Grain Growers' Sunshine Guild

CONDUCTED BY "MARGARET"

Head Office "Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg

Associate membership fee	$1.00
S. G. Badges (ladies)	.50
S. G. Pendants (gents)	.50
S. G. Buttons	.05

OBJECTS

To feed and clothe some hungry child.

To gratify the wish of some invalid.

To maintain the Girls' Club room at 474 Hargrave St.

To maintain the Fresh Air Home at least for three months in the summer.

MOTTO

'Tis good to speak in kindly guise,
And soothe where'er we can,
For speech should bind the human mind
And love link man to man.

But stay not at the gentle words;
Let deeds with language dwell;
The one who pities starving birds
Should scatter crumbs as well.

The mercy that is warm and true
Must lend a helping hand;
For those who talk, yet fail to do,
But build upon the sand.
'Tis what he does, not what he can,
That proves the measure of the man.

When Sunshiners are sending us parcels by mail please see that full postage is paid. We have to pay double on all overdue postage and it frequently runs up to 50 cents a day. Please see that you put enough stamps on your parcels.

MARGARET.

MARGARET'S SPECIAL MESSAGE

Shadows are falling fast in our Sunshine work. One of our dear girls died this week very unexpectedly. This girl was quite well on Thursday, went under an operation on Saturday, died on Sunday—all alone in the world. She was earning $6 per week, had she lived her hospital and doctor's bills would have reached the appalling sum of $200. When I think of the privation and the dreadful burden this would have been to her I thank God that she was taken into rest. She was so deeply grateful for a little kindly sympathy shown by the Sunshine women and purposed as soon as well to help in the campaign of spreading the work among our lonely girls. Mrs. Smith, our loving house mother, has been delighted with several kindly gifts this week. Three charming bed spreads, one large linen table cloth rather worn but enough to cut into four—just the right size for our tables, children's summer garments, babies outfits, papers, boots and shoes, etc.

Please accept my warmest thanks for the loving gifts to our "Sunshine Home." This home project lies very close to my heart and any help sent to the home means a double gift to me.

Yours lovingly,
In Sunshine or Shade,
MARGARET.

HOW TO FORM A BRANCH OF SUNSHINE

How to organize, if possible:

(1) Invite three ladies or three children to meet with you some afternoon.

(2) Send 25 cents for manual containing exercises, order of business, etc.

(3) Elect president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, etc.

(4) Pay your dues with any act of kindness which comes to hand. By looking around you will find some stranger in your midst who should be called upon, some sick convalescent to whom a member might go and read aloud. Some sick mother who needs help with the family sewing—some neighborly kindness to be done somewhere. Do something for somebody quick. Resolve never to listen to or repeat an unkind story in your Sunshine meetings. Resolve to forget self and work for the benefit of all. Everything you do must be done for Sunshine.

Send the name chosen for your branch and also send list of officers, members, etc., and state any particular work you wish to take up.

MARGARET.

ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP FEES

Hearty welcome to Mrs. W. E. Davis, first associate member for the year which opens on June 8th, 1911.

The associate membership fees are used to pay for printing, stamps, express charges, etc. These charges have been a very heavy burden on Margaret and I hope to see our associates greatly increase this year. I cannot carry on the work without printed matter and I cannot forward parcels or receive unpaid parcels without funds. Here indeed would be an act of Sunshine to get up an entertainment, however small, and make at least one associate membership fee.

WHEEL CHAIR FUND

Amount previously acknowledged	$1.25
Mrs. W. E. Davis	.20
	$1.45

CHILDREN'S BADGE - - - - FIVE CENTS
Don't you want one?

SUNSHINE CHICKS

Now dear Chicks, I want you to hurry up and write me a nice long letter telling what you are doing and going to do for Sunshine during the coming summer days. I feel sure you can make up many picnics, garden parties or summer sales of work and so help to scatter the sunshine of happiness in your own wee corner. I will be glad to help with suggestions for your summer festivals or picnics. May your summer be one of loving cheerful deeds is the wish of your loving friend.

MARGARET.

TELL THEM SO

"When the cares of life are many,
And its burdens heavy grow
For the ones that walk beside you,
If you love them tell them so.
What you count of little value
Has an almost magic power,
And beneath the cheering sunshine
Hearts will blossom like a flower."

—From "Golden Days."

THE MISSES AT SCHOOL

There was once a school
Where the mistress, Miss Rule,
Taught a number of misses that vexed her;
Miss Chief was the lass
At the head of the class
And young Miss Demeanor was next her.

Poor little Miss Hap
Spilled the ink in her lap,
And Miss Fortune fell under the table;
Miss Conduct they all
Did a Miss Creant call,
But Miss State declared this was a fable.

Miss Lay lost her book,
And Miss Lead undertook
To show her the place where to find it;
But upon the wrong nail
Had Miss Place hung her veil,
And Miss Deed hung the book safe behind it.

They went on very well,
As I have heard tell,
Till Miss Take brought in Miss Understanding;
Miss Conjecture then guessed
Evil things of the rest,
And Miss Counsel advised their disbanding.

—The Advance.

MANITOBA

Ida Kircher, Moose Park.—The beads could be sent forward loose if you wish and would go in parcel for Mr. Jones. Many thanks for your kind wishes for the work. Write and tell me more of yourself.

MAKES HOME HAPPY

Dear Margaret:—My plan to make home happy is to fetch the cattle home at night because father is so tired after working in the field all day, do all my little chores without grumbling, take the cream to the Valley River station every Wednesday with my sister Margie. We send it to a creamery. We have got a little puppy with white all around his neck, and a black coat, and white paws, and a black tail with a little white tip at the end; he is called Toby. He is very fat and does lots of mischief. I like my Sunshine Guild button very much. I am wearing it every Sunday now. Two more girls have joined since I got my button.

Dauphin, Man. NELLIE TURRELL.

Dear Nellie:—You are a dear little Sunshiner and certainly will prove a great help to dear mother and to Sunshine. A smiling face is always a joy to everyone. I am printing your letter in full and hope to hear from others the work they are doing for Sunshine. Hope you will wear your button every day.

Mrs. W. E. Davies, Dundurn, Sask.—Hearty welcome to our Guild. You are the first associate member for 1911. I am always glad to hear of any kind act. Many thanks for sending medicine to the young man. Rheumatism is very prevalent here. Write again and tell me more of your family.

Irene Dryden, St. Agatha, Man.—Your kind gift to Sunshine in the form of papers will go in Mr. Jones' parcel. He will come to Winnipeg early in June and I am now preparing the boxes for him. Many gifts are being received daily and I know he will be very grateful to the loving hearts of my Western readers for gifts.

SASKATCHEWAN

E. Olson, Stockholm, Sask.—Glad you like button and card. I am sure Clarence will enjoy game. He is very bright and wonderfully brave, the poor wee chappie. Give my love to your sister and the dear mother.

Berth M. Gregory, Prospect Farm, Theodore, Sask.—I will forward another button today and hope you receive it safely. You must help in the home while mother is away scattering Sunshine on the sick neighbor. Sea gulls are very wise and make great pets. Tell brother he must join the Sunshine Guild.

Mrs. D. A., Laurier, Man.—Many thanks for paper patterns of fancy quilts. I will pass them to Isobel. If women could only realize that a good husband is the greatest blessing I feel sure there would be less unhappiness in many homes. You must indeed feel thankful that your darling is improving. Your kind wishes for the Guild and myself are good to read.

M. L. H., Riding Mountain, Sask.—Many thanks for clothing sent in. Glad to hear from you at any time. Thanks also for twenty-five cents. Give my love to your son; please send me his name and I will enroll him as a member of the Guild.

The blessedness of giving is not limited to cheques. There are gifts that far transcend these—gifts that the poorest can give.—Lillian Whiting.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD JOIN THE SUNSHINE GUILD

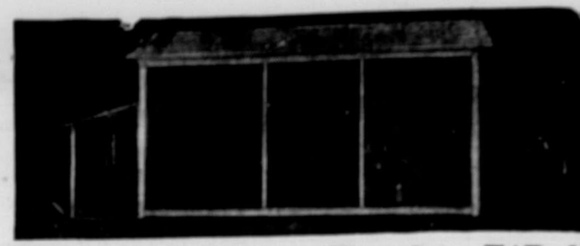
Sign the form below:—

Dear Margaret:—I should like to become a member of your Sunshine Guild. Please send membership card. I enclose two cent stamp for its postage.

Name

Age

Address



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