

**To Help Girl Scouts Honor Founder**



The nation's 560,000 Girl Scouts will celebrate Girl Scout Week in honor of their founder, Juliette Low, October 29—November 4. Highlight of the week's demonstrations will be a radio program, "The History of Girl Scouting in Music, Song and Narration," to be heard from New York over the CBS network, 4:30—4:35 P. M. (E. S. T.) November 3. Participating will be Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. (top center), a member of the national board of directors; Paul Whiteman (top left), famous dean of orchestra leaders who will be guest conductor; Lanny Ross (top right), America's favorite tenor, and Edith Meiser (lower right), radio's highest paid script writer, who will be mistress of ceremonies. Hazel Rawson Cades (lower left), "Good Looks" Editor of Woman's Home Companion, will participate in Alma Kitchell's "Let's Talk It Over" program Nov. 1, over the NBC Red network, 1:30—1:45 P. M. (EST) in a tribute to Girl Scouting.

of birth, while the society's figures concern the babies from the hour of registration.

Beyond the saving of life is the society's success in giving children health and a sound foundation mentally and physically for good citizenship at a cost of only \$12 a year for each child cared for.

A part of the funds of the Highland Park Community Chest, whose annual drive starts next Tuesday, Oct. 24, will be devoted through the Infant Welfare society, to make the lives of underprivileged Chicago babies happier.

**Festive Mardi Gras to Feature Annual N. U. Homecoming**

Exhibiting a festive mardi gras atmosphere for the first time in its history, the annual Homecoming parade sponsored by Northwestern university next Saturday will be the mecca for thousands of spectators from all parts of the North Shore.

The parade will begin approximately at 10 a.m. from Lake Front park in Evanston and wind throughout the Fountain square business district for the benefit of thousands of spectators and shoppers that are expected to view the spectacle.

Outstanding in the line of march will be the giant caricature balloons that have been traditional with mardi gras festivals in New Orleans and foreign countries. The balloons were contributed by the Evanston Chamber of Commerce merchants' division according to an announcement by W. J. O'Donoghue, chairman. 25 different figures ranging up to 30 feet in height will be towed along the parade line and will represent such huge characters as Felix the cat, dragons, animals, and other grotesque figures. The giant characters are part of a group that is now being exhibited at the New York world's fair.

The Evanston merchants have also arranged for the decoration of 100 lamp standards along the parade

line of march exhibiting the colors of Northwestern and Illinois universities whose teams will meet Saturday afternoon at Dyche stadium. The stores will also vie for prizes to be awarded for the best decorated window displays.

The Evanston traffic department is planning to handle more than 10,000 visitors from both Evanston and the surrounding communities and villages who will make this crowd the largest in the history of Homecoming activities.

**Honor New Members at Vesper Service**

A special Vesper service will take place at the Bethany Evangelical church next Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at which time those who have united with Bethany during the time of the present pastorate will be given special recognition. The choir will sing three or four anthems and responses, the pastor will bring a message in harmony with the occasion. Following the vesper all who are present will be asked to adjourn to the social rooms of the church where a tea will be served as a special recognition to the new members. The Musart club of Highland Park will sing several special numbers at the tea.

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**Personality Preview**  
UNUSUAL STORIES By ANNA TAMARRI  
about USUAL PEOPLE

Editor's note: Round robin letters, written by Robert F. Patton, concerning the Pattons' 25,000-mile trailer, boat, and plane trip through the West and Alaska will be published in installments in THE PRESS, beginning with next week's issue. There are nine letters, each approximately ten pages long.

Eight months in Alaska made a confirmed Alaska fan of Robert F. Patton of Crescent court, who saw his Elm Place geography come true—right before his very eyes. And, with his wife and 8-year-old son, he managed a little pioneering on the side. The Patton family are the only tourists to have ventured into the Lake Minchumina region of Alaska, where they surprised trappers by dropping in to visit during a six-weeks water trip.

Ever since he'd studied geography in Elm Place school, Mr. Patton says, he had wanted to go to Alaska. And when he discovered Mrs. Patton wanted to go too, making it unanimous, they literally picked up and went. Although Mr. Patton was in the Chicago publishing business at the time, he decided that his business was getting to be too much of a luxury, and in June, 1938, he closed it up to start on a 15-month trip, part of which was made in a trailer.

The Pattons returned just after Labor Day of this year so that their son could make school, and now they are embarked on a three-weeks hunting trip in Ontario, Canada.

Before their first trip, the trip was all mapped out and objectives defined, after they garnered all available books on Alaska. Mr. Patton wanted to see Mount McKinley and an eskimo in his native state, and since both Mr. and Mrs. Patton were experienced on water, they included an aquatic excursion on the itinerary. And, of course, a camping trip.

The trip covered 25,000 miles, to Kansas City, Colorado Springs, south through New Mexico, into Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, southern California, and straight up the Pacific coast to Santa Monica, where they lingered six weeks. Their

trailer they put in storage at Seattle when embarking for Alaska.

Once in Alaska, they based at Fairbanks in a four-room cabin. From there they took trips down the Yukon, saw the dog mail, huskie races, and with 7,000 feet of film photographed Mount McKinley, sunset on the Bering strait, igloos, whalebone cemeteries, Alaskan old-timers, and the great Alaskan divide.

It took three months to find the Eskimo in his native state. They chartered a plane, piloted by the ace Alaskan aviator Sig Wien, flew to Nome, and, flying fifty feet above the ice and along bluffs, came upon settlements at Tigara, 200 miles north of the Arctic circle or 1500 miles (21 degrees) from the north pole. Their four-seater plane had the extra seat filled with reindeer meat and fish on their return to Fairbanks.

Leaving Alaska behind them, the Pattons picked up their trailer, and returned to Chicago via Yellowstone Park, Glacier National Park, and Canada.

Mr. Patton believes that because big scale mining operations are bringing in labor that does not know the traditions of Alaska, the country is changing for the worse. But with the old-timers still at the helm, Alaska has a "pioneer" outlook, he affirms, which is finer than ours. And he's rarin' to spend another eight months in Alaska.

**History of Infant Welfare Society of Chicago Is Revealed**

In December, 1910, a little band of pioneers in human welfare organized the Infant Welfare society of Chicago to combat the forces that were wasting child life. The plan was to provide doctors and nurses to keep babies well in the poorest sections of the city. Later was added health work with expectant mothers and with children under six. The staff has been extended to include 97 doctors, nurses, nutritionists and a mental hygiene supervisor.

Expectant mothers, babies and children up to six years old receive regular medical examinations and health instruction by doctors and nutritionists in the society's stations. This is followed by home visits by nurses and nutritionists to continue this health instruction, teaching the mother right in her own home surroundings what is needed to keep her babies well.

Here are some significant vital statistics: In 1910 the death rate of babies born in Chicago had been 122 per 1000. The rate among babies cared for by the society in 1911, the first year of the society's activity, was only 42 per 1000. By 1938 the death rate for babies in all Chicago dropped to 34 per 1000 live births, while the rate of Infant Welfare babies declined to 5.8 per 1000 babies cared for. This is a vast improvement despite that city statistics deal with children from the hour

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