



AN OLD nylon parachute becomes a fine playtime device for this group of girls at the Girl Scout's Homestead Camp.

Homestead Camp reveals wonders

"Superfun." That's what it is. So says Trudy Brown of her week spent this month at the Columbia River Girl Scout Council's Homestead Day Camp, a yearly event in a secluded spot in the woods near Rhododendron.

The camp, in operation now for about 10 years, gives girls ages 6 to 13 experience in outdoor skills and handicrafts as well as providing time for games and sing-a-longs.

Each weekly session ends with an overnight stay at The Homestead, with parents helping out as chaperones.

Camp director Marianne Elliott described the camp theme as "Homestead—Discovering Hidden

Wonders." Under that theme the girls have planted trees, learned about the forest and visited Rhododendron resident Charlie Lake and his collection of goats, birds and llamas.

Other goals include fostering safe woods behavior, developing originality, encouraging group participation and helping the campers grow in understanding of themselves and other campers or staff members.

One of the week's highlights was a visit by a contingent from the Zigzag Ranger Station led by Shelley Butler. They brought them an authentic Indian teepee, and held sessions for the campers with old Indian folk tales, Indian food and a narrative of the Indians' relation with nature and the forest.

"That was really an unforgettable experience," said Elliott of the glimpse of the area's ancient lore.

Something the youngsters especially enjoyed was an Indian game played with a genuine deerhide ball.

The campers seem nearly unanimous in their enjoyment of The Homestead.

Trudy Brown said for her the camp was a place to "learn crafts, make good friends with other people and learn how to cooperate."

Trudy has been a Homesteader for six years—testimony enough to the camp's popularity.

Teresa Hower, a Welches sixth grader, cites "lots of friends" as being a big attraction. Picking berries with a container made of tree bark was a favorite as well.

The camp buildings, hidden among the trees a few hundred yards off Highway 26, originally belonged to W.J. Creighton, a general contractor. Although he and his wife had no children of their own, Mrs. Creighton worked for years in the Welches School District. When her husband died the property was willed to the Columbia River Girl Scouts.

Now, the grounds teem with girls playing games, laughing, working on crafts and singing.

One little girl, who had early reservations about the overnight stay, announced to her mother her new intention to stay until the next day.

But I thought you wanted to come home, said Mom.

"Nope, I've changed my mind," said the youngster.

The Homestead had another convert. From the looks of it she wasn't the first and certainly will not be the last.



RENEE RICHARDSON, 6, examines her handiwork during a craft session.

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Cows with 'keys' eat at will

Cows at one Oregon State University beef cattle barn carry their own keys to the dining room.

Five yearlings, wearing a bright yellow chain necklace with a dangling yellow pendant, are able to eat any time they want.

"A tuning device in the plastic pendant activates a circuit in only one gate upon contact," said D.C. Church, animal nutritionist. "There is a click, the gate swings open and stays open as long as the animal thrusts its head forward."

The electronic feeding gate

was developed in England about four years ago. Each gate costs about \$300 plus installation, works on 32 volts and is relatively damage free. There has been no problem of injury to animals.

Church uses the feeding gates in nutrition experiments.

"We have just completed palatability trials with three frozen ryegrass species and are evaluating the effect of supplementary protein on consumption of ryegrass straw," Church said.

"We are about to start a new feeding experiment with cattle to test the palatability of hair meal, mostly hair of hogs which is 80 per cent protein."

Soon Church and his colleagues also will be evaluating the dried bacterial sludge from pulp mill effluents.

"We are excited about the possibilities because 20 mills in Oregon and Washington each produce about 15 tons of the sludge daily and when dried it is about 45 per cent protein," Church said.

The electronic gate helps because it is easy to record the intake of animals since the neck device can be adjusted so each animal can eat from only one trough or all. Or only certain animals wearing the necklace can have access to special feeds.

The cows learn to operate their new equipment quickly.

"It only takes about two days to train them, even fresh from the range," said Cliff Larkin, herdsman. "The animals eat frequently — 10 to 15 times a day — but not much at a time."



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Newports celebrate 25th anniversary

Ernest and June Newport, 17655 SE Bluff Rd., Space 76, Sandy, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an informal reception at Blue Lake Park July 9.

They were married July 7, 1952, in Spokane Wash.

Hosts for the reception were their children Debbie Newport, Lake Oswego, Doug Newport, Portland, and Connie Thompson, Gresham.

Newport is a mechanic for

Hyster Co. His wife is a receptionist at Cooley Construction.

The theme for the reception was from the song "I Overlooked an Orchid, While Searching for a Rose."

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Father with arm around son's shoulders at a college graduation: "Go into poverty, my boy. That's where the money is." —Bits & Pieces.

Schenk wedding in Sandy



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schenk (Robin Conser) (Accent Studio)

Sandy Woman's Club Hall was the setting for the May 8 wedding and reception of Robin Teresa Conser and Larry Eugene Schenk.

After a wedding trip to the Oregon Coast, the couple is at home in Sandy.

The bride was attended by her sister, Roxanne Conser, and John B. Schenk was best man for his brother.

Ushers were Perry Richardson and Tracy Stapleton, both of Sandy, and Doug Godfrey, Portland.

The bride, daughter of J. Rocky Conser and Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Colson, studied at Crescent and Corvallis High school. She was employed by Fotomat Corp.

Her husband, who attended Sandy schools, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Schenk. He is a mechanic for Jim Weston Pontiac.

Church weekend termed success

The "New Life Adventure" weekend at Powell Valley Covenant church will become a yearly event.

Church members enjoyed the Bicentennial so much last year, they decided another special celebration should be enjoyed.

The "New Life Adventure" weekend, with a Bible conference emphasis, was the result.

Nearly 30 families camped on the church grounds over the July 4 weekend. Some families joined the activities, but stayed

at home. The Rev. Roland Boyce of the Milwaukie covenant Church was special speaker. The Rev. Gerald Stenberg and the Rev. Herman Anderson of Powell Valley also spoke.

Music was provided by a youth choir, children's choir, male quartet and others.

Activities included baseball, crafts, horseshoes and rides in a double decker bus.

The weekend opened with a steak barbecue Friday prepared by the young marrieds of the church. Church women prepared and served the other six meals.

Hoedown scheduled

The annual Western Hoedown and Barbecue will be held July 29 at Mt. Hood Community College.

Sponsored by the college, the event features western music

by the Simmons Family Band, square dancing, games and cartoons for children.

Activities begin at 6 p.m. on the lawn near the College Center.

Ballet offered for children

Pre-ballet classes for children ages 6-9 will be offered Saturday mornings at Mt. Hood Community College from July 23 - Aug. 27.

"On Your Toes" is a series of classes for boys and girls focusing on creative movement and coordination. On Your Toes I is held from 10 to 11 for 6 and 7-year-olds. On Your Toes II is offered to children ages 8 and 9 from 11 a.m. until noon. Each class is held in Room

PE 114 and has a limit of 10. Children should wear comfortable clothing and soft shoes or socks.

Blood drive set

Blood donors can give at the American Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for July 27 at Mt. Hood Community College.

The drive will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the college Town and Gown Room.

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