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SOME PUNKINS.

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"While this nice man was waiting to see you, he was kind enough to help with my spelling!"

Girl Scout Program Changing Age Level

Names for four age levels within the Girl Scout program, to replace the three-level structure that the organization has used since 1938, have been announced by Mrs. Charles U. Culmer, president, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Beginning in September 1963, age groupings for the 2,685,000 girls in Girl Scouting will be as follows: Brownie Girl Scouts, aged 7 and 8 years; Junior Girl Scouts, aged 9, 10, and 11 years; Cadette Girl Scouts, aged 12, 13, and 14 years; and Senior Girl Scouts, aged 15, 16, and 17 years. Until that time, troops will continue in the present pattern of Brownie Girl Scouts aged 7 through 9, Intermediate Girl Scouts aged 10 through 13, and Senior Girl Scouts aged 14 through 17.

THERE WILL be no change in the fundamental elements of the Girl Scout program, which were shown by a University of Michigan study to be as valid today as they were 50 years ago. The entire structure will be streamlined, however, and a careful design for progression will be built on the development pattern of girls growing up in the United State of America in the 1960's. A major objective is to make the Girl Scout program of informal education a more effective complement to the pre-sent - day school curriculum.

The new age levels will become effective with the simultaneous release of four handbooks for girls in September 1963. Preparations for a smooth transition in the fall of 1963 are already under way in Los Angeles Council, according to Mrs. A. Morgan Maree Jr., West Los Angeles president.

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MRS. DAN J. HARLAND, Granada Hills, has been appointed program launching coordinator for the entire council area. She will coordinate a large-scale effort to explain plans for change to the Girl Scout family and to other community groups that work closely with the Girl Scouts; to organize troops within the present three age levels in such a way that the change to four levels may be accomplished without confusion; and to train the council's 9,000 adult volunteers in details of the revised program as soon as information becomes available.

Mrs. Harland will be assisted by recently appointed committee chairmen: Mmes. Morris Weiner, public relations, Beverly Hills; L. G. Davidson, program services, Tarzana; C. R. Cadwallader, personnel, South Pasadena, and Miss Jacqueline Johnston, finance, Los Angeles.

THE SEQUENCE of names, according to Mrs. Culmer, has been selected to give a feeling of progression through the entire Girl Scout age range of 7 through 17 years. "Brownies" is the popular name for the youngest members of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout movement around the world.

"Junior" indicates that the girls just beyond Brownie Girl Scout age look forward to moving on into the more advanced levels within the program. "Cadette" is an adaption of the word "cadet," used in its historic sense to describe a younger son of a great family. The Cadette Girl Scout as the second oldest daughter or sister in the Girl Scout family is training herself for her future. "Senior" clearly identifies the status of the high school age group as the oldest girl members in Scouting.

The background for program change was supplied in part by two studies conducted for the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. by the Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, 1955-1958. The first study dealt with needs and interests of adolescent girls, both within and outside the Girl Scout organization, and the second study with attitudes of Girl Scouts and their leaders toward the existing program.

Barber Shop Group Wins Area Title

The South Bay Chapter of the SPEBSQSA received the coveted First Place Achievement Award at the Far Western District International Preliminary Contest and Spring Meeting held in San Gabriel April 27, 28 and 29, according to Dick Ferrin, 17503 Faysmith Ave., president of the group.

According to Warren Grant, chapter delegate and immediate past president, the award is in recognition of "exceptional public service to their community."

Grant pointed out that the 10th tenet of the Barbershopper's Code of Ethics reads: "We shall render all possible altruistic service thru the medium of Barbershop Harmony," and the local harmonizers have made every effort to live up to this worthy aim. Thousands have been entertained by the four-part harmonizing in local churches, schools, hospitals, at civic and lodge functions and annual shows.

The South Bay group is one of more than 60 chapters which comprise the Far Western District.

Anyone desiring further information concerning chapter activities or their forthcoming annual show may contact Ferrin at DA 3-1455 or Grant at FR 2-0024.