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Girl Scouts Enjoy Outdoor Life At Day Encampment



Laurielee Neal at left and Sue Carol Fox take time out from "KP" at last week's Scout encampment to enjoy a popsicle.

The girls were peeling potatoes which wound up in their stew that was cooked shortly after the popsicles were "thawed out."



These industrious young ladies are Ruthie Parrott on the left and Dale Duncan who are get-

ting ready to "barbecue" some wieners with the sticks they are sharpening with their Scout knives.



Virginia Kellum at left and Patricia Hill are seen spending a few spare minutes at last

week's Girl Scout camp converting old newspapers into "papooses."

Last week Kinston Girl Scouts enjoyed a full week of outdoor activities at their camp north of Kinston where their annual Day Camp was held. Some 96 girls and 14 supervisors were on hand for the week of outdoor fun and frolic.

Cooking, hiking, nature study not to mention such jobs as cleaning up, washing dishes, building fires and wood cutting occupied the girls on a full time basis.

The Girl Scout Camp is located just off Tower Hill Road and last week expanded with the purchase of three more acres of land which was donated by L. B. Jenkins. Also started last week was a fence around the camp and its recreation area, to prevent its use by unauthorized persons and particularly by people who have been using it at night and leaving it littered with all kinds of trash.

An out-door kitchen with barbecue pit, as well as a water supply are among the things that the girls enjoyed the use of during their week of play.

Larger plans for the annual Day Camp are being made for next year when it is expected by scouting officials that many more than the 96 girls of this year will want to take part in this experience.



Judy Pate, above is intently "spatter painting." Her equipment: A piece of paper, a leaf, two straight pins, a piece of screen wire, an old toothbrush

and some "paint" which is spattered in such a fashion that it leaves the leaf outlines on the paper. Judy has a few freckles that were spattered on her nose by the sunshine.

Oregon Inlet Notice

Last year a great many tourists who were visiting the outer banks along the North Carolina coast were inconvenienced by the ferry service across Oregon Inlet. Many were left to spend the night on the south side of the inlet because the ferry was not operated after 7:15. This year the highway commission is trying to give the widest kind of publicity to the lack of adequate ferry service at that point and to remind people to be careful about going south of the inlet unless they take care in determining if they will be able to get back across without having to wait until the next day. Work is now being rushed on a more adequate ferry for use at Oregon Inlet.

Birth Rate Calls For More Schools

District Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones says he has no part in the school controversy which is currently going on in Lenoir County but he says that figures compiled in his office seem to indicate that more schools are going to be the order of the day for some time to come. In 1947 there were 1,333 children born to residents of the county and this year the majority of these reach school age. This does not include, of course, any children who have moved into the county since that time but only in-

cludes resident births. In 1948 there were 1,348 births in the county, 1949 had 1,269 and again in 1950 the same number but in '51 there was an upward surge with 1,466 resident births and in '52 the birth rate remained fairly constant at 1,450 for the county. Which means that exclusive of newcomers there will be well over a thousand new students each year for the schools of the county to cope with for the next six years at least.

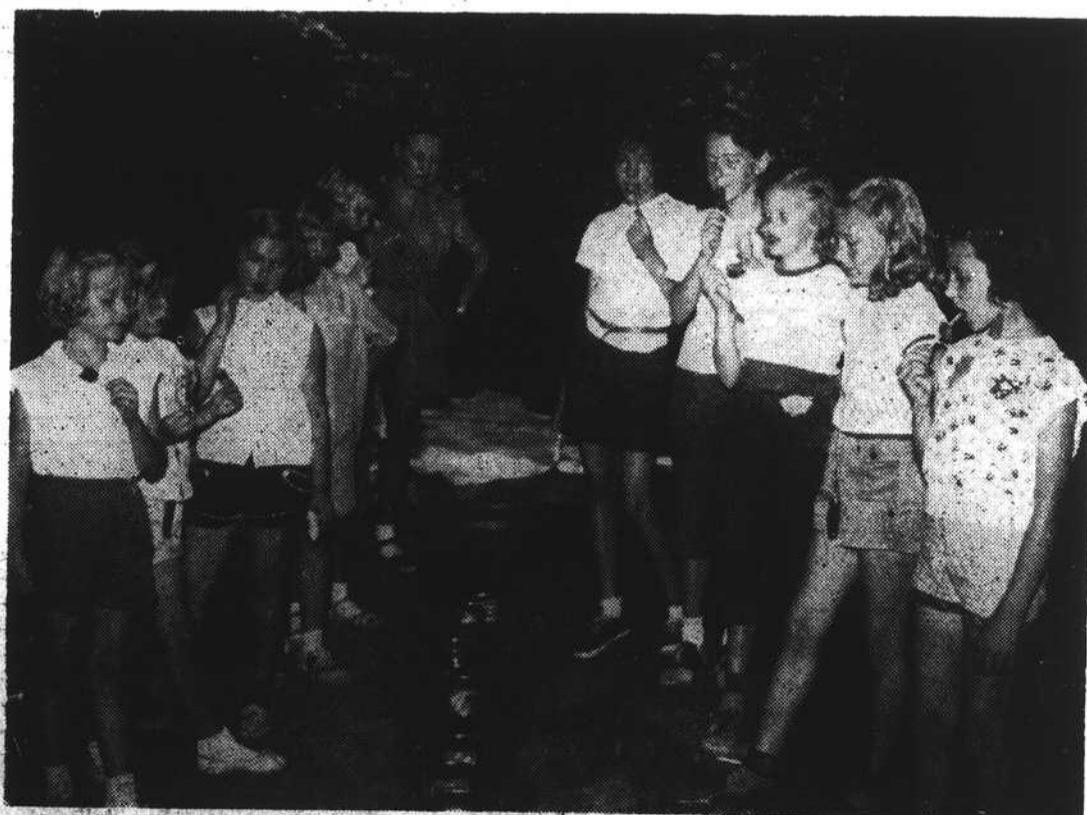
Jones Budget Increases But Tax Rate to Remain At \$2.05 on \$100 Value

The Jones County budget requests for the coming fiscal year total \$352,602, which is a \$61,849 increase over the \$290,753 budget of 1952-53, but county officials believe that this increased budget can be maintained by the same \$2.05 tax rate of last year due to increase in tax listings as well as increased federal and state aid for the welfare department and school department.

Asked for the coming year in General Fund expenditures is \$79,912 against \$61,552 for the

past budget period. Bond interest and redemption needs move to \$31,620 from \$30,300 last year. School current expenses has moved upward from \$58,321 last year to \$70,910 for the next period. School debt service needs move downward from \$8,500 to \$8,300. Aid to the aged moves upward from \$61,999 to \$75,600. Aid to dependent children increases from \$30,376 to \$46,800. Aid to the permanent totally disabled moves from \$6,200 up to \$13,860 and aid for the

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The group of girls above with their counsellor, Mrs. John H. Kelly, are seen around their cook trench in which they have placed their "stew" and are ready to

place the hot coals that will turn the beef, carrots, potatoes and onions into a delectable stew in about two hours. In the group from left to right are Sue Ellen Walters, Cynthia Agans,

Mary Lou Hudnell, Diane Hardy, Mary Lou Pollock, Mrs. Kelly, Becky Stroud, Eleanor Bizzell, Laurielee Neal, Sue Carol Fox and Patricia Malpass.