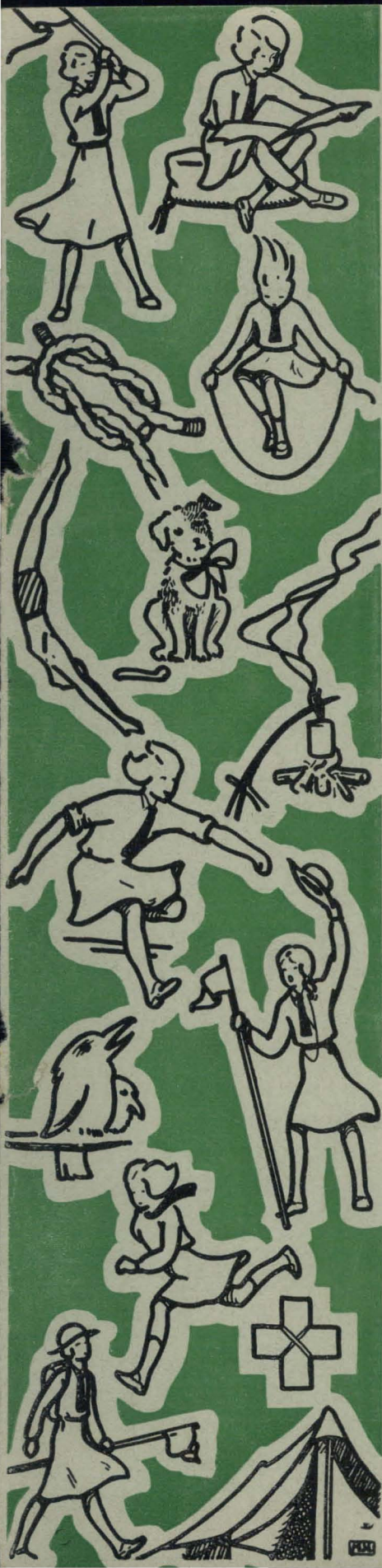


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EDITORIAL.

By now we imagine all companies are back at work and guiders full of new ideas after their long holiday from company meetings. We know editors of the various pages are always anxious to receive news of anything that may have happened in your company so they may pass it on through their pages.

Encourage your Guides and Brownies to write to Matilda.

The "Nature Page" editor is always appealing for wog box stories and what is easier for Guides and Brownies than keeping an eye open wide for something to send in to her.

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WHAT WE ARE DOING.

I have just come back from the St. George's Service in the Cathedral, which as we know, for the first time fell on the exact date, April 23rd. The Cathedral was very full of Guide and Scout people, not quite as full as last year, but that was to be expected as Companies and Packs are only now in some places getting back into their stride.

I think we all felt thankful when we looked around and realised that last year was over, this being the first time that many Companies and Packs had seen each other or met together in any way since the outbreak of the Infantile Paralysis Epidemic. But the year is over and we are setting off now on a new one, full of hope and confidence and good spirits.

Do not let us forget the Extension Branch this year. Unfortunately their numbers have risen; Guiders are scarce, and there is a lot to be done, particularly with new Brownie Packs. What about the Extension Show Case at H.Q.? Presents often have to be bought for friends and relations.

No greater good can be done than by giving someone the opportunity of living a full life by creating something of use or beauty, and a sense of self reliance if the community recognise it as such and desire it.

—ENID FAULKNER.

EXTRACTS FROM TOURING RANGERS' LOG.—(Continued).

To clear a space for the caravan in the garage yard, the snow had to be shovelled away, and although the work was heavy, the competition for available spades showed how novel the experience was to Australians. And then, gum boots on, we trudged up through snow a foot deep to the little cottage known as "The Link" which was to be our home for

three weeks, and where the comfort of having a permanent roof over the head and a cosy fireside seemed doubly precious after our recent peregrinations. The only fly in the ointment was "Black Maria," who was over-inclined to be temperamental, but her every mood and caprice had to be indulged, for on her behaviour depended the temperature of the nightly bath.

Soon afterwards the caravan had to be returned to London, and when we had bidden "Jingle Johnnie" a sad farewell we settled down to the task of preparing for Christmas. Such shopping as went on, such writing of invitations and place cards, such cooking of plum puddings and ham and turkey; surely "The Link" had never seen the like before, and Lillimore at least will never forget those days. The postman became more and more popular as time went on and brought the most exciting letters and parcels. A pleasant interlude was a visit from two of our fellow passengers on the boat coming over. They called to recall old "Tricolor" days.

Christmas Eve found "The Link" a veritable beehive for busy-ness, those who weren't chopping parsley or straining the soup were decorating the dining room with holly and tacking up posters by that world-famous artist "Tea-towel Tulla." The posters caused a good deal of merriment as they depicted various incidents in the tour and our artist seemed to have caught an outstanding characteristic of each person.

Christmas Day was quite warm, contrary to all hopes and desires as we badly wanted a "real English Christmas" with snow. Miss Meek had kept us in suspense since her return from London by offering the information that we were to have another guest for dinner, but refusing to disclose the guest's identity. Our curiosity changed to delight when the unknown turned out to be Miss Hartnett, and we were so happy to have her for the day, our only regret being that she was not able to stay longer. The dinner was a great success, and after a pause to hear the King's speech the party adjourned to the next room where a heavily laden Christmas Tree showed that Father Christmas still knew our address.

The effort of cooking for twelve people and managing to seat them in our tiny room must have been quite a strain, for next morning nothing but snores could be heard well after getting-up time. On the following day a very happy time was spent at Bournemouth where a kind invitation to a "Boxing Day" dinner had been accepted. On Tuesday afternoon a visit was paid to Nelson's "Victory" at Portsmouth; it was a strange feeling to wander over the old ship which has been so beautifully

preserved and to be shown the dim light—actually two candle power—down below where Nelson had to be operated upon.

A two-day trip was planned for the end of the week, and we had the pleasure of seeing Bath with its Roman Bath, and sipping the "waters" in the Grand Pump Room to the strains of the Poet and Peasant Overture from the orchestra. Wells Cathedral was fascinating and a concerted rush was made to be on the spot when Peter Lightfoot came into action with his hands and feet as the old clock on the wall struck three. We drove through Cheddar Gorge with towering cliffs on either side and as evening came on passed through Glastonbury. It was quite dark when we tackled Porlock Hill, perhaps without realising just how steep it was going to be. Barnstaple was our stopping place for the night and we were off again next morning at 7 a.m., and were at Clovelly climbing down the cobbled stairs when the sun rose. Our objective was

(Continued on Page 12).

BROWNIE GUIDERS' EFFORT.

Camp House Fund.

Brownie Guiders, I hope you have not forgotten the Jumble Sale which is to be held at the Prahran Town Hall on 6th May! In case you have, there is still time for you to leave your parcels at Headquarters or to ring Miss Casper, Wind. 1716 and have them called for. Remember, we cannot have too much to sell.

The fund is growing slowly. Have you done your share? If not, why not? Start now; it is not too late.

Money already received by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Mullin:—

Previously acknowledged	£20 14 4
Miss Ruth Scott	1 0 0
Picture Night, 22nd Feb.	3 18 6
Miss Paling	1 0 0
1st Brighton Pack	1 0 0
Brownie Guiders' Outing, Gipton	0 16 0
Miss Bell	0 2 0
Mrs. Ebeling	0 3 0
Novelty Night, held at G.G. Headquarters 24th March	3 14 8
Total	£32 8 6

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BETTY CASPER, Hon. Sec.

COMMISSIONER FOR TESTS AND BADGES.

Miss Hayman, who has been Acting Commissioner for Tests and Badges since Miss Moore left for England, is herself sailing for England in May. Miss Sheila MacLeod, "Malonga," Kooyong Road, Caulfield North, S.E.7., will act as Commissioner in her stead, and all correspondence and inquiries connected with Tests and Badges should be directed to her now, and not to Miss Hayman, otherwise letters may be re-directed to England.

—F. V. Barfus, for State Secretary.

GUIDER'S COMMITTEE.

The Guiders' Committee will meet at the Guide Office at 8 p.m. on May 6th.

—BETTY POTTER,

Chairman Guiders' Committee.

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H.U.T.H.O.

I have the following articles for sale at cheap second-hand rates—some on behalf of the owners, other in aid of the Guide House Fund—first come, first served!

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—F. V. Barfus.

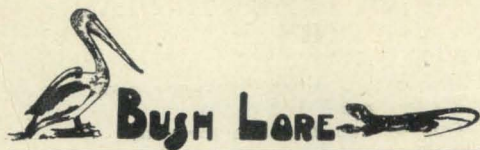
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THINKING DAY PENNIES.

To date, the sum of £17/1/9 is in the bank on account of Thinking Day, as against £14 collected last year. This year's amount is made up of 103 separate sums, but as there are far more this number of Packs and Companies in the State, the fund will not be closed until the end of May, so those who have not yet had an opportunity to hold a "Thinking Meeting" still have time to organise one.

Remember that this year is "special," as there is an appeal from the World Bureau for extra pennies to help build the World Hostel in London which we shall all hope to visit some day—why not?

F. V. Barfus, for State Secretary.



Editor: ELSIE SYDES.

Small Beginnings.

How many of us, when faced with Nature in the Company, wonder where on earth we shall begin? It isn't always our lack of knowledge, but rather the vastness of the field.

Begin then with simple things first. We more often than not pass by the things that are most familiar to us—sparrows. "A bit too common," yet how many Guides can describe the colouring accurately? Do they know or rather have they SEEN, them having water-baths, as well as dust baths? Do they know very much about the common weeds and insects there are in their own yards and gardens?

Here are some observations sent in—perhaps you will get some "brain waves from them."

The "Greenie"

The honeyeater known as the "Greenie", is most entertaining, as when feeding on blossoms he sometimes almost stands on his head, in an effort to thrust his beak into a hanging blossom. Slim and dainty in appearance, with fairly long curved beak, he is greenish brown in colour with little patches of white below the eyes. His call is rather like "Will-ieeee," the last part rather drawn out, then he will stop short and give just a quick cheery chirp. He is by no means timid, and does not fly away when approached.

"Blue Fairies"

These orchids, which we call "Blue Fairies," belong to the *Caladenia* species, and bloom during the winter and spring. They do not grow very tall, usually about 6 or 7 inches high. I have found them growing in clumps under ti-tree bushes, where it is moist and sheltered, and evidently they prefer these conditions, as only odd ones are found in the open and then they are protected by tall grasses. The colour ranges from blue to mauve, five petals, two of which turn down lower than the others, and the tongue is very pretty with a yellow tip and three furry portions below.

Double Stocks.

I noticed that the stocks are coming out double, in spite of the fact that the seed came from single stocks.

(Double stocks never seed, so that seed has to be gathered from the single ones—some years the percentage of doubles resulting is high, other years the single percentage is high.—Ed.)

Goldfish.

Are not always "gold", but a muddy green. I have watched the different stages of colour they pass through—patches of gold appear.

The young ones are the muddy colour and take a long time to become "gold" fish.

—M.K.

Frilled-neck Lizards.

There are two in my garden. I noticed the younger one sunning himself near the lavender bush, where he had spent the winter sleeping. The large one awakened from his sleep last week. I was surprised to see how they had grown. They are both quite tame and apparently have a good memory, because when the border-collie Pup came near them they were quite scared of him. They take no notice of the other dogs, as they have become used to them.

—C.K.

Keen Observation and A Just Reward.

Our first field day for the year proved to be one full of pleasant surprises. We spent the day at a new site, at Mount Waverley (only there is no mount), in a wooded paddock. As we approached the paddock, we noticed a jenny wren flying about, so we were on the lookout for the blue wren. Imagine our delight when we discovered 6 or 8 wrens near the spot where we "pitched our camp." We began looking for other birds, and in less than half an hour had discovered 9 different species—swallows, willy wagtails, grey fantails, spotted pardalotes, blackbirds, white-eared honeyeaters, magpies, and another small bird which we haven't identified. It is very similar to the spotted pardalote, except for a bright yellow patch at the upper base of the tail, instead of the red. The nearest we could find in Leach is the yellow Pardalote, but he says it is rare, and found in timbered country. We feel we aren't lucky enough to find a rare bird, and also, the surrounding country is mainly market gardens and orchards, with a few wooded paddocks.

—M.E.A.

Note on Rareness of Birds.

Perhaps some of you have noticed that birds with *rare* after them in Leach are *common* in your particular neighbourhood. One example I am thinking of is the Regent Honeyeater, marked *rare* in Leach, but it could hardly be called so in the City of Bendigo. Likewise the Brown-headed and Black-chinned honeyeaters. They can be seen and heard on almost any trip to the bush and very often in the garden or street trees. If you find your best gladioli split up the sides, you can be sure the brown-headed honeyeaters have been busy.

I would be glad to hear of further examples from other districts.

Live Specimens are Best.

Have you tried the effect of live specimens on the Company? Believe me there's nothing like them! You are probably too busy to run a wog box, because like all pets this takes time, but what's wrong with collecting a few specimens from the garden on your Company meeting day? You will have no difficulty in

gathering a selection of worms, slugs, and snails for a start. Then there are slaters or wood-lice or "peabodies," if you prefer to call them by that name. (Those grey things that live in rubbish heaps—but perhaps your garden is too tidy for such things?) In that case you will have to fall back on takealls, wire-worms, cockchafer grubs, garden leaches, not to mention all the caterpillars there are—wriggly green ones, loopers, some in leaves joined together with silk (especially on the asters). Then there are the black wasps lurking amongst the plants, seeking to catch these same caterpillars. Ants after aphids, aphids themselves, varying in colour according to their diet; spiders—all colours, as a protection against the wasps who will use them in their cells; the charming little ladybird; brightly coloured soldier-bugs—did you know they can fly? and if you are lucky, a mole cricket will be yours. Lastly we mustn't forget frogs and toads, beetles, moths and butterflies, and praying mantis, grasshoppers, dragonflies—and here I must stop; but you can capture all these and more in your own garden. Would you like to hear more about them in future "Matildas"?



(Joint Editors: M. BUTT, M. HESELTINE.)

"In wishing we waste ourselves,
In thinking we tire ourselves,
In doing we double ourselves."

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ENROLMENT CEREMONY.

Recruits in doorway or distant corner of room (if there is only one recruit her sixer may if desired accompany her). Brown Owl stands near toadstool in centre of hall. Brownies standing in front of recruits:—

"Your way to Brownieland we bar,

Unless you know what Brownies are."

Recruit: "I have learnt about the promise."

Sixer: "She has."

Law, and Brownie song.

Learnt to lend a hand to others.

To smile when things go wrong.

Brownies quickly forming double line leading to toadstool:—

"Go along this magic pathway

We have made for you.

You must make the Brownie promise

Be a Brownie too."

Recruits walk up pathway and Brownies creep into a circle.

Enrolment,

Fairy Ring,

Grand Howl.

—H.G.

SOME GAMES TO PLAY.

Singing Game.

Hippity-hop to the barker's shop

To buy a stick of candy.

One for me, and one for you,

And one for Sister Annie.

Tune: Mulberry Bush (adapted to fit).

Method: Brownies in pairs skip round in unison for first two lines, at 3rd line face action with fingers, 4th line outside Brownie moves on to next partner.

Nature Observation.

A simple way to introduce observation to the Pack is for each Brownie to place her belt in a circle on the grass (recruits may be given a piece of rope) and write down all the things she can see in ring. Could be played in pairs also.

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GAMES.

Guards and Raiders.

Divide the Pack into two equal sides. At one end of the hall or ground place a quantity of "treasure," i.e., coats, caps, cushions, etc.; behind a marked line, at the other end, a line only.

The Guards stand behind the treasure, and the raiders behind their "home" line; at the word "go," the raiders try to steal the treasure, and the guards try to capture the raiders. Any raider grasping a treasure may carry it home in safety, any one caught is taken to the Captain or Lieutenant of the guard, (B.O. or T.O.) and asked to give the Password—and test question—if she answers correctly, she may go free; if she is wrong, the guard must tie her up with one of the three knots; if she is properly tied, she stays a prisoner, but if not, she has escaped.

Change sides after five minutes—count 1 mark for each treasure captured, and 2 marks for each prisoner.

Parcels Post.

Brownies tie up parcels, and address them to themselves; they pay a penny for a stamp, chalked on by Brown Owl; they then form a big circle, each with her parcel, and one person in the centre.

Brown Owl calls out:—"The post is going from Port Doris to Betty Bay", or Judith Town to Mount Margaret" (using Brownies names). The two mentioned throw their parcels to each other simultaneously while the person in the middle tries to catch one; if she does, the thrower of the parcel caught goes in the middle.

General Post means that everyone throws to the person more or less opposite to her.

—P.M.N.

Brevities.

Do you take the Pack outside for exercises or at least have all doors and windows open?

Do you leave Nature Lore for 1 or 2 outings in the year, or do you get the Brownies interested in the trees, birds and insects right near your club room?

Do you know you can sell anything at a Jumble Sale—from a saucepan to a dress shirt? Remember the 6th of May.

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BROWNIE GUIDERS'—PLEASE NOTE!

There have been quite a number of changes in the Brownie tests, and everyone should see the latest P.O. and R. for the up-to-date version of the recruit, Golden Bar and Golden Hand tests.

The changes are very good and will be welcomed by all Brownie Guiders.

For further details read 'Odds and Ends' in the January Guider and 'Stop, Look, Listen,' in the February Guider of this year.

These articles explain the alterations separately and will be a great help to Brown Owls.

It is imperative that the alterations are put into practice at once so that the children some time hence do not find they have been learning the wrong work and with disappointment have to retrace their steps.

—P.H.

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BROWNIE GUIDER'S OUTING.

While the dictionary uses such expressions as a "gaggle" of geese, and a "chattering" of choughs; I can find no word descriptive of a number of owls; so we shall have to be content with the bare statement that on Saturday, 19th March, no less than forty Brown and Tawny owls assembled, some at Batman Avenue, and some at Malvern Town Hall, at which places they were collected by a large 'bus and three private cars for transport to "Gipton."

The first excitement was provided by a purely impromptu effort on the part of a ball of wool, which, the door of the 'bus being opened by mistake, leaped with agility onto the road, and rolled merrily behind us, unwinding itself at great length, and being chased by its owner; this little matter being satisfactorily adjusted, we proceeded as far as Seaford, where four or five spartan souls donned bathing togs and entered the sea with every appearance of enthusiasm; they subsequently declared that they had enjoyed themselves; but some of us found the wind too cold even to stand and watch them!

Once more on the road we continued our way, without further incident through Frankston, and as far along the Hastings road as the track which leads to Gipton; here the 'bus party disembarked and footed it, while the cars went boldly through the skiddy sand.

On arrival at Gipton, we stowed our knapsacks and packages of provisions, and most people took off their hats, as the wind having dropped considerably, it was now quite warm; but it was soon to be much warmer.

The party having split into sixes, each six was given a list of objects and information which they were required to collect from the surrounding country within the space of ½ hour. Observing that the main pieces of information were to be sought in diametrically opposite directions, the sixes split up, and set off, grimly determined to do or die.

Anything from 40-55 minutes later, everyone was home again, and among the items of knowledge which we acquired, were: (a) there are no dandelions round about Frankston; (b) the dogs in the neighbourhood refuse to leave their owners, even with the owners permission; (c) snails are scarce; (d) it is a long way from Gipton to "Ye Olde Dutch Mille"; (e) it is a very long way from Gipton to Frankston; (f) cup-moth caterpillars walk deceptively about on Gum, trees, hoping to be mistaken for Emperor gum-moths; and, (g) the horses in the district have, since March 19th, showed a marked decrease in the number of their tail-feathers!

Two sixes tied for a win with the loss of only one mark each. Congratulations!

Following upon this display of energy, we lined up, mugs in hand and received generous, and much appreciated rations of tea, which we carried off, and enjoyed sitting in a big circle, munching our provisions, and chattering happily.

After tea we separated into sixes again, and rehearsed "stunts" for mutual entertainment later on, and as events proved the rehearsing was to some purpose, for when we had made another circle, this time in the dark, and wrapped in coats against the evening chill and heavy dew, the "stunts" performed in the intervals of song and rounds, proved very entertaining and ingenious, and were rendered the more theatrical by being performed in the "spot-light," from one of the cars. Then, with the lights switched off, we sat in the darkness and listened to a delightful Chinese story, beautifully told, and finally, "Glory to Thee my God, this night,"—and then "Taps"—and the end of a very happy afternoon, and so back to the 'bus, with a big yellow moon rising behind us, and the cars skidding and sticking in the sand; everybody tired but contented, and full of gratitude to the people who had worked hard to make the outing a success, and give us all a really enjoyable afternoon.

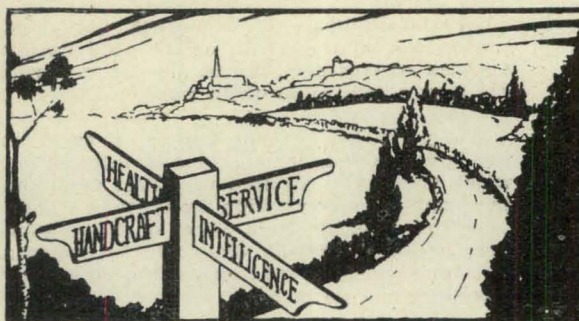
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REFRESHER COURSE.

A Brownie Guiders' Refresher Course will be held during July. Watch June Matilda for final dates.

—Thelma E. Mullin.



THE SIGN POST

Editor: Ruth Denny.

THE PIONEER BADGE.

I think we have all agreed that every Guide should have the Hiker Badge, an excellent preliminary to the Pioneer Badge, which seems to me to be the next stage of development of the out-of-doors interest.

The holder of the Hiker Badge will have little more to learn in order to be able to "construct a campfire, and collect, chop and stack suitable firing." Her cooking experience will possibly have included some of the cooking items (porridge, stew, dumplings and fried bacon comprise the list); and our Guide will in all probability have done a good deal towards her First Class, including the Cook Badge, so that's that done.

Then there is the lashing; of course square lashing comes into the Second Class test, and the wise Guider will have taught it by means of gadget-making—not just lashing two pencils together and wondering why. Many gadgets can be made in the clubroom with morse poles; but lots of others can be made in the bush with the sticks that lie about—how's that for the "object" of one of the hikes? Some of the "useful articles" mentioned in the syllabus (look it up) involve stitching.

Of course the ideal place for making and inventing gadgets is camp, and the Pioneer Badge is essentially one for the camping Guide, but it seems a pity to wait till she does go to camp before starting on some of the work for it—Camp could be the finishing off, rather than beginning.

The Companies that hike are the ones that also play scouting games—is your Company like that? If so, once the Guides have the idea (and they are always thrilled), let them help you organise the games, and later let them (perhaps two or three together at first) organise the games themselves. The Guides who have done this at hikes will not quail before the Examiner; but remember that the Examiner will not feel happy at all if it is obvious that the test game is the first one the Guide has ever had anything to do with.

The rest of the syllabus requires attendance at a week's camp under canvas. Do your Guides want to camp? Do you? Have you done anything about it? Remember Guiding is an out-door movement. . . .

The erection of screening is part of camp

routine, usually, and if the examiner knows well beforehand who are the candidates, we can do something about helping the Guides to prepare for this. There is also no reason why Guides should not know **before camp** how to pitch, air, trenches, and repair tents. The patrol jobs in camp will cover the rest of this clause.

The Examiner for the Pioneer Badge must be a C.A. or someone appointed through the Commissioner for Camping.

—F. V. BARFUS.

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MYCUNBENE.

South Australia found for us the word Mycunbene for a sing-song; a circle of sympathy, without a fire.

It is not nearly as generally used as it should be, and when it is used we find we have not the verses and words to fit it.

The calls to the campfire, the inductions of a campfire, are all for leaping flames.

Do let us try to make our thoughts and acts real in the reality of our country.

Could a competition in Matilda be to write an induction for a Mycunbene?

Instead of the leaping flames of the fire, the wondrous light of the sky, as the

*Great sun sweeps in his robes of glory
Down the plains of the Western Way.*

—(Drinkwater).

Instead of ashes, the dry leaves that have fallen, but from them will rise new vigour from the ground, as they give their life to the springing grass; the leaves of our trees, pointing straight between earth and heaven; the width and glory of our land, leading us by habit to obey our Chief as the Look Wide, and as we look wide with our eyes across the boundless land, so may our hearts look wide to the fellowship of the world?

This is just an idea, which I leave to others to expand.

G. H. SWINBURNE.

We should be pleased to receive entries in a competition for a Mycunbene induction, and to publish several of the best in the Signpost Page. No prizes, but the honour of perhaps having your induction used at many mycunbenes should inspire you.

—R.D.

EXERCISES AND ACTIVITIES.

The Fourth and Last of the Series.

AGILITY.

(1) Skip anywhere—on signal bob down and touch floor—stand—continue skipping—on signal clap also over head—standing on toes, and look up at hands. (2) Walk on heels—very small steps and back straight; do not stiffen body. (3) Run 8 long runs, 8 medium runs, 8 very small ones.

TRUNK.

(a) Stand feet astride—punch alternate arm forward, twisting body from waist, not hip; (b) kneel on hands and knees, swing left arm over head, look up at it. Repeat with right hand. (c) knees full bend—place hands on floor—straighten legs (try not to move feet back). Angry Cats; (d) Sit—feet apart—try to pull head on to knee, by holding ankle and pulling, or hold both ankles, pull head between legs.

GAME LIKE MOVEMENTS.

(1) *Jack in the Box.*—Knees full bend, hands on floor—jump up and land with feet together, and arms stretched sideways.

(2) *Mouse Running Through Hole.*—Standing with one arm raised forward to touch wall, bend and turn under arm, keeping hand on wall all the time.

(3) *Push and Pull.*—Grasping opposite hands on wrists and holding one leg up with other hand—pushing and pulling continued until loser drops raised leg, or falls to floor.

(4) *Greeting Like a Japanese.*—Sit on heels, with hands on floor and head bent downward, stretch body upward and swing arms forward and upward above head. —B.B.

ON COURTESIES.

How frequently does a Guide when asked to give her ideas of the 5th Law, reply "It means you give up your seat in the tram to an old Lady," and further promptings reveal very few other ideas.

The following formed part of a "Courtesy Evening" at parade—

Punctuality for Parade.

The receipt of an apology for absence.

Rising when being spoken to.

Introductions in various forms—i.e., between a lady and gentleman; a young woman and an elderly man; a young and an elderly woman; between a group of men and women, etc. (The Guides dressed up for the parts).

An invitation was received and replied to by the due date, and invitations for a wedding, and parties, etc., were compiled; also a letter notifying Captain of the intended absence on holiday of one of the Guides.

At the end of the "session" the Guides took their leave of Captain as their hostess.

—E.B.

THOUGHTS TO TAKE HOME.

Our Guides like the idea of a short verse or quotation to end the company meeting with and take with them for the coming week. What do other captains find? Perhaps they would give us a few.

Here are some of ours:

"There was an old bear at the Zoo,
Who never had time to feel blue.
For if he felt bored as he walked to and fro
He reversed—and walked fro and to."

"Every time something nice is done for you,
Do something nicer for someone else."

"O Thou who givest vision
Unto those who love Thee,
Give us also courage

To make our dreams come true."

—FRANCES DAVIES,

Captain, First M.G.H.S.

RANGERS' PAGE.

Editor: Elsie Armstrong.

In Policy, Rules and Organisation for this year, we are reminded that the following are some of the subjects most important to Ranger training.

(a) Citizenship.—To comprise knowledge of housing, public health, laws of factory and workshop, infant welfare, use of vote, etc.

(b) Woodcraft.—Camping, especially light camping, all-day hikes. Observation of animals, trees, birds, flowers, etc. Study of tracks, etc.

(c) Art and Literature.—Visits to galleries, concerts, notable buildings and beauty spots. Company library, debates, designing, acting, singing.

(d) Handicraft.—Leather-work, bookbinding, toy-making, basketwork, stencilling.

(e) Homecraft.—Cooking, with a knowledge of food values, and economic management. Dressmaking (where this is not taken up as a trade). Child knowledge, hygiene and home nursing.

(f) Physical Training.—Physical exercises, outdoor and indoor games, dancing, swimming etc.

Since the undelying idea of Ranger-work is service, it should be the aim of Rangers to take up some form of public service where possible.

And the Ranger Test is set out as follows:—

1.—Must have passed the Guide Tenderfoot test. (A recruit may then be enrolled as a Guide if she wishes.)

2.—Must know how Scouting and Guiding began, and have read "Scouting for Boys" or "Girl Guiding" or "The Story of the Girl Guides" or three chapters from "Story of a Million Girls" (the chapter on her own country and two of her own choice). Must know the World Flag and what it stands for.

*3.—Must prove her ability to deal with two unexpected occurrences such as are suggested by certain clauses of the following badge tests: Handywoman, Fire Brigade and Rescuer; and know how to arrest bleeding.

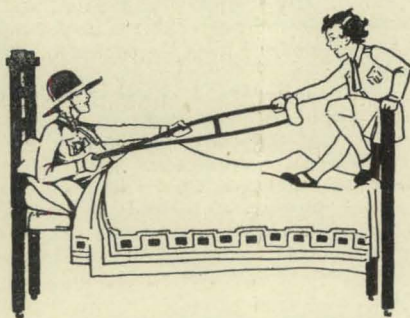
4.—Must follow a map for three miles in unknown country or cook a two-course meal out of doors. Must know the Highway Code, and must be able to use a public telephone call-box.

5.—Must understand the rules of health, and have taken 20 minutes exercise in the open air for 30 days, if possible, consecutively. (In exceptional cases, exercise by an open widow may be substituted.)

6.—Must have studied and understood the Guide Promise and Law, from the Ranger point of view, and prove herself dependable and steadfast of purpose by carrying out some definite undertaking for others.

*Some of the unexpected occurrences suggested by the Handiwoman's Badge—know where to turn off gas, electricity and water in your own home; put in a new spring in a door handle; renew washer on tap; splice a rope; mend a saucepan.

And by the Fire Brigade and Rescuer Badge—know how to deal with shock, asphyxiation (artificial respiration) unconsciousness, fits and fainting; calling the fire brigade and knowing what to do pending their arrival; use of extinguishers; how to drag an insensible person; how to use a chute escape.



Editor: Joan Alston.

EXTENSION GUIDERS' TRAINING WEEK-END.

Fifteen Extension Guiders spent the Eight Hour's Day week-end at the cottage on the property which we all hope will soon belong to the Guides.

We were fortunate in having Mrs. Raven with us. She is the Commissioner for Extensions in New South Wales.

Between sessions on the Psychology of the Crippled Child; design, spacing and illustration for Post Guide letters; suggestions for handcrafts, etc.

We swam in the beautiful swimming pool and sunbathed and watched the birds.

We were thrilled to discover how very suitable the cottage and the adjacent paddocks are for Extension Camping. The fire-tail finches came to meals and the gradients were easy.

The only cloud on the horizon was the demise of Leonardo Lancia—Miss Black's car—who for many years has rendered invaluable service to the Extension Branch. It was typical of him to keep going as best he could till the rear-guard had been returned to their homes.

—J.A.

THE GUIDE SHOP.

New Books.

THE STORY OF THE BROWNIES.—Price, 5d.; Postage 1d.

A tiny book containing the story which is printed at the beginning of the Brownie Hand-

book. It is delightfully illustrated and would appeal to all Brownies, especially Tweenies.

THOUGHTS ON THE PROMISE.—Price, 5d.; Postage 1d.

It is an inspirational talk, containing:—(1) An extract from an address by the Bishop of Jarrow. (2) "My duty to God," by the Bishop of Bristol. (3) "The Foundation," by a Guider. This is very, very good, and should be read by all Guiders.

Wall Charts.

In addition to those printed last month, we have also Knot Charts, Morse, Semaphore, and Hike tent-making, and a Patrol Tent. All these are 6d., plus 1d. postage.

HOW TO DO IT, PATROL CHARTS.—Price, 1/6; Postage 2d.

This is an extremely valuable Patrol book, and it shows by photographs all stages of Tenderfoot, and Second Class Tests, also Camping, etc. It is an inspiration for any Guider who is thinking of going to Camp, but cannot quite make up her mind.

GILWELL COOKER.—Price, 9/6; Postage, 1/-.

This is a very bright suggestion for a Patrol prize. It is an inducement for any patrol to go hiking, as it contains in a very compact space, a frying pan, deep plate, billy, mug, and small plate.

SHEATH KNIVES.—Prices, 6/6 and 7/6.

A new lot of Sheath Knives has just come to hand. They come from Finland, and have most fascinating handles, as well as very superior steel blades. The knives at 6/6 have Birch-wood handles, and are beautifully patterned, and the ones at 7/6 are beautifully coloured, in green, red and blue. They are all contained in very nice, strong leather sheaths. They would make very nice presents.

COUNCIL FIRE.

We still have old copies of the Council Fire. All Guiders, Rangers, and Guides, should be encouraged to read this paper, as it contains knowledge of world-wide events in Guiding. The majority of the articles in English, some are in French and German, but it would be possible to make arrangements to have these translated. The price of these is 6d., plus 1d. postage.

CLARA BROADHURST.

RESULTS OF SOAP-CARVING COMPETITION.

The number of entries for this competition was very small, but there was an interesting assortment of "designs." The results were as follows:—

Under 14 years—Won by 3rd Camberwell Guides.

Over 14 years—Won by 1st Melbourne Rangers.

We shall be glad if the representatives of these Companies will come and collect their 5/- prize-money and spend it at the Guide Shop.

The next competition will be advertised in the June issue of Matilda, and it is hoped that there will be a good number of entries. The purpose of the competitions is really to foster handcrafts in the Companies, and Guiders will

find them a useful "fillip."

Watch the next MATILDA.

—CLARA BOARDHURST,
Commissioner for Equipment.

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CAMPING.

"Up with my tent! Here will I lie tonight—
But where tomorrow? Well, all's one for that"

—Shakespeare

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**CAMPCRAFT AND PIONEER
BADGES.**

The two sets of training for these badges have started off happily, there are fourteen guiders and rangers in the Campcraft course and nine rangers and guides in the Pioneer course. It is hoped that after this initial course, district or division organisations will arrange their own training in the Pioneer Badge work at any rate, the Camping Committee will always be glad to supply the tester.

Companies represented in the present courses are Mirboo North, Glengarry, Lang Lang, S.R.S. Invincible, St. Kilda District Rangers, 4th St. Kilda, 2nd Prahran Rangers, 2nd Ivap-hoe, 1st Melbourne Rangers, 1st Pascoe Vale, Malvern District Rangers, 1st Dandenong, 3rd St. Kilda, 1st Somerville. So we can expect some exciting camping activities in those districts in the near future.

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INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

We have been advised by the Department of Public Health that as the number of cases of infantile paralysis that is being reported is now so small that it is not necessary to continue to enforce the special precautions which were drawn up at the end of 1937.

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**CAMPER'S LICENCE FOR OCEAN
GROVE SITE.**

A special test has been drawn up which will entitle Guiders to camp with their Guides at the site at Ocean Grove. A warranted guider over the age of 21 may take the test if she is recommended by the Commissioner and Camp Adviser. P.O.R. says (under the qualifications for Camper's Licence "Except by special recommendation from her own Commissioner and County Camp Adviser, a Guider may not enter unless she has camped a week, or two week-ends under canvas, preferably in a Guide camp")

A series of week-end camps has been arranged in order that guiders may have training and be tested for this special Licence. The dates are 28th-29th May, 4th-5th June, 11th-13th June (holiday week-end) and 18th-19th June. The site is at Ocean Grove, and the Fee will be 15/-, of which 5/- deposit should be paid in advance. This Fee includes all week-ends but no fares. There are already nine applicants for this course. More applications by guiders wishing to general camp experience will be considered if they apply by 12th May

to the Commissioner for Camping at Girl Guide Headquarters. The Guider-in-charge will be Miss E. E. Moran.

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**INDOOR CAMP TEST AND PACK
HOLIDAY PERMIT.**

It has been decided to postpone the arrangement of lectures in connection with these tests as there have been only 2 applications in each section. Classes will probably be arranged in August or September if applications warrant it.

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EASTER CAMPS.

The following companies camped at Easter:
2nd Richmond Guides at "Gipton," Frankston.

1st Melbourne Rangers at Kalorama.

3rd East Malvern and Box Hill Rangers at Ocean Grove.

1st Corryong Guides at Nariel.

4th Preston Rangers at Belgrave.

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A RESIGNATION.

It was with great regret that the Camping Committee received from Miss Merle Bush her resignation from the appointment of Camp Adviser. Miss Bush received her Camper's Licence at the First Victorian Training Camp in 1923, and soon after was appointed Camp Adviser, and later Commissioner for Camping. It was Miss Bush who gave us the high standards of Camping that we have as our founda-



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tion to-day, and she who inspired us with an ideal of what good camping could do for guiding and for guides. No one can say how far-reaching this is, and how much it will mean to our Camping-to-be, we know only how much it is appreciated.

We are very sad that Miss Bush is not going to be a C.A. any longer, but we hope that she will not give up camping altogether, and we say "thank you," very sincerely, on behalf of Victorian Guides, past and present and future.

—ELAINE E. MORAN,
Commissioner for Camping.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

7th APRIL, 1938.

Present: Lady Chauvel, Mrs. Faulkner, Mesdames Edmondson, Littlejohn, Tate, Eadie, Ebeling; Misses Purnell, Swinburn, Bush, Boardhurst, Moran, Cameron, and Ritchie.

Reported:

That negotiations in connection with the purchase of the Guide House were proceeding.

That the Trainer visiting Australia next year from Imperial Headquarters would be Miss Martin, of Scotland.

That answers to the World Bureau Youth questionnaire had been compiled at a meeting on 21st March, and had been sent to the Federal Secretary.

That the total donations to the Thinking Day Fund to date amounted to £16/18/11.

That the Health authorities had approved the lifting of the special restrictions placed on Guide camping during the polio epidemic.

That Miss Bush's resignation as Camp Adviser had been accepted with regret, with appreciation of her past services to camping.

That an All Australia Camp was being planned in Sydney for January, 1938, but that no details were yet available, nor was it known whether it would be for Guides or only Guiders.

Leave of absence for one year was granted to Mrs. Eadie, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. R. L. Dennis, Mrs. H. Docker, Miss Hayman.

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Appointment.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Geelong District II.: Mrs. Basil Hall, 29 Buckland ave., Newtown, Geelong.

Registration.

1A Sale Company.

Cancelled Warrants.

CAPTAINS.

1st Inverleigh: Miss P. Crane.
1st Traralgon: Miss M. Nixon.

LIEUTENANT.

1st Black Rock: Miss P. Dannatt.

BROWN OWLS.

1st Dandenong Pack: Miss I. Cockram.
1st Murtoa Pack: Miss I. Harris.

IN RECESS.

1st Noorat Company.

TRAINING.

Brownie Training Classes.

The first course for the year began on Monday, 4th April, in charge of Miss Violet Hill.

Brownie Guiders who wish to attend classes and cannot attend for this course should communicate with Mrs. Tate, Commissioner for Brownies, re suitable days and dates for the next course, which will be arranged when sufficient applications have been received.

General Guide Training.

The second course will begin on Tuesday, 14th June, at the Guide Office, at 8 p.m.

M. E. BUSH.

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Land's End and all experienced the satisfaction of having stood on the south-westernmost point of England. Many miles had still to be covered before we would be back at Foxlease so we were soon on the way again. Midnight found us on the road near Wimborne as the church bells rang out the Old Year and rang in the New. High Jinks and Low Jinks came to a standstill and greetings and good wishes were exchanged, each probably thinking how differently she would be situated when 1938 was rung out.

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