



Girl Scouts

The Girl-Dream that came true—Kathleen Norris.

When I remember the yearning heartaches and the baseless visions of little girls in the note-always-gay 'Nineties, our wild hunger to be busy, to find avenues through which, to express the powers of our rapidly growing minds and souls and bodies, to tramp and camp and fish and swim, to sing and dance, to get into tennis and riding and boating, to "dress up" and cook and nurse and play games—

Then I realize that organizations like that of the Girl Scouts, clubs that give girls an enormous and a wholesome opportunity for normal, glorious development, are our old dream, wonderfully come true.

The girls of the 'Nineties dreamed it. The girls of the Nineteen-twenties live it.

We lived in a different world. It was a world over-burdened with book lessons, a world in which there were shy girls and shy girls, nervous girls, and "bilious" girls, jealous and ignorant, pimply and pale girls, and above all, how many lonely, lovely girls there were.

Where are they now? One can hardly believe in the miracle that has, in the course of one short quarter-century, produced in their place this host of radiant, self-reliant, capable, healthy young creatures, girls in sensible, comfortable clothing, starting off upon every possible holiday for the clean big woods or to the wide, windy beaches, friendly, happy, always-busy girls, who don't know what an ache or pain is!

I wonder if we realize, we grown-ups, the share the Girl Scouts have had in working the change?

Well, perhaps we do. Looking on wistfully, admiringly, wonderingly, at all their joyous activities, their eager contests for athletic honors, their capable handling of gas-stoves, accidents, motor-cars, camp fires, cameras—their amazingly wise handling of themselves, I think some of us do.

For here is a very clearing-house for girl souls,—and every girl in the world needs it! If she is naturally clever, quick, kind, friendly, a born leader, so much the better. She rises to the top of her group.

And if she is shy, sickly, awkward, suspicious, jealous, nervous, if she knows nothing of cooking, camping, swimming, basketball, hates boys, is ill at even with girls—then more than ever is her membership in the Girl Scouts her opportunity to learn what she must learn—what, sooner or later, I repeat she must learn if she is to have a happy and a normal life.

When she is 16 or 18, her mother is going to be frightfully anxious about that girl. Then, when it is too late, that mother is going to worry herself sick because Betty has no friends, hates to meet strangers, is secretive, is morbid, is a solitary, has no resources, doesn't like to do what the other girls do.

But now, just because Betty either draws back from shyness, or because Betty's little girl arrogance and airs rather repel the other girls, her mother makes no effort to get Betty interested in the group that is so occupied, so busy and happy, right here in the neighborhood.

A word in your ear, you mothers. Girl Scouts respect their bodies, because they know something about them. They respect their country, because loyalty is one of their fundamental laws. They learn to avoid all the alarming excesses—the jazzing, and petting and drinking and smoking into which less developed girls drift so easily a few years later, by substituting a taste for exercise and fresh air, real friendships, real activities, real interests.

Whatever our admiration or influence can do for these gallant little pioneers into the day of Happier Womanhood, we grown-ups ought to be only too proud and happy to offer them.

Does she know anything about them, does she belong to the Girl Scouts?

If not,—why not?

Troop No. III
Last Thursday evening was a glorious time for star gazing and Troop III certainly took advantage of it by spending the best part of the evening down near Sunset Valley Golf course with Miss Fogg from Elm Place school who so kindly told them about the heavens. The Eighth grade girls make a study of the stars in their regular school work so Miss Fogg was able to spend most of her time with the Seventh grade girls. Upon their return to the school the usual closing exercises were held and the girls wended their way home. Many thanks to Miss Fogg.—Genevieve Donnersberger.

Scout Troop No. 4
Troop number 4's meeting was investiture. Tenderfeet received pins. Also patrol leaders and lieutenants received their badges.

The Tenderfeet were as follows: Antoinette Pantalla, Evelyn Benson, Dorothy Moldanor, Sylvia Wagner, Alma Garterio.

The patrol leaders and lieutenants are: Patrol leaders, Suzanne Coale, Patti Jane Shetton, Joan Pier.

Lieutenants: Helen Cawley, Enid Brooks, Ardis Martin.

Suzanne Coale's patrol which is the ever-green was taken out into the woods by Mr. Reichardt to build fire for their second class. Everyone did it with one match with the ex-

ception of one. After we had stamped out our fires, we worked a little on compass. Mr. Reichardt showed us how to tell time by a compass. In the winter time a compass does not regulate perfectly because the sun does not come up as high as it does in the summer. The compass told us that it was 2:30 when it was about 3:50. For second class we must know eight points of the compass. We took pictures of the patrol while there.

Since we are Troop No. 4 we want a new flag so Mrs. Pier, our leader, sent for one. Our crest is The Star of Bethlehem.

The games we played were much fun. One was all the scouts scattered and one was it. A mitten was given to some one and the one that was it was to catch the person with the mitten. The scout with the mitten throws it before the scout that is it tags her. The game goes on in this way until some one is tag. Then they are it. The other one was much fun too. We were divided into sides. Then a chair was placed at both ends of each of the lines. Then one of the lines faces south and the other north. A glove is given to the first one in each line. Then they each would run and try to catch the other one. When they get to the head of their team they give the glove to the next one, etc., until one is caught. Then the other side wins.—Suzanne Coale, secretary.

REPORT

On Feb. 9, 1931 the regular meeting of Girl Scout troop No. 5 was held. We are again happy to relate that we have a new member, named Diane Ewell. During the week April 5 to 12 all the Girl Scouts are making a drive for an amount of money. Our troop will probably have a bakery sale. Mrs. Copp (our captain) is teaching us a tap dance. The meeting was over at 5 o'clock. Grella Golden, troop No. 5, Ravinia school Ravinia, Illinois.

The Girl Scouts of troop No. 1 of Highwood met Tuesday 27 at the Oak Terrace school. Rosie Orlandi took charge of the games and Lieutenant Hazel Dawson of the songs. The girls were drilled in obeying the whistle because of a mention made at the Jan. 20 Court of Honor meeting that the girls did not clearly remember what some of the whistling stood for and consequently could not obey the whistle readily.

At patrol corners the patrols chose corners definitely and talked of how to decorate them. They also practiced singing their patrol songs.

In our circle one girl on how the girls who went on the hike to pass the fire building and trailing test lay the trail. A second spoke on how she and other scouts came too late to join the other girls who followed the trail and so she and the other scouts followed it themselves and got to the end of it shortly after the second group. It was announced that a contest would be held to decide who could write the best troop song. Three prizes are to be given. First a knife, second a first-aid kit and third a sewing kit. The first prize winner song will become the official troop song—the other two will be sung on different occasions.

On Feb. 3 the Girl Scouts of troop No. 1 went on a hike to the lake. They had a very enjoyable time.—Troop 1, scribe.

G. R. News Notes

Leadership is personality plus—and that is why the older group of G. R. are studying this big word. "Personality."

Every girl is not gifted with a real personality, but every girl has the right to require one if she will. Not only will she be useful and successful in the world but happy and real happiness is wanted by every G. R.

There are two kinds of people—those who attract others to themselves and those who repel people and drive them away.

Every G. R. wants to attract people to her and in doing this successfully she must have politeness, poise, education, efficiency, resourcefulness and reliability, service, sacrifice, optimism, objectives, nerve, knowledge, achievement, action, loyalty, ideas, initiative, thrift of time and thrift of money.

These words are being studied in the G.R. group meetings so that every girl may have a chance to add this big word to her name.

The Rho Gamme Rho G. R. of Ravinia school are happy to announce that they have a new adviser. Miss Baker has been obtained through Mrs. Horn's appreciated efforts. Officers were elected at the last meeting: President, Dorothy Turner, vice-president: Ellen Horn, secretary: Shirley Beyers and treasurer, Virginia Leisering.

Fourteen advisers attended the fifth advisers dinner, which was held Monday, Feb. 2, at 5:15. An interesting discussion was held at 6:45 the meeting was adjourned.

Attention! G. R.'s start saving your pennies, nickels and dimes for your mothers ticket.

What—Mother and Daughter banquet. When—Friday, March 6, 1931 at 6 o'clock. Where—Y.W.C.A.

Each group is responsible for table decorations and a stunt. Every G. R. is asked to earn the money for her mothers ticket and her own. Purchase tickets for your advisers next meeting. Reservations must be in Wednesday, March 4.

A second Sunshine group of the Y.W.C.A. has been started. The Cub Jr. group has been divided into a G.R. and a Sunshine group. Miss Beyers and Miss Carpenter are advisers of this small group. Miss Kendall is adviser for the Cub Jr. and Mrs. Stryker is called the Mother adviser.

Eight hundred and fifty-four met this month either for weekly meetings, swimming, parties, camp reunion, annual dinner and committee meetings. 196 G. R.'s and Sunshines are enrolled at the Y.W.C.A.

Several groups have been studying "Our

Flag, its origin and how to honor it." At one time or another every girl wants to know the proper place for the American flag when carried in a procession with another flag or flags or how it is hung. A girl should know more about her national flag than the average girl does.

Splash! G. R.'s every Saturday from 11 to 12 o'clock at the high school. Non-swimmers are taught to swim by Miss Kendall and "Life saving" is taught to the girls that are interested. Bring your own bathing suit, towel and cap.

G.R.'s if you are planning to purchase a uniform, be sure to get a permit from the Y.W.C.A. Garnetts and Smiths have made a special price for the G.R.

Be sure to get your permit before buying your uniform.

The Y.W.C.A. board of directors met Tuesday, Feb. 10. Monthly reports were given by the committee chairman.

Mrs. Murfey, president of the board appointed the following chairman to serve during the year 1931.

G. R.—Mrs. Stryker; house, Mrs. A. S. Burdick; service, Mrs. McDougal; social, Miss Adele Everett; membership, Mrs. B. F. Reike; business and industrial, Mrs. H. C. Holabird; education, Mrs. Jared Johnson; finance, Mrs. O. L. Olesen; files, Mrs. L. C. Gatewood.

The statistical report showed 2,437 used the Y.W.C.A. building during the month of January. Miss Lena M. Johnson, superintendent of the Highland-Park hospital spoke before the Y.W.C.A. board on the hospital.

The dramatic class directed by Edna Wood Miller, presented "Anita's Trial." The play was a clever comedy. Each part was well done by the cast which added to the success of the play.

Another eight week's course in dramatics start Tuesday, Feb. 17. At the close of the course two short plays will be given.

A course of six lessons in bridge will start Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Y.W.C.A. for high school girls. Registration will be closed at 24.

Clubs
The Pi Deltas are planning a sleigh ride for Thursday evening, driving to Deerfield for supper at Johnson's, if the weather permits. If not, supper will be served at the "Y" followed by indoor golf on the Highland Park course on Central avenue. A medal for the best score will be given. Supper must be served at 6:30 sharp. Please make reservation for supper by phoning the "Y" 675.

There will be a conducted tour to Chicago, Feb. 18. The bus will leave the Y.W.C.A. at 1 o'clock, returning about 9 or a little later. Registration should be sent in before the 16th to hold a place on the trip.

The business girls tap dancing class has been changed from Monday to Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in order to accommodate a greater number of girls.

ADJUDICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Subscriber Executrix of the Estate of Carl Boehm deceased will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of April next, 1931, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

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