

GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITIES

News of
BACK MOUNTAIN
TROOPS



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It Rained, But The Downpour Did Not Dampen Spirits Of Troop 66

This account of a Girl Scout camping trip has recently come to hand, written by Edythe Carey, of Troop 66, Shavertown, apparently before winter bared its teeth in the Back Mountain.

Edythe writes: "Recently, Girl Scouts of Troop 66 embarked upon a weekend camping trip. Our location was the wooded area beyond St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

(three girls to a tent) then gathered pine needles to cover the area under our sleeping bags (Several inches of pine needles provides a fairly soft mattress.) This finished, we set out to perform our individual chores—some gathered fire-wood, while others prepared the area for a camp fire. Another group constructed latrines and still another dug the grease-hole (for tin cans etc. that could not be burned, so had to be buried).

"The fire builders proved to be experts, and the cooks were able to prepare our supper, following which we held a Campfire Program of songs and stories, and then to bed. "The next morning after we had washed, breakfasted, and put camp in order, our leaders, Mrs. Ray Kimball and Mrs. Fred Eck, with Curved Bar Scout Dorothy Eck, taught us how to lash a work-table for sup-

plies and preparing meals. We kept our food in canvas bags hung from high branches of trees in the shade, so animals could not reach it and food would stay cool.

"Wood gathering seemed to be a steady job, but we like to eat, so we all joined in to get a day's supply. We prepared our lunch, a one-pot meal of spaghetti and meatballs, cooked in number 10 cans with handles made from coat-hangers which were hung from wooden racks so the cans would not rest on the fire bed and allow food to burn.

"After clean-up, and making sure the fire was completely out, we took a hike around our camp site and decided we had chosen the best location. We then returned to camp for an hour's rest before preparing supper.

Shavertown Girl Scouts Catalogue Bike Details

Troop 66, Shavertown Girl Scouts, are making serious business of their community project, collecting for the schools, filling in, arranging, and filing cards bearing information such as color, number, style, condition of boys' and girls' bicycles for Kingston Township police. It is expected that these records will be invaluable to police in case of loss or theft. They are stored in the Township Municipal Building.

Members of the troop are Anna Berber, Edythe Carey, Tessie Cushman, Beverly Eck, Barbara Johnson, Susan Kitchen, Dianna Lesser, Verona Miers, Joan Monte, Carol Pope, Janice Priebe, Marsha Sowden, Karen Walk, Linda Woolbert, Frances Soerl. Leaders are Mrs. Fred Eck and Mrs. Paul Priebe.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 27

Leaders and committee women of Troop 27 met at the home of Mrs. Walter Larson, Elmcrest Drive, recently to discuss troop activities.

Mrs. Allan Covert, cookie chairman for the troop, made final plans for the "COOKIE SALE" which started last Saturday and will continue for one week. Plans for Troop camping at Wildwood for three days this summer were discussed.

The troop is working on the Second class badge and as a service project will bake cookies for the 5th Grade Valentine party.

Mrs. Donald Smith is leader and Mrs. Harvey Kitchen is assistant leader of the troop.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Harvey Kitchen, Mrs. John Savickas, Mrs. Sheldon France, and Mrs. Allan Covert.

GREETINGS TO THE BOY SCOUTS

This week Boy Scouts of America will be 50 years old. Girl Scout Troops of the Back Mountain extend to our Brother Scouts golden anniversary wishes.

Notice—All Senior Girl Scouts who plan to take the Program Aide Course will meet at the Girl Scout office Saturday at 10 A. M.

Pack 225 Meets At Jackson Hall

Cub Scouts, Pack 225, Huntsville met at Jackson Fire Hall recently for the January Meeting "Cub Scout Scientists" was the theme.

The opening was presented by Den 1. Everyone sang "Star Spangled Banner". Den 1 did "Scientific Experiments" and Den 2 "Young Scientists".

Edward Dayne, Cubmaster, presented awards to Gene Bertram, assistant Denner badge; Bear Badge, and gold arrow; Thomas Stager, Bear Badge, gold and silver arrow; Edward Wytowicz, gold arrow; Ronald Cooper, Denner Badge, gold arrow; Gary Sponseller, Bear Badge; Robert Kittle, Silver arrow; Ronnie Ray, Silver arrow; Larry Kanonko, Wolf Badge, assistant Denner badge; James Cooper, Denner Badge.

Meeting closed with "God Bless America". Plans were made for the Blue and Gold Dinner on February 25 at 6 at Jackson Township Fire Hall, with all families invited to attend.

The regular Pack meeting will be part of the program.

Lehman Cubs Plan Dinner

Lehman Cub Pack 241 plans its annual Blue and Gold Dinner for Thursday, February 18 at 6 p. m. at Lehman Methodist Church. Parents, brothers and sisters of cubs, as well as cubs, are invited.

Edwin Johnson, on the faculty at Lake-Lehman, will show slides of winter birds and give tips on winter care and feeding.

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Mrs. Ida Wisler Writes Her Own Obituary Ten Years In Advance

Ten years ago Mrs. Ida E. Wisler gave instructions to her grandson, Edgar Nulton, manager of Hayfield House, about the details of her funeral, naming her pallbearers and pointing out the grey dress and black slippers she was to wear for her long sleep.

Mrs. Wisler, then 85, also wrote a short life history of herself, using the third person, to be released after her death, which she felt at that time might be imminent.

January 14, Mrs. Wisler, now 95, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Nulton at Chestnut Ridge. According to instructions, she was buried from the Nulton Funeral Home, and in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Her wishes in regard to her funeral (a good vault, but not an elaborate casket) were carried out. Grandsons bore her to her last resting place: Edgar and Elwood Nulton, Hugh Ransom, Henry Hees, William Robbins, and Raymond Parsons.

She grew up with the community, knowing it intimately in the horse and buggy days, seeing the busy little steamboats come to Harveys Lake when it was a Mecca for picnic crowds coming by excursion train from New York for a day in the open; seeing the steamboats fall into decay with the waning of the picnic crowds from the way, as automobiles were more and more the answer to family travel, and a network of good highways spread farther and farther afield from the big cities.

Mrs. Wisler takes it from here, writing her reminiscences in a remarkably steady hand for a woman of 85. Statistics have changed since that time. She mentions no great-grandchildren, though at the time of her death she had twenty-five, and had added one more grandchild to the roster, bringing the number to eighteen. Great-grandchildren, listed in her autobiography as thirty-three, increased to forty-six over the ten-year period. Her age is left blank in her article. Has been inserted.

"Mrs. Ida E. Wisler, aged 95, daughter of the late John W. and Lucy Snyder Lowe of Lambertville, N.J., was born October 30, 1864. When less than two years old she was brought to Pennsylvania and has since lived at Wilkes-Barre, Alderson and Kingston, except the years since August, 1944, which have been spent with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nulton on their farm at Chestnut Ridge, Dallas Rd. 1.

"On April 2, 1929, she was married to Charles E. Wisler and lived at Kunkle two years. After the birth of a daughter they bought a farm near the north corner of Harveys Lake, now Alderson, and moved there in 1884, where they lived for many years, and where their five children, except one, were born and grew up. She attended the grade school, the M.E. Church and Sunday School.

"Three of the children are still living: Mrs. W.P. Robbins, Kingston; Mrs. Lewis Nulton, P.D. 1 Dallas; and Mrs. Irvin C. Parsons, Fairfax, Virginia.

"Mr. Wisler died March 24, 1900, after three heart attacks.

"After removing to Kingston, Mrs. Wisler's membership in Alderson Church was transferred to Dorrance-ton M.E. Church, where she was a member of the church societies and of the W.O.M.U. for many years.

"Mrs. Wisler had one experience no-one, or at least very few, can recall. In 1886 (I think it was) Mr. Albert Lewis of Bear Creek bought up all the timber at Harveys Lake and vicinity and built a large saw-mill at the north corner of the Lake (Alderson). The Lehigh Valley Railroad also ran through the Rawman's Creek Branch of the road as

Sweet Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutton, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Edith Sutton, Lehman, spent last Tuesday with Mrs. J. S. Ferrey.

Ladies Auxiliary of Sweet Valley held a covered dish supper Thursday with 32 members turning out. We welcome back Mrs. Mary Maransky and Jean Wesley.

Sweet Valley Firemen will meet tonight at 8. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rood visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rood, Maryland, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Naugle, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Annew, Pikes Creek, have returned home after 10 days at Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. James Misner, Louisville, Kentucky, is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Fisk.

Mrs. Willis Turner, Patsy and Eddie, Virgie Turner, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Helen VanArsdale, West Nanticoke, spent the weekend in West Chester visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Turner.

Neighbors and friends of Mrs. Mae Davenport regret her leaving, but wish her much happiness in her new home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Donald Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Turner, was recently married to Margaret Phillips, Dothan, Alabama. Last week, he was transferred from Alabama to Arizona where he is now stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. William Naugle, Pikes Creek, spent the weekend in Trenton, New Jersey. Mrs. Elizabeth Sayre went with them and is staying for a few months to visit her son and daughter-in-law.

Lake-Lehman Has Two Winners

Covert, Sevenski Win Crocker Contest

Lake-Lehman juniors had two winners in the recent Betty Crocker Contest for home-makers, one in each of the two senior high schools: Judith Ann Covert at Lehman, and Mary Ann Sevenski at Lake.

Examinations taken by all senior girls were held early in December, and results have just been made available.

Miss Covert is daughter of Mrs. Alma Covert, Sweet Valley. Her activities include Pep Club, Senior Chorus, Cheer leader, newspaper staff, class plays, intramural basketball. She has been accepted for training at Geisinger Hospital, Danville.

Miss Sevenski is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Sevenski, Lake Road, Noxen. Her activities include: intramural basketball, class plays, cheer leader, Student Council, year-book and newspaper staff, Tri-Hi Y and Pep Club. She plans to attend Wilkes-Barre Business College.

Winners are eligible to compete in district, State, National contests. All-American Home Maker of Tomorrow will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Second third and fourth place winners will receive \$4,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000 scholarships respectively. State winners will receive \$1,500 scholarships.

Miss Covert and Miss Sevenski will each receive an award pin.

In Memoriam

Little Karen Hilbert would have been ten years old February 10, if she had lived. She died in an accident three years ago while on her way to the Dallas Township School in the family car, February 4, 1957.

Her mother, Mrs. Viola Hilbert, asks that this verse be printed in her memory:

We miss your loving smile,
The voice we love is still.
A place is vacant in our hearts
Which never can be filled.
Sadly missed by her mother and her sisters and brothers.

Wyo. Co. Republican Club

The Lincoln Birthday Dinner sponsored by Wyoming County Council of Republican Women will take place February 15, at the Princes Hotel in Tunkhannock. Mrs. Genevieve Weaver, chairman, announces the speaker, State Chairmen of the Republican Party, George Bloom.

Living today is a game of robbing Peter to pay Paul in order to make it possible to stand pat.

Mrs. Rogers, 91, Is Laid To Rest

Was Oldest Native Of Huntsville

The oldest native of Huntsville, and the oldest member of Huntsville Methodist Church died at 91 Sunday evening, when Mrs. Sarah Rogers passed away at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Rogers had been admitted the previous Monday by ambulance, suffering from a broken leg.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday from her home, Rev. Charles Gommer and Rev. Howard Harrison officiating. Burial was in Cedar Crest Cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers had been confined to her bed and her wheelchair for the past six years, ever since breaking her hip in a fall. Before her illness she had been active at Huntsville Methodist Church, serving as president of the W.S.C.S. and holding other offices. Her husband, J. Alfred Rogers, died in 1931.

All her life, as a child and as a married woman, she lived at Huntsville, and always in the near vicinity of the dam. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Munson Sigler, born only four years after the close of the Civil War.

She is survived by two sons: Edwin F. Rogers, Sebastopol, California; and J. Alfred, with whom she shared a home in Huntsville; a daughter, Mrs. Hylmar Carlson, Reseda, California; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Prince Of Peace Men To Serve Spaghetti

Because so many requests were received for another spaghetti dinner, the Men's Club of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will serve one on Saturday, February 27th, from 5 to 8 p. m. Al D'Amario will again be in charge of the kitchen and plans to serve the same high quality meal that he served at the Bazaar in December. The menu consists of Bontoni no starch spaghetti with either meat balls or shrimp sauce, Italian bread, olives, celery, pickles, salad, spumoni and cookies, coffee and milk.

Tickets are available from members of the Men's Club. Dr. J. Benjamin Marshall, Jr. is ticket chairman and Jack Stanley is in charge of the dining room.

Members of the Men's Club will report on the number of tickets sold at the regular meeting of the Men's Club on Sunday, February 21st.

Rev. Frick Shows Film

Rev. Charles Frick showed a color film on chrysanthemums at a recent West Side Flower Show. At the same meeting, Howard Conrad, florist, said some of the plant material still extant in the state antedates the western redwoods, citing the box-huckleberry at Amity Hall as stemming from a root system between 5,000 and 20,000 years old.

Noxen Youth Rally

Independent Bible Church in Noxen will hold a Youth Rally on Friday at 7:30 at Veterans' Hall, Noxen. Young people of all churches are welcome.

Featured will be a film on "Mixed Marriage", a national award winner as a leading educational film. It stars Dr. J. Alf Fernandez, a member of the Philadelphia Presbytery. It is highly recommended by Christian Life Pulpit Digest and Eternity magazines.

Cloverleaf 4-H Club Erects Bird Feeders

Cloverleaf 4-H Club has embarked on a bird feeding program. John Zettle, who is in charge of the 4-H wildlife program in the county, provided the first ten bird feeders which the boys put together and the girls painted.

Marvin Scott, local leader, then distributed them. Clyde Birth is donating the bird feed.

There are seventeen members in the club and meetings are held at various homes.

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