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"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.

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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

May 27th.—Monthly Euchre Night, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Road, Essendon, at 8 p.m. (Hostess, Mrs. Smith.)

June 8th.—Annual District Scout Ball, Brunswick Town Hall, 8 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Debutante set presented at 9 p.m. Tickets available from Mrs. Tabley, 8/- per single.

June 13th.—Committee Meeting and Annual Meeting, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lavender, 1 Peacock Street, West Brunswick, at 8 p.m.

June 24th.—Monthly Euchre Night, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Road, Essendon, at 8 p.m. (Hostess, Mrs. Raven.)

June 27th.—Card Afternoon (Krazy Whist), to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raven, 218 Moreland Road, West Brunswick, at 2 p.m. Admission 2/- plus a plate. All proceeds in aid of our forthcoming bazaar.

Dear Parent,—

On Tuesday, June 13, is our Annual Meeting, and, apart from the general business and election of office-bearers for the ensuing 12 months, which is normally carried out at such meetings, there will be an item of special interest to all parents and friends of the above Group. I would, therefore, stress the importance for all who have any interest in Scouting to attend.

Saturday afternoon working bees are still continuing on our block of land in Jolly Street, and might I once again suggest to all parents and friends to come along and see just what is being done for the boys.

As this will be the last issue of the "Scout Link" prior to the annual meeting, I would like to take this opportunity of personally thanking all those parents and friends and members of the Group committee, likewise our Group Scout-master, Rover/Leader, Assistant Scout-master, and Lady Cub-master, for their assistance in helping me to compile our monthly issue of the "Scout-Link," for without their help it would be impossible for me to give you a detailed account of the activities of the Group from month to month.

Yours till next month,

R. H. LAVENDER (Hon. Sec.).

ROVER CREW REPORT

The Home Nursing Course is drawing to a close, and Mrs. Mountford, our instructress, has done a thorough and conscientious job. Our examinations are on Friday, 19th May. There is much swotting to be done. The constant use of Frank as a patient may have affected him, for he has gone away for a fortnight's holiday.

Our Crew hike has been put off from the week-end 20-21st May to 27-28th May. Rusty, still has not told us where it is to be.

The "Popular Girl" Quest, to raise money for the Rover Memorial Chalet at Warburton finishes on 31st May. Our contribution total at the moment stands at £15/8/-.

The Rover dance has been changed from 13th May to 17th June. We are all looking forward to the Brunswick District Scout Ball at Brunswick Town Hall on 8th June. I want here to thank the Rovers and Squires for their co-operation and work that they

are doing in aiding with the construction of our new Scout Hall. Keep it up with that "ROVER SPIRIT OF SERVICE," for we are all keen to get into it as soon as possible.

ROVER-LEADER BLAIR.

GROUP SCOUT-MASTER'S REPORT

The Cub picnic, held last month, was most successful. Akela has told me how much all the Cubs enjoyed themselves. The weather was satisfactory; and so it should after the Cubs waiting so long for their picnic.

Many thanks to all the Cubs for doing such a really good job in helping to make our Group Picture Night such a wonderful success. It all goes towards the expense of our new hall.

On Saturday, April 29th, a Troop working bee of Scouts, Alby and myself cleaned up most of the tins and rubbish, etc., on our new Scout Hall site. No doubt there are still some tins, etc., hidden under the long grass, for it seems as if the area has been a dumping ground for rubbish for some considerable time. The Scouts are to be congratulated on doing a fine job.

A Patrol camp under the leadership of P./L. G. Tabley and Ian Giulieri will be held during the school holidays. P./L. G. Tabley has done a remarkably good job in organising this camp, and an excellent job was done in making out the menu and the amount of food required. In all, six Scouts will be at the camp. Mrs. Morrison's site at Eltham has been selected once more. Let us hope that they have fine weather.

A start has been made to instruct the second class Scouts of the Troop along the road to becoming a first class Scout—the ambition of every true Scout. As it is quite impossible for Alby to give Tenderfoot second class and first class instruction during the Troop meeting time, Alby gets the Scouts on first class work to stay back after the end of the Troop meeting.

Our senior Scout section, though small in number, is always well represented at the working bees of a Saturday. Good work, seniors, keep it up.

The Rover Crew also is to be thanked for the work they are put-

ting into the Hall. The united Group effort is producing the objective that we have all strived for during the last ten years. The Rover Crew hike to be held May 27-28th appears to be the biggest mystery for some time; or maybe it is that Rusty just hasn't made up his mind yet.

Yours in Scouting,

"KIM,"

SCOUT-MASTER'S REPORT

It should not be very long now, Troop, before we are moving away from our present meeting place to our own personal Scout Hall in Jolly Street—the last move we will have to make for all time, we hope.

Several parents and myself went along to the free picture night conducted by the Moonee Vale Progress Association, which, so far as the programme was concerned, was a reasonable effort. There were very few adults at the hall to view the screening. The picture night of our own, held at the "Western," was a roaring success, especially from the financial point of view. The prize of a football for the sale of the highest number of tickets went to Graeme Wilde, he sold over 50 tickets. We were all sorry to learn of his recent illness, and hope that he is well on the road to recovery. We hope to see him in the Troop again soon.

Cheerio,

ALBERT ALLEN, A.S.M.

CUB CORNER

The Cubs turned up in great force to the District Cub picnic and had a wonderful day, meeting Cubs from the different Packs. The picnic commenced with a mass GRAND HOWL, which was most impressive. All the Cubs joined in the various games and races, and were not hard to find when the drinks and ice-creams were handed out, especially when "Sharda" (D.C.M.) decided to give everyone prizes as well as the winners of all the races.

John Marshall is now "Sixer" of Blue Six and Garry Trevena is second, while Dennis Furlong is Second Sixer of "Tawny."

I would like to extend a welcome to Dan Burgess, Ian Baird and Murray Robertson, who are now members of our Pack and are working well for their Tender Pad. Congratulations to John Marshall, who now has his "First E" opened. Keep up the good work, John.

The Cubs will not be short of knotting ropes for a long while, as Mr. Kenerv has generously donated 24 yards to the Pack.

Good hunting, Cubs,"

"AKELA."

SENIOR SCOUTS

Although only three in number, namely, Peter Anderson, Bernard Smith, and Graeme Seers, the Senior Scouts, under the guidance of Mr. Guy Carter, have been progressing very nicely. At present they are undergoing a course of mapping combined with the necessary instruction in first aid that is required with the first class badge. Plans are in hand for a hike over the King's Birthday week-end, and it is to be hoped that the weather treats them more kindly than at Gilwell.

FINANCE

Our treasurer, Mr. C. H. Gronn, reports that our Group account now stands at £15/4/7, while our building account is £39/12/3 plus £500 in Government bonds.

DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge the following donations:—Mr. K. Wheeler, £1/1/-; Mrs. Goetz, 4/-; Mrs. Murray, 4/-; Mrs. Braid, 4/-; Mr. Burgess, 4/-; Mr. V. Lavender, 3/-; and 2/- each from the following:—Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Tom McKinley, Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Renn, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Essex, Mrs. Tabley, Mrs. Raven, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. C. Gronn, Mrs. M. Lavender, Mrs. Parry snr., Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Batten, Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. Bottomley, Mrs. Trevena; and 1/- each from Mrs. McMillen, Mrs. Astley, Mrs. Rushworth, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Cariss, Mrs. Seers, Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Madigan, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Ken Gronn, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Naughton, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. P. Christensen, Mrs. J. Christensen, Mrs. Parry jnr., Mr. Williams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Kitson, Mr. J. Dellow, Mrs. Gibson, and Mrs. Allen.

SPECIAL EFFORT

The result of "Special Effort" No. 7, conducted by Messrs. Tabley and Lavender, resulted in a win for Miss E. Fletcher, 26 Ardoch Street, Essendon, ticket No. 73.

CONGRATULATIONS

Back in March, last year, young Graeme Wilde, then a Cub, was runner-up for the most number of tickets sold, but this year, now having gone up into the Scouts, he carried off the honors for the Troop by selling no fewer than 55 tickets

(a really fine effort). Runner-up this time was Cub Ian Davidson, who sold 41 tickets. Many other Cubs and Scouts also did particularly well, selling between 18 and 30 odd tickets each. The all-round effort was so good that it prompted the committee to try and hold two more nights before Christmas, and, apart from the nightly prize for the most number of tickets sold, it has been decided to offer a special prize for the champion ticket seller of 1950, and this will be given at the end of the year, thus those Cubs and Scouts who just missed out this time have an opportunity of catching up with their ticket sales during the next two picture nights, and competing for the aggregate. So keep watching for our next picture night.

SOCIAL REPORT

Once again a very successful picture night was held at the Western Picture Theatre on Thursday, April 30th. An excellent general exhibition programme was presented, and it was very pleasing to see so many parents and friends attend. With donations and sale of tickets, our building account benefits to the extent of £17.

Most enjoyable was the euchre evening held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley on Saturday, April 29th. Twenty parents and friends attended, and it was very pleasing to be able to extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Christenson jnr. and our Rover/Leader Bert Blair. A special vote of thanks to Mrs. Seers and Mrs. Carris, who provided two very nice cakes for disposal in the usual manner. The result of the evening adds a further £3 to our building account.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Mrs. Paton for volunteering to knit sock tops for the boys. It is hoped to be able to furnish her with the required wool and necessary details regarding pattern and size at an early date.

HE WAS SAFE

"Wake up, John, there's someone coming up the stairs," said the wife, prodding her husband vigorously.

"What time is it?" he asked.

"Two o'clock," she replied.

"Thank goodness, it isn't me this time," was his answer, in a tone of relief.