



## 4th BRUNSWICK GROUP BOY SCOUTS

# "Scout Link"

Meets at Kitchener St. Hall — West Brunswick



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### DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Mr. Norman Anderson, 1a Balfe Crescent, West Brunswick.

### GROUP PERSONNEL

G.S.M.—Mr. Dennis Rathbone (Kim), 12 Ward Grove, Pascoe Vale South.

L.C.M.—Miss Lois Parry (Akela), 290 Albion Street, West Brunswick. Phone: FW 4647.

A.S.M.—Mr. Albert Allen, 8 Cadman Street, West Brunswick.

Rover Leader.—Mr. Albert Blair, 11 McKeon Av., Pascoe Vale South.

Cub Pack meets Friday, 7 p.m.

Troop meets Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Senior Scouts meet Friday, 7.45 p.m., at 1a Balfe Crescent, West Brunswick.

Rover Crew meets Friday 8.30 p.m.

### PARENTS' COMMITTEE

President: Mr. Cliff C. Tabley, 2 Moreland Road, Essendon.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Robert P. Lavender, 1 Peacock Street, West Brunswick. Phone: FW 6313.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. H. Gronn 8 Hopetoun Avenue, West Brunswick.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### March 24th:

Social Committee Meeting to discuss a Bazaar and other social events for this year, is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Road, Essendon, at 8 p.m.

#### March 25th:

District Cub Picnic, Woodlands Park, Essendon, commencing 11 a.m.

#### March 25th:

Monthly Euchre Night (Mrs. Ken Gronn, Hostess), combined with Rover Social, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, 13 Culloden Street, West Brunswick (opp. State School).

#### March 26th:

Swimmers' Badge Class, Brunswick Baths, 10 a.m.

#### April 1st:

Girl Guide Evening—Crazy Whist, etc. All invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, 1a Balfe Crescent, West Brunswick.

#### April 3rd:

"Scouting Around"—Rosella Radio Session, over Station 3XY, featuring 4th City of Brunswick Troop, 5.40 p.m.

#### April 11th:

Monthly Parents' Committee Meeting, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, 1 Peacock Street, West Brunswick.

#### April 22nd:

Free Picture Night conducted by "Moonee Vale Progress Association," at Kitchener Street Hall at 8 p.m.

#### April 23rd:

St. George's Day Service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, 3 p.m. All Brunswick Group attending. All parents invited.

#### Dear Parents,

At last I am able to report a definite progress towards obtaining our own Hall. During the month a sub-committee met and discussed plans of a design for our proposed hall, these in due course will be submitted to the Council for approval. In the meantime, through the efforts of committeeman Norm. Anderson, your committee was able to purchase an office building measuring 24 ft. by 10 ft. and in excellent condition, which should prove a very good acquisition on our property.

For many years now, the Group has been struggling to provide proper facilities for your boy and for the first time that prospect is now in sight, but I must impress upon you the urgent necessity for your assistance and advice, and the one way you can do this is by attending two very important meetings, namely, the one at Mr. and Mrs. Tabley's home on Friday, March 24th, and our next Committee meeting, held at Mr. and Mrs. Lavender's home on April 11th.

At our last Committee meeting we had an attendance of 21, which is our best effort for many a long day. Will you help to better this?

Yours till next month.

R. H. LAVENDER, Hon. Sec.

### ROVER CREW REPORT

The night hike at Heidelberg was a great success, even if we did have to push Joe's motor-bike the last mile and drag home Rob. Atkins, who wanted to stay all night.

The Home Nursing Course got under way on the 3rd March and is proving helpful and interesting.

Unfortunately the Crew Hike planned for the week-end, 11-13th March was cancelled because of insufficient starters.

Our job at the Brunswick District Scout Craft Competition was the dismantling of the Flagpole after each group of Scouts had erected it. Frank wanted to know why it was that after each time we pulled it down some silly cow came along and put it up again, no future in it, he said.

We were very disappointed that our picnic at Half Moon Bay on February 19th had to be cancelled because of disgusting weather.

The Metropolitan Rovers are having a Popular Girl Quest to raise money to complete the Warburton Memorial Chalet (as yet we haven't finalised our Popular Girl choice—they're all good sorts).

Our first effort is a house party at Mrs. Fraser's home, 13 Culloden Street, West Brunswick (right opposite State School) on Saturday, March 25th. A very entertaining evening is promised. Donation, 2/- gents, and 1/6 plus a plate of cakes, ladies.

Much work was done by the Rovers on Saturday, 18th March at the working bee, arranged by the Group to dismantle our new Hut (future Rover Den, perhaps, Ed.) in readiness for transport to the Group's block of land. We are all very keen to get into privacy and atmosphere of our own hall, whatever its size—all thanks to our Group Committee.

ROVER/LEADER BLAIR.

### CUB CORNER

At last the day for the Cub Picnic has been decided upon, and all the Cubs will meet on 25th March to go to Woodlands Park, where they will join in games and races with all the Cubs from the other Packs in the District. We all hope that Mr. Weatherman will treat us kindly and that all the Cubs turn out as smart as paint, remember, like "Young Willie" in last month's issue of the "Link."

The Cubs would like to extend thanks to the Rovers who have offered to help us at instruction time on Friday nights.

Good hunting, Cubs.

"AKELA."

### SCOUT-MASTER'S REPORT

With the Troop greatly reduced in numbers owing to the McCubbins going to Queensland, the Prouds

going to Coburg and the Patrol Leaders going up into the Senior Scout section, the Troop is taking some time to get its head above water. Even though we are small in numbers, the team of Scouts put up a very creditable performance in the Scout Craft Competition to finish third. Well done, Troop.

On the 8th March, we had a visit by Tom Jones, the Scouting Roundsmen of 3XY, with his wire recorder, and he recorded our voices and activities, which will be heard over Station 3XY on Monday, April 3rd, at 5.40 p.m.

The 11th, 12th and 13th March found again a very small Troop at Wonga Park for the Camp Craft Competition in which we brought up the rear guard. In the District Commissioner Hide we also finished well back, 5th out of 7, but all the experience gained was of inestimable value, particularly to myself.

ALBERT ALLEN, A.S.M.

### GROUP SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

The day of our own meeting place is now in sight and together with the Rovers, Seniors and members of the Group Committee, I assisted in a working bee on Saturday, 18th March, when we dismantled the new Hov ready for transport to our new block of land.

Our Group Committee is doing a really wonderful job; never before has our Scout Group been able to say we will soon have a meeting place of our own.

Moving among the various sections, I find the attendance at the Cub Pack meetings averages about 18 except on those wintry nights when parents are loth to let the little ones go out. Since we have lost "Bagheera" the Rovers have been helping out by sending a Rover along each Friday evening to assist Akela in instructing the Cubs, especially in second star work: the Cubs think those big hairy legged Rovers just beaut., no doubt they are thinking of the time when they will be Rovers themselves.

I would like to see all the Cubs rally around Akela for the District Picnic, which is being held next Saturday, March 25th, commencing 11 a.m. A very interesting programme has been arranged and I would like to see 4th well to the fore. I must compliment the Scout Troop on the very excellent effort they put up during the Scout Craft Competition held at Wiley Park on 25th February. Considering only nine Scouts took part in this competition, I think you will agree that coming third was a very good effort. Our tent-pitching team, led by P/L Bernard Smith did an outstanding job; they showed great teamwork and erected the tent within the time limit.

P/L Peter Anderson was in charge of the team for erecting the Flagpole; once again this team did a very fine pioneering job.

Wednesday, 1st March, saw the beginning of our Senior Scout Section. A short ceremony was held and the Seniors left the Troop and advanced yet another step along the road of "Scouting." Mr. Guy Carter, the Senior Leader, is very keen and enthusiastic about this section, and I want you Scouts to give him your support and help make Senior Scouting a great success.

I was not able to attend the weekend camp on the 11th-13th March, held at Wonga Park; However, Alby took the Troop away, and although the results so far as the District Competition was concerned was rather disastrous, a certain amount of experience and a good time was had by all. As the numbers attending this camp was small, the gear, which on the other hand was no small pile, was all packed into a Jeep for the journey to Wonga Park. Many thanks, indeed, to Mr. Van Lavender for his services with his Jeep.

I am planning to hold an Easter Troop Camp from April 7th to 10th and I hope that all Scouts in the Troop will attend this Camp. Mrs. Morrison's site at Eltham was again chosen and is the same location as used last year. Sunday, 9th April has been set aside as visitors' day, and on this day we will be pleased to see as many visitors as care to come to our camp site.

Chatting with the Rover Leader, I find that outstanding amongst recent activities was the Crew's night hike at Heidelberg. I believe Joe is going to see his motor-bike.

The Home Nursing Course is well under way, and any time from now on Mums of Rovers should be able to have a week-end in bed and get expert attention from their Rover son just as a try-out.

Yours, in Scouting.

"KIM."

### L.A. REPORT

Our L.A. representative, Mr. Cliff Tabley, reported the following items of interest from the last L.A. meeting. The date has now been fixed for the District Ball, namely June 8th. A quantity of leis is required and volunteers for making of same should get in touch with Mrs. Tabley.

Scouters' Council held a social evening at 3rd Brunswick Hall on Thursday, 16th March, and although all parents of Groups in the District were invited, it was pleasing to note that 4th Brunswick at least made some effort to honour this invitation.

### DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge the following donations: Mr. Ray Brilliant, £1/1/-; Welfare Collections for March, Mrs. Raven, 5/-; Mrs. Middleton, 4/-; Mrs. A. M. Lavender, 4/-; Mr. J. Adams, 4/-; Mrs. A. Lavender, 4/-; Mr. V. Lavender, 3/-; and 2/- each

from the following — Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Tabley, Mrs. Naughton, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Prior, Mr. C. Gronh, Mrs. Lavender, Jr., Mrs. Batten, Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Paton; and 1/- each from Mrs. McMillen, Mrs. Astley, Mrs. Rushworth, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Cariss, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Tom McKinley, Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Seers, Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Renn, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bruce Wallace, Mr. K. Gronh, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. P. Christenson, Mrs. J. Christenson, Mrs. Parry, Jr., Mrs. Parry, Sr., Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kisson, Mr. J. Dellow and Mr. Gibson.

### FINANCE

Our Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Gronh, reports that our Group Account stands at £11/5/7, while our Building Account is £15/14/-, plus £550 in Government Bonds. During the month £50 was drawn from our Building Account to purchase an office building.

### SOCIAL REPORT

With a humidity reading of 45 degrees and the mercury around 90 degrees, twenty-one parents and friends attended another one of our very sociable Euchre Nights. Mrs. Cariss is to be complimented for winning eleven out of twelve games to gain the ladies' prize. I would like, on behalf of the members of the group, to extend our very sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Tabley for placing their home at our disposal. In such surroundings one cannot help but enjoy oneself.

Our Building Fund benefited by another £3/15/6.

### "BON VOYAGE"

London bound on 30th March in the Moreton Bay are Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, Sr., and Mr. J. Adams. They will be away for approximately nine months, holidaying in England and on the continent, with an idea in mind to visit South Africa on the way home. To them we wish all the very best for a successful and enjoyable holiday. Maybe one or two new features on Scouting may result from this trip abroad.

### SPECIAL EFFORT

The result of special effort No. 5, conducted by Messrs. Tabley and Lavender, resulted in a win for Mr. Ray Middenway, of 170 Donald Street, East Brunswick. Ticket No. 1225.

### VERDICT

"Tell me, Professor," the young thing gushed, "What do you think of my voice?"

"Well, frankly, madam, it reminds me of toothpaste."

"Toothpaste?"

"Yes. You squeeze it, and it comes out flat!"