

Spotlight on Women

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Scouting Alumnae Plan Campout

"Where have all the Girl Scouts gone? Long time passing..."

They've grown up, of course, and moved on to college and jobs.

And then to marriage and families, and a few become Girl Scout leaders and wear the green again.

But not many get the chance coming this weekend for Senior Girl Scout Troop 258 of Farmington. Former members of that troop, and for some scouting days go back two decades, will gather on the farm of their longtime leader, Mrs. Bridget Reagan, now of Hillsdale.

THEIR HOSTESSES for the alumni campout will be the current seniors of Troop 258 and their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Sharpe. Victoria Sharpe was, naturally, a member of Mrs. Reagan's troop during her high school days.

Bridget Reagan organized the troop in 1951. It was the first senior Girl Scout troop in the Farmington - Clarendville area at that time, and for a lot of the years of its history it was the only one.

She stayed with the troop until two years ago when she and her husband, Fred, moved to their Hillsdale farm.

Vicki Papke Sharpe, who worked with her a couple of years until taking over as leader, took her seniors on a pajama party to the Reagan farm last year.

"Then a couple of us got thinking it would be fun to have a scout reunion, and from there it mushroomed," she said.

AT THIS POINT there are 26 families of former Troop 258ers planning to come for a weekend campout on the big farm.

Other families have sent word that they'll be there just for Saturday, when current members of the troop are planning a full day of activities for small fry as well as their parents.

One family is coming from Flint, Mrs. Sharpe said, and another from Ohio. "We have a couple of girls living in Illinois who wrote that they wouldn't be able to make it," she added.

A committee headed by Laura Langdon, 26364 LaMueira, Farmington, is getting in touch with former members. Miss Langdon, who graduated from Troop 258 last June, will give directions to the farm to those who call her.

SATURDAY'S ACTIVITIES will include a treasure hunt and games for everyone. After a potluck supper Saturday night there will be a camp fire with plenty of scout songs, and Sunday morning will begin with a Scouts' Own service on the farm.

Later, the alumnae and their families, as well as the present seniors, will attend Catholic and Methodist church services in Hillsdale, and at the latter the Reagans will receive a gift from their Farmington area scouting friends, Mrs. M.K. MacIvaine of Farmington has headed arrangements for that part of the weekend.

BRIDGET REAGAN first led a junior Girl Scout troop in Detroit when her own girls, Judy and Jo, were members.

The senior troop was organized after the family moved to Farmington. Her first assistant was Pat Catherman, and later Mrs. Dorothy Leach, Mrs. Barbara Papke, and Mrs. Marge Schulkins worked with her.

Vicki and Ren Sharpe have headed the troop for the last two years, both before and since their marriage in June of this year.

Troop 258 now has more than 20 members and meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Bridget Reagan, a rare leader in the world of Girl Scouting, is getting a rare return on her investment of concern for girls.

"Where have all the Girl Scouts gone? Gone to Hillsdale, every one..."



SENIOR GIRLS SCOUTS of Farmington Troop 258 are planning an alumnae campout for former troop members and their families. It will be held on the Hillsdale farm on Mrs. Bridget Reagan, left, their longtime leader. Above, making arrangements, are (from left) Diane Kelly, troop president; Mrs. Victoria Sharpe, a member of Mrs. Reagan's troop and now leader; and Laura Langdon, recent graduate of the troop who is coordinating the weekend. (Evert photo)



Art Linkletter Advises

Make Pot Use Misdemeanor

By MARGARET MILLER

Art Linkletter, who has had more reason than most to make a serious study of the drug scene, is convinced that marijuana is not a narcotic, but he can't go along with the push to legalize it.

"Misdemeanor" is the penalty he would hang on use and sale of marijuana.

"It should not be decriminalized or legalized, but it shouldn't be a felony," he told a Northville Town Hall audience here last week.

THE TOWN HALL'S opener, who has worked to understand the drug picture since his daughter's death three years ago, said during the celebrity luncheon that he considers marijuana the most misunderstood of drugs.

"The young feel pot is their alcohol," Linkletter said, "but there are some major differences."

"It has a reverse tolerance - the more you take the less you need for a high. That's not true of alcohol, except in the case of an alcoholic."

"And a person may be completely stoned on marijuana, yet operate well physically. The trouble is, he's mentally disoriented. So he can get to his car and drive, but you don't know what he'll do with that car."

diotic and doesn't necessarily lead to use of other drugs.

"It's not as bad as we've thought, but it's not good," he added.

THE SPEAKER also said that he felt the president's commission that recently reported on a study of

marijuana had taken into consideration all the past misinformation and had "swung too far the other way."

"Most thoughtful experts on drugs cannot accept that report in its entirety," he said, "and neither do I."

Besides reporting his observations of the drug scene,

Linkletter related anecdotes, about his longtime friend, President Nixon; told about his radio and television interview shows, and drew a big round of applause when he said he was negotiating to begin another one.

He said his three-year "period of re-education"

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THE LINKLETTER CHARM is much in evidence as Northville Town Hall speaker Art Linkletter converses with three Livonians (from left): Lois Moellmann, Shirley Stalo and Betty Moelken. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

'Dear Abby' Is Farmington Town Hall Star

Abigail Van Buren, the "Dear Abby" of newspaper and radio fame, will open the Farmington Town Hall series at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, in the Northland Theater, Southfield.

Tickets for the series, which also includes Peter Lind Hayes, Nita Magidoff and Jeanne Dixon, are \$10 and available by calling the Farmington Community Center.

Celebrity luncheons in Vladimir's restaurant, Farmington, will follow the talks. Requests for reservations for the Van Buren luncheon must include the number printed on the season ticket.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

m. m. memos

With busy daughters in three schools - four, if you count a university - I knew we were in for a year of close scheduling.

Just how close became clear in the last few days when I became aware that on three successive days I was being invited to three schools' annual open houses (open hicc, maybe?)

The tidings came with an "I hope you can come but I know it's your night to work" from Miss Junior High, an "It's perfectly all right if you don't make it" from Miss High School and complete nonchalance from Miss Sixth Grade.

I figured probably I'd manage to attend all three affairs, along with the rest of the meetings and concerts that are coming for the rest of the year.

But I found myself looking ahead to next year, when we'd have everyone in just one school (unless, again you count institutions of higher learning.)

I mentioned this to our high school senior, commenting too that we'd be involved with just one Girl Scout troop instead of three or four.

"You had that for several years before any of us got to junior high," she pointed out, "and you just didn't appreciate it."

You know, she's right. Guess I'll plan to enjoy those open houses.

Margaret Miller

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