

Girls Hold Council Fire

MERRILL — Merrill Bluebirds, Camp Fire and Horizon Club girls held their Grand Council Fire on Friday evening May 28, at the Merrill recreation hall, with a large group of parents and friends in attendance.

Mrs. Eber E. Kilpatrick, guardian of the Fire, gave the Wholet call to open the ceremonies. Following the processional, led by Mrs. George Rankin, and the pledge to the flag, led by a group of Merrill Boy Scouts, candles of "our community," "our home," "our nation," and "our world" were lighted by Glenda Story, Beverly Moore, Margaret Qualls, and Bonnie Chojnacky.

Mrs. Kilpatrick gave the welcome and introduced Mrs. Naomi French, executive director of Camp Fire, and Mrs. Don West, chairman of the Merrill Leader's Association.

Responding to the roll call were the following groups, and their leaders: Horizon Club girls, Mrs. Glen Chase; Ta-wan-ka, Mrs. Homer Everison; O-ta-ku-ye, Mrs. Dale West; Wa-han-ka, Mrs. John Degan; Ta-wasi, Ms. Jack Ratliff; Rose Bluebirds, Mrs. W. O. Brickner; and the Periwinkle Bluebirds, Mrs. Robert Walker.

Mrs. Don West's 4th grade Bluebirds "flew up" to Camp Fire girls, and were presented their red ties by Dr. F. E. Trotman, representing the Lions Club, who each year donates the ties.

Mrs. Kilpatrick made the award presentations. Trailseekers are Shirley Moore, Choline Moore, Carol Merrilees, Sharon Hobson, Sandra Cahlan, Joyce Noonan, Carol Heaton, Louise Ratliff, Linda Bell, Lenore Johnson, Mary Jane Carlisle and Norma Green.

The next highest rank that of "Woodgatherers" was attained by Janice Lisk, Jean Black, Sara West, Breda O'Keefe, Alice Abbott, Kathleen Degan, Darlene Storey, and Phyllis Daniels.

Mrs. Dale West's O-ta-ku-ye group, has completed the requirements for Firemakers rank. Donna Conner, Donna Carson, Judith Dewey, Bonnie Chojnacky, Gloria Cahlan, Margaret Qualls, Mary McCullough, Glenda Story, and Beverly Moore, started in Camp Fire together, and their leader expressed the wish that they would all go on to achieve Camp Fire's highest honor, that of Torchbearer.

Mrs. Warren Pruitts, chairman of the mint sale, reported that local girls had sold 600 boxes of mints

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Living Rosary Services Held

MERRILL — More than 50 grade and high school students participated in the May Procession and Living Rosary held Thursday evening, May 27, at St. Augustine's church in Merrill.

Peggy Noonan was queen of the May Procession, and placed the crown of flowers on the statue of the Blessed Virgin. She was preceded down the aisle by seven high school girls, Martha McAuliffe, Kathleen McAuliffe, Margaret Petrik, Rosemary O'Keefe, Mary Jo Hendrickson, Kathryn Ahern, and Nancy Dewey, who formed the cross of the rosary. Small Nancy Harris carried the flower crown on a white satin pillow.

Benediction followed the procession and recitation of the rosary. St. Augustine's choir, under the direction of Mrs. John Degan, sang during the services. Mildred Wilson was the organist.

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Merrill Holds Baccalaureate

MERRILL — Baccalaureate services for the senior class of 1954 of Merrill High School were held in St. Augustine's Church Sunday evening, May 30.

The nine girls and three boys entered the church to the strains of "Procession of the Magi," played by Nancy Dewey, church organist. The church choir sang "Hear The Children" and "Veni Jesu," and during the benediction services, "O Salutaris Hostia," and "Tantum Ergo."

The Rev. Father John Phelan, delivered the baccalaureate sermon, "O God of Loveliness" by the

during the recent sale.

Father John Phelan, pastor of St. Augustine's church, was the speaker for the evening. His short remarks dealt with the theme of this year's Camp Fire work, "Let's Be Different Together."

choir concluded the services. Commencement exercises will be held Thursday evening, June 3, at 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

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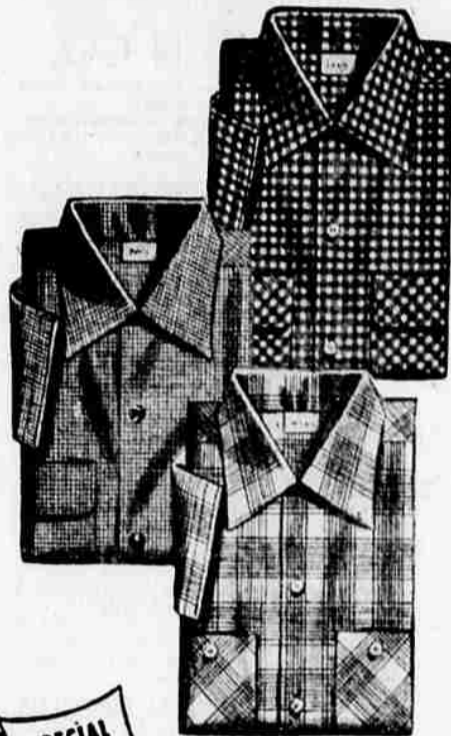
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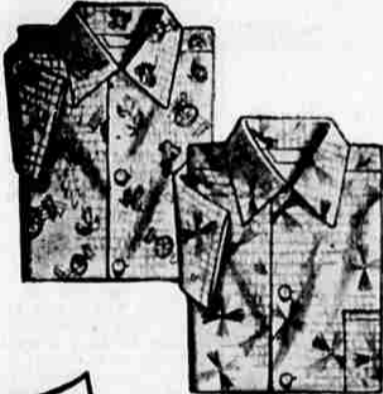
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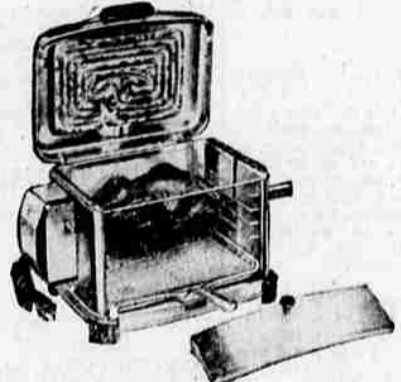
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