



Kathy Corwell and Barbara Waterbury enjoy a hike

Outdoor living

Naturama teaches scouts

By DIANE HUBEL

If any of the 500 Bloomfield Hills Girl Scouts who attended Naturama recently ever get lost in the woods they will be a lot better prepared to cope with the problems than most people.

The girls, who met at the E.L. Johnson Center on Franklin Road for a day of outdoor learning, were instructed in such areas as backpacking, edible natural foods, compass reading and survival tactics.

Nearly 500 Brownies and Girl Scouts attended the event which was planned and carried out by the girls themselves. Scout leaders provided assistance and advice.

Naturama began as a service project. The area Girl Scouts wanted to do something which would benefit the community. They decided to plant tree seedlings at the nature center. They took the idea a step further and decided to utilize the facilities at the center to learn more about nature.

THE OLDER Girl Scouts taught the Brownies and younger scouts, sharing with them the knowledge they had picked up in their years of scouting. The senior scouts were assisted by members of the nature center staff.

The girls, who each attended six half-hour learning sessions, were given such advice as, "never trust a bird when looking for edible wild foods." A bird's stomach is different than a human's and they can eat many things which would make a human sick.

They were told to look for backpacks with a lot of outside pockets since it was more convenient to keep commonly used articles within easy reach rather than at the bottom of a pack.

They learned how to snare a rabbit and pitch a tent, how to walk in a ca-



Elizabeth Dalgleish and Jennifer Brown carry the water for their trees.

noe and eat a cat tail. They also were given a chance to try casting with a fishing reel.

The big event of the day, however, was the tree planting. Each girl got a chance to participate in this event.

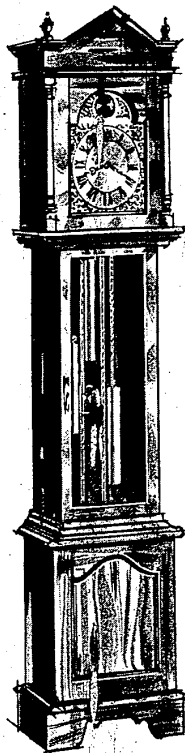
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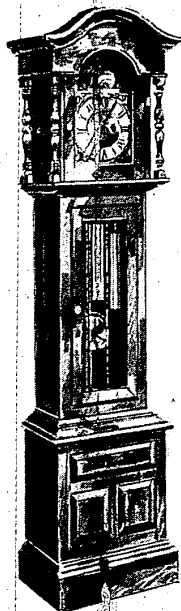
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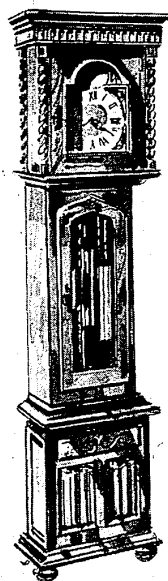
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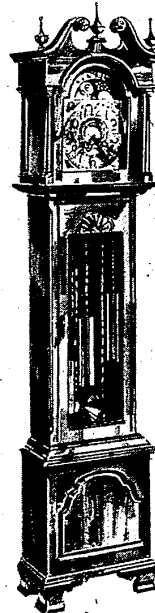
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