

CAMP JULIA CROWELL EARNS ITS V

Announcer

The Cleveland Girl Scouts are on the air with "Camp Julia Crowell earns its "V".

Scene

Ashgrove

Commentator

Camp Julia Crowell was named after the first Chairman of the Girl Scout Board which is celebrating its 21st birthday this year. For many years the Girl Scouts had been camping on a rented site near Burton, Ohio, and every year they felt a greater need for a camp of their own. Their Camp Committee was looking around the countryside, writing and talking to real estate agencies, and one day in 1937, one of the committee members, let's call her Mrs. Jones, was reading the paper...

Mrs. Jones

For Sale: Country home 22 miles from Cleveland, residence, recreation lodge, boat house; 243 acres of woods, meadows, 2 spring-fed lakes for swimming and boating. Rare wild flowers. Call ...

Sound

Telephone

Mrs. Jones

Operator, give me West Richfield 46. Thank you.

Mr. James Kirby? Mrs. Jones speaking. I am representing the Camp Committee of the Cleveland Girl Scouts. We are very much interested in your estate as a possible camp site for our girls. It sounds just the kind of place we have been looking for.

Mr. Kirby's
voice

You want to run a camp there? I hardly think I'd like to sell it for that, Mrs. Jones. You see it is really a nature preserve now. A lot of work has gone into it since 1919. I thought of selling to some retired gentleman who'd keep it this way. Children, I'm afraid, would undo everything I have done - pull up the flowers, scare away the birds, break down

Mrs. Jones

Oh, but Mr. Kirby, Girl Scouts aren't like that. Nature is part of their program and they learn about how to live in the outdoors without hurting anything from the minute they join.

Mr. Kirby

But you'd want to cut down my trees to make play space and use the wood for cabins and dormitories, wouldn't you?

Mrs. Jones

We certainly would not. We camp in tents and we want these trees for shade and to look at just the way you do!

Mr. Kirby

But what about all the cooking out they do? How do I know they won't set the place on fire? No, Mrs. Jones, I'm afraid

Mrs. Jones

Wait, Mr. Kirby. Please let me come out and talk to you. Girl Scouts learn fire prevention before they even build a fire. They don't pick wild flowers either, they learn about them where they are. I could come out tomorrow morning about ten - will you be there?

Mr. Kirby

Making it kind of urgent, Mrs. Girl Scout? Well, all right.

ORATOR

They did convince Mr. Kirby. He even became interested enough to make the price one they could meet, and that same spring of 1937, with hard work, a big campaign to raise funds was launched with every member, big and small, participating. Mr. Kirby himself made a generous contribution.

Mrs. Jones

Thank you, thank you, everybody, Girl Scouts all over the city and county, and families and friends! With ^{your} ~~the~~ help from you ~~all~~ we have been able to get a camp of our own and it belongs to all of ^{us} ~~you~~ now, with its privileges, all the fun we are going to have, and the good times, and also with its responsibilities. I am very happy to introduce to you at this time the former owner of our new camp site, Mr. James Kirby, who will speak to us. Mr. Kirby.

Mr. Kirby

Greetings! Good wishes to the new owners of my property. I am glad to know it is in your hands. When I bought it in 1919 it did not look at all the way it does today and I have had a lot of fun building it according to my own ideas. After the house was built, we wanted a lodge for recreation ^{for} of the many guests we had. So we built it with wood right off the property. And the fireplace I built myself from rocks we found there. Our friends liked the old square dances and that's why we put the springs under the floor in the lodge. You will enjoy that too, it bounces, you know! When I was a boy living in Cleveland, it took me a day to get to Richfield to visit my grandfather's farm, on the old mud road. You can get there in about an hour today. When we wanted to put in electricity I looked around for a place to put in a lake and a dam and that's when I found the remains of a very old dam, probably built by the settlers of the Western Reserve who came out here from Connecticut. Some of the oak timber from the old dam is still in perfect condition. So we got the two lakes and the upper and lower dams, and the Mill which was to provide our power. Just a few drops of water make the wheel go round. I had an old German naturalist living out here for three years. He used to wander all round the countryside for miles and he wore a coat with a double lining and in that he'd bring back the rare plants we have there now. Don't pick those, they don't grow anywhere else in Ohio. And take care of the fish in the lake. They know me ^{and} when I am on the bridge to feed them they nearly jump out of the water! - So, good luck, Girl Scouts!

Mrs. Jones

I know I am speaking for all of you when I promise Mr. Kirby that

will visit us often and see what we are doing ...

That is how Camp Julia Crowell came into being and that very summer Mr. Kirby moved out and the Girl Scouts moved in, pitching their tents under the trees, swimming in the lake, making friends with the fish, and folk dancing on the floor that bounces! Let us look in on that first summer after the girls took over in 1937, or any summer thereafter. A counsellor, Miss Dora Wood, is leaving Kirby House, the administration building and heading for the oldest unit which is farthest away from the camp. Now, you can't go from one end of a camp where 124 girls are living to another without meeting a lot of people on the way, and all of them doing things, from singing songs to ~~finding~~ fossils. My idea of fossils was just a name our modern youth had for its old fashioned parents, but Miss Wood tells me I am wrong about that. They are really ^{records} ~~rocks~~ that tell the story of the kind of life that inhabited this region many years ago. So if you want to get the right story about things, you'd better go along with Woody.

WHITE CORAL BELLS

OF CHILDREN WADING IN WATER

Hello, Woody

Hello, ^{Jo Anne} Joan. What are the Brownies doing?

Fishing.

Why, that's fine. What are you catching? ^{Shrimps?} ~~With these sieves?~~

All kinds of things. Maybe we'll find some food for Peter and Pat.

Oh, is that what you called your baby ducks? I like the names.

Woody, what is this in my strainer? Looks like a very funny rock!

These rocks are called fossils. They are very, very old. Can you see the ^{print of the shell?} engraved little leaves and stem? Maybe some of the older

girls would want to study this rock. May I take it along?

Sure. Oh, look at him! Krik, krik, krik, br-r-rum! Is he one of the frogs that is making all the noise at night? I didn't know what it was at first and it kind of scared me, but now I am used to it and I like it. It's friendly.

I don't think he will grow as big as some of the ^{legend} bull frogs in the lake, but he is a nice fellow.

Help me catch him, Woody!

Don't you think he would rather stay here in the creek? You could come and visit him, I believe he likes his home.

I suppose. / Maybe I can find a salamander instead and catch ants for him like Mary Jean. But, Woody, how does the frog song go?

STEPS OF CHILDREN ON THE PATH, COMING CLOSE.

Here come some girls from Windy Hill. Hello, there. Come and help me sing the frog song for the Brownies.

HERE THE LIVELY SONG....

Thank you, Woody. Will you teach it to us some time?

I would love to. Maybe tomorrow night when I come to your camp-fire. So long.

Good bye, Woody.

WAGON WITH LOGS

Need some help with that wagon?

Thanks, Woody. Do you know what this is for?

No idea!

Stops. All the way down the hillside behind our unit. Remember, you said we shouldn't take the short cut to the lodge when we are in a hurry because the hillside will wash down? Well, we are always in a hurry to get to the dining room and it takes so long

and she talked to the farmer and he cut some logs and we are building steps.

Miss Wood Then the rain won't be able to wash down the hillside either.

I think that is swell. Those logs are kind of heavy, aren't they?

Yes, but the farmer will help pound some of the stakes down, but our unit is doing most of the work, and boy, are we going to save time!

Miss Wood Are you people getting on with your outdoor kitchen?

Sure. The fireplace is all finished. Some of the girls are making a table, out of sticks and string, lashing, I think they call it. ^{Use} They are ^{only} cutting down only those wild cherry trees you told us about, ^{there are so many} not any little oak or maple trees. When are you coming up?

Miss Wood Soon, I hope. It sounds exciting and I want to see it all. I am on my way to the upper lake now. Goodbye.

HAMMERING AND POUNDING ON WOOD

Jean Hi, Woody. Bang, that is the last nail on the dock. Now I am going to paint it so that the wood won't rot. Want to help?

Miss Wood You bet, I do. Hand me a brush. Oh, green? That will be nice. ^{Smile!} ^{Smile}

^{Dead End} I love your pink water lillies up here.

Jean You should have come up the day before yesterday when we put the foundation posts for the dock in the water. Two of us were down in the water, holding the row boat and two girls were in the boat, pounding the posts down with a sledge hammer. Some fun! We hunted all over the camp to find the boards and found the 2 by 4's in the craft shop and the posts on the farm.

Miss Wood You mean to say that no lumber was bought?

Jean That's right. But we tried out whether the wood was strong enough.

You know we don't want to have the whole thing collapse because

and we are having a tossed salad and we put some watercress in it that we found around here. And dessert? Applesauce. Some of us went down to the orchard and picked up all the green apples that had fallen down. So it's practically a home grown meal as well as a home cooked one!

Miss Wood

That certainly sounds good. I am so glad you asked me to stay.

Gong

Gong.

Gong

There goes the second gong. Let's go and wash up

Commentator

Going from unit to unit with Miss Wood at Camp Julia Crowell gives us a pretty good idea of what goes on these days on what was formerly Mr. James Kirby's estate. Brownies, Intermediate and Senior Scouts all find ways to make it a better and more beautiful place for themselves and the girls who come after them. In ways like these, Camp Julia Crowell has earned its first V, the Roman Numeral Five, for its fifth birthday to be celebrated in 1942. Like the little five year pin Jean told you about, it is a record of a great deal of good work and a lot of fun. They say that what we share in making becomes a part of us. In five years 2500 Girl Scouts have shared in making Camp Julia Crowell.

Listen to them as they wait for their families to come after them on a closing day at camp and you will know the camp is theirs and very much part of them.

1st voice

Gee, I hate to leave.

2nd voice

I'll never forget the first time I came up the hill and saw the Mill wheel and the lake and the water lilies.

3rd voice

Remember the overnight?

1st voice

and the day we finished the fireplace?

2nd voice

and the day we launched the canoe after we finished painting

Two voices

Well, we'll be back next year. I hope our table lasts through the winter.

Two voices

See you all in Cleveland - here is my family.

Joan

Good-bye, ^{So Anne}Joan. Eat your lettuce this winter now you know how good it tastes at camp!

Two voices

Let's sing that song we sang at campfire last night.

Two voices

Make new Friends ...

Commentator

Camp Julia Crowell has earned and earned well one kind of V, the Roman numeral five as 1942 marks its fifth birthday.

But this year it has another kind of V to earn, the V for Victory that is uppermost in all our minds. The girls themselves are concerned about this and are making plans now.

The Camp Council is the first group to go to work on it. This is an elected group of girls, two from each of the eight units at Camp Julia Crowell. It is therefore a representative body made up of all ages and of girls from all the sections of the city. They meet during the winter to consider the recommendations made by campers at the end of the 1941 season and to add to these things that have become important through the world-shaking events of the winter. Here they are, talking things over with a camp counsellor, Miss Dora Wood, and a Camp Committee member, Mrs. M.L. Balliett.

Miss Wood

We have lots to do this morning, so let's get right down to business and take up some of the reports from last summer of things the girls want to do this year. Jean, let's hear from you.

Jean

Well, the older girls had great fun doing that bean hole for the whole camp. We'd like more things like that. A lot of us want practice in getting good meals quickly for big groups. Besides, it's fun to have everyone together for campfire

(continued)

Then we liked it a lot when we helped in the Brownie unit that day while the whole staff was meeting. You see, we want to ^{learn} train to be camp counsellors ourselves and that's real experience.

Miss Wood

Both these things sound like good ideas and very practical. Anything else?

Miss Wood

More sailing and we'd like to have swimming in our own lake.

Mrs. Balliett

What about that, Mrs. Balliett?

The Camp Committee is working on it. If it's at all possible we'll do it.

Miss Wood

That will be fine. - Phyllis, what about your unit?

Phyllis

We want another Tom Sawyer Party so we can finish white-washing the craft house basement and use it for a clay studio. Betty and Janet are quite the sculptresses, you know. And more hikes and cookouts.

Miss Wood

Good. All the units seem to want more cookouts this year and we shall certainly have them. - How about the Brownies, Jean? Any suggestions?

Joan

Why can't we go to all the all-camp campfires, Woody? We liked the Scouts Own on Sunday so much, you know, the one about why we are glad that we are in America.

Miss Wood

I am glad you liked the Scouts Own, ^{To Anne} Joan, we all thought it was a very good program. Sometimes the big campfires are not so interesting for the Brownies and last kind of long, you know, but I shall make a note of your suggestion and We'll send more invitations to the Brownies to campfires we think they would enjoy. How is that?

Joan

That's fine, Thanks, Woody.

Miss Wood

Anything else?

Jean

We were wondering --Shouldn't the fire captain be a member of the Camp Council?

Eyllis

And what about that ^{this} war time we are having? We'll be going to bed in broad daylight, you know....

Couldn't the Brownies go to bed at 9 instead of 8 o'clock this summer?

Mrs. Wood

Hold it, hold it! Let's have one thing at a time. Yes, I think the fire captain should be on the Camp Council next summer. Now about the war time, we'll have to see. You all need your ^{enough} ~~certain~~ amount of sleep, you know; maybe we shall have to change the whole schedule or have camp saving time or something like that. We'll take it up with the Camp Council in the summer. Of course, I have been wondering myself about star gazing parties in daylight, or birdwalks in the morning when it is still dark and cold! Another thing we have to talk about to-day is the fact that things will be more expensive this summer and we have to save every way we can. Can you people think of things that might help?

Jean

We could use more blackberries and blueberries and apples right from the place for desserts and things.

Eyllis

Yes, and it's fun to pick them - and eat them!

Jean

We could clean up our plates better than we do!

Mrs. Balliett

These are good ideas. I think you should all know we may have to do without some equipment and luxuries we might like this year, but we'll have all the things we really need, and you're all good at improvising. For instance, some of the craft things you made from natural wood, like the bookends and paper knives were really lovely. And for that new studio, you can get clay right out of the creek. You see, we won't get metal for bracelets, for instance.

Jean

We all understand that, Mrs. Balliett, we wouldn't want to have things needed for defense just for luxuries, even if

Miss Wood

Anything else, you want to bring up, girls?

Ellis

Yes, about the camp booklet this year. Couldn't some of us help ^{write} ~~with~~ it? After you've been to camp yourself you know what other girls want to read before they come, and some of the things in last year's didn't really answer our questions.

Ms. Balliett

The Camp Committee will be delighted to have help on that from some of you. We'll let you know when we get to work on the booklets.

You know, I think the Camp Committee will be terribly pleased when I tell them about the things you discussed this morning. You have asked to do more of the things which will help you to become better homemakers and better citizens. I like the interest the Seniors have in child care and that you want to make things out of materials which are on hand. And more outdoor cooking and planning simple, but healthy and balanced meals. We want to keep our Victory Promise also out at camp. To buy carefully. To take good care of the things we have. To waste nothing. If we all work together, the Camp Committee, the Counsellors and you Girl Scouts, we'll keep it and have a better and healthier summer than ever before. Thanks for your help, and we'll see you on Opening Day!

Commentator

So Camp Julia Crowell girls are hard at work, building camp and building character though they don't talk much about that. Conservation, cooperation, self reliance, skills in handling tools and in handling people, are some of the ways in which the Girl Scout Camp will earn its V for Victory this summer. Underlying all their activities and the Camp Democracy portrayed in the Camp Council meeting you have just heard is the Girl Scout code with its ten laws. In closing, the girls will read you the Litany of the Girl Scout Laws.

T H E G I R L S C O U T L I T A N Y

- 1st voice The honor of a Girl Scout is to be trusted
It knows no guile
- 2nd voice The loyalty of a Girl Scout is steadfast
It does not change.
- 3rd voice The duty of a Girl Scout is service
It bears burdens for others.
- 1st voice The friendship of a Girl Scout is universal
It offers sisterhood to all.
- 2nd voice The courtesy of a Girl Scout is unfailing
It makes bright the walks of life.
- 3rd voice The gentleness of a Girl Scout protects all creatures
It suffers no cruelty.
- 1st voice The obedience of a Girl Scout is instant
It knows no rebellion.
- 3rd voice The presence of a Girl Scout is cheerful
It dispels all gloom.
- 2nd voice The hand of a Girl Scout is thrifty
It does not waste.
- 1st voice The mind of a Girl Scout is clean
It thinks no evil.
- 2nd voice The word of a Girl Scout is pure
It utters no shame.
- 1st voice The deeds of a Girl Scout are noble
For her motive is unselfish.