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MARGARITE HALL receives friendship gift from Japanese guest Akiko Shimose.

Japanese Visit Climaxes Margarite Hall's Career

When Margarite Hall greeted 40 Girl Scouts from Japan on August 8, it was a rather fitting climax to the Scouting career of a remarkable woman who has travelled widely on behalf of the Girl Scouts and who for the last ten years has been assistant executive director in charge of program services for our council. She retired September 1.

Miss Hall had visited Japan in 1959 on behalf of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., for which she was a national staff member for 18 years.

As a result of that visit, a Scout leader named Akiko Shimose wound up in Cleveland in 1965, and served on the staff of Camp Julia Crowell.

On August 8 this year, Akiko Shimose came back for a ten day stay at the camp of which she had such fond memories. With her were 30 other Scouts, including ten of high school age, who alternately

stayed in the homes of hostesses, and at the camp itself.

"They're only stopping a few nights at other places in their bus tour of the country", Miss Hall noted, "but they're staying with us ten days."

At Miss Hall's side in negotiating plans was field director Itsu Suzaki, who also was influenced by Miss Hall to come here. "It's a good thing Itsu was here", she stressed, "because all the letters were written in Japanese."

Miss Hall's acquaintanceship with the Girl Scout movement in Japan is not unusual, as her letterbox is apt to be filled with missives from Africa, England or other places as well.

Since coming to the Lake Erie Girl Scout Council, thousands of leaders and others in Girl Scouting have known and worked with Miss Hall.

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