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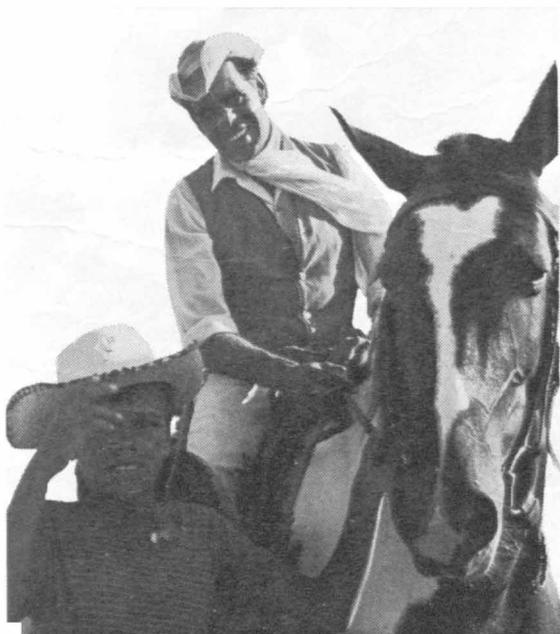
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MANY FAMILIAR FACES AT THIS YEAR'S SUMMER CAMP

Steve Dodd (on horse) had eager followers after giving a riding display at Smoky Dawson's Ingleside wild-west ranch. Steve (see Dawn, June 1966) works for Smoky between acting engagements, and has spent most of his life riding stockhorses and rodeo work



Many of the children at last year's Aborigines Welfare Board summer camp must have talked their parents into letting them come again, because, of the 96 faces at this year's camp, many were familiar.

The Board's most recent summer camp, held from Sunday 8 January to Sunday 22 January, was the eighteenth held in Sydney since their inception in 1950.

Main purpose of the camp is to give Aboriginal children from the far-west of the State good medical and dental examination, and to see that they have a great time while in Sydney.

Childrens' accommodation, meals, transport, and all other expenses are paid by the Welfare Board. Entertainment is provided by many organizations, clubs, and church groups, as well as by the Board.

Parents are asked to pay \$6 for the two-weeks holiday, but in many cases the Board accepts children for the camp even though their parents cannot pay.

This year's camp was located at the Methodist Youth Centre, Elanora Heights, and run by Miss Flemming, a Board welfare officer in Sydney.

Forty-nine boys and 47 girls, aged from 9 to 13 years, came from 25 country centres in western New South Wales.

The kids were kept entertained each day, and their programme was full. On their first Monday night they were taken for a tour of the city—a thrill (for country kids) equal to seeing the sea for the first time. And during the days they saw quite a bit of the sea, too.

On other nights they saw films—screened by the Commonwealth Bank, British Motor Corporation, and British Petroleum—heard a safety lecture by the Police Department, and were entertained in other ways by the Bible Society, the Catholic Youth Organization and by Pittwater Branch of Rotary.

Picnics

The Rotary picnic at The Basin, as in other years, was a great favourite with the kids. They went by chartered ferry from Newport to The Basin, and spent the rest of the day swimming, playing games, and stuffing themselves with the beaut food provided by the Rotary club. All this and speed-boat rides, too.

They went to another all-day picnic at Clifton Gardens, which was arranged by the Womens Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

At Marineland, in Manly's harbourside pool, children saw more than 60 different kinds of sea creatures, including sharks, turtles, rays, big groper and many other fish



At Left : Geoff Goadby, Marine-land's manager, holds a very young Port Jackson shark taken from one of the smaller exhibition tanks



At Right : You can almost hear the yells as these boys travel on the Ghost Train



Below : The kids were anxious about getting a ride on their own, but they needn't have been, because all of them spent time in the saddle on Smoky Dawson's many horses

Centre-left : The Big Dipper, as usual, really shook up the passengers. Kids who have been to summer camp before talk of Sydney and the Big Dipper with equal awe

Above : Luna Park's River Caves are always popular with the country children. They've never before seen anything quite like this, as they pass through Arctic (pictured), South Seas, and other lands



People and companies entertaining the children probably don't get many spoken "thank you's", but they only have to look at the kids to see how pleased they are. The treats they get in Sydney are far different to their usual country experiences.

Harbour Cruise

A ferry cruise on Sydney Harbour was quite exciting for children used to the dusty out-back of the State. And so was their ride in an express lift to the top of the A.M.P. building at Circular Quay, where they saw the vast city spread out before them.

Greater Union and Hoyts theatres also put on shows for the children.

Luna Park

Mr Hopkins, manager of Luna Park, as in previous years threw open the Park to the delight of the kids. Luna Park is a public company which employs 40 permanent workers (maintenance men, carpenters, electricians, and engineers) and more than 100 others to supervise and collect tickers on the various rides.

But when the kids were there, they didn't need tickets—everything was free, all morning. Mr Hopkins and other shareholders get a great deal of pleasure from seeing children having fun at the Park, and often provide free rides for certain groups.

The summer-campers rode on the merry-go-round, Flying Saucer, Ghost Train, River Caves, dodgem cars, monster slippery-dips in Coney Island, and on the Big Dipper.

Luna Park also gave them whistles, balloons, ice cream, cakes, buns, and soft drinks, gifts for the girls, and cowboy hats for the boys.

Taronga Park Zoo

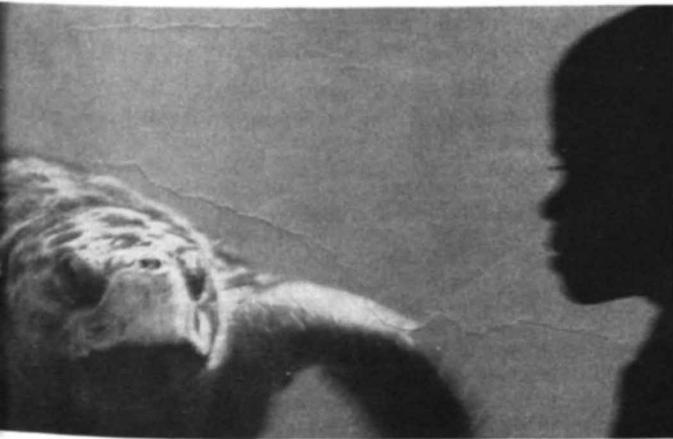
Taronga Park Zoo kept the children busy all day running from one animal to the next. Everything caught their eyes. They saw all the animals, birds, and reptiles in the Park, and fish and other creatures in the aquarium.

Marineland

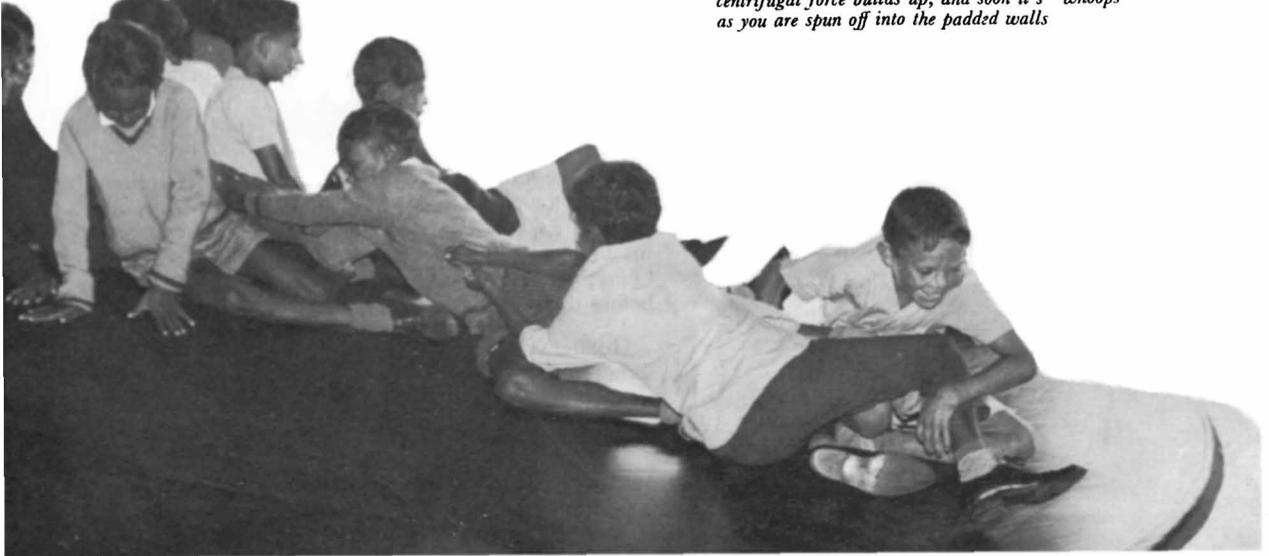
They saw many other sea creatures at Marineland, at Manly. Mr Geoff Goadby, manager, said that there were more than 60 different kinds of fish in the main tank, and others in smaller wall-tanks.



Confrontation of a kind, between Stephen Widders, 11, of Armidale, and a huge turtle in the Marineland tank



One of Coney Island's many attractions is this spinning disc. As it spins faster and faster centrifugal force builds up, and soon it's "whoops" as you are spun off into the padded walls



Marineland's main tank is about 30 ft across and 20 ft deep. It has observation windows at two levels in the side of the tank, and the top also provides a clear view of the creatures.

When the fish were fed the children were amazed to see a man in a divers' suit drop into the tank.

The main tank (left) has observation windows at two levels, which give a clear view of the creatures inside



The diver was surrounded by hungry fish—them a 200-lb groper—and hungry 8-ft sharks which he fed by hand.

Apart from the many fish, there were huge rays, and turtles, and fluorescent coral that glowed in the dark.

Smoky Dawson's Ranch

Entertainment personality Smoky Dawson put on a show for the children at his Ingleside Ranch. They enjoyed the trick riding, and particularly Smoky's wonder horse "Flash" as it danced to music, bowed to the audience, and answered Smoky's questions by counting with its hooves.

The ranch is like an old-west town, complete with sheriff's office, gaol, chuck waggon, water-well and grassed oval.

All the summer-campers rode on the many horses in Smoky's stables, and had a great time.

At the end of the wonderful 15-days holiday not many of the children wanted to go home, and it's easy to understand why.

There will be another summer camp next year, and you can be sure that some of the kids will talk their parents into letting them come again. And, maybe, again the year after. And—well, . . .

LETTER FROM A HAPPY GIRL

To Adult Church School,
Waverley Methodist Mission,
Bondi Junction, Sydney.

Dear Secretary and Friends,

I would like to thank you all very much for the scholarship you awarded me last year, 1966.

I have appreciated this very much, as it has helped me a great deal at school, and also in preparing and settling into nursing.

I love nursing very much, and I hope I become a sister here one day.

Thank you all very much,

Yours sincerely,
Bev. Grant

Beverly Grant has several reasons for her happiness. About a year ago the Aborigines Welfare Board's senior welfare officer and people of the Waverley Methodist Mission got together for a talk. The result? The Mission decided to award Beverly \$100-a-year for three years to help her education at Nowra High School, and in nursing.

Beverly has made good use of the money. In the recent School Certificate examinations she passed at ordinary level in mathematics, geography, needlework, home science, and English, and at credit level in science.

Beverly was considered a credit-level student of English, and was sitting for that exam. when she became ill, later being awarded a pass at ordinary level on the work she had done.

Her good pass was a result of hard work, and she is prepared for more because she wants to become a nurse. She is being trained at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, at Camperdown, in Sydney.

Beverly used some of the scholarship money to buy nursing uniforms and text books. The Welfare Board and all her friends feel sure that she will become a nursing sister.

KEEP YOUR KITCHEN TIDY

A tidy kitchen and clean preparation and storage of food protect growing families against infections disease, says the Department of Public Health.

There are five main rules for keeping homes clean and safe.

They are:

1. Don't handle food if you have uncovered sores, cuts or burns on your fingers; these things can carry germs;
2. Cover your coughs; uncontrolled coughing or sneezing can spread thousands of germs on food;
3. Wash your hands thoroughly before handling food—particularly after blowing your nose, or wiping baby's nose, using the toilet or touching animals;
4. Store food and cooking utensils (pots, pans, knives, forks, and spoons) away from dust, flies, and mice and rats; and
5. Wash all kitchen utensils in hot water after using them, and wipe them dry with a clean tea-towel.

Hepatitis

Last year there was an outbreak of infectious hepatitis in New South Wales, and that disease is spread by germs carried on dirty hands, and by flies.

Unless you wash your hands thoroughly before preparing meals, you can spread disease to all the family by contaminating food.

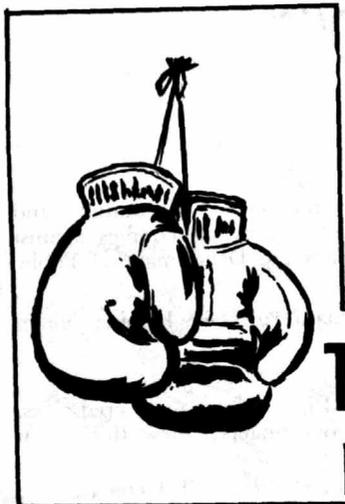
Storing Food

You should store food where it will not spoil; it should be kept away from flies, cockroaches and other household pests.

Kill flies as soon as they come into the house. Keep very clean all shelves, cupboards, refrigerators, and ice-chests.

Milk goes bad very easily. It should be kept covered in a cool, dark place. Containers for milk should be sterilized before they are used to store another liquid.

When you throw out garbage, make sure that it does not become a breeding place for flies. Wrap garbage, and put it in a bin sealed by a lid.



TRIBUTE TO RON RICHARDS

"When the majority of boxing champions are but names in the record book, the fans will still talk of Ron Richards," writes Ray Mitchell, Australia's leading boxing authority.

Ron Richards, 56, died of a heart attack on 14 January at his home in Dulwich Hill, Sydney. He was buried at Rookwood Cemetery after a service at St Brigid's Roman Catholic Church, Marrickville.

The boxing world's farewell to Ron, the man who once held the Empire middleweight and Australian middleweight, light-heavyweight, and heavyweight titles, was a moving tribute.

Jimmy Carruthers, George Barnes, Dimitri Michael, Clive Stewart, Vic Patrick and Fred Henneberry were his pall-bearers and 40 other famous names in the boxing world formed a guard of honour.

Chief mourners were Ron's widow, Mrs Colleen Richards, his mother, Mrs Florence Richards, his daughter, Mrs Bernadette Setnick, his brother, Max, and his sister, Mrs May Ford.

Representatives of the N.S.W. Aborigines Welfare Board, the Queensland Aboriginal and Islands' Affairs Department, and the Eastern Suburbs Police Boys' Club—of which Ron was a member—were also present.

When mourners spoke of Ron Richards, they talked with pleasure of his fighting days, of an era in the 1930's when he was one of Australia's great champions.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* quoted them. "The best since Darcy," they said. "The best counter-puncher we've ever had." "Calm, always balanced, quick and as hard as a bullock." "One of Nature's gentlemen. Never did a dirty thing in the ring."

They spoke of his 100 wins, of his points defeat of the American Gus Lesnevich in 1938 and the fact that Lesnevich went on to win the world light-heavyweight title in 1941.

They talked of his 10 battles with another great national middleweight champion, Fred Henneberry—a series which boxing fans will always remember.

After Ron's fighting career ended in the ring, he faced another fight—with drink—which continued for the rest of his life.

During these years he suffered several knock-downs at the hands of louts who wanted to boast they had knocked out the mighty Ron Richards.

In an attempt to escape from the troubles of his life in Sydney, he went to Palm Island Aboriginal settlement off Townsville, and, for more than a year, had a good measure of peace—something he had not known for many years.

Last year Ron heard that his wife Colleen was seriously ill in Sydney, and he returned to Sydney to help her.

His failings will be forgotten, and Australians will always remember Ron Richards as the champion he was.

ADMIRALTY HOUSE FETE GREAT SUCCESS FOR F.A.A.

Months of planning paid dividends to the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs as a result of its successful Admiralty House fete in December.

The Foundation made about \$2,000, and throughout the day several thousand people came to the Governor General's residence—which is rarely open to the public.

Overcast sky did not deter guests and several of the gaily coloured canvas stalls had sold-out by early afternoon. Stalls sold cakes, sweets, drinks, toys, flowers and plants, clothes, gifts, Aboriginal arts and crafts, jewellery, and other goods.

Two bands played, go-go girls danced, mannequins paraded, boomerangs were carved, Jackie Robinson played the didgeridoo, and a corroboree was staged. There was even a child-minding centre, a parcel depot, and an Indian Tea centre.

Premier Askin, in opening the fete, said he thought the Foundation had achieved much in the short while since its inception. He expressed appreciation to the volunteers who had worked "not for days or weeks, but for months" to make the fete such a success.

Mr Askin congratulated Professor Geddes (chairman) and Charles Perkins (manager) on their dedicated work for the success of the Foundation, and the fete.

Speaking for the ladies of the F.A.A., Mrs Dixon said: "The ladies have worked very hard making this fete a success."

Shiralee Ann Carol presented Mrs Askin with a bouquet of flowers, and David Woods presented Mr Askin with an oil painting by Harry Williams.



Olive Mundine, 21, was another of the mannequins. She, too, is wearing a floral-patterned slack suit, and if she wore it to the Bank where she works she could start a new trend—or get the sack (suit)



Girls of the F.A.A. staged a mannequin parade which was quite professional. Dita Cobb, who should know, said that the girls showed poise and charm. Everyone agreed with her. Here, 20-years-old Barbara Chiswick models a slack suit. Barbara, a nurse at Prince Henry hospital, must improve the spirits of quite a few of the male patients.

Expressing his thanks, Mr Askin said: "Put me and my wife down as Foundation members."

Two big events at the fete were the fashion show and a corroboree. Television personality Dita Cobb compered the show with sparkling wit. She said that the girls modelled with the skill of experienced mannequins. The girls' grace in walking and style was appreciated by the large crowd.

Jackie Robinson played the digeridoo at the corroboree, and for many people it was the first time they had heard the unique and strange sound. Several people have asked the Foundation to

provide more such items of Aboriginal lore and legend at future fetes.

Lord Casey, the Governor General, later congratulated the Foundation on its management of the fete, and its consideration for the immaculate grounds—which had been left in first-class order.

Lord Casey has reserved Admiralty House for the Foundation to hold another fete next December.

The Foundation won much support, and many friends, at its fete, and organizers—knowing the large amount of work required—should consider such effort well worthwhile for future fetes.

1. *Go-go dancers (front) are Majorie Clegg and Bert Williams. The musicians, from the Foundation, had a driving rhythm and a good sound. Arnold Williams (check shirt), at microphone, plays lead guitar. Others in the group are Gary Williams (bass guitar), Malcolm Silver (drums), Jim Miller (vocals), and Steve Lugdon (rhythm guitar)*

2. *Gaily coloured canvas stalls did a roaring trade in the immaculate grounds of Admiralty House, and the Foundation benefited by about \$2,000. Throughout the day several thousand people visited the Governor General's harbourside residence, which is rarely open to the public*

3. *Television personality Dita Cobb compared the mannequin parade, and thought the girls were very good and very attractive. Dita's commentary was full of wit*

4. *Premier Askin opened the fete, and later with his wife nominated for membership to the Foundation. Here, Mrs Askin signs membership forms, with Mr Askin and Professor Geddes (F.A.A. chairman) behind her*

5. *"Chikka" Dixon ran the chocolate wheel pitch. His spruiking kept the wheel turning all day, and made good takings*



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THE "AUSSIES" CAME TO SYDNEY

The Purfleet "Aussies" marching girls' team came to Sydney in January, and had themselves a ball. Over 100 people offered their houses as accommodation for the 13-girl team and officials, and they were treated to a great time.

The girls competed in the State marching girls' championships, and gave displays at Newcastle, Blacktown and Merrylands. While in Sydney they were presented to the Governor, Sir Roden Cutler, Sydney's Lord Mayor Armstrong, and Mr R. Askin, State Premier.

Mr Davis Hughes, acting Chief Secretary, was photographed marching with the girls, and invited them to inspect Parliament House, Sydney.

This was the girls' second trip to Sydney. In November they gave displays at Liverpool, and met the mayor; and they met Sir Edward Hallstrom during an inspection of Taronga Park Zoo—on several visits they made while in Sydney.

The Purfleet Aussies Marching Association is unique in Australia; it is all-Aboriginal, as is the organization behind it. Providing uniforms and equipment for the girls was a problem at first, but a Taree bank made a donation to start the team's savings account, and help came from marching teams throughout Australia.

The Aborigines Welfare Board paid the girls' rail travelling expenses so that they could come to Sydney for the championships.

The photographs here of the November trip were taken by Mr A. G. de Voogd, who trains the girls, and who is responsible for their present high standard.



Above : Gail Russell, leader of the "Aussies" proudly presents her team to Joy Simpson, former Australian Champion Leader. Miss Simpson presented to Gail the whistle and gold chain used when she won the national title in 1965. Miss Simpson was runner-up in 1966

Below : Aussies on the Manly ferry as it pulls out from Circular Quay. The girls saw a lot of Sydney (including the Harbour Bridge in the background) during their November and January trips. The 13-girl team includes Gail Russell (leader), Beverly Saunders, Patricia Russell, Francis Ping, Yvonne Ping, Marilyn Clarke, Isabel Bungie, Rita Morcome, Joy Ridgeway, Vicki Clarke, Wilma Morcome, Marcelli Mitchell and Beth Maher.

KEROSENE KILLS

Kerosene kills children each year because they are too young to read "poison" on bottle labels, says the Department of Public Health. Instinctively, children put things in their mouths to see what they are like, and parents must always be aware of this danger from poisoning.

There are three main kinds of kerosene: lighting kerosene is used for home-heating; power kerosene is used for tractors; and aviation fuel is used for aeroplanes and by paint manufacturers.

Kerosene is also mixed with insect poisons and sprayed on plants and insects.

The different kinds of kerosene are all dangerous, and power kerosene is the most dangerous kind.

Symptoms

Kerosene is poisonous if swallowed or inhaled. If it has been inhaled the child will have a burning feeling in the chest, headache, nausea, ringing in the ears, sleepiness, loss of balance and clumsiness.

If kerosene has been swallowed, symptoms are irritation and burning in the mouth, gullet and stomach; nausea and diarrhoea may develop.

Effects

Kerosene when swallowed is absorbed into the bloodstream and attacks the body's central nervous system. This causes convulsions or coma which may result in death—especially in young children.

Some deaths are caused by sucking vomited kerosene into the lungs, when a severe form of pneumonia may develop.

Treatment

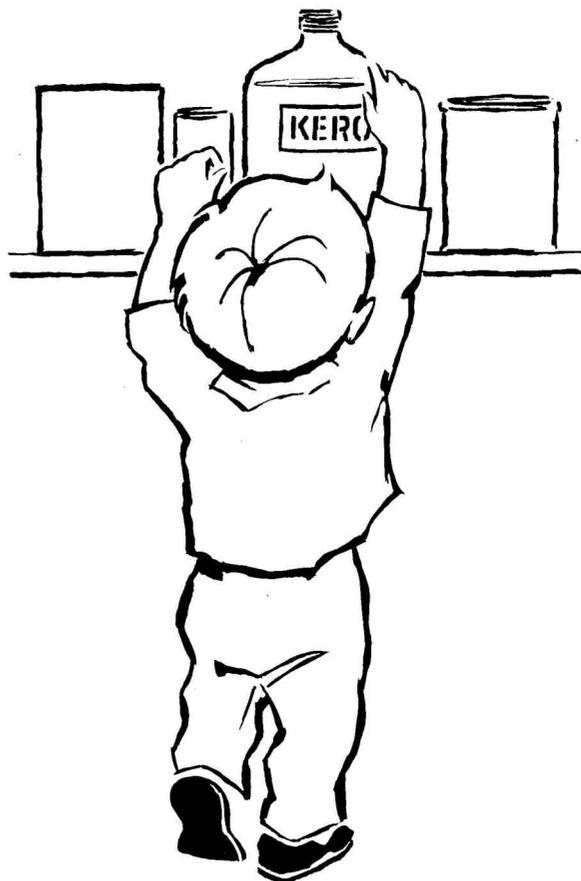
Never make a child vomit while you are giving first-aid, if kerosene has been swallowed. Make him swallow some evaporated milk, or up to half-a-pint of ordinary milk. This lessens the risk of the bloodstream absorbing the kerosene.

Don't give the child anything else by mouth and take him to the nearest hospital or doctor.

If the child has swallowed kerosene but does not appear to be severely sick consult your doctor and keep watch over the child for 24 hours.

It's far better to prevent poisoning by keeping kerosene out of childrens' reach, and don't underestimate their ability to find hidden objects. Be careful.

Keep all dangerous substances under lock and key, and don't store them in soft-drink bottles and other containers where children may normally expect to find food.



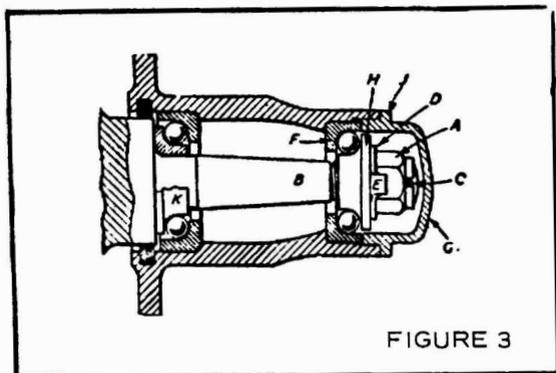


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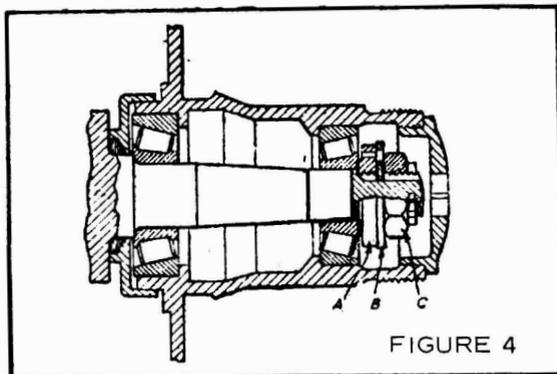


FIGURE 4

MODERN MOTOR MAINTENANCE

LOOSE FRONT WHEELS?

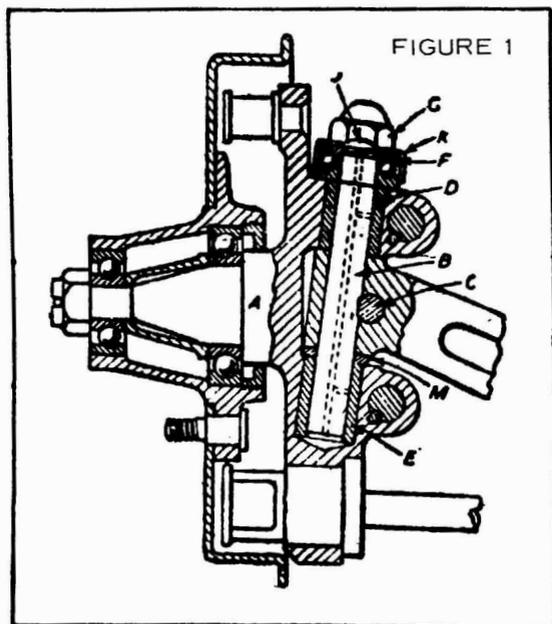


FIGURE 1

This is the twelfth and final article in a series on motor maintenance reprinted by kind permission of Modern Motor Magazine.

Whenever your car is in for service, take the opportunity to check underneath while it's up on the hoist, paying special attention to the front wheels.

With all weight removed from the wheels and tyres, it's a simple matter to check for any looseness which may not be apparent while the car is resting on the ground.

Looseness can take several forms: the wheel bearings or steering heads may require adjustment, or, with wheels running on non-adjustable ball-races, the races may need replacing. However, the most common cause of front-wheel looseness is badly adjusted or worn wheel bearings, or worn king-pins.

LOOSE BEARINGS

Normal "barrel" or "roller" bearings are adjusted by merely removing the split-pin and tightening the stub-axle nut until the wheel binds, then backing-off to the next split-pin hole.

To adjust cone bearings, unscrew the nut A (figure 1) from the screwed end of stub-axle B—after first removing split pin C and washer D. Screw up the cone until the bearing is tight, then back-off $\frac{1}{8}$ -turn so that the wheel will turn freely but has no end shake.

Design of the cone-type wheel-bearing assembly prevents overtightening of the bearing when the tightening nut is turned.

Figure 1: typical layout of a cone-type wheel-bearing assembly

Figure 3 (above): an axle assembly which uses ball-thrust bearing system.

Figure 4 (above): Normal roller-bearing hub

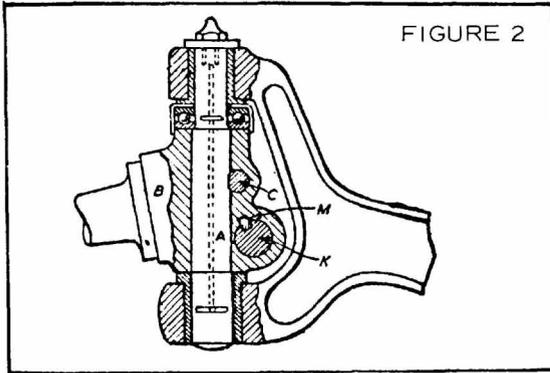


Figure 2 : axle assembly showing one type of king-pin arrangement

The outer hub cap G screws up and holds in position the outer cup (F) of the bearing. Screw in the bearing hub cap while the hub is clear of the axle.

If cup or cone bearings are worn they should be replaced.

KING-PIN FAULTS

One type of steering head is shown in figure 2. Here, the king-pin A fits inside stub axle B and is held by cotter-pin C. The axle is letter B.

The king-pin can be removed from the stub-axle by striking the pin top with a hammer. New bushes can be inserted by drawing them into their seating holes by using a nut and a big washer.

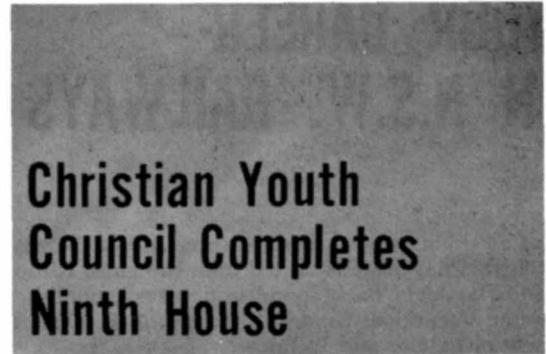
If the king-pin is worn it must be renewed, but generally only new bushes are needed to make a good repair.

Figure 3 shows the steering-head arrangement often used on many British cars. Axle A is bored out to take king-pin B, which is a tight fit, and pressed into position. A cotter-pin C stops the king-pin from moving. The car's weight is carried by the ball-thrust bearing F at the top.

The axle practically hangs from the bearing F. The cap nut G should be screwed up tight enough to keep the top of the axle end in contact with the underface of the lug.

Wear at the ball-thrust F is indicated by a knock when travelling over rough roads.

Figure 4 shows a hub using normal taper-roller bearings. Adjustment of inner and outer bearing races is made by movement of nut A. Washer B stops the screwed end of the axle from turning and upsetting adjustment of nut A.



A 4-bedroom 12-square house in Ann Street, Moree, completed in January, is the ninth such project of the Christian Youth Council. This group of young people spend their Christmas-New Year holidays building houses for Aboriginal people in country towns of New South Wales.

Last year the Council completed two houses at Gunnedah, and has built in five other centres. Materials are supplied by the Aborigines Welfare Board. Members of the Council are not paid, and meet their own living and travelling expenses.

The Council is interdenominational and an offshoot of the World Council of Churches. Leader of the 50-strong group at Moree, Mr Geoff. Chaffer a Sydney school teacher, expressed appreciation of the good co-operation received at Moree.

Construction began on Boxing Day, and the house was finished and officially opened—by 14 January. It was open to public inspection and was greatly admired; standard of workmanship was high.

Moree's Mayor Lloyd performed the official opening ceremony, at which were present representatives of the Catholic Church, Church of England, Salvation Army, and many townspeople.

The Youth Council handed over the house to the Welfare Board, represented by Miss C. J. Robison, who ushered the Duke family—the first tenants—into their new home.

Mr and Mrs Jim Duke, and their five children, formerly lived on Moree Aboriginal Station. Mr Duke is a shearing contractor.

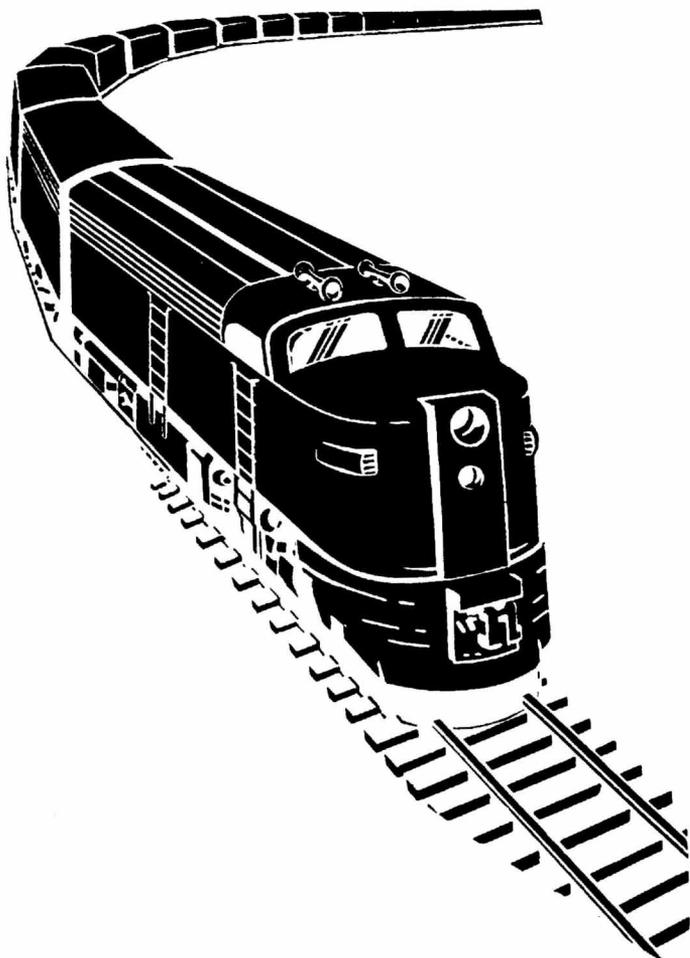
Moree people who saw the Youth Council members in action could not speak too highly of them. It's a safe bet that the Dukes will have something good to say about them, too.

YOUR CAREER- IN N.S.W. RAILWAYS

This information about careers in the N.S.W. Railways has been extracted from the latest edition of the booklet "Background to Careers", published by the Vocational Guidance Bureau of the Department of Labour and Industry.

The varied occupations open to young people seeking a career in the Department of Railways can be grouped into four main divisions.

1 Professional. In this division engineers, chemists, metallurgists, architects, estates officers and valuers, surveyors, survey draughtsmen and engineering draughtsmen are employed. Cadetships are offered each year to lads who want to train to enter these professions.



2 Clerical (a) Junior male clerks (between 15 and 19 years of age) are employed in various types of clerical work in administrative offices, railway station offices, workshops, etc. Applicants who have not passed the Intermediate Certificate examination in English and Mathematics must pass a departmental entrance examination.

Training courses are offered by the Railways Institute. Some clerks are required to learn shorthand and typing. Salaries start at \$964 a year (under 17 years of age), and rise to \$1,900 at 21 years of age and increase beyond this in annual increments to \$2,550 a year.

(b) Junior female clerks must be qualified in shorthand and typing. Female tracers are also employed. Starting pay is \$850 to \$902 a year, rising to \$1,652 at 21 years of age, and then by annual increments to \$1,952 a year.

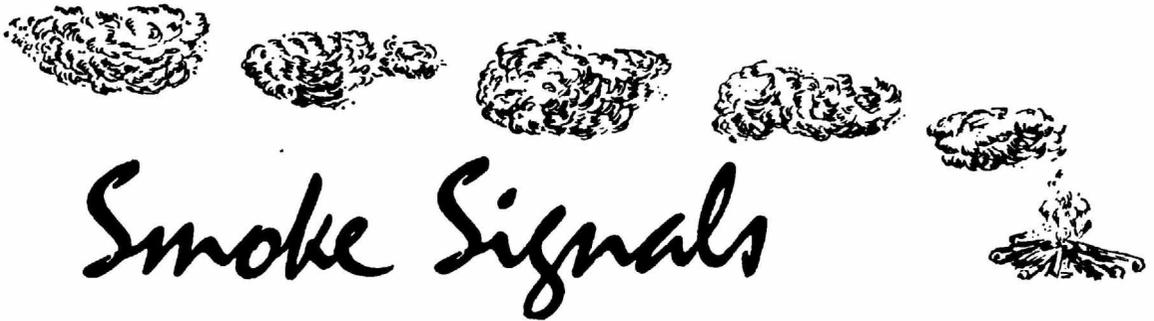
3 Trade Apprenticeships are generally available for the following trades: blacksmith, boilermaker, car and waggon builder, carpenter, carriage trimmer, coach painter, electrical fitter, electrical mechanic, fitter and machinist, painter, motor mechanic, plumber, and sheetmetal worker.

All applicants must sit for an entrance examination. Full details of entry requirements and conditions can be obtained in a special brochure from the Railways Employment Personnel Officer, 509 Pitt Street, Sydney. Apprentices start on \$17.16 a week in first year and rise to \$36.80 in their fifth year.

4 General Division offers secure employment with prospects of promotion to lads who leave school without necessarily having reached Intermediate Certificate standard. An entrance examination in spelling and arithmetic must be passed. Employment is available initially in positions such as trainee engineman, junior station assistant, shop boy and sub-station trainee. Salaries are about \$18 to \$20 a week (under 18 years of age) rising to about \$28 to \$30 a week (at 20 years of age).

Females are employed in the refreshment rooms and as *train hostesses*. Train hostesses must be at least 21 years old and have a first-aid certificate. They must have a pleasant personality and should have passed the Intermediate Certificate examination.

Further information on all positions can be obtained from the Employment Personnel Officer, 509 Pitt Street, Sydney, and from the Vocational Guidance Bureau's leaflet *Careers in the N.S.W. Railways*.



Smoke Signals

► **TIP FOR THE MONTH** Give brassware a beautiful shine by rubbing it with a cut tomato. Then wash and dry the brassware.

► World-famous Aboriginal singer Harold Blair will soon work as supervisor on a reserve of the South Australian Aborigines Affairs Department.

► Another report from South Australia said that fewer Aborigines had been convicted of drunkenness since new drinking rights there became law. Before the restrictions were lifted some Aborigines drank in sheer defiance of the law.

► Twenty Aborigines from as far away as Townsville and Cape York Peninsula attended the ninth annual Summer School for Aborigines and Islanders held at Tranby Co-operative College last month. The school, in the Sydney suburb of Glebe, is the only adult residential college for Aborigines in Australia. A wide variety of lectures were given by experts in fields such as the Press, co-operatives and credit unions, trade-unions, and native plants.

► Jack Quale, of Wilcannia Aborigines settlement, wrote to *Dawn* not long ago. At the time Wilcannia was still classified drought-stricken and men there were hard-pressed to find work. Jack said that many local people had gone fruit harvesting; others had got work with the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission on the Menindee Lakes project, and with the Railways Department. Many were forced to accept social service benefits. Douglas and Lorraine Harris and June and Nelson Jones were attending Tranby Co-operative College,

and Jack believes that young people wanting to improve their education and living standard will find no better training than that offered by Tranby.

► Enngonia children had an exciting time at their annual Christmas Tree function. Mrs Trustum, Board welfare officer, and her children had a hot and dusty 60-miles drive from Bourke, but were welcomed by beaming faces of children who had eagerly awaited their arrival. After a short meeting explaining the true meaning of Christmas many wonderful presents were given to the kids. Mrs Trustum and the people of Enngonia express sincere thanks to the many generous donors throughout the State, and the Aborigines Welfare Board, Brownies, Parents and Citizens' Committee, and the Bush Nurse—the lady who donated the food, drinks and lollies.

► Residents at Coraki were greatly saddened early this month by the death of Mr Daniel Sambo, of Woodenbong. Mr Sambo was holidaying with his daughter, Mrs Janet Gomes of Coraki Reserve, when he took ill and was taken to Campbell Hospital, Coraki. Mr E. R. Leggo, supervisor at the Reserve, said it was a pleasure to know and speak to the gentlemanly Mr Sambo. Dan was a full-blood Aborigine and much respected; he was 96 years old.

► **PERTH GIRL WANTS A PEN-FRIEND.** Jill Churnside, an 18-years-old Aboriginal girl from Perth, Western Australia, would like to correspond with a 19-to 20-year old boy. Jill is a clerical assistant working for the Department of Native Welfare. Her interests are swimming, dancing, reading, writing, collecting stamps, music

and sports. Surely a reader of *Dawn* will be eligible, and interested in at least one of the things listed. You can write to Jill at 78 Carr Street, West Perth, Western Australia.

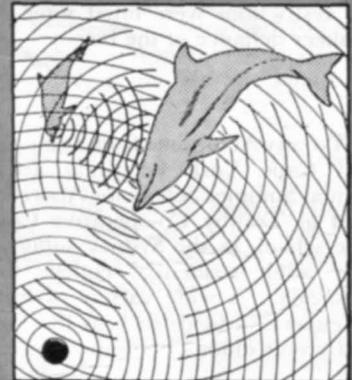
► Carol Fox, formerly of Gulargambone, joined the Women's Royal Australian Air Force in July, 1965, and this month she wrote to *Dawn* recommending the life to any boy or girl. Carol is attending a course for medical orderlies, at the R.A.A.F.'s Point Cook base, in Victoria. The course deals with general nursing, anatomy and physiology, bacteriology and first-aid, and there is ample time for sports. Carol said that the W.R.A.A.F. offered many different types of jobs, and that chances for promotion were good.

► Moree Aboriginal School at its Speech and Prize-giving night in December farewelled 13 pupils who would go on to high school. The Principal's Report and speeches were broadcast over radio station 2VM, and entertaining items were presented by the children. Dianne Waters was awarded the Country Womens Association prize for Dux of the school. This year 155 children will attend the school. Other Moree Aboriginal children, of the St Pius X Mission pre-school kindergarten, presented a tableau of "The Christmas Story", which was described by the Moree *Champion* as enchanting and spectacular. ▼



IT'S A FACT

There are regions of the desert in northern Chile which have had no rain in more than 40 years. The desert surface is sand and clay with no visible life, animal or plant, and is similar to conditions expected on the planet Mars. U.S. scientists, designing instruments to determine whether life exists on Mars, have spent months studying these barren Chilean regions to develop special techniques to detect the presence of micro-organisms in the soil.



Porpoises or dolphins are the subject of scientific investigation by four U.S. governmental agencies and numerous universities. Of particular interest to the U.S. Navy is the creature's ability to locate a tiny object quickly in the pitch blackness of the ocean depths. The intelligent air-breathing mammals have been beloved by mariners since earliest times. The porpoise has a brain that is larger than man's.

Pete's Page

Hello Kids,

How do you like being back at school? I bet I know the answer to that question because I always found it hard to go back to school, too.

Going to school is much the same as eating vegetables which you don't like: even though you don't like the taste of some vegetables, you have to eat them or you will get sick; and if you don't go to school and learn, you won't be able to get a good job and have plenty of money when you grow up.

Even grown-ups sometimes go to school to learn special things. While you were on holidays 20 Aborigines from all over Australia went to a special school in Sydney called Tranby College.

This year you might have a new teacher and be in a new class. As you get older you might find that the work gets harder, and that's when you should ask your teachers to help. Don't be frightened to ask them, because helping you is their job.

In kindergarten there will be many children who have never been to school before. You older boys and girls should look after the littlies and make sure that they are not in danger near roads, and when walking home.

Look after yourselves girls and boys, and look after your younger friends, too.

'Bye for now, kids.

See you next month,

Pete

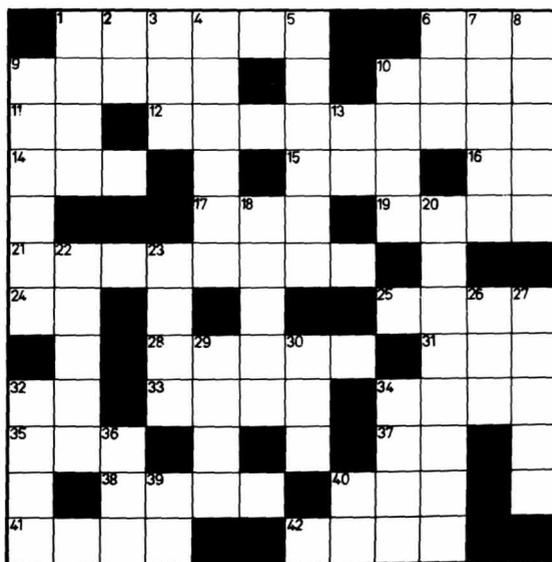
Crossword for February

Across

- 1 Emphasizes words
- 6 American sailor (slang)
- 9 Make amends
- 10 Part of window
- 11 Not you
- 12 Once-well-known Kid-man outback property in N.S.W.
- 14 Washing powder
- 15 Air line (initials)
- 16 War decoration (initials)
- 17 Large Australian bird
- 19 Glance
- 21 Climbs mountains
- 24 Behold (ancient)
- 25 Assist
- 28 Dishonest
- 31 Indicating maiden name
- 32 Preposition
- 33 Mob
- 34 In the sky
- 35 Pronoun
- 37 Preposition
- 38 Solemn ceremony
- 40 French coin
- 41 Select from a group
- 42 High

Down

- 1 Article
- 2 Direction of
- 3 Some
- 4 Heavy
- 5 Prickly plant
- 6 Machine for cotton seed
- 7 Evergreen tree
- 8 Colour
- 9 Unconcerned with morals
- 10 Sudden breaking
- 13 Alcoholics Anonymous (initials)
- 18 Hoards wealth
- 20 Important thing
- 22 Village on the Darling River
- 23 Irritates
- 26 Meadow
- 27 Danger
- 29 Inflammation
- 30 Girl's name
- 32 Requests
- 34 Urge dog to attack
- 36 Make mistakes
- 39 Pronoun
- 40 South Australia (initials)



SOLUTION TO JANUARY CROSSWORD



Ten-years-old Cheryl Christian was one of the mannequins in a fashion parade at the Admiralty House fete organized by the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs (see story page 7).