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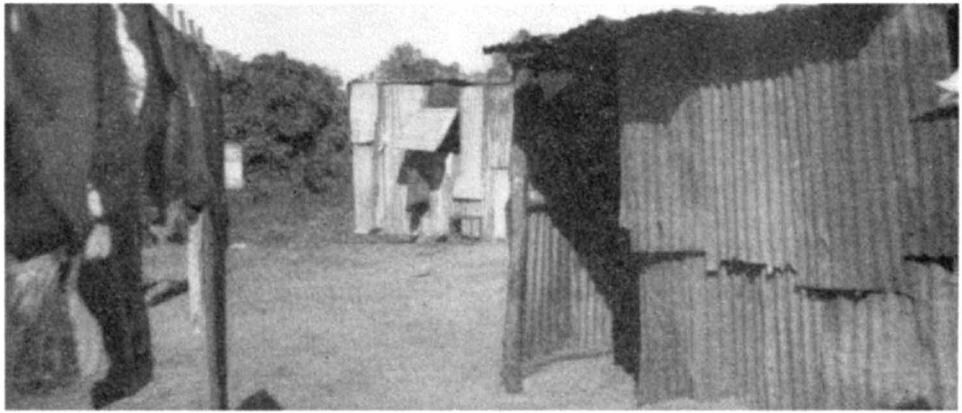
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## OUR COVER

*Mrs. George Smith, wife of the Australian-born personal representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in East and Central Africa, with her ward, Edda Mwakaselo, aged four. Story page 14. (Sydney Morning Herald picture.)*

# OUT OF THE NIGHT . . .

## *For Aborigines at Yamba*



**OUT OF THE NIGHT:** Some of the ugly, untidy and unhealthy huts in which Aboriginal families at Yamba formerly lived



The following article by STANLEY GADEN was published in the July 16 issue of the *Grafton Daily Examiner*, and is reprinted by *Dawn* with acknowledgments to the author and the *Daily Examiner*.

### OUT OF THE NIGHT . . .

A walk along the Angourie road amid the encompassing ti-trees is a journey into a primaevial forest.

Far down the ages, primitive man hunting his elusive prey, stole silently through these swampy wastes. Stalking his meat by day and retreating into his cover of bark and grass by night, he was at least unmolested, except for the myriad mosquitoes which scarred his skin. This was the free nomadic life he loved, for no other had he known. The lonely traveller may yet be startled by seeing a face peering out of the weird surroundings, forgetting that he was but a stone's throw from civilisation.

For some years now this very scene has sheltered a number of ugly, untidy, and unhealthy huts, made of old, rusty, corrugated iron, and stuffed here and there with old sacking, to give protection to several Aboriginal families. They have been hidden away, no one desiring to bring the light of day, or publicity, to bear upon this shameful habitation. For men and women still live there. Here infants are weaned and young children are nurtured. Some of the ablest athletes and sportsmen have been discovered among them. Very soon, these unlovely humpies will be no more; blotted out, one hopes, for ever.

### . . . INTO THE LIGHT

The six new houses now being built on Pippi beach, on the southern side of Yamba, are well constructed. There is a fair sized living room (dining room cum kitchen), 20 feet by 10, three bedrooms, a bathroom cum laundry, an inside toilet, and a built-in wardrobe. Electric power and water will be supplied. The site is attractive, and though somewhat removed from the township, is not too distant from the school or shops. Indeed, these homes may well be the envy of wealthier people, who desire a quiet retreat.

For the first time in their lives the new residents will be able to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for a house. They may be able to say with Robert Herrick:

Lord, Thou hast given me a cell  
wherein to dwell,  
A little house, whose humble roof  
is weather-proof;  
Under the spars of which I lie  
Both soft and dry.

Someone has aptly said that when we take our toothbrush in the morning, we should also take a telescope. The long view is often the better one. These little children who take their places day by day in school with their fellow pupils, should now have an incentive to learn. These mothers who dress their little ones so sweetly, should now have cause for pride, when they return home. These husbands who often get into the doldrums, should now see the joy of steady work.

### IN 30 YEARS TIME . . .

One has to speak and appeal for the inarticulate. We thank all who have contributed to this effort. It would be difficult to make a list of priorities. One may mention the Aborigines Welfare Board, the Public Works Department, the N.R.C.C., the builders, the officers of the Maclean Shire, not forgetting Mr J. Thompson, and our good mediator, Mr. W. R. Weiley, M.L.A.

Thank you to those people who have kindly promised furniture. This is much appreciated, and there must be many more who would like to share in this task. If you have no gifts in kind, a donation towards the cost of furnishings should be sent to:

The Manager, Commonwealth Bank, Maclean, and marked  
"Aborigines' Fund".

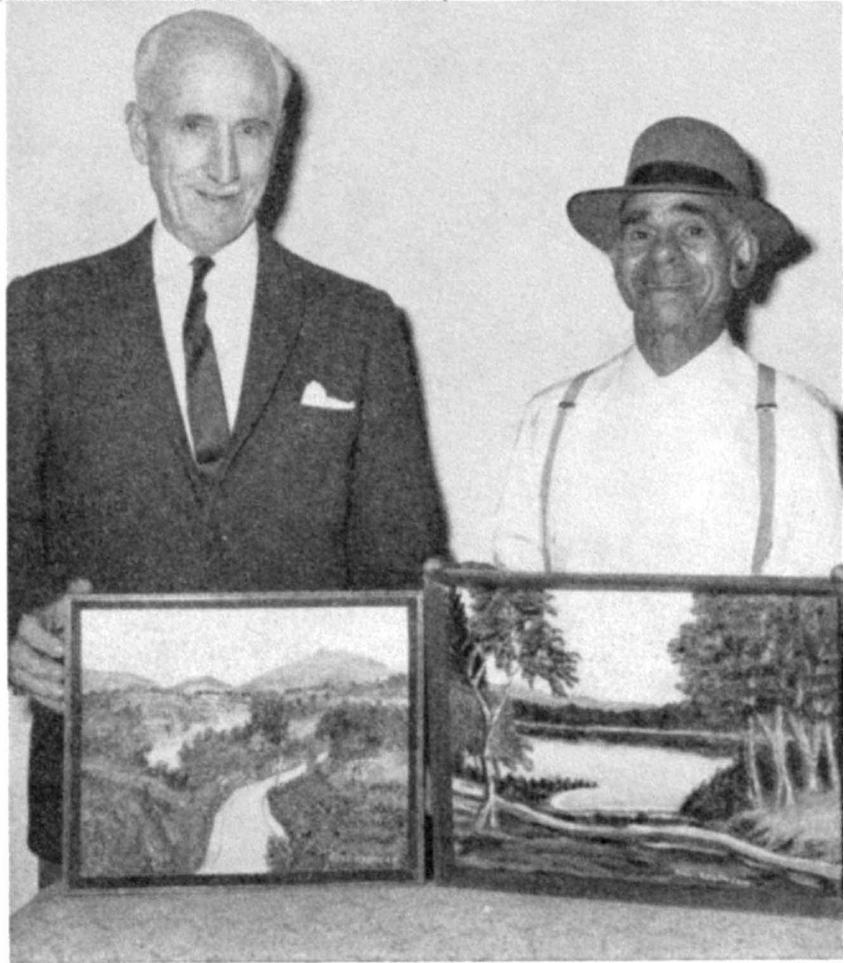


**INTO THE LIGHT: The new modern bungalows on Pippi beach**



**... INTO  
THE LIGHT**

# FORMER BLACK TRACKER SUCCEEDS AS ARTIST



**Mr. Weiley, M.L.A., and artist Billy Robinson with two of his landscapes**

The paintings of Mr. Bill ("Tracker") Robinson, of Grafton, are in keen demand at five guineas a study.

The Chief Secretary, Mr. C. A. Kelly, has purchased a number for some friends, who are art patrons, in Melbourne. They have two more on order at present.

Mr. Robinson was formerly a sergeant black tracker attached to Grafton Police District, but is now living in retirement, after 41 years with the Police.

Mr. W. R. Weiley, M.L.A., took two of the paintings to the Art Gallery in Sydney 12 months ago to have them appraised by experts. When the paintings were exhibited they were sold immediately, and there has been a steady demand for them ever since.

Mr. Weiley told *Dawn* that Mr. Robinson, a non-smoker and total abstainer who had made physical fitness his hobby, had excelled at boxing and held the North Coast lightweight championship for some years.

One of his daughters had passed her Leaving and trained as a teacher, and was now doing missionary work in New Guinea. Another daughter was a nurse.

One of his sons had inherited Mr. Robinson's talent as an artist and, after studying art at Grafton Technical College, had painted numerous murals for various business houses throughout the North Coast district, Mr. Weiley said.

He said the opinion of an expert at Sydney Art Gallery was that although Mr. Robinson's paintings were obviously the work of an untrained artist, they showed considerable natural ability.

The drawing, colour sense and perspective were excellent, and the artist achieved a vividness and freshness of color that made the paintings most attractive.

The expert said he would not attempt to value the paintings. Value was fixed by demand as much as merit, and fantastic prices resulted when there was a keen demand for an artist's work.

He quoted "Grandma" Moses, of America, an untrained artist whose work was in keen demand at prices ranging up to thousands of dollars.

## Memorable Experience for Murrin Bridge Girls



Firm bonds of friendship were formed when eight lucky girls from Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Station recently spent six days in Sydney as guests of pen-friends at Blakehurst Primary School.

The great adventure started earlier in the year when Mrs. M. Cleal, a teacher at Blakehurst, wrote to the Aborigines Welfare Board asking for the name of a school with which her pupils could correspond.

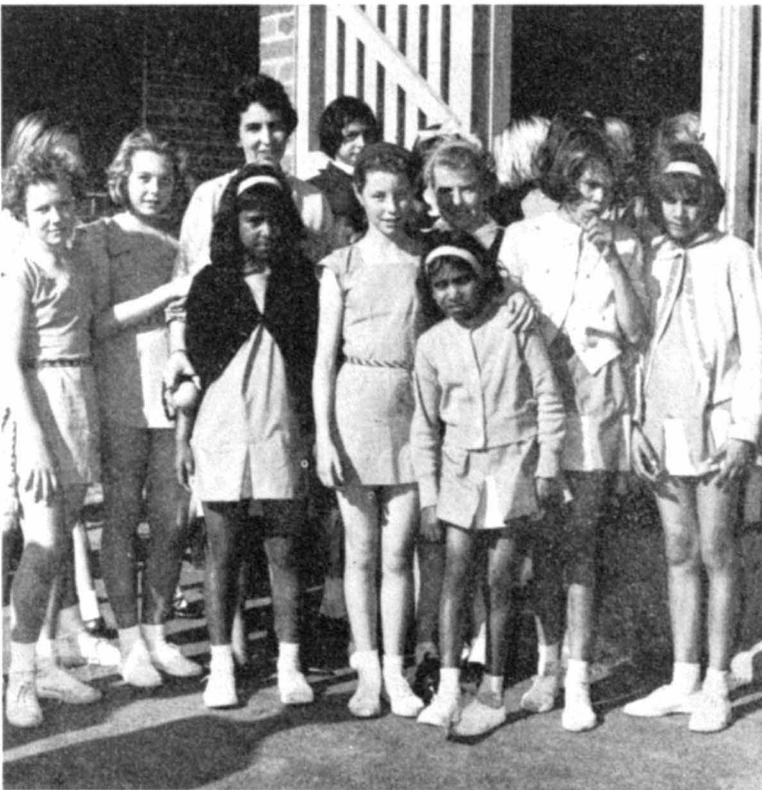
Mrs. Cleal was referred to the Murrin Bridge Primary School. Murrin Bridge is about nine miles from Lake Cargelligo in the central west of New South Wales, and about 360 miles from Sydney.

The letters began last March and April, and the upshot was that the Blakehurst girls thought it would be nice if their pen-friends could come to Sydney so that they could meet in person.

In Sydney the Murrin Bridge girls were billeted in the homes of their pen-friends.

The visitors (with hosts in brackets) were:

Patricia Johnson (Christine Hiland); Raylene Johnson (Lynne Rouse); Evelyn Johnson (Rosslyn English); Coral Parkes (Jennifer Isles); Theresa



**Above: The Murrin Bridge team with (at rear, left to right) the Blakehurst Headmaster, Mr. J. Brakespear, Mrs. Cleal and Mr. Green**

**Below: Guests and hosts together, with Mrs. Cleal in the background**



**Left: Practice before the A-grade match commences**

**Below: A successful shot at goal by Murrin Bridge**



Kirby (Margot Perry); Anne Kirby (Yvonne Muir); Leila Webster (Susan Eather); Julie Clarke, Capt. (Susan Blom).

The party travelled from Murrin Bridge under the care of Mr. P. Wilding, a teacher at the Murrin Bridge Aboriginal School, and returned home six days later by train.

A full programme of activities in Sydney included a tour of the city and environs, a visit to the Mounted Police Stables, and a picnic in National Park.

During their stay the girls from Murrin Bridge played two basketball games against Blakehurst, defeating the B-grade team 14 goals to 3, but going down to the A-grade team 15 goals to 13.

As the visitors had only begun playing basketball this year, their performance was most creditable.

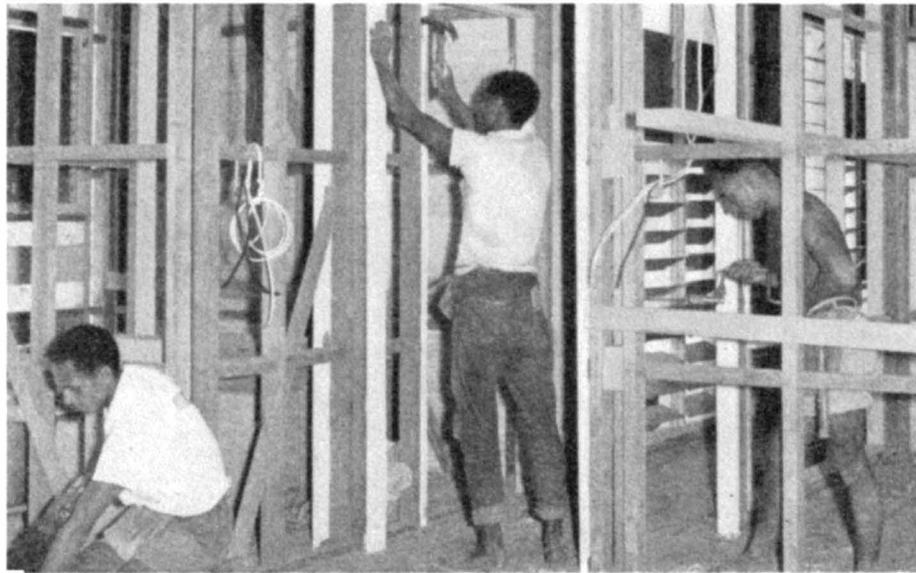
The Superintendent of Aborigines' Welfare, Mr. H. J. Green, turned up to watch the A-grade match. He told *Dawn* later how greatly impressed he was by the Murrin Bridge girls' neat appearance in mustard-coloured uniforms with blue ribbons in their hair.

Mrs. Cleal said the Blakehurst girls were very envious of their uniforms, and had hardly stopped talking about them.

During the visit Anne Kirby had her birthday, and the occasion was celebrated with a party and birthday cake produced by Yvonne Muir's mother.

Altogether it was a memorable six days both for guests and hosts.

# YOUNG PAPUANS MAKE TALENTED APPRENTICES

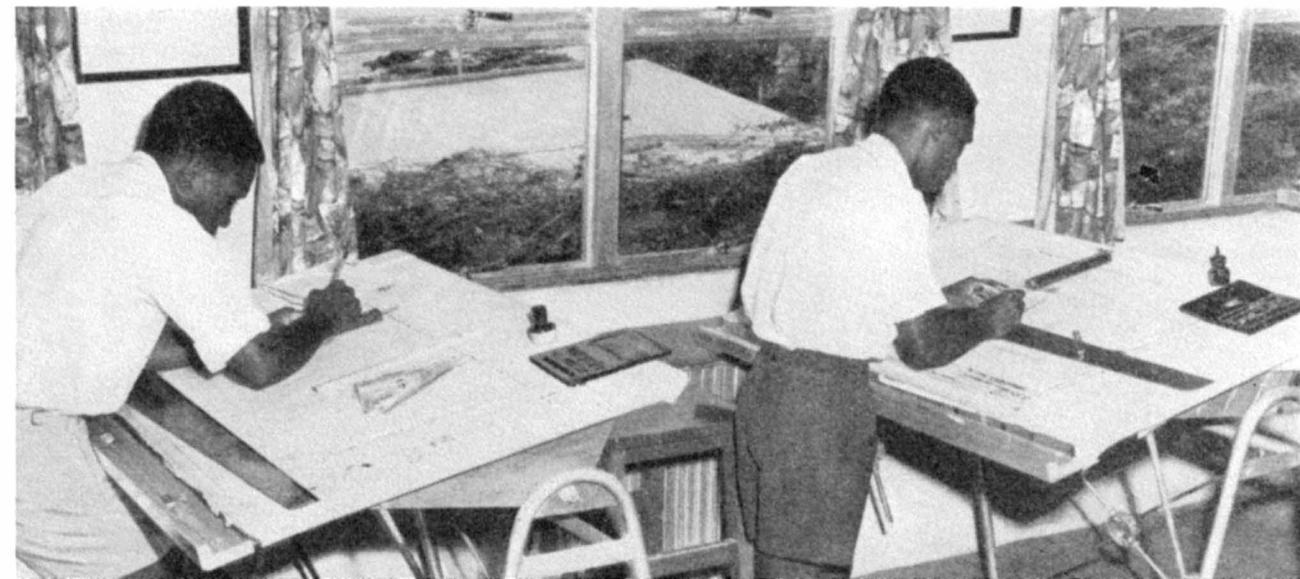


**Above: Carpenters  
engaged on home  
construction**

**Right: Papuan  
students checking  
camber and castor on  
a front end  
alignment job**



**Below: Draughtsmen  
in the preparation of  
house plans**



The Manager of the Roseby Park Aboriginal Station, Mr. N. R. Lawson, recently visited New Guinea and was greatly impressed by the capacity of young Papuans to learn modern skills and techniques.

He said that when local technical training was first introduced, many employers were reluctant to indenture apprentices, but as their quality was established, the demand had outgrown the supply.

"A sad aspect now is the number who come and implore to be trained, but have to be turned away because there is no more room," Mr. Lawson told *Dawn*.

Mr. Lawson said:

"Through a mutual friend, Mr. Jerry Brown, Officer-in-Charge of Native Labour, Port Moresby, I was introduced to Mr. Lynton, Technical Staff Supervisor, who took me to the Junior and Senior Technical Training Schools at Idubada, where I observed all aspects of the training of native boys.

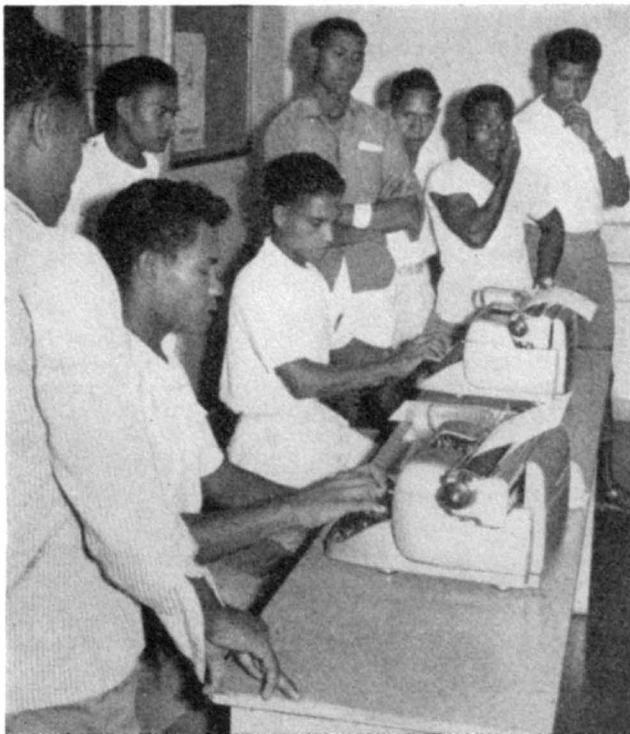
"Under the enthusiastic leadership of the Headmaster, Mr. 'Jock' Mooney, I watched young 'bush' boys doing all the various jobs connected with the preparation of the site, using dumpy level, pouring the foundations, erecting the framework, cutting the rafters, fixing the ceiling and lining and finally painting.

"The electrical and plumbing work was done by Senior Tech. boys. When it is realised that these boys have first to learn to master the use of simple carpenters' tools while at the same time trying to master the difficult English language, their achievements can be appreciated.

"After two years at the Junior Tech. they find positions as semi-skilled building trade workmen, or return to their own villages and teach their new skills.

"Later I spent a day at the Senior Tech. College, under the direction of Headmaster, Mr. Betheridge. Here full five-year trade courses are taught, and this year will see the graduation of the first fully trained craftsman within the Territory. Formerly most advanced training was given south at Brisbane.

#### **Papuan lads learning typing**



#### **Cabinet making of very high quality**

"Part of a third day covered the training of young women in a smaller section of the Tech. situated close to Hunuabada. Miss Moore showed me the work of the girls in cooking, home-care, sewing, laundry and so on, for the training of capable domestic staff, and also a special course for shop assistants and typists.

"While shopping I was served most efficiently and courteously by native women in many of the business houses of Port Moresby, while the taxi drivers, office workers and medical orderlies with whom I came in contact were a very great improvement with respect to their skills on the Papuans of pre-war days.

"So far as Aborigines living in New South Wales are concerned, very few have spent any time at a Tech. learning trades that will put them in jobs with greater prospects than labouring. Now is the time for parents of school leaving age children to preach the gospel of going to night classes to learn one of the many trades and skills taught there to fit their children for a place in the present mechanised world.

"I can well remember the time when all Aboriginal girls and boys left school before the sixth grade. Now everyone goes to High School and one or two even continue on to the University.

"However, what of the majority (and this applies to all children, not only Aborigines), what of those whose valuable talents lie in their hands, in their powers of co-ordination, in their practical sense? What is to happen to them?

"All the good-paying jobs—other than those for doctors, teachers, lawyers and the like (and they are not necessarily the best-paying jobs)—can be learned at the Technical schools and colleges.

"I should like to urge all Aboriginal children, and their parents, to set their sights on these.

"What the lads in New Guinea can do, the lads in New South Wales can do as well and better."



**Captain of the 5 st. 7 lb. team, W. Leslie, with the Tony Shaw Cup that his team won and will hold until beaten in a final**



**This is the 6 st. 7 lb. team. They went through the season undefeated. R. Young, G. Randall, W. Perry, H. Thompson (Capt.), M. Young, H. Suey, M. Simon, C. Jarrett, E. Carberry, W. Leslie and Mascot**

## NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT

The lads of Kinchela Boys' Training Home (we have frequently mentioned some of their exploits in *Dawn*) are building up an enviable record for outstanding physical fitness and endurance.

Take the days of the last football finals.

G. Bate and M. Welch played in the 4 st. 7 lb. team, and as soon as the match was over changed guernseys and played in the next match. Then the same night they went to Wauchope and won three-round boxing contests the hard way—through points decisions.

Three boys who played in the 5 st. 7 lb. match also changed guernseys and played in the 6 st. 7 lb. match. They, too, fought at Wauchope that night and won. The three boys were B. Welch, L. Davis and W. Leslie. Another boy, M. Perry, played with the 5 st. 7 lb. team, and won his bout at Wauchope. It was Perry's first fight, so his was a splendid effort.



defeated and won the final 39 points to 2. Left to right: Back row; [unclear], H. Cook, B. Welch and Mr. J. Purvis, Coach. Front; L. Davis, [unclear], [unclear] Allan (Boomps) Cooper

## OF KINCHELA ATHLETES

After the boxing, supper was served, and the boys finally got away from Wauchope around midnight.

The next day, Sunday, when the usual chores for the Home were finished, the boys were whisked away to play in curtain raisers for the Grand Final of Group Three Rugby between Smithtown and Wauchope.

They played in two games, as they had the day before.

H. Thompson and W. Leslie, the team captains, were presented with the latest publication, "This is Rugby League", by the President of the Country Rugby League, Mr. Jack Howard.

In his address Mr. Howard commented on the grand performance by the boys from Kinchela, not merely for the standard of their football, but also for the wonderful sportsmanship they had displayed.

Taken all round, it was a memorable weekend.

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**Captain of the 6 st. 7 lb. team, H. Thompson, with the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Cup his team will hold until they are beaten in a final**

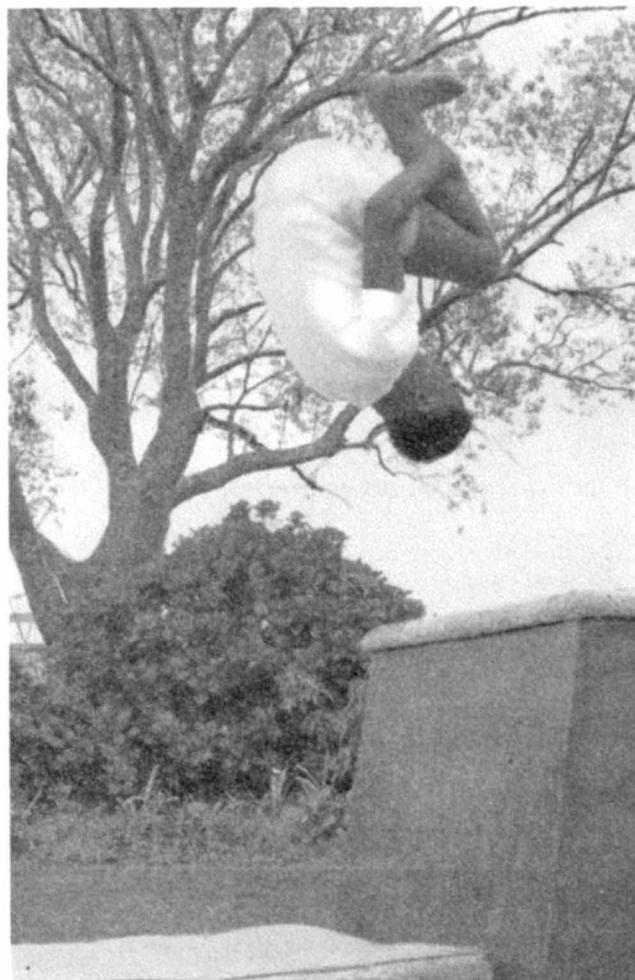
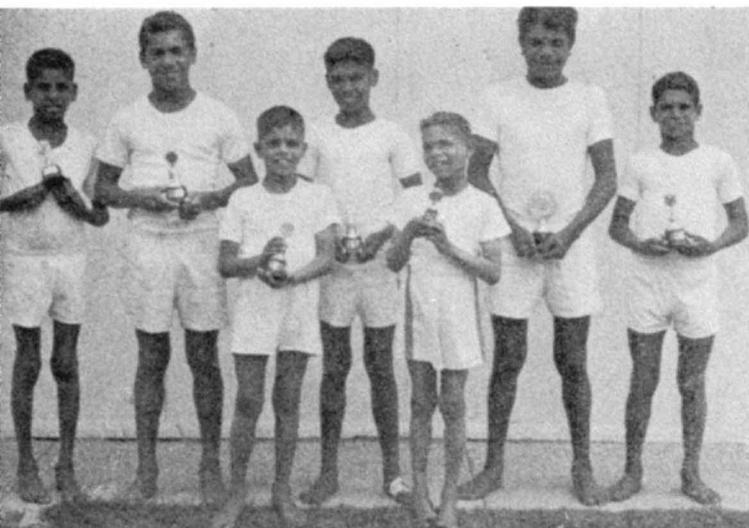


Above left: This is the 5 st. 7 lb. team. They also went through the season undefeated and won the final 29 points to 6: Back Row; M. Simon, D. Russell, B. Welch, W. Leslie (Capt.), R. Peters, B. Randall, M. Perry and Mr. H. Byrnes. Front; R. Murray, P. Knight, T. Clayton, L. Davis, G. Bates, M. Welch, L. Suey and Mascot Ian (Crow) Lowe

Below left: The 4 st. 7 lb. team. They went through the season undefeated, only to be beaten in the final. Left to right: Back row; Mr. J. Purvis, Coach, G. Bates, E. Ward, D. Johnson, M. Welch (Capt.), L. Simon, D. Simon, P. Jarrett. Front; L. Maher, T. Johnson, A. Cooper, A. Bates, F. Egan and R. Davis

Centre left: The Boxing Team that went to Wauchope. Seven were matched and all won. The boys are from left to right: G. Bates, H. Thompson, L. Maher, B. Welch, C. Clayton, A. Bates and W. Leslie

Below: Clarence (Bertie) Woodlands doing a beautifully executed forward somersault



*(Contributed by the N.S.W. Department of Public Health)*

## TETANUS— AN INSIDIOUS KILLER

The home gardener pricks a finger while tending his roses—the schoolboy gashes his knee on the football field. Just two instances where tetanus could strike!

Tetanus is truly an insidious disease because of the way in which it enters the system. The tetanus germ commonly lives in the intestines of grass eating animals, particularly horses and cattle. The bacteria thus may be found in stables, farmyards and also in garden soil treated with animal manure.

When a wound is contaminated by soil containing the tetanus germ they develop deep inside the wound and produce deadly poison, the symptoms of which appear from four days to three weeks after infection has entered the wound.

It is important to remember that the tetanus germ can live in the soil for many years and still remain active, even though the soil is no longer used by farm animals.

### **Trivial Injuries**

It was recently reported that more than half the tetanus cases reported yearly arose from “trivial wounds” for which medical advice had not been sought. Last year, deaths due to this disease exceeded those from either diphtheria or poliomyelitis.

In Australia last year seventeen people died from tetanus—deaths that could have been prevented by immunisation!

### **Prevention**

To protect yourself against tetanus attack, a course of injections must be obtained before an injury occurs. In fact, it is only after the second injection, six weeks after the first, that any worthwhile immunity is secured. Immunity is completed by a third injection six to twelve months after the second.

A “booster” injection should be obtained every five years thereafter. Infants can safely receive simultaneous immunisation against whooping cough, diphtheria, and tetanus by use of Triple Antigen, from the age of three months. This is the best time of life for protection. Immunisation is carried out at local clinics arranged by councils or arrangements can be made with your local practitioner.

## POPULARITY OF NOWRA NIGHT CLASSES GROWING

Night classes for Aborigines at Nowra Technical College are going from strength to strength.

There are at present 30 girls taking courses on knitting, the number having doubled from 15 last April.

They come from as far afield as Roseby Park and Wreck Bay, Bomaderry, Woorrigee and Nowra on transport provided by the Aborigines Welfare Board.

The whole idea of night classes for girls started after a motor vehicle maintenance course for boys had been established at Nowra Tech. through the efforts of the Board's officers.

The girls used to come in the buses with the boys, and became so interested they wanted to do motor maintenance work themselves.

So a pilot course consisting of sewing, care of infants, basketry, beauty treatment and cooking was set up for the girls. After the pilot course the girls wanted the lessons to continue, and this term the course has concentrated solidly on knitting, which proved to have a great appeal to the pupils.

The accent so far has been on reading from patterns, and it is likely that pattern reading will occupy next term also.

The Aborigines Welfare Board provides the transport, materials and supper, the Technical College provides the space, lighting and heating, and the Country Women's Association furnishes the instructors.



**Mr. Colin Hardy**

## *Wedding Bells for Aboriginal Singer*

Aboriginal singer Colin Hardy was recently married to Miss Delma Masterton, of Wallsend, at the Wayside Chapel, Kings Cross.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. Noffs.

The bride carried a spray of pink orchids and was attended by her sister. The best man was Mr. Danny Easterwood, of Brewarrina.

The ceremony was watched by some of the guests on closed circuit television in the coffee lounge of the Wayside Chapel, while many watched through the chapel window from the street outside.

Four years ago, Colin Hardy happened to make a short trip from his home town, Brewarrina, to a nearby town, Walgett. There at a church service he met a local school teacher who was most impressed by Colin's singing and guitar playing ability.

Tape recordings were made and sent to Sydney to be entered in the National Aborigines' Day Talent Quest. Colin succeeded in winning the popular singing section and came to Sydney to take part in the National Aborigines' Day ceremony in Martin Place.

Upon returning to Walgett, Colin Hardy sang to raise money for the Childrens' Far West Health Scheme at their local concert. After appearing in various talent quests, Colin finally came under the eye of radio personality, Willie Fennell, who invited him to join his touring show.

Colin then went to live in Sydney and stayed at the home of Mrs. L. N. Cocks, who became his sincere friend and advisor.

One day, while attending the Methodist Youth Club at Fellowship House, Colin met his bride to be.

Among the guests at Colin and Delma's wedding were many of their old friends who joined in wishing them much happiness in their future years of married life.



**Mr. Clive Williams**

## *Justice of the Peace*

Mr. Clive Williams, of Rozelle, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Originally of Coraki, Mr. Williams came to Sydney 16 months ago at the invitation of the Rev. Clint as a working student at Tranby College, Glebe.

During the day he works with the Department of Main Roads. He attends evening classes at Tranby, and has been guest speaker at many Rotary and Apex meetings to raise money for scholarships.

As a J.P. his main service to the public will be to witness signatures on legal papers, business papers and other documents requiring as a witness the signature of a Justice of the Peace.

## SUCCESSFUL CONCERT RAISES £30



Some of the "stars" in the Brewarrina concert

A most successful variety concert was held in the Memorial Hall, Brewarrina, on August 17 in aid of the local hospital.

The concert was a joint venture between Aboriginal and people of the town.

From the Aboriginal's point of view, it was a way of saying thanks to the Hospital for goodwill shown to the coloured community.

The concert, which was held at short notice because a number of the artists were employed in the bush, resulted in a donation of £20 to the Hospital, and £10 to the National Fitness Club.

As a result of popular demand, the concert will be repeated shortly.

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MONASH UNIVERSITY

Two scholarships are offered to persons of Aboriginal descent at Monash University, Victoria.

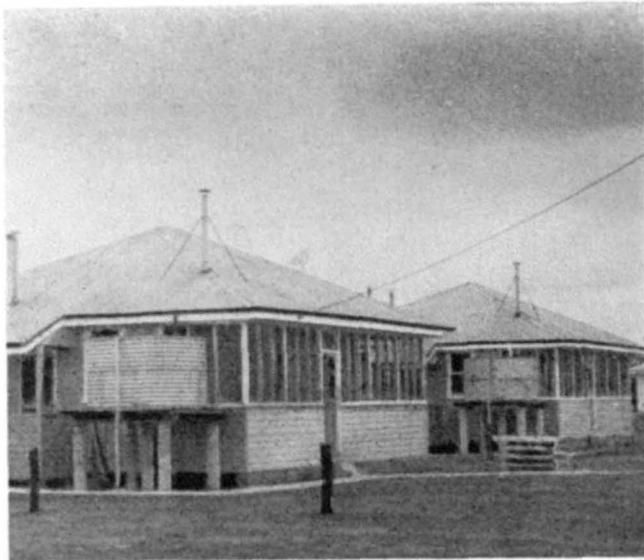
The scholarships are available to enable the successful applicants to complete an undergraduate course at Monash.

Applicants must be Australian Aborigines or persons of Aboriginal descent who either have satisfied the matriculation requirements necessary for admission to the appropriate faculty in an Australian university or expect to satisfy such requirements prior to 1st March, 1965.

The scholarships will cover all reasonable costs necessarily associated with living (including transport, accommodation and incidental expenses), tuition and text books up to a maximum of £600 per annum, for the duration of the course. Continued tenure of a scholarship will be subject to satisfactory progress.

Further details about the scholarships may be obtained by writing to:

Mr. F. H. Johnson, Registrar, Monash University, Wellington Road, Clayton, Vic.



## Ten Cottages for Bourke

Ten cottages recently completed for the Aborigines Welfare Board at Bourke will soon be occupied by their Aboriginal tenants.

The cottages, of weatherboard on brick foundations, each contain three bedrooms. All are sewerred, with water and electricity connected.

To supplement the town water supply, the houses have been equipped with 1,000-gallon water tanks.

Our picture shows two of the new cottages.

## Charming Young Visitor to Sydney

In Sydney recently were Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, and their charming little ward, Edda Mwakaselo (4), of Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia. (See front cover picture.)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were on a three weeks' holiday from Northern Rhodesia where Australian-born Mr. Smith is personal representative of the U.N. Secretary-General in East and Central Africa.

Mr. Smith is also East Africa regional representative for the U.N. Technical Assistance Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left London for Africa in 1961.

"A few months later we were adopted by an 18-months-old Tanganyikan girl who lived nearby with her father," Mrs. Smith said at a reception given them in Sydney by the United Nations Information Centre.

"We became so attached to her that we became her legal guardians."

Mrs. Smith, the mother of four grown up children, said Edda's father had admirable qualities, and they had been most impressed by the attitude he displayed towards his tiny daughter.

"He told us he did not want his daughter sold for cattle, and when we suggested that we become Edda's guardians and educate her he was delighted," Mrs. Smith said.

"He also accepted our offer to send her to night school, where she is still studying English and clerical work."

The Smiths said they planned to educate Edda and then return her to her own community, where they felt she would be a great encouragement to her own people who were striving to assert themselves.

When the Smiths moved to Lusaka last year, Mrs. Smith helped to organise a kindergarten for mixed races.

Previously there were only schools for white children.



**The remarkable River Bank Church at Walgett described on Pete's Page. Each year the Aboriginal evangelist, Mr. Duncan Ferguson, comes to this church to conduct a Mission**

## **African Visitor Impressed**

An important diplomatic visitor from Africa, Mr. A. U. M. Erena, Assistant to the Minister for Social Welfare and Co-operatives in the Northern Province of Nigeria, at Wreck Bay. Mr. Erena said he was extremely impressed with housing and educational standards at the Wreck Bay Aborigine Station.

Our picture below shows, left to right: Mr. H. J. Green, Superintendent of Aborigines' Welfare, Mrs. L. Brown, Matron of Wreck Bay, Mr. D. Reynolds, Welfare Officer, Nowra, Mr. T. Humphreys, Senior Welfare Officer at headquarters in Sydney, Mr. Erena, and Mr. J. L. Brown, Settlement Superintendent.

*"Nowra Studio" Photo*



# DID YOU KNOW



The island of St. John, Virgin Islands, is noted for its near-perfect climate with an average annual temperature of about 78 degrees Fahrenheit, and a difference of only about six degrees between winter and summer.



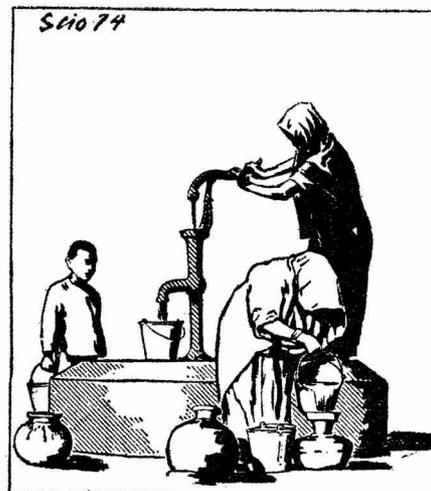
Through special diets developed by U.S. scientist Dr. Mark L. Morris, the lives of seeing eye dogs have been prolonged as much as 30 percent, a boon to blind persons who no longer have to replace dogs as often.



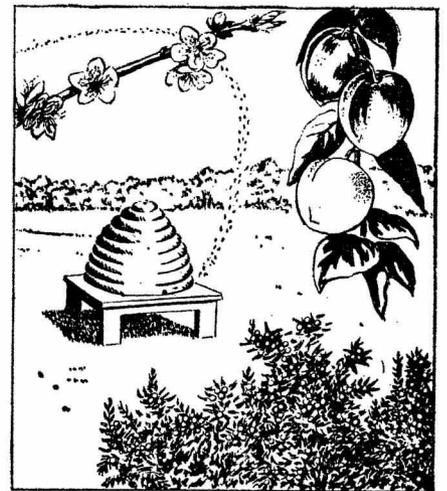
By studying the folds and hummocks of antarctic ice, scientists hope to gain clues to the way the Alps, Himalayas, Rockies and other mountain ranges were formed.



Women's vocal cords are shorter than those of the male. They are higher pitched and require less air to agitate. As a result, women are able to talk more with less effort.



A women's club in the United States collected \$400 to buy a water pump for the village of Rai, India. Members of the Homemakers Club of Glen Burnie, Maryland, learned from a news story that the greatest need of the village was a water pump, and raised the necessary money through the sale of handiwork and baked goods.



The bee is the only means of pollinating 100,000 different types of plants. Without the bee, we would have no pit fruits, berries or pod vegetables.

# PETE'S

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Dear Kids,

Recently I decided to have another motor car trip around some parts of N.S.W. and what a great time I had.

I started by travelling up the North Coast. My first stopping place was at Burnt Bridge. Unfortunately I arrived rather late in the evening and was only able to see Mr. Mason, the station manager.

Mr. Mason told me about the really good hockey team the girls have formed. The girls playing in this team are aged from 8 to 12 years and I understand that they have defeated quite a number of teams from the surrounding district.

After leaving Burnt Bridge I travelled on up the coast to Graton, then headed inland until I arrived at Collarenebri where I met some of my old friends—Victor Hippitt, Ian Hippitt and John Brown. I hadn't seen these lads for quite some time and was amazed how tall they had grown. In addition to the boys I also met Janice Munday, who had been down to the Summer Camp a few years ago.

Turning south I arrived at Walgett and was very pleased to see and speak to my many friends in this town. While in Walgett I attended the River Bank Church. This little church is truly remarkable.

It was built by voluntary labour about two and a half years ago. It has been built from timber cut out of the bush surrounding Walgett, while the roof has been thatched with gum leaves. Services are held every Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Sunday School is also held every Sunday morning in conjunction with an Adult Bible Class nearby.

From Walgett I went over to Brewarrina and Bourke, seeing a lot of country and people I had not seen before.

Finally I arrived back in Sydney very much refreshed by my holiday.

I do hope that some of the boys and girls I met will be writing to me and I also hope to hear from those I was unable to meet.



**Sunday School is in at the River Bank Church**

Earlier in the year we celebrated United Nations Day. It is good to remember this day. Unfortunately there is much unrest in the world among different races, and it is on days just like United Nations Day that people endeavour to forget their differences and try to work together for the good of the world as a whole. It is usually the young people in this world who are able to work together much better than the adult people.

Cheerio until next time.

From  
Your sincere friend,

*Pete*



### **ACTION AT BASKETBALL**

**An action shot during the basketball match between Blakehurst Primary School "A" team and a team of girls from Murrin Bridge. Blakehurst won 15 goals to 13, but in an earlier match against the "B" team, the Murrin Bridge girls won 14 goals to 3.**