

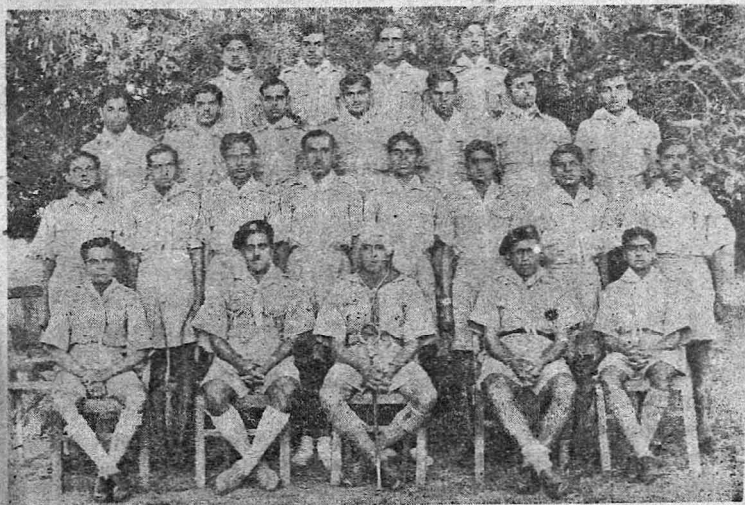
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SCOUTMASTERS' TRAINING CAMP



HOSUR, SALEM DISTRICT
8th to 19th Jan. '54

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OURSELVES

President Rajendra Prasad stressed the need for unified and well co-ordinated effort, in accordance with a well-thought-out plan to derive maximum benefit from all Child Welfare Organisations existing in the country, when he inaugurated the fifth session of the All India Child Health Conference in New Delhi recently. He said that "all over the country Children's Organisations are growing, and that the boy Scouts and Girl Guides Movement (The Bharat Scouts and Guides) was at present the largest single children's Organisation in the country with branches in all the States." He also stressed that we should provide healthy environment and proper recreation, we must also endeavour in every possible way to obviate or minimise the disabilities of the handicapped, and maladjusted children and to bring within the reach of every handicapped child prompt and efficient treatment as also educational and vocational training to equip such children so that they can establish themselves as independent self supporting citizens. Our handicapped section is not fully established, we should have groups for the blind children, mentally defective, the delinquent, the deaf and dumb etc., We hope in the coming months special efforts will be made to extend our work to the handicapped.

The first Class Scout Test Camp

We are happy to learn from Mr. T. R. Sundaram Pillai, District Commissioner, Coimbatore that a two day Week-end Camp was held in Chidambaram Pillai Park on the 30th and 31st of January 1954 with Sri J. I. Muthiah D.C.C. in charge of the Camp. 85 Scouts from the Schools in the City and from Pollachi Taluk took up the Training. Dr. N K. Sampath, Mrs. M P. Jesudasan & Sri K. Subramania Chettiar were examiners of First Aid, and Pioneering, Cooking, and Swimming tests respectively. The First class journey to Perur was a great success. The Scouts selected an ideal camp site on the banks of the river Noyyal and were visited by the District Commissioner accompanied by the Asst. District Commissioners, Sri T. S. Ramalingam and Sri S. Arulanandham. Now the District can take a legitimate pride on having trained 85 First Class Scouts, more to follow.

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JAMBOREE JOTTINGS

BY

A JAMBOORITE

WELL nigh 6,000 Scouts & Guides drawn from various parts of our vast country 'Bharat' were in camp from the 29th Dec. '53 to 2nd Jan. '54, at the Race Course, Secunderabad (Hyd-Dn.) Representatives from Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, Nepal and a single Scout from far off Australia were also there. Oh! it was a joyous occasion to be at the Jamboree, for once you participate, you will never like to miss such a gathering. That is the secret of Scouting, fellowship and fun too.

The high-lighting of the Jamboree was the long impressive march past of Scouts & Guides, through the important streets of Hyderabad, the Scouts and Guides playing their own band, and carrying, the banners a memorable event indeed. It created an excellent impression in the minds of the public.

Campfires were lively. items numerous and varied and never ending.

The Jamboree had its own

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We are glad to note that there is a greater demand now for copies of our monthly Bulletin. The Director of Public Instruction has now very kindly approved of our journal being included in the list of periodicals and newspapers approved for use in Secondary Schools throughout the State. The annual subscription for the Bulletin is Rs. 2/- and if you are not a subscriber already, please become a subscriber immediately and if you are one already please get another subscriber. Copies can be had of "The State Secretary, The Bharat Scouts & Guides, State Headquarters, Post Box No. 424, Madras-5."

daily, the Jamboree bulletin, telling all about the Jamboree. Pandit Nehru's visit was long looked for and when he did arrive on the 2nd Jan. 1954 the noise went up the air. Panditji took the salute, not a bit tired despite the long march of the contingents, with their own band and banners and the Girl Guides did receive repeated cheers by their smart bearing and their own band music.

Rajasthan was the most popular contingent, not because of their large numbers but because of their most realistic display and the lively interest they took in whatever they did. The hosts, Hyderabad State, deserves our utmost thanks for having

taken great pains, to shoulder the responsibility and to see the Jamboree through. Well done Hyderabad. So, ended the Jamboree.—

The Jamboree is over
 We have had five days of fun,
 Back to work and study—
 That's how the world is run.

Matters that Matter

Woodbadge holders meeting : this used to be a regular feature at every Jamboree but at this Jamboree, an announcement on the mike and the gathering of those who heard, pulling up chairs. National Camp Chief busy elsewhere, usual talk and disperse. This could have been better, had prior attention been given to such a gathering as this.

Exhibits : mostly of general nature, scouty exhibits were wanting. It was too small an exhibition for such a large gathering.

Pioneering ; Gateways and gadgets : These could have been more impressive. Or may be the lay out as such was the reason why usual gateways were not as impressive, as it used to be. Gadgets were far and few. Are scouts becoming lazy ?

Improved latrines : for 'health is wealth' were wanted. and for five days stay the area near water taps ought to have been better. Yes, many a slip in the slush and the stagnant water.

There was too much fuss with regard to Flag bearers too—white a cross belt so conspicuous on a scout uniform, with swords and all. Why swords? Any special significance? We are scouts for promoting peace !

Visitors : decidedly they were a nuisance or may be we are at fault to have allowed them to go all over the camp, at all times, from dawn to night. So many passes, so many cars, raising lot of dust. What a grand idea it would have been if a special visitors day have been allotted.

The duration of the Jamboree was all too short, first day to settle and the last day to break up, one day for sight seeing alas, only two days for fraternising, no, not enough.

The head gear : skull caps, 'P' caps, berets, Gandhi caps, Pith hats, Turbans and what not. Have the rules become elastic. These caps in particular were giving an impression that we have turned out to be too much militarised !

The First Jamboree of Scouts and Guides : presumably many had a doubt of the success of such a gathering of **Scouts and Guides** ; well it was a grand success. They lived as Brothers & Sisters and separate camping arrangements, mind !

Veteran Scouters : some of them were conspicuous by their absence.

The Jamboree bulletin : could have been better with more news about the Jamboree than individuals and more photographs.

Fire : precaution was not enough, thank God there was no fire to test the 'Preparedness of Scouts',

—KASINATH.

PERFECT SCOUT.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras

Reg. 1579/53 dated 15-1-54

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Health, Education and Local Administration Department
Memorandum No. 621 E2/54-1 Edn., dated 11th January 1954

EDUCATION—Bharat Scouts and Guides—All India
Jamboree at Hyderabad—Period of attendance
by teachers—treated as duty.

*Ref: From the Director of Public Instruction, Rc. 1579 C6/53
dated 30-12-53.*

In the circumstances stated the Government accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction, and direct that the period of absence of teachers, employed in schools under all managements (i.e., Government, Local Bodies and Aided), who were deputed to attend the All India Scout and Guide Jamboree, held at Hyderabad, (from the date of the reopening of the schools concerned after the Christmas Holidays till 5-1-54, inclusive) may be treated as on duty. No travelling or daily allowance will be paid to the teachers concerned from State funds or from the funds of local bodies as the case may be. The Director is requested to inform the managements of the schools concerned accordingly.

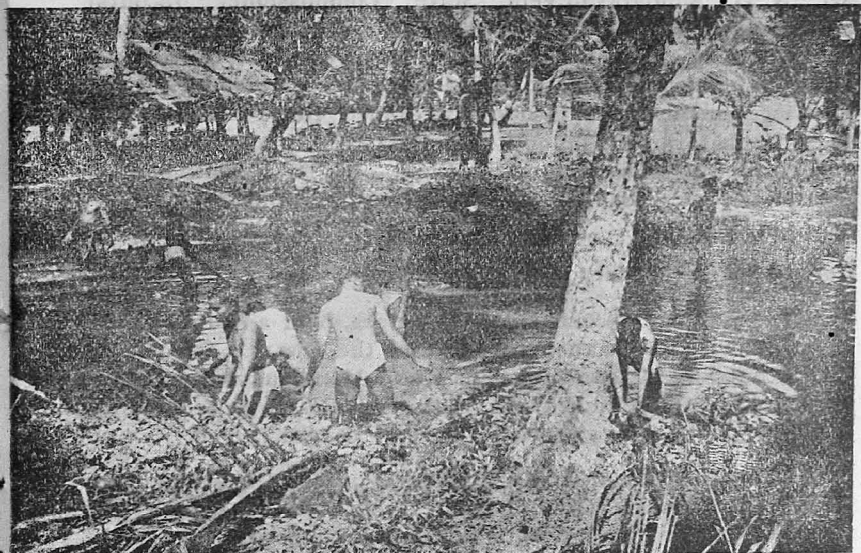
J. I. ARPUTHANATHAN,
Addl. Deputy Secretary to Government.

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The District Educational Officers and Inspectresses of Circle Schools are requested to communicate the orders of Government to the managements of all schools under their control.

N. D. SUNDARAVADIVELU
for Director of Public Instruction.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



ROVERS CLEARING A LOTUS POND AND REMOVING THE WEEDS

The South Madras Bharat Scouts & Guides

Thanks to the fine and consistent efforts of Miss M. Lily Josephine and Sri. N. Thangavelu, Joint Secretaries, the Scouters and Guiders Club is functioning extremely well providing ample opportunities for its members to improve their practical knowledge. The last meeting was held on 24-1-54 at the Shivaji Scout Group Headquarters, Mylapore, with Sri S. M. Dasan, Scouter in the Chair when there was a practical demonstration on "Pioneering". The Shivaji Scout Group stood the members to tea.

The Patrol leaders Forum held its third meeting on 31-1-54 at the Siddharta Scout Group Headquarters, Mylapore, when Sri N. D. Sundaravivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts) addressed the Patrol Leaders to forget differences and to forge ahead putting all their Scout ideals into practice. He advised them to be always honest, dependable and trustworthy. The District Commissioner (Scouts) welcomed the President. Sri K. S. Venkataraman, Troop Leader, Prathaps, presented a short report of the activities of the Club. Sri R. Ramachandran, Patrol Leader, Vasanthas, proposed a vote of thanks.

Almost all the Groups celebrated the Republic Day on 26-1-54 with great fervour and enthusiasm.

The Siddharta Scout Group, Mylapore, held a rally of their members with one of their parents and the District Commissioner (Scouts) as the speakers. Sri K. N. Narayanaswamy, Group Leader, Scouts welcomed the gathering and Sri K. S. Krishna-swamy, Scoutmaster proposed a vote of thanks.

The Shivaji Scout Group, Mylapore, unfurled the Flag with Sri S. Rajagopalan, Group Leader (Scouts) in the Chair. The District Commissioner (Scouts) addressed the Scouts.

The Prathap Scout and Guide Group, Mylapore, celebrated the Republic Day with pomp and gaiety with Hon'ble Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance and Education, as the President. Sri T. S. Vaidyanatha Iyer, Group Committee President, welcomed the Minister. Sri Subramaniam said that discipline and unity were the prime needs of the hour. He explained how the Scout Movement gave training to the young to lead their lives in a disciplined manner and also advised them to have a proper outlook on life.

The Mylapore Rover Crew celebrated the Republic Day in an overnight stay at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar from the evening of 25th to the evening of 26th January 1954. On the morning of 26th instant the Republic Day was celebrated under the Presidency of Sri S. R. Venkataraman, Secretary, Servants of India Society, Madras. Sri V. S. Ratnasabapathy, State Secretary, spoke on the occasion and observed that a

Rover Crew was bound to succeed if the crew concentrated, on one or two of the projects suggested by Sri. S. R. Venkatraman. Sri K. Rajagopalan. Rover Scout Leader moved a vote of thanks. In the afternoon the District Commissioner (Scouts) instructed the member on some aspects of First Aid.

H RAMANATHAN
District Commissioner.

TANJORE

A Scout Rally of Tilak Group, National High School was conducted in the School compound on 19th December 1953. Sri A. V. Thiagaraja Aiyar, M.A.L.T., Headmaster welcomed the gathering. The District Educational Officer, Tanjore East Sri J. A. Rayan, B.A.B.T., awarded the Tenderfoot Badges to the Scouts. He gave a yarn on Education as social efficiency as co-curricular activity of the School. With a vote of thanks by Sri R. Visvanathan the function terminated.

MANNARGUDI, EAST TANJORE DISTRICT

The Scouts of the 'Tilak Troop' National High School, Mannargudi led by the Group Scoutmaster Sri S. Vaidyanathan and assisted by a band of enthusiastic scouters ran their annual camp at Radhanarasimhapuram from 6th to 8th January, 1954. The Scouts of Painganadu also co-operated with them in the Community Service.

Sri S. Mani Iyer, M.A., Revenue Divisional Officer, Mannargudi opened the camp and was there for one day observing the activities. Sri K. S. Sundaresa Iyer, Asst. District Scout Commissioner, attended the camp and spent two days in the camp.

The programme of Scout activities was well planned beforehand and was followed successfully. The main feature of the camp was the Community Service rendered by the Scouts to the people of the village. It is a matter of gratification and pride that our Scouts were able to impress on the minds of the people the essential aspects like co-operation and self-reliance.

The Tanjore District Board authorities were kind enough to send their propaganda van with Sri Krishnamurthy Iyer propaganda officer and he spoke to the people of the welfare and uplift of the village. Instructive films regarding the methods of cultivation and poultry keeping etc., were shown and explained to the public of the village.

The people of the village in common and Messrs. S. Mahadeva Iyer, Jagannatha Muthurayar, Singaravelu Orchutiar in particular are to be congratulated for their help rendered to our Scouts and scouters in running the camp.

The Institution owes a great deal to Sri A. V. Tyagaraja Sastrigal, M.A.L.T., Headmaster and a veteran scout.

Jai Hind.

S. VAIDYANATHAN
Group Leader (Scouts)

SIVAGANGA, RAMNAD DT.

A Rally of Scouts belonging to 15 registered groups in the district was held at Sivaganga on the 9th and 10th January under the auspices of the Local Association of the Bharat Scouts & Guides. Camp routine was followed during those two days and there were instruction classes but no competitions. The District Commissioner opened the Rally at noon on the 9th. In the evening there was a route march round the town with the group flags. The main object of the Rally was to enable the scouts to qualify themselves fully for the II class tests. 180 scouts participated in it. The scout craft exhibition was opened by Mr. V. Nallaswami Pillai, Advocate and Mr. V.K.N. Kannappa Chettiar of Nattarasankotai hoisted the flag on the second day. On the evening of the second day a public function was held presided over by Janab Sirajuddin, Divisional Engineer, Highways when there was an exhibition of Scout craft by the scouts besides march past. The president in his address stressed on character building aspect of the scout movement. The public of Sivaganga took a great interest in it by attending in large

numbers. The total number of scouts and scouters that participated in the Rally was 252. The Local Association, Sivaganga played the host,

A refresher course for Scoutmasters was also held lasting for four days (9th to 12th) Mr. T. N. Bhuminathan was in charge of the course. Much credit for the success of the functions was due to the able body of Assistant Scout Commissioners and Rovers. Special mention should be made of Mr. K. Visweswaran who with his recent experience of the recent All India Jamboree at Hyderabad was able to train the boys for the Rally, March Past and Torchlight tatoon. One good result of the Rally was that a good number of scouts were able to pass the major number of II class tests and it is hoped that all of them will complete ere long.

P. SOMASUNDARAM
District Scout Commissioner.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, WELCOMED

Mr. G. V. Krishna Iyer, Secretary, Palghat, South Malabar District informs us that the Association gave a hearty reception to the Director of Public Instruction, Mrs. Srinivasan during her recent visit to Malabar. On that occasion Mr. Krishna Iyer presented a report of activities of the Association in which mention was made of the collection of 1500 pieces of cloths and Rs. 150 for the relief of Godavari Flood affected people, that 650 Scouts and Guides regulated the crowd and rendered service, First Aid etc., during the visit of the Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru. Kalpathy festival service was also undertaken and the two special Camps in connection with the Community Project at Puthucode and Vadavannur. Mrs. Srinivasan appealed to the public to encourage Guiding and bring it to the level of Scouting in the District. Mr. Ramani Kariakar A.S.C. thanked the D. P. I. for her address.

TIRUCHY

A grand rally of 420 Scouts and Guides drawn from various schools in the town was held in the evening of 26-1-54 in the Bishop Heber High School Grounds, Puthur.

Mrs. Ricketts of St. John Vestry School presided. Lt. Col. T. S. Desikachari, District Commissioner (Scouts) hoisted the National Flag. Mrs. Lily Charles, District Commissioner (Guides) took the salute at the March Past. The President exhorted the Scouts & Guides to be of Service to the country and to the people. Sri K. V. Ratnam, Asst. Dt. Commissioner and Sri James of Bishop Heber High School were in charge of the Rally. The Rally was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Sri K. V. Ratnam and with singing of National Anthem.

V. VAITHILINGAM,
Joint Secretary.

SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT

In connection with the Arudra festival a service camp was run under the auspices of the Chidambaram Local Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides for three days from the 19th to the 21st instant. The rovers and the members of the Rural Civic and Social Welfare Organization of the Annamalai University and the Scouts and the scouters of the Ramaswami Chettiar's Town High School, Sri Arumuga Navalar High School, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyasala and the Government Nandanar High School, numbering seventy-five in all participated. The campers were housed in the Sri Arumuga Navalar High School. Besides guiding the pilgrims and regulating the crowd, which was unprecedented this year, three first aid units were organised of which one was mobile.

The Camp broke up at 3 p. m. on the 21st instant after tea. Sri S. Ramaswami Aiyangar, Asst. Dt. Commissioner was at home to the campers.

V. RAJAGOPALAN,
Joint Secretary.

Guide Activities in the State

All India Jamboree—Secunderabad

From 29th December '53 to 2nd January 1954

The Guide section was represented in the All India Jamboree with a Contingent of 42 Guides and 17 Guiders from Madras State. Guiders from Tanjore, South Malabar, North Arcot and Madras City formed the Contingent with Miss S. P. Durairaj as the Leader and Miss A. Sakuntala, District Commissioner, South Madras as Deputy leader.

Training in Madras: Saturday Training Courses are being held for the Guiders of Madras City for six continuous Saturdays commencing from the 9th January 1954. 65 Flock Leaders attended the morning sessions and 20 Guide Captains attended the evening sessions conducted at Wenlock Park, Madras-5.

Nellore: Miss. D. E. Wiley the District Commissioner-Guides for Nellore had requested our State Commissioner-Guides to help training her Guides. So a training course was conducted at A.B.M. School compound, Nellore for ten days from 4th to 15th November 1953. Separate sessions were conducted for the Flock Leaders and Guide Captains. 56 Guiders from Nellore, Gudur, Kavali, Kanigiri, Podili, Donakonda, Narasarapet and even from Ongole (Guntur District) attended the course.

South Kanara: Mrs. Kalyani D. Shetty, the District Commissioner-Guides had arranged for two training Camps—one for Guide Captains and the other for Flock Leaders at Omanjur, 6 miles away from Mangalore from 30th November to 17th December 1953. 21 Guide Captains and 37 Flock Leaders were trained to be Guiders during these two camps. The District Secretary, Sri Giridhara Rao, Sri Baskar, Rai, the Eagle Rovers and others helped the District Commissioner, Guides of South Kanara District with the various arrangements of these camps. Miss. M. Pinto helped as Assistant Trainer for the Flock Leaders' Camp.

Chingleput District: The Assistant District Commissioner-Guides, Miss. G. Solomon had arranged for a short training course for her Guiders at Kancheepuram Mission School compound. 10 Guide Captains and 26 Flock Leaders attended the short training course conducted from 6th to 8th January 1954.

Ś. P. DURAIRAJ,

Jt. State Organising Commissioner.

7-DEC-1955

Welfare of Children

Task before Society

DR. RADHAKRISHNAN'S APPEAL

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of India, inaugurating the seventh annual session of the All India Balkan-jī-bari at Patna recently said: "Children constitute the wealth of the country and by directing their energies in proper channels we improve the physical and mental health of the whole community".

"It is by false doctrine", "that the children are seduced from their natural springs of life.

"The social nature of the child is distorted into queer shapes by the poison of indoctrination. In our country, we train them to feel that they are members of this caste or that community, of this province or that language group, and thus give a wrong twist to their minds.

"When it is our desire to train our people to feel that they are first and foremost citizens of this great land, this direction of the mind will have to start when they are little children. Every child is an experiment, an adventure into nobler life, an opportunity to change the old pattern and make it new. Every child is a distinct individual.

"A child's capacity for personal and social relationships should not be misdirected. If it is rightly guided, if healthy emotions and free creative intelligence are encouraged, we will contribute to the enrichment and stability of the child's life." "It is essential that ideas of children's welfare should spread in villages.

"The child", "Symbolises open-mindedness and receptivity. Children are sentimental, warm-hearted and eager to make friends. A child's personality is sensitive and responds rapidly to the surrounding influences. Physical care of children is not enough, emotional care is also needed. It is far easier to mould the next generation nearer to the goal of a social democracy than to change the present. By helping the children to love their

fellows whatever be their caste or community, we will develop a sense of brotherhood. By bringing all the children into fold to-day, we foster tomorrow a sense of community among all Indians”

“We have to give our children a sense of the great spiritual heritage and make them feel proud of their Indianness. To be born here provides a great opportunity to change the social structure of India and through it the nature of humanity. We will give them an idea of culture that all religions lead to God and they are only different pathways. To quarrel about the ways of God is both irrelevant and irreligious”.

Need for Tolerance

“Religious intolerance, is against the spirit for which this country has stood for centuries. Our culture tells us that God dwells in the heart of every being, even if he be wicked or degenerated. This faith is the basis of democracy.

“We should not grow up thinking that our country has always been right. History books should be carefully written and should promote friendship among nations. We must help our children to think of India as a whole, as a nation with its part to play in the world. We must give them a sense of historical perspective, and to check to-day against those of the past.”

We have had in our country, great respect for children. We have worshipped the divine child Krishna. One of the most famous symbols of the Christian religion is the picture of the Madonna and the child. To become like a little child is not easy. It costs us a great deal to acquire the meekness of the child”.

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OURSELVES

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Rural Cub Packs—Taluk Rallies

A series of Taluks Rallies for Rural Cub Packs in Chingleput District has been arranged with the help of the Special Officer of the District Board Mr. G. E. Muthuralandi. The first of these Camps was held on the 7th February at Thirukalikundrum. Over 600 Cubs & Scouters attended the Rally. A Scouters meet was also held under the presidency of Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Asst. State Commissioner of the Division and addressed by the Asst. State Organising Commissioner Sri M. Ram Mohan, and Sri R. Messiah Doss, the District Commissioner.

The State Chief Commissioner, Hon'ble Sri K. Venkata swami Naidu Garu, presided over the Rally. Sri M. Vedachala Mudaliar, Chairman, Chingleput Municipality as President of the Reception and Hospitality Committee welcomed the distinguished guests present. After Flag break, review and March Past, Mr. R. Messiah Doss, presented a short report of the activities of the Chingleput District Board Cubs and mentioned that there were nearly 420 Cub Packs registered with about 5,000 Cubs and Scouters.

The Special Officer and the State Chief Commissioner expressed their pleasure at seeing so many smart little children from the villages. Mr. E. S. Sbanmugam, the Organiser deserves our thanks.

22nd February: This day is sacred to Scouts and Guides. Because on this day the great Originator of the Movement, Lord Baden Powell and his wife Lady Baden Powell were born. Though Lord Baden Powell is no more with us; his Movement of Scouting and Guiding lives and grows, from day to day and year to year. We send our greetings to the Chief Guide of the World, Lady Baden Powell on this day and wish her many years of useful service.

Editor

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