



A resident of Willowbrook learns to enjoy the sport of bowling thanks to the program.

some community support from people with cars we'd really appreciate it." In addition to FARM and Operation WOW, the Willowbrook program recently instituted Girl Scout units. There are a Brownie Troop with nine members and a Junior Troop with 21 members. "Through the cooperation of parents, friends and local citizens, we've been able to buy uniforms for all of our members and we were able to formally register them with the Girl Scouts of America," Ms. Benoit said.

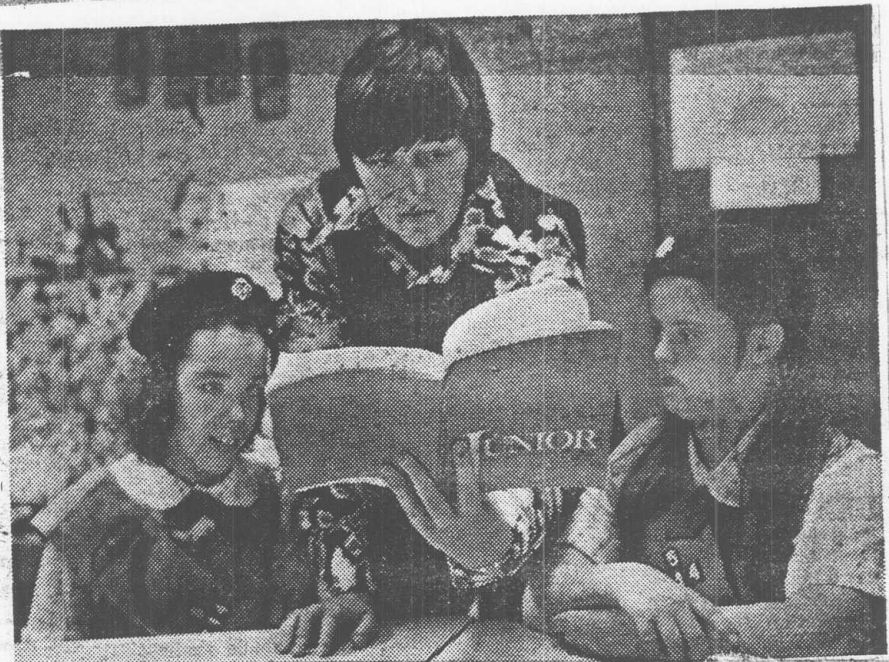
She pointed out that the requirements for membership in the Willowbrook troops are kept as close as possible to the Girl Scout requirements for normal children.

"So far it's proved successful," Ms. Benoit said. "The recent investiture ceremony was held the same way as normal Girl Scouts perform it, with a limited amount of help.

"In the future, we intend to expose them to more and more Girl Scout activities in the community so they can obtain social interaction with their normal peers."



Scout Victoria Wu, 10, discovers the joy and wonder of the simple task of stringing beads can bring with the aid of Mrs. Arlene Hopf, assistant troop leader.



Scouts Veronica Mendez (left) and Linda Capella (right) listen intently as troop leader and recreation therapist Genevieve Benoit reads them a story.

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