

BOX HILL BOYS' HOME

Visit, 29th June 1958.

Inspection of Box Hill Boys' Home continued for a period of 3 days. During that time 73 Wards were seen, and a discussion on the progress of the boys, etc., was had with the Superintendent, Major ~~Beany~~ ^{Bearsey}

Before coming to Box Hill, Major ~~Beany~~ ^{Bearsey} was concerned with general pastoral activities with a stress on youth. Inspector was impressed with Major ~~Beany~~'s attitude to Box Hill in that he appears to have a clear overall conception of the problems he is facing.

Since the last visit there has been a number of changes in staff. One of the changes has been the transfer of Lieut. Sanders from Bayswater 2. Lieut. Sanders proved unsatisfactory at Bayswater 2 in that he had not the patience and experience for that class of boy. So far at Box Hill it appears that he is continuing to be unsatisfactory. Major ~~Beany~~ is aware of Lieut. Sanders faults and is working on them.

<u>Staff</u>	Superintendent.	Major (and Mrs.) Beany ^{Bearsey}
	Ass. Superintendent.	Major (and Mrs.) Reiger (EnR/WI)
	Supervisory	Lieut. (and Mrs.) Sanders
		Lieut. (Male) Simpkin
		Capt. (Female) West
		Lieut. (Female) Gilley
		Capt. (and Mrs.) Griffin
		Lieut. (Female) Levy
		Mr. and Mrs. Bryant
	Cook	Mrs. Schreiber
	Domestic	Miss Johnson
		Mrs. Hancock
		Mrs. Dagavich
	Laundry	Mrs. Scarlet
	Sewing	Miss Mancer
		Mrs. Boucher
	Office	Major Wynne.

Total 23.

Major ~~Beany~~ considers that he needs another male officer.

Schooling Staff

Head	Mr. Hirst (NEW 09)
	Mr. Lunn
	Mr. Minnett
	Mr. Potts
	Mrs. Hamson

Mr. Hirst (~~NEW 59~~) is very concerned as to the number of boys who are in the 7th and 8th Grade at the home school. He intends to send all the above 6th Grade boys out to Secondary School next year if they show any aptitude. He has started night classes for woodwork and is encouraging the boys to use the school after hours for private study.

Clothing and Personal Appearance.

Suitably clad for the season. Quality of the footwear has improved. Since Inspector's last visit there has been a complaint that Box Hill sends the boys home on probation in inadequate outfit. Major ~~Beany~~ says that he has changed all this, and he personally makes sure that each boy is properly outfitted before leaving Box Hill.

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Medical Attention

Dr. Atkinson - as 1958 Report

Dental

School Dental Service visiting at time of Inspection.

Deterrent to Misbehaviour

The means for deterring misbehaviour at Box Hill has never been satisfactory since Inspector started visiting there. In the last 3 years there have been three Superintendents and considerable change of Staff. At the moment Inspector feels that at last some headway is being made.

Major Beany *sey*

- (A) Has abolished the practice of Boys having to stand on a spot for considerable periods of time for breaches of discipline or for bed wetting.
- (B) Has told members of staff that cuffing over the ears, and strapping as a general practice must stop. Inspector read over the regulations with him and left a copy of the regulations ~~with him~~

Inspector told Major ~~Beany~~ that he understood from the boys that at the moment considerable strapping and ear cuffing was going on, and in particular Lieut. Sanders was the main offender. Major ~~Beany~~ will take action to remedy this and Inspector will follow up.

- (C) Introduced more privileges for the boys and through this has a good variety of ways for disciplining offenders, especially on an individual basis.

Duties

Major ~~Beany~~ said that he has reduced duties - especially house duties to a minimum. He has cut out the practice of boys working for the Officer's wives.

Bed Wetting

Still at about the same level as last year - about 15%. Major ~~Beany~~ said that he was worried about the numbers. Inspector said that St. Augustine's were experimenting with an electric sheet - and that he will contact B. Webster and notify Major ~~Beany~~ whether it was worth them considering a similar method.

Accommodation - general

During the last year approx £2,000 has been spent on beds - mattresses and blankets.

Rebuilding Plans

Major ~~Beany~~ said that the Salvation Army have plans under way for the complete rebuilding of Box Hill Boys' Home.

General

Inspector was very pleased with the positive attitude which Major ~~Beany~~ appears to have towards children, he is very keen to improve Box Hill materially and socially.

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