

PROGRESS OF BROWNIES AT BREWARRINA

The enrolment of nine Brownies in the newly formed Pack was an inspiring event for the parents and the small gathering of people invited from the town at the invitation of the Matron as Brown Owl of the Pack.

It was hoped that an officer of the Guides at Headquarters in Sydney, could have performed this ceremony, but as this was not possible, special permission was granted to Brown Owl, Mrs. Robertson, to do this herself. Mrs. Robertson said that the children were ready for this after six weeks training, but owing to her illness and other minor interruptions it has only just been possible to get the girls enrolled.

The Brownies, who are in two Sixes, the Fairies and the Elves, looked very smart in their brown uniforms, with brown tie, and brown beret to match. After the enrolment they played games and had tea. The leader of the Elves is Maudie McHughes, with Jean McHughes, Patsie Coombes and Noeline Clarke as the rest of the six. Eva Hall is leader of the Fairies with Blanche Ferguson, Yvonne Charles, Rose Rummage and Margaret Boney in her Six.

This event was reviewed by Mrs. Seberry, Honorary Secretary of the C.W.A.; Miss Latimer and Miss Hellyer of the Methodist Nursing Service and Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, who represented the Press.

Many thanks and appreciation go to the 1st Killara Guide Company, Sydney, who kindly donated uniforms and other items. The Killara Company has been good enough to adopt the Brewarrina Aboriginal Brownies. This is a gesture which is greatly appreciated.

On a closing note it is interesting to report that there are now three new recruits, Jenny McHughes, Francis Coffey and Renie Bloomfield.

Further Successes of the Wilcannia Concert Party

The Aborigines Hill-Billy Show from Wilcannia, recently visited White Cliffs and Ivanhoe, where they gave performances in aid of the Wilcannia and District Hospital and the Ivanhoe and District Hospital. Both performances were very successful and very well supported by the public, who were surprised at the talent produced and the way in which the artists conducted themselves at the Show and after.

So satisfied was everybody with the Concert that there were numerous requests that the Hill-Billies make another appearance at both centres, at some future date. Transport is to be provided both ways at no cost to the Concert Party and this should be sufficient indication of the appreciation of the local people.

The appearance of the Hill-Billies in the Far West is becoming popular, they are being sought after as entertainers and it is pleasing to note the interest taken in their progress by so many prominent people in the district. Enquiries from Broken Hill are coming to hand, the people there want to know when the boys and girls will visit that city, but transport is one big problem and accommodation is another cause. They would have to stay there at least over a night or two. Mr. Quayle, the energetic Supervisor is endeavouring to make arrangements with the Flying Doctor Organisation for the Concert Party to be accommodated.

The Wilcannia Concert Party is doing a good job by bringing before the people the talents of its members.

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Valerie Nolan and Joan Cooney, of Peak Hill.



Margaret Green, Charlie Brown and Eileen Talbot, of Ashford.



Meet Des Morris, of Armidale.