



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: FW 4647.

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

February 23rd:

Special Branches Day — HOBBIES EXHIBITION — 3rd Brunswick Scout Hall.

February 25th:

Scout Craft Afternoon — 2 p.m., Wiley Park Reserve.

February 25th:

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

March 3rd:

Red Cross Course — 8.30-9.30 p.m., Kitchener Street Hall. (First of a series of twelve consecutive nights.)

March 14th:

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

March 16th:

Scouters' Social Evening, to be held at 3rd Brunswick Scout Hall. All parents and friends invited.

Dear Parent,

Now that we are well into 1950, maybe many of us have been asking what this year has in store for us. Perhaps talking from a Scouting angle, I can be a little optimistic when

I say we should have our own hall, with the Group well and truly entrenched in it.

However, to achieve this long-awaited dream, your support is still required. With continued rise in costs, it is essential that we build up our Building Account a little more rapidly than we have been doing over the past years. One practical way this can be done is for parents to solicit the assistance of interested persons in our Welfare Fund. Information regarding same can be obtained from any of the following:—Mr. C. Gronn, Mrs. Raven, Mrs. Tabley, Mrs. Anderson or Mrs. Cariss.

Remember, it is your boy who will benefit from your assistance, so don't let him down.

Yours till next month,

R. H. LAVENDER, Hon. Sec.

ROVER CREW REPORT

The year 1949 finished with a very intensive round of socials, wind-ups and parties, which were thoroughly enjoyed by members of the Crew, especially the Squires.

This was a fitting finish to a bright and successful year.

We are now looking forward to, and have already planned, an even more interesting year of Rovering for 1950.

Our first meeting was on January 6th, when our year's programme was finalised. Week-end, January 28-30th, was our first outdoor feature — a metropolitan surf trip to Angelsea.

Frank Buckley and Jim Fraser represented the "Bowden" Rovers on this occasion, and thoroughly enjoyed the week-end. They even had time to do a little fishing.

We intend concentrating on outdoor activities, so that the Rover Squires can complete their required outdoor training.

The next Crew hike is scheduled for March 11th-13th.

On February 24th, each member of the Crew is to be X-rayed, and then proceed to Heidelberg for a night hike.

We are starting a Home Nursing Course of twelve lectures, commencing Friday, March 3rd. Lectures will be from 8.30 to 9.30 p.m., in the Kitchener Street Hall. All members of the Group Committee are cordially invited to join this class. Crew wishes all a successful New Year.

ROVER/LEADER BLAIR.

CUB CORNER

The Cubs turned up in great force for their first meeting for the year, with their fur, claws, fangs and pads all spick and span.

We have two new Chums, Billy Bottomlee and Bob Burgess, who are settling in well, and learning the ways of the Jungle.

Unfortunately, the Cubs have lost their A.L.C.M., Miss Estelle Cooper (Bagheera), who has gone home to Tasmania to live. We will all miss her very much, especially when there is a yarn to be told.

Good hunting, Cubs.

"AKELA."

GROUP SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

Now that we are so far into 1950, it seems a little late for New Year greetings, etc., but, as this is my first report for this year, let us all resolve to do what we can to make it a bigger and better year for Scouting for Fourth.

The Cub Pack has been meeting for several weeks, and Akela informs me of new Chums who have joined the Pack. It is indeed with regret that we had to say "Good-bye" to Bagheera (Miss E. Cooper), who has gone home to live in Tasmania, her home State. All the Cubs, I am sure, will miss her, and especially those real beaut cubby stories that Bagheera could tell so well. Let us all wish her every success in her new position and good Scouting.

All reports indicate that the Troop's Christmas Camp, held at Wonga Park, was a great success. The weather was good, so there was plenty of swimming — the rafts providing a great deal of fun and entertainment. Unfortunately, I was not able to visit the Troop while they were in camp, but I am assured they did not camp on the Jamboree site — who'd want to?

The Scouts all agreed that Bernard Smith is not the best bloke at cooking a roast dinner. When the lid was lifted off the dixie, the remains resembled a cross between an old shirt that had been through a fire and the inside of a gas producer. However, the Magpie Patrol did not look any thinner on their return.

P/L Peter Anderson made an interesting hobby of collecting white (grey) singlets. He came home with five. Not a bad effort, Peter. However, they are all being worn by their rightful owners now; but who the heck has got Peter's hat now?

One day, for some unknown (or perhaps known) reason, a Patrol tent slid gracefully to the ground. However, S.M. Alby Allen had it very smartly erected again by the same wind that knocked it down. Not much fun letting another bloke's tent down, especially when you're made to turn round and put the darn thing up again.

What a surprise when the ice-creams were turned on at camp. All thanks to Mr. Baxter, our carrier; but what a moan when they were turned off.

Saturday, 25th February, is the day for the District Scout Craft competition, which will be held in Wiley Reserve, at the corner of Pearson and Victoria Streets, Brunswick. Time to commence, 2 p.m. sharp; all Scouts to assemble at 1.45 p.m. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. Afternoon tea will be served in the marquee.

Troop activities for this year have been conserved in preparing for this competition. Saturday afternoons, 11th and 18th February, have been spent in outdoor work, such as flag-pole, tent-pitching and signalling. Many thanks to Mr. Astley for the use of his back paddock for both of these Saturday afternoon parades.

The attendance on Saturday, the 11th, was very unsatisfactory; the 18th was better. Let's have 100 per cent on the 25th.

A big hand of welcome to Mr. Leo Carter and his brother, Mr. Guy Carter. Both were old Scouts of the Bendigo District. We are more than glad to have these Scouters assisting our Group. It is planned to commence Senior Scouts at the end of the month. G. Seers, P. Anderson, B. Edwards and B. Smith are the four Scouts to branch out to this new section of Scouting. As these Scouts are P/L's and Seconds, it will thus make room for a complete set of new P/L's and Seconds.

The Rover Crew has been having the beginning of their Friday night meetings at the local baths. No doubt, some of the nights have been freezers. Rovers F. Buckley and J. Fraser reported a great surfing week-end at Torquay.

The Home Nursing Course, which the Rovers have arranged, is due to commence in March. The Rovers extend an invitation to all those desirous of attending.

Good Scouting.

"KIM."

HOADLEY COUNTY

Groups will be pleased to know that, at the last meeting of the Hoadley County Council, arrangements were finalised for the transferring of £150, representing portion of the money from the Bob-a-Job Week into a Trust Fund. This Fund is to be known as the "Hoadley Scout County Development Fund," and that individual Scout Groups, Local Asso-

ciations and other approved bodies be invited to supplement this Fund, either by gift or loan — the Fund to be used for the following purposes, under P.O.R. Rule 110 (1) — loans with or without interest, as determined by the Trustees for the purpose of assisting in the acquisition of land or buildings by or for new Scout Groups; (2) loans as above to assist Scout Groups which are faced with necessary expenditure which appears to be beyond their present resources; (3) or for any other purposes to promote the welfare of Scouting in the County, as decided by the Hoadley Scout County Council.

DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge the following donations: — Mrs. Sawers, £1; Welfare collections for December, January and February, as follows:— Mrs. A. M. Lavender 12/-, Mr. J. Adams 12/-, Mr. A. Lavender 12/-, Mr. V. Lavender 9/-, Mrs. Tabley 6/-, Mr. C. Gronn 6/-, Mrs. M. Lavender 6/-, Mrs. Edwards 6/-, Mrs. W. Smith 6/-, Mrs. McCubbin 4/-, Mrs. Murray 4/-, Mr. Boyd 4/-; and 3/- each from the following:—Mrs. McMillen, Mrs. Astley, Mrs. Rushworth, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Cariss, Mrs. Seers, Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Renn, Mrs. Essex, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. B. Wallace, Mr. K. Gronn, Mrs. P. Christensen, Mrs. J. Christensen, Mrs. Parry Jnr., Mrs. Parry, Snr., Mrs. Batten, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Kitson, Mr. J. Dellow, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Russ.

2/- each from: — Mrs. McKinley, Mr. T. McKinley, Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Atkins, Mr. Hodges, Mrs. Easton; and 1/- each from:— Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Marshall. December only:—Mrs. Raven 2/-, Mrs. Naughton 2/-, Mrs. Fitzgerald 2/-, Mrs. Middleton 1/-, Mrs. Prior 1/-.

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

The 16th December saw a very large gathering of parents, friends and children on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Astley. With the weather keeping fine, quite good entertainment was presented by the Cubs, Scouts and Rovers. It was evident that a good deal of preparation had gone into making the night a success, and the audience showed their appreciation by their applause.

The Christmas Tree bore quite a good crop of presents from Cubs and Scouts to their parents; in addition, a photo of the Cub Pack, made into the form of a calendar, was given to each Cub-parent. The evening concluded with ice-cream, soft drinks and cakes being handed around to the boys and girls.

SOCIAL REPORT

Since our last issue of the "Link," two very enjoyable Euchre Nights were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley. Our November night saw nineteen parents and friends contribute £3 towards our Building Account; while December saw sixteen

parents and friends add a further £2 13/6 towards our fund. It was very pleasing to see some new faces at our last evening, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the new-comers for their attendance, and to extend to them and all other parents and friends a cordial invitation to come along to our next evening on Saturday, February 25th.

FINANCE

Our Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Gronn, reports that our Building Account now stands at £11/10/4, plus £600 in Government bonds, while our Group Account is £5/2/7.

SMART AS PAINT

Cub Harry came slouching down the street to his Pack Den. One or two people turned to look at Harry. He had on a green jersey and Cub cap, but somehow he didn't look much like a Wolf Cub.

His jersey had a big hole in one sleeve, although on the other Cub Harry was wearing the Homecraft badge, which showed that he knew how to darn and had done it to win the badge. His boots looked as though they hadn't been cleaned for a week — although Cub Harry has his First Star, and for that he had to clean boots.

His face was grimy, his socks wrinkled round his ankles, his cap looked as though it had been used to clean his boots — if they ever had been cleaned — and the yellow cord was coming off in places. The name tape which told to which Pack Harry belonged, was so dirty that it was impossible to read the name on it. Perhaps that was a good thing, for no Pack could possibly be proud of Harry.

On the other side of the street came Cub Willy. He was walking along smartly, head up, looking as though he were really going somewhere.

Cub Willy's boots were shining like an advertisement for boot polish. His jersey was clean, and a small, neat darn showed in the front. His scarf was smooth and clean. His cap was set at a jaunty angle, but it was still bright green, although it must have been old, for it had two Stars on it, and on Willy's arm were several badges. He must have been a Cub for some time.

His socks were pulled up and held by garters, with green tabs showing. His name tape read, "4th Brunswick," for everyone to see. Willy was proud of his Pack — and his Pack was proud of Willy.

An old lady, looking out of her window, saw one of the Cubs coming down the street.

"Ah! These Wolf Cubs," she said. "Smart as paint, they are."

Now I wonder which Cub she could see? Was it Harry or Willy? Which do you think?

By the way, are you a Harry or a Willy? Just have a look at yourself in the glass, will you?