



Ceremonials are the highlight of the year for Camp Fire Girls, and the most recent one for the Medford district was held May 25 at McLoughlin Junior High school. The Ayuzunta group, led by Mrs. Rufus Younger, took part in the ceremonial and is pictured here with Mrs. Jack Saksdorf, Talent, president of Rogue council, Camp Fire Girls. The girls are (left to right) Jacque Chesnut, Mary Margaret Barr, Susan Boize, Ann Younger, Sara Hinkle, Treva Toenniges and Linda Medcalf. The Camp Fire flag and world globe symbolize the 1956 national birthday project which was "Plant Seeds—Reap Friendship"; the seeds were shipped to foreign countries. Camp Fire is based on Indian lore and legends and each girl designs her own collar and headband.



Mothers and daughters work together in Camp Fire, and a number of mothers received awards at the ceremonial. Katherine Crosby (far left) "flew up" from Blue Bird to become a full-fledged Camp Fire Girl, and her mother (seated), who was leader of the group, advanced to become a Camp Fire guardian. Ann Younger, wearing her Camp Fire ceremonial gown, is shown presenting her mother, Mrs. Rufus Younger, with the bracelet which is awarded for the firemaker or third rank in Camp Fire. Mrs. Younger is guardian of the Ayuzunta group. Mrs. J. P. Rowan (seated at right), who heads the Eldakati group, and her daughter, Rebecca, both received the woodgatherer's rank during the ceremonial.

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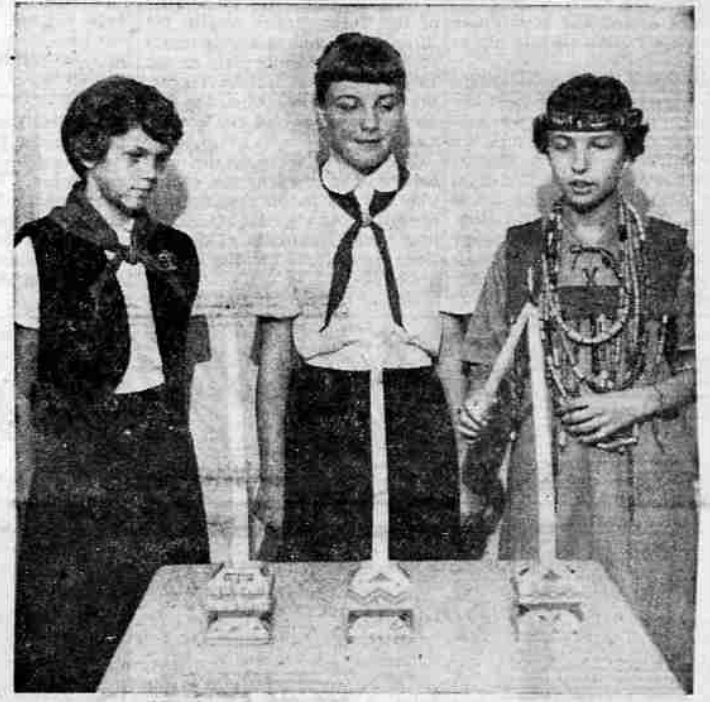
Camp Fire Ceremonial



Linda Luman was given the honor of leading the procession of Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds into the room at the opening of the ceremonial since she has been registered in the organization longer than any other Medford member. She is now a member of Amicitia Horizon group, senior division of Camp Fire. She carried the taper from which the Camp Fire Wohelo candles were lighted to open the ceremonial.



To earn money for their groups and for camp, the girls stage a gigantic candy sale each year. Rebecca Rowan (at left) of the Eldakati group and Sharon Hendrix of Dreamer Blue Birds led all others in the number of boxes sold. Rebecca sold 229 boxes, and Sharon sold 88. They will attend Camp Ka-Est- for Camp Fire Girls at Lake o' Woods this summer.



The Camp Fire Wohelo candles, symbolizing the slogan of work, health and love, are traditionally lighted to open the ceremonial. Presiding at the lighting rites are (left to right) Susan Gifford of O-Ki-Oi-Ya-Pi group, Susan Yoder of Eldakati group and Sara Hinkle of Ayuzunta group. Camp Fire beads are given for certain tasks and duties accomplished by the members.



Seven little Blue Birds lighted seven symbolic candles during their part of the ceremonial. Pictured (left to right) are Phyllis Moerder, Sharon Hendrix, Cynthia Pedley, Annette Flinn, Sandra Rupp, Vicki Surroz and Cheryl Hall. The seven Blue Bird wishes are: To have fun, to learn to make beautiful things, to go to interesting places, to want to keep my temper most of the time, to remember to finish what I begin, to make friends and to know about trees, flowers and birds. The Camp Fire laws are: Worship God, seek beauty, give service, pursue knowledge, be trustworthy, hold on to health, glorify work and be happy.



When Blue Birds graduate to Camp Fire status, they receive a Camp Fire tie with the crossed logs and flame insignia of the organization. Fathers traditionally put the scarf on the first time and shown here with their daughters are (left to right, back row) Ralph Plankenhorn and Betty; Paul C. Chinn Jr. and Paulette; Dale Ackerman and Lola, Eagle Point; O. P. Taylor and Denno; (bottom row, left to right) Dick Kanne and Marcia; Bill Davenport and Elaine. As Camp Fire Girls, the girls will now work to earn their ranks, such as woodgatherer, torch bearer and firemaker. (Photos by Brainerd)