

THE
BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES
BULLETIN

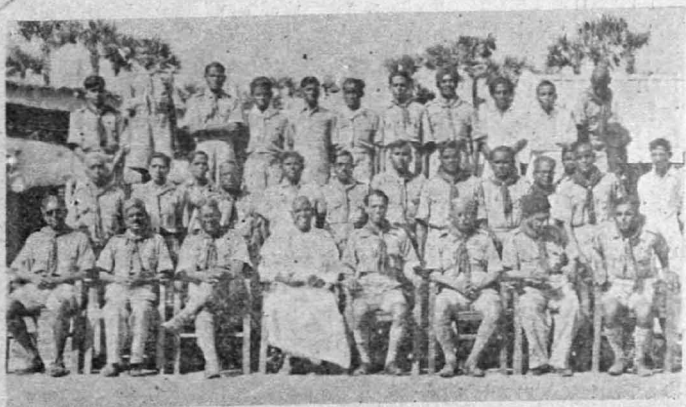
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MADRAS DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE, WALAJABAD
20-2-1954



The State Commissioner (Scouts) Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu
presided. Sri W. T. Masilamani Mudaliar, Founder,
Vallalar Home was the host.

Annual Subscription Rupees 2.

OURSELVES

Youth Welfare Seminar : A Youth Welfare Seminar run at State Headquarters for Six Saturday evenings has proved very useful for Scouters and Guiders of the City and also representatives of Youth Organisations. Two Committees are working on the problem of under-privileged boys and problem of Youth Welfare. Very good results are expected to come out of these two Committees. Mr. N. E. S. Raghavachari, Director of Community Projects pointed out the role that youth could play in the Community Projects scheme.

Two Rural Service Camps : have been planned for three weeks, for 200 Scouts at each Camp under the Block Development officers in Tirukalikundram Centre and Trivellore Centre, with the purpose of co-operating with the National Extension Service and to participate in the Five Year Development Programme of the Nation. The expenses of the Campers will be met by the Block Development administration. Mr. R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner will be in charge of one Camp and Mr. M. Ram Mohan, Asst. State Org. Commr. will be in-charge of another Camp.

Commissioners Course : We draw attention of our workers and others interested, to the announcement published elsewhere regarding Commissioners' Training Course for both sections, men and women and a Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Course to be held in May at our Coonoor Training Centre. We hope a very large number will attend these two courses. We specially invite women workers to take full advantage of the Commissioners' Training Course. Both Mr. Shri Ram Bajpai, our National Organising Commissioner and Mrs. Mohini, Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides) will be at Coonoor to help in these courses.

Southern Division : We have received reports of good work done in Mathurai District from Mr. A. K. Rajagopalan and Mr. V. Ramanujam, Secretary and

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"Thinking Day"

MESSAGE 1954 (Feb. 22nd)

"GO FORWARD"

These words were spoken by God to that great leader of old, Moses, when the children of Israel left the land of Egypt. "Speak unto the children of Israel they go forward" They had the hosts of Pharaoh behind them, and the waters of the Red Sea in front—but they went forward as commanded, and the waters divided before them, and they passed over on dry land—but the waters closed again on the following hosts of Pharaoh.

We are all living in a time of transition, all over the World—but the message is the same to all, "Go Forward".

To us, as Guides, it means go forward in obedience, loyalty, and co-operation, under the new conditions of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Association and go forward in our Guide work. We are as a whole rather stagnant at the moment. We should each personally try harder to be efficient, and also as Companies and Flocks.

The new badges will soon be available, and we should get them, and our new blue uniform as requested by Headquarters, by April 1st. Handloom weavers at Paramaikurichi will make saris 6 yards, for Rs. 5/- also uniforms can be got Mill-woven for Rs. 7/12 from Madras Headquarters.

With best wishes to you all,

Your affectionate Commissioner

G. PAKENHAM-WALSH

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Vienna, the 14th February 1954.
X/L (Our ref.)

To
The Bharat Scouts & Guides
State Secretary of Madras
The Marina, Madras S. I.

Dear Sirs,

After our safe return to our home place, Vienna we want to thank you very much for your help. We enjoyed very much the further trip through India, especially we loved to see the Minakshi temple of Madura, the Dusserah festival in Mysore and Peryar Lake in Travancore State.

We still think a lot about India and all three of us are trying to find out another chance to go back.

If you are interested in any connection with our association (Penfriendships etc) give me a note and I will arrange it with our Commissioner.

Affectionately your Scout friends.

Commissioners' Training Course

22-5-54 to 29-5-54—Coonoor

This Course will be held at the Stanley Park Training and Camping Centre, Coonoor, Nilgiris District from 22-5-54 to 29-5-54, one full day being set apart for sight seeing during the Camp.

2. Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners of both sections (Scouts & Guides) whether warranted or not are eligible to attend. Prospective Commissioners will be admitted with special recommendation from the District Commissioners concerned. We also invite the Presidents and Secretaries of the Local and District Associations to attend. It is hoped that all Commissioners who have not yet gone through any training will make it possible for them to take advantage of this Camp.

3. A Camp fee of Rs. 25/- is charged per head

4. Personal equipment necessary for the Camp:—

- (a) Scout Uniform without Scarf
- (b) Clothes for change
- (c) Notebook and a pencil
- (d) Toilet Requisites.
- (e) Light Bedding with woollen blankets.

5. The application should be sent to the undersigned with an advance Camp fee of Rs. 10/- on or before the 1st of May 1954.

HIMALAYA SCOUT WOOD BADGE COURSE

Part II (Practical)

10-5-54 to 21-5-54—Coonoor

CAMP CIRCULAR No. 1.

I. The above Course, the first of its kind in Madras after the Merger, will be conducted at the Stanley Park Camping and Training Centre, Coonoor, Nilgiris District from 10th to 21st May 1954.

II. The Course is open to all Group Leaders, Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters who have gone through the preliminary Training Course for Scoutmasters and have served as Warranted Scouters for not less than five years. District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners who have attended the Commissioners' Training Course or the Preliminary Scouters' Training Course are also welcome. A minimum of five years service is also essential in their case.

III. Every Camper will provide himself with the following personal equipment :—

- (a) Scout Uniform without Scarf.
- (b) Scout Staff and knot tying ropes
- (c) Note-book and pencil
- (d) One Hurricane Light
- (e) One Haversack or Ruck-Sack
- (f) Scout Knife and Handaxe (if possible)
- (g) Plate and a mug or tumbler
- (h) Clothes for change
- (i) Light Bedding with woollen blankets
- (j) Toilet Requisites.

IV. Every candidate will bring with him the following Books for reference :—

- (a) Scouting for Boys in India
- (b) A.P.R.O
- (c) Patrol System
- (d) Boy Scouts by Gilcraft

V. A Camp fee of Rs. 25/- per head is charged. Rs. 10/- should be sent in advance with the application and the balance must be paid to the quartermaster on arrival at the Camp.

The application which is available at the State Headquarters must be filled in and returned by the candidate to the undersigned on or before the 1st May 1954. The selected candidate will be notified of the selection in time.

Madras }
3—4—54 }

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY
State Secretary

N.B.—Coonoor being a Hill Station, *individual concession tickets will be available on the Railways as per Railway rules.

RURAL CUB RALLIES

Chingleput District Trivellore & Sriperumbudur

The Third Rural Rally was held on Sunday the 14th March 1954 at Trivellore 600 Cubs and Scouters participated in the one day Camp and Rally from Saturday the 13th March '54 to the 14th March 1954.

On the 13th, there was a Camp Fire meet where the leading Officers of the town were present and the District Munsiff presided.

On the 14th there was a procession of Cubs led by Sri M. K. R. Dikshatalu B.A., L.T., and later a Conference was held for all Scouters with Mr. T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar B.A., B.L., Assistant State Commissioner in the chair. Messrs R. Messiah Doss and C. V. Naidu addressed the Scouters

Mr. K. Jayaram of Perambakkam who organised the Rally was enthusiastically helped by the local scouters and Sri C. V. Naidu, District Scout Commissioner personally looked after the Campers and their needs.

The fourth Rural Rally was held at Sriperumbudur and was inaugurated by Sri K. Ramamurti B.A., Thasildar on Sunday the 21st March 1954 at the Jeer Gardens when 500 Cubs and Officers participated.

The Conference session was attended to by Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Asst State Commissioner who presided and the District Commissioners Messrs C. V. Naidu and R. Messiah Doss addressed the Campers

Hon'ble Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presided at both the Rally and Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu State Commissioner (Scouts) inspected the units and spoke to them.

Mr. M. Ethirajan assisted by Sri V. Munuswami Pillai was in charge of arrangements with the help of an influential Committee.

The Block Development Officer, Trivellore sanctioned a grant of Rs. 50/- for the Rally.

These Rallies have been organised under instructions of the District Board and conducted under the personal guidance of the Assistant State Organising Commissioner and the District Scout Commissioners

Rallies are held this month at Ponneri Taluk and Conjeevaram Taluk.

The Block Development Officer, Kadambathur has sanctioned Rs. 500/- to provide Equipment to the Rural Cubs and Scouts in the firka concerned.

M RAM MOHAN

Asst. State Organising Commissioner

Bharat Scouts & Guides, Salem District

The founders Day was celebrated on 22-2-54 with a Rally and March past. Over three hundred took part in it. The salute was taken by Sri C. V. Narasimham, Dt. Superintendent of Police who also hoisted the Scout Flag.

The function was presided over by Sri P. Sherfuddin, District Judge, Salem. In his remarks the President spoke at length about the services rendered to the world by the founders of the Scout & Guide Movement and how the movement, always desirable, has become absolutely essential now.

Competitions in Scout Craft and Cub and Bulbul tests were held. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. C. V. Narasimhan.

This was followed by a Camp Fire which was opened by Sri A. Nagaswami Iyer, Judicial District Magistrate, Salem. There were a variety of items and all of them were much appreciated. After a vote of thanks by the District Commissioner (Guides), the function came to a close.

All the arrangements were in the hands of the District Commissioner (Scouts) helped by Scouters.

At the request of the Salem Rotary Club the Scouters and Guides Club, Salem, gave a Camp fire Entertainment at Gollappatti on the night of 9-3-54. This village has been chosen by the Rotary Club and is being looked after by them. This camp fire was intended by way of some amenity for the villagers. The whole village turned out and had a good time. Our D. C. (Scouts) made use of this occasion to give a talk on Scouting and how the villagers could benefit by it. After the Rotarian President Dr. S. R. Rajaram's speech thanking the Scouters and Guides the camp fire ended at 11 P.M. with the National Anthem.

At the request of the Local Police, 50 Scouts and Scouters engaged themselves once a week in February last, in helping the pedestrians to acquire road sense and how to prevent jay walking resulting in accidents. This service has been much appreciated by the public here.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture is a sacred ceremony which should be conducted by the Scouter (C.M., S.M., R.S.L.) of the Group concerned and not by any body else. He should personally invest the Scout with the badge and not ask any body else to do it. This has a great significance and should be observed all through. •

The South Madras Bharat Scouts & Guides

The Temple Service: The South Madras Contingent drawn from the Scout Groups, Prathaps, Subramanyas, Siddhartas, Olcotts and Shivajis, the Rover Crews, Mylapore, Arundales, Athipathars and Gandhijis and the Guide Group, Prathaps and the Kamala Nehru Ranger Team did commendable service, on March 12, 14, 16 and 17 in connection with the Athikaranandhi, Rishaba Vahanam Car and Aruvathimoo var festivals of the Mylapore Kapaleeswar Temple. The District Commissioner (S) was the leader of the Contingent with Sri T. Muthukannappan, District Rover Scout Leader and Sri T. S. Mani as deputy leaders and Sri G. V. Rajaraman, Assistant Cubmaster as the Secretary of the Service Corps. Sri M. C. Sambanda Mudaliar Group Committee member and Advocate Sri T. R. Sreenivasa Iyer treated the service Contingent on 16-3-54 and 17-3-54 with sumptuous tiffin. The Scouts did large scale service and helped in regulating traffic, treating the injured, rescuing separated children, cordoning the Car and helping the other Social Organisations. On Aruvathimoo var Day, two stations were opened with a mike installed in one of them. As many as 95 children were traced and restored to their parents and the commendable work done in this connection by Guiders Miss M. Lilly Josephine, Miss M. Rosalie, Miss S. V. Leela and Miss S. Meenakshi and Sri C. Sreenivasan an ex-Scouter cannot be overemphasised. The Police and the temple authorities gave tremendous encouragement to the Scouts to do their service, extremely well. Suffice it to say that the spiritual background and the huge crowd occasioned some of the finest qualities of head and heart of the rank and file of the South Madras Contingent.

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28-3-54: The Annual Day of the Gadhadhar Scout Group, 1st Thyagarayanagar was celebrated with Sri J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner in the chair. Sri N. Srinivasachari, Headmaster, welcomed the gathering. The Group carried out a very lively programme of entertainments and fancy Dress Competitions. After distributing the prizes, the President addressed the members to play the game of Scouting truly and well. Sri P. T. Srinivasachari, Group Leader (S) and Sri M. Gnanasambandam, Troop Leader deserve our congratulations in this connection.

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The Scouters' and Guiders' Club met at the premises of the Gadhadhar Scout Group with the District Commissioner (Scouts) in the chair. Miss M. Lily Josephine, Joint Secretary briefly dealt about the useful part played by the Club in ascertaining the views of the Scouters and Guiders in a very democratic manner and providing opportunities to exchange their views and compare their own standards with those of others. Sri J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner, gave a lucid speech on "Our Creed". He exhorted Scouters and Guiders to have unassailable faith in Scouting, to understand the urge in the boy for adventure, to introduce in their programme all the aspects of Scoutcraft, and to create high moral and ethical standards. Sri N. Thangavelu, Joint Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. The Gadhadhar Scout Group treated the members of the Club to choice refreshments. Some of the former Scouters also attended the meeting.

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31-3-54: The Ninth Annual Day of the Rama Krishna Scout Group, 5th T Nagar, was celebrated at 5 P.M. in the School quadrangle with Mrs M. Gannon, woman specialist in Physical Education as the President. The Group carried out a good programme of physical exercises, entertainments and Fancy Dress show. Mrs M. Gannon observed that she had always a high opinion of the Scouts for they had in them a certain discipline. She said that Scout activities provided them immense scope for the development of personality and equipped them to face the life's problems honourably and well. Sri V. S. Mani, Cubmaster proposed a vote of thanks. The Group has on its rolls an efficient band of Scouters viz, Sri N. Thangavelu, (Group Leader), Sri R. Gopinath and Sri V. S. Mani.

H. RAMANATHAN
District Commissioner (Scouts)

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NILGIRIS

Coonoor : The Municipal High School Scouts helped the public during their school day celebration, in accommodating them. They have also done excellent work in keeping the crowd in order. They also visited Estate Labourers and advised them to keep their surroundings neat and clean. The Annual Scout Camp of the school was held at the Stanley Park for 3 days and they underwent training in various second class tests.

Ootacamund : The Municipal High School Scouts of Ootacamund helped the public during the Grigg Memorial Sports as well as their own School sports.

Hubbathalai : The District Board High School, Hubbathalai Scouts held their Rally and investiture ceremony at their village. A Rally was held at the Stanley Park in the presence of distinguished guests and the District Collector, the Nilgiris. The District Commissioner.

Hullical : The Rover Crews of Hullical are doing excellent work in the surrounding villages and estates. They are interested in School uplift work. They advice labourers and villagers in observing health habits,

Ketti : The Scouts of the Methodist Mission High school, Ketti, helped the children by distributing Milk Powder.

Kullakombai : Scouts of Kullakombai are preparing for Second class tests. They do social work among the Estate coolies. The Rover Crews help the Estate coolies, in first aid and advise them to live a sanitary life.

General : The Bharat Scouts and Guides of Nilgiris District is organising a Rally at the Stanley Park, Coonoor, on April 24th, 1954 to bid farewell to their President, H.C.M. McLaughlin Esq., I. A. S. retired.

Sri V. Balagangadara Menon, Special Officer, Coonoor Municipality is very keen on Scouting in schools under his control.

V. P. RAMASWAMY

Secretary

Nilgiris Association.

The Scoutmaster who uses discretion in putting his boys at an easy fence or two to begin with will find them jumping with confidence and keenness, whereas if he gives them an upstanding stone wall to begin with, it makes them shy of leaping at all.

MADRAS DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE

The Divisional Conference of District Commissioners and Secretaries of Chingleput, North Arcot and Madras City district Associations was held at Wallajabad, Conjeevaram at the Hindu Religious School Premises through the kind courtesy of Sri W. T. Masilamani Mudaliar, Founder and Director of the School.

The Conference met at 11 A.M. on Saturday the 20th Feb. 54 under the presidency of Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts). Mr. Muniswamy Mudaliar, President Conjeevaram Local Scout Association welcomed the delegates present. There were 24 delegates who were Dt. Commissioners, Secretaries, Asst. Dt. Commissioners and Dt. Scouters from the Chingleput and Madras Districts and 30 other Scouters of the Chingleput South Association who also attended.

Mr. M. Ram Mohan, Asst. State Org. Commissioner, reported about the progress of work in the division under the guidance and supervision of Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar. He read messages received from Hon'ble Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, State, Chief Commissioner and Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, wishing the conference all success and congratulating the division on its progress. The report referred about the work of the Madras Divisional Scout Council, the Revival of Rural Cub Packs of Chingleput and the organisation of Rural Melas at Taluk centres. He also outlined the programme of Training Courses next. Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner in congratulating the officers on their work, wanted that more concentration should be given to Efficiency and progress. He wanted that Scouts and Scouters should actively help in the community projects.

Mr. W. T. Masilamani Mudaliar provided a Sumptuous lunch for all the delegates as a gesture of goodwill and interest in the movement.

In the afternoon the Scouters Conference was held when Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar presided and Mr. D. S. Gururaj, Mr. R. Messiah Doss and led discussions on Group organisation, Efficiency of work, Community projects and Rural Cubing.

M/S Mohamed Noorudeen V. Thiagaraja Pillai of Madras, V, Subdhanathan of Minjur and others participated.

STATE COMMISSIONER VISITS CONJEEVARAM

The State Commissioner (Scouts) Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu visited a Rally of Scouts and cubs at the Anderson High School premises at 10 A. M. on the 20th Feb. and also another Rally of Scouts of Wallajabad at 11 A. M. the same day. He was present at the demonstration of Scout activities at both the rallies.

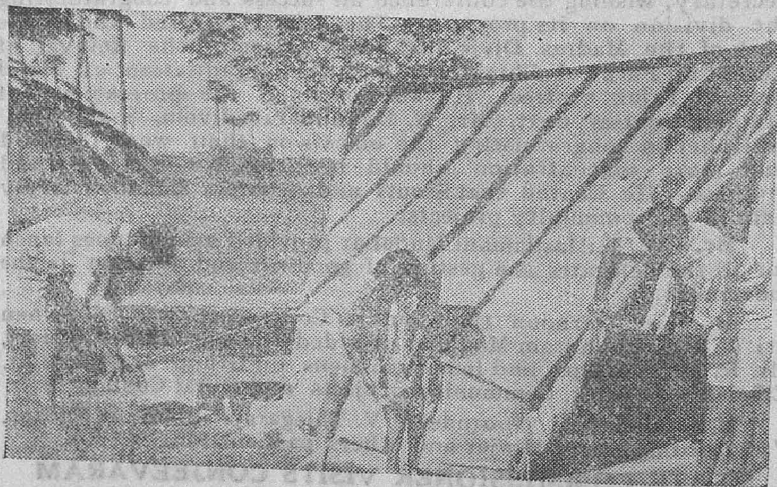
Mr. Muniswamy Mudaliar entertained the State Commissioner at a dinner party when the executive members of Conjevaram Local Scout Association met the State Commissioner (Scouts) at 8 P. M. on Saturday the 20th.

MADRAS CITY

The City Scout and Guide Commissioners, Secretaries and other members of the Madras Divisional Council met on Tuesday the 16th February '54, Mr. T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Asst. State Commissioner Miss G. R. Samuel (Headquarters Commissioner for Training Guides) and Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathi, State Secretary were present. The Asst. State Commissioner was "At Home" to those present. There was a general discussion on the work in the District for the year.

The Annual Competitions by the Council on an Inter District basis for Scouts was held on Saturday the 6th March 1954, when Mr. J. I. Muthiah, State Org. Commissioner judged the Scouts and Mr. Maruthi Rao judged the cubs.

The East Madras Team won in the Scout Competitions while the C. N. orphanage Cubs (West Madras) won in the Cub Competitions



BOY SCOUTS, Girl Guides and Clubs find the Tonakala Camp, Avadi, Madras, an ideal place for work and recreation.

Young Campers visit this spot all the year round.

These boys pitching tents belong to the

Sri Krishna Scout Troop.

HOW GOOD A BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES WORKER AM I?

A self evaluation chart

Instructions: For each question below, check off in the proper column your opinion regarding yourself. When you finish, add up the number of 'yes' answers counting 10 points for each yes. If you are below 70 you had better get to work! If you are 80, you are above average as a Bharat Scouts & Guides worker. If you have 90 points you are excellent. Here's to better service!

- | | YES | NO |
|---|-----|-----|
| 1 <i>Do I know the work?</i> Am I really interested in it? Do I attend meetings and Association sponsored functions? | () | () |
| 2 <i>Do I tell the Story?</i> Do I tell my friends and acquaintances about what the BSG are doing? Do I bring them to BSG functions? Do I make a preferred list of people who ought to know our movement better? Am I proud of our Bharat Scouts and Guides Movement? | () | () |
| 3 <i>Do I really serve?</i> Do I just come to meetings sometimes and passively sit during discussion, or do I really give of my time and talents to further the work? | () | () |
| 4 <i>Do I support the work?</i> Do I appreciate the privilege I have of giving money? Do I enlist financial support from friends? Do I study the budget so as to suggest improvements in the way we use our money? | () | () |
| 5 <i>Do I discover leaders?</i> Do I look for people to serve on committees, as group leaders, and for special services? Does my own active and interested service encourage others to join the fun? | () | () |
| 6 <i>Do I accept the basic purpose of Bharat Scouts & Guides?</i> Do I wholeheartedly support the cause and explain it to others? | () | () |
| 7 <i>Do I criticize constructively?</i> When things are not what they ought to be, do I loyally make these facts known to the proper authorities so as to help to preserve the good name of Bharat Scouts & Guides? | () | () |

8. *Am I teachable?* Am I willing to learn new and better ways of fulfilling the objectives of Bharat Scouts & Guides? () ()
9. *Do I keep abreast of the moving social currents in Society?* Am I able to interpret the thoughts and feelings of the public and apply these to our objectives in our movement? () ()
10. *Am I a good Citizen?* Do I vote? Do I support other worthy social service and religious organizations? Do I try to exert a wholesome influence on the neighbourhood in which I live? () ()

*Adapted with thankful Acknowledgement to the
'Association Men'*

By T. RAJA IYENGAR, A.D.C. Rovers, Coimbatore

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Badges

	...	0	3	0	Each
Cub/Bulbul Tenderpad Cloth	...	0	3	0	Each
Scout/Guide Tenderfoot Cloth	...	0	3	0	"
Rover/Ranger Tenderfoot Cloth	...	0	3	0	"
Cub First Star	...	0	3	0	"
Scout/Guide Second Class	...	0	4	0	"
Cub Two Star	...	0	3	0	"
Scout/Guide First Class	...	0	5	0	"
Cubs Proficiency Badges	...	0	3	0	"
Scouts Proficiency Badges	...	0	3	0	"

Books

A P R O Part I	...	1	4	0	"
A P R O Part II	...	1	0	0	"
A P R O Part III	...	0	12	0	"
Scheme of Training (Guides)	...	0	4	0	"
Memorandum & Rules Book	...	0	4	0	"
Wolf Cubs Hand Book	...	2	8	0	"
Guides to Commissioner	...	0	12	0	"
First Aid Instruction (Telugu)	...	1	0	0	"
Scouts Tests in Telugu	...	0	10	0	"

Equipment

Lanyard	...	0	10	0	"
Woggle (Bamboo)	...	0	3	0	"
Woggle (Rattan)	...	0	1	0	"
Belt	...	2	0	0	"
Whistle	...	1	4	0	"
Commissioner's Scarf	...	2	0	0	"

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY, State Secretary.

OURSELVES

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Assistant Secretary of the District Association. Mr. K. S. Seshadry, Assistant State Commissioner paid a visit to the District and visited a large number of groups, addressed public meetings and generally encouraged the Movement in the District. Mr. K. G. Ramabadrán, Dt. Commr. Sri T. S. Rajan, President & Sri M. Rajagopalan, State Org. Commr. gave their co-operation.

His Excellency the Governor who attended the Rally, in his address expressed his great pleasure in being there and paid a glowing tribute to the great services rendered to Indian Scouting by Dr. Annie Besant and commended the good example of Dr. H. N. Kunzru, our National Commissioner. Sri C. A. Ramakrishnan, Collector of Mathurai has also given support to the Movement. The visit of Mr. Justice A. S. P. Ayyar had added strength to our Organisation.

Our National Council : Both the meetings of the National Executive Committee and the special and ordinary National Council meetings held on 27th and 28th of March 1954 were attended by Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav and Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy. Several matters of importance such as the revised A.P.R.O., Badges, Publication of literature and National Magazine, Training, etc., etc., were dealt with. We can now hope for a great development of our organisation throughout the country along many useful lines.

A Memorial Fund : In memory of the late Sea Scouter Sri C. R. Sriramulu, East Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides arranged a drama "Panam" by Sri N. S. Krishnan Srimathi T. A. Maduram and party at the Kala Mandap, on the 4th April. Sri A. M. Murgappa Chettiar, President of the Association presided. We are informed that about Rs. 2,000 has been collected which will be used for the benefit of Sri Sriramulu's family. Well done, East Madras.

Editor.

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"Thinking day" Rallies

In Tirunelveli District—Feb: 20th

Three celebrations were held throughout the District on Saturday 20th and were very successful.

Tuticorin: Held a joint Rally of Scouts and Guides—I quote the Report sent by Mrs. V. Koilpillai, A. C. "Thinking Day" was celebrated at Subbiah Vidyalyu School premises—Your message was well suited for the occasion—we all missed you on that day. We had good numbers of Camp-fire items. Glad to inform you that all the Guiders are now 2nd Class."

Kulasekarapatnam: A large gathering assembled at "K. P. M." representing the Trichendur Taluq, 76 from Nazareth-49 from Megnanapuram, and 81 from Kulasakarapatnam Schools. Total 206 accompanied by the Manager, Mr. Kandaswami Pillai and friends, also Mr. Eddy, Sec: Tamil Nad Y. M. C. A. Miss Pakenham-Walsh District Commissioner and Miss Swingler A. C. for Nazareth, took the salute at the March Past. This was followed by Breaking the Colours, and forming Horse-shoe. "Thinking Day" message was then read—The site was very picturesque: a green field near the sea, with the Guides Bungalow and cocanut tope in the background.

A very good programme followed: each section giving 2 items—Two chose "Illustrations of Guide Law", each entirely different. Megnanapuram Rangers gave demonstration of resuscitation from drowning-by the *Molger-Nielsen Method* (Given in 1954 Guides Diary), while other Guides went for a Doctor, stretcher, hot bottles and blankets and hot drinks—patients recovered and were carried off to Hospital. K. P. M. Rangers gave a very pretty gipsy dance, in bewitching costumes, with tambourines, and their Leaders deserve great credit for such a good performance.

After lowering the Colours the National Anthem was sung, and the Guides dispersed for evening meal and reassembled after dark in the wood, which was lit with Chinese lanterns for their Campfire sing-song, including a very amusing farce "Spanish Tragedy" by the Nazareth Guiders. The Birthday song for our Chief Guide was then sung. We took leave of Mr. Kandaswami and his Guides, and the rest stayed the night at the Guides adjoining bungalow.

Palamcottah: The Guides held an informal Rally in the grounds of our friend Miss Morris, on the High ground, about 100 attended and had a very pleasant evening. Miss David Assistant District Commissioner and Miss C. John L. A. were in charge. Miss Nightingale A. D. C. (for N. Tirunelveli) kindly arranged a gathering of Local Bulbuls from Deaf and Blind Schools to meet the other Bulbuls at S. T. College and all had a happy evening.

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