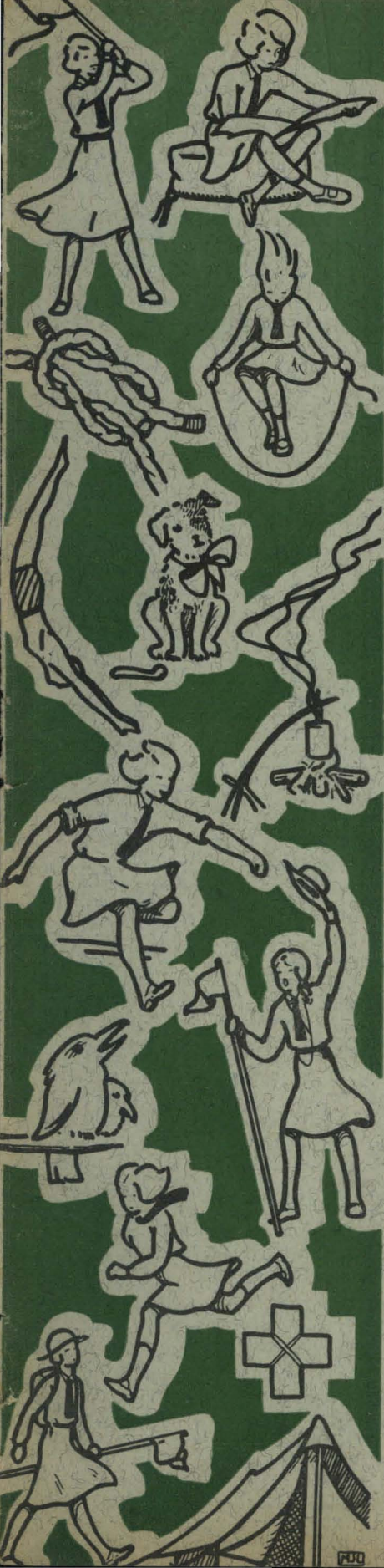


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EDITORIAL

As the Printer has been changed, would Guiders please send all articles to—

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

by the 13th of each month, at the latest. I hope this is the last time the date has to be altered.

Would Editors of various Pages please note, as long-distance 'phone calls are expensive?

As this is Conference Month, we hope you are helping the Guiders' Committee by filling in the form sent out with "Matilda," and returning it to them at once. We know from experience that the Committee appreciates questions from Guiders, so send in queries that may be of interest to everyone. These may be discussed either at the morning session or at the General Conference.

We regret that, owing to lack of space in "Matilda," Executive Minutes have not been fully published until now.

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

I WANT to tell you some details about the Jumble Shop. I think that everyone in the city knew all about it, but I hear that some people in the country only saw the references to it in the papers and wondered what ever we were doing.

We needed money for general funds; our income each year is not quite large enough to cover our expenses. When we have big rallies, etc., we are thrifty and put most of the profits away in the Savings Bank for the lean years. This was a lean year and we had used up most of the money in the Bank. We did not want to upset Guiders and Companies in the middle of their year's work, also we knew that everyone was working as hard as they could to raise money for the endowment of the Guide Camp House. So Miss Ritchie and Miss Russell, both members of the Executive Committee, agreed to organise a Jumble Shop on a large scale and call on members of Local Associations, Commissioners, and a few Guiders who were able to spare the time. They made £250, and we are very indebted to all those who worked so hard to make it such a great success.

Some of you in the country may have wondered why you were not asked for goods to sell, but we soon overflowed on to three floors of No. 60 Market Street, and had to stop somewhere. Don't worry, we may have one another year, and

you certainly will be asked for your "white elephants."

LET US LOOK WIDER.—Did you see that our beloved Chief Lord Baden Powell has been awarded the Wateler Peace Prize for 1937. This is valued at £2100, and has been given to him for his services in the interest of international understanding through the medium of the Guide and Scout Movements. What a joy to us all over the world to read of this, and what a thrill and a privilege to belong to a sisterhood whose aims and ideals are of such vital importance to the tired, troubled world of to-day.

ENID FAULKNER,
Deputy State Commissioner.

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THE JUMBLE SHOP.

Proceeds from the Jumble Show amount to £252.

We would like to thank all those who so cheerfully and generously worked for the success of the Shop. The response to our appeals was amazing. The Guide Movement is indeed lucky to possess such loyal supporters and friends.

MARY RUSSELL.
JOAN RITCHIE.

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COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE.

Information For Commissioners.

Commissioners are asked not to arrive before 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th September, at Lorne.

Will all those who need seats in the 'bus, please let Miss Irving know by 10th September?

Would any Commissioners withdrawing from the Conference, please do so by 10th September, otherwise they will forfeit their 5/- application fee.

Kit should include groundsheet, string, rope and knife. Overalls may be worn. Sandshoes or tennis shoes should be brought (for indoor games). Will anyone wishing to sleep out on verandahs, etc., at Lorne, please bring own stretchers and blankets?

The Conference programme will include:—

- Public Appearance of Guides—Rallies, etc.
- Nature Study.
- Conducting Guide and Brownie Meetings.
- History of Movement.
- Camp Fire.
- Consecration of Flags.
- Talks by Commissioners for Departments.
- Outdoor Hike for First Class.
- Gadgets for Camp and Hikes.

Mrs. Fairbairn and Miss Black invite all those present at the Conference to a party at 5.30 on Saturday, 18th September, at the Lorne Hotel.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN.

CHANGES IN THE OFFICE STAFF.

Marjorie D. Sweeting, who was in charge of the book-keeping at the Guide Office for over eight years, recently left us to take up another position with the Y.W.C.A. In wishing her happiness in her new sphere, we would like to express our appreciation of the services she rendered to Guiding while she was with us. We remember gratefully her cheerful co-operation in such stressful periods as the time of the Indoor Camps, when she acted as Honorary Treasurer for all the money concerning them, in addition to the usual office routine banking, which was much increased through the Rally.

Miss Sweeting has also been "inside Guiding" as a Sea Ranger Skipper, and at Camp and Training Week, and we hope she may some day come "inside" again.

—S. H. IRVING.

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USE OF HALL.

The Camberwell North District Girl Guides will be pleased to let other Districts use their hall in Faversham Road, Canterbury, E.7, provided plenty of notice is given beforehand.

For further particulars, apply to District Secretary, No. 5, 76 Riversdale Road, Camberwell. (Tel. W.4543).

Those who have visited this Hall know how attractive it is for Guide use—ample indoor accommodation, as well as delightful outdoor space, basketball court, etc.

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GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

25th September, 1937.

Training classes for Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders will be held in the Arts Building, Melbourne University, commencing at 10.45 a.m.

Will all Guiders please be seated for the afternoon session by 2 p.m. Have you sent in your suggestions for discussion? If not, why not?

Special attractions—Evening session—Singing conducted by Miss Joan Webb and Film of Swedish Conference.

Sunday Outing.—Round trip, via Eltham and Kangaroo Grounds Memorial Cairn to Penleigh Boyd Studio, at Warrandyte, where Guiders' Own Service will be held. Return through Doncaster.

Nothing Over Half-a-Crown!

Conference fee, 3d.; afternoon tea, 3d.; tea, 1/6; bus fare, 2/6. If your subscriptions are not already in, they should be on the way.

E. TOBIN,

Hon. Secretary.

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A WORD TO COUNTRY GUIDERS— ONLY!

About Accounts.

I have lately changed my job at the Guide Office a bit, and am now responsible for the book-keeping part, and I would like to ask the co-

operation of country Guiders in a few respects. There are only four paid staff-members at Headquarters in Victoria, all very busy trying to do the jobs required, and I thought you might help to reduce my busy-ness if I told you a few intimate things about our ledger.

I have just posted 174 accounts, for amounts varying from 3d. to a few pounds; actually, considering that our policy is to have NO credit accounts, that seems queer, but this is how it happens:

All our orders should be cash transactions, and most of them are; but if a country Guider sends an order and encloses even a few pence too little money (perhaps she has not known about an increased price, or has misjudged the postage required for the parcel) we cannot deal with it as a cash sale, but have to enter the account in the ledger, and treat it as a credit account, sending a receipt for the money already paid, and charging up the balance due. This means that we have dozens of little ledger accounts . . .

We are supposed to send out our statements of amounts due every month, but you will understand that it is a bit expensive, as well as seemingly thriftless, to spend 15/- each month in order to get these little amounts paid. So sometimes we leave a few months without sending out statements.

Do you see how you can help ?? Either send a bit more money than you think will be needed, with EACH order (we will refund any extra), or when you get the account showing that there was a deficit, DO send the balance very soon (if it comes back VERY soon I can keep it out of the ledger, and save one of those lovely expensive loose-leaf sheets!)

If all Companies and Packs which owe anything for past accounts would very sweetly pay up quickly, we might be able to reduce the monthly posting of accounts to about 2/6, instead of the present 15/-; will YOU help? Thank you very much. It is not that I want to shirk work, but the 9th Guide Law is certainly against unnecessary or useless work—help me to keep it!

FRIEDA V. BARFUS.

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LIBRARY NOTES.

(*Librarian: ISLA PEARSON*)

We have often talked on books—and what we think might be helpful.

A great deal of the joy of being a Guide lies in the knowledge that we are part of a huge family—well then—try out the book, "Friends Of All The World"—foreword by our well-known friend, "Alice M. Behrens." It contains six suggestions for Guide evening:—

- (1) An evening in Uganda.
- (2) A Chinese evening.
- (3) A Persian evening.
- (4) Hospital Work.
- (5) A Japanese evening.
- (6) With the Outcasts in India, and Ways in Which Guides May Help.

Again—have you thought of borrowing from the Magazine Section of our Library?

"The American Gazette."

"G.G. Magazine of South Africa."

"New Zealand Guide News."

"Indian News Sheets."

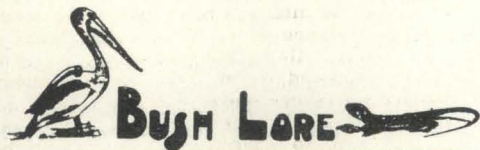
"The Girl Scout (U.S.A.)."
 "The Victorian Scout."
 "The French 'Le Scout.'"
 "The Trailmaker" (Mass, U.S.A.).
 "The Council Fire."
 "The Guider."
 "The Woozle" (South Australian).
 "Scout And Guide Courier" (West Australia).
 "Queensland."
 "Waratah" (N.S.W.).

And a host of others.

Some fresh bits of news, or ideas, must surely come to you from some of these.

Magazines are difficult to display, but take a peep in the drawers of our Library cupboard, and also the cupboard underneath.

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(Editor: ELSIE E. SYDES)

"Sweet Spring, thou com'st with all thy
 goodly train,

Thy head with flames, thy mantle bright with
 flowers,

The zephyrs curl the green locks of the plain,
 The clouds for joy in pearls weep down their
 showers,

Sweet Spring, thou com'st."

—William Drummond, of Hawthornden.

Nesting Time.

And with the Spring—nesting time once more! The following list of nesting times is taken from "What Bird is That?" and from it you will see that some birds are earlier builders than others—the chat, magpie, white plumed honeyeater, and yellow tufted honeyeater are amongst the early ones. You can keep a watch out in your own district and see during which months the different birds build. "Matilda" would be glad to know.

JUNE-DECEMBER.—Yellow tufted honeyeater, white plumed honeyeater (often as late as April).

JULY-FEB.—Magpie, Blue wren.

JULY-DEC.—Yellow-tailed thornbill (often until May); white-fronted chat (often in autumn months); white browed scrub-wren; white eared honeyeater; noisy miner (honeyeater family), to December or January; Red wattle-bird; fuscous honeyeater; black-chinned honeyeater; white naped honeyeater (to November).

JULY or AUG., to DECEMBER.—Scarlet and red-capped robins.

JULY to JANUARY.—Bronze cuckoo, yellow robin, magpie-lark (or mudlark), crested bell-bird (and in northern part of its range as late as March).

AUG. TO DECEMBER.—Brown thornbill, spotted pardalote, grey crowned babbler, swallow (occasionally during autumn months), Eastern spinebill, brown-headed honeyeater, mashed woodswallow (also to Jan), singing honeyeater

(breeding season in inland districts regulated by the rains), fan-tailed cuckoo, willie wagtail (Aug. to December or January), thrush, jacky winter, hooded robin, golden whistler, black swan, raven, chough.

AUGUST TO JANUARY.—Eastern shrike-tit, black-faced cuckoo-shrike (N.S.W.—Feb., March and July—Queensland), restless flycatcher, willie wagtail, masked woodswallow, whip-bird, pipit, grey butcher-bird, regent honeyeater.

SEPT TO JANUARY.—Rufous whistler, triller, pallid cuckoo (N.S.W.), dusky woodswallow, silvereve (also to February), grey fantail.

SEPT. to DEC. or JANUARY.—Mistletoe bird, striated thornbill (to Dec.), flame robin, kookaburra, oriole,

SEPT. to FEBRUARY.—Painted quail (Eastern Aus.), reed-warbler.

OCT. to JANUARY.—Sacred kingfisher, rainbow-bird (also to Feb.), both late nesters and both tunnellers; white browed woodswallow.

MAY to DECEMBER.—White-browed babbler.

Food For Thought.

"What is man For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet."—Psalm 8.

A sacred trust, and what are we in Australia doing about it? What are we GOING to do about it?

One reads so much in the papers about the destruction of trees, and birds, and flowers, and animals. Cormorants are shot and trapped so that men shall not be deprived of the sport of fishing; all sorts of birds are destroyed in the name of sport. A few days ago, I read with great interest that a Pelican had arrived at a lake, being driven South by droughty conditions. The paragraph ended: "The bird measured eight feet across when shot."

Perhaps you read the paragraph in the Nature column in the "Argus," relating to the destruction of our remarkable Australian animal (or is it a creature?) the platypus—the catching of these poor, harmless creatures in the drum-nets set in the river. And now destruction of birds by foreigners! Already it is feared we shall lose our koala, and what of many of our beautiful wild flowers? Mention the fact that you are not allowed to pick a certain flower, and the reply is, "Oh, but there's tons of it." But will there be always? Even in my short experience the wax-flower has decreased enormously near Bendigo, so that you have to go much further afield to find any good patches, and then, generally, in private property.

Laws are useless—what we must achieve is a conscience in the people, so what better than to start building with our Brownies, our Guides, and decidedly our Rangers?

The Real Thing.

(Being Notes from a Guiders' Wog-Box—19th November, 1936—THE DATE IS IMPORTANT as a clue to know when to look out for these things yourself—so nota bene!)

DO LIZARDS LIKE MANTIDS? I've had a family of small mantids, out of those cases

(diagram here), dozens of small green chappies, which even in their first change, you could easily recognise as such. I put them on the grass in the wog-home, and found out too late, that the lizards, especially a big black one, were having a lovely meal. So that's the end of them.

TIGER MOTHS AND EMPEROR GUM MOTHS, ETC.—Had a **TIGER MOTH** out, and lots of this season's **EMPEROR GUM-MOTHS** are coming out.

The **PINARA** is not out yet, neither have my **CASEMOTHS** moved. I put some gum in each week to encourage them, but nothing has happened yet.

DECEMBER 17th, 1936.—The **PINARA MOTH** is out—came out on the 1st **DECEMBER**. It is about 2½ inches across the wings when open, fawn colour with brown markings, the lower wings being a pretty orange colour.

The **CUP-MOTHS** disappeared—I wish they wouldn't wander so at night.

What excitement! Have you a wog-box yet, G. Guider; well, why not?



BROWNIE GUIDERS' LIBRARY.

THE Library Committee has some money in hand for enlarging or duplicating the library. So please, Brownie Guiders, do send along your suggestions. Are there any books not yet in the Library which you would like? And which books do you think we should have in both Country and Metropolitan sections? If you have any suggestions to make, send them along at once. The Library is yours, so let us know what you want.

Here is the list of books of which we have more than one copy; one of each is kept for Country Guiders:—

Section B: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10.

Section C: No. 1.

Section S: Nos. 5, 23, 26, 27.

The following books have been added to the Library since the list was published in May "Matilda," and there are others in course of preparation:—

Brownie Games (A. M. Knight), Brown Magic (V. Rhys Davids, 2nd copy), Wolf Cub Handbook (Lord Baden Powell, 2nd copy), Songs and Games of Babyland Abroad (Louie Jesse), Extracts From Child Education, Soft Toy Making (Albert H. Crampton), Raffia Work and Basketry (Albert H. Crampton), Grandmothers Book of Rhymes (Mrs. E. Turner), Cautionary Tales for Children (H. Belloc), Butterwick Farm (C. Webb), League of Nations Stories (Lilian Dalton), Number Three Joy Street, Once-Upon-a-Time Tales, Lazy Lob and Other Stories (Mabel Marlowe), Fireside Stories (Ada M. Maryials), Eight Plays For Children (Rose Hylman), Stories to Tell Children (Sara Cone Bryant).

We have decided to publish each month a brief report of some of the books, chiefly for the benefit of Guiders who have to send for books by post. Here is section B.

- B.1.—**BROWN MAGIC**, the most valuable book in the library. A real gold-mine of helpful advice. No Owl can do without it.
- B.2.—**WOLF-CUB HANDBOOK**, contains many helpful hints, games, etc., on tests and all sorts of other interesting and useful information. Also every Brown Owl and Tawny Owl must read this book before obtaining her Warrant.
- B.3 and 4.—**BROWNIE GAMES** by V. Rhys Davids and Estel Pelly. These need no further introduction.
- B.5.—Scrap Book of Interesting Articles about children, collected from various sources. Perhaps you have one you have found helpful which you would like to add?
- B.6.—For Brownies. Stories and games to delight any Brownie Pack.
- B.7.—More For Brownies. Stories and Games to delight any Brownie Pack.
- B.8.—**THE GOLDEN AGE**. A collection of stories about children showing the psychology of the child mind.
- B.9.—**THE CRADLE SHIP**.—A simple and interesting explanation for children of the origin of life.
- B.10.—**BROWN BOOK FOR BROWN OWLS**. The American text book for Brown Owls, contains games, ceremonies and stories, besides much interesting information on the American Brownies.
- B.11.—**CUBBING**. Another handbook on Cubs; has much of interest for Owls.
- B.12.—**GIRL GUIDING**. The Official Handbook for the Girl Guide Movement; no Guider should be without a copy.
- B.13.—**BROWNIE GAMES**, by A. M. Knight. This is a new book of games just published, containing many new and old games, all most attractive.

Send your suggestions for the Brownie Guiders Library to either—**DOROTHY SEDGFIELD**, 150 Marshall Street, Ivanhoe, N.21; or **MARGARET HESELTINE**, 87 Westbury Street, East, St. Kilda, S.2.

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BROWNIE GAMES.

Semaphore Game.

Make a number of cards, about six inches square. Print clearly a letter of the alphabet on both sides. Brownies in a semi-circle, cards placed on ground in front of them. B.O. signals letter. Brownies endeavour to stand on correct letter or letters (can be more than one of each). Brownies doing so score a point. When three points are scored, Brownie scoring same takes B.O.'s place. Game continues, Brownies adding on to score already gained. Next Brownie to gain three points takes the flags, and the signaller goes on to T.O., who has similar cards, but who signals words, and the cards are picked up. —E.L.L.

Acting Statues.

Skip around to any tune. One in centre calls out action, e.g., gardening, cycling, etc., and all have to form statues and keep still. A very good one is chosen by B.O., to go in the centre next time, and she in turn calls out next action.

Lost Boys and Pirates.

Pack is divided in two. One half are lost boys led by Peter Pan, with a flashlight (Tinkerbell). Other half are pirates led by Captain Hook (paper hat) with a bag of gold rings (Woolworth curtain rings). Lost boys and pirates stand in two lines at opposite ends of the room, facing each other. Each pirate chases the lost boy opposite him. If caught, ties him up (puts hands behind back) and goes off to claim a gold ring. Meanwhile lost boy stands still and calls "Peter" till freed by Tinkerbell. Pirate can then chase him again. After a certain time count rings and change sides, but as this game is very exhausting it should only be played for a short time before changing sides.

Noughts and Crosses.

(Let Pack play Noughts and Crosses in couples with paper and pencil so that everyone understands the game).

Pack in two files, X's wearing hats or placing hands on head, other file are the O's. Nine stools, mats or chalk marks on floor opposite files. B.O. calls out O and X alternately, and they run up and sit down where they like. Each side tries to form a line of three and to prevent the enemy from getting three in a line first. Those who take part go back to line for next time. To make it more difficult, teams may be lined up facing away from "games board." Then turn round and run when called.

ADVENTURE.

Turn out the light, for I'm off to-night
In my eiderdown schooner away,
And I shout "ahoy" as I slip the buoy
And sail out of Bedtime Bay.

With a dipping prow as the seas I plough,
To the sound of the billows roll,
This is my plan—when I'm a man—
To road from Pole to Pole.

To sail in ships where the skyline dips
Over the edge of the sea,
With my flag at the mast I'll be off at last
To the land of Fantasy.

I shall wend my way by night and day
To places with magical names,
And the stars on high and the west wind's sigh
Will teach me the loveliest games.

In a catamaran I'll set off for Japan
To load up a cargo of rice,
Then buffet along till I reach Hong Kong,
Where'll I'll ride in a rickshaw twice.

I shall see if its true that the Red Sea's blue,
If the Dead Sea's really dead,
If the Yellow Sea's green, then I'll know that
I've been
Most seriously misled.

From Wooloomooloo to Timbuktu,
Then on to Singapore,
From Allahabad to Trinidad,
And thence to Arkansas.*

(*Pronounced Arkenaw.)

I shall call for a trice to see if its nice
At Nice, where the world's a'play,
Then I'll steer by a star to Zanzibar,
From there to Mandaly.

In the teeth of a gale round the Horn I'll sail
With my bridge and my lifeboats gone,
Put in for repairs at Buenos Ayres
Then cruise up the Amazon.

And so from place to place I'll chase
With Adventure hand in hand,
Till at last I reach some silver beach,
Some far-away coral strand.

By some blue lagoon with a swift harpoon
I shall spear the fish for tea,
And I'll pitch my camp—the moon my lamp—
Close to the sound of the sea.
In a tropical haze I shall happily laze
With the birds and the fish to play,
And I'll never regret the day that I set
My course out of Bedtime Bay.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

FAY COLECHIN.

18th AUGUST, 1937, AGED NEARLY 25 YEARS

Fay Colechin has gone from us, and we shall miss her for much.

Fay was first a Guide in 1st Ivanhoe Company, then a Ranger in Heidelberg District Ranger Company, and later became Lieutenant in 1st Ivanhoe Guides. While she was a Guide she joined the Guide Office Staff in the Equipment Depot, where she worked as a good comrade for about five years, until her illness prevented her from continuing with us.

For five years since, she has been ill—sometimes well enough to come and have lunch at The Office, at one time able to visit the Guide Village; her last public Guide outing was to the Guiders' Party for Lady Somers. Much of the time has been spent in hospital.

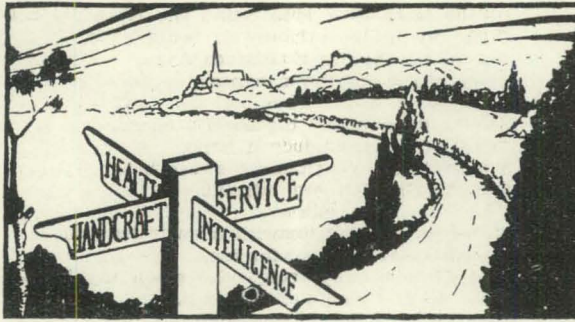
Throughout, Fay's interest in Guiding has been constant and faithful, and she had aclear vision of what Guiding could do, and the high standard required of a Guider.

Loved by all her friends because of her cheerfulness, keenness, and lively and intelligent interest, Fay aroused our deep admiration by the way in which she bore her long suffering. For the last few years, her birthday, 11th October, was an occasion we celebrated by scheming for her a "mystery book" in various forms. A week before her death, we decided this year to endow her birthday for the Guide House. We were able to tell her this, and she was thrilled with the plan.

We have already had enough donations to endow her own birthday, and as there are still many of her friends who would like to share in this memorial to her, we are using the additional money towards endowing her sister's birthday, 19th September. Ruth's loving service to Fay in her illness has been far more than just the attention of a trained nurse, and we know how thrilled Fay would be to have her birthday included.

If you who read this remember Fay "behind the counter," or elsewhere, and would like to contribute a shilling to her Remembrance Days at the Guide House, I shall be glad to receive it.

F. V. BARFUS.



The Sign Post

THE GUIDE LAW.

"A Guide Smiles and Sings Under All Difficulties."

During the war there came under my notice a woman who did not read the daily papers as she did not wish to know of the horrors of war. The 8th Guide Law shows that this is not the Guide way. Problems and difficulties come and must be faced honestly. There must be honesty in facing the reason for disappointment and failure, and on finding it, a Guide will bravely and cheerfully, as far as lies in her power, put right the disturbing thing.

The present chaos in which things are found cannot be righted by accepting it with an airy quotation of "all's right with the world," but by realising that all is not right with the world, but "God's in His heaven" and by seeking His will and accepting His strength, we will be able to bring peace where now exists unrest.

Thus, without ignoring the wrong and unfairness around us, we go on with courage and in peace to do the next piece of work at hand.

A minister once told his congregation the following story: "Two men were standing before two paintings; in one could be seen a still pool, at the edge motionless reeds, while on the bank stood a tree whose leaves were unstirred by any breeze. "Oh," said one man, "this is peace." "Nay," said the second man, "rather call it stagnation."

In the second painting could be seen a rushing stream and on its bank a tree buffeted by a strong wind which was tearing the leaves from its branches. On a branch could be seen a bird merrily singing its song which went on all through the turmoil. "This," said the second man, "is peace."

Much of the unhappiness in life is caused by resentments, fear of criticism, self-pity and self-centredness. In Moffatt's translation of 12th chapter of Romans, 3rd verse, we read that a man is to take a sane view of himself.

The sense of humour that enables one to laugh at one's own fears and foolishness, brings things into right perspective, so that trivial disappointments in one's plans, and blows to one's pride do not loom so large as to block the vision of God's plan for the movement, the country and the whole world.

*Be strong,
We are not here to play,
To dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do
And loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it,
Be strong.*

—L.D.

THE UNREHEARSED EMERGENCY.

ARE you a "sort-of" Lone Guider for a few weeks and wanting some ideas for your "Company meeting" by post? Here are some of these "meetings" that have been sent out recently. Those of us who are in districts where we have been advised to close our companies because infantile paralysis is more prevalent than usual, will be able to keep in touch with the Guides by post, to give them things to do and to learn, and to make them realise that being a Guide does not depend on meeting with Captain and all the other Guides once a week. Of course, all the chatty bits are left out of these letters, as they will vary with each company.

LETTER ONE:

Inspection. Overhaul your uniform and give belt and badge a good polish.

Competition. Find out all you can about an English thrush and about jonquils. There will be a Patrol competition when we meet again.

Game: Get someone to put ten small things on a tray and then let you look at them for one minute. Then cover the tray and make a list of all the things on it.

Verse to learn:

*"Good, better, best,
Never let it rest;
'Till your good be better,
And your better, best."*

LETTER TWO:

Inspection. Make sure you have a notebook and pencil. A home-made notebook will do very well.

Game: It is called "Ideal Homes," and you will find a list of people, animals and things below. Below that a list of homes, and the game is to put the right inhabitants in their right homes.

Inhabitants: Pig, oyster, beaver, red indian, bats, lion, car, horse (about thirty).

Homes: Garage, belfry, stable, lodge, sty, beds, den, wigwam (as many as inhabitants).

Health Rules: Make a collection of pictures to illustrate the health rules. Which Patrol will have the best collection?

Corners: We will have Corners when we meet again, so be preparing for them. The subject chosen at the last Court of Honour was First Aid.

Verse, sent you by Lieutenant:

*"He wasn't much good
Still, he did what he could.
And if each of us would
Just do what he could,
Let alone what he should,
There's many a one would be
Helped through the wood."*

LETTER THREE:

Inspection. Keep your badge polished and think of your Three-fold promise, of which the three leaves remind you.

Pennies: Save up your pennies each Friday. The company can't afford to lose five pennies from each Guide!

Corners: It would be fine if everyone could have a mat or cushion on which to sit. Make one out of scraps or a cheap material, about ten inches square, and work your Patrol emblem or initials in cross stitch or other easily worked stitch. If you could get the mat made, we could help you with the emblem later.

Guide Law: Answer these questions on Law 5:

1. As a Guide taking your mother round camp, should you get over a stile before or after her?
2. What should you do when a visitor is shown into the room in which you are sitting?
1. What should you do when two people are talking and you wish to speak to one of them?
4. Beside what you do or say, is there any other way of being courteous?

Second Class: Make sure you know the Morse code and also the special signs for "End of message" and so on. Practise sending messages.

Make a scrap book with the Health Rule pictures you have collected and letter underneath which rule they illustrate.

—R.D.

Guide News in Daily Press.

Guide News appears on Tuesdays in the "Argus," the "Age" and the "Herald." (Ed.).

ADVANCE OR RETREAT.

It has been said that in order to go forward as a movement, we must go back to old methods. Will modern youth be satisfied with that? They say that the Chief Scout was twenty-five years ahead of the times when he started the Scout Movement. Are we prepared to leap forward now?

Australia is the land of the pioneer. Our forefathers led all security and braved the unknown, and in due course, founded a nation. Cannot we be as courageous as they? Can it be that we have lost our capacity for exploring? Have we, therefore, got stuck by the wayside? Can we point a way out to-day? If not, how can we really claim to be leaders?

What should be our next sign?

Stop! Look! Listen!

—J.H.

This is a note to make us think. If we are "playing the game" properly, have we lost that "capacity for exploring?" Are we "stuck by the wayside" "and what is the next sign?" What do YOU think?

—R.D.

HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION.

Dear Matilda,—I would like to tell you how we raised £5 for a camp-house, if you care to hear. The Mechanics' Hall, Drouin, fairly buzzed with activity, when on Wednesday, July 21st, the Drouin Guides and Rangers held a Handicrafts Exhibition. Stewards, Judges and Com-

mittee members rushed wildly hither and thither directing, while exhibitors sought the correct corner for their particular exhibits.

By 2 p.m., however, out of chaos and confusion, came order. One hundred and forty exhibits, including all the Guide and Ranger Handicrafts, had been judged, and a particularly attractive Prize Card, made by the Rangers, attached to each winning article. At 3 p.m., the Exhibition was officially opened by the newly-appointed District Commissioner (Mrs. Adamson, of Warragul), who explained that the Camp-house was to be our very own training and camping centre, and would soon be a reality, we hoped. She also recommended Guiding to the public, because of its universal usefulness, and its world-wide friendliness, which would ultimately help towards the world peace for which we are striving.

The Exhibition was such a success that it is now to become an annual event.

—A.M.

CAMPING NOTICES.

Late applications for the following courses (see "Matilda" July, 1937) should be sent to the Commissioner for Camping at the Guide Office at once.

Short Quartermaster Course.—Classes at Headquarters on 6th and 13th September, at 8 p.m. Week-end at Gipton, 18th September. Fee, 7/6, including fare.

Campcraft Badge Training.—Guider-in-Charge, Miss Barfus. Classes at Headquarters on 16th and 23rd September, and 14th October, at 8 p.m. Week-ends at "Gipton" 2nd, 9th and 16th October. *Please note.*

ALTERATIONS.—The date for the last week-end has been changed from 23rd to 16th October. The Fee for the three week-ends will be 16/6, not 7/6 for each week-end, as previously announced. This includes three return fares to Frankston.

Indoor Camp Test Certificate.—Classes at Headquarters on Monday evenings from 4th October to 25th October, inclusive, at 8 p.m. It was previously announced that the two Quartermaster classes on 6th and 13th September, would be part of the Indoor Camp Test course. Guiders are asked to note that an alteration has been made and that candidates will be required to attend the class on September 13th only, and are asked to attend at 7.30 p.m., that is half an hour before the main class begins. This has been arranged so that candidates will not have to come out on two separate nights for this one section of the course.

Licensed Guiders' Camp.—It has been suggested that a Camp should be held for Guiders holding the Camper's License, at Ocean Grove over Cup week-end. That is, from Friday, 29th October, to Tuesday, 2nd November. It would be an informal Camp for the purpose of exchanging ideas, etc. and Guiders could come for part of the time if they were unable to attend for the whole week-end. Any Guiders holding the Camper's License, who are interested, are asked to write to the Commissioner for Camping at once, so that arrangements may be made.

ELAINE E. MORAN,

Commissioner for Camping.



Editor: Joan Alston.

NOTES TAKEN AT THE EXTENSION TRAINING WEEK, FOXLEASE,

2-9/4/37.

Games.

POOH BAH.—Guides in circle. One in the middle. Each Guide in the circle must find out the name of the Guides on her left and right sides. The one on the left is "Bah," and the one on the right is "Pooh." Guide in centre points to anyone she likes and says either "Pooh" or "Bah," and starts counting ten. Guide she points to must say the name of the Guide on her right or left according to whether she is asked "Pooh" or "Bah." If she can say it correctly in the time given, the one in the centre carries on, if incorrect, she takes her place in the centre. After a few tries at this, the circle must change places, and learn new names. This could be adapted to Hospital Guides by giving them names and letting them change. Could also be used by giving names of flowers, trees, animals, cargoes, etc.

STARS.—Give each Patrol a sheet of paper with the picture of a constellation drawn on it (these can be copied from a star Atlas). No lines are drawn on it, but figures, which they are to link up in their numerical order. Little crosses are marked on paper and when all the figures are joined up, gummied stars are stuck on these crosses, which represent the actual stars in the constellations. Could be used for Post Guides and Rangers as well as Hospital Cos.

STORY GAME.—Brownies would probably enjoy this more than Guides. Each Brownie has a set of little coloured sticks, matches would do if others are not procurable. The Guider reads out or tells a simple story, pausing frequently and asking the Brownies to make with their sticks the object she has stopped at; e.g., House, Horse, Witch's Broom Stick, Gate, Sail Boat, Castle, etc. Each good one is given a token.

American Girl Scout Leader Visits Melbourne.

Miss Litchfield, who is a Girl Scout leader from Seattle, Washington, arrived in Melbourne in the "Mirrabooka" in August. She was interested to find out all she could about Extension Guiding in Victoria, because, although there are many Hospital, Institute and other Handicapped Troops and Packs in U.S.A., there are no Post Companies.

Miss Litchfield was able to visit the Guides and Brownies at the Orthopaedic Hospital at Frankston, and she also visited the 2nd Prahran (Blind) Ranger Company meeting, and she was in touch with the Commissioner for Extensions and the Post Brown Owl.

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RANGER PAGE.

Metropolitan Ranger Fixtures—Past and Future.

On 7th August, for the second year in succession, the Metropolitan Ranger Committee organised a most successful dance. This year it was held in the hall at Anzac House, as the accommodation provided last year proved rather a tight fit for the numbers who came. Betty Robinson, from S.R.S. Invincible, was responsible for all arrangements, and she is to be congratulated on the excellent result.

The next events in the combined programme are a visit to the "Argus" or "Age" office to Telephone Exchange on 7th September, and on 9th October, a Mock Trial. It was only with some difficulty that Hazel Bell (2nd Prahran) was able to arrange all the visits for the same night, and as each party is limited, the Committee hopes that all Rangers wanting to go will answer promptly and give a first and second preference. We expect to settle a lot of knotty problems, such as: Where the wrong numbers come from, and who composes the headlines!

"Expert Legal Advice" is still being sought over the Mock Trial, but ALL Guiders and Rangers will want to know WHO was the man in the check cap? and Was the Vicar's evidence reliable? The date is 9th October, but so far the Committee has not found a hall able to accommodate the crowd that is expected. Notices will be sent as usual to all Ranger Companies, and others interested are asked to watch the press for announcements.

COMPANY ACTIVITIES.

Country Companies have their own problems, and often find their own solutions. Either—or both—will be welcomed by Matilda. Your experience may help someone out of a difficulty, so please send it along.—J. U. BOYES, Commissioner for Rangers.

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EQUIPMENT PAGE

GIRL GUIDE SHOP, SEPTEMBER, 1937.

Service Stars.

Falling into line with Imperial Headquarters, the Executive Committee has approved the adopting of numbered Service Stars in Victoria. This will be adopted immediately, and all orders should give the number of years required. This is how it works out, for one year the ordinary Service Stars we have been wearing will be used. After that your years of service will be 2, 3, or 4 and there will be a corresponding number on the face of the Service Stars. We have them numbered up to 20 years, and they will have the backing as they have had before, Brown for Brownies, Green for Guides, Red for Rangers,

but Blue for Guiders; so will you please state in your orders the colour required, for whom they are required, and the number of years. The one-year Service Stars will be 6d., and the numbered service stars will be 7d.

Policy Organisation and Rules (1/3—Postage 2d.).

This has at last come to hand, and is on sale. We have been informed that there is no new edition for 1937, and the 1936 issue still applies for all Policy, Organisation and Rules. We are told that there will probably be a new edition early next year, when the various rules and tests which are the subject of discussion at present will be published.

22nd Annual Report.

This has just come to hand and contains the usual up-to-date reports of Guiding throughout the world. There are fascinating photos of the Princess Royal and the Chief Guide as well as reports from all the various departments in Guiding, such as camping, extension branch, British Guides in foreign countries, and the report of the numbers in all countries of the British Empire. This book is good to have in the Company so that Guides can keep themselves in touch with Guiding overseas. The price is 10d., plus 2d. postage.

CLARA BROADHURST.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meetings of the Executive Committee were held on 16th June, 1st July, 21st July and 5th August, 1937.

16th JUNE.

Present.—Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Eadie, Mrs. Edmondson, Misses Boyes, Cameron, Moran, Ritchie, Russell, Swinburne and the Secretary.

Miss Boyes reported on another attractive property near Yarra Junction that had been visited, as a possible Guide House.

Miss Ritchie reported on progress of plans for a Jumble Shop.

It was agreed that contributions for the Chiefs' Silver Wedding Gift, given by Victorian Guides, should be sent to England for inclusion in the general present, and not as a separate sum.

The course of lectures on Public Speaking for Commissioners and others was in progress.

It was reported that Miss Barfus had agreed to take on the book-keeping at the Guide Office, and a junior typist had been engaged.

It was agreed that the nomination of Mrs. Ebeling as Guiders' representative on the Executive be accepted.

The dates of the Commissioners' Conference would be 16th to 21st September.

Payment of the Australian representative's expenses in connection with the U.S.A. Birthday Camp, from the Federal Emergency Fund, was approved.

It was agreed that publicity be given in MATILDA to a competition for an Australian Thinking Day card design.

Leave of absence for two months was granted to Mrs. F. Tate.

Miss Swinburne was appointed to represent the Association at a meeting of the Australian Council of Youth.

1st JULY.

Present.—Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Eadie, Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Ebeling, Misses Boyes, Bush, Cameron, Lascelles, Moran, Ritchie, Russell, Swinburne and the Secretary.

Mrs. Ebeling was welcomed to the Committee. Further reports re the property at Britannia Creek were received.

A suggestion that Esperanto should be included in the Interpreter Badge test was discussed, and it was decided to await information from I.H.Q.

Possibilities of more press publicity was discussed, and suggestions made.

The award of a Thanks Badge to Mrs. Hodgson, of Geelong, was approved.

21st JULY.

Present.—Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Eadie, Mrs. Ebeling, Mrs. Edmondson, Misses Boyes, Bush, Broadhurst, Cameron, Lascelles, Moran, Ritchie, Russell, Swinburne and the Secretary.

Recommendations from the Finance Subcommittee in connection with the Equipment Depot were discussed.

The award of Thanks Badges to Mrs. Mulcain, of Rochester, and Mr. McConhie, of Elsternwick, was approved.

Arrangements for the building of the Marnoo Guide Hall were submitted.

A letter was received from the State Chief Scout expressing the King's thanks for the loyal message sent from the Guides and Scouts of Victoria on the occasion of the Coronation.

5th AUGUST.

Present.—Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Eadie, Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Ebeling, Misses Broadhurst, Boyes, Bush, and Moran.



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It was reported that Miss Marjorie Drury would be attending the Quo Vadis of Trainers.

Miss Broadhurst showed samples of the new numbered service stars which will in future be issued. I.H.Q. were already using these.

Routine and finance business was also transacted at each of the meetings.

F. V. BARFUS, for State Secretary.

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APPOINTMENTS.

District Commissioner:

Kew District.—Mrs. John Eddy, 85 Normanby Road, Kew, E.4.

Warrants.

Captains:

1st Aberfeldie.—Miss J. McDougall.
11th Ballarat.—Miss J. King.
S.R.S. Discovery II. (Ballarat).—Miss J. King.
1st Dandenong.—Miss L. Harris.
1st Nhill.—Miss N. L. Appleby.

Lieutenant:

1st Hartwell.—Miss G. McBain.

Brown Owl:

1st Moë Pack.—Miss F. E. McEvitt.

Tawny Owl:

1st Horsham Pack.—Miss T. France.

Registrations.

1st Aberfeldie Pack.
1st Kingsville Company.
4th Victorian Post Rangers.

Cancellations.

District Commissioners:

Beechworth District.—Mrs. Curtis.
Kew District.—Mrs. F. Tate.

District Secretary:

Avoca District.—Miss P. Fisher.
North and West Melbourne: Miss D. McKinnon

Ranger Captains:

North Melbourne District Rangers.—Miss D. McKinnon.
Port Fairy District Rangers.—Mrs. Goldie.

Guide Captains:

6th Ballarat: Miss J. King.
1st Terang.—Miss M. Bradshaw.
3rd Colac.—Miss Myrtle Bush.
1st Miners Rest.—Miss J. Baird.

CHANGE OF GUIDER:

1st Dromana Company.—Mrs. Trivett, Beach Road, Dromana.

BIRD PICTURES.

The Bird Observers' Club will hold a Cinema Night in the Emily McPherson College Hall, corner Russell and Victoria Streets, on Tuesday, September 28th, 1937, at 8 p.m.

There will be films of birds nesting, in flight, and feeding their young, both in Australia and Overseas. Also a film of the wonderful lyre-bird, the star performer.

Tickets are 1/-, and seats may be reserved for 6d. extra; at the Wildflower Shop, 14 Queen's Walk, Melbourne.

This Cinema Night is a great opportunity, and what a pleasant rounding-off to the Annual Guiders' Conference!

—R.D.

TRAINING.

General Training.

The next course of BROWNIE TRAINING will begin on Tuesday, 7th September, at 8 p.m., at the Guide Office. Miss Dorothea Holtz will be the Guider in Charge.

The next course of GUIDE TRAINING will begin on Tuesday, 7th September, at 8 p.m. Miss M. Hoffmeyer and Miss S. MacLeod will be the Guiders in Charge.

Refresher Courses.

Two BROWNIE REFRESHER CLASSES will be held on Monday, 20th, and Monday, 27th September, at the Guide Office. Miss Lardner and Miss Hill will organise the programmes, which will include Inspections, Ceremonies, Nature Games and Programmes.

Training Weeks.

The WOODCRAFT WEEK, planned for August, will now be held at Sherbrooke from 19th to 26th October. The number that can be accepted is limited, but there are a few vacancies. The programme, which is in charge of Miss Hayman, promises to be very interesting and helpful. Further applications should be sent soon to the Training Secretary, with 5/- deposit. The fee for the week will be 35/-.

A Training Week for General Guide and Brownie Training is being planned to take place from 28th December to 5th January, at Geelong. Further details will be published in the next issue.

M. E. BUSH,
Commissioner for Training.

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