

# 'Mr. Monroy's Girls' Honor A Rare Cadette Leader



CO-LEADERS, clockwise around Monroy, are Mrs. Edyth Davis, Mrs. Ann Timmons, Mrs. Judy Cleveland, Mrs. Mary Jordan, Mrs. Judy Getzfrid and Mrs. Sue McCallum. (Evert photos)

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Women's Editor

"We love you, Freddie," (to the tune of "Bye, Bye Birdie") sounded loud and clear through the halls of St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington last week.

"Mr. Monroy's girls" had gathered for the most unusual Girl Scout dinner to pay tribute to a most unusual Girl Scout leader.

There were nearly 100 of them, ranging in age from seventh-grader to high school senior, and they pulled a surprise so complete that for once in his life J. Fred Monroy was at a loss for words.

IT WAS in the fall of 1966 that this Farmington resident who had long been a Boy Scout leader decided to take over a troop of Cadette Girl Scouts.

He did it for exactly the same reason that other leaders begin in Girl Scouting - so his junior high daughters could have a troop.

But right there any similarity between this leader and others ends.

For one thing, he was the first man in these parts to assume that role. And for another, he offered his troop a program so filled with activity that you can find scores of lifetime admirers among his Cadettes and their families.

That was why so many girls were on hand to see their Mr. Monroy receive his five-year Girl Scout pin.

RHEA SORVARI, Girl Scout field director for Farmington and Novi, summed up the Monroy philosophy in a limerick she composed for the occasion:

"There was once a leader named Fred, Gave Girl

Scouting a kick in the head. Got himself off the hook. As he threw out the book. And took the girls camping instead. That probably explains why, as the girls passed "remember when" stories along the long tables, most of the accounts were of camping experiences. And why the slides shown later were mostly camp scenes.

Especially the girls remembered the compass hikes, when their Boy Scout leader showed them how to find their way back to the cabin by compass, the cold-weather canoe trips, (We always consulted the Almanac and found the worst weather.) Monroy explained, and the cabin shenanigans.

The leader, who had been invited by co-leaders Edyth Davis and Judy Cleveland to participate in a potluck dinner with his current Cadettes, was

amazed to see his "alumnae" and former co-leaders file out of the back room of the church. Monroy in recent years has given up active leadership in Girl Scout leader, presented the five-year pin and Mrs. Sorvari gave him a course.

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CADETTES AND ALUMNAE gathered to pay tribute to J. Fred Monroy.



GIRL SCOUT LEADER MONROY receives a five-year membership pin from his wife, Norma.

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## Spotlight on Women

### m. m. memos

For those who may still be mystified about the new math, may I offer a public service explanation.

The following came out of our 10th grader's geometry class one day when there was a bit of free time. Maybe that was the original mistake.

Anyway, she tells me the kids started making puns out of geometry terms.

They started with some obvious ones, like what you say when your parrot flies out of the window (polygon) and ditto for a witch (hexagon).

Moving on, someone asked what do you say when you are turned into a big plant. The answer is "Gee, I'm a tree! (Geometry - get it?)"

Then there were some pretty bad types like dirty underwear is algae-bra, or algebra, two light-colored weight measures could be called a pair of yellow grams, or parallelogram, and a small insect that plays the drums is, of course, a rhythmic tick, or arithmetic.

Some were too obscure to try to explain in this small space. But when the list came home, I had to get in on the act.

What, I asked my daughter, do you call a loop of rope hanging above a tall toilet? The answer was simple, I assured her. A high-potty-noose. (If you can't translate, find a math book.)

And that, I'm glad to say, is my total contact with geometry these days.

-Margaret Miller

## Friend To Many Now Could Use A Helping Hand

A Plymouth lady who over the years has bundled perhaps tons of clothing for the unfortunate around the world is in need of a little help.

Mrs. Mary Rose Evans, 396 Auburn, has 41 boxes full of used clothing that she would like to send to the Indians who live at Cross Village near Petoskey.

It's all tied up and ready to go, and Mrs. Evans wonders if there might be someone in this area with a truck who would transport it.

"SENDING BY MAIL is getting expensive," she said. She should know, because between last July 10 and Jan. 1 of this year she paid \$345 in postage for shipments to an

orphange in South Dakota, a mission in Durbin, South Africa, and Cross Village.

"This is the 11th year I've sent things out," Mrs. Evans said. "I have names of places in South America, too, that need help."

When the 1,500 or more pounds of clothing now bundled reaches its Cross City destination, it will be sold in rummage sales to be conducted in three churches in the area.

"The Indians are a proud people and they don't like to have things given them free," Mrs. Evans explained. "So the churches put a very small price on the things, and the Indians feel they are getting a great bargain."



MRS. MARY ROSE EVANS and some of the bundles that fill her living room. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

## Poetry And Protest AAUW Theme

The Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its last general meeting of the year at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, in Junior High West on Sheldon Road.

The evening's program, "Lyrics in Protest," will be presented by members of the branch's own literature study group.

Under the direction of Mrs. William A. Riley, the group will use poetry and historical sketches to trace the development of American

social protest from earliest times to the present. Those participating in the program will be Mrs. William A. Fisher, Mrs. Richard Albee, Mrs. John D. Campbell, Mrs. Norman Norgren, Patricia Dorrian, and Mrs. Michael Malmer.

Area women who are graduates of an accredited college or university are eligible for membership in the Plymouth AAUW. Interested women may call Mrs. Hugh Jarvis, 1438 Palmer, for further information or transportation arrangements.

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