

Little Switzerland, normally inhabited by lizards, birds, insects and other wildlife, was teeming with girls last week. Medford district of the Rogue Valley Girl Scout council opened the annual day camp program Monday in the newly acquired area in the mountains east of the city known as Little Switzerland. The girls of Mrs. William Brown's unit chose the name of Helvetia (Little Switzerland), marked their home area with the sign shown at right and made themselves little white Swiss caps. The girls are shown here playing a rhythm game.

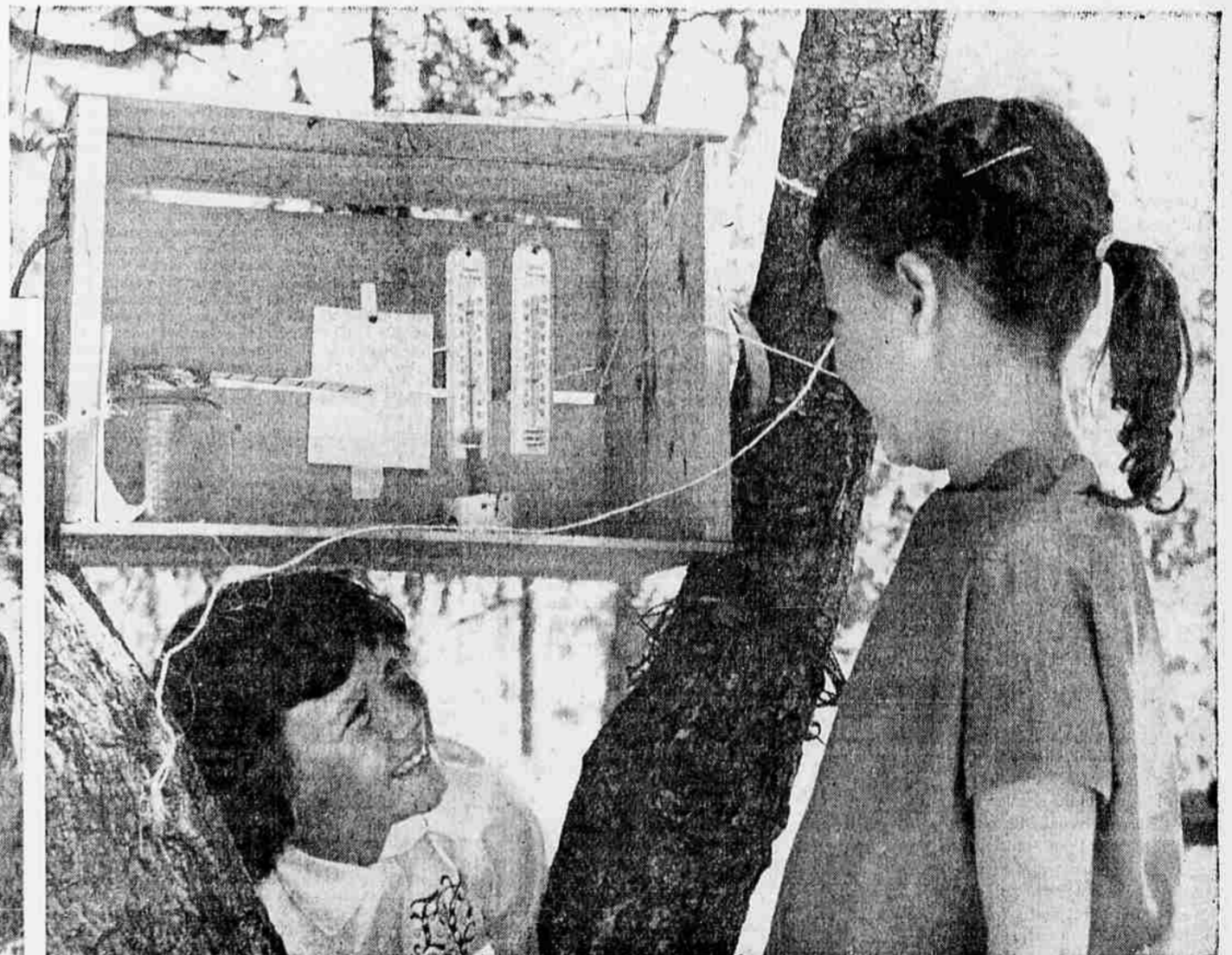


Day camp activities make Girl Scouts hungry and Tina Cararra (at left), Mary Burich and Patricia Evans helped hurry the noon meal along Tuesday by arranging row vegetable sticks on serving plates. Mrs. A. Cararra is leader of this unit. After lunch each day there is a quiet hour and Mrs. R. W. Gray, president of the Rogue Valley council, presides as chief story teller.

To keep lunches safe and cool, members of Mrs. Herman R. Hutchinson's unit of fourth grade girls hang the sacks in the "lunch tree." Barbara Hutchinson (at left) holds one of the mats which the girls make from newspapers to sit on, while Linda Snow makes sure that the clothes pins on her sack are firmly fastened. Another unit hangs the lunch sacks on a line strung in the shade.



Scouts of Helvetia unit are delighted when Barbara Lewis (center) a junior aide, tells them stories. With one Scout on her lap and the others crowding around, Barbara is shown telling the "peanut butter" story. Other activities for the more than 200 girls include archery, cookouts, hikes, nature walks, songs, crafts and "wide" games. The units contain from 13 to 20 girls of the same age with a leader, assistant leader and a junior aide.



Tall Pines unit at Medford Girl Scout day camp earned attention by rigging up a camp weather station. Mrs. Adrian Norris, unit leader, and members use wet and dry bulb instruments to indicate the temperature and relative humidity, and fashioned a wind indicator from paper cups and wire. They even devised a barometer using a glass jar, small balloon and a paper straw — the inflation and deflation of the balloon from air pressure causing the straw to move up and down. Cheryl Payton (at left) and Karen Killingsworth, unit members, are shown "checking" the instruments.