

Scouting is full-time job for troop leader at Alameda

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

Girl Scouts from Troop 229 will leave school and usher in the summer with a four-day trip to Mackinac Island, then a canoe ride down the Au Sable River.

The 36 youngsters who meet in Alameda Elementary School with their leader Carol House, of 32994 Brittany Drive, make up the largest scout troop in southern Oakland County.

Girl Scout troops are generally held to a maximum of 25 members, but Mrs. House's troop just keeps growing because she is unable to bring herself to say no to a new comer.

She's been with the 8-11 year olds for the past three years, and just recently doubled

up her scouting activities by becoming leader of the school's Brownie Troop 18.

In addition to leading the troop with the most members, she would be a good candidate for the leader who has initiated the most activities for a junior troop.

Of this she says, "Life is not a motion picture, there are no retakes. We're only here once so I want to spend as much time with my children as I can."

The time she now devotes to scouting has worked itself into the equivalent of a full-time job.

HER SCOUTS, she calls them "my girls," have been planning the four-day outing since September, and that includes the costs, the scheduling, the camp dates, the cooking, everything," she said.

But they planned it simultaneously with 18 other trips, winter camping, a host of dinners, some sports outings and still managed to earn eight merit badges in one year.

Some of the girls' activities dovetailed with badge work, some were just for fun, and some were geared to community service.

But the thread that runs through the gamut of her work has to do with "learning how to be kind and fair to others. The public schools don't have time for this in their curriculum so I try to get this across in Girl Scouts. I try to instill a love for their fellowmen and enrich their lives with some human morals," she said.

Mrs. House was a Girl Scout when she was a child, then took a troop in Indiana when her daughter Stephanie, now 11, entered scouting there.

She continued as a leader in Farmington because of a lack of leaders in that area, then took over the Brownie troop for the same reason. She added, "And I thought I owed it to Andrea," who is her 8-year-old daughter.

YET, MRS. HOUSE, she could never do all she'd like if it weren't for the support she gets from the parents of her scouts.

"I've never had a lack of drivers. I have a great deal of father participation. And I have about 30 mothers who chair some kind of committee for me every September to June," she said.

Her assistant leader is Nancy Boysjan, who will be traveling to Mackinac with the girls and about 12 other parents. Then the group will meet at Mrs. House's four fathers, "all expert in canoeing" for a session of primitive camping.

"I think it's fantastic," she said, "so many parents are willing to give four days so the girls can have this experience," something unusual among scout troops that is now becoming a tradition at Alameda school is a mother-and-daughter dinner given every year since about four years ago.

It was initiated by Sharon Anderson, troop service director, who wanted to keep a faltering troop alive in spite of apparent lack of leaders and lack of interest.

The dinner is coupled with the Brownie fly-up ceremonies now, and the Girl Scouts Council of Award Ceremony, which was held last week.

That event, and the upcoming canoe and camping trip, mark Mrs. House's fourth year as a scout leader. "That means I have four more years to go," she said, "but I think I have more fun than the kids."

HER AGENDA for Troop 229 has been pretty heavy, and especially the upcoming trip which is "a big program for a junior troop to carry out." Yet she expects it might be bigger next year.

"We've been busy doing for ourselves. Next year we're going to get in more community services," she said.

She expects this will probably circle around Earth Alive and that group's glass and paper recycling programs. "Though I will have to talk about this to my special projects chairman," she said.

Mrs. House is a member of the Junior Women's Club of Farmington, which supports Earth Alive and its philosophy. She is active in Alameda school's PTA as membership chairman and active with her children in their soccer, hockey, baseball and ballet.

This summer, her two daughters and 6-year-old son Tommy will all be swimming with the Meadowbrook Swim Club team.



CAROL HOUSE



Brownies Leisa Kocembo, left, Suzi Jewsbury and Greta Shaw line up for their part in Girl Scout Troop 229 Court of Award ceremony.

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Ms. Haas throws hat in the ring

Suzette Haas, 4911 Grand River, Nov. has announced she will run on the Democratic ticket for county commissioner in the 26th district. The 26th district includes Witom, Walled Lake, Novi, South Lyon, Novi Township, Lyon Township, Farmington Hills and part of Northville.

In a special election to fill the seat left vacant by Lew Coy, who resigned last year, Mrs. Haas won the Democratic primary. She lost the general election by 126 votes, but was encouraged by the results. "The vote was extremely close," she said.

There is no reason why we can't have a Democratic victory in November.

Mrs. Haas seeks election to that office because she feels she can help bring southwest Oakland in touch with county government and its services.

I have the time and am willing to devote it in a full-time capacity toward representing our 26th district constituents.

She and her husband Jim are 17-year residents of Novi. They have seven children ranging in age from 3 to 18. They are members of the Holy Family parish in Novi.

Flashy factory fashions net whistles

By CHRISTINE WALDEN

Next time you wonder what to wear to work, try Work Wear.

A new line by Barbara Dulian, Work Wear is a collection of durable clothes in striking colors that can, if you're the nerve, go anywhere.

The "cheap chic" pieces, available at Saks Fifth Avenue, are, said Ms. Dulian, fitted adaptations of authentic industrial garb and reflect the efforts of "whole teams who worked to get this line produced."

The idea, however, was her own.

"I was living in Los Angeles and really feeling the environment and the trend toward surplus clothing."

THE FEELING translated into months of scouring factories in search of the real thing—shirts that snapped, serge aprons

with pockets, fabric that wore well after years of stress.

"People thought I was mad, crazy. They kept asking 'Are you kidding?' But I just kept going through boxes boxes of industrial clothing."

Eventually she found all that she wanted, including a drop seat jumpsuit from the Campbell Soup Co., which is in the line, and set about producing her collection of "great colored work clothes that are good, simple and that you can go in and feel great."

THE RESULTS are inexpensive, wash, iron and wear clothes.

For \$8, a heavy-duty apron has plenty of pockets for any work tools.

Sixteen dollars will get you an industrial stitched cotton shirt that snaps shut at the collar and cuffs.

Vests with industrial appers, parachute

nylon jumpsuits and overall dresses that look and snap are made to last and start at \$22.

THOUGH THE somewhat arty designs may not show up at the River Rouge plant, they may well work their way into everyday wardrobes.

Of course, that's sort of where they come from. While Barbara Dulian was feeling the environment, a trend toward as-theistic workman clothes was already under way. Street fashions worn mostly by teenagers were filtering up and butcher aprons and grease monkey jumpsuits were soon found on people other than butchers and mechanics. Also, you didn't have to be sick to be seen in surgeon gowns and hospital robes.

In the face of that trend, Ms. Dulian's line is refreshing. Instead of complacently adhering to the authentic factory blues and

workline greys, the pieces are spiced with color. At the same time they don't lose the flavor or their origin.

Tomato red, orange and shocking pink, bright yellow and turquoise, white, pale lavender or salmon all mix and match.

The combinations are up to you and depend on how garish you want to be, but no matter what you put with what, the results are lively.

THEIR ORIGIN is reflected in the industrial-strength fabric, notions and designs and make the clothes the kind of stuff that takes any amount of abuse whether you're working or not.

"Work doesn't necessarily mean going to the office," said Ms. Dulian. "Maybe it's going to the store or gardening. It's the activity of the day."

Hopefully, she said, her clothes will become the way women want to dress, combining comfort and practicality.

If they do not become a permanent wardrobe fixture, they are, at least, fun. Because they are inexpensive they are great for experimenting with colors and looks. Too, investing \$9 in a cheap chic apron may be the best protection you can give you \$200 Calvin Klein.

