



LOCAL SCOUTERS HONORED-Membership Director Phyllis D. Brown, left, presents leadership pins to Susan Goforth and Jane Talbert, right, local Scouters for outstanding leadership in the Girl Scout program. Girl Scout Week is March 12-19.

## Girl Scout Week Set

Next week is Girl Scout Week and Sunday Girl Scouts and Scouters will worship together and then will hold grand opening of Girl Scout Equipment Agency, 324 N. Highland Street, in Gastonia.

The event, to which the public is invited, is one of many activities in which local Girl Scouts and Scouters will take part in during the week.

Girl Scouts are invited to come as a troop or with your family. The Equipment Agency will feature Daisy, Brownie, and Junior uniforms and will carry a sampling of the older girl and adult uniforms. Numerals, insignia, sports clothing, sashes and handbooks will be available as well as assortment of Girl Scout items.

### Job Training Is Offered

When volunteers are recruited for Girl Scouting, they are promised training for the job. While on-the-job training is a part of the learning process, the Pioneer Girl Scout Council expects the volunteer to attend specific training sessions. These are designed to teach the volunteer the particular job so that it can be done well and give the volunteer job satisfaction.

Training has always been a critical part of Girl Scouting. For 77 years the Girl Scout program has been adaptable to the changing world and has developed a program which is flexible and resourceful. By training adults in ways that help them respond to the needs of today's girls, the Girl Scout program continues to be contemporary without sacrificing tradition.

Each year, the Pioneer Girl Scout Council produces a training calendar which lists the courses in basic troop leadership, age level, i.e., Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, and Senior, multi-media

Regular business hours of the Equipment Agency are 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Leaders will be interested in the troop cookie incentives in stock. Cookie dough may be redeemed for any merchandise in the Equipment Agency. There will be a drawing every half hour with grand prize for one adult, one girl at 4 p.m. You do not have to be present at the 4 p.m. drawing to win.

The Pioneer Girl Scout Council serves almost 4,000 girls in 280 troops. A Girl Scout group may be a special interest and/or seasonal group or it may be an ongoing group not in the traditional setting. Several area schools are forming Girl Scout groups in their after school child care programs.

One of the unique Wider Opportunity programs in which local Scouts participate is the Page program in the state House, Senate and Governor's Office. And it happens during Girl Scout Week-naturally.

The area members of the North Carolina legislature as well as Governor Jim Martin were enthusiastic in appointing the following Pioneer Council Girl Scout pages and they will be in Raleigh next week.

Governor's Pages: Beth Dailey of Rutherford and Rachel Wortman of Cleveland.

Legislative Pages: Alice Puckett of Cleveland County for Rev. Edith Lutz, Ann Gardner of Rutherford for Rep. John H. Weatherly, Lacey Phinx of Denver for Senator Helen Rhyne Marvin, Melissa Byrum of Denver for Senator Ollie Harris, Deborah Glaze of Belmont for Senator Marshall Rauch, Heather Wilson of Rutherford and Amy Price of Cleveland for Rep. Jack Hunt and Michelle Camp of Bessemer City for Rep. W. W. Dickson.

The Pioneer Girl Scout Council, with the service center located on Highland Street in Gastonia, is one of seven councils in North Carolina. Pioneer Girl Scout Council's jurisdiction is Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln and Rutherford counties.

## Scouts Work Toward Goals

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout law.

For the youngest Girl Scout, the Daisy, this might mean having to wear her Daisy pin upside down until she performed a good deed. For a Senior Girl Scout, the promise translates into leadership projects which benefit the community.

The Senior Girl Scout working toward the Gold Award has usually been through several age levels of Girl Scouting. Each program level would have helped her to understand herself, to discover her potential, to understand how she might contribute to the world around her. These are prerequisites for achieving the highest award in Girl Scouting; those and the commitment, for reaching the Gold. Deciding on that special project that will stand the close scrutiny of the Gold Award Review Board, is a tough job. When questioned, a typical reply is "I'm having the hardest time deciding on my Gold Award project. The goal of the gold is to choose a project in keeping with the interests of the particular Girl Scout; a project which will benefit those other than Girl Scouts."

In 1989, nine Senators in the Pioneer Girl Scout Council are working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award. Their projects are varied but all involve working with others to reach a specific goal.

Lindsay Ledbetter of Gastonia will teach a twelve week course on drama and play production to children kindergarten through eighth grade. There will be a group production.

Angela Hoyle from Cleveland is mapping a church cemetery and with her findings will update the records of the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

Rhonda Hoffman of Dallas is directing the children's music program of her church. She is teaching

action songs, songs in sign and is working on a monthly puppet show for her church.

Allison Roberts' goal is to help teenagers understand the problem of suicide. She will do research on the problem in Gaston County and develop a brochure and present a program to youth groups.

Rachel Wortman of Casar is working with deaf children aged two to five. Her activities will culminate in a family picnic outing.

Jamie Hunter of Dallas is focusing on the problem of drug and alcohol abuse. She will use her school mascot to add interest to her presentations to area schools.

Lisa Clay of Bessemer City is organizing a support group for the Gaston County Society for Autistic Children with a baby sitting service for the group. She hopes to increase public awareness

of the problems of autistic children.

Canty Land is writing and constructing a puppet show for fourth graders. This will be used as a resource at the Gaston County Museum of Art and History to teach the life and times of Judge Gaston.

Tanya Hare of Shelby is working with the United Way of Cleveland County to produce a Teen Helpcard to distribute to youth 14-17. The card, designed to be carried in a wallet, will make a helper available to the teenager in need.

For those who reach their goal, the banquet on May 27 at UNC-C will be very, very special. Before their leaders, parents and peers they will describe their projects. And then they will join the very select group of females who proudly wear the Girl Scout Gold.

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### Pet Of The Week

JOANN FREDERICK



As you can see by the expression on his face, style conscious Desi was delighted to be our star this week. He is the longtime pet of Chris and Jerry Dycus of Kings Mountain. He is part poodle and dachshund and is very lovable.

He is 16 years old, has lost his hearing and most of his teeth and doesn't wander around too much on these cold, chilly days as it bothers his arthritis. It's tough getting old, even for a pampered pooch. In the summer he loves to swim in the lake and go for long boat rides, usually drifting off to snooze to the hum of the motor and the feel of the warm summer sun on his body. If he gets a whiff of a picnic in the making, he sticks like glue, knowing lots of goodies will be coming his way. Pick up fishing rod and gear and he is right there till you pull in the big ones. Desi has a few favorite foods, such as bologna, pizza and archway cookies but his real favorite is Hardee's hamburgers. Hold the pickle, please!



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