**Beecroft Boy Scouts**

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Beecroft.

Without a Leader. — A patrol of Boy Scouts was formed at Beecroft some time ago, but up to the present no gentleman has offered his services as scoutmaster.

The Scouts are meeting under their boy officer regularly each week, and Mr. Johnson, of Cheltenham, has very kindly accommodated the patrol with a club room. The need of a responsible person to supervise the work of the patrol is being felt, and a patriotic citizen who will do this is asked to communicate with Mr. Johnson, Boronia Avenue, Cheltenham, or District Scoutmaster Rainsford, Fox Valley road, Wahroonga.

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BEECROFT.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting will do held in Beecroft School of Arts on Tuesday to establish a troop of Boy Scouts for Carlingford parish. The Right Rev. Bishop Pain, D.D., Chief Scout Commissioner Johnson and Scoutmaster Whitehorn, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.G.S., will speak.

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Beecroft.

BOY SCOUTS.

The newly-formed Beecroft-Cheltenham troop of Boy Scouts had a day all to themselves on Saturday. A troop, 40 strong, came from Darlington under Scout master Whitehorn to assist in the festivities, and a cricket match was held, which was won by the local scouts. In the afternoon Bishop Pain (patron of the troop) presented and dedicated a troop banner, on behalf of the residents, also a Union Jack on behalf of Mr. Fred. Baker. Mr. Levy on behalf of the residents presented the troop with a kettledrum and two bugles. The members of the troop to the number of about 60 were “sworn in” by Scout Commissioner Begg. The visitors were entertained at luncheon and tea by the local scouts.

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CHELTENHAM.

A DAY OUT.

Fifty of the happiest children in Sydney left the railway station last Saturday morning for Cheltenham for a day's outing in the bush, under the auspices of the Sunshine Club. Their ages ranged from three to eight years, and many of them who came from Waterloo and Miller's Point, had never been in a train before! The gloomy weather at the start in no way damped their enthusiasm (the sun shone out brightly later), and they sang lustily as the train moved off. They were having this treat through the kindness of the Beecroft troop of the Boy Scouts, who provided fares and “eats,” and built a big fire in the bush at Cheltenham for the children to boil the billies. It is hoped that not only the other troops, but the Girl Guides will follow his example, for there are thousands of little children In mean streets who never got away from their back-yard or street gutters.

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Boy Scouts

Dramatic Entertainment.

On August 21, the Beecroft Boys Scouts had a good attendance at the local School of Arts, when a splendidly staged farcical comedy. “His Excellency the Governor,” was produced under the direction of Mr. Harold Watch, supported by a company of twelve performers, every one of whom was word perfect, and life-like in performance. This is an amusing comedy in which the governor of Amandaland Island is an avowed avoider of the fair sex. His A.D.C. and private secretary are both imbued with the same spirit, but upon the arrival of an official visitor, accompanied by his daughter, all three of them fall violently in love with the lady. After many amusing episodes, his Excellency is left badly beaten by one of his subordinates. The whole was so well presented that there was a general expression of the hope that the company might visit Beecroft again.

During an interview between acts, Mr. H. G. Levy, president of the N. W. Sydney District, thanked the artists, and explained that this entertainment was part of an effort to raise funds to erect a hall for the Boy Scouts on ground generously given for the purpose by Mrs. Byles. He also gave a brief outline of the principles of the Scout movement.

Amongst the visitors were Mr. J. Goodsir (District Scoutmaster), Mr. A. W. Fox (District Scout Secretary), and Mr. Fenwick (an English Scoutmaster who is travelling round the world, and has already visited many troops in Australia).

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Scouts' Home.

The Boy Scouts at Beecroft are anticipating the advantage, in the near future of having a home of their own. Tenders are being invited for the erection of a weatherboard hall for that purpose.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Fri 25 Nov 1927**

ANNUAL RALLY.

Boy Scouts at Beecroft.

The annual rally of the North-west Sydney Boy Scouts will be held on Saturday next at Beecroft.

The scouts, cubs, and rovers will parade at Beecroft station at 2.30, and will march to the Beecroft “Village Green,” where the salute will be taken by the Assistant State Commissioner, Mr. F. Danvers Power. The Cub Commissioner for New South Wales, Mr. Colin Doust, will also be present.

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SCOUTS RALLY Camp at Beecroft.

Owing to the rain storm last weekend, the annual tally, arranged for November 21 at Beecroft, was postponed till to-morrow.

The Scouts and Cubs are to assemble at Beecroft station at 2.30 p.m., and will march to the Beecroft village green.

A feature of the rally will be the model camp and displays of scoutcraft. The camp will be open for inspection by the public. During the evening the Scouts will give a concert around the camp fire.

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SCOUT RALLY

Camp at Beecroft.

After being postponed on account of the inclement weather, the annual rally of the North West Sydney Scouts was held on December 2 last.

Beecroft village green was the scene of this year's gathering, and it was a singularly appropriate spot to hold the rally for Beecroft was the only troop in the district when the district was first formed by Mr. MacAllister eight years ago. There are now 12 troops included in "North-West Sydney." Beecroft holds the district banner for camp craft.

After a march past, at which the salute was taken by Commissioner Aston, South Sydney, and District Scoutmaster Diamond, North-west Sydney, medals of merit were presented to D.S.M. Diamond, and to Mrs. Tyler, on behalf of Tom Tyler, formerly of Beecroft Troop, but now "somewhere in Queensland." Unfortunately, Mr. MacAllister, first district scoutmaster, and now deputy camp chief, was unable to be present. Mr. Goodsir, who has filled the positions of district scoutmaster and district commissioner, was present.

EPPING TO EPPING

Commissioner Aston, on behalf of Mr. Danvers Power, presented a Union Jack to Senior Scoutmaster Macdonald, of 1st Epping troop. This flag was sent from the 9th Epping Forest troop in England. Mr. Macdonald presented an Australian flag to be presented to the English troop. A model camp arranged by the various troops was then thrown open for inspection, and great interest was shown by tile public present in the various gadgets exhibited, that make all the difference between a camp and a Scouts' camp.

THE CAMP FIRE

The camp fire concert held after tea was an event that few of those who were present will forget. Apart from the items of the concert the spirit of scouting seemed to invest everything with a glamour that will take long to wear off. Every item was good and well worth hearing, but space will not permit of all who took part being mentioned individually. BEECROFT FETE

At the same time as the rally, the Beecroft troop committee took the opportunity of holding a fete in aid of the Scouts' Hall, recently erected. Many of the residents and supporters gave yeoman service, and as a result the debt on the hall should be materially reduced.

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BEECROFT SCOUTS

World Jamboree Film

The world Jamboree film was recently shown at the Masonic Hall, Beecroft, under the auspices of the Beecroft local association. Camp Chief McAlister, who was in charge of the Australian scouts, explained the film, which showed the scouts en route in Egypt, at the jamboree, which was held at Godola, Austria-Hungary, then at various places in Europe, America, and the Pacific. It was a most Instructive and interesting lecture.

During the interval, sweets were sold, and the name of the cub doll, donated and dressed by Miss H. Gorton, was announced. As no one had guessed the correct name …, all the guesses were put into a basket, and that of the lucky winner, Miss E. Metcalfe (Epping) was drawn by a visiting Pennant Hills cub.

The sum of £4/5/- was realised in penny guesses, which augers well for Miss Gorton’s next effort in that direction.

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TRUE CUB SPIRIT

Dalmar Children Entertained

On Saturday, December 21, the 1st Beecroft Club Pack, in charge of Miss Gorton (Akela) and. Miss Edwards, spent the afternoon with the children of Dalmar Homes. They gave the children the lovely Christmas cake from their own Christmas party held earlier in the month at the Scout Hall, Beecroft. As the cubs were given such a delightful party, they decided in the true cub spirit to share their good fortune with the young folk at Dalmar.

The Christmas party and tree for the Beecroft Cub Pack was arranged by Miss Gorton, and with the assistance from several ladies on the day was an immense success. The very jolly gathering numbered 100 persons, and was the most successful of its kind, ever held in the scout hall. The attendance of parents was very promising of growing interest in the pack and most encouraging to those working so hard for the success of the movement.

Dr. A. H. Martin was chairman, and at afternoon tea congratulated the group on its progress. District Commissioner Mr. Ewen also spoke and mentioned the good work of the pack in the recent district competitions, and thanked Dr. Martin on behalf of the group for his attendance and interest.

Mr. Ross-Fitzer seconded Mr. Ewen, and gave a hearty welcome.

After the cub pack and- the scouts, who were the guests of the smaller boys, had dealt with the many good things in the spread provided by Akela. Mr. Willings (assistant district commissioner) spoke earnestly to the cubs and impressed on them the importance of sharing their good times in order to live up to the true cub spirit.

After tea several action games and songs were rendered by the pack, with the assistance of' Mrs. Chorley at the piano, followed by the presentation to each cub of a gift from the laden Christmas tree, which had stood modestly in the corner of the hall, though not without receiving many gleaming glances of appreciation, and anticipation, from the lads. Each of them received something he had long wanted.

A very pleasant duty then fell to the president, Mr. Ross-Fitzer. On behalf of the cubs' parents, he presented to Miss Gorton a gold wristlet watch, as a mark of appreciation. The boys followed with the grand howl.

The hall and tables were beautifully decorated with gladioli and delphiniums, the work of Mrs.. Hindes.

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Scouts In Big Rallies

More than 1000 Scouts and Cubs of the Western Metropolitan and Blue Mountains area attended a rally at Parramatta Showground on Saturday.

The rally was officially opened by Major E. A. Lloyd, N.S.W. Chief Scout Commissioner.

The Rally Pennant was awarded to the 1st Parramatta Troop.

Scouting activities, consisting of signalling, pole-raising and marching, was won by the 1st Beecroft Troop.