



Troop 161 Brownies Are Busy As Bees Out Around Novi

The Brownies of Troop 161 which meets at Orchard Hills Elementary School in Novi are busy as the proverbial bees working on their World Association pins. They spent one meeting learning greetings in Spanish, French, Japanese, German and English. They have been discussing Brownie-Scouts of other lands and how the Scout promise differs from one country to another. For instance—in England the Scouts promise to "love God and their country and the Queen".

At their next meeting the girls will be bringing in dolls

addressed in the costumes of other countries and also various articles from foreign lands. The scouts will explain to each other any pertinent information about the articles they bring in. After all their work the Scouts will receive their World Association pins Jan. 23.

ON DEC. 19 the Brownies had a Christmas party and also made articles to give to their parents as gifts. They made pencil containers for their fathers by decorating a juice can and also made a small floral decoration for their mothers.

Just before the holidays the girls had a surprise outing. The parents of Debbie Clark have a riding stable and to help celebrate Debbie's birthday they made arrangements for the whole troop to go on a hay ride. After the ride the girls had hot dogs, potato chips, hot chocolate and, of course, birthday cake.

THIS TROOP has 19 Brownies who were invested into Girl Scouts in November. This is a whole new troop and the scouts have really been working.

On one of their first trips the Brownies hiked to the riding stable and took a complete tour of the place. They saw baby lambs, goats, calves, pigs and chicks and were shown how these were cared for.

The co-leaders of this action troop are Mrs. Shirley Brooks and Mrs. Pat Clark and they certainly have been working.

JUNIOR TROOP 711 which meets at Cloverdale School, Mrs. Lin Miller and Mrs. Julie Gueide, co-leaders, held a court of honor Jan. 9 and elected new patrol leaders. Patrol 1 has Sharon Rowe as leader and

Weda Dotson as assistant; Patrol 2 has Debbie Bassmand as leader and Linda Pavey as assistant; Patrol 3 has Sue Jordan as leader and Lori Mansfield as assistant. The troop treasurer is Sharleen Harper and the scribe is Beth Jamieson.

The 20 girls who made up the troop last year had been saving their troop funds for a camping trip but due to unavoidable circumstances the trip was canceled. To make up for this the girls planned a hayride and dinner at Upland Hills Farm Nov. 16. They all

went there on a bus and after their ride they also had a chance to tour the farm with a guide.

The new girls in the troop will be invested as Junior Scouts Jan. 23. The parents will be invited to attend and will be served cupcakes and other goodies made by the scouts. There will be a flag ceremony and after the investiture the older girls will be re-dedicated to Scouting.

The girls are making many plans for the months ahead and hope to spend a weekend at Greenfield Village some time this spring.

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