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MEETINGS - 4th WEDNESDAY of each MONTH at the C.W.A. ROOMS at 8P.M.

OUTINGS - Each SUNDAY PRECEDING the FOURTH WEDNESDAY.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

SINGLE - \$3.00

FAMILY \$4.00

AIMS OF THE CLUB

1. TO STUDY ALL BRANCHES OF NATURAL HISTORY.
2. PRESERVATION OF THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF QUEENSLAND.
3. ENCOURAGEMENT OF A SPIRIT OF PROTECTION TOWARDS NATIVE BIRDS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS.
4. TO ASSIST WHERE POSSIBLE IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.
5. TO PUBLISH A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

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MINUTES - Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, 30th August, 1978.

Present 19;
Apologies - 4.

The President extended a welcome to all present.

Minutes - It was moved by Mrs. D. McCosker, and seconded by Mrs. J. Stevenson that the minutes as per the August Magazine be taken as read. Carried.

Correspondence - Inward correspondence - was received from:-

National Parks and Wildlife Service - information brochure on Noosa and Hinchinbrook National Parks Environmental Parks of Queensland, 1 press Statement.

Mrs. D. Brown (S.G.A.P.); Mr. M. Hockings; Mrs. Thornthwaite (Q.N.C.)
Mrs. S. Bastow (John Oxley Library), Mr. L. Jeffrey.
Magazines- Down Under, Vol. 17 No. 3; Contact Vol. 6 No. 2.

Outward was forwarded to:- Mrs. Thornthwaite - Annual Campout;
Mr. L. Jeffrey; 4Q.S.; Mr. M. Hockings; Mrs. D. Brown (S.G.A.P.
Flower Show;)

It was moved by Miss D. McDonough and seconded by Mr. T. Archer that the inward be adopted and the outward endorsed. Carried.

Finance - Mrs. D. Archer moved that the credit of \$48.29 be received and accounts for C.W.A. Rent \$4.00; Pub. of Magazine-Rover Scout Crew \$6.00; and postage of Aug. Magazine \$5.92 be passed for payment. Seconded by Mrs. M. Marsden and Carried.

Outing Report - Mr. T. Archer reported on the outing to Brookvale Park and the Jondaryan Woolshed in conjunction with the Australian Heritage Festival. An enjoyable day was spent by all those who attended.

Next Outing - Mrs. McCosker outlined the proposed half day outing on SEPTEMBER 10TH, the purpose of this outing is to view the variety of wildflowers on Mr. Salata's property.

REGULAR MONTHLY OUTING - Place - TEXAS AREA

Date - September 24th

Leader - Mr. L. Jeffrey.

It was decided at the meeting to meet at 9.30 a.m. at the TEXAS POST OFFICE.

Next Meeting - Mr. E. Walker will be presenting a slide programme on "The European Alps"

Meeting Night - Wednesday 27th September, 1978.

General Business

The Queensland Naturalist Club have invited Club members to attend the annual combined campout on October 14th & 15th on the property of Mrs. M. Curtis "Glen Witherin" Canungra. The area is full of natural history interest and it provides ample space to accommodate a large number of tents.

It was decided not to join the Australian Conservation Foundation as a member but Mrs. McCosker moved that inquiries be made as to whether the Club could subscribe to the magazine "Habitat Australia". Seconded by Miss D. McDonough. Carried.

Thanks were extended by the President on behalf of the Club to Mrs. McCosker for her efforts in collecting flower specimens for Brookvale Park.

Mr. Errol Walker, on behalf of the Stanthorpe Camera Club, extended an invita-

tion to Club members to attend a weekend bus trip and camp to the Carnarvon Ranges at a cost of \$35 a head. Those attending would be required to provide their food and bedding. The proposed date of departure is either the weekend of September 30th or October 7th. Those interested were asked to contact Mr. Walker after the meeting.

Members who were collecting flower specimens for the Society for Growing Australian Plants Flower Show were asked to leave them at Chapman's Store of Health on Thursday 7th September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50p.m. to be followed by a slide programme titled "40° below Zero" given by Mr. & Mrs. T. Archer.

Janet Hockings, Hon. Secretary.

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OUTINGS - September 10th - Salata's Hill - led by Dore McCosker.

September 24th - Texas Area - led by Laurie Jeffrey

October 14th- 15th - Campout with the Queensland Naturalist Club at Mrs. M. Curtis's property 'Glen Witherin' Canungra.

PLEASE NOTE

Re Texas Area Outing - make your way to Texas Post Office where we are meeting with Laurie at 9.30 a.m. - should be a good outing.

MEETINGS - September 27th - Errol Walker taking us on a trip through the "European Alps".

October 25th - Mark Hockings will be our Guest Speaker and his subject is "Small Mammals".

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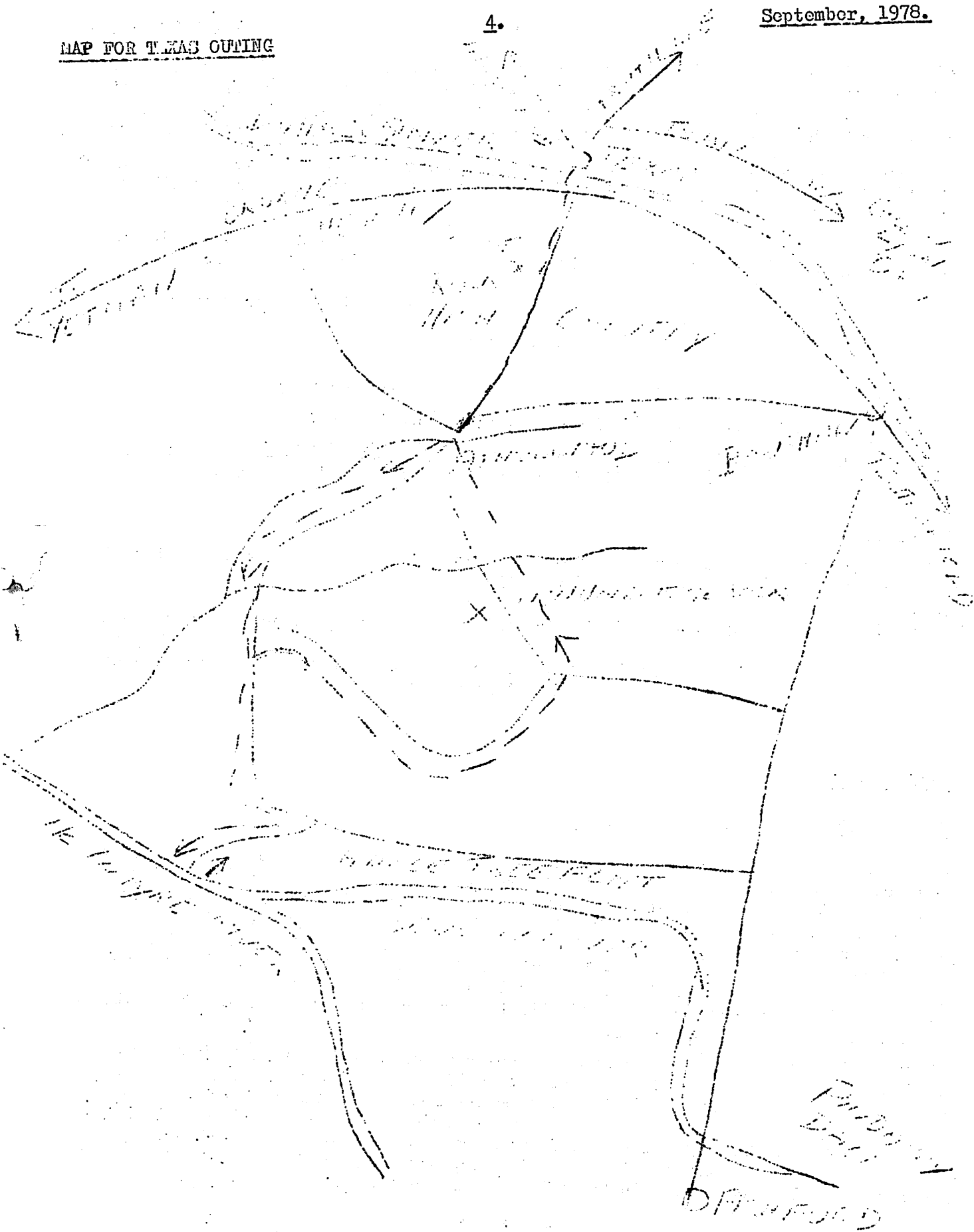
OUTING REPORT

Brookvale Park and Jondaryan Wool Shed

Six carloads of Stanthorpe Nats members headed for Brookvale Park and the Jondaryan Woolshed on August 27th to join the celebrations connected with the Australian Heritage. It was a beautiful day which enabled all to enjoy to the fullest the many offerings presented at this Festival. The flora and fauna presented a picturesque sight and in the special marquis was a wonderful collection of wild flowers from all over Australia - Tasmania to Cooktown and it was really an eye-opener to see so many beautiful specimens in one spot. Our thanks to Dore McCosker and her family for a good display of wild flowers from this area which they collected and delivered to the park for us.

After lunch we went on to the Jondaryan Woolshed where we saw a Bullock Team; rope making; Ye Olde Blacksmith Shop; fence post making and quite a display of shearing - one demonstration using hand shears; then the modern way and last but by no means least a sheep was shorn with the operator blindfolded. Many old time engines and tractors were on display - most working and some taking folk on joy rides. A delicious afternoon tea consisting of Damper, Syrup and Billy tea cooked the old fashioned way in a camp oven in hot ashes completed the day.

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PreOuting notes on Texas Outing from Lawrie Jeffrey

Lawrie writes - "It will be my pleasure to act as guide for your Club's visit to this area on Sunday 24th September.

Perhaps it would be helpful if I gave you an outline of the route to be taken. We will head south from Texas through the Atholwood district to the McIntyre River, up stream from the part that we visited last year. The return trip to Texas will be about 50 miles, over roads that are almost entirely unsealed, but in reasonable condition.

As you will most likely travel to Texas via Glen Lyon, may I bring to your notice a few items of interest that can be observed from the car.

About four miles from Glen Lyon turn off, whilst travelling down hill from the highest part of the road, toward the Shire Boundary, the buildings at Glen Lyon Dam are visible (the Lake itself is very prominent from not far off the road, on private property, as is the Passchendaele T.V. Mast.)

Immediately upon entering the Inglewood Shire, the mountain on the right, around whose base the road circles, is Cox's Sugarloaf (1800 feet above sea level), and in front, further along the road, a pyramidal shaped mountain, situated north of Silver Spur, is Mt. Hunyan (2,000 feet above sea level). This is the highest mountain in the Texas area.

Regarding the time of assembly at the Texas Post Office, any time is suitable to us. However, as we have a fairly long day ahead of us, as early a start as possible would be advisable.

(N.B.- at our Nats Meeting Aug.30th, meeting time
at Texas Post Office was 9.30 a.m.)

I am hoping for pleasant weather, and looking forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

Lawrie Jeffrey.

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"A Breakfast Flying Display"

Every morning just at breakfast time I put food out for the birds and we enjoy watching them through the window. We get quite a few birds come for their share - Wattle birds; Green Cat Birds; PeeWees; Rossela Parrots, currawongs, Magpies and Butcher Birds.

Two Wattle Birds have become quite friendly and fly down for their share before I've finished emptying the dish onto the feeding tray. Last Tuesday was no different - they greeted me in the usual way. However, as we watched them from the window they suddenly became very aggressive especially to the Green Cat Birds who had arrived on the scene. There were more Cat Birds than usual this time and the two wattle birds chased them resulting in quite a colourful and spectacular display of flying so speedy one would have needed a movie Camera to get it on film.

This morning my friendly Wattle birds were there at breakfast time plus the normal number of other birds - it looks as though the visiting Cat Birds of Tuesday got the message that they were not welcome and peace reigned supreme.

Dot Archer.