

PISGAH GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL FORMED

CHARACTER BUILDING PROGRAM PLANNED

Girl Scouts in Transylvania County are this year joining with other Girl Scouts over the country in the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Girl Scouting. When Juliette Gordon Low organized the first troop of 8 girls in her home town of Savannah, Ga., in 1912 she knew that she had something in program of activities which she planned to offer girls of Savannah. Her vision was great, but certainly no one then anticipated that in 1952 the membership would be one and three-quarters million.

In April of this year, the Brevard Council joined with six other counties to form the Pisgah Girl Scout Council. Professional help is now available for the leaders, troop committee members and District committee members. By pooling financial resources more direct aid can be secured in furthering and improving the program of character-building activities of Girl Scouting.

The Brevard Council has been a chartered council for several years, but could not afford to hire professional help. Volunteers had carried the work of the council and had helped the troop leaders as much as possible. Now that the seven counties—Avery, Mitchell, Madison, Yancey, Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania—are pooling their resources, three professional workers can be employed. No longer will Brevard leaders have to go to Asheville or other cities to receive training. Courses will be given at intervals at the Girl Scout Little House in Brevard. Regular visits to troops and conferences with leaders will assure the lead-

ers of opportunities to discuss problems, to get new ideas and to learn new skills.

At the present time there are nine troops in Brevard with a total membership of about 150 girls. These troops meet weekly and represent the three age levels of Scouting—Brownies, Intermediates and Seniors. As leadership is found, other troops will be organized. Adults find many ways of helping the girls. Both men and women of the community can share their interests and hobbies with troops.

Mrs. Julius Sader is District chairman of the Transylvania section. Mrs. R. E. Matthews is Corresponding Secretary of the Council. Both these women sit on the Board of Directors of the Pisgah Council. In addition to these women others are serving on committees—Mrs. Charles Norlander is chairman of the Little House Committee, Mrs. Ashe Macfie is a member of the Program Committee and Mrs. Earle Bryant is a member of the Finance Committee.

Summer camping is always a highlight for Scouts. Several girls from Brevard attended the camp at South Toe River during July. This gave them an opportunity to meet and work with their sister Scouts in the Council. Ann Brittain, Pamela Dixon and Joan Bagwell were elected to serve on the Junior Camp Committee. They hold regular meetings and help the Senior Camp Committee in its general plans for camping. Sixteen girls from all sections of the area make up this committee.

