

Den Mother Guides Her Group Of Cubs



CUB SCOUTS are playful and noisy, but they're beginning to learn responsibility to each other and themselves in their den and pack activities. This den of Pack 71 is directed by Mrs. Richard L. Moulton, left, den mother. Sitting left to right are Randy Moulton, Douglas Phelps, Larry Tuter and standing is Steven Sheehy.

Den mothers are much more than unpaid babysitters for miniature Boy Scouts.

They spend many hours a month holding meetings in their homes, attending leaders' conferences and dreaming up projects that will interest their young bobcats, wolves, bears and lions.

Such a den mother is Mrs. Robert L. Moulton, suburban housewife, who gets a real kick out of working with the seven boys, including her own son, in her den.

Mrs. Moulton says simply, "I enjoy being a den mother. I have a good time with them and enjoy seeing the Cub Scouts bring the boys and their families closer together."

Cubs enter the program when 8 years old and continue for 2½ years. During that time they can go through the ranks from bobcat to lion in preparation for entering the Webelos Den and then the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Moulton explained that in Cub Scouts, parents work with their sons and certify completion of qualifications for the various ranks. Attendance of parents at pack meetings is also important to the cubs, since the pack with the best parental attendance gets possession of the pack banner.

"The entire program is designed to keep parents interested in what their boys are doing," Mrs. Moulton said.

Biggest parent-Cub Scout night of the year is the annual Blue and Gold dinner where proud dads and moms watch youngsters perform in skits and receive awards.

Mrs. Moulton doesn't feel she devotes a great deal of time to her den mother duties although she admits spending an hour and a half in den meetings each week, some time preparing for the meeting, and additional hours each month at leaders' and pack meetings.

She points out that the den mother has many helps in planning projects under the theme of each month. During a period on South America, her cubs made bongo drums out of coffee cans and pieces of innertubes.

"We usually find things to make that don't cost me or the cubs' parents any money beyond the 10 cents a week dues," she said. Field trips to fire departments,

railroad stations and other fascinating places for youngsters are a major part of the den activity schedule.

Cubs are so interested they rarely miss a meeting. The only excused absence is for illness, and there are many cubs who col-



BARRY CARD
Cub Scout

lect perfect attendance awards each year.

Cub Scouting is not costly to parents. Besides the weekly dues, the cub is expected to have a shirt, cap and neckerchief and a Cub Scout book. The book sells for 45 cents and the uniforms range widely in price. Many boys give their uniforms away to others who need them as they finish the program or out-grow them.

"Most parents see the good their boys are getting from the program, and they will try their best, even when they lack the money, to support the cubs," she said.

ON THE HOUSE

By ANDY LANG

When you're getting ready to buy a house, it's a good idea to look ahead a few years. It can save you money.

A surprisingly large number of persons who buy new houses decide after one, two or three years that they need more space. Or they want to better utilize the space they already have.

Their decisions are carried out in any one of several ways. It may be the finishing of an attic or a basement, the addition of a second bathroom, enlargement of the kitchen, construction of another bedroom or enclosure of the

porch or patio. Sometimes two or three of these projects are undertaken at the same time.

While modern financing methods make it relatively easy to handle such programs, the cost, in nearly all cases, would be considerably less if the work were done while the house was under construction. Since most persons make their choices of new houses from a development's model home, arrangements can be made with the builder to provide the desired extra space. How much can be saved this way, as contrasted with an addition at a later time, depends on a number of factors. But at least one authority estimates that it costs only half as much per square foot to add space to a home. Which is another way of saying that an addition can be built for what amounts to half price. There are two reasons for this. One is that the labor and materials already are on the scene. The other is that there is no necessity for breaking into walls or making other time-consuming alterations.

One type of prospective home owner may find it preferable to delay the expansion. He's the fellow who can and plans to do the work himself. Not only will he save the labor costs that way, but he will get the satisfaction of having contributed something to the individuality of his home.

Highway accidents kill an estimated 40,000 Americans every year.

He'd better be sure of two things, however: that he actually will carry out his intentions and that he knows what he is doing.

Motor Failure Apparent Cause Of Air Crash

OAKLAND (UPI) — Witnesses told a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing today that apparent engine failure caused the Oct. 29 crash of a chartered C46 carrying the California State Polytechnic College football team, killing 22 persons including 17 athletes.

They appeared before a four-man panel which has heard charges that the plane was violating numerous safety regulations just before the Toledo, Ohio, crash. The hearing opened Wednesday.

Harold Franklin, a tower controller, said that as the craft was moving down the runway he heard popping sounds as if the craft's two engines were out of synchronization. Then there was a silence of two or three seconds followed by "an almost imperceptible dull boom."

Another tower controller, Arthur Campbell Jr., described the plane's sound before the crash in dense fog as marking a change in engine tempo.

Campbell said tower personnel had no authority to forbid a take-off because of zero visibility. Regulations give that responsibility only to the pilot, Franklin said.

Campbell said he tactfully warned the pilot of the danger of taking off in zero visibility by casually asking him how many runway lights he could see. The aircraft answered three lights, which would mean the pilot could see high intensity illumination at a distance of only 600 feet, he said.

Cub Promise

I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to be square and to obey the law of the pack.

Law of the Pack —
The Cub Scout Akela
The Cub Scout helps the pack go
The Pack helps the Cub Scout Grow
The Cub Scout gives good will.

Studying Effect Of Radiation

Studies that may help physicians diagnose when a person has radiation are underway at the Oregon State College agricultural experiment station.

Effects of radiation damage on the nervous system are being studied by a team of OSC scientists under a \$16,681 grant from the U.S. Public Health Service.

Although the research is being done with rats and rabbits, results would be similar with people, points out Dr. Ralph Bogart, OSC professor of animal husbandry. Learning to recognize symptoms of radiation damage in animals may help physicians recognize similar symptoms in people.

Bogart explained that cells in the nervous system differ from other body cells in that they don't recover from damage as other cells do.

In their study, the OSC scientists will knock out certain nerve cells with X-rays, and then test the animals' responses to sedatives, stimulants, and hormones. In the rats, changes will be observed by their physical activity. In rabbits by chemical changes in the blood.

The scientists will also try to determine if irradiation causes a nerve block that stops ovulation in female rabbits.

Working with Dr. Bogart on the study are Dr. Walter Stahl, assistant professor of general science; Dr. R. S. McCutcheon, professor of pharmacology; and graduate students Edwin Wagelie and Jean Kneeland. Dr. Hugo Kreuger, professor of physiology, who is currently on leave in Kabul, Afghanistan, is project director. He will be back at OSC in time to help analyze data obtained from the research.

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CINCINNATI (UPI)—The Cincinnati Royals' official brochure states that rookie guard Ralph Davis, former University of Cincinnati star, is known to his teammates as Ralph.

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