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HEADQUARTERS NOTICES.

We would like to draw attention to the notice which appeared in last month's issue, to the effect that no credit will be given after 1st January. Approximate cost should be sent with the order. This will also apply to badge orders and magazine subscriptions.

This decision was arrived at after much thought. At the present moment the monthly accounts for badge orders and equipment for country districts amount to about £400, and it was agreed that this was an unnecessary burden for the Association to carry.

Will Guiders please note that the Equipment Depot will be CLOSED from midday on Saturday, 20th December. If it is impossible for country Guiders to shop before this, an appointment should be made for Monday, 22nd December. The office will re-open on WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1931.

EDITH H. PURNELL,
Hon. State Secretary.

CLOSED MONTH FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

It has been decided by the Executive Committee that the month of MARCH shall be kept as a CLOSED MONTH for all correspondence connected with the work of the various branches of Guiding, i.e.,

Brownies, Rangers, Lone Guides, Extension Guides, Training and Camping.

Guiders are requested to make a note of the above, and to refrain from sending any correspondence to the Heads of these Departments at that time.

For the Head of Tests and Badges, the closed month will be FEBRUARY, instead of March.

EDITH H. PURNELL,
Hon. State Secretary

STRADBROKE CUP COMPETITION.

The result of the Stradbroke Cup Competition, for which over thirty Companies competed, is as follows:—

1. 1st Monivae 86 points
2. 1st Hamilton 85 "
3. 2nd Kew 82 "

The following companies were in the first twelve, from which the final results were obtained:—

4. 1st Post Melbourne 78 points
5. 1st St. Kilda 76 "
6. 7th Malvern & 1st Footscray 73 "
7. 3rd South Yarra 72 "
8. 1st Caulfield 71 "
9. 1st Mordialloc 69 "
10. 3rd Malvern 68 "
11. 3rd Camberwell 62 "
12. 1st Wonthaggi 60 "

As there is to be a Handcraft Exhibition during the visit of the Chief Guide and the Chief Scout in April, in order to save freight, in all cases where the return of country exhibits was not specially mentioned, the exhibits have been stored. If they are needed before April Guiders should get in touch with the Secretary of the Stradbroke Cup Committee, not forgetting to enclose freight, and they will be returned at any time.

All Nature Diaries have also been kept for the Exhibition.

Notes on the Competition, and for Future Competitions, etc.

1. Names must be sewn on to each entry. A great deal of trouble has been occasioned by badly marked articles, and in some cases they have not been marked at all.

2. The "most original and useful articles at the lowest cost" were on the whole disappointing, in many cases so much material had been bought. In only one entry had use been made of bark. Very few companies used packing cases or kerosene tins, and where hessian was used, it would have been very much more effective if dyed with a cheap dye. Care should be taken in the choice of sugar bags.

3. The Guide Trefoil should not be used as a design, as that is the wish expressed in "The Guider" and "The Guide."

Exhibition in April.

We are all anxious to make the Handcraft Exhibition in April a success. Watch the January issue of "Matilda" for ideas for using natural materials, which can be obtained and treated cheaply. An article on Stringy Bark work appeared in "Matilda" of July, 1929, and Mrs. Walker's Book, "Profitable Hobbies," is in the library at Headquarters, and should be of use to intending exhibitors.

It is not necessary to spend a lot of money on Handcrafts. The chief things necessary are: Brains, Bright Ideas, and Good Work.

ENID FAULKNER,
Hon. Sec. Stradbroke Cup Competition.

FIRST AID HINTS IN BURNS AND SCALDS

Always get a doctor to see a burn or scald. In the meantime, protect from the air and from infection.

Two main classes:—

1.—Skin reddened without blistering.

Here all that is necessary is to protect the part. Cover with gauze or dry lint.

2.—Skin blistered or actually destroyed.

Here it is imperative to protect from infection, therefore use something which has been sterilised or is actually antiseptic.

i.e., Gauze dipped in boiling water to which baking soda has been added in proportion of 1 teaspoon to a pint, or gauze moistened with picric solution.

If neither of these are available, boracic acid could be used instead of baking soda, in any proportion; or failing any of these, plain sterile gauze straight on to the burn.

Any solution to be applied must be just comfortably warm for the patient.

N.B.—Never open up a blister yourself.

Never put flour on a burn.

In case of serious burn, where clothing is affected, if the patient can see a doctor within half an hour, don't attempt to remove the clothing yourself. Cover the limb with dry gauze or lint. Keep patient warm, give hot drink and aspirin.

If necessary because of longer delay for you to remove clothing, cut it off, leave any portion that sticks. Use soda carbonate dressing as directed above. NEVER pull the clothing off a burn.

Guard against shock in all cases of burning. Utmost gentleness is necessary so as to lessen the pain. Patient kept at rest, kept warm. Drink of hot coffee. Aspirin 5 to 10 grains, also sal volatile, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon for child
M.M.

POISON DANGER.

A doctor has drawn our attention to a dangerous practice in connection with "stopping bleeding."

Many of us have taught that a Guide badge or a penny may be used in the pad to give increased pressure; but we are now told that if any copper or brass substance is applied in pad to an open wound, there is danger that poison may soak back through the saturated wrappings and cause serious blood poisoning. We urge every Captain to tell her Guides emphatically of the warning that has been given. No penny or brass badge should be used, but silver or nickel-plated articles, for instance a florin, are reasonably safe.

Many non-metallic substances may be used. Clean paper folded into a tight wad makes a good pad, or a flat stone or large cork, such as the one used in Clag bottles; if no such object is at hand, tie a knot in a handkerchief or piece of rag, or make the firmest pad possible of any piece of material you can tear from your clothing. If the material is colored place one or two layers of white paper next the wound as you slip the pad in place. Use white material whenever it is possible to obtain it.

The firm pad should be slightly larger than the wound. The knot of the bandage should be tied on top of the pad.—Written (after consultation), by G. H. SWINBURNE.

COSTUMES FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS PAGEANT.

Many people are anxious to borrow national costumes for the pageant, and we have been requested to let our readers know that the following districts will be pleased to hear from anyone having clothes which they are willing to lend, they may be assured that the costumes will have careful use, and will be returned in good order.

Scotland.

Camberwell South would like to borrow Scotch costumes. Please communicate with Mrs. J. K. Anderson, Kemble Street, Hawthorn, E.2.

France.

Hawthorn district wants ten dresses to represent France. Please communicate with Mrs. Edmondson, 46 Kooyongkoot Road, E.2, or Miss Swinburne, 41 Kinkora Road, E.2.

Ceylon and Malay.

Mrs. Frank Tate, Commissioner for Kew District, would like to hear from anyone having costumes suitable for Guides representing Ceylon and Malay. Would anyone willing to lend such costumes communicate with Mrs. Tate, 54 Harp Road, Kew, E.5.

The organisers say that it is neither necessary nor desirable for all costumes to be alike, so that it will not matter if costumes borrowed singly are not similar to those being worn by other representatives of the country. It is hoped that economy and ingenuity will be used in improvising the national dresses.

HINTS ON THE HANDYWOMAN'S BADGE.

Standard Text Book:—"The Scout as Handyman," Scout Headquarters, 64 Elizabeth Street, 1/6. "Girl Guide Knot-Book" (for splicing and whipping), Girl Guide Headquarters.

Each guide should obtain and study the book of directions for the sewing machine, and practise the necessary adjustments in her own home.

The other work for the handywoman badge is excellent for occupying small groups of Guides, because each second class Guide may know one or two items, and be able to help the others learn them. Also, they can practise alone, especially if "The Scout as Handyman" is given to them for reference.

Every opportunity to make articles required for the company should be used as training for this badge; painting a rubbish box, mending a flag-stick, repairing a cupboard, sharpening a knife, shortening belts, making loops in rope by splicing the rope back on itself, replacing electric light bulbs, hanging curtains and putting up blinds. Parcels of all sorts and shapes should be tied up for practise. Invite a practical handyman to demonstrate two or three of the items; his "real" knowledge will be invaluable to the Guides.

N.B.—Amateurs are not allowed to replace washers on taps in Victoria.

The Test.—Each Guide entering for the test should decide which four of the sixteen alternatives (see note above) she will do. She will want to learn as many as possible, but certain ones must be reported for the test.

As the jobs are done she should report to her Captain, who can arrange with the examiners to visit the various homes when the work has been completed.

The test for the sewing machine, and sections 3 and 4, could also be taken at this visit, leaving 2, 5, 6 and 7 for the assembled test on another evening.

The test admits a variety of arrangement, and can be adapted to the circumstances of each district.

It will be successful only if Captains inform the Badge Secretary well ahead which jobs will be done, and consult about the arrangements.

The Secretary may be able to arrange opportunities for practise and testing in the homes of the members of the committee or of friends. Guides would be delighted to use the test as an opportunity for good turns.

It is sometimes convenient to appoint two examiners for this test, a good housewife and a "handyman"—but all details must be adapted to conditions and opportunities.

G. H. SWINBURNE.

Note.—Several helpful articles dealing with sections of this badge, taken from "The Guide," may be seen at H.Q.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

19th November, 1930.

Present: Lady Chauvel, Deputy State Commissioner (in the chair), Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Fink, Mrs. Littlejohn, Misses Bush, Cameron, Purnell, Swinburne.

Further details in connection with the Chief's Rally in April were discussed with Mr. Hoadley, Chief Scout Commissioner for Victoria.

The Secretary reported that the Heads of Departments had agreed that March should be kept as a closed month for all correspondence connected with the following branches:—Brownies, Rangers, Lone Guides, Extension Guides, Training and Camping; and February for Tests and Badges.

The Secretary reported that the 1st Melbourne Ranger Company had donated the cost of installing a telephone in the new office; this donation was accepted with great appreciation.

The Committee approved the presentation of Thanks Badges to Mrs. Bennett (Bruthen), Mr. Keck (Bendigo), Miss Conole (from 1st Surrey Hills Rangers), and Rev. Mr. Tyler (Tallangatta).

Routine and financial business was transacted.

EDITH H. PURNELL,
Hon. State Secretary.

OUR BROWNIE PAGE.

Anything may happen,
And let each one of us SEE THAT IT DOES.

ST. ANDREW.

(As told by a Brown Owl to her Pack.)

"A" for Andrew, "B" for blue,
That's quite easy for me and you.

So goes the little rhyme about St. Andrew, whose birthday falls upon the 30th November.

"A" for Andrew. Andrew was born many, many years ago. We read about him in the Bible in the days when Jesus went about among the people of Jerusalem, healing the sick and comforting those in trouble. He was a fisherman, and one day Jesus saw him and said "Follow me," so Andrew left the fishing nets to follow Jesus. He, too, learned to heal the sick and comfort those in trouble; he also became a great preacher, and preached throughout the land. One day some soldiers who tried to kill all those who chose to follow Jesus threatened to kill him, too, but Andrew took no notice, and went on preaching and healing and comforting those in need until the soldiers carried out their threat and killed him.

"B" for blue. Many years after Saint Andrew died a big battle took place between the King of Britain and the Picts and Scots, two tribes which came from that part of England which is now called Scotland. The night before the battle the Picts and Scots saw a wonderful light in the sky. The sky looked like a dark blue flag, and the light which appeared shone right across it in two long rays, running from corner to corner, and crossing in the middle. The Picts and Scots thought that this was a good omen, and they decided that if they won the battle they would choose St. Andrew for their own special Saint, and fly a blue banner with a white cross like the one that had appeared in the sky.

The battle was won, so it came to pass that St. Andrew became the Patron Saint of Scotland. Perhaps if we could peep across the seas to Scotland on St. Andrew's birthday we would see his blue and white banner flying over many a building to celebrate the day. P.D.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS.

Held at Foxlease, England, July 5 to 17, 1930.

The recognised countries represented were Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Esthonia, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, India, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Suomi-Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America.

It would be impossible to write in detail of a Conference that lasted 12 days; it is also difficult to pick out from all one's varied impressions a composite account that may be of general interest.

The members of the Conference came from the twenty-four recognised countries, and there were also guests from countries not yet

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recognised, viz., Austria, Germany, Egypt's new National Organisation, Irish Free State and Spain.

The Conference was divided into two sections:—(1) Two voting delegates from each of the recognised countries, who met to consider the Constitution and other fundamental questions. (2) Guiders and visitors who conferred on different aspects of guide work, and did actual practical work.

I found on arrival that all these Guiders took some part in guide training, and we were all labelled as Trainers on our name cards. The visitors were a varied assortment from various countries. They lived a few miles away at Warren Beach, Miss Maynard's private camping domain, and were under her care; some of these came over each day for sessions.

The two sections conferred separately for the first half of the time, and then, for the second half, met together in the barn.

As many of the voting delegates as possible were housed in Foxlease itself, the rest were in a super-camp with Miss Bewley as hostess. They each had their own tent, and an orderly between two to bring them hot water night and morning, and look after them generally; judging from the tender inquiries sometimes heard in passing, these orderlies really did feel themselves "in loco parentis." Miss Smith from N.S.W. was the only Australian in the super-camp.

Everyone else was under canvas, too, each group had the name of a mountain range. The Head of Camping, Miss Lee Baker, The Chief Guide and other official members of the staff were in a small group, the Blue Mountains, in the apple orchard. The Chief Guide used the caravan given to the Chief Scout after the Jamboree, and her standard stood beside it. She was present for the whole Conference except for the two days when she went to London for her first presentation at Court since the Chief Scout's new title. Other groups were the Rockies, Himalayas (super-camp), just above them were the Alps, where Miss Boyes and I belonged, with Miss M. K. Wilson (well known to W.A. and Tasmania), as hostess.

The camp work in each group was done by orderlies chosen from the different countries. There was great competition for these posts, which speaks volumes for the energy and enthusiasm of the English Guider and Commissioner. There were several Commissioners acting as orderlies in our group. When free the orderlies could go to sessions and, of course, to Camp Fire.

Ours was a very happy group, and I expect the other groups would have said the same. We had two Czecho-slovakians, two Finns, a Dane, a Norwegian, an Indian, and an Eclairouse (French). [In France there are two kinds of Guides—the Protestant "Eclairouse," and the Catholic "Guide de France." These organisations worked separately, and it has only been through international gatherings that they have been put in closer touch.]

The day began with Colours every morning at 9.10 at the big flagstaff, just in front of the house. Groups marched in double file, arriving in definite order, according to their position. The Union Jack was used, as the Colour of the

hostess country. The colour party was chosen each day from the orderlies of each group in turn. After Colours we had Thanksgiving and Silent Thought. Prayers for the majority of us, which were taken, usually, by the Chief Commissioners of England and Scotland, but once by the chief American delegate, and another time by the Guide de France delegate.

Conference sessions began at ten o'clock. There was a very welcome break for Canteen, when the ice cream man found us out, much to the sorrow of Miss Hexter, chief provider of drinks at the house. We stopped at one, and dinner was ready as soon as we got back to our groups. Conference sessions began again at 3, then tea between 4.30 and 5, supper at 7.30, and Camp Fire, Games or Dancing at 8.30 p.m.

For the work of the delegates I must refer you to the official report. For ourselves, we met each day in the Barn with Miss Bray, Head of Training for England, in the Chair. We discussed the aims and methods of teaching the Tenderfoot Test, aims of 1st and 2nd-Class work, the Patrol System, Court of Honour, Patrol Competitions, Programmes, etc. The discussions were opened by trainers from different countries, France, Holland, Poland, England, etc., and then anyone could speak on the subject in question. If the opener spoke in French, it was translated afterwards into English, and vice-versa. It was found that five or so could only understand German, so that the speech was translated to them in German while the French or English translation was going on.

The point of view of the foreign countries was always sought for, but sometimes England's was specially asked for, then Miss Wolton usually spoke in her very clear and understanding manner. It was interesting to note that all the countries use the Patrol System, more developed in some than in others. In northern countries particularly, the Patrol Leaders are almost like Junior Captains, the Patrol meets by itself, the Captains only seeing them altogether, perhaps, once a month. It was also striking how these same countries were stressing the technical side of Guiding, the tests being of a very high intellectual standard. The Guides of these countries wish it and enjoy it, and their Guiders could not understand our amazement. I could not help feeling that it was as games that Scouting and Guiding were given to the nations by the Chief Scout, and that England is still striving to keep it as a game, run for the children and by the children.

Following our discussions, we had sessions in practical work, in knots, first aid, woodcraft, etc., different countries taking different sections. We had a most wonderful exhibition of life-saving and ice rescue by Sweden, on the tennis court, a most uncomfortable place for it.

For the second part of the Conference, when delegates and Guiders met together, with Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan in the chair, we first of all had the brief reports from all the countries, then the report of the Delegates, followed by that of the Guiders. We had discussions on such subjects as Training of Guiders—Opener, France (Eclairouse); In-

culcation of a Love of Nature—Opener, America; Boys and Girls Camping Together (they don't!)—Opener, Holland; Extensions, an interesting talk followed by Extension Games, Post Box, The Work of the League of Nations in relation to Youth Movements, etc.

At one session we discussed the position and plans of the Swiss Chalet which Mrs. Storrow, new Chairwoman of the World Committee, is presenting to the movement as a World training centre and holiday place. Any Guides and Guiders from all over the world are eligible. There were so many things to consider, whether it should be open in the summer only, or for winter sports as well, that the ideal site has not yet been found. The plans for the chalet were explained, and some slight alterations suggested.

Our last session was a Brownie demonstration by the G.B.O. of Great Britain, with real Brownies from two neighbouring Packs. They were as unselfconscious as Brownies always are, and took no notice of all the strangers watching them.

As an offset to all this strenuous work, different excursions were arranged. The transport people were available every day after tea to take visitors short trips round New Forest and the surrounding districts. Our group had tea in the Forest, just outside Foxlease, several times, and once we all went together to Romsey Abbey, a beautiful Norman building less than twenty miles away. The first Sunday the whole camp was invited by the Hon. Mrs. Stuart Wortley, County Commissioner for Hampshire, to Highcliffe Castle, a beautiful home and grounds right on the coast. Sea Guides from Bournemouth gave an exhibition of dancing and sea chanties. There was also a marvellous model of the future Cafeteria at Guide H.Q. It was complete in every detail, even to the food, and was made entirely by a Bournemouth B.O., who had collected quite a large sum for the fund by exhibiting it. The following Sunday excursions were arranged to Beaulieu Abbey, Warren Beach and elsewhere.

Two special days were outstanding during the Conference—one when Princess Mary visited us, and the other when the Chief Scout came down and spoke to us of the Spirit of Guiding and Girl Scouting. We had our official photograph taken on that day (which may be seen at H.Q., Melbourne), and also appeared in a movie and talkie film. The foreigners were taken in all the glory both of national costume and their official guide uniform. We, as Dominions, thankfully escaped the latter.

Each of the groups had an individual stunt to celebrate Princess Mary's visit. Most of the other groups seemed to feed her on national dishes, prepared while she waited, with which she could really assist. We did a Comic Opera—Brighter Camping—prepared by our Hostess and Miss Barnes. It did take some rehearsing, but was decidedly bright when finished. Princess Mary was really pleased, and quite overcome by mirth. We had the only heavy rain of the week during the performance, which had to be taken in sections, and during the showers about 18 of us squatted in a 6 x 8 tent and gaped at the Princess—or so our Hostess said. An outdoor camp fire had

been planned, but it was changed to the barn; we had voted for our favourite items done during the week, so Princess Mary had a comprehensive programme, and seemed to enjoy it. There were national dances of Holland, Poland and Spain, in costume, and a delightful little action song by two Eclaireuses, ending up with a real Irish fairy story.

On five evenings we had Camp Fire in a small clearing in the woods near the house. Log stools helped to make the circle, and the whole Conference of 150 odd could just fit in, using ground sheets, and sitting two deep. It was wonderful to Australian eyes to be able to enjoy a large fire without fear of consequences. Each group took it in turn to set and guard the fire. We had a list of songs with our programmes. "printed by special permission," but really used very few of them. Different countries used to sing their songs, and teach them to us. France especially had a large and varied repertoire. One night our group provided the whole programme. We rehearsed several rounds and songs and taught them, and gave a command performance of Brighter Camping that we had done for Princess Mary. Several nights that were cold or wet we had national dances in the barn. One night, by special request, Scottish Guiders did an eightsome reel. It was very fine, but we felt they should have had the kilt at least.

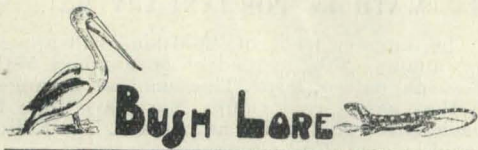
We had a beautiful night for our last camp fire; and after we had sung our favourite songs, the countries gathered themselves into little groups and stood before the Chief Guide to express their Thanks to the Hostess Country, for all the interest, wonder and friendship of the Conference weeks. America, North and South, were grouped together, Central Europe, the Northern Countries, and we of the Southern Hemisphere, Australia and N.Z., together with Miss Smith as spokesman. Our Indian Guider, Miss Rustonjee, spoke for all India, and expressed vividly for us all, all that the time had meant for us—an intermingling of thoughts and friendships that cannot but make a firmer foundation for the future. M.M.

THE CUPBOARD.

We have now received £2/17/4 for the cupboard, and we desire to thank all companies who have contributed. We hope that the New Year will see the office documents comfortably housed in their new home.

Anyone still desiring to increase the size of the cupboard may do so by sending their contributions, without delay, to the Editor, Girl Guide Headquarters.





BEACH RAMBLES.

Christmas-time, with its possibilities of camping, is looming near, and many camps will doubtless be held at the beach.

For many Guides this is their only opportunity of discovering the wonders of shore life, and it would be a pity if they returned home without having had the chance of finding any sea treasures.

There is always a fascination about the beach in summertime, especially when seagulls are winging their way over the water. Strong white wings that never seem to tire, bear them surely above the waves, and their little red feet are tucked beneath their bodies. Scraps of meat or other food may cause them to settle in a flock on the sands nearby, whence they will steal to the coveted feast by twos and threes, amid much clamour and fuss.

When the seagulls have been fed, there are rocky pools to explore at low-tide, and shells and other trophies to be found along the sandy shore. Seaweeds, dried and mounted on cardboard, make fine collections which can be kept for future Patrol Corners.

There is no end to what may be picked up at high water mark, in addition to empty shells. Pieces of coral are often washed ashore, the only species now likely to be found in our bay being the Stony Coral. Like the sponge, which is often seen with it, the coral is but the skeleton of the living creature, and when alive is bright green.

Sea-urchins are known to most beach-lovers, but more often by the name of sea-egg, a rounded, ball-like object, pierced with numerous small holes, through which the urchin pushes sucker feet to propel itself. If you are lucky enough to come across a live specimen, you will see that it is covered with sharp spines—a fact which has been responsible for yet another title, namely, sea hedgehog. The empty sea-eggs found on the shore have had the spines rubbed off by the action of the waves.

Sometimes after a storm curious black,

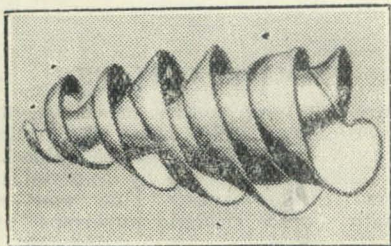
curly, leather-looking objects are found stranded on the sands; these are the cases of sharks' eggs. With them, too, may be found the cuttlefish bone, the backbone of a sea animal, which, when seen alive in a rocky pool, is similar to, and just as repulsive looking, as the dreaded octopus, with its long arms.

At low tide the rambler will be wise to see the rocky pools which, when uncovered, are full of wonderful forms of sea-life. Here live shellfish will be seen clinging to the rocks, or moving slowly about. It will be noticed that shells are of two kinds—uni-valves, or one-piece shells, such as periwinkles, whelks and limpets; and bi-valves or two-piece shells, joined by a hinge, of which scallops, cockles and mussels are examples. One of the most interesting shells is the coat-of-mail, called so because it is made up of eight movable plates, thus enabling the fish to roll up like a wood-louse when it is touched.

An enemy to the shellfish is the hermit crab, which possesses no protective covering on its soft body, and therefore must live inside an empty shell, catching its food by stretching forth its powerful nipping claws. As the hermit crab grows, it must seek a larger house, and if there be a fish inside, it is first eaten before the shell is taken possession of. Besides the hermit, there are usually scores of other crabs, little and big, hiding in crevices or under seaweed, and often at low-tide the sand is riddled with their small burrows.

Anemones have a curious habit of closing up when touched, and are best seen in shallow water or rock pools. Usually green or red, they are distinguished by a mass of slender arms, wide open for catching prey, which give them rather the appearance of some garden flower. And it would be a pity if the rambler on her explorations failed to find any starfish, those quaint, many-armed sea creatures which are a close relation to the sea-urchin.

Guiders who intend taking their Guides to the beach in summer-time cannot do better than spend a half hour beforehand in the National Museum to get acquainted with the many forms of shore life, so well displayed in the gallery of the Australian Bird-Room. For the shell collector, the Children's Room has a splendid array of the more common varieties, each distinguished with a simple name. In addition, there is a miniature rock-pool, its many occupants clearly labelled. J.H.



SHARK'S EGG.
(Kindly lent by "The Age".)

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS?

G.O. tells us that her Company are very fond of this meal at a hike, as a variation of chops or sausages, and they find the cost very reasonable.

The whole company cooks together. Two billies are required. To each guide allow 1 tomato, 1 slice of bread and one egg. Cook the tomatoes in one billy. Pepper, salt, butter and sugar. Boil the eggs in the other billy, and let the Guides toast their bread. Put the tomatoes on the buttered toast, with the egg, peeled, on top.

CAMPING.

The 10th Campcraft Week is being held at Hendra, Mount Eliza, through the courtesy of Mrs. Masterton, from 19th to 26th January, 1931. Commandant: Miss M. Moore. There are still a few vacancies for the week.

Combined Ranger Camps are being held at Oakwood, Lower Macedon, through the courtesy of Mrs. Ebeling, from 26th December, 1930, to 2nd January, 1931, and from 3rd to 10th January, 1931.

EDITH H. PURNELL,
Head of Camping.

TRAINING.

The 21st Victorian Training Week, for General Guide Training, will be held from Tuesday, 30th December, 1930, to Wednesday, 7th January, 1931, inclusive, at Morongo Presbyterian Girls' College, Geelong, through the courtesy of the School Council. Guider in Charge: Miss M. E. Bush.

A Brownie Training Course will be held at the same time and place. Guider in Charge: Miss M. O. Brown.

As not enough applications were received to make the holding of the 22nd Training Week (at Coleraine) practicable, this Week has been cancelled.

F. V. BARFUS,
Training Secretary.

REGISTRATIONS.**Ranger Companies.**

2nd Geelong.

Richmond District Rangers.

Guide Companies.

1st Alphington.

1st Pirron Yallock.

Packs.

4th Bendigo.

1st Eastern Hill.

1st Linton.

WARRANTS.**District Commissioners.**

Corryong—Mrs. Mackinnon, Corryong.

Rutherglen.—Mrs. George Graham, Rutherglen.

District Secretary.

Stawell.—Miss J. Bennett, Stawell.

Guide Captains.

1st Ivanhoe—Miss N. E. Sharwood.

1st Kew (Holy Trinity)—

Miss A. V. Townsend.

Guide Lieutenants.

1st Colac (St. Andrew's)—

Miss E. K. Stewart.

5th Kew.—Miss M. A. Richards.

Brown Owls.

1st Healesville.—Miss J. McDonald.

1st Kooyong—Miss E. Roberts.

1st St. Arnaud—Miss F. Swanton.

"MATILDA" FOR JANUARY, 1931.

The January issue of "Matilda" will appear on January 26th, instead of on January 16th, the usual date of issue. This has been arranged so that news from camps may have time to reach us for publication in January. The Editor would be glad if all Guiders in charge of camps would have their accounts sent to us by January 12th.

Remember that, if you cannot camp, the next best thing is to read about it, so do your good turn to the non-campers.

EQUIPMENT DEPOT.**Diaries.**

We regret that, owing to extra landing charges on our diaries, it has been found necessary to charge 1/3 for diaries without pencils, and 1/9 for diaries with pencils.

Annual Report.

Copies of the Victorian Annual Report 1929-1930 are available at Headquarters at 3d. each. The report should be interesting to all Guiders, as it contains, besides the report itself, lists of Vice-Presidents, State Council Members and Annual Subscribers.

We now have copies of the First Biennial Report and General Historical Sketch of the World Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, published by the World Bureau. This is the first issue, and is extremely interesting. Price 1/6 per copy.

CAMP EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE.

Hawthorn District is willing to hire the following equipment.

4 Tents, 8 x 10. 4 Flies, 10 x 12.
Complete with uprights, ridge poles, pegs and storm guys. 5/- per week.

(Extra days for carriage included.)
Dining Shelter, 14 x 16, with ridge pole and uprights. 5/- per week, as above.

Extra poles and uprights for hired tents.

Uprights 6ft. 6in. Poles 12ft. 9 sets.

1/6 per week, as above.

All equipment available after January 12th. Three or four sets of poles and uprights available at once.

Apply Miss Swinburne, 41 Kinkora Road, Hawthorn, E.2. Tel. Hawthorn 37.

SEMAPHORE FLAGS.

We are so often asked the measurements for semaphore flags. We have the following authoritative information on the subject:—

For Guides (as stocked by Imperial Headquarters, London)—navy blue and white, diagonally (white triangle uppermost at the hoist).

Sizes as used by Guides are 12 inches x 12 inches; or 18 inches x 18 inches, Brownie flags usually smaller.