.  
**IN RECESS**—1st Springhurst Co.

**RESIGNATION.**

Bendigo District—Mrs. Butt.

**CANCELLATIONS.****Brown Owl.**

1st Edithvale—Mrs. Cooper.  
 5th Hawthorn—Miss Duff.  
 1st Hastings—Miss Fricke.  
 1st Ivanhoe—Miss Sedgfield.

**Captain.**

1st Echuca—Miss Judge.  
 2nd Ivanhoe—Miss Sedgfield.  
 1st Mentone—Miss Downe.  
 1st St. Kilda—Miss Blake.  
 1st Yallourn—Mrs. Dann.

**Lieutenant.**

4th Brighton—Miss Lynn.

**District Secretary.**

Oakleigh and Murrumbena—Mrs. Brine.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

Mrs. Miller, 18 Oram St., Shepparton.

**CHANGE OF GUIDERS.**

15th Geelong Co.—Captain now Miss L.  
 Anderson, 11 Fenwick St., Geelong.  
 1st Warragul Co.—Captain now Miss B.  
 Byriell, Bowen St., Warragul.

**TRAINING.**

**Woodcraft Week.** If applications warrant it, a Woodcraft Week will be held at Pinebrae, Mt. Evelyn, from 11th to 18th August, 1937—fee 35/-. The week's programme will cover woodcraft and first class, and will include building shelters and axemanship, scouting and night games, birding, trees, insects, and adventure, covering first-class.

As applications close on 1st July, when "Matilda" is published, Guiders who still wish to apply are advised to look in the daily press (Tuesday), to see whether there are any vacancies.

**Training Classes.** Dates for the next Brownie and Guide Training Courses are to be fixed shortly, and will be published in the daily press. Guiders wishing to attend any course are asked to send their names and needs to the Training Secretary as soon as possible.

MERLE BUSH, Commissioner for Training.  
**THANK YOU!**

107 Beveridge St., Swan Hill,  
 May 15th, 1937.

Dear Matilda,

I should like to express through you the appreciation and thanks of the Swan Hill Guides to the mothers of Melbourne Guides and others who so kindly afforded hospitality to the Guides from the district, from May 11th-13th, thus enabling them to visit Melbourne and participate in the great Coronation Rally. They were all greatly thrilled by the experience, and spent a very happy time during their visit. Sincerely yours,

FRANCES M. REEVES, Capt.,  
 Swan Hill Guide Co.

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