



BROWNIE LEADER Jim Sakowski supervises as the girls in Redford Township Troop 223 explore the mysteries of camping equipment. They showed its use during the Girl Scout thinking day program last week. (Kathy Willens photo)



HERB PILLO, Senior Girl Scout leader, works with two of the members of his troop on a craft project. The girls are Nancy Evangelista (center) and Pauline Jarvela. (Evert photo)



m. m. memos

Now that saving energy is a national hobby, you run into the word at every turn.

For instance, I read last week about a brand new hair style called "the energy cut."

The short cut is designed, its originators explained, so that the lady who wears it can mainly care for it herself, thus saving gasoline energy by not driving so often to visit her hairdresser and electrical energy by not over-using her hair drier.

The picture looked familiar to me, I guess because it's the way I've worn my own hair for years. Funny thing, though, I always thought the purpose was to save NY energy.

Then there was the sign on an area office I had reason to visit. "Because of the energy crisis, we are using the rear door off the parking lot," said the note taped to the locked front door.

That threw me a bit — seemed to me it would take less energy to turn the knob than to walk around.

But all was made clear after I took the hike. That front door, it turned out, opened directly into the main office, so the blast of cold air coming in with each visitor was hard on the thermostat.

The back door, at the end of a hallway, caused less warm air displacement. Logical, after all?

Not so logical seemed the report of a friend that she had trouble getting a flight to Chicago last weekend.

The way it was explained to her, the airlines were reducing service to New Orleans because of the energy crisis — everybody who wanted to go there for the Mardi gras festivities was flying by way of Chicago.

Now wouldn't it be more saving of energy to make the flight a direct one?

I won't try to figure that one out. Got to save energy, you know.

—Margaret Miller

Club honors past presidents

Past presidents of the Women's Club of Plymouth

will be honored at a tea Friday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Pat Silea, executive director of Michigan Woman's Commission, will speak on "Some of the Critical Problems Women Face in Today's World." There will be a question and answer period.

Chairman for the day will be Mrs. Hugh Lafferty. Tea chairman Mrs. William Baumgartner will be assisted by Mrs. Keith Baughman, Mrs. Charles Catlett, Mrs. Robert Dickman, Mrs. J.D. McLaren, Mrs. Charles Newland, Mrs. Michale Perish, Commission, will speak on "Some of the Critical Problems Women Face in Today's World." There will be a question and answer period.

'They relate well'

Dads lead Girl Scout troops

A Livonia auto company electrician, an educator and an advertising executive who live in Farmington have a lot in common.

They all are fathers who are leaders of Girl Scout troops.

Jim Sakowski with his brownie troop, Herbert Pillo and his Senior Scouts and Bob Klepinger with his junior high Cadettes represent a new trend in Girl Scouting that seems a great way to go.

Dads as leaders, say the professional workers in the Girl Scout program, seem to relate well to girls of all ages accustomed — until a few years ago — to exclusively female leadership in their program.

In most cases, the fathers have entered the program so there would be a troop for their daughters to join. Volunteer leaders aren't always that easy to find.

They are staying because they find it fun.

"No woman would take the troop," is Jim Sakowski's explanation of why he's leader of brownie Troop 223, sponsored by the altar society of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford Township.

And his daughter, seven-year-old Theresa, wanted to be a Brownie, so her father headed into the Girl Scout leadership course.

"I was the only man in the course," he said, "but it went all right. I had been a boy scout."

Twelve brownies were assigned to the troop that meets Wednesday night after supper in the Sakowski home.

"When I held the first mother's meeting," Sakowski reported later, "every single

brownie's mother attended. I think they were curious to meet the man who would be a leader. I guess they were pleased, and they've all volunteered to help."

Assistance from Roseanne Wenzak, the senior scout big sister of one of the brownies, has been a big help, Sakowski said.

He got off early from work to take his girls to a Redford Township "thinking day" program last week.

"But I did tell them I couldn't bake cookies for the refreshments," he said.

Herb Pillo of Farmington figures this is his first year as a "real" girl scout leader after being one in previous years "in name only."

"My wife, Dorothy, is area representative for Farmington and Novi," he explained, "so she couldn't officially be the leader of the Cadette troop we had for a few years.

"So I was listed with her as leader, but she did most of the work."

This year, with the senior troop, he feels it's mostly his leadership.

"I've enjoyed working with the troop, and my wife and I both feel that older girls in the scouting program relate as well or better to a man."

"One of the hang ups with senior girls is that they are so busy with other things, but if you work around that you can have a good program. We had a camping weekend at Osoda and everyone had a fine time."

Bob Klepinger, advertising executive whose daughter Lori was ready to be a cadette three years ago, found himself in the program to keep her a girl scout.

Then there is Reinhold

Sharp of Redford Township, who "married into" Senior Troop 238 in Farmington. His wife, Vicki, was leader of that group, and they've made it a cooperative venture in the last few years.

Fred Monroy, the "dean" of gentleman girl scout leaders in this area, is still going strong with Cadette Troop 317 in Farmington after seven years.

Long involved with boy scout troops, he found work with a girl scout troop most satisfying when health reasons forced him to give up some of the more strenuous scouting activity.

And "Mr. Monroy's girls now in colleges all around the state can attest to the obvious truth that there are special men who make very special girl scout leaders."

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Good citizen awards

DAR honors area girls

Six senior girls from Observerland high schools have been named by local Daughters of the American Revolution chapters as their Good Citizens of 1974.

The awards are presented each year to young women chosen by their teachers and fellow students because of their outstanding scholarship, service to school and community, dependability, patriotism and participation in school activities.

Receiving awards during February, American History month for the DAR, were Dawn Haapala of Clarenceville High School, Jane Baaken of St. Agatha, Margaret Rzepka of Thurston, Lisa Ann Clarke of Farmington High, Pamela Ann Stock of North Farmington and Kathleen Bush of Bishop Borgess.

Each received a bronze medal to denote the award and a certificate issued by the national DAR.

The winners from Clarenceville, Thurston, Bishop Borgess and St. Agatha received their awards from the John Sackett chapter of the DAR and during a luncheon meeting in the home of Mrs.

Clayton Nacker of Redford Township.

The chapter also honored ten girls from communities outside the metropolitan area.

The Three Flags DAR chapter honored the girls from the two Farmington high schools and five other schools.

The Patriotic Tea that was the occasion for the presentations took place in the home of Mrs. Edward Christopher of Southfield. Mrs. Ronald Zimbrunnen of Plymouth, Three Flags chairman, bestowed the awards.

All the young women honored have been active participants in both school and community activities.

Dawn Haapala, Clarenceville winner, is senior yearbook editor, served as president and vice-president of the Future Homemakers of America chapter in her school and was a member of several other clubs as well as the swim team.

She was elected for three years to the National Honor Society and has been accepted by Michigan State University, where she hopes to study physical therapy.

St. Agatha's Jane Baaken lists as her interests skating, tennis, reading and craft work. She is employed in a doctor's office and plans to study nutrition at Hillsdale College in the fall.

Margaret Rzepka, Thurston High winner, has served three years on the student council and has been a member of the band and the girls' basketball team as well as being a cheer-leader. She also is a member of the National Honor Society.

Kathleen Bush of Bishop Borgess has been captain of her school's varsity swim team, member of the National Honor Society and active in student government.

Lisa Ann Clarke, president of the Farmington High School student council, also is a member of the National Honor Society and the Farmington school district Round Table, which is made of school board members, teachers and students.

She has attended leadership training school for student government at the University of Michigan, worked as candy-striper in the Farmington Nursing Home and for two years has taught

a swimming class for children with learning disabilities. She plans to study special education at Central Michigan University.

Pamela Ann Stock, president of the North Farmington High National Honor Society, is a member of the school's synchronized swimming group and a baton twirler and majorette with the marching band. She tutors students in Spanish and geometry and plans to study animal technology at Michigan State University.



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