

New Girl Scout Troop Special In Many Ways

Some of the most enthusiastic Girl Scouts you'll find anywhere in this area are members of a brand new troop at the Beechview School in Farmington.

Its members are the girls in the special education classes for trainable children.

And its leader, almost as excited as the girls about this new turn in scouting, is Mrs. Judy Stanley of West Bloomfield, who comes to Beechview each week to enjoy a session that utilizes her training in teaching the retarded and her experience in the Girl Scout program.

THE WEEKLY meeting of Junior Troop 225 takes place during school hours.

While it is going on, Mrs. Nancy Viles and Marylou Seldon, special education teachers, have some projects going for the boys in the classes.

They had been hoping for a long time to begin some special enrichment program like Girl Scouting for the retarded youngsters in the classes, Mrs. Stanley said.

Because the children are bussed to Beechview, after school meetings were out, she added, so school officials gave permission for meetings during school hours.

"WE'VE BEEN MEETING since the first of October," Mrs. Stanley said, "and we've sold calendars and are planning to go winter camping—doing all the Girl Scout things."

"Just now we're working on the art in the round badge and the girls are enjoying working with glass, wire sculpture and papier mache."

"The teachers have been so enthusiastic, it makes my job easy," Mrs. Stanley said.

"THE TROOP'S investiture came a couple of weeks ago," the leader said, "and that was when the girls wore their uniforms for the first time."

"You never saw any Girl Scouts as proud. One mother told me her daughter got up at 5 in the morning to put it on. And they all knew the Girl Scout promise and managed to get their three fingers up to say it. Some of them have coordination problems, you know, so that was quite a feat."

The program is proving so successful, Mrs. Stanley said, that there are plans to extend it to the Eagle School where there are classes of physically handicapped children.

"We have the permission to go ahead, and there's a lot of enthusiasm among the girls

and their parents," she said. "It will be started sometime this year or next September for sure."

WHEN IT GETS under way, Mrs. Stanley will take over as leader, adding to a schedule that already includes a Brownie troop in West Bloomfield and volunteering at her neighborhood school three days a week.

Mrs. Stanley is a graduate of Kansas State University and taught slow-learners in Pasadena for five years. She also served as director of a school for the retarded in Atlanta, and has been an active Girl Scout leader for five years.

Her husband, L. Eugene Stanley, is director of marketing for Omni Spectra, Inc., in Farmington.

Besides a son, they have two daughters—both Girl Scouts, of course.



TAKING THE GIRL SCOUT OATH are some of the members of new Troop 225 at Beechview School in Farmington. From left are

Mrs. Judy Stanley, leader; Mrs. Jody Budde, co-leader; and Sue Schmidt, Mary Karczewski and Frances Falinski. (Ever photo)



Irene Kampen Scores

'Humorous Writer' Is Funny Speaker, Too

By MARGARET MILLER

"I had a large house with a large mortgage, a sinkful of dirty dishes, a hungry daughter and two hungry cats. So I did the only thing I could think of—sat down and wrote a book."

And that was how Irene Kampen changed her status from that of "professional ex" to "humorous writer," she told a delighted Northville Town Hall audience last week.

UP TO THEN, she explained to the ladies and Northville High students, she had been an ex-wife, ex-student, ex-saleslady, ex-

taker of public opinion polls and ex-columnist in the local newspaper.

That book, she said, was "about all the terrible things that had happened to me, written to make them seem terribly funny," and it was titled "Life Without George."

It changed Mrs. Kampen's life because it was sold to television as a basis for "The Lucy Show," starring Lucille Ball.

"They didn't change it too much," Mrs. Kampen said in answer to a question during the celebrity luncheon in Farmington's Holiday Inn, "except that they made Lucy

a widow instead of a divorcee, which I was."

"I guess they didn't want to sully her reputation. So the year that series started running she divorced Desi Arnaz."

MRS. KAMPEN also gave her audience rib-tickling commentaries on several of the other books she has written since "Life Without George" in 1961.

Like her most famous, "Due to Lack of Interest Tomorrow has been Canceled."

"That was a graffiti I found at the University of Wisconsin when I went back to finish up my undergraduate work for a degree in journalism," she said.

"I should mention that my second favorite graffiti from that period was 'Candy is dandy but sex doesn't rot your teeth,' and that I never felt so old in my life as I did then."

Itse had to choose the most traumatic experience of her life, she said, it would be a toss-up between breaking her leg at the close of skiing research for "Last Year at Sugar Bush—the Confessions of a Fallen Woman," and the wedding of her daughter that came out in print as "Here Comes the Bride—There Goes Mother."

"You ladies who have been mothers of the bride will want to relate that time with me," she told her audience. "You who have been mothers of the groom can do exactly what you did during the wedding preparations—absolutely nothing."

SHE ALSO TOLD of her experiences spending a week losing six pounds at a beauty spa.

"What you get for all that money," she said, "is 500 calories a day—beautifully presented."

"At breakfast they bring you a tray with an egg and a rose. You eat the egg, and so sometimes you eat the rose."

Her most recent book, she said, recounts her experiences traveling in Russia with Russian-born Nita Magaffi, and now, she added, she's working on one "about women like me."



RICHARD KNIGHT and Linda Danic aren't worrying about Dick's wheelchair. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

A Wheelchair Can't Daunt Wedding Plans

A wheelchair played a major role in the romance of Linda Danic and Richard Knight of Westland.

And after they're married Nov. 20 in St. Damian Catholic Church, it will continue to be ever-present in their home. It's a fact of life they accept but keep in perspective.

Knight was injured in a diving accident in a back-yard pool in Taylor in June of 1966.

HE SUFFERED a severed spine and was treated in Veterans' Hospital until last July, when he moved to the Riverbank Convalescent Home in Livonia.

Linda was working there as an aide.

"We met when I went into shave him one day," she said later. "I knew right away he was different—intelligent and nice to talk to."

"Before long I found I couldn't stay out of that room."

DICK, WHO HAD worked nearly 15 years as a telephone lineman, was at that point studying accounting as a means of making his living from a wheelchair.

But early in October he slipped a diamond ring on Linda's finger and decided to accept a position as a distributor of home cleaning products.

The couple set their wedding date and purchased a trailer home that they will locate in Canton Township.

Dick also took an evaluation test and learned he'll be able to drive and can get special equipment to help him get himself from wheelchair to car.

"That way, he can be on his own the job and Linda will continue working at the nursing home for a while."

WHILE WEDDING and therapy plans are being completed, Dick has moved from Riverbank to stay temporarily at the home of Linda's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. H. Holinger.

"I used to hate her days off," Dick grinned. "Now I hate to see her go to work." He has no hope of walking again. "Not unless they can come up with a new way to repair an injury like mine," he said, "and the doctors I've talked to indicate that's not likely in this century."

But the continuing presence of a wheelchair in their marriage doesn't daunt this young couple at all.

"We understand there are plenty of adjustments we'll have to make," Dick said. "But we're going to make it work," his future wife added.

Ladywood High To Hold Tours

Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh, Livonia, is holding an open house for prospective students and their parents on Thursday, Nov. 18,

from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Building tours will be conducted by student guides. Teachers will also attend.

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12x9-0	Gold Tip Shear 501 Nylon	95	\$48
12x9-7	Gold Kodel	115	\$65
12x13-4	Rustic Kitchen Carpet	148	\$69
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12x13-2	Copper 501 Nylon	144	\$69
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10x8-10	Shag Stripe	120	\$40
12x10-0	Rustic Kitchen Carpet	90	\$38
12x8-0	Stardustwood 501 Nylon	90	\$42
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IRENE KAMPEN at Northville Town Hall (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)