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 Of Girl Scout Week

Girl Scouts of America this week are observing their 45th anniversary. In connection with the observance, Rogue valley merchants, the Mail Tribune and the Rogue Valley Area Girl Scout Council, Inc., of which Mrs. Scott Davis is public relations chairman, have cooperated in publication of this special Girl Scout section.

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Building Housing Scout Offices Has Been Expanded

The office of the Rogue Valley Girl Scout Council is located at 500 East Main st., Medford. The property is city owned and houses both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout offices.

Boy Scouts occupy that portion across the front facing East Main st. and the Girl Scouts occupy a larger portion at the rear of the building.

During the last 25 years both organizations have remodeled and added space as needed with growing memberships. From October, 1955, to January, 1956, an addition and remodeling project was started and 80 per cent more floor space was added to the Girl Scout quarters. Two more rooms were added and the old portion was modernized for greater efficiency in working. The walls of the rooms were lined in knotty pine and asphalt tile cover the cement floor.

Allows Meetings

The arrangement of space allows room for board meetings, training sessions, conferences with staff and volunteers, record keeping and storage space. Sliding doors were used to close off a meeting room to give more privacy and make it possible for more than one meeting or training session to be held at the same time.

Improved lighting and heating system was also installed and matchstick shades were selected for the windows giving privacy as well as ventilation when needed.

Books, records, program aids, training equipment and other aids to volunteers are kept in designated spaces for use in planning programs.

The professional staff who serve the 800 volunteer workers is an executive director, field director, office secretary and assistant secretary. The program and policies of the national organization are worked out on a local level here.

First Wing Scouts Were in Medford

Members of Troop 58 of Grants Pass are Wing Scouts, a special field open to Senior Scouts which provides a program of pre-flight training. The troop passed tests and earned their wings in 1956, and members hope to advance in the program.

Experience such as this has enabled many girls to decide the vocation they wish to pursue after school.

At the present time Troop 58 is the only Wing Scout troop in the Rogue Valley Council, but a few years ago Mrs. C. B. Collins of Medford was leader of the first Wing Scout troop in southern Oregon from her troop some girls went on to be airline hostesses, and others went into various fields pertaining to aviation. That troop was known as the Kittyhawks.

Wing Scouts must know the history of outstanding planes and aviators; be able to locate major parts of an airplane and explain their functions; learn how and why an airplane flies; know the principles of personal safety while in a plane or at an airport, and be able to interpret them to others; and know the basic principles of first aid and follow health standards of the Girl Scout Organization as stated in "Safety-Wise."

Along with the Wing Scout program, members of Troop 58 serve as ground observers in Grants Pass, working with the regular GOC unit.

Growth of Scouting Has Been Phenomenal

The growth of Girl Scouts since the first troop was started in Savannah, Ga., in 1912, has been phenomenal. The 1,000,000 mark was reached in a little more than 20 years, but it took only 10 years to pass the 2,000,000 mark.

The National Organization estimates that 12,000,000 girls and adults have participated in the program, and that by 1960 the total membership figure will reach 3 1/2 million.

From the first group of eight girls in 1927 in Medford, membership has increased to more but the figure would be larger if enough volunteers to serve more girls had been available. In the normal course of growth at the present time, the area may have about 4,500 girls seeking Scouting in the next few years. Girl Scout officials pointed out that adult membership must increase correspondingly.



FAMILY AFFAIR—The Girl Scout theme, "Girl Scouting is a family affair," is exemplified in the picture above. Left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ritchey, Karen Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lytle, and on the floor, left to right, are Anita and Sharon Ritchey. Mrs. Ritchey is chairman of the Day Camp; Ritchey is camp building chairman; Mrs. Lytle is president of the Rogue Valley council of Girl Scouts; Lytle is a member of the camp building committee; and Karen Lytle is a senior scout.

Miss Aldrich Resigns For National Position

Miss Mary Aldrich, who has been serving the Rogue Valley Area Girl Scout Council for almost 2 1/2 years as executive director, has resigned to take a more specialized job with the National organization.

The committee of office personnel, of which Mrs. Orbin Cooksey is chairman, will announce a replacement at a later time.

Mrs. William Baker, field director from Grants Pass, will be available for consultation, and any help required by appointment through the Girl Scout office. Mrs. Baker divides her time between the Ashland, Medford, and Grants Pass districts.

Mrs. Max Leischner serves as office secretary and is assisted by Mrs. Harry H. Howard. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 500 East Main st., Medford.

More than 99 1/2 per cent of the members of the Girl Scout organizations are active in 35 countries throughout the world. There are usually about 30 girls in a Girl Scout troop.

Rogue Valley Area Council Made Up of 800 Adults, 2,300 Scouts

The Rogue Valley Area Girl Scout Council, Inc., is made up of about 800 adults serving more than 2,300 girls in Josephine, Jackson and West Siskiyou counties. All girl and adult members are registered with the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

Officers and members of the board of directors are elected by the total adult membership of the council at the annual meeting held in November each year. Each member of the board serves a two year term, one-half being elected each year so as to have a rotating membership.

Officers of the board are also officers of the council. The council delegates to the board the job of carrying out administrative work of the council required by charter with the national organization which is issued for two year periods.

Board of Directors
 The board of directors consists of the officers, chairman of the membership-nominating committee, 2 to 4 members at large, chairman of seven functional committees and the district chairman of the four districts within the council's jurisdiction which includes Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and West Siskiyou.

Officers include Mrs. T. R. Lytle, president; Mrs. Richard Finch, second vice president; Mrs. R. W. Gray, third vice president; Mrs. Frank Tamney, secretary; and Mrs. Judson Compton, treasurer. Members at large include Mrs. Ted Kelt, Grants

Pass; Mrs. G. M. Cannon, Mrs. Walter Garner, and Mrs. Michele T. Rossi, all of Medford.

Committee chairman include Mrs. M. N. Hogan, membership-nominating; Mrs. Charles Barnes, program; Mrs. Scott Davis, public relations; Mrs. Orbin Cooksey, employed personnel; Mrs. W. W. Stevenson, established camp; Dwight Houghton, finance; and Mrs. Jerry Gastineau, troop organization, all of Medford. Mrs. Hugh Moulton, Grants Pass, is training chairman.

District Chairmen
 District chairman include Mrs. Calvin Ross, Ashland; Mrs. Richard Finch, Medford; Mrs. Charles Kudlac, Grants Pass, and Mrs. T. M. Deter, Yreka, who is chairman of West Siskiyou district in northern California.

The board of directors meets in September, October, January, February, April, May and June. The entire council meets in November and March. The council meetings are planned by the council meetings committee, under the chairmanship of the third vice president, Mrs. R. W. Gray.

The first vice president is responsible for coordinating work of the districts. Each district chairman attends a meeting of the field committee which is chaired by the second vice president.

Each district is divided into geographic units called neighborhood associations. There are presently 27 associations in the council. All registered adults living in a neighborhood attend

meetings of the associations. Each neighborhood elects a neighborhood chairman who presides at meetings, is appointed by the president and brings day-by-day service from the board to the troops. Each neighborhood chairman is a member of a district committee.

The Medford district includes the following neighborhoods and chairmen: Central Point, Mrs. Bruce Stuart; Griffin Creek, Mrs. J. E. Moir; Hedrick-McLoughlin junior high and Senior high, Mrs. Jack Sanborn; Jacksonville-Westside, Mrs. Robert Kazy; Lincoln - Jackson, Mrs. B. E. Culy; Roosevelt-Lone Pine, Mrs. LeRoy Smith; St. Mary's, Mrs. Thomas Eslinger; Washington-Jefferson, Mrs. Keane Howe; Phoenix, Mrs. Jack James, and the Howard neighborhood, which has no chairman.

Service Teams
 Other helps for the troops include the neighborhood service teams, a new plan initiated by the national organization in the past two years. Each neighborhood chairman in the Medford district only at present is assisted by a troop organizer who is responsible for the organization and reorganization of troops and a troop consultant who provides "on the job help" to the leader.

All the administrative work of the council is aided and assisted by two professionally trained staff members including the executive director, Miss Mary Aldrich, and one field director, Mrs. William Baker.



Eight Southern Oregon Girl Scouts who will attend the First Girl Scout National Roundup for Girl Scouts in Michigan late in June, 1957, had a practice campment on the banks of Bear Creek in Medford. The girls pitched their tents, prepared meals using roundup menus and practiced other camping skills. Pictured here left to right are: Sandra Ullian, Janice Paxton, Judy Dris, Heide Jones, Mary Friend, Patrol Leader, Sue Oliver, Assistant Patrol Leader, Karen Johnson and Doris McLane. Of course, Jorgensen's milk is on the picnic table.

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