



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

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 13th—Final Monthly Parents' Committee Meeting, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, 1 Peacock St., W. Brunswick.

Dec. 16th—Christmas Break-up, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Astley, 378 Moreland Rd., W. Bruns.

Dear Parent,

Well, the 12th of November has been and gone, and while Mr. Weatherman did not treat us very kindly, we nevertheless held a very successful bazaar, and it is very pleasing to me to announce that the money handed in by the various stallholders totalled £85/8/6. This amount included a return of £8/7/10 taken at the Kitchener St. Hall on November 19th.

Expenses amounted to £20/4/4, most of which was used in stocking the various stalls.

Since February last, when a decision was first reached, regarding holding our bazaar, members of the Group Committee have been working very hard, holding functions in their own homes, in order to raise sufficient money to finance the necessary

stall requirements, with the result the sum of £69/9/- was raised, from which amount expenses were deducted, leaving a balance of £49/4/8, thus our nett bazaar profit totalled £134/13/2.

In conclusion, let me take this opportunity of personally thanking all who organised, worked and assisted in what can easily be said a job well done.

As our final Committee meeting for this year will be held on December 13th, let me once again appeal to all interested—parents and friends—to come along and let us wind up the year with a record attendance.

Yours till next month,

R. H. LAVENDER, Hon. Sec.

GROUP SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

The "Bob-a-Job" week, conducted by Scout Headquarters during October, was a great success. Our own Group raised a total of £14/4/3.

The Scout Troop in particular did a really grand job, in working as hard as they did, and raised a considerable amount of the Group total. Almost £3,000 was gained by H.Q. by this effort.

As most of you already know, our bazaar was a great success, and it is indeed a pleasure to see so many willing workers, both from the Group Committee and the Scout Group working for our common objective. To all the people who made the bazaar such a success I say "Thank you."

The Rover Crew, under the leadership of the R/L, did a fine job in erecting a marquee, assisting wherever possible, and remaining to clean up the grounds after the show.

Our L.C.M.'s (in their pretty aprons) did a sterling job working at the drink and ice-cream stall, even though the mud came over the 3-inch duck-boards they stood on.

Scouts B. Smith and A. McCubbin, with the assistance of Neil Andrews (the boy with the big voice), did everything possible to sell our ice-creams, even though at the end they had to give them away. As a result of nine months' hard work, with the bazaar our objective, a Scout Hall of our own is now much nearer.

A week-end patrol camp at Bulla will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 26-27 November. P/L's B. Smith and P. Anderson will be in charge; let's hope they will have fine weather.

A Christmas troop camp, under the leadership of Alby Allen, will be held at Mr. Clifford's property, "Yarra Brae" (old Jamboree site), Wonga Park, from Monday, 26th December, to 1st January. Mr. Baxter's van has been hired for the trip. May I wish all our Scouts "Good Camping."

Our Christmas break-up is to be held on Friday, 16th December, at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Astley of 378 Moreland Rd., have generously offered the use of their back paddock for the occasion. The natural hollow, with the trees at the bottom, will make an ideal position. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Patrol leaders and seconds of the Scout Troop, having completed their first class pioneering at my home on Friday nights, are now concentrating on the ambulance badge at the home of Mrs. Lavender, Snr., 57 Buckley St., Essendon. Classes are being held on Monday nights at 7.30, and will continue till the end of the year. "KIM."

ROVER CREW REPORT

The Rover Crew provides the Scouting "finishing school" training, and our aim is to develop happy, healthy and useful citizens.

Our motto is "service," and whilst every endeavour is and will be made to live up to that, I consider that a Rover's first responsibility is to himself. To successfully complete his education and training to fit him permanently for his job, whether industrial or professional, so that at no time will he be the responsibility of a community. A Rover is not expected to do service that interferes with his studies, schooling or work. Study is not put forward as an excuse, for "a Scout's honour is to be trusted."

In view of all this, I should like to congratulate all members of the Crew for their efforts with the "Bob-a-Job" week, toy-making, and the bazaar.

The talk by Van Lavender, on aircraft, on the 21st October, was most interesting and informative. Unfortunately, our visitors, 9th Brunswick and 4th Moreland, did not turn up.

On the 11th November, we repaired and painted our two cupboards at the Kitchener St. Hall.

Congratulations to Rusty Payne for successfully completing his training course. The result of Joe Sawers is yet to come.

Rovers Alby Allen and Frank Buckley are going on the Metropolitan Rock Climb, over the Cathedral Ranges, on the week-end 19-20 November.

On December 2nd we are all going to the Rover dinner at McEwan's (promises to be a good night).

Congratulations to the Group Committee for their remarkable bazaar, under such adverse conditions. Our Rover Den will soon be a reality. How good it is to see those stalwarts, Mrs. Cariss and Mr. and Mrs. Gronn, still working for us. They were on the original committee, back in 1934.

ROVER-LEADER BLAIR.

SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

With the assistance of Rover Frank Buckley, on a Wednesday night, the progress of the Scouts in their work has gone ahead quite considerably, and I am more than satisfied by the enthusiasm shown by all.

Congratulations to Graham Henry on being invested at long last — no doubt he is quite pleased with himself. I must also make special mention of the boys' efforts with the "Bob-a-Job" week held recently. From the Troop alone a sum of £9/9/6 was collected. Highest individual collection was made by Douglas McCubbin with £1/13/6. Congratulations, Douglas, and the rest of the Troop. Keep up the good work, Scouts.

ALBERT ALLEN, A.S.M.

DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge the following donations: Mr. Hodges 4/-. Mr. Adams 4/-. Mrs. Lavender, Snr., 4/-. Mr. Lavender, Snr., 4/-. Mr. V. Lavender, 3/-. and 2/- each from the following:—Mrs. Easton, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Lavender, Jnr., Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. McCubbin, Mrs. Tabley; and 1/- each from Mrs. Russ, Mr. C. Gronn, Mrs. P. Christenson, Mrs. J. Christenson, Mrs. Parry, Jnr., Mrs. Parry, Snr., Mr. Boyd, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Kitson, Mr. Dellow, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Raven, Mrs. Self, Mrs. Naughton, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Hannan, Mrs. Bruce Wallace, Mr. Ken Gronn, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Astley, Mrs. Rushworth, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Cariss, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Tom McKinley, Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Seers, Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Renn, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. McMillen.

SOCIAL REPORT

A meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley on October 28th; main business was a final discussion on the forthcoming bazaar. Sixteen parents and friends attended; all stall-holders reported satisfactory progress.

Tuesday, 29th October, saw nineteen parents and friends attend another very successful euchre night, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all. At the conclusion of the cards, two cakes (donated by Mrs. Cariss) and two pounds of butter were disposed of, and the night concluded with another £4 being added to our Building Fund.

FINANCE

Our Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Gronn, reports that our Building Account stands at £41/19/1, plus £450 in Government Bonds. Group or working account is now £4/3/7.

FOR HIRE

For the time being the Group is not using the Kitchener St. Hall on the first and third Saturdays in each month, and, therefore, are in a position to sub-licence same for appropriate functions; so should any person or persons desire the use of the Hall, please contact me at FW 6313, or any member of the Group Committee regarding same.

SPECIAL EFFORT

The result of special effort No. 4, conducted by Messrs. Tabley and Lavender, resulted in a win for Mr. Lionel Harrington, of Albion St., Essendon; ticket No. 1579.

AIR SCOUTS' TROOP

Early next year Victoria will have its first Troop of Air Scouts. First official steps in the development of this section of the Boy Scout Movement here were taken at a meeting held recently between the Chief of Air Staff (Air-Marshal George Jones) and the Victorian Chief Commissioner (Colonel G. W. F. Anderson) at Scout Headquarters. Air-Marshal Jones is President of the old Scout Branch of the Movement. Results of these talks, including an assurance of co-operation from the R.A.A.F., were submitted at a meeting of the Victorian Scout Commissioners on November 5th. Victorian Air Scouts will wear the same uniform as the United Kingdom Air Section—dark blue shorts, a light blue shirt,

and dark blue beret. The Secretary (Mr. F. Sanders) said after the meeting that the major difficulty in developing specialist sections of the Movement was in finding suitable Troop Leaders, who not only knew the specialist part of the job, but also Scouting.

At present there were 19,000 members of the Scout Movement in Victoria. Of these 500 were in the Sea Scout Section.

There was plenty of evidence, however, that a large number of boys here would be interested in Air Scouting, said Mr. Sanders.

DO YOUR BEST

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill

Be a bush in the valley—but be

The best little bush by the side of the hill.

Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be one blade of grass.

Some highway, you'll happier make;

If you can't be a whale, then just be a bass;

Be the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains. There's got to be a crew.

But there's something for all of us here.

There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do;

And the task we must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail.

If you can't be a sun, be a star.

It isn't by size that you win or you fail.

Be the best wherever you are.

SCOUTING DAZE

A group of Cubs were talking over plans for a hike. The leader suggested leaving at 10 in the morning because it was about a two hour hike to the destination. One of the cubs, a newcomer, paled visibly. "You mean we're going to walk?" he asked.

Three Scouts reported to their Scoutmaster that they had done a good deed that day. "We helped a little old lady across the street," they told him. "That is a good deed," the Scoutmaster beamed, "but why did it take three of you to help her across the street?" "Because," one of the Scouts explained, "She didn't want to go."