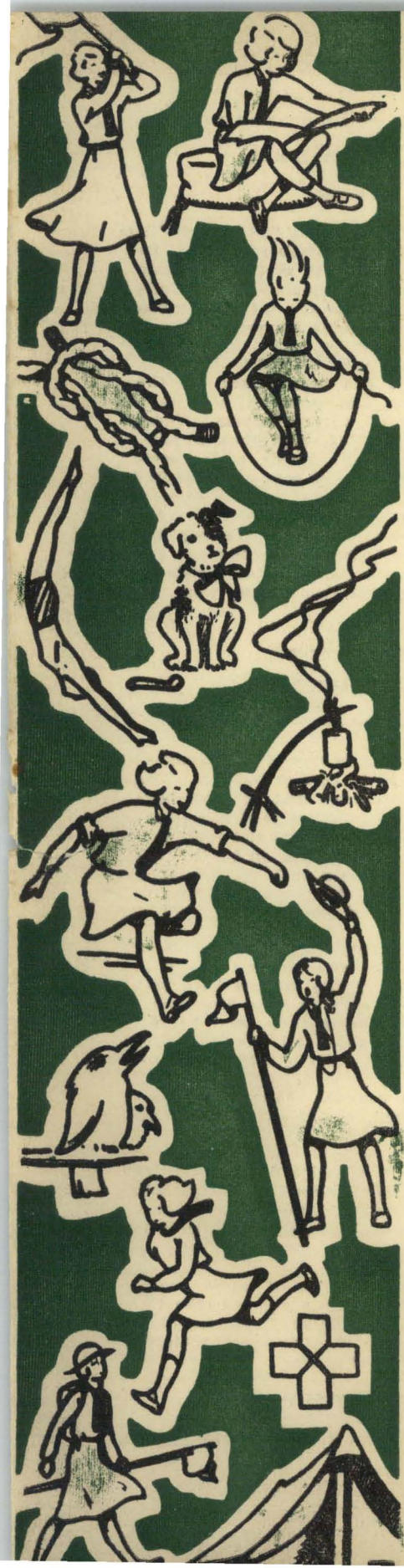


M. E. Burt.

Matilda

SEPTEMBER, 1942.



GUIDE WAR WORK.

Bendigo Girl Guide Patriotic Shop.

After nearly two years of steady work the receipts of the Guide shop showed £1,000 at its annual meeting last month. The shop is open every Friday, the local Association, Guides, interested helpers, and members of the Inner Wheel taking turns at stocking and being responsible for their day.

Stock consists of cake, fruit, vegetables, sweets, household goods, dolls' clothes, flowers and jams, of which over 1,500 pots have been made.

Money is distributed each month, and recipients this year have been: Guide Headquarters Appeal, the Blood Bank, Red Cross, Comforts Fund, Radio Drive, "Sydney" Appeal, Rivet Day Appeal, Royal Australian Navy, Military Hospital, and local patriotic efforts. Besides this, the shop supports two Prisoners of War, and has adopted two Australian Naval Corvettes.

Warburton Campaign Against Waste.

For a month's "Campaign Against Waste," the two patrols of 1st Warburton were responsible for the collection of 1,200 bottles of all shapes and sizes, 500 lb. of scrap paper and cardboard, 80 rubber car and bicycle tyres; not to mention a large pile of assorted rubber, a boot box of tooth paste tubes, and two of silver paper.

The collecting was all organised by the P.L.'s themselves, their Captain being away. The P.L.'s are 14 and 12 years old respectively.

Geelong.

At the beginning of May, Geelong 2 sent a sack of large cleaning rags to the depot in Melbourne, weighing about 451lb. A great part of this had been collected by the Geelong Rangers.

South Yarra.

4th South Yarra have helped in rubber collecting. They packed a car up to the roof three times with what they had gathered.

THE SILVER DOOR.

We have received from the "Silver Door" a very interesting account of the progress of its work in the collection and sorting of waste silver paper, tin and aluminium. The organisers express their thanks for the help given to their work by the Guide Movement.

Since the "Silver Door" started in 1939 as a depot, £2,137/16/4 has been raised for the work of the Free Kindergarten Union as a result of the sale of waste products. These consist of aluminium foil, tin (tubes, tinfoil), lead (tops and leadfoil), paper, and miscellaneous (gold, silver, brass, copper, typewriter spools, etc.).

Guides can see that by collecting silver paper and toothpaste tubes, they are doing something which is of great assistance the Free Kindergarten Union in its work for little children.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

Camouflage netting is now well established and going along in leaps and bounds. The latest census taken shows that 781 nets have been completed and returned to C.W.A. Since then Murrumbeena, the largest and most prolific depot, having 70 workers on its list, has returned another 90 nets, making their total 381. Congratulations, Murrumbeena, for this excellent result of your labours!

Mrs. Tremlett, of Brighton, has also achieved a remarkable record. She taught the girls at Janefield, who with eleven workers have produced 134 nets. These, with 19 of Mrs. Tremlett's own making, bring their total to 153. Mrs. Tremlett also ropes all the nets they send in, which is in itself a splendid effort.

Other depots to pass the 100 mark are Burwood and Hartwell, and Malvern and East Malvern.

Altogether, there are nine depots, and 190 regular workers. We realise that many more members of the Guides' Association are netting through other channels, either direct to the C.W.A. or with local groups.

In some cases the number of regular workers has fallen off slightly, and we take this opportunity, while thanking them for their past interest, to urge them to renew their efforts in this very vital cause.

M. R. FAIRBAIRN

(For Camouflage Nets Committee.)

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THE STATE COMMISSIONER.

It is with regret that the Executive Committee learnt that Lady Chauvel will not be able to do any active Guiding for some weeks. We hope that soon she will feel stronger and that we will be able to welcome her back among us again.

During her absence, Miss Sheila Cameron has agreed to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

DEPUTY STATE COMMISSIONER.

The resignation of Mrs. F. W. Faulkner as Deputy State Commissioner was received with regret by Lady Chauvel and the Executive Committee. She has held this position since March, 1937, and has played an active part in all branches of Guiding.

While Lady Chauvel was absent in England in 1937, much work devolved on Mrs. Faulkner as Deputy State Commissioner and Chairman of the Executive Committee, and she has also been Chairman of many committees for special efforts for Guiding. While she herself was in England, she led the Australian party at the Pax Ting in Hungary, in 1939.

Mrs. Faulkner has given most generously of her time and thought to everything she has undertaken, and we are glad that she will still be able to remain on the Executive Committee.

COMMISSIONER FOR BROWNIES.

Mrs. Frank Tate has been Commissioner for Brownies since 1935, and is one of the pioneers of Guiding in Victoria, as she was Tawny Owl of 1st Toorak College Pack in 1924. Because of her thorough knowledge of Brownie work she has been able to make her work as Commissioner a valuable contribution to the Guide Movement.

It is with regret that the Executive Committee heard that Mrs. Tate has not the time to devote to this work at present, but she will still maintain her interest in Brownies as Brown Owl of 5th Kew Pack.

We thank Mrs. Tate most sincerely for all she has done for Guiding, and especially for the Brownie Branch.

We are very glad that Miss D. Holtz has accepted the appointment as Commissioner for Brownies. Miss Holtz also has a wide knowledge of Brownie work, and is well known

to many Guiders and Campers; and we welcome her very warmly as Commissioner for this Branch.

GUIDERS' CONFERENCE.

The Victorian Guiders' Conference will be held at Cairns Memorial Church Hall, corner Hotham and Powlett Streets, East Melbourne, on Saturday, October 10, from 3 till 9.30.

AWAIT CIRCULAR!

NEWS OF THE PRINCESSES.

From "THE GUIDE," May 7th, 1942
(England).

It is very good fashion, spreading through Guiding at the moment, this fashion of wearing uniform for all important occasions.

Certainly there could be no more suitable occasion for wearing it than when registering for National Service. Let us hope that every Guide among the 200,000 sixteen-year-olds who registered on Saturday, April 25th, thought that way. One Patrol Leader certainly did—the Leader of a fairly new Swallow Patrol—the King's elder daughter, and the Heiress to the Throne, Patrol Leader Princess Elizabeth.

The Princess is the first member of the Royal Family ever to register in the ordinary way, at an ordinary Labour Exchange. There were two Guiders with her, when she went—her mother, who, as most of you know, was a very keen Guide before her marriage, and still, on occasions, wears our trefoil, and the Queen's Lady in Waiting, Lady Delia Peel, a familiar and much-loved figure at Imperial Headquarters for years past.

Princess Elizabeth filled up one of the ordinary forms, giving her name as Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, and signing "Elizabeth P."

This is a very memorable occasion in Guide history, because it puts on record the fact that "The Princess will not be called for an interview, as she is already a Guide," a statement which proves once and for all how high Guiding stands in the ranks of Youth Service as a Pre-Service Training Movement. It is also, probably, one of the last times we shall hear of our Princess as a Guide! Next time we shall be seeing her wearing Ranger

and is eaten as requested by the Government—state—so much the better for our teeth and digestion—also for the nation's larder. Vegetables, steamed or cooked according to the latest hygienic principles, potatoes steamed and, or course, cooked in their jackets, raw vegetable salads of every variety—all these are helping to build up our health. Above all, the carrot—very few of us realise the potentialities of the homely and sometimes despised carrot. But now we know that the carrot is the winner of the war—par excellence; the ne plu ultra of victory. It gives energy, nourishment, protection, sweetness and colour to life. Above all, it helps us to SEE IN THE DARK!

To sum up the food situation: The under-nourished are getting a fairer share of the necessary protective foods (mostly rationed and price-controlled). The average person is having to eat simpler and more healthy food, and the over-fed person is improving his health and prolonging his life.

Evacuation, too, gives much cause for thankfulness. One has only to look at the children: countless numbers have been given a new outlook and a fresh start in life. How many have found a lasting love for the country with its birds and animals, its trees and meadows? Many of them will never return to the overcrowded cities, but will grow up in the free, natural surroundings of the countryside.

Of course, there are misfits, plenty of them, and it is of these that one mostly hears; but the balance is overwhelmingly on the credit side, and there are countless stories of the benefits and blessings which have come to both evacuees and their hosts. Two "tough guys" from the East End of London were billeted on two prim maiden ladies; they were kindly souls and did their best to welcome the little boys. The day after their arrival was Saturday, and with no school time was hanging a little heavy.

"I say," said the elder boy, "if the two old geyzers want to go round the corner for a quick one, we'll keep house!" History does not relate if they went, but we know that these two maiden ladies have altered amazingly. There is a livelier look in the eye and a firmer tread is noticeable, and certainly the elder was heard to reply in answer to an invitation, "O.K., thanks."

Those who are working under new and strange conditions never cease to wonder at the camaraderies and give-and-take which prevail. In Air Raid Precautions, Women's Voluntary Service, Voluntary Aid Detachments, Auxiliary Fire Services, etc., the most incongruous elements meet. Classes usually worlds apart mix and, very often to their astonishment, fuse and mingle in happy relationship. And the friendships—and romances even—which have derived from the arduous forced trek of that fateful Saturday in 1939! Late that night, after endless hours of transporting unwilling guests to still more unwilling hosts, one solitary blind old man remained, unhoused, at our headquarters. He

sat there, half alert, half dazed, and very patient. Once more we racked our brains—who—who could we force to take him? Finally, in desperation, we thought of old Miss A. True, she was deaf and a little brusque, and she had definitely refused to take anyone, being, as she said, old and infirm herself. Firmly, but inwardly shaking, we piloted the old man into the car, when we left him while we approached Miss A. to take him, just for one night. "I know your spare room is ready—he can't sleep in the car." "Well, just for one night; I suppose I'll have to. But you must promise to call for him in the morning."

Fearfully we called next day. "Oh, yes," said Miss A., "he's fine; and, just fancy, he knows my home in Dorset. Yes, I'll keep him for a few days." To cut a long story short, a beaming Miss A. married an equally beaming Mr. B., and we of the transport service subscribed for a new ear-trumpet for a wedding present for the happy bride.

And the children who have gone overseas: They are getting so much—so much kindness and hospitality and friendship. One hears so much of the goodness of their hosts, the generosity and understanding of their new friends. One feels that it is one-sided, but one hopes and believes that the children who grow up and remain overseas will, on their side, play their part. If, as we believe, Britain has proved herself to have courage, steadfastness, endurance and doggedness, we hope that these qualities are in the children, and that they in their turn will transmit them in a world where such qualities will be more and more needed. In a word, if we can TAKE IT, we would be glad to be able to help our friends overseas to TAKE IT, TOO.

True, we have suffered so little. But we never forget our friends in other countries. We never forget the agony of Europe. In our comparative comfort we think of the bravery, courage and unconquerable soul of those who are suffering, and we pray that they, in the not so very distant time, may be brought through the night, and that they will be able to forget the darkness in the light of to-morrow.—From "The Council

Fire," January, 1942.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

"Thank you" to all those who sent us additional names of Guides on Active Service.

A.W.A.S.—Misses S. H. Irving, P. M. Russell, D. Whitehead, D. Jordan, L. Niquet, J. Inglis, F. Thompson, B. McPherson, P. Lord, R. Cameron, N. Young, N. Fleet, M. Woods, B. Armstrong, D. Treadwell, M. Wright, N. Gordon, G. Eades, M. Eades, P. Moors, B. Nilson, N. McPherson, D. Hart.

R.A.A.F.—Dr. Mildred Hutchings, Dr. Meredith Ross.

W.A.A.F.—Miss M. McKie.

W.A.A.A.F.—Misses B. Horsley, J. Halls, M. Watson, E. Braddock, V. Murrell, L. Kirwood, L. Wettenhall, G. Onians, I. Alford, H. Cawood,

L. McGennan, K. Blackwood, D. Read, J. Young, N. Kelso, E. Mrosk, M. Milligan, D. Reid, Mrs. Veale.

V.A.D.—Misses M. Young, M. Field, L. Wright, G. Jeans, E. Hird, B. Warr, P. Dyke, B. Kurrle, G. Watson, J. Woodford, A. Trotter.

A.A.N.S.—Misses M. Tisdall, D. Vines, E. M. Woods, B. Haynes, E. Tisdall, M. Lewis, M. Marden, I. Errington, H. Metzner.

A.A.M.C. (Physiotherapists). — Misses A. McA. Campbell, C. Duigan, C. Sutton, A. Simson.

Queen Alexandra's Nursing Service. — Miss S. Bechervaise.

Y.M.C.A. Worker with A.T.S. in England.— Miss M. Sweeting.

—M. E. BUSH.

DOING OUR BIT

When grown-ups rush around to do
Wartime jobs the whole day through;
Blacking-out the house at nights,
Shading the offending lights.
Father's joined the L.D.V.
Mother's in the A.R.P.
Brother's a munition worker—
Used to be an awful shirker—
Any jobs that I can do?
Yes I think so—just a few;
Looking after Grannie more;
Light the fires and shut the door;
Dust and sweep out all the rooms;
Go to town to buy new brooms;
Taking out the dog for walks;
Listening to the wireless talks;
Taking letters to the post;
Making cakes and buttering toast;
Cleaning all the silver clocks;
Knitting jumpers, scarves and socks;
Sharpening pencils when they're low;
Placing apples in a row;
Cleaning celery for tea;
Hanging up the back door key;
Fetching water from the wells;
Boiling eggs still in their shells;
Giving carpets a good brush;
Close the gate with gentle push;
Pegging clothes out on the line,
When the day is bright and fine;
Oh! there's heaps of things to do—
Many jobs for me and you.

—By P.L. Barbara Hand, 25th Halifax Co.
Age 11. From "The Guide."

MATILDA SUBSCRIPTIONS.

being held at the Guide Office, to save postage:
July: 1st Pakenham Company; Miss P. M. Russell.

August: Miss L. Salmon; 1st Rochester Pack; Miss Kendell.

Don't forget, when renewing your own subscription, that the amount required is now 4/6, instead of 4/-, owing to increased postage rates.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP.

The National Fitness Council, 58 William Street, is arranging a Leader Training Course from September 8 to December 8. Enrolment is open to all engaged in voluntary community service amongst youth.

Courses will be held once a week at the Teachers' Training College, University, and will include free standing exercises, deportment and games, rhythmic work, and English and Continental Folk Dancing. Theoretical Tutorials will cover Class and Club Management, Leadership, What is Health, etc. Swimming tuition will be available.

Applications will be received up to September 1.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Adventuring (South Australia), The Canadian Guider (Canada), The Girl Scout Leader (U.S.A.), The Girl Guide Courier (Western Australia), The Trailmaker, U.S.A., Le Trefle Rouge et Blanc (Switzerland), Te Rama (New Zealand), The Victorian Scout (Melbourne), The Waratah (N.S.W.).

BROWNIES.

SUN BATHING.—While we have Brownies in our care, it is as well to have a clear understanding of the benefits and dangers of sunbathing.

Sunlight consists of rays of different wave lengths. Some of these are perceived by the eyes, giving the sensation of light and colour, but there are also some which we cannot see. We are concerned at the moment, with the invisible ultra-violet rays, for the reasons which follow:—

1. Ultra-violet rays have the power of destroying germs present on and in the skin.
 2. The white cells in the blood are increased in number. As these cells are responsible for dealing with infection wherever it may occur in the body, this constitutes a protection against disease, whether present or in the future—one's resistance to illness is increased.
 3. The number of red cells in the body is increased, and also the amount of haemoglobin in each red cell. This is of particular importance to people who tend to be anaemic.
 4. The power of the body to utilise calcium (lime) salts, for bone formation, is increased. Growing children are forming new bone all the time, consequently they need ultra violet rays more than grown-ups do.
 5. There is a general increase in muscle tone—hence the invigorating feeling that sunbathing gives.
- Unfortunately, ultra-violet rays are the rays

mended that if they were ever required again they should be a part of the Navy, and not only an auxiliary. Accordingly, this was done in 1939; they are now used for clerical work, transport, and for similar duties. Some of the work is dangerous, particularly driving heavy armament lorries round the wharves under blackout conditions.

The A.T.S. evolved from Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps which was disbanded in 1919 and re-started in 1938, after the Munich crisis; it now numbers over 200,000. Their Leader in the last war was another well-known Guider, Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, for many years chairman of the Girl Guides' Association. She restarted them in 1938, and only handed over last year to a younger leader.

The third Guider is Mrs. Laughton Matthews, Director of the WRENS and formerly Sea Ranger Pilot.

The youngest women's service, the W.A.A.F., is the outcome of the WRENS and the A.T.S. In 1914 the Army and Navy each had their own Air Force, looked after by the appropriate women. In 1939 the W.A.A.F. came into being attached to the R.A.F.

Lt.-Col. Irving offered to leave a copy of "British Women at War" at Headquarters, where Rangers could look at it and learn more about what was being done by the women in England.

In Australia the order of formation has been different, the W.A.A.F. being formed in February, 1941, and the A.W.A.S. in October, 1941. The WRENS consist of a few hundred members, mainly Signals, stationed in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

South Africa has a Women's Army Auxiliary service as part of the Army. They also serve as V.A.D.'s and are working in the Union, Kenya, Egypt and the Middle East. Canada's Women's Army, C.W.A.C., was formed last August, New Zealand's has been in existence for longer, and U.S.A. has just started.

Lt.-Col. Irving pointed out how necessary it was at the present time for every girl to do some job for her country. To join the A.W.A.S. it was necessary to be between the ages of 18 and 45, and to be mentally and physically fit. A girl fills in an application form, has a personal interview and passes a medical and dental board. She then attends a Recruit Training School for a period of 21 working days; during this time she has courses in drill and P.T. and Army organisation; she also learns to adapt herself to live with other people. At the end of three weeks the recruit is living under strict Army discipline. During the course each girl is issued with her kit. All her outer garments are supplied and she gets a cash allowance for underclothes. As a member of the Service she receives free medical attention and concession fares.

Lt.-Col. Irving mentioned specially the Ambulance Car Co. of 172 members, the only men in it being the O.C., the Adjutant, and some very highly skilled mechanics. The women are responsible for the care of the cars, minor repairs, pickets on the gates, etc.

So far the only untrained members recruited have been Signallers. One thousand are now in training, and another 1,000 will be required shortly.

The four sections of the H.E.S., i.e.: Discipline, fitness, message corps work, and emergency training, were very closely aligned with the requirements of the A.W.A.S. That is:

DISCIPLINE is put first on the requirements of both. Real discipline is not what is imposed upon you, but is perfect co-operation between those in authority and those in the ranks. It means self-discipline of heart, mind and body. Reliability was stressed in the H.E.S. and also in the A.W.A.S. In the latter service it was often essential that a girl should forget things she had seen and heard in the course of her work.

FITNESS is vital in order to give of one's best in any job. Two weaknesses noticed among recruits to the A.W.A.S. were varicose veins and feet. Many girls had also failed to pass the dental board. When in sedentary jobs, members of the A.W.A.S. are encouraged to take exercise where possible, and those on duty at the Barracks have two drill parades each week.

MESSAGE WORK would be of particular value to anyone entering for Signals.

EMERGENCY TRAINING.—The A.W.A.S. were expected to be ready in any time of emergency. Those at the Barracks were responsible for fires, tea and coffee in time of raids.

All members of the Service joined voluntarily and considered it a privilege to be allowed to do so. Lt.-Col. Irving closed by reading Drake's Prayer, stressing the fact that it was not only the beginning of a job that counted, but the continuation of the same.

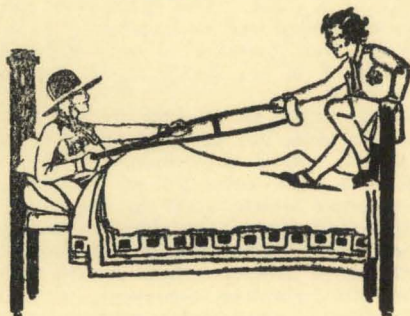
Miss Moran then spoke, telling how the H.E.S. training helped as a preparation for the Land Army, Nursing, and the just as vital, but not so exciting job of looking after the home and family, as well as being a preparation for one of the Services. The training consisted of learning how to be ready for anything, to think quickly, be self-controlled and reliable, and to know what to do in moments of emergency. Any Ranger joining now did a shortened Pre-Enrolment Test in three months' time. The Law and Promise were the basis of this test, as of all Guiding, the other training being worthless unless built on such a foundation. Miss Moran mentioned that Camping and Woodcraft were not specially mentioned in the H.E.S. but strongly advised that Rangers should do as much of the H.E.S. as possible under hiking and camping conditions. After completing the Armlet a Ranger went on and worked for one of the specialised sections, that is Home Service, Child Welfare, Landwork, Coast and River Service. It was quite possible for Rangers without a Captain to work on the test; after consultation with their Commissioner they could invite experts to the Company to help with the various sections. The important thing was that

each girl should prepare herself as fully as possible for some form of national service.

Miss Moran said that the Ranger Supplement from the GUIDE paper, dealing with the H.E.S. would be reprinted monthly and distributed to companies. The first had already been circulated and the second would follow shortly.

Corporal Davidson then took charge of another drill session.

The evening closed with a vote of thanks to Lt.-Col. Irving and to Corporal Davidson and the singing of Taps. —S.M.M.



Editor: Sydney Foott.

Yooralla Hospital Company.

This company, which has been in recess for some time, owing to evacuation problems, is again functioning, partly as a post company. There is not yet a Guider forthcoming, although we have two prospective lieutenants.

Recently the Commissioner for Extensions and the Assistant Commissioner visited the company, and a meeting was held. There are now fourteen in the company—tenderfoot, nearly second class, ex-Brownies, and raw recruits. It might be of interest to non-Extension people to read the programme, as many of the games can be adapted for use in a company where there is a physically handicapped Guide. We are always so very grateful to those companies which manage to take Extension Guides to their meetings, but sometimes it is difficult for an active Guide company to include games in which all can join. Generally speaking, it is best to keep the meeting as normal as possible, using a "pair" to run for the Extension if necessary, and including one or two games or tests which do not rely solely on speed or strength of legs!

PROGRAMME.

Roll Call.—An explanation of what is involved in the Tenderfoot Test, with a short talk on the Good Turn and the Guide Law.

Law Game.—Company divided into two patrols, and numbered. The number of a Law is called, and also the number of a Guide. First to answer correctly gains two points, one point being credited if correct answer from the other. New recruits have Laws on card, to which they can refer.

Bean Bag Passing.—One pair of "legs" to each Patrol Bean bag passed down the line from one to another and then "legs" runs down for it. (There are endless variations in this, depending on the physical capabilities of the Guides — bag may be thrown from one to another, or to "legs," etc.).

Kim's Game.—This is specially adapted for those Guides unable to use their hands. The tray is set out, and carried round from one bed to another, so that all may see it. Then everyone closes their eyes, one object is taken from the tray, and the test is to see who spots it first. The first to see it then gets a turn at taking it off. (Another variation of this is changing some part of one's uniform, changing an object in the room, etc.).

Sing Song.—Nearly all Post and Extension Guides adore a sing song. It is a good idea to include a few songs with well-known tunes (such as "Come Where the Lages," "Hiking Harriet," "The Long, Long Worm," and so on), so that the nervous Guide will start singing almost unconsciously. Action songs like "The Crocodile" and "Down on the Station" are good — the Guides feel they are DOING something.

Then, with Taps and "The Sun is Sinking in the West," we closed the meeting and regretfully left the company.

Since then, however, they have been having some patrol activities—tracking and Morse. Also, they have been working out good turns for themselves. These range from "helping with the little ones," "putting on my own splints and thus saving Sister's time," to "doing what I am told, and not being a trouble"—this last coming from a child without the use of her hands.

If any company or Guider has old copies of the "Guide," I know that the Yooralla Hospital Company (whose address is Golf House, Macedon) would be most grateful, and they would read the magazine from cover to cover.

Other Games to Play With Extension Guides.

There are many games which can be played with Extensions—the best way, perhaps, is just to read through your games book with a seeing eye. Think, now if I had to sit in a chair, could I do that? What could I do without my hands—or my eyes.

Nearly all the guessing games—"What am I" of the nature type, in which "I" describes a bird, or tree, or flower without mentioning names—Morse games in which a letter is signalled and the Guide has to suggest something beginning with that letter, knot games for those with use of their hands, uses of knots for those without hands, acting games (Laws, Foreigners, Shopping strangers), the "listening" stalking games, first aid, emergencies and so on. Good luck to you all in your games, and keep them Guide-y.

north again. Take the second road to the east. First turn to the south, then follow Australia's capital to the end and turn south. First west, second north, and find out the number of the house on the north-west corner of the first cross-road. Return to Captain and get another clue in exchange for this number."

(This held up two Patrols as they had several attempts before arriving at the right corner and bringing Captain the correct number).

On receipt of the number, Captain gave the Leader this note:—

"Think of two ways in which any of your Patrol have lived the motto to-day. Tell them to Lieutenant and get a clue in exchange."

(This caused more delay than any other section, each Patrol tending to give illustrations of the Brownie motto — Lend a Hand — rather than of Be Prepared.)

When the examples were at last given satisfactorily, Lieutenant produced the following:

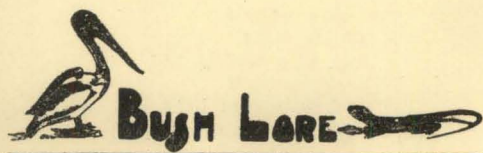
"Follow the dah/ di' dah dit/ di' dah/ dah di' dah dit/ dah di' dah/ which starts outside the dit/ di' dah/ di' di' dit/ dah/ door."

At the end of the track was the "letter hidden" sign, and this clue:—

"Return to the room from which you started. If you from the treasure would not be parted. And there in cloth of navy blue, The treasure waits for one of you."

(The treasure was hidden in Captain's pocket, but the entire room—curtains, coats, haversacks, etc., were searched before anyone thought of looking in the right place.)

—S.M.M.



(Editor: Elsie Sydes).

"The groves were God's first temples. Ere man learned
To hew the shaft and lay the architrave
And spread the roof above them, ere he framed
The lofty vault to gather and roll back
The sound of anthems, in the darkling wood,
Amid the cool and silence, he knelt down
And offered to the Mightiest solemn thanks.
And supplication.

—W. C. BRYANT.

**ARE YOU A GUIDE WHO IS FULL OF
CURIOSITY? WELL? TRY THESE.**

When do the little sundews come up?

When do they flower?

How many kinds do you know?

How many in Victoria?

Why are the leaves sticky?

When does the kurrajong tree flower?

What color are the flowers?

Have you found any orchids yet?

When does the beautiful hyacinth orchid bloom?

Have you a list of orchids for your district?

Do you live where the Fairy waxflower grows?

How many petals has the flower?

Are the elms in your street in flower yet?

What will come after the flowers? How long after?

What trees have catkins?

Do you know what a catkin is?

Do you know a lombardy poplar when you see one?

What tree has fat hard black-as-black-can-be buds?

How many birds have you heard the starling mimic?

When do the mole crickets first reappear?

What do they do in the winter?

When do the ants reappear? Or didn't you know they had disappeared?

How long does a bee live?

Do frogs croak to the same extent on hot and cold nights?

Do they croak on a frosty night?

Bats hibernate. Have you heard any squeaking at night yet?

Which have water baths and which dust baths—sparrows or starlings?

How would you tell a blackbird from a starling?

How does a bird get the round shape of its nest and bind it together?

What position do the tips of wings take when a hawk is gliding?

How does a magpie land in a paddock?

Do you know any birds that catch their food on the wing?

Do flies lay eggs in the winter?

Have you heard the pallid cuckoo yet? Make a note of the date.

Have you heard the bronze cuckoo?

Can you distinguish the song of the shrike tit from that of the bronze cuckoo?

What fruit trees flower first?

How do snails multiply—eggs or what?

Have you dug up any of those little hard brown "wire worms"?

Do you know them?

Do sparrows keep their nests clean?

How many birds do you know who search for their food on the trunks and limbs of trees?

Have you seen any orb-weaving spiders at work lately?

How do they spin their web?

Do magpies ever sing on moonlight nights?

Most of these things you can discover for yourselves. Some of them will be in next month's Matilda. Could we have some from YOU, too?

Patrol Leaders' Page

COURT OF HONOUR.

One of the privileges of a P.L. is the right to attend the Court of Honour, but it is a responsibility as well as a privilege. Can you think why? Because the Court of Honour decides on all activities of the Company? Yes, but there is more to it than that. The Court of Honour certainly is responsible for all that the Company does, but it is not the Leaders and Guiders who decide things. At Court of Honour the Leaders are not giving their own opinions, but the views of every member of their Patrol, down to the newest recruit and the smallest Brownie who has just come up from the Pack. So, you see, it is the Guides themselves, through their Leaders at the Court of Honour, who plan out the activities of the Company. Each Leader has to remember when she is speaking that she is not just Mary Smith or Jean Green giving her opinion, but the Leader of the Koalas, speaking for all the Koalas. You see it is quite a responsibility, isn't it?

The next thing to think about is how you are going to live up to that responsibility. There really is only one way. That way is to make sure that you run good and regular Patrols in Council. What are Patrols in Council? You all know Patrol time, don't you? Part of that time may be spent in Patrols in Council, or you may hold it on a separate occasion. It is the meeting at which a Patrol discusses with its Leaders all ideas and suggestions to be brought up to the Court of Honour. It is the meeting, too, when the P.L. comes back to her Patrol with all the things she has to tell them from the Court of Honour. So, you see, it is a very important meeting, and every Guide, however new, should be expected to express an opinion. This is where you watch out, Leaders, and make sure that Jane and Helen, who are rather noisy, do not talk all the time, so that Betty, who is rather shy and quiet, goes away without contributing her bit. P.L.'s will have a list of the things which are to be discussed at C. of H. so that they can get the opinions of their Patrols about them. Any new ideas and suggestions contributed by the Patrols should be added to the list and submitted to C. of H.

Having had P. in C. the Leaders come to C. of H., knowing what their Patrols, and so the whole Company, want in the future. Leaders and Guiders are automatically members of the C. of H. and Seconds may be invited to attend some meetings. If a P.L. is absent her Second will attend in her place, but an apology, giving the reason for her absence will be expected from the Leader.

The C. of H. generally opens with the Court of Honour Promise, repeated by everyone standing at the half salute, and which runs something like this:—"I promise on my honour

not to repeat outside this Court of Honour anything personal which may be discussed." This does not mean that you are not to take back the general discussions of the C. of H. to your Patrol, but it does mean that helpful discussions on personal matters can take place, and that everyone can speak freely, knowing that nothing said will be repeated.

After the Promise come the Apologies, and the Minutes of the previous meeting, read by the Secretary. The Secretary is usually one of the Leaders, but she can be another member of the Company who has been chosen for the position. If she is another member, she is there solely in a secretarial position and has no voice in the discussions. The P.L. is there to express her views along with those of the rest of the Patrol. You can see that if the Secretary took an active part in the discussions it would mean that her Patrol had two representatives at the Court of Honour which would not be fair to the rest of the Company. After reading of the minutes, the Captain, who is in the chair, will say something like this:—"Is it your wish that I sign these minutes? Those in favour?" So you must listen carefully to the minutes and make sure that they are correct, and that everything has been included. They are records, giving the whole history of the policy, decisions and doings of the Company.

Any "business arising from the minutes" will be dealt with next, followed by correspondence. Then come the various reports.

The Treasurer's Report (this position is usually held by Lieutenant) will tell you how much there is in Company funds, and how much has been paid in in subscriptions since the last C. of H. This is the time to pass bills and to decide on future expenditure. Company funds are paid in by the Guides and belong to them. Nothing should be spent without the sanction of the Court of Honour.

Next come Patrol reports, each Leader giving one on her own Patrol. At first you may find it hard to give a report on each of your Guides, for that is what is expected, but you will soon get into the way of it. Try making a list and writing at least one sentence about each person. There is your detailed report all ready! You will say, too, what tests have been passed, service stars and badges gained, and who is ready for testing in the coming month. It is your job to see that they really are ready before giving in their names. Mary says she knows her knots; have you been through them with her and made quite sure that she can use them all, and does it mean that she is ready to do them to-morrow and not in three weeks time?

Then there is Captains' report. She may have things to pass on to you from the District Guiders' meeting, or remarks about the Company as a whole. Perhaps a number of

Guides are arriving late each week. She may suggest how this can be remedied, or, more likely, she may ask you to deal with the matter.

Lastly, there is general business arrangements for Saturday's hike, planning an outline of the programme until the next Court of Honour, details of the welcome to two Brownies flying up to the Company, and any other things of that nature.

The main thing, as I said before, is to remember that you are representing your Patrols. Think all the time of Rose, Daisy and the rest of them, what will be best for them, and what they wanted at P. in C. If they did not all want the same, remember to say that, too. It is very tempting to give your own opinion, or to ask for what you yourself would like best, but that is not what a P.L. does.

So get out your pencils and paper, arm yourselves with the list of things Captain has given you to discuss, and set off to your P. in C. Then having made a note of everyone's opinion (it is quite impossible, otherwise, to be certain that Rose said this and Daisy thought that!) be sure and take your list and your paper and pencil with you to C. of H., and to return with more written notes from it to your next P. in C. Make a very special effort at your next P. in C., follow this with an equally

special effort at C. of H., and your Company will be what a Guide Company should be, namely a Company run by the Guides through the C. of H. and P. in C., at which every Guide has her word and her vote.

Leaders, do you remember that on our July page. I gave you some suggestions for Patrol equipment, and asked for your co-operation? You were to help one another by sending me in a description of your most useful "possession," and this was to have been published in this issue so as to help other Patrols. Do you know I have had one single letter! Does that mean that you do not read the page, that you have no possessions, that you did not want to help other Patrols, or simply that you all forgot?

Now I am going to ask for help and co-operation again, and please don't disappoint me this time. This is your page, written to help you. Up to date I have included those things which I thought you might find useful, but now will you write to me and tell me what you would like in future? That is the only way we can be sure that you get what you really want, and feel that you need most; that is the only way, too, in which this page can really fulfil the purpose for which it was intended.

—"TUL-KARA."

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