

# Camp Fire Girls Inviting All Jills Between 7 and 18 Years

Fun-Filled Program Aims At Development of Abilities And Rounded Personality

By MARY E. PENNOCK  
 "So you're a Camp Fire executive," people say to me when I answer their "what do you do" query. "Let's see, aren't they the little girls who light fires with only one match and fry eggs on hot rocks?" And I smile indulgently and have to admit that they have been known to do both things, but that those two examples hardly typify Camp Fire's activities. It's like saying that the Red Cross has "something to do with bandages, doesn't it?"

Camp Fire's field of activity is broad, seeking to give a girl an opportunity to try many things and so to find herself. The philosophy of the program is that girls "learn by doing," and if you were to glance through the "Book of the Camp Fire Girls," you would notice the long list (1,300) of things that girls may do to earn honors—notice



A Camp Fire Girl (left) is from 10 to 15. Through the seven lively crafts she becomes well equipped to handle varied situations. A Blue Bird is a junior member between 7 and 10 years old. Through a program of games, story-telling, simple hand craft and war service, Blue Birds learn to work and play with other children. They become reliable while having fun. Horizon Clubbers (right), are of senior high and junior college age. Personality development, vocational study and community service prepare Horizon Clubbers for adult society.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**  
 SEPT. 15 TO NOV. 30  
 Annual membership drive of the Camp Fire Girls extends from Sept. 15 to Nov. 30. Slogan this year is "There's Fun for Everyone in Camp Fire." A summary of the organization's aims:

"Camp Fire Girls work for World Friendship. Their program is based on democratic ideals. It builds for happy home life, community service and better citizenship. Through seven lively crafts, Camp Fire Girls have fun, make friends, and develop their skills and talents."

the word "do" not "know." These honors are grouped in seven different fields: home craft, health, camp, nature, business, hand craft and citizenship. Exploration into these fields has meant the discovery of a vocation to many girls. A star study session of her nature group at camp started one Minneapolis girl on a hobby that finally led her to the position of curator at New York's Hayden Planetarium.

We have no promises, take no oaths in Camp Fire, because we know that promises are sometimes broken. A girl expresses her desire to follow the Camp Fire Law, which is:

- Worship God
- Seek Beauty
- Give Service
- Pursue Knowledge
- Be Trustworthy
- Hold on to Health
- Glorify Work
- Be Happy

The Camp Fire Law is really a philosophy of life, and a beautiful one, I think you will agree. A Camp Fire Girl said to me recently, "Miss Pennock, the Camp Fire Law is so lovely it is almost like poetry."

**They Join for the Fun.**  
 Girls, of course, do not join Camp Fire because it is good for them—a "character - building" agency. They join because it is fun, because it fills for them a need of belonging to a group. Together with from 6 to 20 other girls, they have an opportunity to do things which they cannot do alone. They make their own plans, run their own meetings. I have seen more than one president of an adult group who could learn something from a Camp Fire group president about parliamentary procedure.

These days, when we are all thinking so seriously about making democracy work, Camp Fire groups

## Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE



Rolling your eyes is excellent to strengthen the eye muscles. Look straight ahead. Now lower and raise the upper lids ten times. Then close the eyes and count ten. Then do it all over again.  
 Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

## Romance of Your Name

By RUBY HASKINS ELLIS

This name is of Saxon origin and means "swift." Another authority gives the meaning "bold." It had many variations in spelling, such as Balle, Bale and Bal. Bal is also a Belgian surname.

The first head of the Ball family on record is Vice Comes Ba, who is named in the Domesday Book as a landed proprietor of Exon, England. A noted Puritan divine, John Ball,

are getting a first hand experience in democracy. "Workshops of Democracy" is a term that has been given to Camp Fire groups. Girls are not dictated to by their leader. They learn to examine suggestions and ideas critically, to think things through sensibly, to make their own decisions.

**Credit to Volunteer Leaders.**  
 We who work professionally in Camp Fire take little credit for its accomplishments. All credit is due to the tireless and loyal devotion of its thousands of volunteer leaders and the men and women in each community who make up its local councils. They serve the girls of their community through the Camp Fire program because they believe in youth and because they, too, have fun. Do not think that all the benefits revert to the girls. A Minnesota guardian, telling what grand times she was having working with her group of Camp Fire girls wrote, "My former classmates, now grown

## Common Sense Will Kill Common Cold

"It takes a week to cure a cold, but it cures itself in seven days," runs an old saw. Though medical research is finding effective anti-cold drugs, a cold is self-limiting and unless complications set in, the sufferer gets well anyway.

We know that the cause of the common cold is a filtrable virus, and that the virus is highly contagious. Theoretically, the fellow with a cold should isolate himself during the acute two-day incubation period. But most cold carriers consider themselves too "indispensable" to stay home, and consequently the rest of us are doomed to inherit the virus and catch cold.

Specialists say that during the first stage of an acute cold local nasal treatment is of no value and may produce uncomfortable secondary reaction. The medical profession is anxious to help the layman choose proper medication; because of the hundreds available, most do more harm than good. It is unfortunate that the alkalinity of certain nasal preparations has been so extolled over the radio. It is now known that nosedrops should be slightly acid. Of the available liquid nasal preparations, antiseptics and silvers are often more irritating than helpful, while gargles are usually ineffective in killing or even inhibiting bacteria, according to an article in Coronet magazine.

**Sulfa Drugs Useless.**  
 While the sulfas have little or no effect on the common cold virus, they are effective against many types of bacteria and consequently may—when sprayed or dropped into the nose—serve a useful purpose in preventing the spread and shortening the duration of infection after the first acute stage of the cold. But there's danger as well as miracle in the sulfas and even these preparations should be used by the layman only on the advice of a physician.

There are also a great many nasal inhalers on sale. Yet, only three of them contain a therapeutic ingredient which actually shrinks the nasal mucous membrane and promotes ventilation and drainage. Those inhalers which are advertised to the public often claim to make

also a member of the English Ball family, lived in the 14th century. Another descendant, Thomas Ball, was a great warrior and defended the castle of Salonica a year against the Turks, and so well did he defend it, that Mohammed II, Emperor of the Turks, said of him that he had seen many heroes in the country of Peloponnesus, but only one man, Thomas Ball.

William Ball of Wiltshire, England, was the father of Francis Ball, who was a settler of Springfield, Mass., in 1640. He married

## "GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features  
 By NANCY PEPPER  
 CASBAH CUISINE

What's your favorite dish when you're cutting up at the Casbah—when you're making talk at the marble slab? What we mean is, what do you order at the corner soda fountain? Do you whittle your waistline with a lemon fizz or do you crave these cataclysmic calories?

**Triple Threat**—Three balls of assorted ice cream each one dripping with another kind of goo. The combinations are gruesome.

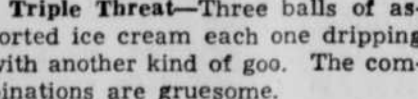
**Horse's Neck**—That's what you ask for when you want a coke with ice cream. Ever try root beer with ice cream? Lush Mush!

**Maiden's Delight or Epicure Special**—You have two names for this concoction, but we call it "Anything Goes." The idea is for the soda fountain jerker to use his own imagination.

**Dusty Miller**—Chocolate marshmallow sundae with malt sprinkled on the top.

**Telephone Special**—That's one name for vanilla cream, chocolate syrup, marshmallow and peanuts.

**Forbidden Fruit**—Balls of ice cream with different kinds of fruit syrup.



**MORNING AFTER**  
 When she telephones you early—As soon as it is light—And cannot wait to ask you, "Did you have fun last night?" (SHE DID!)  
 If you try to change the subject With "Oh, it was all right," And don't even want to know If she had fun last night—(YOU DIDN'T!)

**SPREADING CHEERS**  
 As far as we know this is the only newspaper reportage on high school cheers. If we'd known better, we probably wouldn't have done it either—but it's too late now. Our soda fountain FBI is sending in cheers like mad, and we're honor bound to report them to you. Sorry—no sound effects!

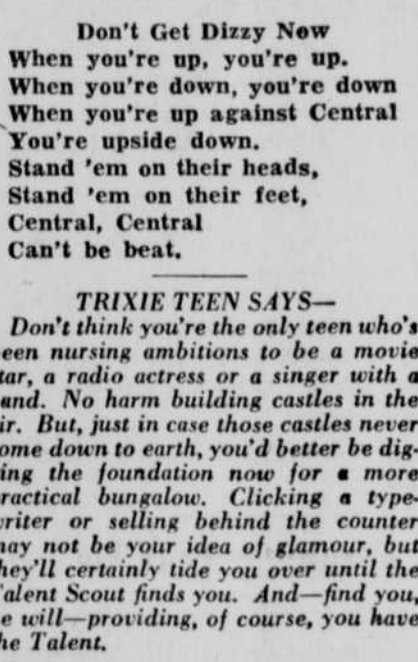
**Nice Spirit**  
 I'm a raindrop, I'm a raindrop, I'm a raindrop  
 Till I die—  
 But I'd rather be a raindrop Than a drip from Central High.

**For Blue Mondays**  
 Wash 'em out!  
 Wring 'em out!  
 Hang 'em up to dry!  
 Yeh, Central High!

**Don't Get Dizzy Now**  
 When you're up, you're up.  
 When you're down, you're down  
 When you're up against Central You're upside down.  
 Stand 'em on their heads,  
 Stand 'em on their feet,  
 Central, Central,  
 Can't be beat.

**TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—**  
 Don't think you're the only teen who's been nursing ambitions to be a movie star, a radio actress or a singer with a band. No harm building castles in the air. But, just in case those castles never come down to earth, you'd better be digging the foundation now for a more practical bungalow. Clicking a typewriter or selling behind the counter may not be your idea of glamour, but they'll certainly tide you over until the Talent Scout finds you. And—find you, he will—providing, of course, you have the Talent.

**Redhead Is Much Esteemed by Hunters**



One of the most widely distributed of American wild ducks is the Redhead. It closely resembles the canvasback, and is distinguished chiefly by its chestnut red head. It is abundant excepting on the north Atlantic coast. At this season, millions of these handsome birds are moving from Canadian breeding grounds to the southlands, where they spend the winter from Virginia to the Bahamas.

Abigail Burt, and all of the Balls of Massachusetts are their descendants.

Edward Ball of Stamford, Conn., went to New Jersey with a party of New Englanders and assisted in building the town of Newark.

The southern Balls of this country are well-known. Col. William Ball was the first of them to land in this country, and settled in Lancaster county, Va., 1650. He was a direct descendant of William Ball of England, who was the great grandfather of George Washington.

## Try Atom Power In Locomotive

Engineer Says Formula Uses Mercury and Steel To Supply Energy.

BELLEVILLE, N. J.—A New York Central railroad locomotive will roll up on a siding here soon and work will begin to convert it to atomic power-drive, says the Associated Press.

Ralph Lucas, chief engineer for the United States Industries and Development company, Elmira, N. Y., said the locomotive would be fitted with a mercury turbine employing a formula for disintegration of mercury and steel atoms.

He said "One teaspoonful of the mercury atoms, exploded, would run a locomotive, pulling 120 freight cars, for 45 round trips between New York and San Francisco."

**Formula Patented.**  
 Lucas said the locomotive would be run onto a siding of the Belleville plant of the concern and that he would build his workshop around it.

He obtained a patent on the formula in 1939, he said, to manufacture electronic power by fusing steel and mercury through intense heat created by electronic disintegration of the mercury and steel atoms.

Lucas said the formula produced a controllable disintegration of the atom.

The turbine, Lucas said, works this way:  
 "It has a 300 horsepower gasoline driven engine, generating 220 volts alternating current, which is increased to 1,440 volts direct current by transformer coils. This, in turn, creates an electron discharge between two electrodes in an eight inch thick steel casting which will withstand 500,000 pounds of pressure per square inch, although it will use only 350,000 pounds.

**Generates Great Power.**  
 "The horsepower generated from that atomic pressure will be 350 times greater than that created in the ordinary locomotive."

Lucas estimated that a 300 horsepower engine, working with a heavy freight load, would use up an average of five gallons of gasoline per hour.

Lucas said he believed the turbine would be ready for installation in about four months and that experiments with the locomotive would last for six months to a year.

Lucas, now a resident of Newark, is a native of Elmira. He was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, Troy, N. Y., has worked as research and engineering specialist with the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car company, the Watervliet, N. Y., arsenal, and the Curtiss-Wright corporation at Buffalo, N. Y.

**Army Setting Up Plan To Breed Dogs for War**  
 WASHINGTON.—The army is setting up a peacetime program to breed war dogs as it does horses.

The war department announced the plan, at the same time canceling its request for donations of dogs.

Under the new program, the army will place breeding dogs with civilian breeders and select the puppies best suited for military needs. The dogs will be used as sentries in occupation armies and for experiments in developing new uses for dogs in war.

The army now contemplates using six breeds, German shepherd dog, boxer, alredate terrier, doberman pinscher, rottweiler, and giant schnauzer.

The original stock will be selected from the best available in this country, England, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

**Reveals Japs Made Peace Bids to China in 1944**  
 CHUNGKING, CHINA.—Information Minister K. C. Wu said recently that Japan had made many peace overtures to China through various channels in the latter part of 1944, but each was quickly rejected. He said this fact demonstrated that past criticism that China had no will to fight and might go out of the war had been unfair and unjust.

**A Tennessean Gives U. S. \$50 to Help Pay Debt**  
 WASHINGTON.—The treasury received a \$50 check from a man in Knoxville, Tenn., with this note: "I choose to celebrate victory in this way in lieu of throwing a big party and getting drunk." He explained it was a "free will donation" for use "in meeting the expense of operation of the government, or payment on the national debt."

**Seabees Hail Marine 'Conquerors' of Rota**  
 ROTA, MARIANAS ISLANDS.—The marines landed on this island 32 miles north of Guam and found a large sign reading: "The 48th Seabees welcome the marines to Rota."  
 The Seabees had gone ashore on this surrendered Japanese base three days earlier to examine the airstrip.

**2,000 Youngsters Cast Adrift Are Cared For**  
 PITTSBURGH.—More than 2,000 children were cared for by the children's service bureau last year—the offspring of "parents who have not grown up themselves."

Social workers at the bureau characterized some of their problem parents as:

- 1—Mothers who revolted against being both mother and father during the war.
- 2—Fathers who were alcoholics.
- 3—Mothers who were lonely and wanted to go out for a good time.
- 4—Mothers "who just did not want their children and never had wanted them."

**British Plane Makes Fastest Ocean Crossing**  
 LONDON.—The British ministry announced recently that the fastest recorded east to west Atlantic crossing was made by a royal air force Mosquito recently when it flew from England to Newfoundland, about 2,300 miles, in 7 hours and 2 minutes. It was believed to have knocked five hours off the previous best time for the east to west crossing. The plane averaged 325 miles an hour.

## Theft of Federal Property Serious

FBI Handled Grave Problem With Usual Skill.

WASHINGTON.—One of the gravest problems with which the FBI was confronted throughout World War II was the theft of government property. Millions of dollars in irreplaceable tools were lost, and it is to the credit of American industry that this tremendous drain was not allowed to impede our war effort.

During the fiscal year 1945, theft of government property convictions showed an increase of 182 per cent over the same 1943 period. In all, there were 1,815 convictions in this category in 1945, compared with 1,143 in 1944 and 643 in 1943—an alarming increase indeed.

Three civilians were sentenced at Boston for stealing emergency rations and equipment from lifeboats and rafts being outfitted for the United States navy. Their activity, had it not been detected, could have been the direct cause of starvation of shipwrecked men.

At Albany, N. Y., a captain in the quartermaster corps was sentenced for stealing government-owned trucks and tires for his own profit. An army sergeant and three civilians were convicted in the same case.

Approximately \$7,800 in stolen government property was recovered with the arrest of a war worker in the East. In his home the FBI found enough screw drivers, flashlights and other small tools to stock a hardware store. In another instance a war plant employee took home a pocketful of nails each day. The FBI recovered 800 pounds of nails, in small paper sacks, hidden under his porch.

Other FBI investigations involved the theft of \$15,000 worth of equipment from a Florida army air force training school and \$20,000 worth of brass valves used for emergency repairs of warships in New York.

Severe penalties are provided for these offenses. Persons guilty of stealing property belonging to the government or being manufactured by private concerns under army and navy contracts face a maximum of five years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine. Those receiving stolen property are subject to the same penalties.

**Atomic Plane Safeguard On Reverse Propellers**  
 CALDWELL, N. J.—Reversible propellers were installed on the B-29 Superfortresses that dropped the first atomic bombs on Japan to equip them to land in less than a mile for a single-engine fighter plane, the Curtiss - Wright corporation, propeller divisions said recently.

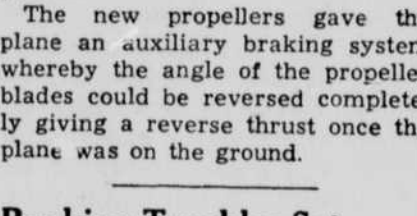
Robert L. Earle, vice president and general manager of the propeller division, said the atom-bomb-carrying planes were among the first equipped with reversible propellers.

The new propellers gave the plane an auxiliary braking system whereby the angle of the propeller blades could be reversed completely giving a reverse thrust once the plane was on the ground.

**Banking Troubles Set Low Record During War**  
 WASHINGTON.—There were fewer banking difficulties during the war than at any time in the nation's history and since May, 1944, no insured bank has been placed in receivership nor has any depositor experienced a loss from the closing of an insured bank, it was disclosed recently by Chairman Leo T. Crowley of the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation.

Preston Delano, comptroller of the currency, announced meanwhile that total assets of national banks on June 30 were nearly 82 billion dollars, an increase of 5.6 billion dollars since last March 20. Deposits on June 30 were nearly 77 billion dollars, an increase of 8 per cent since March.

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**Japs Like Baseball**  
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**Lacks Nitrogen**  
 The firing of corn during the exceptionally wet weather is principally due to a lack of nitrogen.

**SNAPPY FACTS**  
 about RUBBER

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