

# 'S'more' Stories Of A Girl Scout Leader

By MARGARET MILLER

When you're a Cadette Girl Scout leader and your girls tell you "you could write a book," there's just one course of action.

You write a book. Mrs. Judy Cleveland of Farmington is the author, and the book she wrote - with help from a couple of friends also in Girl Scouting - is a true chronicle of a leader who found Scouting too much fun to quit.

It's titled, with complete logic, "A Little Bit Led to S'more." Judy admits it was a Boy Scout friend who came up with the idea of naming the volume after S'mores, those gooey confections of graham crackers, chocolate bars and roasted marshmallows dear to the hearts of Girl Scouts everywhere.

But the encouragement for the writing came from Mrs. Betty Stone of Latrop Village and Mrs. Julie Dawson of Birmingham - as well as

the girls in Cadette Troop 317 in Farmington.

Judy and Fred Monroy are co-leaders of that troop, and a good share of the book are about its adventures and misadventures.

Mrs. Stone is illustrator of the book, coming officially off the presses Friday, Oct. 12, and Mrs. Dawson, former staff member for Southern Oakland Girl Scouts (SOGS), is publisher.

The three had worked together on the SOGS public relations committee, and that's how "S'more" had its beginning.

To publicize Girl Scout week in March this year, the public relations committee put out a humorous article Judy wrote about Scouts, especially those in Troop 317.

It came complete with illustrations by co-leader Monroy, and this newspaper gave it a big spread.

The Cadettes in 317 were delighted and started telling their Mrs. Cleveland she should write a book.

"A LITTLE BIT Led to S'more" is the title of the book on Girl Scouting that this trio is publishing; so that led to trying out some s'mores. From left are Betty Stone, illustrator; Julie Dawson, publisher, and Judy Cleveland, author. (Evert photo)

At first it seemed a good joke, said Judy, who had led Brownie and Junior before Cadettes. "But then I started thinking about all the adventures we've had," she said "and when the ideas started coming at 3 a.m., I decided it was time to start writing."

Julie Dawson had by this time resigned her full-time job with SOGS and was thinking of a business that would help other women develop their talents. The book seemed a natural.

"And the person we wanted for illustrator was Betty Stone," Mrs. Dawson said. "She has done many illustrations for Girl Scout publicity and would know just what we wanted."

So the book became a three-woman project and definitely a fun one because the trio agreed, "we enjoy each other."

Ads have been placed in American Girl and the Girl Scout leaders magazine, and already some orders have been received.

"We'll see now if it sells,"



Julie said. "We think it will, because there's no comparable publication for Girl Scouts, and we have a big built-in potential market when you consider all the Scouts and their parents and leaders."

"A Little Bit Led to S'more," costing \$2, can be purchased only by writing or telephoning Mrs. Peter Dawson, Dept. E, 831 Gordon Lane, Birmingham, 48009.

Tucked into each book as a bonus is an embroidered patch - showing a s'more, of course - and suitable for sewing onto jacket, jeans or hat. The patches are all ready but the ladies still have to add chocolate with liquid embroidery.

Judy Cleveland's current 317 girls are likely to be early customers. "But you have to promise," she told them solemnly they almost believed her, "that you won't read it until you're out of the troop. I don't want you getting any ideas."

## Film Stars To Headline 2 Town Halls

Two names often in theater lights, David Niven and Olivia de Havilland, will headline the Livonia and Farmington Town Hall openings Oct. 17 and 18.

Niven will be speaker for the Livonia series at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Terrace Theater, 30400 Plymouth, Livonia.

Miss de Havilland's talk is scheduled by the Farmington Town Hall in the Northland Theater, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield, at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18.

Both also will be guests at celebrity luncheons following the lectures.

Niven, making the Livonia Town Hall appearances one of the first in a new lecture tour, leads off a series that also will feature writer and columnist Marjorie Holmes on Nov. 14, naturalist Jean-Pierre Hallet Jan. 18, and television personality Virginia Graham March 20.

Tickets for the lecture series are \$10 and may be purchased at the theater at the time of the Niven talk.

The Livonia celebrity luncheons are held in the

Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. Luncheon reservations must be made by calling the telephone number printed on the back of the season tickets. Reservations for the Niven luncheon are due by Friday, Oct. 12.

Miss de Havilland, who made many top films in Hollywood and now makes her home in Paris, will use as her topic "From the City of Stars to the City of Lights."

The Farmington series she opens also will include as speakers photographer Philippe Halsman on Nov. 15, writer Irene Kampen on March 21, and writer Catherine Marshall on April 18.

Series tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the theater or reserved with Mrs. Rita Mosshamer, 34032 Moore Drive, Farmington.

Farmington celebrity luncheons are held in Vladimir's Restaurant, Grand River at Eight Mile. They cost \$5.50 and reservations should be telephoned to Shirley Hatfield at the Farmington Board of Education by 12 noon Monday, Oct. 15.



OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND



DAVID NIVEN

## Pine Cones Stockpiled

## Juniors Gather For Project

A huge stockpile of pine cones, acorns, thistle and other dried material will be

turned into big, decorative wreaths as the Western Suburban Junior Women's Club

conducts its annual workshops early next month. The workshops, in which

anyone interested can fashion a holiday wreath for the investment of \$7.50 and one evening, are scheduled Nov. 7, 8 and 9 in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church.

All materials will be furnished, and the club will use the proceeds to raise funds for a Schoolcraft College scholarship, to support the Kidney Foundation and to make a donation to Loeh Rin, a home for young girls in Belleville.

Workshops will begin at 8 p.m. each evening. On Thursday, Nov. 8, a 10:30 a.m. session also is planned.

Reservations will be closed Oct. 30, but the club urges all interested to reserve space early since all places usually are filled before the deadline.

Those interested in making a wreath or two for the holidays may make reservations by calling Mrs. Kenneth Zeeman, 14880 Farmbrook, Plymouth.

The wreath project was begun by the Western Suburban Junior club in 1968 when Mrs. Alma Kelly, then conservation chairman, learned a new, fast and foolproof method of fashioning the popular wreaths.

In the first workshop that year, club members brought their own materials and paid for the workshop. Since then the project has become a major fund-raiser for the organization, with members gathering the materials all summer.

Carolyn Zeeman has headed the project for several years.

This year, each member was asked to be responsible for three 20-gallon plastic bags full of pine cones and assorted other materials; to be sure of having a good supply for the workshop.



PLENTY OF PINE CONES, tassel and other dried materials are on hand for the holiday wreath workshop the Western Suburban Women's Club is planning Nov. 5 to 7 in Plymouth. Out foraging were Linda Staff (left), Carolyn Zeeman and Carole Dunn. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

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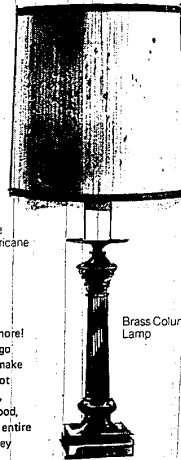
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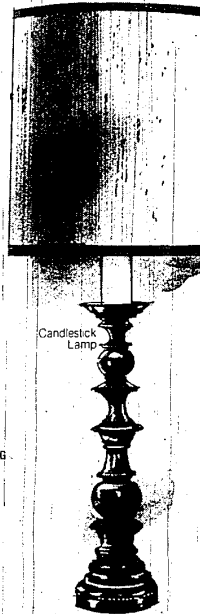
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