

be switched on over the perches for a few minutes after the main one is switched off, to give the birds an opportunity to find their way to roost.

Some home gardeners let the light, which is usually a 15 or 20 watt bulb if cages are used, burn all night. In deep litter, where the bulb is fixed high over the birds, a 40 watt bulb is generally used.

The important thing to remember is that when you use all-night lights you must continue them until the hens are sold or are purposely thrown into a moult before the breeding season. Any kind of sudden change in the light system will throw the fowls into a moult, and laying will come to a stop. That's why it's a good idea to switch the light on sometime during the day to see how the bulb is working.

Lights, of course, cannot make good layers out of poor hens—or hungry hens.

Keep the feed tins full and see that there is plenty of fresh water available. Keep the birds comfortable, and give them 14 hours of light, and you'll not be short of winter eggs, if you keep fowls in the back garden.

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## Aboriginal Girls Tour Industries

A bus load of 52 aboriginal schoolgirls toured industries at Byron Bay one day recently. The girls, with staff, were attending the Lennox Head National Fitness camp.

Miss P. Downie, camp director, said that from the amount of community singing and laughter on the bus trip there appeared to be no shyness or reserve. All the girls were having a wonderful time in their lakeside surroundings.

The girls were shown through the Norco butter factory by Mr. J. Stoney and also showed great interest in the new three million candlepower light at the lighthouse. The visit to Byron Bay concluded with a beach carnival.

In various teams, the girls competed in games, many being new to them, such as chariot races, wheelbarrow races, hoop relays and the shot-putt.

One night, the girls attended a movie night in camp and entertained several Lennox Head residents as camp guests. On behalf of the visitors, Mr. S. Gibbon thanked the campers and recalled the earlier days of the Education Department camp at Lennox Head.

Another night the "Red Bill," "Cormorant" and "Heron" Lodges competed against each other in a camp concert. Miss Downie said that she was very pleased with the group singing and their quick grasp of the many new camp songs. Portion of the concert was tape-recorded.

One afternoon the children participated in bushcraft competition. In groups of five the girls competed in tests based on previous lessons. There were billy-boiling, fire-lighting, tent pitching and cooking competitions.

On the last Saturday night the camp barn dance was held followed by Sunday church services, visitors' afternoon and the final camp fire on Sunday night.

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## OUR BOYS



**Trevor Ballangarra, of Bowraville, all dressed up for a day out at Newcastle**



**Meet Richard King, of Karuah**



**Paul Manton, of Karuah, appears to be going "walkabout"**