

# Homestead Notes

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**Mrs. Robert Gregory . . .**

## Girl Scout Leader Likes To Teach Girls To Cook

Today concludes Girl Scout Week which was a round of activities in Lancaster County commencing with Girl Scout Sunday March 11 when many Girl Scouts attended church in a body. It included a display of crafts and skills by Rolling Hills Neighborhood at Park City all week.

Scouting provides excellent training for girls for about 11 years. Girls in school grades two and three are in Brownies, grades four, five and six in Juniors, grades seven, eight and nine in Cadettes and grades 10, 11 and 12 are in Senior Scouts.

We salute one of the Girl Scout Leaders, Mrs. Robert E. (Mary Alice) Gregory of Lititz RD1, who lives on route 322 near Brickerville. Mrs. Gregory served five years as Leader of the Brunnerville Brownies who meet in the Brunnerville Fire Hall. She just finished serving five years as assistant leader of Girl Scout Troop 250 with Mrs. Ruth Shirk, Scout leader. Mrs. Shirk served as leader about twenty years.

Mrs. Gregory took over the reins as scout leader for Troop 250 this past January. This Troop meets at Brickerville Fire Hall every week during the year except when there is a Scout activity. In the summer they have a watermelon party, a cookout and hikes.

Troop 250, which was organized in 1944 includes the Junior Girl Scouts and Cadettes. Both are sponsored by Baron Steigel Lions Club. There are 17 girls in the troop and about evenly divided between Juniors and Cadettes. They are divided into Patrols and each Patrol works on a badge. The Cadettes have been working on first aid and Challenge of Social Dependability. The Juniors are working on a cooking badge now. They might spend four to six weeks on one area.

Some of their work is done at home. They have discussion and work at their meetings and have some social meetings. Mrs. Gregory thinks there are advantages in having the two groups meeting together. Parents can bring the girls at the



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same time and each group helps the other group.

Mrs. Gregory says Scouting is really a good activity for girls. She has three daughters who have been active in it a number of years. Debra was a Girl Scout for 10 years. She was in Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors. Debbie attended a regional on dramatics at York and a two-week national event of the Girl Scouts of America on Indian lore at Boone, Iowa in 1970.

Jane just finished Cadettes and will probably go in the Lititz Senior Scout Troop. She was on a basketball team. She went to Camp Hack-N-Tac at Camp Todd, Delaware last summer. The camp had 25 girls in a horseback riding unit and 25 in a waterfront unit. Jane was in the horseback riding unit. She was the only girl attending from Penn Laurel Neighborhood.

Penn Laurel Council is made up of York, Lebanon, Lancaster, Franklin and Adams Counties. This council pays transportation expenses to the campus and the girls pay other fees.

This is Martha's first year in Cadettes. Both Jane and Martha have also been in Brownies and Junior Scouts.

Mary Alice, the daughter of Mrs. Scott Eshelman and the late Mr. Eshelman, grew up on a 70 acre farm near Morgantown. At that time it was a truck farm and a general farm with a dairy. Mrs. Eshelman still lives on the farm and her son Harvey farms it. He grown mostly corn and hay on it now. Mary Alice worked in the fields, drove tractor, picked tomatoes and helped milk.

Mary Alice graduated from Morgantown High School and Pennsylvania State College in the College of Home Economics. She worked in Extension five-and-a-half years. She started in Bradford County and worked in some other counties, finishing as associate Home Economist in Berks County. She was there three and a half years. She has done substitute and part time teaching for seven years. Last year she did full-time Home Economics teacher at Linden Hall. Since there aren't so many girls to teach it doesn't require a full day schedule for her. She likes this position because she says "Teaching keeps you more aware of the changes and I'm home when the children are home."



Left to Right - Mrs. Robert E. Gregory, Lititz RD1, Girl Scout Leader of Troop 250, and daughters Jane and Martha. Daughter

Sallie is in front of Mrs. Gregory. Jane has many badges for her Scout work which she proudly displays. Martha is a Cadette.

Mrs. Gregory also says "I've done judging at just about all the county fairs. I thoroughly enjoy this, see a new product and it's fun to taste the new things. And the heads of departments are such gems."

Gregorys live on a five acre farm. Because it is so small they make use of every bit of it. They raise some broilers and roasting chickens, rabbits, some ducks and have three horses and a pony. They have a large garden

which the whole family works in. They grow all kinds of vegetables and this year have 1,000 strawberry plants. They had more other years. They can, freeze and make jelly. They also buy a beef half and freeze it.

Bob grew up on a dairy farm in Monroe County where his parents still live although they are retired from farming. Their land is rented to neighbors. Bob graduated from Penn State also, in the School of Agriculture. He

taught agriculture a few years in Berks County then went with Pennfield Feeds at Robesonia. He is now in charge of the dairy and livestock feeds sales division at the Rohrerstown office. He is active in Baron Steigel Lions Club and his church. He was on Warwick Union School Board.

Gregorys have four daughters. Debra is a freshman at Penn State University in the College of Human Development taking foods and nutrition. She is in dietetics now. She graduated last year from Warwick High School and was taking the Academic course. She played clarinet in the band, was student manager of the basketball and hockey teams, was in FHA and in the National Honor Society.

Jane is in tenth grade at Warwick High School and is taking the Academic course. She plays flute in the band. She is an outdoor girl and is president of their 4-H Horse Club which meets once a month in the homes of the members. They go to spring, summer and fall district shows, on trial rides and must go to the county show. May 6 they will have a show. Jane talks about being a veterinarian.

Martha is in seventh grade at Warwick Middle School. She plays bassoon in the school band. She is in the school sewing club now. She is also in 4-H and Scouts.

Sallie is three and a half years old, goes to Sunday School and is looking forward to going to school. She loves animals and likes to ride horses.

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Mrs. Gregory is smocking a red and white striped dress for Sallie, who is by her side.