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EXTENSION ECHOES.

EXTENSION GUIDERS' CONFERENCE.

A conference of Extension Guiders will be held on 12th November. It is hoped that all Guiders who are interested, whether definitely connected with this branch or not, will take the opportunity of attending, and so hearing of the progress of the work being done by the Extension Branch. Further details as to time and place will be announced in the "Age" and "Argus."

2nd HEIDELBERG.

September was a red-letter month for the 2nd Heidelberg (Austin Hospital) Company. Three very exciting things happened to us. Two of our patrol leaders, who are now acting-lieutenants, went to Macedon, training for a whole fortnight. Needless to say, they had a wonderful time, and have such lots of news to tell the Company, and so many snapshots to show us, that it was nearly as good as being there ourselves.

Secondly, Mrs. Faulkner invited us to her Division Camp at Eltham, and one perfect day three of us were allowed to go. We drove right down into the centre of the camp, and had afternoon tea with the Guiders. We were so thrilled with all we saw we didn't want to leave.

Finally, on Saturday, September 7th, guides from Mentone, Cheltenham, Mordialloc and Parkdale came to see us. They arrived about three o'clock, and Matron arranged for us to receive them in uniform on the balcony, where we generally hold our Company meetings. We were a little shy at first, but we soon got over that, because we are such a cheerful, happy company, and we were so pleased to see them. We do love seeing other Guiders, and hearing some of the things they do. During the afternoon a very important ceremony took place, and we asked the visitors to form a horseshoe round our beds and chairs, while Miss Campbell, Head of Extensions, presented two second-class badges. These badges had been well and truly won, and are the first badges to be won in the company by girls who are not able to run about like other guides. As far as possible, their tests were the same as all guides have, but adjusted to meet their requirements, Tracking, for in-

stance, is impossible, but we have Kim's game instead.

For bedmaking we have a miniature camp bed which can be easily moved and turned, and Sister said our envelope corners were excellent.

Ambulance, for instance. A guide lying flat on her back has to bandage an ankle. So we get someone to hoist her ankle up on to the bed—and this is difficult, because the bed is high—and the guide proceeds to bandage it amid much laughter, as the "patient" has to hold her ankle steady.

A fire is funny, too! A guide flat on her back has a small tray on her "tummy". She is given different sized wood sticks and grass, and starts to build a fire tripod fashion. If she laughs or moves, over goes the fire, and it all has to be done again.

Knots and Morse we all like, and we are very proud of these. If you only have the use of one hand, it is a great achievement to tie seven knots. Then our visitors went across to see the Brownies, who smiled a welcome at them, but were very shy. Thank you so much for coming, Guides, we were so pleased to see you. Also, we should like to thank 7th Geelong, 1st Oakleigh and 1st Doncaster for the books they gave us, and the donations to our funds, and 1st Derinallum for the interesting nature specimens they collected and sent us.

INVESTITURE OF PATROL LEADERS.

Patrol Leaders do not wear their stripes or their special hat badges until they are Second Class Guides, till when they are only acting P.L.s. Patrol Seconds do not need to be Second Class Guides before they wear their stripe, but it is usual for Seconds not to wear their stripes until their P.L. has been invested with hers.

The ceremony for Investiture of P.L. is given below, but it may be either simplified or elaborated, according to circumstances; it is always impressive, and marks an epoch in the life of the Patrol and of the Company.

The Company will be in horseshoe formation, which we like to use only for special occasions such as this, and Enrolments.

Patrol Leader comes forward to Commissioner or Guider.

Commissioner: Do you realise your responsibilities as a Patrol Leader?

Patrol Leader: Yes, Madam.

Commissioner: Can I trust you to do your best for your Company and your Patrol?

Patrol Leader: On my honour I promise to remember my responsibilities as a Patrol Leader, and to do my best for my Company and my Patrol.

Commissioner then invests the P.L. with the Trefoil above the badge on her hat-band, and pins on her left pocket the two white braid stripes. She will then shake hands with the Leader (unless she has done so after the promise). P.L. will then salute, and be sent back to her patrol by the Commissioner.

OUR BROWNIE PAGE.

"Something old, something new,
Something magic, something true,
Singing in plenty, a story to tell,
And something of make you happy and well."

OVERALLS AVAILABLE.

The 1st Toorak Pack has six Browning overalls and two hats that it would like to give away to other Brownies. Would any Brown Owl requiring them please apply to Miss Lydie Hooper, St. George's Road, Toorak, S.E.2.

Some knotty stories were published in last year's September issue of "Matilda," and as many requests for more stories have since been made, the following have been collected. These stories, however, do not teach the knots, but are merely intended to help a Brownie to remember them. Before Brown Owl attempts to teach a knot, she should be very sure of it herself, and when teaching it to her Brownies, by means of knotty stories, she should very slowly and clearly illustrate with rope as she proceeds, and should be prepared to repeat the story many times.

Reef Knot.

(Use different colored ends—one for head, and one for tail—for teaching this.)

Once upon a time there was a slender, sinuous, slithery snake, and his name was Slitherskin. One sleepy summer's day he woke up, uncurled himself slowly, and started to invent a brand new game that he could play all by himself. He HAD to play alone, because all his little brothers and sisters, that he used to play with, had been caught and eaten by the blackfellows, who just LOVE roasted snake for their supper!

Well, this time I'm telling you about, Slither skin invented such a splendid game; there in the grass, as he lazily uncurled himself, he saw his own shiny tail. "Ho, ha!" said Slitherskin, "Over we go and under we come!" and with that he dived over his tail and back the other way underneath, like this. . . .

That made him look like a great big wriggly ring, and he liked it so much that he thought he'd do it again—and there was still the end of his tail, so "over" we go and under we come"—he did again, and that was another wriggly ring, but a littler one this time!

Slitherskin was just chuckling to himself at the fun of it when—out from the bushes jumped two blackfellows! One took his head, and one his tail, and they pulled, and Slitherskin wriggled, and they pulled and Slitherskin wriggled until you couldn't see the little wriggly ring at all, at all, and poor old Slitherskin's head and tail were jammed so tightly that he couldn't even give a last gasp before he died!

And you can guess what those two blackfellows had for supper!

—F.V.B.

PLAYS FOR THE COMPANY.

Two short plays have been sent in by Miss Ferguson, Captain of 2nd Kew, who tells us they have been successfully produced by her Company.

Modes et Robes.

Scene: "A Modes and Robes" room with hats and dresses, and a few silk scarves about, a table with some bright pieces of material.

CHARACTERS:

Miss Cotton, the owner of the shop. A rather prim, sedate lady dressed in black.

Maria Woolley, shop assistant—rather a grown-up air.

Petronella, rather wistful little girl of about 15, rather badly dressed, who comes to Miss Cotton, asking for an apprentice's job.

Madam Dubois, a French lady who gets excited and waves her hands about. Needs to be dressed in bright colours, and hat rather gaudily trimmed (a rather difficult part).

Mrs. Wragge and her two daughters, May and Lucy. A customer who brings her two daughters to get dresses. Talks a lot and rather loudly—gets upset because her fashionable daughters want short skirts.

Oysters.

This is quite a simple play for six girls. The hardest character to sustain is that of an old-fashioned lady, wearing old-fashioned clothes, and who will never be parted from her umbrella. Someone who can act well is needed for this part.

The scene is laid in a sitting-room of a suburban house, so no complicated properties are required. The play takes about fifteen minutes.

Anyone interested may see copies of these plays at Headquarters.

M.G.B.

CAMP COPPER CARNIVAL.

The Kew District are planning a jolly afternoon for November 9th, when a novel carnival will be held at "Ruyton," Selborne Road, Kew. Nothing is to cost the visiting Brownies, Guides, Rangers and other friends more than one penny! For one of these humble brown friends you may enter the gate, for another you may have an ice cream, a cool drink, or a cup of tea—according to taste and age! Then you may use another to admit you to a show of handwork—a very good pennyworth, we hope this will be—and any pennies left may be used to enter for various competition—even such thrilling ones as damper-making.

You will soon receive a bright little paper telling you all about the competitions, but start saving your pennies now.

A USEFUL KNOT.

Captain (testing Recruit): "And what do we use the Clove Hitch for?"

Recruit (after much deep thought): "Er . . . I suppose it wouldn't be any use if you wanted to hang yourself, would it?"

BIRDS OF THE OPEN AVIARY.

4.—The Pardalote.

A wonderful engineering feat, into sandy banks and sides of hills, is being performed all over our country every year in early summer by thousands of tiny little birds, each only about three inches long, as fragile and as beautiful as they are diminutive.

The bird is the lovely little Pardalote, or Diamond Bird, and the engineering labour which it undertakes is for its nest. To this end a circular tunnel about an inch wide, and twelve inches long, has to be made, and at the far end of it a large chamber excavated to be lined with dry grass and other soft material.

Though no larger than a mouse, Nature has yet found room upon this little creature for the display of such a variety of colors as black, white, blue, yellow, gray, buff and crimson, each color bright and distinct, and the whole producing a striking and beautiful effect. Spots of the white and yellow, on wings and head, have suggested the name of Diamond Bird, by which he is generally known, and a fanciful resemblance through these to the conventional costermonger, led to the nickname of "Henry Hawkins" being given to one of the family which inhabits our aviary.

Eliza, his mate, is not so showy in her costume as he is, though she possesses many of the same colors in quieter tones. Even he, however, notwithstanding his bright plumage, is so small and has such preference for the leafy world of topmost boughs that it is scarcely to be wondered that his presence is seldom suspected by the unknowing and unobservant.

Pardalotes had often been seen about the aviary, but the particular individual known as Eliza only came under special notice when she was observed peering among the grass on a sandy slope, making a scratch here, and another there, and presently being joined by her handsome mate, who then seemed equally interested in the performance. At length the little pair made a selection, and then started immediately to work at their excavation. The spot chosen was cunningly hidden from casual observation by an overhanging tuft of coarse grass, and this partial screen was carefully preserved. Eliza began the digging, while Henry took up his station on the dry limb of a sheoak tree which grew near. Scratching quickly, as a dog may be seen making a hole with his fore paws, Eliza's little feet threw a small stream of sand down the bank, and in an astonishingly short time the beginning of the hole was scooped out. When it is considered that if the earth be very sandy, or too dry, it would tumble in, that roots or stones in the line are to be avoided, that a slightly upward trend must be made to the tunnel to prevent water draining in to the nest chamber, and that all the work after the first inch is done in the dark, the skill and foresight required will be readily understood. To the wonder which

this excites is added surprise and curiosity at the strange choice of this method of nest making in little wing creatures, which spend the rest of their lives in tree tops.

When Eliza grew weary of the burrowing, she flew to the sheoak while Henry Hawkins took her place, and so working alternately their job progressed until knocking off for the day the dainty pair flew off together for food and relaxation. Next morning they were busily at it again and by the end of a week the tunneling had been finished, and the lining of the chamber begun. Seeking near and far, in undergrowth or on the lee of trees, soft dry grass and tiny strips of bark were industriously gathered, and carried home. Perhaps five hundred flights, possibly more, were required to provide enough material, but never once in all their journeys did either bird carry its contribution direct to the hole. Prudence dictated a more roundabout method, and it was amusing to watch each little carrier alight upon a neighboring tree or bush, inspect the surroundings, and if any cause for suspicion presented itself remain patiently waiting until the coast was clear, and then drop quickly to the hole and disappear.

But soon our little Eliza became no more visible in the sweet sunshine of the outer world, and only Henry Hawkins was to be seen, keeping a general watch in the vicinity, or gathering food in lonely splendour among the red tipped shoots of the neighboring gum trees. Shut up in the dark chamber underground, must not the tedious hours have seemed long to that little lover of the sun and sky? Occasionally, of course, she emerged for brief intervals of exercise and refreshment, and on these occasions it was pretty to see the attentive behaviour of Henry, as they sped away together for a hasty repast. So the days went by until the time arrived when by various tokens it was clear that the eggs had been hatched. Henry now took a more active share in matters, and both parents could be seen at frequent intervals going in and out of the tunnel as they catered for the growing appetites of the little cave dwellers within.

At length one bright sunny morning Henry Hawkins was more than usually active and alert in the neighbouring sheoak, and then, in response to his repeated calls of "Wit-chu," "wit-chu," "wit-chu," evidently telling her that all was safe, the proud Eliza coaxed forth here two almost fully feathered young ones. And curious little sprites they were, as they first appeared, blinking in the sunlight; but they took to it very kindly and rapidly, and never more returning to the discarded burrow, they quickly gained strength and colour until, enabled soon to reach the upper spaces, two more beautiful little sparkling Diamond Birds were safely added to the joy of the world.

This is the last article of the "Birds of the Open Aviary" series. These articles have been greatly appreciated by Guides and Guiders alike. We hope that at some future date we may have further contributions from "Birdlover."

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND.

Bricks.

Amounts acknowledged in Sept. issue	£27	15	0
1st Warrnambool Guides	3	10	0
1st Tallangatta Rangers	1	0	0
1st Yallourn Guides	2	0	0
1st Beaufort Guides—staircase step	2	12	6

Total for Bricks, etc. £36 17 6

General Sum from Victoria.

Amounts acknowledged in Sept. issue	£36	2	0
1st Coleraine Guides	5	0	0
1st Coleraine Pack	5	0	0
1st Traralgon Guides	1	0	0
1st Traralgon Rangers	1	10	0
1st Clunes Guides	5	0	0
1st Clunes Pack	5	0	0
Miss McDonald, B.O., Clunes	2	6	0
1st Healesville Guides	10	6	0
Beacae Local Association	2	0	0
1st Oakleigh Guides	10	0	0
1st Murrumbena Guides	6	0	0
1st Oakleigh Rangers	5	0	0
1st Carnegie Guides	5	0	0
Oakleigh and Murrumbena L.A. Ex.	1	15	0
1st Oakleigh Pack	1	0	0
Oakleigh (Anonymous)	1	0	0
1st Essendon Guides	5	0	0
1st Essendon Rangers	5	0	0
1st St. Kilda Guides	15	0	0
1st Stanhope Guides	5	0	0
1st Brighton Guides	1	0	0
3rd Brighton Guides	1	0	0
1st Brighton Beach Guides	15	0	0
1st & 2nd Toorak College Guides	10	11	0
North Melb. & Parkville L.A.	1	1	0
Nth. Melb. & Parkville Dist. Rangers	10	0	0
Mrs. Mephan Ferguson	1	1	0
2nd North Melbourne Guides	10	0	0
Colae and District L.A.	1	1	0
Winchelsea L.A.	1	0	0
2nd Colae Guides	7	3	0
Miss I. Kininmonth	5	0	0
1st Skipton Guides	1	0	0
1st Orbost Guides	3	0	0
Geelong and District	7	13	6
1st Seymour Guides	2	10	0
Mrs. Black	1	1	0
2nd Prahran Pack	12	6	0
Ballarat and District	6	16	6
1st Altona Guides	10	0	0

Total:—Bricks, etc. £36 17 6
 General sum 98 12 3
 £135 9 9

TRAINING.

General Guide Training.

The 6th Course of Classes, which began on 30th September (MONDAY), will end on 11th November. There will be no further Courses this year.

Brownie Training Class.

The final course for this year will be a morning one, beginning on THURSDAY, 31st Octo-

ber. The Classes will be held at the Y.W.C.A., Russell Street, Melbourne, from 10.30 till 12 a.m. There will be six Classes, in charge of Miss Paling

Ranger Training.

There will be no further Classes for Ranger Guiders this year. New Guiders requiring help should apply to the Head of Rangers, after consultation with their own Commissioner.

Training Week.

The 19th Victorian Training Week for General Guide Training will be held from 31st December to 7th January inclusive, at Morongo, Presbyterian Girls' College, Geelong. Commandant: Miss Swinburne. Fee 30/-.

Applications, accompanied by a deposit of 5/-, should be made in writing to the Training Secretary, at Headquarters, not later than 15th November. Deposits will not be refunded unless withdrawal of application is made a fortnight before the beginning of the Week.

M. E. BUSH, Head of Training.

CAMPING.

Seaford Holiday Home.

For details see September issue.

Pegersham, Healesville.

For details see September issue.

Camp Equipment.

None of the Headquarters equipment will be available during December and January. For list see August issue.

Indoor Camp Test.

The lectures for this Course, of which details were published in September issue, will be held at Headquarters at 7.45 p.m. on the following FRIDAYS:—October 18th and 25th; November 1st and 8th.

Quartermastering.

Two lectures on Camp Quartermastering will be given at Headquarters at 7.45 p.m. on Fridays, 1st and 15th November. The lectures are open to any Guider.

Summer Camps.

There will be two Combined Ranger Camps, in charge of Miss Barfus; 26th December to 2nd January, and 3rd to 11th January. At each Camp, up to six representatives will be taken from each of several companies, to a total of 36 campers. Fee, 22/6 for each camper.

Applications, accompanied by a deposit of 5/- for each camper, should reach the Camping Secretary at Headquarters not later than 12th October.

There will be two Combined Guide Camps near Mornington:—

- 1.—From 2nd to 9th January—in charge of Miss Nethercote.
- 2.—From 6th to 13th January—in charge of Miss Moore.

To each of these Camps five Companies (whose Captains have not a Camper's Licence) may send six Guides and one Guider. Fee 22/6 per head. Campers will be required to bring their own personal kit, groundsheet, palliase-cover, blankets. Kit-lists will be sent to applicants.

Applications, stating approximate age of

Guides, accompanied by a deposit of 5/- per head, should be made by Captains not later than 6th November to the Camping Secretary at Headquarters. Written permission must be obtained from District Commissioner and forwarded with applications.

Guiders are asked to state, when applying, whether the Company could attend the other Camp in the event of the one for which they express preference being over-applied for.

Campcraft Week.

If applications warrant it, a **Camp-Craft Week for Guiders (over 18 years)** will be held from 18th to 25th January inclusive, near Mornington; Commandant: Miss Bush. Fee 35/-.

Applications, accompanied by deposit of 5/-, should be made in writing to Camping Secretary at Headquarters, not later than 3rd December.

M. E. BUSH, Head of Camping.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of members of the Girl Guides' Association and subscribers will be held in the Town Hall, Melbourne, on Tuesday, 19th November, at 3 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE.

The 7th Victorian Commissioners' Conference was held in Melbourne from 18th to 20th September. On 18th and 19th, training sessions were held at the P.G.A. room, Presbyterian Girls' Hostel, East Melbourne; on 20th, conference sessions were held at the Lyceum Club, by courtesy of the Club, through Dr. Florence Cooper.

AWARDS.

Certificate of Merit:

Rita Shearn, 1st Middle Park.

WARRANTS.

Captains—

1st Hampton—Miss I. Harding.
3rd North Melbourne: Miss D. Wilks.
3rd South Yarra: Miss G. Onians.
1st Vermont: Miss J. Leslie.
1st Yallourn: Mrs. Dann.

Lieutenants—

3rd Brighton: Miss O. Brown.
1st Brighton: Miss W. Lucas.
1st Brighton Beach: Miss O. Smith.
1st Elsternwick: Miss A. C. Camm.
1st Kerang: Miss J. R. Hawthorne.
4th Malvern: Miss M. H. Crosthwaite.
1st Murrumbena: Miss S. M. Stephenson.
1st Oakleigh: Miss M. Turner.

Ranger Captains—

1st Canterbury: Miss M. Moore.
1st Tallangatta: Miss W. Perry.

Brownie Secretary—

Miss Lydia Hooper, St. George's Road, Toorak, S.E.2.

District Commissioner:

Korumburra—Mrs. McWilliams, Guys Rd, Korumburra.
Lismore and Derrinallum—Mrs. Clive Currie, Gala, Lismore.

Portland—Mrs. Quayle, Hind St., Portland.

Captains:

6th Ballarat—Miss I. Stewartson.
1st Lancefield—Miss M. Green.
1st Orbost—Mrs. Hughes.
1st Williamstown—Mrs. Paterson.

Lieutenants:

14th Geelong—Miss P. C. Stringer.
2nd Ivanhoe—Miss Ruth Colechin.
1st Middle Park—Miss Miriam Barnes.

Brown Owl:

1st Ararat—Miss F. Millman.
1st Korumburra—Miss Lorna Wallis.

Secretary:

District Secretary, Oakleigh and Murrumbena—Miss M. Lee, Allen St., Oakleigh.

COMPANIES AND PACKS REGISTERED SINCE 1st SEPTEMBER, 1929.

Packs.—1st Beac; 3rd Camperdown; 1st Castlemaine; 1st Kyabram; 1st Parkdale.

Companies.—1st Altona; 1st Vermont; 1st Victorian Post Guides.

Ranger Company.—North Melbourne.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

June.

The Secretary was instructed to express the Committee's appreciation of Mrs. Alston's donation of twenty guineas.

A grant of £5 for registered equipment was made to the Lone Guide Branch.

The report and balance-sheet for the Interstate Camp were received with approval.

Quarterly reports were received from the Heads of Brownies, Camping, Lones and Training.

July.

The proposed Constitution of the Cadet V.A.D. was read and approved, with one alteration, i.e., that the clause relating to Guides be separate from the main clause relating to efficiency in the Cadet V.A.D.

It was agreed that an endeavor be made to import the Guide film, "The Fourth Law," by arranging a release with Hoyts'.

Arrangements were made for the Commissioners' Conference to be held from 18th to 20th September.

It was agreed that Companies and Packs should be asked to send monies and promises of such for the Imperial Headquarters Building Fund, to Victorian Headquarters, by 30th September.

Correspondence was read from the hon. secretary, Federal Council, in connection with a letter from Dame Katherine Furse, suggesting that a world-wide badge be adopted at next Conference, badge to have the three-leaved trefoil as basis, on this to be super-imposed the existing emblem of each country's badge, should this be expedient.

It was agreed that a sub-committee, consisting of three members—the Secretary, one member of the Executive Committee, and one other—be formed to make arrangements for hospitality to visiting Guiders. Mrs. Faulkner agreed to act on this committee.

YOUR

SUBSCRIPTION

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N O W

D U E .

The following recommendations from the Head of Camping were agreed to:—

- 1.—That an Indoor Camp Test be instituted, to enable unlicensed Warranted Guiders to take Guides to furnished or unfurnished houses which have been passed by a Camp Advisor.
- 2.—That Camp Observers be appointed to inspect sites and camps, and report thereon to the Head of Camping.

August.

The amount received to date for the Imperial Headquarters Building Fund was £63/17/-, while an additional amount of £40/16/- has been promised.

A letter was read from Miss Hanbury Williams, intimating that the Executive Committee of Imperial Headquarters had awarded a Certificate of Merit to Guide Rita Shearn (1st Middle Park).

It was agreed that the annual Meeting be held on 19th November.

September.

The following recommendations from the Commissioners' Conference were ratified:—

- 1.—That the Stradbroke Cup be competed for in 1930, on the following basis: (a) The general standard of the Company; (b) two other subjects; and that District Commissioners form a sub-committee to arrange details for the competition.
- 2.—That the Commissioners' Conference in 1930 be residential, and take place in September, after the school holidays, and before the Royal Agricultural Show.

It was agreed that a letter be written to the Country Women's Association regarding the possibility of cooperation between the two associations, particularly in regard to demonstrations.

It was reported that the Commissioners' Conference had elected Miss Sheila Cameron to the Executive Committee, vice Mrs. Edmondson, who had decided not to stand for re-election.

It was reported that the Lord Mayor was granting the use of a room at the Town Hall, Melbourne, for the Annual Meeting, in November.

It was reported that Mrs. Quayle had been appointed as District Commissioner for Portland.

It was agreed to ask Mrs. Edward Manifold and Miss I. L. Kininmonth to become members of the State Council.

It was agreed to concur with the proposal of the Australian Broadcasting Company that fortnightly talks on Girl Guide doings be instituted. It was agreed to ask Mrs. Euan Littlejohn to be responsible for making arrangements.

It was agreed to send a delegate to the Education Committee of the Australian League of Nations Union, and to accept the offer of help in providing speakers on this subject.

It was agreed to approve the recommendation that Mrs. Jerram be appointed Area Director for G.F.S. Companies in Victoria.

S. H. IRVING, State Secretary.

NATURE KNOWLEDGE.

(Translated from the German of Dora-Marti, Captain of Swiss Girl Guides—published in the Swiss Guide Monthly.)

Many a Captain, and even Leaders, regularly postpone the nature work from week to week, for do they not know that the rawest recruit is ahead of them? And when we are in positions of authority, we don't like getting 'bumps'!

To prepare for the 2nd Class Test, you get out a nature study book—now, is that real Guiding? No! Those who cannot find it in themselves to turn the living pages of Nature's own book, are to be pitied indeed. Those who do have the joyous realisation that they are close kin to the animal and plant world, and that the same Power created them and gave them a soul.

How can we tackle the nature lore, so that the children will love it?

Let's go out—into the forest, to the brook, on to the meadow.

Each girl walks alone and looks for a plant that seems interesting to her. She secretly observes it closely, and then hides it. The group gather together again, and each Guide is allowed to describe her plant. The others try to recognise from the description which plant it is. If they succeed, there is great joy; if not, at least their interest has been aroused.

For a change, somebody can try to draw her plant.

It is fun, if you let each Guide describe her plant, but they write down the deduced names, instead of saying them out loud. Then each girl goes out to find all the plants. Whoever brings in the right ones wins.

In this way Guides learn to observe nature. There is no sense in just learning names. What use to us are the names of people, if we have no idea of the person himself, his appearance, peculiarities, his character? There must be some connection.

A very interesting subject for research is to be found in "life communities." For instance, find out what plants seem to like living in a beech forest. There are some plants which grow only in beech forests. Or look for a hedge's boarders. Oh, what treasures we find if we creep about under a hazel bush or among briar roses! It is rather fun, too, to visit the inhabitants of a brook, or to have a closer look at a swamp, or even a cornfield.

Try it! Don't be schoolmistresses, always flaunting their knowledge—one thing only is needful! That you should open the children's eyes!

A Nature Game.

Each P.L. numbers her Patrol off. The Captain has a collection of leaves—sets of the same

ones. Captain calls a number, whose owner comes up, and is given a leaf to examine (without the rest of the Guides being able to see it). Then the "numbers" return to their Patrol and describe the leaf, without mentioning the name, of course. The Patrol that guesses the name of the leaf first wins.

This game can be played with flowers, grasses, twigs, etc.

LIBRARY LIST (Continued).

Patrol Leader's Record Book.
Physical Exercises for Children.
Peter and Veronica.
The Oxford Conference (1920).
How to Learn the Morse Code.
Talks to Teachers.
Recipes (Mrs. Mountain).
The Transmission of Life.
The World Camp, 1924.
The World Camp, 1924 (Log Book—Miss E. K. Robinson).
The Joyous Adventure (Mrs. Osborn Hann).
Peeps at the Union Jack.

Handcraft.

The A.B.C. of Needlework.
Basket-Making at Home.
The Play-Work Book.
Profitable Hobbies.
Scout Handcrafts.
Spare Time Activities.

Nature.

The Aim and Method of Nature Study.
Australian Nature Studies (Leach).
Australian Bird Book (Leach).
The Book of Woodcraft.
The Bush Boy's Book.
Census of Plants of Victoria.
Lyrebirds at Mt. Buffalo.
The Log of the Sun.
Nature's Smallest Creatures.
South Australian Orchids.
Useful Birds of Southern Australia (Hall).
Wild Animals of the World.
The World of Little Lives (Froggatt).
The Girl Guide Nature Book.
The Story of the Plants (Grant Allen).

Plays.

Ever-Ready Plays.
G.G. Book of Plays.
A Farewell.
Form Room Plays.
Jarley's Waxworks (from The Old Curiosity Shop).
A List of Plays.
Lady Catherine is Annoyed (from Pride and Prejudice).
The Masque of Empire.
Mrs. Gamp's Teaparty (from Martin Chuzzlewit).

The Quarrel Scene (from The School for Scandal).

Three Blind Mice.
Topsy and Eva (from Uncle Tom's Cabin).
Women Will Gossip.
Displays for Girl Guides.

Stories, Yarns, Etc.

Australian Myths and Legends.
The Book of Service.
Friends of All the World.
Golden Windows.
In Thought, Word and Deed.
More Camp Fire Yarns.
Potted Stories for Scouts and Wolf Cubs.
The First Trail.
The Second Trail.
Tales for Brownies.
You and I.
More Stories, and How to Tell Them.

The following were taken out of the Library before the 1st June, 1929, and we should be glad if they could be returned as soon as possible, so that they may be included in the library list:—

Australian Nature Studies (two copies).
An Australian Bird Book (two copies).
Camp Fire Yarns.
Eyes and No Eyes.
A Friend to Animals.
First Studies in Plant Life (Gillies).
Girl Guides' Handybook.
Guiding for the Guider.
Hints on Girl Guide Badges.
Hygiene Jingles.
Lone Guides.
The Lone Guide of Merfield.
Maps and How to Read Them.
More Stories to Tell.
Native Flowers of Victoria (Pescott).
The Piper of Pax.

Plays.

Black Magic.
Cousin Chrissie.
Footprints.
Fairy Tale Plays.
G.G. Book of Plays.
The Lost Diamond.
Mechanical Jane.
The New Order.
The Panic.
Plays for Guides and Brownies.
Six Plays for Girl Guides.
Four Plays for Children.
Susie Pays a Visit.
Potted Stories.
A Book on Rangers.
Simple Arts and Crafts for School.
Tales for Brownies.
St. John Ambulance Association—First Aid Manual.
The Three Gardeners.
Useful Birds of Southern Australia.
Wintercrafts for Wolf-Cubs.
The Woodcraft Trail.