



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.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.

Rover Crew and Senior Scouts meet 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

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October 11: Monthly Parents' Committee Meeting, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, 1 Peacock St., West Brunswick.

October 13: Card Afternoon, to be held at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Raven, 218 Moreland Rd., West Brunswick, at 2 p.m. sharp.

October 29: Monthly Euchre Party, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Road, Essendon, at 8 p.m.

November 12: Annual Bazaar, to be held at Kindergarten Hall, Shore Reserve, West Coburg.

Dear Parent,

With our Annual Bazaar only about five weeks away please let us have those gifts of groceries, toys, novelties and fancy goods, etc.

As you will notice elsewhere in the "Link" we have listed the various stalls and stallholders. Maybe you are able to contribute some small item towards one of these stalls, if so, please do it now and either contact the stallholder or myself, who will make any necessary arrangements for collecting.

Although the present Polio epidemic may necessitate postponing the date, which at the present is Saturday, November 12, it was felt by the parents at our last Committee Meeting that we should carry on with our arrangements and defer a decision until our next Committee Meeting, so until next month,

Yours sincerely,

R. H. LAVENDER

(Hon. Secretary).

GROUP SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

On a recent visit to our Cub Pack it was pleasing to see how well they have settled into the new hall, their meeting was a busy yet happy one. What a grand sight it is to see twenty-five Cubs or more sitting on the floor, in a large circle, listening to the story told by Bagheera. This was followed by a combined game with the 2nd Brunswick Cubs who happened to be at the hall that night.

Attendances to Cub and Scout meetings since then have been affected by the Polio epidemic, up to date we find that attendances have dropped about 30-40 per cent. This is only to be expected under such conditions.

A recent survey of parents indicated that while some parents thought it most advisable to keep their boys home, others decided, for the time being, that they would continue to send their boys along. The position is being closely watched by the Scouters of the Group Council and, for the present, meetings will continue as usual.

All combined sports events and rallies have been cancelled. This, of course, included the show grounds rally that was to have been held on September 24.

As indicated in the Rover report their programme is as full as ever.

Best of Scouting to Jim, Bob, John and Rob since having attained their Rover Squires Shoulder Knots. Keep up the good work.

Kim.

ROVER CREW REPORT

The District get-together at 4th Moreland Hall on Friday, August 19, was attended only by 4th Moreland and our Crew. Nevertheless we fixed the District programme for the second half of the year and learnt a new game, for which we need a medicine ball (dear, dear, Group Committee).

On Friday, September 9, the four new Rover Squires, having completed their probationary period, were presented with their Squire Shoulder knots.

A visit to the Fairfield Mill of Aust. Paper Mills on September 16 should be very interesting. I have heard that you have to sign a "dead meat ticket" on the way in.

The four squires are having their first hike as Rovers on the metropolitan hike on Murrundindi Ranges over the week-end of September 17-18. Three Rovers are also going, making a total of seven, which is a good show. Weatherman do your stuff.

Rover Joe Sawers is attending the next Rover Training Course, commencing on the week-end of September 24-25.

On the week-end of October 1-2, a District hike (Whittlesea-Sugarloaf-Hurstbridge) is on the programme, but as yet no details are to hand.

—Rover Leader Blair.

SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

On August 31 a Court-of-Honour was held at the Kitchener St. Hall, after a games night which finished at 9 p.m. Several important subjects, including Christmas camp, bazaar and disciplining of Patrols, were dealt with. Those present were P/L's Bob Edwards, Bernard Smith and second P/L Graham Seers, together with Alex McCubbin and Alby Allen.

As mentioned in the Group Scoutmaster's report, a cross section of opinions was obtained from some of the parents on Saturday, September 10, whether they preferred to keep their boys home or not while the Polio epidemic existed. The result

showed that Scouts on a Wednesday night would be continued.

It appears that the Scouts themselves may be losing interest in their meetings for a proper meeting has not yet been held during the six or seven weeks we have occupied the Hall, mainly due to the many outside interruptions by the boys and girls in and around the area.

This matter was reported back to the Parents' Committee meeting and I am hoping that some action will be taken in order to rectify this unfortunate position.

—Albert Allen, A.S.M.

CUB CORNER

At long last it has been decided on which night 4th Brunswick Pack are able to meet in the Kitchener Street Hall—until our break-up at Christmas we are meeting each Friday night, at 7 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. and for the first three months in 1950 we are meeting on a Saturday afternoon.

Cubbing in the pack is progressing favourably and our "new chums" have settled in and are working well.

It has been pleasing to note that quite a number of our "old" cubs have been visiting us since "going up" into Scouting and helping the younger cubs with some of their Tenderpad work.

Good hunting, Cubs!

—"AKELA."

LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Twenty group representatives were present at the Local Association meeting on Tuesday, September 6.

Among many discussions which took place was the matter of the distribution of "Thanks" and "Thank You" badges. It was felt that as this award was made to persons other than Scouts or Scouters for services rendered in the furtherance of Scouting, etc., it should be handled by the Group Scoutmaster in conjunction with the District Commissioner.

Another item of interest to parents was the "bob a job week." Scout headquarters propose to conduct this scheme in the near future for the purpose of raising money to further the activities of H.Q. The idea is that a list will be compiled by H.Q. of suitable jobs that a Cub or Scout should be able to undertake and for one week only it is hoped that parents will assist by availing themselves of the lads' services and allowing them to carry out some of these jobs with a minimum reward of 1/- per job.

DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge the following donations: Mr. C. Gronn £2/4/-; Mrs. Allen 10/-; Mrs. Wilde 5/-; Mrs. Tabley 4/-; and 2/- each

from the following: Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lavender Jr., Mrs. Raven, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Hannan, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. McCubbin, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. McNaughton; and 1/- each from Mrs. Russ, Mr. C. Gronn, Mrs. P. Christenson, Mrs. J. Christenson, Mrs. Parry Jr., Mr. Boyd, Mrs. Batten, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Parry Snr., Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Kitson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. K. Gronn, Mrs. Astley, Mrs. Rushworth, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Cariss, Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Seers, Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. T. McKinley.

SOCIAL REPORT

Our monthly Euchre nights continue to prove a social success and the eighteen parents and friends who were present at our last evening on August 27 contributed £3/14/6 towards our Building Fund.

We would like to convey our sincere thanks to our very good friend, Mrs. Cariss, who brings along a very nice home made sponge for disposal during the evening, the money thus obtained being added to our Building Fund.

WELFARE COLLECTION

Under the heading of "Donations" you will notice many names of parents and friends who each month contribute 1/- or 2/- towards the Group Account. It is with this money we are able to finance the running of the Troop and defray expenses incurred throughout the year.

Since moving into the Kitchener Street Hall we are faced with the yearly rental of £15 which, as you must realise, will give our Group Account a severe jolt. Why not try to interest some of your friends to contribute a small amount each month and thus assist us in this matter. Arrangements for collections can be made through any member of the Group Committee or the Hon. Secretary.

FINANCE

Our Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Gronn, reports that our Building Account stands at £17/10/2, plus £450 in Government Bonds.

Group or Working Account is now £20/13/7.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

You will recall in our last issue an anonymous person offered to contribute £5 towards our Building Fund provided some one else would do likewise. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we are able to announce that this challenge was taken up and that £10 has now been placed to the credit of our Building Account. Many thanks indeed to two anonymous, but apparently very sincere, supporters of the Group.

Should there be any other very good friend who feels like doing similarly we can assure him or her that their donation would be very much appreciated.

SCOUT JAMBOREE

Recently, in Adelaide, the Federal Boy Scout's Council decided to hold a Pan-Pacific Jamboree in Sydney during December and January 1952-53. The Conference lasted three days and thirteen delegates from all States attended.

SPECIAL EFFORT

The result of special effort number three, conducted by Messrs. Tabley and Lavender, resulted in a win for Mr. Norm Sheils, 9 Sutherland St., Brunswick. Ticket No. 1409.

BAZAAR!!!!

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
— 12th NOVEMBER

Kindergarten Hall,
Shore Reserve,
West Coburg

TOY & NOVELTY STALL
MALE MEMBERS OF THE
GROUP COMMITTEE

SWEET STALL
Mrs. ANDERSON, Mrs. MARSHALL
AND OTHERS

GROCERY STALL
Mrs. TABLEY AND Mrs. LAVENDER

CAKE STALL
Mrs. CARISS, Mrs. HAYES,
Mrs. ASTLEY AND Mrs. GRONN

DRINK & ICE CREAM
SCOUTS, CUBS AND ROVERS

AFTERNOON TEA
Mrs. COUPER AND Mrs. PROUD

FANCY STALL
Mrs. RAVEN AND OTHERS

FLOWERS, VEGETABLES Etc.
Mr. GRONN.

Come along and spend a few shillings in aid of a worthy cause—THE 4th CITY OF BRUNSWICK GROUP OF BOY SCOUTS BUILDING FUND. Remember, money is a marvellous thing when it is on the move, but no better than any other inanimate thing if it stops too long in the one place.