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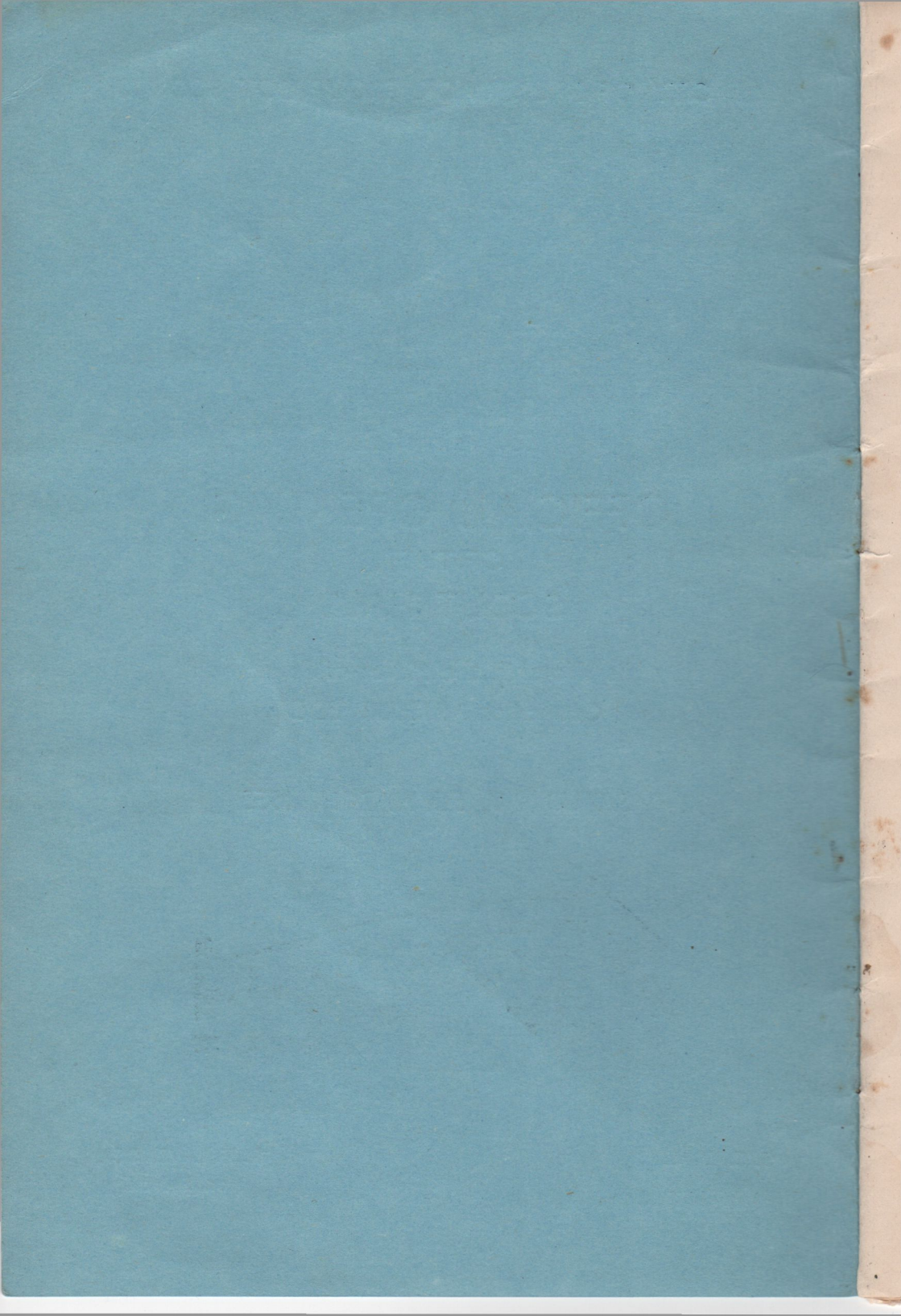
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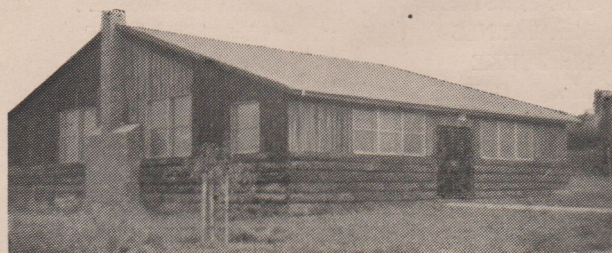
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Group Personnel, 1955

GROUP

S.M. — Mr. DAVE McINDOE.

A.S.M. — Mr. GRAEME TABLEY.

C.M. — Miss L. FAULKNER.

A.C.M. (Act.) — Miss SHIRLEY ANDREWS

Rover Leader — Mr. ALBERT BLAIR

PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' COMMITTEE

Mr. C. C. TABLEY, President

Mr. R. H. LAVENDER, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. A. WEBB, Hon. Treasurer.

X Mr. E. WEISHEIT and Mr. A. WEBB, Maintenance Officers.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE who have attended over the last 12 months; Average Attendance, 20:

Mr. N. ANDERSON	Mr. K. GRONN
Mrs. N. ANDERSON	Mr. L. HARRINGTON
Mr. R. ANDERSON	Mr. HUGHES
Mrs. R. ANDERSON	X Mr. R. LAVENDER
Mr. ADAMS	X Mrs. R. LAVENDER
Mrs. ADAMS	Mr. V. LAVENDER
Mr. T. ASTLEY	Mr. W. LYNCH
Mrs. T. ASTLEY	Mr. W. McGUIRE
Mr. BARNES	Mrs. W. McGUIRE
Mr. BURKE	Mr. J. PATON
X Mrs. L. CARISS	Mrs. J. PATON
Mr. CHRISTENSEN	Mr. SEYMOUR
Mrs. COOPER	Mr. C. TABLEY
X Mrs. DAVIDSON	Mrs. C. TABLEY
Mr. E. DAY	X Mr. H. WEBB
Mrs. E. DAY	Mr. H. WEBB
Mr. B. ESSEX	Mrs. E. WEISHEIT
Mrs. B. ESSEX	Mrs. WILDE
Mr. C. GRONN	Mrs. J. WOODHEAD
Mrs. C. GRONN	



THANKS BADGE HOLDERS
Mr. C. GRONN, Mrs. L. CARISS and Mr. F. J. ("Grandad") BOWDEN.



"Flying Fox", rear "Grandad's" Property.



Group, 1936.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 4th CITY OF BRUNSWICK SCOUT GROUP — 1921-1955

Owing to the inadequacy of early records, dates may be vague and names overlooked; if names of members and friends have been omitted, we trust that they will accept our sincerest apologies.

The Scout Troop was formed in 1921, the Scoutmaster being Mr. McLeay, and met in a room at the rear of the Methodist Hall in Albion Street, Essendon, and was named the 3rd Essendon Troop. Mr. Vale, the then District Commissioner, formed the Parents' Committee; Mr. and Mrs. C. Gronn and Mrs. L. Cariss (present members of our Committee) were on the original Committee. After a brief period at the Church Hall, the meeting place changed to Mr. C. Gronn's property in Hopetoun Avenue, where the Troop held parades in tents erected thereon. The next move was to the Progress Hall in McColl St., West Brunswick, in 1922, where the Troop remained until the hall was burnt down in 1932. A Cub Pack was formed in 1925. Leaders during the period were Mr. Slade as Cubmaster and Mr. Neander as Scoutmaster.

Owing to the hall being burnt down, the Troop and Pack went into recess and was reformed in April, 1934, at the home of Mr. Lamont, Mr. Norm Anderson (our present District Commissioner) being the Scoutmaster, Mr. Harry Dibbs as Assistant Scoutmaster, and Mr. Stan Loeby as Cubmaster. The Group Committee also met at Mr. Lamont's home. Later in the year the Group moved to a shed on the property of Mr. F. Bowden's in Hopetoun Avenue. The original shed of 10ft. x 12ft. was enlarged to 20ft. x 12ft. in 1936. Mr. Fred Bowden was always affectionately called "Grandad" and was always held in high esteem by all he came in contact with, and we felt his loss when he passed away in 1953.

January, 1938, saw the formation of a Rover Crew which was called the "Bowden Rovers". Due to the advent of World War II many lads enlisted, which necessitated changes. The leadership changed from Mr. Norm Anderson to Mr. Dennis Rathbone (also Acting Group Scoutmaster) and to Miss Sadie Blair (now Mrs. D. Rathbone) as Lady Cubmaster.

During the war period the Group Committee lapsed and was reformed in 1944 by the Acting Group Scoutmaster, Mr. Dennis Rathbone, the office-bearers being President, Mr. F. Raven; Secretary, Mr. F. Bowden, and Treasurer, Mr. C. Gronn.

The Rover Crew, having disbanded during the war, was reformed in 1946. Mr. Bert Blair, who returned from service with the Navy, took over as Rover Leader.

The City of Brunswick Council offered a grant of land in Jolley Street, Brunswick (our present site), which was accepted; therefore, the name of the Group was changed to the 4th City of Brunswick. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Norm Shiels (then Councillor of Brunswick) for his guidance and assistance in achieving this grant.

On "Founders' Day", February, 1947, "Grandad" Bowden was presented with a "Thanks Badge" for his unselfish and untiring efforts on behalf of the group by Councillor Norm Shiels, District President.

April, 1949, saw the publishing of our first issue of the "Scout Link" (the name was suggested by Mrs. C. Gronn). Publication is still in circulation, mainly due to the efforts of our energetic Secretary, Mr. Bob Lavender, and his wife. We feel sure that this "Link" has been the means of prospering and cementing our Group to its present strength.

In July, 1949, the Group moved to the Youth Hall in Kitchener Street, West Brunswick, under the leadership of Mr. Alby Allen as Scoutmaster.

Through the efforts of Mr. Norm Anderson, a wartime Masonite Hut was procured and erected on our site in Jolley Street. The erection and enlarging at a later date was under the guidance of the late Mr. Vic Hayes. This hall is now the Rovers' Den, Kitchen and Toilet Block.

The Senior Scout section was reformed in June, 1950, by Mr. Norm Anderson, and was taken over by Mr. Keith Murphy as Scoutmaster (Seniors).

In July, 1950, the Scout Section moved into OUR OWN "HALL", which was officially opened by His Worship the Mayor of Brunswick, Cr. W. Egginton, on Saturday, 5th May, 1951.

Working Bees were commenced on our present large hall on Saturday, 7th February, 1953, under the supervision and big assistance of Mr. Ern Weisheit (a Master Builder) and Member of the Parents Committee. We extend sincere thanks to all who have assisted on these working bees, with extra special thanks to the most consistent, namely, Mr. Bob Lavender and Mr. Ern Allen.

The raising of the finance to erect this hall, expenditure to date being over £2,000 (which is clear of debt), has been raised by the untiring efforts of the Group Committee and the support given their activities by the parents and friends of the lads.

These activities have consisted of bazaars, house parties, card nights (still meeting on the last Saturday night at the hall—all welcome), picture nights, fun and games night.

Continue to give this support, and help the Committee to help the "Man of Tomorrow".

WELFARE COLLECTIONS

This means of augmenting funds for Building and Group purposes was started by the late Mr. F. ("Grandad") Bowden during the war years and was taken over by members of the Committee when Mr. Bowden's health failed; it has proved an excellent source of revenue. The scheme is one of voluntary donation of 1/- or more per month by members and friends of the Group, and is collected each month by a member appointed for that purpose. If you are not already doing so and feel like participating to assist us to maintain the hall and equipment, contact the Secretary or any member of the Committee.

LEADERS OVER THE PAST YEARS

CUBS

Mr. L. Goebly, Miss E. Stevens (Mrs. H. Dibbs), Miss S. Blair (Mrs. D. Rathbone) (later the District Cubmaster), Miss D. Atkins (Mrs. J. Thompson), Mrs. C. Borrett, Miss L. Parry, Miss E. Cooper, Miss J. Tressider (Mrs. F. Raven), Miss G. Donaldson, Miss B. Grimmer (Mrs. Blencowe), and, at present, Miss L. Faulkner, Miss L. Andrews and Miss Joyce.

SCOUTMASTERS

Messrs. N. Anderson, A. Dibbs (Assist.), D. Rathbone, J. Miller, A. Allen, F. Buckley and, at present, D. McIndoe and G. Tabley (Assist.).

SENIORS

Mr. Guy Carter and Mr. Keith Murphy.

ROVERS

Mr. A. Blair (present A.D.C. Rovers) and Mr. A. Allen

PRESIDENTS OF GROUP COMMITTEE

The late Mr. E. Newell, Mr. C. Gronn, the late Mr. F. Bowden, Mr. L. Cariss, Mr. F. Raven, Mr. A. Tressider, Mr. A. Webb and Mr. C. Tabley.

GROUP SCOUTMASTERS

Messrs. N. Anderson, D. Rathbone and R. Jones.

THANKS BADGE HOLDERS

(The highest award that can be given by headquarters to persons who are not active Scouts or Scouters)

Mrs. L. Carris, the late Mr. F. Bowden, Mr. C. Gronn and Mr. C. Tabley.

QUEEN'S SCOUTS

Peter Anderson, Jim Murray, David Anderson and Lewis Cooper.

GROUP MEMBERS WHO SAW ACTIVE SERVICE

(As far as research can find)

N. Anderson, H. Webb, K. Gronn, A. Blair, J. Thompson, S. Simms, W. Bates, G. Lamont, J. Danks, N. Danks, A. Renn, N. Renn, V. Wakefield, J. Williams, B. Hellison, W. Dixon, P. Wallace, F. Rushworth, K. Burt, K. Preston, E. Rathbone, D. Stevenson, W. Stevenson.

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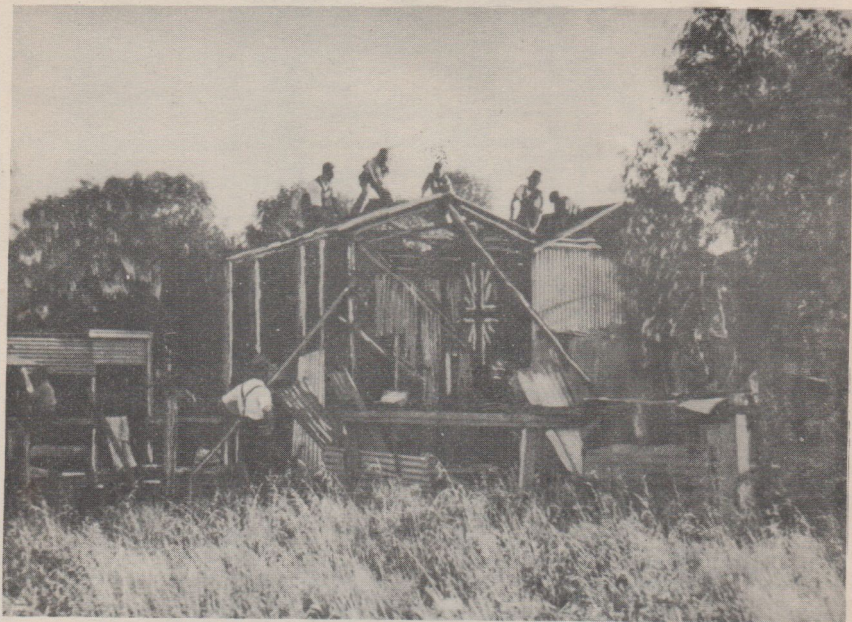
Mr. E. Newell, Mr. V. Hayes and Mr. F. Bowden ("Grandad").

PRESENT NUMBER IN GROUP

1. Cubs	24
2. Scouts	27
3. Seniors	6
4. Rovers	6
5. Scout Leaders	6
6. Group Committee	30

IN RETROSPECT

- 1921 — Group formed as 3rd Essendon Troop.
Group Committee formed.
- 1922 — Group moved to Mr. Gronn's property — Brunswick.
Group moved to Hall in McColl Street, Brunswick.
- 1925 — Cub pack was formed.
- 1933 — McColl Street Hall burnt down and Group went into recess.
- 1934 — Activities restarted at the home of Mr. Lamont.
Group transferred to "Grandad" Bowden's property.
World Jamboree at Frankston.
- 1935 — Camp at Harris Park, Mt. Martha.
- 1936 — Shed on "Grandad's" Property enlarged to 20 x 12.
- 1937 — Trek Cart Camp to Keilor at Easter.
- 1938 — Rover Crew formed.
- 1939 — World War II.
- 1942 — Rover Crew lapses.
- 1943 — Christmas Camp at Wonga Park (Mr. Clifford's property).

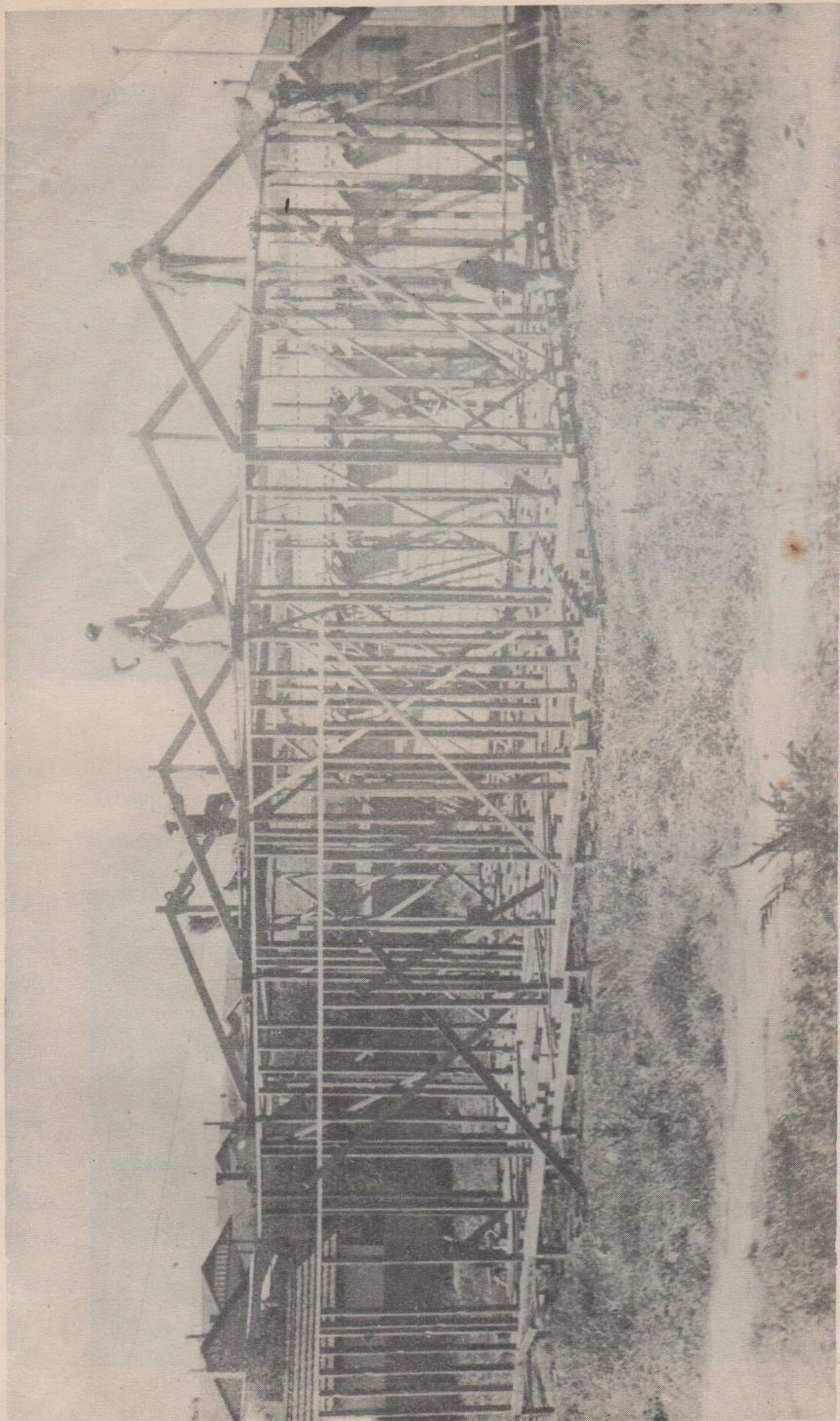


Enlarging Shed, 1936.



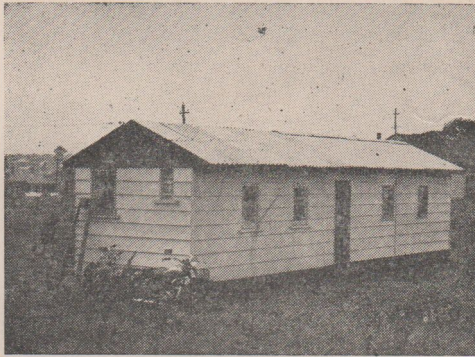
Putting in stumps for Masonite Hut.

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Working Bee on present Hall.

- 1944 — Present Group Committee formed.
Christmas Camp at Gilwell Park.
- 1945 — Rover Crew reformed.
- 1946 — Grant of land from the City of Brunswick Council.
- 1947 — Presentation of "Thanks Badge" to Mr. F. ("Grandad") Bowden.
- 1948 — Senior Troop formed.
Pan-Pacific Jamboree at "Yarra Brae".
- 1949 — April — First issue of "Scout Link".
- 1950 — Purchase of war-time hut.
Mr. C. Gronn and Mrs. L. Carris presented with "Thanks Badges"
in appreciation of 30 years' sterling service.
Scout section moved into the hut.
Hut enlarged to include Kitchen and Toilet.



- 1951 — Saturday, May 5th — Hall opened by His Worship the Mayor of Brunswick, Cr. W. Egginton.
Senior Troop reformed.
- 1952 — Sydney Jamboree.
- 1953 — Saturday, 7th February, working bees commence on present large hall.
In August, 1953, two Rovers, Bill Ryan and Jim Fraser, attended the World Rover Moot at Kandersteg, Switzerland.
- 1955 — Saturday, March 5th — Opening of new hall by His Worship the Mayor of Brunswick, Cr. A. Eddy.

Appreciation . . .

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the Donors
of this Souvenir Booklet - Thank you!

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