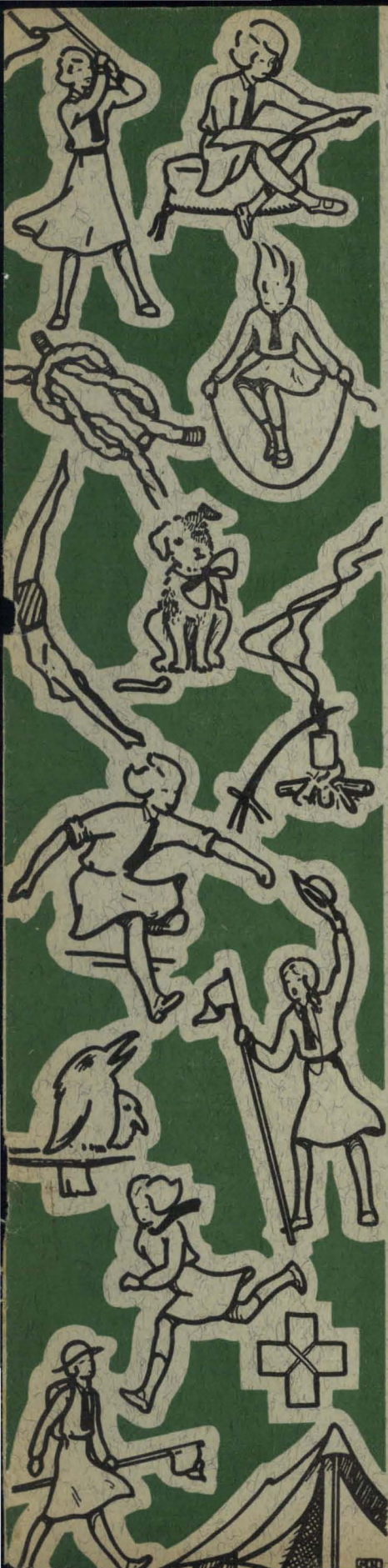


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## EDITORIAL

Would Editors of various pages not send material for November Matilda, please, as we shall have all the Conference news to be printed.

Also, would everyone Address letters to the Editor at Headquarters as her private address changes frequently.

### WHAT ARE WE DOING ?

A great number of Commissioners and Guiders were fortunate enough this month to attend the New Education Fellowship Conference at the University of Melbourne. By its slogan "Education for Living," by its interesting experiments in modern teaching, and by the arresting personalities of its delegates, the Conference certainly stirred the placid waters of the educational world of Melbourne.

It was of particular interest to us to find that their aims and ideals and their practical experiments were so closely akin to ours.

**Dr. Norwood:** President of St. John's College Oxford, formerly headmaster of Harrow said, that primary school age should be up to 11½ years, secondary up to 16½ years. That Education should fall under these headings; Academic, comprising development of Character and Intelligence; Handcrafts; Physical Health; plus training for Community Life by doing things together and definite Social Service in the school—very similar to our four lines of training.

**Dr. Dengler,** Director of the Austro-American Institute of Education, Vienna wanted particularly to develop leadership in his experimental school. Boys were put into groups of six or eight and elected their own leader, who was entirely responsible for his group—we would say Patrol.

**Rektor Zilliacus,** Headmaster of an Experimental School at Helsingfors in Finland, chairman of the Conference said, "the aim of the New Fellowship Conference was to develop the individual, then to band the individuals together for the good of the whole." In 1929 the Chief Scouts writes: "The activities and practices of Scouting were framed as far as possible to develop the efficient individual, by training in Character, Physical Health and Handcraft and to harness his individuality for the good of the Community by practice in citizenship."

**Dr. Pierre Bovet,** Director of the J. J. Rousseau Institute for Educational Science in Geneva said that if all the youth in the world were Scouts and Guides, Peace would soon be assured.

Now all this was very pleasing to us. We have been working on these lines for years, we thought. "Educationalists have come round to our way of thinking," we said. And we probably gave ourselves a pat on the back. **BUT**—There is no excuse to be stationary—the world moves on.

**AND—Mr. Lismar,** Educational Supervisor of the Toronto Art Gallery said very forcibly, and most of the other Delegates rather diffidently, that they were amazed to find in New Zealand and all over Australia that children and grownups alike seemed to think it much more important to know all about the rest of the world, than to know about their own country, its history and its inhabitants.

I think this clearly indicates an effort on the part of Commissioners and Guiders to do something about that Aborigine Badge, perhaps the Naturalist one as well, if we don't want to join—as Dr. Dengler calls it—the Sitstillery Brigade. ENID FAULKNER.

### THE WIDER CIRCLE.

Hands linked round the world is a vision that flashes upon Guides, and sometimes the vision has been made into a picture; Guides, Brownies and Rangers, in uniforms of blue and grey and brown and white and green, holding hands fast in a single circle round the globe. Could they really do it? There are 1,304,107 guides in the world, and there are 132 million feet in the 25,000 miles that are the measurement of the earth. Each guide would need one hundred feet if the circle should be made so she could speak to her neighbours and exchange the news, but she could not join hands with them; they would all need a rope to hold them together.

Suppose we added to the circle of Guides and Brownies and Rangers, all their friends who do not wear uniform but who encourage them, and help them and clear the way for them—parents, committee members, members of the Local Association—then would the circle join up? Perhaps not; indeed, I know it would not, but how much stronger, how much more closely linked we all would seem to be; and this is just the service all the friendly people do, they must be in the circle, they are part of it, they are with us, a strength to rely on, a link with those who are busy in other ways; they can tell a wider world about Guides, and tell guides about the wider world.

When a Local Association and its executive committee are formed, Finance looms first, and they quickly begin the practical business of putting District funds upon a firm footing. Raising money may be dull business unless the subscribers know the detailed purpose and

are close to the result in happiness and achievement. To the Guide the knowledge of support means a marvellous difference, she sees the need in a child's life, and with it can make dreams come true, and she wishes she could share the joy more often with the friends who make it possible.

Once a guide had saved for months to go to camp. Her family had given her new equipment as her birthday present some weeks before, and it was ready at home. On the night of health inspection, sister reported a slight skin infection, probably contagious, and caught at school through no fault of the guide. Tragedy loomed ahead, and the captain could promise nothing till the next day, but she had at her disposal a generous grant for camp purposes especially to restock the medicine chest. She consulted an expert, was able to buy an unusual and expensive remedy, arrange a special inspection of the guide three days later, and secured a clearance for camp. All the family came to the van to cheer her off.

When time is so important the certainty that emergency can be met at once is a wonderful relief. A proficiency badge costs fourpence—a piece of cloth with a symbol; but because it is given to a guide, she feels that her work is recognised by the whole association. She values it very much and the influence upon the junior guides is nearly as great, they feel pride in their company, loyalty to their senior, and determination for themselves; and the badge brings consciousness of the wider association beyond their company.

We should make more generally known to members the books that put us into touch with the guides. The Imperial Annual Report, with pictures from all over the world may be brought each year for 1/3. The Biennial Report of the World Bureau describes the events in other nations and the big international happenings in the period; the Council Fire is a quarterly magazine published at 4d. a copy by the World Bureau, and our gallant Matilda who has carried her treasure bag so long and fills it with articles of greater and greater value. She will arrive each month for 4/- a year.

All these books are filled with the spirit of Guiding, where results are not measured in money raised or concrete work produced, but in the change in the heart of each child. For each guide we try to arrange that her service to others is her own choice in answer to her sympathy. To do one deed a day in response to her own discovery of a need, to feel that it is her job to do something about an emergency, means more in her character and her training for the future than raising money in a group for a purpose two or three times removed from her own contact. Guiders often need help in this from people who are in touch with a variety of services. One member of a Local Association knew of four people who, living alone in rooms had no one to see them at Christmas. Guides were told of them, but a visit to take Christmas cheer was their own idea. Those who were especially interested went in pairs on Christmas Eve or

Christmas Day. We may need to show the guides several ways of service before they choose, but the one that is their own impulse will be carried out faithfully and part of themselves will be given with all they do.

It is our belief that Girl Guiding can lead the girls of the world to fuller life; the plan is definite and distinct, and each member has chosen for herself this way that has been blazed by our leader, the Chief; this is our bond of sisterhood.

G. H. SWINBURNE.

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### Called To Higher Service.

Mrs. Young, 1st Captain of 1st Nauru Guide

Mrs. Young, 1st Captain of 1st Nauru Guide Company, died suddenly at Nauru on September 1, 1937. Her Commissioner writes:—"She was wonderful with the girls and thoroughly enjoyed the meetings. She was delighted with their progress and was the best Guider I have ever worked with. We are going to miss her dreadfully."

Victorian Guiders will remember Mrs. Young as Nettie Beckett, Captain of 6th Hawthorn Company, always the most friendly and helpful of Guiders. We too, will miss her greatly.

S.H.I.

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### GUIDE HOUSE PROGRESS.

Further contributions have been coming in satisfactorily for the Guide House Fund and the amount in hand is now £3862/6/8, and including the sums definitely promised the total will be £4192. It will be seen that our goal of £5,000 is definitely in view, just that extra bit of effort is necessary and the Guide House we have been dreaming of will be a reality.

A very promising and suitable property is now being considered and seems most miraculously to fulfil all our requirements so don't forget to see the photograph which will be shown at the Guiders' Conference.

This new site is at Britannia Creek, near Yarra Junction—it is in a perfect setting and in a secluded position. Situated in ideal camping country—the Rovers have found it splendid for camping and have established a hut near by. There is a very good house on the property and most thrilling of all, a lovely swimming pool with running water. It does sound worth endowing another day, doesn't it?

Eighty-nine days have been endowed already and forty-seven people have not yet chosen a date. What about a day in January, when you will be camping?

—H.W.

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### ENDOWMENTS WITH NO DATE YET ARRANGED.

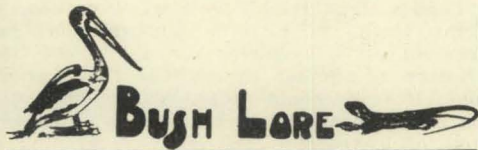
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Mrs. Shulter.  
Anonymous—five days.  
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1st Benalla Rangers.  
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 Hamilton District.  
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 Geelong—three days.  
 Seaford District.  
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 Kew Local Association.  
 Kew Companies and Packs.  
 Malvern District Rangers.  
 Malvern District—one week.  
 Mentone District.  
 Mitcham District.  
 1st Merbein Guide Company.  
 1st Trafalgar (half day).  
 Waubra and Miners' Rest District.  
 3rd Malvern Guide Company.  
 Shepparton District.  
 Euroa District.  
 Port Fairy Local Association.  
 Nyah District Local Association.  
 P. M. Russell—four days.

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The Commissioner for Lones will be on leave of absence from October 7th till November 7th, and would be grateful if correspondence from town and country Guiders could be suspended during that period.

—J. McN.



(Editor: ELSIE E. SYDES)

### Spring Observations.

There is plenty to see and to watch just now, and there still will be by the time "Matilda" reaches you. The trees are all doing exciting things—the elms suddenly looked red one morning, and lo, they had come into flower during the warmer night. What are they doing now, have you been watching them? The poplars in their turn have gone brownish yellow—the reason for this being masses of exciting catkins. Have you noticed the amount of pollen in the air? I noticed the dust on the floor looked yellowish, as I swept it up, but thought perhaps this was due to some other cause. However, on going outside I noticed a decided quantity of yellow pollen lying in the drain, where the dew or a light shower had washed it from the roof. Then there are the wattles out in all their glory, adding a touch of rich colour to the lovely spring-green.

And I hope you are watching the Iceland poppies—sometimes pushing off their hairy hat, and oftentimes splitting it down the centre, and pushing up through it, leaving it at the base of the flower. And the Brownie folk are busy with their daffodils I expect. Aren't

they beautiful things? And the fascinating grape hyacinths? Once more the gardens are bright with colour as everything wakes to life—trees and flowers, and insects and birds.

### Catkins.

I have already mentioned the catkins on the poplars, they are also to be found on the hazels, birch family and willow family. If they are carefully examined, you will find the pollen-bags underlying the tiny scales. To take the hazel as an example—"near the tips of its branches may be seen tiny flowers, each flower being composed of two pretty red knobs. These are the female flowers, and several of them are joined together in one calyx. As the winds blow the long male catkins release their pollen, and some of it adheres to the knobs of the female flowers. This impregnates them, or pollinates them as we say. Later comes the fruit.

Let us watch this growth—let us observe the female flowers and the long catkins of the other trees. I have promised myself a close-up study of the poplar catkins, for as yet I haven't done more than admire them from a distance, and I still have to search out the female flowers. I'll give you a go for it, and if you can send in any notes on **catkins** to 18 Junction Street, Ballarat, before I have had my close-up, you'll be the winner.

### Twelve Questions.

Get your Guides to find these out, and please encourage them to send the results to "Matilda." Think how thrilled they will be, if Captain says, "Look, Mary, here are your answers to those questions," or "Here are your notes on the daffodils you grew" (or a nest she has found, or the blackbirds that frequent her garden).

1. Is a ball of wattle one flower or many flowers?
2. What colour is a starling's egg?
3. Which is the male and which the female blackbird, and what do they use, when foraging for food in the garden?
4. The position of the pistil of the daffodil is unusual—why?
5. What colour is a magpies' back?
6. What does a rabbit do to warn its mates of your approach?
7. Do birds flap their wings at the same rate—i.e. birds of different species? Name some examples to prove your answer.
8. The wattle—goat moth grub feeds in the tree-trunk—how does he come out of a hole in the ground, where he becomes a moth?
9. Will birds eat grape-vine caterpillars?
10. Name a tree that gets its flowers and leaves together?
11. Where does the codlin-moth lay her egg?
12. What materials is a blackbirds' nest built of?

### Looper Caterpillars.

The looper is the larva of the geometer moth. At present I have somewhere about 16 of these interesting caterpillars in a small

basin, and they are nine days old now. To begin at the very beginning—many weeks ago I found a rather ordinary looking grey moth on the floor—quite dead—and on closer examination noticed a number of eggs. So I picked them up on a sharp knife, for they were stuck tight to the floor, on an open "Matilda" in a spare room hoping to do something about them at a future date. I kept more or less of an eye on them, but was surprised a week ago on Friday to find tiny caterpillars walking about. I gathered up as many as I could find and then was faced with the problem of feeding them. What would they eat? I tried grass, geranium leaf, marguerite, antirrhinum, primula and at last rose leaves. In the morning they were all on the rose leaves, so that seemed a healthy sign. They were so small that it was almost impossible to see them eat. However, now they eat small buds out and the poor rose bushes are being denuded of their new shoots to keep them supplied.

They have increased to twice the size, and are most interesting when they "loop" along or "freeze" like twigs. They were able to do both these things, even when they were only a day old. Sometimes they escape and are put back with a paint-brush, and if they happen to fall, they let themselves down on a silken thread.

I still have the moth and it is more a fawny grey—iridescent and velvety with pretty black markings—is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in length—quite ordinary, when seen on the floor, but beautiful, when looked at closely.

More of these tiny pets next time, "Matilda." By the way they are almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch long now and as thick as a fine hair. I shall be glad, when they are too fat to squeeze through the muslin.

### S.O.S.

You busy Guiders, get your Guides to send in something, if you haven't time yourselves. "Matilda" sends her best wishes to Swan Hill, Hamilton, Harcourt and her other stalwart supporters—will you come to her aid once more? All contributions thankfully received, however bad they be. Absolutely no rejected MS ! !



Acting Editors: M. BUTT and M. HESELTINE.

By sympathy our joys are increased, and our sorrows are diminished.

—Chacerates.

### MATILDA BLOCK COMPETITION.

We apologise to all the competitors who have been waiting so patiently for the result of this competition, but we extended the time in the hopes of securing more entries. The competition is now closed and we have great pleasure in awarding the prize of a year's

subscription to "Matilda" to Miss M. Knox, of 2 Banksia road, Caulfield. Unsuccessful competitors may collect their entries at Headquarters. Congratulations to Miss Knox for a very delightful entry and Guiders will soon be able to see it for themselves at the top of our Brownie Page.

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### IDEAS FOR BROWN OWLS WHOSE PACKS ARE TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

A great number of Packs are closed at present on account of the Infantile Paralysis Epidemic, and many Brown Owls are faced with the prospect of their Brownies being without any Brownie work for months, and are probably a bit dismayed at the possible result. So why not turn into a Post Brown Owl for the time being and send your Brownies monthly letters to keep their interest alive.

In the case of a Brownie who is working for her Golden Bar, draw her a little chart of the whole test and suggest to her that she tries each item out and mark it off on the chart. Even if she only tries it once that would be something. The same procedure could be followed for the Golden Hand Brownie, only be careful to emphasize the fact that it is only practice.

A few words on the Brownie motto with the suggestion that the Brownie knits something for a Babies Home or some other deserving case. Perhaps the Brownie could keep a "Lend a Hand Book" for a week, or keep a "Scrap Book" of pictures illustrating good turns cut out of magazines.

Nature is another thing that the Stay at Home Brownie could do. A nature competition in the form of seeing how many different kinds of leaves she can find. Or keeping a weather chart.

Have you ever tried writing letters in semaphore to your Brownies and getting them to write back to you. It is marvellous practice for them.

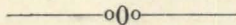
These are just a few ideas and possibly Brown Owls may have many others. The following is a rhyme which one Pack used for their Gold Bar Brownies:—

M. E. H.

A Brownie learns how Britain's flag  
Was made up long ago;  
And when it's flying upside down  
A Brownie ought to know.  
She also knows Australia's flag,  
And how it came about;  
And from the flags of all the world  
She'd surely pick it out.  
When she wraps up a parcel  
It is very neat and tight,  
And she ties it with a reef knot.  
Which, of course you know, is right.  
She'll join ropes with a sheet-bend  
When one is thin, one thick:  
Use round-turn and two half hitches  
When she ties rope to a stick.  
Oh! She can tell you everything  
About the things she sees—  
The sky, sea, birds and flowers,

Insects, animals and trees.  
 With hemming she makes useful things,  
 And darning she can do.  
 Can sew on little buttons  
 And the big ones too.  
 Her "Brownie smile" shows shining teeth,  
 Her nails are clean as well,  
 And she knows she must breathe fresh air  
 To keep her strong and well:  
 So she can hop or bowl a hoop  
 Around a figure eight,  
 And throw a ball with either hand  
 And throw it hard and straight.  
 She's such a help to mother  
 For the table she can lay,  
 With knives and forks so shiny  
 Put in quite the proper way.  
 So when you see a Brownie  
 Who wears a "Golden Bar"  
 You'll know that she has learnt these things  
 To Lah! Lah! Lah!

—H.G.



### Charts.

Charts may sound very dull and uninteresting to some Brown Owls, but they can be made both interesting and enjoyable to Brownies. The uses of charts are many and varied.

They can be used individually, for sixes, for the whole Pack, or for sections of the Pack such as twelves, or Golden Bar Brownies. To name a few occasions for them, there are weather or other nature charts, test work and progress charts, inspection and attendance charts. If you work these few headings out in detail you will see how many types there are to choose from, as naturally the Pack could not be overwhelmed with them all at once.

The secret of their success is that the children should be allowed to make or at least have a big hand in the making of the charts themselves, and obviously keep clear of anything that resembles in any way those used in the Coy.

Also, no chart should be used indefinitely. Brownies like variety and change, but it is quite often possible that when its first use is finished, the chart can be adopted for use as decoration or games if its condition allows it.

—H.V.

### Telegrams (First-Class Game).

**Story.**—One Saturday when Betty arrived home from Brownies at about, twenty to one, her mother said, "Betty I want you to go to the Post Office and send a telegram for me, and also to match this piece of material. You had better match the material first as the shops shut at one, and the Post Office is open until later." Betty then learnt the words of the telegram and with the money and the material to match, ran off to do her message.

**Game.**—Preparation. Write out a different message for each six giving the name and address of the person to whom the telegram is to go. Collect a number of pieces of material (two of each variety) or wool, separate

the pairs and place one lot round the room, the others are given to the Brownies. Slips of paper on which the Brownies write their telegram.

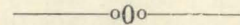
**To Play the Game.**—Brownies in sixes. Tawny or Pack leader or both at the Post Office. Brown Owl calls Sixers to her and gives each a copy of the message, and as many pieces of material as there are Brownies in the Six. Sixers go to their own six and teach their Brownies the message and give them each a piece of material, as soon as a Brownie knows the message she leaves her six home (she need not wait until whole six learns the message) and first matches her material; this done she goes to the P.O. and writes out the message signing her own name to it. Each six makes a separate queue at the P.O. Tawny Owl collects the messages and keeps an eye on things generally. As the Brownies finish they bring their two pieces of material to Brown Owl, who can then start the Brownies off on a game until all the others are finished. Tawny corrects the messages and sees which six had most correct.

—D.H.

### Semaphore.

Take 26 plain white cards not less than three inches square. On one side print the letters of the alphabet, on the other side draw a "stick man" holding flags and doing the corresponding semaphore sign for the letter. Underneath write the name of the letter. These can be given to Brownies to play with on their own.

—D.H.



### BROWNIE LIBRARY.

The following books have been added to the library since the last number of "Matilda":—

A book of Nature Myths, by Florence Holbrook.

Tales and Legends of Ireland, by Monica Coseas. Stories for children from 6 to 8 years.

Cap. O'Yellow and Other Stores, by Agnes Grozier Herbertson.



The following is a brief description of Section C., which are hints for Brown Owl in running entertainments:—

C1 **Learning by Acting.**—Hints on producing plays, choice of plays, management and general help.

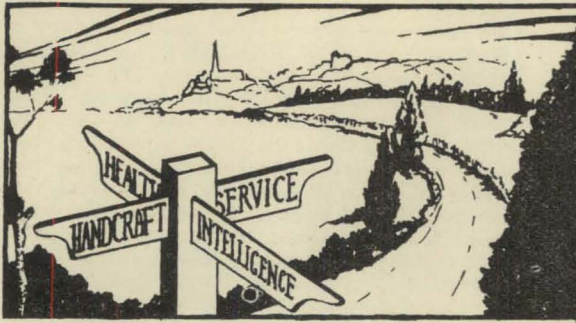
C2 **Plays for Wolf Cubs.**—Suggestions for Cub Concerts which could possibly be adapted for Brownies.

C3 **Browniekins and Other Fancies.**—Plays in rhyme with songs suitable for Brownies.

C4 **More Old Rhymes With New Tunes.**—Nursery rhymes set to music.

C5 **Fourteen Songs from "When We Were Young."**—Poems of A. A. Milne to music.

C6 **Brownie Song Book.**—Songs about Brownies and Brownie doings.



# The Sign Post

Editor: RUTH DENNY.

## THE MYSTERY HIKE.

### A MESSAGE ACROSS THE WORLD.

During the past few months readers of "Matilda" have read of experiences gained by Guiders touring the world, and I think this unusual one may interest them, too.

At the World Girl Guide Camp held in Denmark last year, a timid, little, fair haired Guide, clutching the hand of a friend, entered the tent of two Australians. She asked if we came from Sydney. (Everyone knew Sydney, but no one seemed to have heard of Melbourne!)

"No," we told her, "from Melbourne. We will be visiting Sydney before we go home. Do you know of someone there?"

"Yes," handing me a card, and in English which obviously had been rehearsed, "you give this to my uncle with our love."

After we had promised to deliver the message when in Sydney, the little Guide left us.

Five months later that message was delivered. "Oh," said Auntie, (Uncle was at work) nearly breaking down and kissing us all at once, "you've come from home!"

—H.M.P.

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### RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

When I attended a function in Coronation Week, I heard some one say that the three colours of the Union Jack made him think of the Girl Guides. Blue, which predominates in the flag, reminded him of our uniforms and stood for friendliness and loyalty. Red stood for courage and White for purity.

Then the three crosses, or the three S's as he called them—Servant, Soldier and Saint. St. Patrick, who was taken from Scotland to Ireland as a slave; Guides give service. St. George, the soldier; Guides fight for all that is right. St. Andrew, the saint; a Guide is pure in thought, word and deed. When I heard this, I thought if someone outside the movement can think so well of the Guides, it should help us to give our very best to the movement, putting heart and soul into all we do, and to go forward, full of hope and confidence that we will succeed.

—M.R.H.

Have you ever tried a Mystery Hike? We arrange one in the winter or wet weather as, even if wet, the Guides can carry out the programme. Divide into three or more groups at the starting point before directions are distributed. We have made groups in the following ways.

- (a) Groups of Guides with a Lieutenant.
- (b) Each Patrol with P.L. in charge.
- (c) Each Patrol with P.L. in charge and a Patrol from another district as their guests.

Each group receives the clues and the first one finished and in a pre-decided place wins a prize.

Guides should be always in twos and or threes and cautioned on the "behaviour" laws before setting out. The hike allows Guides to gain experience in arranging details and dividing up jobs. A Mystery Hike starting from the corner of Domain road and Park street, South Yarra, included the following clues. (They were well mixed, but could be worked into several definite groups to be covered by different pairs of Guides before the final meeting).

1. Not more than sixpence in fares to be spent by each patrol.
2. Travel by train, electric and cable trams and note destination, number and destinations of three different trams in St. Kilda Road.
3. Write down the inscriptions on (a) Peter Pan's statue, (b) the east wall of Shrine of Remembrance, (c) the front of Newspaper House.
4. Find the historic stone in the eastern pavement, Swanston street between Collins and Flinders Streets, and write down the inscription.
5. Enter and leave Botanical Gardens by different gates, pick a leaf from hedge opposite hot-house and give its name. Of what country is it a native?
6. What kind of numbers are on the clocks of (a) G.P.O. Elizabeth Street, (b) Flinders Street Station (both clocks), (c) Melbourne Town Hall.
7. How much does it cost to keep Melbourne Hospital for one hour?
8. What time does a train leave for Frankston about 5 p.m. on a Sunday?
9. After what time on a Saturday and on a week day, is it against the rule to make

- a car turn from Collins Street, into Swanston street, proceeding from Elizabeth street?
10. What kind of trees are there at the top of Collins Street?
  11. Of what is the back wall of the Plaza built? What picture is on there at present?
  12. Who laid the foundation stone of Melbourne Town Hall and when?
  13. What is on display at Fitzroy Gardens conservatory?
  14. What is the telephone number of the Police Patrol? (This was found from public telephone book).
  15. Meeting in the Australian Bird Room at the Museum.

Many more interesting things have been included from time to time and where places further afield have been visited, the groups were in charge of first-class Guides, Company Leaders or Lieutenants.

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### A FLAG CARRIER.

The following flag carrier can be made cheaply and easily of the same material as the Guide uniforms.

Cut (a) two strips 34 inches long by 4 inches wide, and (b) two strips 14 inches by 4 inches. (There are two of each piece, as the whole thing is made double to give strength). Now cut (c) two pieces 11 inches long, 10 inches wide at top and 5 inches at the bottom. For the pocket, which is inserted between the two pieces last mentioned, fold a piece of material (the fold comes at bottom of pocket) and cut a double piece (d) 4 inches at bottom, 6 inches at top, and 5 inches deep. Cut a horizontal slit  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the top in one half only of this folded bit.

Now take the larger pieces (c), and cut a small v-shaped piece out of each in the centre of the broader end. The V is two inches at top and 3 inches long. Next cut a slit the same size as that in the pocket in one of these broad pieces, about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches from bottom of V. Open the pocket piece, place it behind the larger piece, with the slits over each other, and either face in or bind round slit. This forms the opening for the flag pole so should not be too small. Fold up the back of pocket and stitch it round. Now stitch your two broad pieces together, with the opening for pole on the top. Join up your long strips (a) and your shorter strips, (b) making two straps. Join one on either side of carrier to make a continuation of V opening. See that they sit comfortably before joining the seams. Turn in the unattached ends and fasten round the shoulder with buckle or button and button-hole.—From the "Girl Guide Magazine," South Africa.

## CAMPING.

### Plans for the Summer.

It is impossible to know as early as this if we will be able to hold our usual Guide Camps next summer. However, we hope that the infantile paralysis outbreak will have cleared up in time for it to be quite safe for us to carry out our usual camping programme. Therefore we are going ahead with plans which, if necessary, can be cancelled in time for people to make other arrangements for the holidays.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE CAMPS** should reach Miss E. E. Moran, at the Guide Office, 60 Market Street, Melbourne, C.1. **not later than 13th November, 1937.** Applications must be accompanied by 5/- deposit for each Camper, and written permission from the District Commissioner. Deposits will not be refunded unless withdrawals are made by 11th December, 1937.

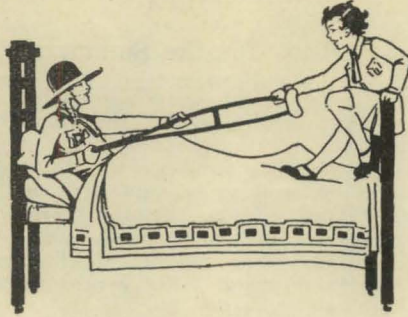
**A CAMP FOR PATROL LEADERS** will be held at Mornington from 28th December, 1937 to 4th January, 1938, inclusive. Guider-in-Charge, Miss Dell Hayman. Fee, 22/6. Concession Fares will be available. This Camp is for Patrol Leaders who have gained the **Second Class Badge and are not more than 15 years of age.** Applications should be sent in order of preference as it may not be possible to accept them all, and exact age should be stated.

**A COMBINED RANGER CAMP** will be held Warburton from 27th December, 1937, to 3rd January, 1938, inclusive. Guider-in-Charge: Miss F. V. Barfus. Fee, 22/6. Concession Fares will be available. There will be facilities for swimming. Both country and metropolitan Rangers may apply.

**A COMBINED GUIDE CAMP** will be held at Mornington from 5th to 12th January, 1938, inclusive. Guider-in-Charge: Miss D. Holtz. Fee, 22/6. Concession Fares will be available. This Camp is for Guides from any Company whose Captain has not herself a Camper's Licence. Not more than six from one Company should apply and not more than one Guider from each Company should be included.

**A CAMPCRAFT WEEK FOR GUIDERS** will be held at Warburton from 5th to 12th January, 1938, inclusive. The Week is open to any Guiders who wish to attend for general Camcraft training. Guider-in-Charge: Miss E. E. Moran. Fee 22/6. Concession Fares will be available. There will be facilities for swimming. Guiders who have been nominated by their Commissioners will be tested for the Camper's Licence and Quartermaster's Certificate; the candidates will need to go into Camp one day earlier and stay one day later, than the main Camp dates. Applications accompanied by a deposit of 5/- should be made in writing to Miss E. E. Moran, at the Guide Office, 60 Market Street, Melbourne, C.1., by 13th November, 1937.

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### HANDCRAFTS.

1. This would be useful for testing Brownies in button sewing.—Dress some dolls in bits of coloured felt; trousers, or skirts, and little shirts. Any bits of felt will do. Just over-sew them with a simple overstitch in a thread of contrasting colour to the felt. Then ornament them with buttons sewn along all the edges. The Pack could, perhaps, make these for another Pack as a Good Turn.

2. **Skipping Ropes.**—These could be made by Brownies or young Guides as another Good Turn.

One clothes line will make five ropes. Cut the rope into the desired lengths. Insert the ends into clothes pegs. Bind the pegs VERY tightly with string (macrame twine is suggested). Then paint the pegs, this will help to keep the rope inside the pegs.

3. **WOODCRAFT HANDCRAFTS. Fir Cone weather prophets.**—First bake the Fir cones. Then make them into birds or animals. They will open in fine weather and close in the damp.

4. **Blotting Paper Weather Foretellers.**—These must be made of PINK paper. Soak in a solution of salt and water. Buy some artificial stamens, leaves, green binding and thin silvery wire. These are very cheap. Make the paper up into flowers like roses with the stamens and several layers of petals. Attach them to the wire, bind it and attach the leaves too.

**DOES ANY GUIDER KNOW OF** a child who would like to belong to the Post Brownie Pack? There is room for several at the moment. Any child who has a disability that prevents her from taking an active part in an ordinary Pack, may be a Post Brownie.

If you know of anyone, will you please get in touch with the Post Bown Owl who is Miss Joan Alston, 5 Struan street, Toorak, S.E.2.

### EXTENSION RANGERS AND GUIDES GO HIKING.

On Saturday, September 11th, the 2nd Prahran (Blind) Rangers and the 9th Kew (Childrens Cottages) Guides joined together

to go for a hike to Studley Park. Miss Campbell, the Commissioner for Extensions, went with them, and also three Rangers from S.R.S. "Akuna."

They had great fun cooking a two course meal in the open and two Prahran Rangers passed their hike test.

After lunch they all hiked along the river to the Fairfield Bridge, where they separated after a very jolly day together. It was a specially exciting day for the Kew Guides because they are a new Company and they had never hiked before.

We are all very grateful to "Akuna" Rangers for their help and would like to thank them very much.

—J.A.

### THE GUIDE SHOP—October, 1937.

**DIARIES.**—The Diaries for 1938 will be ready about the middle of October and orders can be taken immediately. They cover a range of new subjects and special emphasis is put on Camping. Camping outfits and gadgets. Illustrations are shown of these throughout the book. The price is 1/3 with the pencil, and 1/- without.

**CALENDARS.**—We have our new supply of calendars for 1938. These are now ready and cover an attractive range of photos. The price is 9d. with 1d. postage. Samples can be sent to the country but all those not returned within one week will be charged for.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS.**—Our new supply of Christmas Cards will be available about the middle of October and people are asked to apply early. Samples of these can be sent to the country but must be returned within a week, otherwise they will be charged for. The prices are 2d. and 4d.

**PENCILS.**—Our new supply of Propelling Pencils is on hand. They are most attractive being in two shades of blue with pocket clips attached, and on the pencil is engraved the Guide Badge and Girl Guides. People will find these most attractive Christmas Presents. The price is 2/6 plus 1d. postage.

**PRICE LIST.**—The new Price List is now available and a copy has been included in this month's "Matilda." On reading this it will be found that we have enlarged our stock and cover a wider range of articles. We hope for your patronage and will do our best to satisfy you.

**The Following can be had at Reduced Prices and are Available only in small numbers, So Order Early.**

**GLOVES.**—We have only a few pairs left and have reduced them to 4/11. They are very superior articles for this price but we can offer them only in small sizes, ranging round 6. All people with small hands apply and you will get a bargain.

**SHOES.**—There are only 12 pair left in this black lace-up shoe and we have reduced them to 7/11. They are obtainable in a fair range of sizes and are very good value for the money. We are selling only because we do not wish to stock shoes any longer.

**THE GUIDER AND COUNCIL FIRE.—**

We have extra copies of these magazines available in the two last editions. Here is an opportunity for people to get single copies and to be brought up to date with Guiding in England and in all countries of the world. Apply early because we have only a limited number available. The price is 4d. for the Guider and 6d. for the Council Fire. Postage 1d.

**CAMPING.—(Continued from Page 9).**

N.B. The site on which we propose to hold the Ranger Camp and the Campercraft Week is part of a property near Warburton, which has been suggested as very suitable for our Guide Camp House. There is a first rate swimming pool with running water.

**NOMINATIONS FOR CAMPER'S LICENCE TEST** and the test for the Quartermaster's Certificate should be sent in by 13th November at the latest. However, it would be appreciated if they were sent in earlier than that if possible. If any Guider would like extra help beforehand it may be possible to arrange this for her.

**LICENCED GUIDERS' CAMP.**—The site for the proposed weekend camp for Guiders holding the Camper's Licence has been changed from Ocean Grove to "Gipton," Frankston. The dates are 29th October to 2nd November, inclusive. Guiders who wish to attend the full or part time are asked to write to Miss E. E. Moran, at the Guide Office at once. (The closing date announced in the daily papers was 21st Septemebr).

ELAINE E. MORAN,

Commissioner for Camping.

**EXTRACTS FROM TOURING RANGERS' LOG.**

Wednesday morning, 30th June, saw the Ranger party aboard a small launch making their way merrily towards Fremantle, glancing over their shoulders every now and then to catch the best view of the Tricolor anchored some three or four miles from shore.

Two cars and two Commissioners met us at the wharf and we set out on what proved a most enjoyable drive along the banks of the Swan River and through King's Park to the Perth War Memorial; latter set on a rise and commanding a very happy view on a broad curve of the river with its tree-lined shores in one direction, and on the other hand the buildings of Perth, looking peaceful and unreal in the morning sunshine.

En route we stopped to inspect the Perth University—a comparatively modern building and an extraordinarily beautiful one. The group of figures in glass mosaics beneath the central tower; the spacious well kept lawns, the ponds and line of poplars in front of the building; the large hall with its ceiling decorated in an unique design of Aboriginal drawings, were features that left a lasting impression.

We arrived at Girl Guide Headquarters just in time to prevent the arrangement for our lunch being cancelled; word having been re-

ceived that the Tricolor was anchored in mid-ocean and we couldn't possibly land until 2 p.m. Lunch was a jolly affair, partly accounted for by the tastiness of the meat pies and partly by the friendliness of our hostesses. More Rangers and Guiders kept popping in, all anxious to meet the "adventurous seven," and all so sad to have to leave us at 2 p.m. and return to their offices, etc.

After a hectic hour's shopping (mostly spent in Woolworth's) we were the guests of Mrs. Lee Steere, State Commissioner for Western Australia, at afternoon tea.

That evening we held a sing song on the Tricolor—now tied up at the wharf—and thirty-five Rangers and Guiders from Perth and Fremantle came along to inspect our cabins and to lift up their voices. "Music hath charms" the saying runs, but we are not so sure whether we soothed the Chief Steward's breast or merely astounded him.

Our boat was due to sail at midnight but an invitation to supper on shore was readily accepted, although it entailed a long run to and from the cafe. We arrived back refreshed, but breathless—only to discover our haste had been unnecessary as the sailing time was postponed to one a.m.

During our trip across the Indian Ocean the Tricolor has rolled incessantly, the cargo of concentrates apparently acting like a pendulum, but fortunately we are all good sailors now.

**13th July, Mid-day.**—A wind sprang up and gradually grew more boisterous until it reached gale force. The sea, once so calm and peace-

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ful, became an angry turmoil and watchers from the top deck were rewarded by the magnificent spectacle of waves, from 50 to 60 feet in height, breaking and spraying over our bows and covering the deck with swirling water. For twenty hour hours we tossed helplessly and we hope that our friends at home were praying "for those in peril on the sea." However, after a very rough night the wind subsided and the heavy seas abated.

**15th July.**—To-day we have been thrilled to see the coast line of South Africa and hope to be on shore at Cape Town to-morrow morning bright and early.

"TOURING RANGERS FROM N.S.W."

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association, Victoria, were held at the Guide Office on 24th August, 2nd September, 15th September.

**Present, 24th August.**—Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Eadie, Mrs. Ebeling, Misses Bush, Broadhurst, Boyes, Cameron, Ritchie, Swinburne.

**Present, 2nd September.**—Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Eadie, Mrs. Ebeling, Mrs. Edmondson, Misses Broadhurst, Bush, Moran, Ritchie, Russell, Swinburne, Mrs. Tate.

**Present, 15th September.**—Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Eadie, Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Tate, Misses Broadhurst, Boyes, Bush, Cameron, Moran, Purnell, Ritchie, Russell, Swinburne.

The following were agreed with:—

That a catalogue for the Guide Equipment Depot be published.

That Miss J. Bell be granted a Thanks Badge.

That Mrs. Ebeling and Miss Broadhurst should meet with the Matilda Sub-Committee.

That Miss G. Swinburne be the accredited representative of the Girl Guides Association to the Women's Commission of the International Peace Congress.

That Mrs. Ebeling, Miss Broadhurst and Miss Swinburne constitute a sub-Committee, with power to add, to deal with arrangements for Guides etc., during the present epidemic of infantile paralysis.

That the annual meeting of the Association be held on 19th November.

That the Girl Guides Association co-operate with the Council of Youth and appoint two delegates for the ensuing year; that Miss Swinburne be one delegate, the other to be nominated by the Guiders' Committee.

That the three broadcasts from 3DB be on Guiding and the Home, Guiding and the Community, Guiding and the World.

These to be given at 10.30 a.m. on Fridays, starting on 24th September.

That Victoria support the suggestion made by Western and South Australia of inviting a Diploma'd Guider from Great Britain to visit Australia.

The following was reported:—

That the profit from the Jumble Sale was £252/3/10.

That the Guide House had been endowed for 123 days; £3907/18/8 was in hand, with

promises the sum would amount to £4192/6/8. The property at Britannia Creek was being inspected by a number of Commissioners and Guiders.

That £65/14/5 (£52/7/- sterling) had been forwarded to Imperial Headquarters as a contribution from Australian Guides to the Chief Scout's Silver Wedding present.

Routine and financial business was discussed.

S. H. IRVING,  
State Secretary.

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**TRAINING.**

**General Training Week.**

A Training Week for General Guide and Brownie Training will, if applications warrant it, be held at Morongo Presbyterian Girls' College, Geelong, from 28th December, 1937 to 5th January, 1938, inclusive. The fee will be 30/-, of which a deposit of 5/- is payable on application.

Applications should be sent to the Training Secretary at the Guide Office not later than 16th November, accompanied by a deposit of 5/-, which will not be refunded unless withdrawal is made a full fortnight before the date of the beginning of the week.

Applicants should state whether they wish to take Brownie or Guide Training, and whether they are under or over 21 years.

**WOODCRAFT WEEK.**—It has been found necessary to postpone the proposed Woodcraft Week until next year.

MERLE BUSH,  
Commissioner for Training.

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