



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: W 4647.

A.L.C.M.—Miss Estelle Cooper (Bagheera), 242 Bell St., Coburg.

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 Thurs., 7.30 p.m.;

Rover Crew meets Friday, 8 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

Aug. 27.—Monthly Euchre night to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Rd., Essendon, at 8 p.m.

Sept. 13.—Monthly Parents' Committee meeting, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, 1 Peacock St., West Brunswick.

Nov. 12.—Annual Bazaar, to be held at Kindergarten Hall, Shore Reserve, West Coburg.

Dear Parent,

Does the 12th November suggest anything to you? Yes, it could be your birthday; however, we feel it is more important than a birthday, for it is the date of our forthcoming bazaar.

I must ask forgiveness for having to remind parents so often of this date, but, frankly, the success of this, possibly our final effort for the year 1949, will largely govern the possibility of being able to make a start on the building of our own hall next year.

Offers of assistance towards stocking our seven stalls is still urgently

required, so please don't be backward in coming forward; remember, this is a worthy cause and deserves your support.

Do not forget that Scouting is the one organisation that has stood the test of time, so, until next issue,

Yours sincerely,

R. H. LAVENDER, Hon. Sec.

GROUP SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

On Thursday, August 11, the Scout Group held a very successful picture night at the Western Theatre, resulting in approximately £10 being raised to finance the stocking of their stall at our forthcoming bazaar.

I would like to congratulate the two Cubs (now Scouts) who received the prizes for the most number of tickets sold. Graham Goetz (57 tickets) and Rich Astley (41 tickets). These two lads certainly did a very fine job.

The Scouts have now had two meetings in the new hall, but are still in rather high spirits, and no doubt will take a little time to settle in their surroundings. However, I feel our meetings should prove most satisfactory, and a general improvement in Scouting will be achieved when this settling in period is over.

On July 30 a going-up ceremony was held at the creek behind Grand-dad's property. A most successful parade was held in fine weather. Seven Cubs came up into the Troop. Mr. and Mrs. Astley attended to witness young Richard going through the ceremony.

The afternoon concluded with a series of games, the highlight of which was a combined game of "Release" between Cubs and Scouts. All in all, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

On Friday, August 5, our four Senior Scouts were taken into the Rover Crew as Rover Squires. A short ceremony was conducted. This step up by the four seniors (which has been brought about by circumstances) nevertheless should prove most beneficial, for it will enable them to obtain a broader outlook on Scouting, especially from a young man's point of view.

Saturday, August 13, saw the winding up of our activities on Grand-dad's property. All gear and equipment was removed, and is at present being stored at various

homes until such time as more suitable arrangements can be made.

The library cupboard, court-of-honour cupboard and table, forms, tables and trestles were removed to the Kitchener St. Hall. Before concluding, I would like to personally extend a welcome to our Troop, the following lads, Cub Pack: Donald Kenne, Dennis Furlong, Peter Walsh, Ray King, Peter and Paul McKay, Ian Rumble and John Fenton; Scout Troop: Barry Thrippleton (a recent arrival from England). To you, lads, I say, "Good Cubbing and Scouting" as good members of the Fourth City of Brunswick Troop, and I trust that our association will prove to be very happy and lasting.

Yours, till next month,

"KIM."

ROVER CREW REPORT

July 29 saw our last night at our Rover Den at Grand-dad's place. We removed all our fittings and furniture. The little place seemed quite lonely without its own Scouting personality, but it will be remembered by the numerous Rovers who have met there over the last 11 years. For it was in that little sleep-out that Nobby Anderson, our present Commissioner, started the Rover Crew during the latter half of 1938. Incidentally, did you know that the Rover Crew is called the "Bowden Rovers"?

Transporting our gear in the iron-rimmed trek-cart to my place at midnight was quite a rowdy affair. Many heads were seen to suddenly appear along the route. Dogs barked, cocks crowed and babies bawled.

The Crew attended the opening of the hall in Kitchener St. on Sunday, July 24, and we held our first meeting there on August 5, when the Senior Scouts joined the Crew as Rover Squires, making our number 10, which is quite a sturdy crew.

We are looking forward to the day when we can once again have our Own Den.

The Crew has an invitation to the Ranger Social at Northcote on August 19. (Mind your eyes this time, Frank.)

On August 19, Brunswick District Rovers are having a get-together at 4th Moreland, which, I believe, is to be our District Rover Leader's (Bill Blencowe) last official appearance, for, due to health reasons, he has to give Roving up.

The photos that Alby Allen took are real glamorous.

ROVER-LEADER BLAIR.

CUB CORNER

Like the Scouts and Rovers, the Cubs, too, had their first night in the new hall on Friday, August 5. There was a very good attendance. With the better conditions offering in the new hall, I feel that the Cubs will take full advantage of same, and as time goes by will improve in their efficiency as Cubs.

Final arrangements regarding the meeting night of Cubs will be settled at a meeting between the leaders of 2nd and 4th Brunswick on Friday, August 19. So, until next month, good hunting, Cubs.

"AKELA."

WORLD ROVER MOOT

Deep in a Norwegian valley, 2,500 Rover Scouts from all over the world were gathered together recently one evening when Crown Prince Olav of Norway opened the 4th World Rover Moot. Among the contingent were Australians and New Zealanders.

DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge a donation of 10/- from Mr. Bob Brace, and 1/- each from the following: Mrs. Proud, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. J. Christenson, Mrs. P. Christenson, Jr., Mrs. Russ, Mrs. L. Parry, Mrs. C. Parry, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Seers, Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. B. McKinley, Mr. T. McKinley, Mrs. Kitson, Mr. Gronn, Mrs. W. Smith and Mrs. R. Lavender, 2/-.

SOCIAL REPORT

Nineteen parents and friends attended and enjoyed a very sociable euchre night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley on Saturday, July 30. As a result, a further £2/13/- was contributed towards our building fund.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 2, representatives totalling 34 from all Groups in the district attended the annual meeting of the L.A. The President, Cr. N. Sheils, presided. During the evening, the members were introduced to Padre MacNeil, Secretary of the County Council. The Padre addressed the meeting, praising the L.A. for the good work it had been doing and for the assistance it had given the County Council.

During the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, our representative and secretary of the L.A. (Mr. Cliff Tabley), acting on medical advice, tendered his resignation. There was only one nomination for the position; with the result that Mr. R. Orwin, of the 7th City of Brunswick Group, was elected Honorary Secretary.

The meeting was brought to a close with a presentation to Cliff by the President, Cr. N. Sheils, of a very nice wristlet watch. During his two and a half years as Honorary Secretary to the L.A., Cliff had worked very hard and had given up a lot of time to make this job a success, remarked Cr. Sheils, and it was with regret that the L.A. was forced to accept his resignation.

ENTERPRISE

We would like to record a vote of thanks to our worthy treasurer, Mr. C. Gronn, for his initiative which resulted in raising a further £1/1/9 towards our Building Account. It so happened that two good friends in the persons of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Goette allowed Mr. Gronn to help himself to a quantity of oranges and lemons from their fruit trees. He with an eye to business, then set about disposing of same in and about the district. One cannot help but admire his enterprise and forethought, for it only goes to prove what can be done if we only set our minds to do it.

L.A. ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVES

Held over from the annual meeting, the election of a representative from the Group Committee was conducted at the last Parents' Committee meeting, and Mr. V. Lavender was nominated and duly elected. Together with Rover Frank Buckley, they will represent the Group as Athletic Representatives to the L.A.

FINANCE

Our Treasurer (Mr. C. H. Gronn) reported that our Building Fund Account now stands at £60/2/1, plus £400 in Government bonds.

Group or working account stands at £19/6/7.

OPENING OF KITCHENER ST. HALL

Sunday, July 24, saw the opening of the new hall in Kitchener Street by the Mayor of Brunswick, Cr. J. C. Braddy.

During the afternoon, Cr. Norm Sheils (President of the L.A.) addressed an audience of over 100 residents and explained that the hall had been built for the use of the youth in this particular ward.

The tenants would be the 2nd and 4th Brunswick Scout Group, and the Edward Wise Youth Club, each having the use of the hall for two nights per week and two Saturdays per month.

We owe our sincere thanks to the Brunswick Council for their very fine gesture in making this hall available for Scouting, and in particular to Cr. Norm Sheils, who has always been a hard worker and a loyal supporter of the Scout Movement.

A CHALLENGE

An anonymous, but apparently interested, person wrote the Secretary the following letter:

"Someone is prepared to donate £5 towards the Scout Building Fund provided some other person or persons will do likewise. All donations to be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary."

WHO IS GOING TO ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE?

A VOTE OF THANKS

To Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin we extend our thanks for the offer of a room in their home in which to store the Troop gear.

After discussion at our last Committee meeting, we felt that it would not be fair to accept this generous offer, for, while the equipment was quite suitable for Scouting, it was hardly the sort of furniture one would want to store inside a house.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the death of the wife of our County Commissioner (Mr. G. J. Cumming).

To Mr. Cumming we extend our deepest sympathies for the loss of his beloved wife.

GROUP PERSONALITIES

Rover-Leader Bert Blair—Bert was one of the original five Scouts who started when the 3rd Essendon Troop was re-organised in 1934 by Norm Anderson. He has had continuous service with the Group, passed through the Troop as Patrol Leader, then Troop Leader. Was one of the original foundation members of Bowden Rover Crew, 1938. Saw service overseas with Royal Australian Navy, in which he gained the rank of Lieutenant. Returning after the war, he resumed activities with the Rover Crew as Rover Leader.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

The Indians of Arizona were known as the world's best horse riders—yet they never saw a horse until after the discovery of America and the arrival of the early Spanish explorers.

That Edison, the famous inventor, failed in 50,000 experiments before he developed a satisfactory storage battery. At last his battery was a success. A case of "Try, try, try again."

Dogs in their native state do not bark. They only howl, growl or whine. It is only civilized dogs which have learned to bark.

SPECIAL EFFORT

The result of the last special effort conducted by Messrs. Tabley and Lavender resulted in a win for Mr. Lionel Harrington, of Albion Street, Essendon, ticket No. 1149.