



## 4th BRUNSWICK GROUP BOY SCOUTS

# "Scout Link"

Meets at Kitchener St. Hall — West Brunswick



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### DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Mr. Norman Anderson, 1a Balfie 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.

ACT. S.M. (S.)—Mr. Guy Carter, 216 Park Street, West Brunswick, N12. Phone FW2044.

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 Balfie 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

June 27: 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.

July 11: Monthly Committee Meeting to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, 1 Peacock Street, West Brunswick, at 8 p.m.

July 13: Group Picture Night, to be held at the Western Picture Theatre. General exhibition programme, screening "The Good Old Summertime," with Judy Garland and Van Johnson, plus "The Secret Garden," with Herbert Marshall and Margaret O'Brien. Tickets now available.

July 29: Monthly Euchre Night, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Rd., Essendon, at 8 p.m. (Hostess, Mrs. Cariss.)

Dear Parent,

In this issue, you will be given a resume of the activities of the Group during the past twelve months, and also a condensed copy of the Annual Balance Sheet for the year ending May 31, 1950.

After a careful perusal of these

two items, I feel quite sure you will agree with me, when I say, we have had a most successful year and that everything points to the ensuing twelve months being even better.

One very important function we will be holding in four months' time, is our annual bazaar, on Saturday, October 14. Last year, we raised close on £100, this year we want to do better, but without your support this cannot be achieved. You may ask yourself, "how can I help?" Let me suggest that you can assist in stocking any of these stalls, namely, Grocery, Fancy, Toy, Cake, Sweets and Flowers. Please do it now and should you require any assistance regarding transportation of goods let me know, at the same time if you intend to assist with perishable goods, which naturally would not be required until just before the bazaar, would you be good enough to advise any member of the Group Committee or myself so that we can note same for reference when required.

In conclusion, let me once again invite you to pay a visit to our block of land in Jolly Street on any Saturday and have a look over the extension of our new hall, which is now nearing completion.

Hoping to see you there,

I am, your sincerely,

R. H. LAVENDER,

Hon. Sec.

### GROUP SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

The past month has been a most successful one for our Group. Our Scout Hall is progressing very well, the working bees are bringing the time much closer when our Group will be meeting in our own hall.

The annual meeting of the Group Committee was a most successful evening. It is indeed gratifying to the Scouters of the Group to see such a fine Scouting spirit that exists in our Committee.

About five years ago, the Committee was reorganised after a lapse during the war years, since that time it is to be commended on the achievements and progress it has made. All through the past five years and for about twenty years previous to that, Mrs. Cariss and Mr. Gronn, two very stalwart Committee members, have given continuously and unselfishly of their time and efforts to assist our Group and it is with great pleasure that Scouters and Scouts have been able to have presented to them the highest award available, the "Thanks Badge." County Commissioner Cummings, at our Annual Meeting, presented these "Badges." Our congratulations also go to Mr. Cliff Tabley, who also received the "Thanks Badge"

on the night of the District Ball, for the sterling work he is doing for Scouting in the Brunswick district and the most active support he is giving to our Group. On behalf of the Scouters and Scouts of our Group I wish to offer our hearty congratulations to these very kind workers of the Scout Movement.

Remember, Scouts, that the holder of a "Thanks Badge" is entitled to a full Scout's Salute and the privilege of being able to call on any Scout to assist them, and we, as Scouts, are proud to be able to honour that privilege.

During the May school holiday, a Patrol Camp, under the leadership of P/L's G. Tabley and G. Giulieri, was held at Mrs. Morrison's property, Eltham. Many thanks indeed to Mr. Giulieri who, with his car and trailer, transported all the camping gear to and from the camping site. Both P/L's submitted very good reports of the camp which showed that, although some of the Scouts had only a limited amount of camping experience, their camp was most satisfactory. This points to really good leadership of the P/L's. Well done, Scouts, keep up the good work.

Unfortunately the Senior Scouts have lost their leader, Mr. Guy Carter, who has shifted to another district on the other side of the City. The Seniors are carrying on under the watchful eye of our D.C. "Nobby" Anderson, until a new leader is obtained.

Yours in Scouting,

"KIM."

### SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

I am sure the boys of the Troop are now anxiously trying to guess when we will be moving into our new hall in Jolly Street, on which work is progressing very well. At our Pound Night, on May 31, Barry Thrippleton brought along his manpowered projector. The Troop enjoyed the cartoons, especially when Barry ran the film through backwards and upside down. During the camp held by the two P/L's on May 15 to 18, Logs were written and here is an extract from one of these reports: "Then there was activity in getting wood for gadgets, inspection at 9 a.m. and then more gadgets, lunch at 12 noon and still more gadgets, then they became sick of gadgets so we had a track to follow, when that was finished we had a few games and tea was prepared and eaten at about 5.30 p.m." The two P/L's did a good job with their reports, considering it was their first.

Yours,

ALBERT ALLEN, A.S.M.

## DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge the following donations: Mrs. Braid, 4/-; Mrs. Raven, 4/-; Mr. V. Lavender, 3/-; and 2/- each from the following: Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Tabley, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Prior, Mr. Weisheit, Mr. C. Gronn, Mrs. Lavender, Mrs. Parry sr., Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. Trevena, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Giulleri, and 1/- each from the following: Mrs. McMillen, Mrs. Astley, Mrs. Rushworth, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Cariss, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Tom McKinley, Mrs. Seers, Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Renn, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Essex, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bruce Wallace, Mr. K. Gronn, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. P. Christenson, Mrs. J. Christenson, Mrs. Parry jnr., Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Batten, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Kitson, Mr. Dellow, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Bottomley, Mrs. Goetz, Mrs. Newson and Mrs. Wallace.

## SPECIAL EFFORT

Result of special effort No. 8, conducted by Messrs. Tabley and Lavender resulted in a win for Mr. A. V. Hayes, 6 Rainer Street, Pascoe Vale South. Ticket No. 3.

## SOCIAL REPORT

Continuing to prove successful are our monthly Euchre nights which are being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley. Our last evening, on May 27, was attended by twenty parents and friends, who contributed £4 towards our Building Account.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting on June 13, at which 32 parents and friends attended, a very nice supper, provided by our President, Mr. Cliff Tabley, and prepared by Mesdames Tabley and Lavender, was partaken and enjoyed by all. We were very pleased to see among those present the County Commissioner, Mr. George Cumming, the District Commissioner, Mr. Norm Anderson; our Group Scoutmaster, Dennis Rathbone; Rover Leader Bert Blair and Rover Mate Frank Buckley.

## ANNUAL DISTRICT SCOUT BALL

The Annual Ball, held at the Brunswick Town Hall on June 8, proved another outstanding success, both financially and socially. Approximately 750 actually attended and saw the 19 debutantes and their partners presented to the Mayor and Mayoress Councillor and Mrs. J. P. Holbrook.

During the evening the presentation of a "Thanks Badge" to our Group President and former L.A. Secretary (Mr. Cliff C. Tabley) was carried out by the Assistant Chief Commissioner, Colonel Gordon Oldham. In presenting Mr. Tabley to the gathering, District Commissioner Norm Anderson outlined the sterling work Cliff had done for and on behalf of Scouting in the Brunswick District during his three years as L.A. Secretary. Among those present were the County Commissioner for Hoadley County, Mr. George Cumming, and the President of the Local Association, Councillor Norm Sheils.

## ANNUAL REPORT

In offering this, my second Annual Report, I do so with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, for, as you will see by the various reports, a general improvement has been achieved in many ways and with a start now having been made on our own Scout Hall the outlook for the coming twelve months appears very promising.

## Attendance

Attendances over the past twelve months have improved on the year 1948-49. A total of 196 persons attended our Committee meetings this year, an average of 18 per meeting, as against 178 last year.

## Social Events

Social events held throughout the year included Euchre Nights, Card Afternoons, House Parties, Picture nights and the Annual District Scout Ball. These functions returned us a profit of £92/8/9.

## Welfare Collections

Our welfare collections, originally created and started by our very good friend "Grandad" Bowden, who himself used to collect 25/- to 30/- per month, has steadily grown over the years and this year's collection totalled £88/15/-, as against £25/19/- last year. I must pay tribute to our very good friends Mrs. Cariss and Mr. Gronn, for to them much of the credit is due for the increased welfare contributions.

## Donations

Donations totalling £30/12/8 were received during the year and all, with the exception of £1, was deposited in our Building Account.

## Annual Bazaar

Although the weather conditions were not the best our Annual Bazaar, held last November, was an outstanding success and returned us a profit of £95/4/4.

## Finance

Our Treasurer, Mr. Gronn, presented to the meeting the Annual Balance Sheets for the Group and Building Accounts for the year ending May 31, 1950, as follows:

### GROUP ACCOUNT

Credit Balance at Bank,	
June 1, 1949 . . . . .	£18 7 1
Receipts to May 31, 1950	36 15 6
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>£50 2 7</b>
Expenditure to May 31,	
1950 . . . . .	£35 18 0
<b>Credit Balance at Bank . .</b>	<b>£14 4 7</b>

### BUILDING ACCOUNT

Credit Balance at Bank,	
June 1, 1949 . . . . .	£31 18 7
Receipts to May 31, 1950	376 18 5
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>£408 12 0</b>
Expenditure to May 31,	
1950, including purchase	
of £200 worth of Govern-	
ment Bonds . . . . .	358 19 0
<b>Credit Balance at Bank . .</b>	<b>£49 13 0</b>
Government Bonds in	
hand to May 31, 1950	450 0 0
<b>Building Fund Account . .</b>	<b>£499 13 0</b>

Auditors: Messers B. Essex and T. Astley.

## NEW SCOUT HALL

During the year a start was made on our own Scout Hall, which is being erected on our block of land in Jolly Street. For some weeks now working bees have been carried out each Saturday and will continue till the section being worked on is completed. Our sincere thanks are extended to Committeeman Norm Anderson, for it was through his efforts and his keen interest in Scouting that enabled us to purchase a building 24 ft. by 10 ft. at a very reasonable figure. Negotiations then took place with the Brunswick City Council and in due course we were able to erect a structure on

our land. Alterations and extensions have since been carried out under the supervision of our building adviser, Mr. Vic. Hayes, and it is hoped that the building will be ready for occupation about July. Plans of our completed hall have already been drawn up and submitted to the Brunswick City Council and as soon as the Building permit can be obtained it is hoped to make a start on the main hall.

## Scouting Activities

During the year our Troop took part in many and varied activities. A new innovation was the "Bob-a-job" week carried out throughout the State. Our Troop put up quite a good effort in raising a total of £14/4/3. Our Cub Pack assisted in this venture.

During Easter the Troop went into camp at Eltham, under our G.S.M. Dennis Rathbone, while a week-end camp during March was held at Wonga Park, with A.S.M. Albert Allen in charge. Other highlights were the District Picture Night held in the 1st Brunswick Scout Hall, the District Scout Craft Competition, held on Wiley Reserve, at which the Troop came third. Unfortunately many outdoor activities had to be abandoned owing to the Polio epidemic.

## CUBBING

The Cub Pack has had a very successful year, maintaining its strength throughout. Several Cubs went up into the Scouts, but there was always a waiting list to join the Pack. During the year the Pack unfortunately lost the services of "Bagheera" (Miss Estelle Cooper), who returned to her home town in Tasmania. Other events of interest held were the Christmas Break-up Party, District Cub picnic and a Saturday afternoon Parade to Glenroy.

## ROVERS AND SQUIRES

It is very pleasing to report on the Rover Crew for, without doubt, their year has been very full with Rover doings. Four Senior Scouts were taken into the Crew as Rover Squires, thus building the strength of the Crew to ten. To elaborate on the work and assistance members of the Crew gave to the Group would cover a very lengthy report, but I feel that I am endorsing the sentiments of all Committee members when I say we have a very fine bunch of chaps in the Crew and they are ably led by their Rover Leader, Bert Blair — one of the very best. Their programme included Crew nights, hikes, a home nursing course and working bees of a Saturday just to mention a few of their yearly doings.

## BRUNSWICK CITY COUNCIL

I would like to place on record the assistance given by the B.C.C. through the President of the L.A. and a very good friend to the Group in the person of Councillor Norm Sheils. With his assistance and guidance many difficulties have been overcome and I feel quite certain all members of the Group are right behind me in offering sincere thanks to the Brunswick City Council and Councillor Norm Sheils.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all members of the Group Committee, all Scouters and all those good people not directly connected with the Group for their invaluable assistance given to me throughout the year, for without their help my task would have been so much more difficult.

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