

## HISTORY OF GIRL SCOUTING

In tracing the history of Girl Scouting in Dwight I go back to the years following World War I. I find a large group of girls under the leadership of Mrs. Lester Reeb. They were meeting in the homes of the girls and were very active in all phases of scouting particularly outdoor and nature study.

There is a lapse of years and it's 1937 in the basement of the home of Mrs. James Metta. There are 25 to 30 girls of varying ages all very anxious to become Girl Scouts. In due time the troop is registered and launched into the thrilling activities of Girl Scouting. Later Miss Neber guides the troop and in 1942 Mrs. Frank Bieswanger becomes their leader. Mrs. McGee to save the troop from disbanding fills in very ably until 1947. During this time unsponsored they worked with a committee only and were able to nurture the true spirit of Scouting. In 1947 Mrs. Kiesewetter volunteered and while under her leadership the troop was sponsored by the Dwight Women's Club. Mrs. Bovellet, the assistant leader, took over the troop and due to the large number of girls two new troops were formed.

In 1951 the Jr. Women's Club sponsored Brownie Scouts and from one troop, Mrs. Spreng being the original leader, they have grown to three very large, active troops.

Others who have aided these girls with their time and effort are: Mrs. James Oughton Jr., Mrs. Mae Bush, Miss Mc Namerra, Miss Shingel, Mrs. June Seabert, Miss Eymann, Mrs. Taylor Moyemont, Mrs. James Scott, Mrs. John Metzke, Mrs. Judy Anderson, Mrs. Grace Federson, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hurwich, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Richard Oughton, Mrs. Reigle, Miss Jane Constantine, Mrs. Moreheart, Mrs. Blakeman, Mrs. Harold Von Ouelen, Miss Janet Rearick, Miss Sharon Olson, Miss Jenny Sproull, Mrs. Chiana Has, Mrs. Eddington, Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. Arnold Hahn, and Mrs. Fred Sproull, and Miss Morehart.

An adult group organized in 1952 consists of leaders, assistant leaders, committee members, and others interested in Girl Scouting.

Projects of these various troops are: earning badges, handicrafts, and all outdoor activities.

Fund raising projects are: cookie sales, rummage sale, and calendars.

A special project of Troop I is aiding the Navajo Indians. This troop sends clothing not sold at the rummage sale, dolls that they have made, and extra cash donations.

Dwight Girl Scouts have collected clothing for the Salvation Army, sent a shipment of woollens to Germany, and purchased a war bond.