

MOREE GIRLS FORM BROWNIE PACK

Very Successful Start Made

This month the Moree Aboriginal Brownie Pack celebrated its first birthday, and can look back on its first year of existence with a great deal of pride.

To-day the Pack consists of twelve very keen little girls, and it is hoped that in the near future many more will follow their example and join up too.

It is also hoped that the parents will play their part by ensuring that the lasses attend meetings regularly.

The last nine members of the Pack were enrolled at ceremonies which were held in the Station Hall.

It was indeed gratifying, not only for the girls themselves, but for the organisers also, to see that these ceremonies attracted so many members of the Moree Girl Guides Association and members of the public generally.

All these occasions help to break down that foolish and unnecessary colour prejudice.

Uniforms for the newly enrolled Brownies were provided by their parents, and the little lasses looked particularly smart as they made their Brownie Promise to the Commissioner of the Western Division.

Later, with Moree Girl Guides, six of the Brownies helped to make up the camping scene float for the Moree Jubilee Celebrations.

This float was mounted on the Station truck which was decorated and driven by the Station Manager, Mr. Morgan.

(The amount of potatoes cut up, and the quantity of pepper used as the truck drove along the mile long route of the procession, is a secret known only to the Brownies themselves!)

The Brownies were recently delighted to receive a visit from Miss Edna Jones, Country Trainer, and even more delighted when she told them that she had never visited a Brownie Pack with so much enthusiasm as the Moree girls.

Margaret Raveneau, Pat Clark and Edna Madden have already gained their Second Class badges and are now seeking further honours. Daphne Pitt and Ada Weatherall are to be enrolled soon and should look very smart in their Brownie uniforms.

Writing to the Editor of *Dawn*, Mrs. Morgan, Matron at Moree Station said, "We are deep'y grateful to all those mothers who have so readily given us their support and all those who have helped to make our Fancy Dress Ball such a success. Special credit is due to Mrs. Raveneau who made so many of the uniforms."

SCREEN TESTS FOR COUNTRY GIRLS

Moree Girls Visit Sydney

Recently three girls from the Moree Aboriginal Station journeyed to Sydney to be screen tested for a part in a new Australian film shortly to be made.

With Mrs. Inspector English, Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Morgan, and Esther Johnson another contestant from Murrin Bridge, the three girls were entertained one afternoon at afternoon tea, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chauvel.

Later the girls were screen tested before the movie cameras and had their voices recorded.

The following night the four girls were entertained at the State theatre as the guests of Mr. Chauvel.

Once they had completed their screen tests they had plenty of time to themselves and made the most of it by visiting the Zoo, the Art Gallery, the Gardens, St. Mary's Cathedral, Luna Park, and of course all the big stores.

Then to finish it all off they spent the Sunday riding rubber floats in the surf at Manly.

On their last day in the city, three footsore and very weary girls went shopping to purchase gifts for their folks at home, and also selected the latest gramophone records to take back to members of their Youth Club.

It was really a very hectic week, but they all declared they enjoyed every minute of it.

YELLOW ROCK SETTLEMENT

Successful New Farm

Writing to the Editor of *Dawn*, Mr. J. McBean, North Coast Area Welfare Officer, said he was very impressed by the farm that had been established on the old Aboriginal Reserve at Yellow Rock by an aboriginal named Kelly.

"Mr. Kelly was absent in Urunga when I passed through," said Mr. McBean, "but I saw and spoke to his two sons who are working on the property. Although we have had a very dry period, Mr. Kelly had a very healthy looking crop of sweet potatoes, which he sells locally, and another two acres of good corn."



Mr. McBean said Mr. Kelly also had two horses, nine head of cattle, and some pigs and poultry, all in extremely good condition.

This is an excellent example of how aborigines can successfully work their own properties and prove themselves to their own advantage—energetic and self-reliant.