



Flowers to decorate the table at the Mother's Day tea given by Girl Scout Troop 205 of San Leandro are prepared by Esther Morris, June Gradino, and Judy Tillman.

Youth Groups Pay Honor to Mothers

Girl Scouts Plan Special Events

Mothers Day is always an important event to Girl Scouts. Troops in this area have made many preparations for celebrating the event.

Brownie Scout Troop 266 of East District honored their mothers last Wednesday with a Mothers and Daughters tea at the home of their leader, Mrs. T. J. Rogers. The girls were in charge of the entire program including the making and serving of refreshments (very good, too, according to the mothers), and they even acted as baby sitters for small brothers and sisters. They had their own hostesses and welcome committees, as well as cooks, servers and the clean-up squad. Reed baskets, which the girls had woven, were presented to the mothers as their Mothers Day gifts.

Guest of Honor

Miss Doris Ruslie of Maxwell Park School was a guest of honor. She was the girls' first grade teacher, and since that time has spent a year as an exchange teacher in England. She entertained the Brownies and their mothers by showing pictures and telling of her experiences in England and on the continent.

Troop members include Lois Atkinson, Mary Becker, Judy Best, Beverly Braden, Betty Dealey, Sharon Dooley, Dianne Hansen, Sally Harris, Diane Hull, Gayleen Knutson, Gail Patterson, Martha Rice, Kathy Rogers, Janet Ruf, Dani Kay Saxton, Meriam Weinberg. Leaders are Mmes. T. J. Rogers and L. B. Atkinson.

San Leandro Activities

Troops in San Leandro have been busy with Mothers Day preparations. Mothers of Brownie Troop 194, of which Mrs. K. L. Mallard is leader, received beautiful sequin earrings this morning. Of course the girls made them.

Mrs. George Reiter, leader of Brownie Troop 287, reports her troop presented their mothers with flour sack dish towels with simple embroidery; and Brownie Troop 278 under the leadership of Mrs. F. Parguchena made wishing well planters for their mothers. The planters were made of coffee cans from which two spots extended up to hold a little roof wound with rug yarn in different colors. They were planted with broad leaf English ivy.

Pot-Luck Dinner Set For Wednesday
A Girl Scout family neighborhood "pot-luck" dinner will be held by fourth, fifth and sixth grade troops at St. Augustine School next Wednesday at St. Augustine's Hall from 6-8 p.m. The troops are inviting second and third grade girls and their parents for the purpose of promoting Girl Scouting and organizing second and third grade troops before the close of school.

Troop Committee Feted As Unit Marks Birthday
Troop 27 at Frick Junior High celebrated its first birthday with a party. Honored guests were members of the troop committee: Mmes. Dorothy Gillespie, Mary Gates, Alice Rumers, Bernice Dalen, Rosalie Smith and Mark Young.

Refreshments consisted of cake (made by the girls) and cold drinks. Leaders of the group, Mmes. Marie Smithen and Ruby Payne, were presented with year pins, and each of the girls also received a pin.

Blue Birds to Give Tea for Mothers

Oakland area Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds have been busy during the past weeks preparing for this Mothers Day with hand-made gifts, breakfast in bed for Mother, take Mother to church, treat her to a trip to Children's Fairyland in Lakeside Park, and any number of other plans to wait upon and honor Mother.

Outstanding among special occasions will be a Mothers Day tea to be given by the Jay Blue Birds of Burkhalter School Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock under the leadership of Mrs. Charles La Grange.

Many meetings of the group have been devoted to the preparation. The girls have made doll favors out of penny suckers, empty spoons and crepe paper. They have decorated napkins for the occasion, and made themselves tea aprons to wear while serving, each with the group's name "Jay" stenciled across the band.

Members of the group are Paula Anderson, Cathleen Arbaugh, Cheryl Brostrom, Diane Gouveia, Cheryl LaGrange, Janet McQuillan, Patricia O'Reilly, Margaret Stage, Diana Stinson, Lora Jean Thielbar, Suzanne Duarte, Suzanna Moore, and Elizabeth Bennett.

In addition to Mrs. LaGrange, the little Blue Birds have been assisted in their plans by Mrs. Helen Gouveia, assistant leader, and Mrs. Violet Anderson, one of the sponsors.

The program for the tea is the portrayal of a typical weekly Blue Bird meeting. As their project for this demonstration meeting, the girls are working on surprise gifts for their mothers.

Jr. High Camp Fire Girls Plan Marsh Creek Outing
Approximately 150 Junior High girls in the Oakland Council of Camp Fire Girls will have a special day at Marsh Creek in Contra Costa County next Saturday to enjoy some book-free hours of swimming, hiking, softball and relaxing.

Each girl has the choice of bringing her own lunch or joining with her group in a weiner cook-out. Cold drinks will be provided by the Leaders Association.

Mrs. Lauretta Heide is in charge of the day, assisted by Mrs. Bernice Eiter, Mrs. Ruth Trippie, and Mrs. Florence Muir. They and the girls will meet in the parking lot by the Exposition Building at 9 a.m. Saturday and return at 5:30 in the evening, traveling by chartered bus.

East Oakland Church 'Y' Group Plans Formal Dance May 29

The East Oakland YMCA Church "Y" Night Council met recently at the Fruitvale Congregational Church to plan for regular and special Church "Y" Night Activities. In addition to the regular monthly Saturday night event, the council began plans for a formal dance to be held May 29 in the social room of the High Street Presbyterian Church. Council president, Marilyn Madeiros, made the following committee appointments: decorations, High Street Presbyterian Church; making bids, Hillside Presbyterian Church; talent program, Elmhurst Methodist Church; distribution of bids, Fruitvale Congregational Church; clean-up committee, Elmhurst Presbyterian Church. Music for the dance will be provided by Dan Gilson's band. The council is planning to make this an annual spring event as a part of the Church "Y" program. Council members who at-

Kitchen Knife Holders
Girls of junior high Troop 201 presented their mothers with wooden knife holders to hang on the kitchen wall. The holders were made in the shop at Bancroft Junior High with the assistance of the school instructor.

And what are Girl Scout mothers thinking today—they are convinced Girl Scout daughters are the dearest in the world.

Cookies for Veterans
Brownie Troops 181 and 183 of Albany, baked 36 dozen cookies recently which they delivered to Oak Knoll Hospital for the veterans.



Blue Bird twins Sandra (left) and Sheryl Grant of the Daisy group from Daniel Webster school, decided the biggest treat for Mother's Day they could give their mother, Mrs. Lester Grant, was a trip to Children's Fairyland in Lakeside Park where, as the sign points out, "Adults must be accompanied by children."

South District Adds Twist to Camporee

South District's annual Scout Camporee will be held next Saturday and Sunday at Rancho Los Mochos, southeast of Livermore. Preliminary registrations indicate that attendance this year will exceed last year's when 51 patrols and 309 Scouts participated.

Beginning with a "pack-in" from the camp's main gate, troops will be under the direction of senior patrol leaders and patrol leaders. Competition will be by patrols with proficiency being rated on each event by the awarding of beads. Ratings for the entire camporee will be determined by the total number of beads earned by each patrol.

For the first time in the district's history, an Explorer Rendezvous will be held in connection with the camporee. Explorer posts and crews may enter the rendezvous for a full week-end program of Explorer events which will be judged and rated independently from the camporee.

Headed by Ray Lausten, neighborhood commissioner, Explorer advisers have outlined Explorer competition in marksmanship, plug-casting, rope-climb and water events.

As has been his custom for the past several years, Dr. E. H. Lum, district health and safety chairman, will maintain a first aid station near the camporee site.

Outstanding Program Slated For Los Mochos Dedication

The Rancho Los Mochos dedication committee is developing an outstanding program for this occasion. Boy Scout officials said yesterday. Walter McLean, chairman, will be assisted by Stanley State, chairman of the camping and activities committee; Robert Burnstein, chairman of the special events committee, and E. H. Vernon and Carl Englund.

Dedication of the camp itself by representatives of Auto Machinists Union 1548, donor of the camp, will culminate in a special program of interest to everyone.

The 10 Jamboree troops will be encamped at Los Mochos on this week-end, and the Eden District will be holding its annual camporee at this time. The dedication has been set for June 7 at 2:15 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

Sunset District Scouters Outline Events for 1953-54

Scouters of the Sunset district planned 1953-54 events at a recent meeting in McClymonds High School. Scouters representing the various institutions that sponsor Cub packs, Boy Scout troops, and Explorer posts made plans to extend the program to more boys of the district and develop a program that will hold the interest of boys and adults now participating in Scouting.

Dates for the Scouter, Cubbers and Explorer roundtables were set for the third Wednesday of each month beginning with Sep-

tember. On the fourth Wednesday of the month the district committee will meet. The commissioner's staff will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

The annual Fall Roundup Camp will be held October 10 and 11; the district annual dinner is planned for November 18; an Explorer is scheduled for Los Mochos in November; four training experiences are planned for 1953-54 for the Cubbers, Scout-

ers and Explorer unit leaders; the customary district annual open house and hobby show will be held during Scout Week, and all units will have a display and parents night. A Junior Leaders conference and a Den Chief conference is planned by the training committee for boy leaders of the district.

In the organization and extension session of the planning conference, institutional representatives discussed the survey that was made of the attendance area of the elementary schools of the district by the organization and extension committee. From the survey it was concluded that because of the heavy demand that is now being made by boys who would like to become Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers, more than 28 units must be organized in the district during 1953-54. From all indications the Sunset district will have another successful year and will be able to extend Scouting to more boys.

Management, Labor Join To Fence Los Mochos Pool

Iron Workers Local 378 has added its bit to the service given by organized labor to Rancho Los Mochos by erecting a woven wire safety fence around the swimming pool area. The 400 feet of fencing, with the necessary gates and fixtures, is the gift of the California Wire Cloth Co., the San Jose Steel Co., Cyclone Fence Co., and the Anchor Fence Co.

The joint venture of management and labor in furnishing this fence and its installation, said Boy Scout officials, is another example of the co-operation existing between these two groups in their service to youth; not only to Scouting but through the United Crusade in which we are all interested.

The United Crusade and the Community Chest furnish the major portion of the funds to cover Boy Scout council operating expenses. All capital expenditures must be provided by friends of Scouting or from funds secured especially for capital use.

Scout Council Directors To Hear Planning Report

The board of directors of the Oakland area Boy Scout council will meet at the Scout office Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. Following dinner they will see the three-dimensional pictures taken by Ed Pitcher of the 1952 Scout-O-Rama. After the regular meeting of the board, the council operating committees will make reports of the seven planning conferences held throughout the council during the past month. Robert Mathelson, chairman of the operating council, will preside.

The program of the Oakland area Council, following the basic pattern determined by recommendations of the national council, grows out of the needs and desires of the units as expressed in their recommendations and suggestions at district planning conferences. More than 600 individuals have participated in these meetings, where opportunities for a thorough study of all the phases of Cubbing, Scouting and Exploring, were offered. Recommendations for and criticisms of the program were encouraged so that the final re-

sults would, in reality, be a cross-section of the thinking of the entire council.

The program determined at Tuesday's meeting will be consolidated into a program notebook which will be released to all leaders about August 1.

Oakland Park Naturalist Offers Advice to Scouts

Scouts and Explorers who aspire to being naturalists will have a chance this month for advice and training from an expert in the field—Paul F. Covel, a merit badge counselor in the Lake district, a Scout dad in the Central district, and naturalist for the Oakland Park Department.

"Walks and talks" coming up include: Saturday, May 16—Sausal, Palo Seco and Woodminster nature hike. Meet at the Leimert Bridge, off Park Boulevard, 9:30 a.m., end of the 18 bus line. Carry lunch for noon stop at Meadow picnic area and return by 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, 9:30 a.m.: "Bird and Tree Hunt," starting from the duck-feeding area of Lakeshore Park, with a following session in Lakeside Natural Science Center. California wildflowers will be featured in the plant exhibit room at the Lakeside Nursery Gardens as special activity.

School classes and Scouting groups will be given week-day appointments for either park tours or nature walks in the Oakland Hills by asking for Covel at the Oakland Park Department office, TE 4616, 2-3600, extension 361, leaving name and phone number for confirmation.

Dish Gardens Brighten Day For Shut-ins

The Hi-A-Wa-Ta Camp Fire Group, under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Potloli, has prepared individual dish gardens for shut-ins, which will be presented on Mothers Day to patients at Fairmont Hospital. The girls earned a rank requirement by giving a "Pov-wow Picnic" for their families last Sunday at Redwood Regional Park.

The group is working on the national birthday project by planting flowers on the school grounds at Fruitvale School.

The Hi-A-Wa-Ta group is sponsored by the Fruitvale P-TA. It includes girls from Fruitvale School and Bret Harte and Hamilton Junior High Schools. Members are Susan Bishop, Linda DeVos, Ernestine Picasso, Carolyn Dellenbaugh, Diane Grove, Florence Edmunds, Carol Ruse, Judy Potloli, Helaine Groo, Sherrill Bieden, Martha Vitamontes, Linda Sorrellis, Pat Batten, Julie Porter, and Heather Gillon. Guardian is Mrs. Charles Potloli; assistant guardian, Mrs. Blaine Groo.

Brownies of Troop 113, under leadership of Mrs. William D. Hatch, as their project for Mothers Day made a towel for their mothers, hemming it and embroidering the word MOTHER on it. Since these are new Brownies, their meetings consist mostly of games and learning Scout rules, songs and lore.



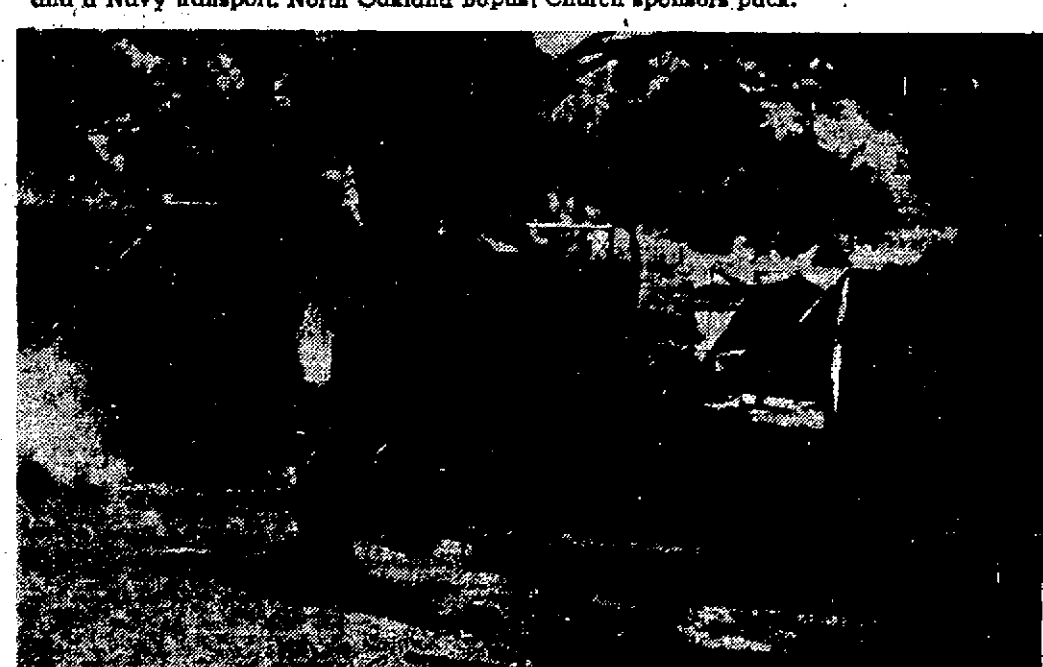
Larry Huddelson of Montclair Cub Pack 2, Den 2, is perched on the 3140 pounds of waste paper which he alone collected in the pack's annual paper drive. All told, the Cubs garnered 11 1/2 tons of paper, a 30 per cent increase over the pack's 1952 total.



Stacking soap at the East Oakland YMCA are five lads who already have earned their summer "Y" Camp fees through the organization's soap sales savings system. Left to right are Dave Doyal, Delair Arrowwood, Bernard Corrao, Richard McIntosh and Joe Antolick.



Tour of Oakland Naval Supply Center by Cub Pack 34 included visit to the coffee roasting building. The 47 Cubs, den mothers, den dads, Cubmaster Griff Collins and Asst. Dist. Commissioner William Golden also visited the box factory, parcel post department and a Navy transport. North Oakland Baptist Church sponsors pack.



A tent city to house some 500 Boy Scouts will rise in Eastshore Park the morning of May 23 when Lake district's annual Camporee opens. The Explorer tents pictured here at the 1952 event have same floor space as pup tents but six-foot centerpole provides lots of headroom. Similar tents will be used at National Jamboree.

Scouting And Teens