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Girl Scout News

First Aid Course

Mr. Charles A. Waite of the C. N. S. & M. R.R., is giving a course in first aid to the Girl Scouts of Highland Park, Ravinia, and Deerfield. The course is held in the Junior Room of the Presbyterian Church house each Tuesday evening at seven o'clock and lasts one hour and a half. Last Tuesday evening Mr. Waite taught artificial respiration by the prone pressure method. Thirty four Girl Scouts and leaders were present Tuesday evening. Only second class Girl Scouts twelve years old or over may take the course.

"Whittling Girl" Can Find Useful These Cold March Nights

Have you heard of the "Whittling Girl"? She is the useful welcome opposite to her whistling sister who, according to the proverb, brought back luck about the house.

The Whittling Girl is a product of Girl Scout camps and troop houses. While she sits by the fire listening to or telling stories these March evenings, her hands are constantly busy with knife and wood. The results of her seemingly aimless occupation can be seen in the tools that tend the fire, the fork that toasts the bread, or the spoon that stirs the cocoa. Her equipment consists usually of a keen-edged knife, a good chunk of ash or hickory, perhaps some sandpaper to smooth rough edges, and a lump of lard, which, if rubbed well in will make the wood waterproof and give it good color.

Patience and plenty of time are the two essentials for a good whittler. Whether the products of her work are ornamental or just plain useful, will depend naturally on her ability and native artistry. There are just a few things every whittler must know. They can be summed up easily. Always expect the knife to slip. Hold it so that, when it does, it doesn't cut you. Always use a sliding stroke such as father uses in shaving. Pushing the knife through wood fibre gets you nothing but a damaged blade. Don't use your knife to cut nails or knots, to poke the fire, or as a screwdriver or a crowbar. Carry your knife shut. Keep it polished. Why not start some bird houses now and be ready for some of our early spring visitors.

Troops No. 3 and 4

On Thursday evening, March 17, Troops 3 and 4 held a badges and awards meeting. First we played some circle games. Then we had the flag ceremony. Jane Rinker and Jean Butz were the flag bearers, Joan Wichman and Joan Pier the color guards. The badges were then awarded by Mrs. Stockwell.

Troop 4 showed some first aid work. Both troops played a signaling game, a contest between patrols to see which patrol could finish first, which was a sentence in the Morse code containing every letter in the alphabet. It was won by the Cock Robin patrol.

Sandwiches that were made by the Girl Scouts as part of their hostess badge were served to the guests. Each patrol exhibited work done by the girls for the badges they received.

Troop No. 3

Below is a list of the badges awarded: Jane Rinker, child nurse, cook, health winner, artist, pioneer housekeeper, needlewoman. Vera Greene, child nurse. Suzanne Coale, child nurse, cook. Joan Pier, child nurse, cook, horsewoman. Jane Schneider, cook. Jean Butz, cook, health winner, artist, cyclist. Bernice Abercromby, health winner. Mary Lee Reay, health winner. Ethel Ohrmund, health winner. Joan Wichman, artist, horsewoman, dressmaker, laundress. Susan Klaber, home nurse, hostess. Dulcie Lightner, craftsman. Marjorie Webber, second class.

Troop No. 4

Evelyn Benson, needlewoman. Barbara Garst, cyclist. Ruth Garrity, needlewoman, health winner, garden flower finder, tree finder, observer. Mary Heed, needlewoman. Ardis Martin, craftsman. Dorothy Lytle, craftsman. Dorothy Moldaner, craftsman. Marion Musser, second class. Nancy Newman, craftsman. Antoinette Pantelis, observer.

Troop No. 1

Troop No. 1 did not have any meeting on March 21 on account of the heavy snow storm.

Troop No. 2

Troop No. 2 met as usual in the scout room of Elm Place school on Monday afternoon, right after school. In the absence of their captain, Miss Flinn took charge. Observation games and compass games as well as knot games were played in preparation for second class.

Troop No. 6

On March 17, Troop No. 6 held a regular meeting. It began with the pledge and the Girl Scout promise. This was followed by two basketball relays, both won by the south team. Then a general meeting was held and camp, the first aid course, and a party were discussed. Most of the girls plan to attend Timber Trail. We decided to have a party the following Thursday and each bring a guest. Then we talked over Merit badges to be undertaken at the meetings. We concluded the evening by joining in a large circle and singing "Taps." Mary Lu Leibenstein, scribe.

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