

Ingathering draws capacity crowd

by Nadine Amanullah

Who is today's Girl Scout and where is she going?

She is beginning a fabled voyage through life—a unique one-time-only trip in which only she will ever know all the stops and the eventual destination. She chooses Girl Scouting at one point during her journey and what she learns or doesn't learn is an indelible part of her life thereafter.

Today's Girl Scout is aware. Her eyes are open not only to the beauty of her environment but also to the problems of pollution. She learns the meaning of friendship, at home, at school, and in the larger world of nations.

Scouting is not, cannot, and should never become a narrow-

ing of a girl's outlook but always a widening, a growing, a sharing, and a being part of life.

We are celebrating Girl Scout Week with a tribute to our own girls of the Back Mountain area, 610 strong in 30 troops with 126 registered adults serving as advisors. This neighborhood is the largest in the Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council.

The Juliette Low In-Gathering held Saturday night at the Dallas Junior High School brought the scouts in our neighborhood together with their parents for an evening of fun. With a nautical theme, the S.S. Juliette Low In-Gathering set sail for many ports of call, and each troop contributed to the success of the evening.

Madeline LaBarre is the

leader of Cadette Troop 462—our Juliette Low stewardesses for In-Gathering. As part of their community service each year, the girls of Troop 462 join with the senior and junior troops, also sponsored by the Lehman Fire Company to prepare a booth at the firemen's auction. Last year the girls made crafts and brought white elephants from home, and their booth earned \$82. The girls were especially proud since the firemen were able to pay for the new fire truck in only two years.

Citation—
Intra-troop Cooperation

Brownie Troop 623 meets in the Harveys Lake area under leader Rachel Perrego and co-leaders Marsha Crispell and Joyce Williams.

Every Scout attending In-Gathering will long remember the presentation of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Troops 623 and 638. This was an example of cooperation at its finest, with JoAnn Davidson's troop mothers working with Mrs. Perrego's troop mothers to create costumes representing 11 countries.

Junior Troop 636 has a membership of 27 girls and is led by Mrs. Hans Dreher. Last October the girls planned an all-day hike at Ricketts Glen State Park, and when the Indian summer weather turned to snow and sleet the hardy scouts stayed all day building fires, laying and following trails and playing games.

Troop Citation—G.S. Lore

Brownie Troop 637 looks forward to Thanksgiving not only for the turkey and the pumpkin pies but because of its troop birthday party. A mother bakes a special cake using the Brownie hat, tie, and pin as decorations on the cake.

For In-Gathering the troop chose to represent Holland and they were as pretty as spring in their white caps and aprons (made by the girls) as they danced around live tulips.

Troop Citation—
Community Service

The 29 Juniors of Harveys Lake Troop 638 have chosen to better their community in several ways. Perhaps the most unusual is their continuing project on pollution. In January, eight girls rode in four toboggans pulled by four snowmobiles in an anti-pollution

caravan around the entire nine miles of Harveys Lake.

The Mexican Hat Dance was the presentation of Troop 645 at In-Gathering. The girls wore long skirts, peasant blouses, and shawls and the "boys" wore trousers, straw hats, ponchos and curly mustaches.

Mrs. Robert Cartier, Mrs. Joseph Canfield, and Mrs. Thomas Newman are proud of the excellent, almost perfect, attendance record of their troop and their parent participation. A large number of parents always attend every event in which the girls participate.

Citation—Citizenship

Cadette Troop 648 of Noxen has for six years sponsored a Memorial Day Parade and program to honor the war veterans as part of their challenge for active citizenship. Under the direction of leaders Nellie Scouton and Betty Smith the program was such a success that the residents of Noxen asked the scouts to repeat their community services and last year, numerous marching units, fire trucks and floats joined the parade.

Mrs. James McClain, leader, and Lois Frye, co-leader, have a very busy troop of 20 Brownies. In October, Troop 654 attended Brownie Play Day at the Country Club and participated in a "Changing Season" hike.

The girls are much interested in Indian lore. For In-Gathering they presented an Indian dance and were accompanied by Sarova Amanullah, eight years old. They wore beaded felt headbands, vests and Indian jewelry. Brownie Troop 641 wore embroidered headbands and necklaces they had made themselves. The "sister troops" 654 and 641 have attended ice skating parties and the Brownie story hour together and both made woodland candleholders for Thanksgiving.

The girls and leaders of Troop 655, Lehman, are especially proud of the fact that they are the only complete troop of First Class Scouts in our Council. The

leader is Florence Sherwood and co-leader is Marie Carkhuff. Every girl is a talented singer and for In-Gathering they led the girls in "Make New Friends" and "Rosen Fra Fun," a Danish folk song, and then "Taps" at the program's end.

Halloween meant a special trip to Eggleston's in Vernon, Pa., for Brownie Troop 650 to watch the making of apple cider. The day was drizzly so the girls couldn't watch the men pick apples but they saw everything else from the crate to the bottle and took home fresh cider for their Halloween party. These Brownies turned in an outstanding performance as circus troupers at the In-Gathering.

Much praise was given Troop 639's presentation of "Hava Nagila" in Hebrew and English and the girls say they owe it all to June Hauser and Rita Singer. Rita, a Wilkes College student, spent two days working with the girls. Troop leaders are Sue Salansky and Delores Dennis.

Citation—Friendship

Barbara Rood's Troop 643 of Harveys Lake last year served as hosts to a group of 11 children from New York City under the auspices of the Fresh Air Fund. The girls planned picnics and swimming parties, took them to farms and so thoroughly enjoyed the children that Catherine Wilson, assistant leader, says they plan to do it again this year.

The girls brought the lure of the Orient to Dallas at In-Gathering by their presentation of the Japanese version of the Cinderella story.

Troop 640, Mrs. Paul Sweet, leader, and Troop 930, Mrs. Josef M. Reese, leader, joined together for folksongs of the U.S.A. Each girl made a costume consisting of blue crepe paper skirts, white blouses, and tall construction paper "Uncle Sam" hats. They wore red sashes with USA written across the front.

Troop 640's service project will be to make stuffed toys for needy children.

Troop 707 meets at Gate of

Heaven in Dallas and Barbara Austin is their new leader. She has served for just a few weeks yet their moon skit was so well written and unique that it was one of the highlights of the program.

Poland was represented by Mrs. Walter Robert's Troop 715. These 21 girls wore white aprons banded with stripes of red, blue, and green. The catchy dance made half the audience want to get up and join the fun.

Another catchy tune was performed by Troop 624 and Troop 646—the stick song of New Zealand. They wore slacks and white blouses and click, click went their sticks!

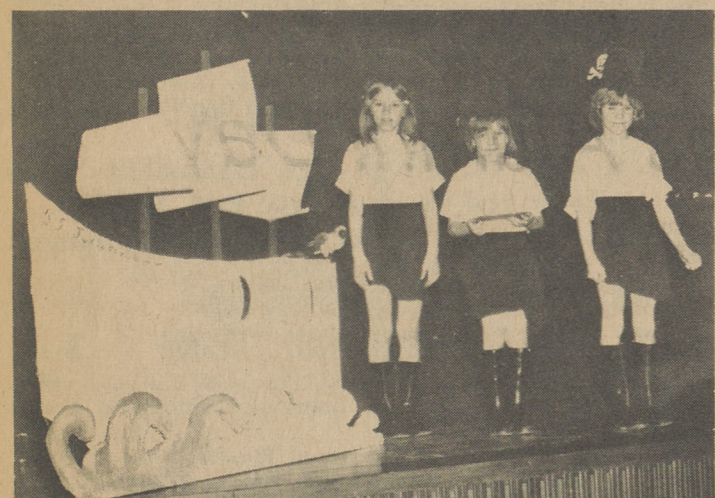
A new troop was formed last fall under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur Major. The 12 girls of Troop 704 all attend the Lehman School. For In-Gathering the girls appeared as pirates in big black hats with a skull and crossbones, white blouses, and black crepe paper skirts.

Brownie Troop 696 has been very busy this past year. For In-Gathering they chose to present the charming dance "Scottish Gaybird." Their costumes consisted of plaid skirts, white blouses, and knee socks. Mrs. Walter Hennebaul Jr., leader, praised the lovely red tams and sashes made by Mrs. Peter Kozachok.

Chase Manor is the home of Brownie Troop 658. They have especially enjoyed learning how to embroider. For In-Gathering the troop danced in peasant dresses and knee socks to "Gustave's Toast," an authentic Swedish folk dance.

A most impressive multi-lingual flag ceremony was presented by the 20 Junior members of Troop 653. Mrs. H. San Fanandre, leader, says the girls are working on the World Neighborhood Badge for which they must speak four languages. The flag ceremony was conducted in French and German, with the willing help of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Polte, instructors at College Misericordia.

Special thanks must go to those persons who worked behind the scenes at the In-Gathering. They include Chris Butkiewicz, Robert Bomberger and George Weaver, students at the Dallas Junior High School who handled all of the technical aspects of the stage performances.



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