



4th BRUNSWICK GROUP BOY SCOUTS

"Scout Link"

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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 H. Lavender, 1 Peacock Street, West Brunswick. Phone: FW 6313.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 23rd—St. George's Day Service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melb., at 3 p.m. All Brunswick Group attending. All parents invited.

April 29th—Monthly euchre night, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Rd., Essendon (hostess, Mrs. Hayes), at 8 p.m.

May 9th—Monthly Parents' Committee meeting, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, 1 Peacock St., West Brunswick, at 8 p.m.

May 11th—A screening of topical talkie films, by the Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd., at their Theatre, 29 Market St., Melb., at 8 p.m. Tickets now available from the hon. secretary.

Dear Parent,

Do you know where Jolly St., West Brunswick, is? Do you know Jacob's Reserve? No, this is not a quiz, but the location of our intended Scout Hall. Might I suggest you take a stroll down Melville Road, from Albion Street, on any Saturday, and then look across Jacob's Reserve, and you will see a hall in the course of erection, which, in due course, will

become part of our completed Scout Hall. For many weeks members of the group have been actively engaged in putting up a structure which we hope to have completed some time in July.

I would like all parents and friends to come along and see for themselves what their financial assistance has so far achieved, for, I feel quite certain, with further financial aid, we will, in time to come, be able to boast about the 4th City of Brunswick Scout Hall and its surroundings.

In conclusion, let me once again appeal to those parents who have lads in the troop to come along to one of our monthly committee meetings, and get to meet the other members, and, at the same time, obtain first-hand information of the doings of the group.

Yours till next issue,

R. H. LAVENDER, Hon. Sec.

ROVER CREW REPORT

The Home Nursing Course is going along fine. We now have competently trained baby feeders and bathers (theoretically, anyway, for no one will let us practise on their infant; can't understand why). If Frank keeps acting as patient, he will start to think he is really ill.

We are pleased to have Rusty Payne back with us again, after his spell in hospital.

Once again, we have to report that there were no starters for the Easter Metro. hike.

Our house party, run by the four Rover Squires at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, was an outstanding success, both socially and financially. I wish to thank the Rovers concerned and their parents, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Essex, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins and Mr. and Mrs. Woodhead; also our thanks go to our Group Committee, both for their attendance and for letting us have their card night. Thanks to all others who attended and helped to make the evening such a success. We realised £13/7/-, of which £10 goes towards our "Popular Girl" fund, and £3/7/- to the Group Building Fund.

Please, Mr. Gronn, stop following me. I promise to give you the money soon, for I know Mr. Hayes (our Building Director) is waiting for payment of his accounts.

The many working bees erecting our new hall have been good fun, and

much work has, is, and will be done.

Mrs. Tabley and Mrs. Cariss keep our strength up with their afternoon teas. I can recommend the working bees just to be in the "eats."

Alby Allen still wants to know who is noggin' in the noggins.

The Metro. Rover Dance at Port Melbourne Town Hall on May 13th should be good.

A Crew hike will be held on the week-end, May 20-21, and it will be led by Rusty Payne. He won't tell us where yet.

ROVER LEADER BLAIR.

CUB CORNER

Attendances of a Friday night are still very good, and there are still a few lads waiting to get into their Cub uniform.

Unfortunately, the weather did not treat us kindly on the Saturday set aside for our Cub picnic, and the afternoon had to be abandoned. However, rather than let the lads down, we spent the afternoon at the Museum, and a good time was had by all. Saturday, 22nd April, has now been selected for the District Cub picnic at Woodlands Park, and in the event of rain arrangements have been made to divide the District into groups, and the activities will be carried out in 3rd, 8th and 10th Brunswick Scout Halls, thus eliminating any possibility of a further postponement.

Good hunting, Cubs.

"AKELA."

SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

On April 3rd, at 5.40 p.m. over station 3XY, our recorded voices were heard in a session of "Scouting Around" with Tom Jones. The session went over quite well, except for some excess punctuation on my behalf.

During Easter, Kim took the Troop away to a camp at Eltham. According to Kim, I believe it went extra well, and everybody who went had an excellent time.

By the time this issue of the "Link" is in circulation, we will have had our picture night at the Western Theatre. Present indications suggest that the night should be a roaring success. I know the boys of the Troop are working hard in selling tickets, all of them trying to win that real beaut football. Let's hope one of the Troop can win it.

ALBERT ALLEN, A.S.M.

GROUP SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

The working bees that are now being held every Saturday on our block of land in Jolly St. is rapidly producing results. Since writing in last month's "Link," the hall has now been erected, and already the first extension to same has been started; perhaps by the time you are reading this report it may even be completed, that's how fast results are being obtained by our working bees.

It is very pleasing indeed to see the wholehearted co-operation between the members of the Group Committee and sections of our Scout Group, especially our Rover Crew. Every Saturday we see the Crew well represented, and perhaps it is not advisable to single out individuals and mention their names with such events as working bees, but I do think the young Rover Squires deserve a special word of thanks, namely, Jim Fraser, Bob Essex, Rob Atkins and John Woodhead, who are always well to the front. Good work, Rovers. Keep it up.

A.S.M. Alby Allen has taken several photographs of the progress of the working bees and a special one of the afternoon tea, when hot scones and tea were so welcomingly eaten. Many thanks to Mrs. Tabley for those beautiful scones.

On Friday, 24th March, a going-up ceremony was held at the Pack meeting, when Cub Vincent Lavender went up from the Pack to the Troop. Congratulations on your further step along the road of Scouting, and welcome to the Troop, Vincent.

Saturday, 25th March, brought along an investiture ceremony for our new Patrol Leaders. As Alby was holding a Saturday afternoon parade in Mrs. Astley's paddock, permission was obtained for our Troop to all go up into Mr. Astley's loft, and the ceremony, simple as it was, was most impressive because of the ideal surroundings. I doubt if our new P/L's will ever forget re-affirming their Scout Promise to the Troop in the dim light of the loft.

The big event of the month for the Troop was the Easter Camp, held at Mrs. Morrison's property at Eltham, from April 7th to the 10th. Two Patrols, led by our new P/L's, did an excellent job of camping. The Kanga Patrol consisted of P/L G. Tabley, second, D. Anderson, G. Guillieri and G. Wilde, Three Graemes, numbers 1, 2 and 3, while the Magpie Patrol was made up of P/L Ian Guillieri, second, J. Murray, B. Thrippleton and V. Lavender.

Transport was arranged with Mr. Baxter, and, as there were only eight Scouts, ample room was available. With the weather being so wet previous to Easter, we left home a little doubtful, wondering about the tracks into Morrison's and the ground for camping. Once we alighted from

the van any doubts we had were immediately dispersed. I selected a high site for our camp, which was well drained and quite dry. Tents were efficiently and quickly erected, showing from the very start of the camp that our new P/L's knew all about this grand side of Scouting—camping out in the bush. Once the tents were erected, lunch was eaten; after lunch a short hike through the bush to the rapids upstream. My wife (known to the Scouts as Nushka) and two children accompanied me to the camp, an arrangement which worked very well indeed, as Nushka was able to assist the Patrols with their camp cooking; in fact, I can say that Nushka was as good as an A.S.M. Saturday morning essential camp work and gadgets were completed, in the afternoon the Troop hiked into the kiosk on the main Eltham road about 2½ miles. Once again our carrier, Mr. Baxter, donated £1 back to the Troop, which was spent on ice cream, and soft drinks, etc., which the Scouts were able to do justice to.

Sunday was visitors' day, about sixteen very welcome visitors arriving. Although they did not get as many mushrooms as the Scouts, everyone seemed to have a good time. Sunday night a camp fire was held, the Patrols providing songs and items, and, at the close of our camp fire, a "Scout's Own" was held, and most impressive it was, too, as the glowing embers of our fire threw out glittering lights.

Monday, the last day in camp, as all Scouts know, is a day of work, packing up, but everyone voted it a great camp.

The Kanga Patrol won the Patrol competition. Good Scouting, Kangas, and congratulations to their P/L. The Magpie Patrol also put in a very fine effort, only six points separating them from the Kangas. This camp showed beyond any doubt that the standard of camping in the Troop is very satisfactory indeed. Throughout the whole camp the weather, most fortunately, remained fine. We missed completely the storm that the city got on Friday.

Our senior Scouts were not so fortunate. Their camp was held at Gilwell Park, and they seemed to have rain almost every day. In spite of this, our seniors, P. Anderson, B. Smith and G. Seers, had a most successful camp. The candle situation was a bit grim, though; their ration was a half a candle per night, then bed.

Many thanks to 3rd Brunswick Troop for giving them a lift to Gilwell.

Reports have reached me of the neat little camp the seniors set up for themselves; several people remarked on it. Well done, seniors, keep it up.

As you already know, the Cub picnic was abandoned, but Akela, as usual, was well prepared for such an occasion. May we thank Mr. Tabley for providing the finance for this trip.

Yours in Scouting,
"KIM."

FINANCE

Our Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Gronn, reports that our Group Account stands at £7/18/7, while our Building Account is £17/7/-, plus £550 in Government Bonds.

DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge the following donations:—Mr. A. Lavender, £1/10/-; Mr. J. Adams, £1; Mr. F. Bowden, £1; Mrs. A. M. Lavender, £1; Mr. A. Mateer, 10/-; Mrs. Braid, 4/-; Mrs. Raven, 4/-; Mr. V. Lavender, 3/-; and 2/- each from the following—Mrs. Essex, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Tabley, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. C. Gronn, Mrs. M. Lavender, Mrs. Parry, Snr., Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Kitson, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. Bottomley, Mrs. Trevena, and Mr. Burgess; and 1/- each from Mrs. McMillen, Mrs. Astley, Mrs. Rushworth, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Cariss, Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Seers, Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bruce Wallace, Mr. K. Gronn, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Naughton, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. P. Christenson, Mrs. J. Christenson, Mrs. Parry, Jr., Mr. Williams, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Dellow and Mr. Gibson.

SPECIAL EFFORT

The result of special effort No. 6, conducted by Messrs. Tabley and Lavender, resulted in a win for Mr. B. Long, 23 Stott Street, Box Hill. Ticket No. 5.

WANTED

The Group is urgently requiring a volunteer to knit sock tops for the boys (wool will be supplied). All details regarding pattern and size can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, or any member of the Group Committee. Can we count on some parent to come forward and offer her services in this very urgent necessity?

PICTURE NIGHT.

April 22nd—Free picture night conducted by Moonee Vale Progress Association, at Kitchener St. Hall at 8 p.m.

THANK YOU

Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, Snr., and Mr. J. Adams, would like, through the medium of the "Link," to thank all those good friends for the good wishes extended prior to their departure overseas.