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OUR COVER

Dudley Gordon, of Brewarrina, is a champion baby. He won the title from a big field at the Bourke Baby Show, held in April. Picture by *Mel Humphries, of Bourke.* Full story inside.

Board sees “Greatest Task” for Future

The greatest task of all facing the Board is to change the attitudes of the Aborigines and their thinking towards helping themselves rather than leaving it to the Board and voluntary associations for the solution of their problems.

This was stated in the annual report of the Aborigines Welfare Board for 1963/64, which was tabled recently in the N.S.W. Legislative Assembly.

The report said there is a grave danger that many voluntary associations in their desire to help in reality make the Aborigines dependent upon them.

It said the Aborigine should be helped to recognise his problem and work out his own solution rather than have this done on his behalf.

“The Board can only hope that with the implementation of its adult education policy coupled with better housing and improved living conditions and continued welfare work, Aborigines will be fitted to compete with their fellow citizens for the employment offering in the districts in which they choose to live” said the report.

“The Board realises that the many problems before it have no easy or sure solution.

“But it is confident that eventually the time will come when the Aborigines of New South Wales will attain the same manner of living as other Australians and live as members of a single Australian community, enjoying the same rights and privileges, accepting the same responsibilities, observing the same customs and influenced by the same beliefs, hopes and loyalties as other Australians.”

The report said that the Board endorsed the views of the Aborigines Welfare Conference of Ministers, held in Darwin in July, 1963 and which had considered the activities of voluntary and self-help associations.

The report said that there are 24 associations formed for the express purpose of advancing Aboriginal welfare.

There are also several other bodies of a religious or philanthropic nature which devote part of their funds and efforts to the same end.

It said that the Board appreciates the practical assistance given by voluntary organisations.

Further practical assistance was rendered by the Christian Youth Council in erecting a home of Housing Commission standards with materials provided by the Board at a cost of £1,800.



Mr. Kingsmill

Dealing with the Darwin conference, the report said that a resolution was passed there recognising "the assistance which can be given by voluntary organisations motivated by a genuine interest in Aboriginal welfare in advancing the policy of assimilation.

"Conference noted that significant contributions can be made by organisations with such objectives as the following:—

- (a) Education assistance including scholarships and the development of pre-school and adult education services;
- (b) Provision of welfare services.
- (c) Sponsoring of holiday camps.
- (d) Promoting the acceptance by the community of Aborigines.

"Such organisations can increase the understanding of Government policy and programmes and can inform the community on what is being done by all agencies working in this field, thus assisting the community to make its judgment on Aboriginal affairs.

"Because of their close personal relationships and contacts with groups of the Aboriginal people they are in a special position to exercise an influence on attitudes to assimilations and the attendant obligations and responsibilities inseparable from the important step which they are being encouraged and assisted by all Governments to take.

"Conference therefore urged organisations associated with Aboriginal advancement to make these important considerations their primary objective and thereby render the fullest assistance in promoting the assimilation policy of all Australian Governments."

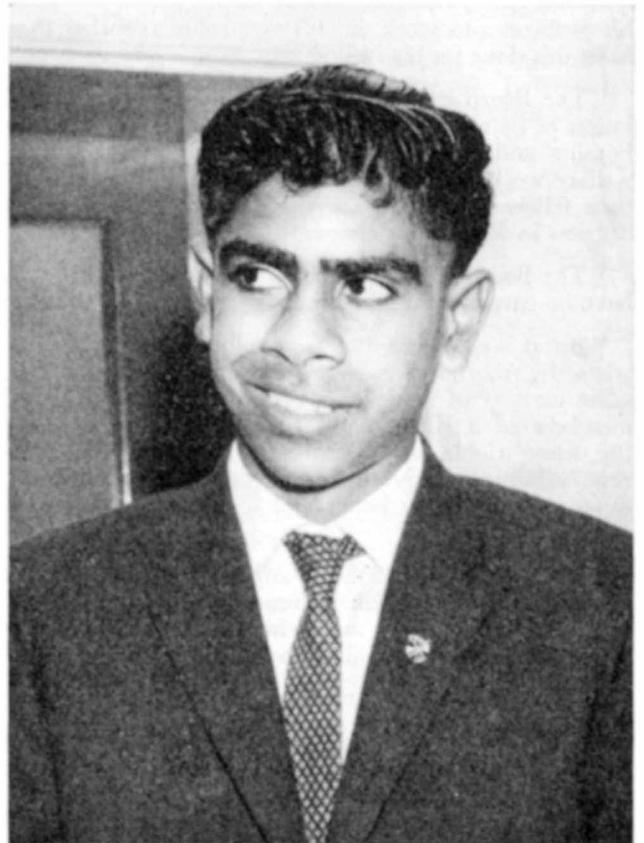
The Board's report made special mention of its thanks and appreciation to the various Church groups and philanthropic organisations throughout the State which assisted the Board during the year in providing amenities and housing for Aborigines, and to those bodies that so generously endowed bursaries for outstanding Aboriginal students.

It particularly mentioned a bequest made by the late Mr. E. N. Wright which became available to the Board during the year.

Appointment of Gary

Gary Williams, a former Aborigines Welfare Board bursar, has been appointed tipstaff to Mr. Justice Jacobs, of the N.S.W. Supreme Court in Sydney. A tipstaff is the personal court officer to a judge.

Gary came from Nambucca Heads and was educated at Macksville and St. John's College, Woodlawn.



GIRLS HOLIDAY IN SYDNEY



Two of the Bourke girls who were brought to Sydney by Balgowlah Lions Club during the May school holidays, were billeted with Mr. and Mrs. H. Small, of Balgowlah.

Mr. Small is sales manager at the Sydney Fish Markets. Mrs. Small is prominent in women's activities, and is a member of the V.I.E.W. Club, which is associated with the Smith Family, a well-known Sydney charitable institution.

The girls who stayed with the Small family were Pat Dixon (13) and Brenda Dixon (12).

Brenda is Pat's niece. She is the daughter of Pat's oldest brother.

The Balgowlah Lions Club entertained the two girls, with the other Bourke children who made the trip, most of the time.

Club members took the girls up the A.M.P. Building at Circular Quay which when it was built in 1956 was the highest building in Sydney.

The picture shows the Dixon girls during their stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Small.

In one, they are shown with Mrs. Small, and the Small's 19 years old daughter, Rhonda.

In the other picture, Pat (left) and Brenda are shown at the breakfast table.





MANY NEW HOUSES BUILT AND MORE TO COME

A total of 47 houses were built or bought by the Aborigines Welfare Board during 1963/64, and tenders were called for another 50.

This is disclosed in the annual report of the Board, which was tabled in State Parliament in May.

A total of £140,000 was allocated to housing from loan funds during the year.

This was the third step of a housing programme involving a total expenditure of more than £500,000 over a four-year period.

In addition to this work, the Christian Youth Council built a house of Housing Commission standard at Inverell. The Board provided the materials.

By the end of June, 1964, about £144,000 had been approved for loans to Aborigines to build or buy their own homes.

The loans are granted to Aborigines to buy homes if they lodge a deposit of £50 with the board and if they can buy or lease a block of land, or if they already hold land.

Advances up to £3,500 are made by the Board at a nominal rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent interest.

To the end of the 1963/64 financial year, 43 Aboriginal families were already living in homes secured under this scheme of advances, and another 10 were making their selections.

Advances to Aborigines under the scheme during the year reviewed by the annual report totalled £48,825, involving 22 individual applications.

Instalment payments were £1,200 in arrears, involving 12 Aborigines. In the case of three of those concerned, recovery proceedings were being instituted.

AREA PROGRESS SHOWN IN OFFICIAL REPORT

The annual report of the Aborigines Welfare Board for 1963/64 set out details of progress made in housing and other improvements in various parts of the State that year.

The report was set out under the headings of the eight welfare areas in the State.

Details of the report were:

ARMIDALE: (Including the reserves at Armidale, Caroon, Walcha, Uralla, Guyra and Tingha):

Features of the year's work were:—

- Opening of a Pre-School by the "Save the Children Fund" on the Armidale Aborigines Reserve, with which the Board assisted financially.

- The occupation of a house built on behalf of the Board by the Christian Youth Council at Inverell.

- The commencement of a Mothers' Club in Armidale.

- Close liaison by the Welfare Officer with the Save the Children Fund, the Armidale Association for the Assimilation of Aborigines, the Students' Aboriginal Advancement Group, University of New England, the Walcha Aborigines Advancement Group, a similar body at Inverell and various other organisations such as the Glen Innes Branch of the Country Women's Association.

- Approval of two housing loans, one at Tingha and one at Armidale.

- Completion by a successful applicant for a loan, of a house valued at approximately £4,000.

BOURKE: (Including Brewarrina Reserve and Station and the reserves at Goodooga, Enngonia, Tiboburra, Wilcannia, Wanaaring and Bourke):

Features of the year's work were:—

- Erection of 10 town houses in Bourke.

- Improvements on the reserve at Bourke by way of garbage service, water supply reticulation and draining of swamp area.

- Selection of new site for Brewarrina Aboriginal Station.

- Repairs to dwellings on the Aborigines Reserve, Wilcannia.

- Tenders called for 16 new houses at Enngonia.

DUBBO: (Including reserves at Coonabarabran, Gulargambone, Nanima, Peak Hill, Quambone and Talbragar.):

Features of the year's work were:—

- Closure of Burra Bee Dee Aboriginal Station and transfer of families to town houses in Coonabarabran.

- Granting of housing loans to six Aborigines to purchase or erect homes.

- Enrolment of two Aboriginal bursars in private boarding schools in the district.

- Tenders called for two new houses at Warren.

KEMPSEY: (Including Kempsey and Taree Stations, and Bellbrook, Nambucca Heads, Forster, Bowraville and Karuah reserves):

Features of the year's work were:—

- Completion of three houses at Bellbrook Aborigines Reserve bringing the total number to 15.

- Arrangement of holidays for 70 children in Sydney and Newcastle by the local Welfare Committee.

- Securing of employment in Sydney by several families.

- Tenders called for eight new houses at Greenhill.

LEETON: (Including Murrin Bridge (Lake Cargelligo) and Cowra Stations, and reserves at Balranald, Griffith, Menindee, Condobolin and Cumerogunga):

Features of the year's work were:

- Connection of electricity to homes on the Aboriginal Station, Cowra resulting in improved living conditions and installation by many residents of electric stoves, washing machines and other household appliances.

- Approval by the Board to allow the Aboriginal Advancement League of Victoria to implement an agricultural scheme subject to certain safeguards.

- Tenders called for 12 new houses at Condobolin.

LISMORE: (Including Stations at Woodenbong, Tabulam and Cabbage Tree Island and reserves at Lismore, Coraki, Maclean, Yamba, Baryulgil, and Coff's Harbour):

Features of the year's work were:—

- Closure of Cubawee Reserve and transfer of residents to new homes at Gundurimba Road.

● Transfer of four families from Cubawee and Cabbage Tree Island to town houses in Lismore and Evans Head.

● Construction of six new homes on the Aborigines Reserve, Coraki complete with electricity.

● Two children were successful at the Leaving Certificate Examination, one returning to repeat the examination in 1964 in an attempt to secure matriculation for University.

● Selection of an Aborigine from Lismore as a Welterweight Amateur Boxer to represent Australia at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

MOREE: (Including Stations at Walgett, Boggabilla and Moree, together with reserves at Collarenebri, Mungindi, Walgett and Ashford):

Features of the year's work were:—

● Acquisition of land in Ashford for town housing as funds permit.

● Completion of survey of Aborigines on Travelling Stock Reserve for housing project.

● Increase in membership to local Ambulance Contribution Scheme, making a total of seventy subscribers.

● Tenders called for 12 new houses at Walgett.

NOWRA: (Including Roseby Park, Wreck Bay and Wallaga Lake Stations, Coomaditchy Reserve at Wollongong and Yass and Brungle Reserves near Gundagai):

Features of the year's work were:—

● The employment of three boys as apprentices by Australian Iron and Steel Corporation. This firm is willing to take Aboriginal apprentices each year if suitable youths can be found.

● Continued management of Wreck Bay Aboriginal Station on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

● Development in the field of Adult Education at Nowra.

LOOK TO YOUR EYES

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

Good eyesight is a precious part of good health. On the other hand, defective vision is a heavy burden to carry through life. Parents should pay close attention to their children's eyesight; neglect in childhood can never be repaired. Both indoor and outdoor lighting have an important bearing upon vision, and it's essential for everyone to guard against glare by day, and insufficient light by night.

If a child's hearing is impaired, his mother may quickly notice this defect. However, poor eyesight, particularly in young children, is not always noticed by their parents. On many occasions children are well into school before anyone notices their eyesight is poor—the child himself has no way of knowing that his eyes are not like other peoples, and so may struggle along though very much handicapped. Your child's eyes may need attention if he:—

- Blinks more than usual.
- Squints when looking at distant or close objects.
- Frowns excessively.
- Complains that the eyes itch or hurt.

- Has red, encrusted, or swollen eyelids.
- Recurrent sties.
- Inflamed or watery eyes.

Sometimes there is a defect in the shape of the eyeball causing difficulty in focusing and blurring of vision. This may be corrected by the wearing of spectacles prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

If a cast is noticed in the eye of a child, a doctor should be consulted immediately, no matter what age the child may be. "Crossed eyes" is a condition which must be investigated as soon as possible. If it continues the child may lose clear vision in one eye. The resultant psychological effect can also be very harmful.

Many unnecessary eye accidents occur in children every year. These could be prevented by a little thought on the part of the parents in choosing safe toys, and in keeping sharp-pointed needles and scissors out of reach of children. The older child should be taught to understand that sharp objects must be handled with care, and explained the dangers that result from B-B guns, arrows, knives, etc.



The champion baby on our cover, is pictured here with his mother, Mrs. Gordon

BOURKE SHOWS OFF ITS BABIES

The first Aboriginal baby show at Bourke was held last April, and attracted children and parents from more than 100 miles away.

It was a most successful event. Altogether, 51 children were entered for it.

People brought their babies from as far away as Brewarrina, Weilmoringle and Goodoogam for the show, which was held in good weather in Bourke Central Park.

The show was organised by a local Aboriginal women's committee. Prizes totalling £80 were donated by the people of Bourke and by Heinz and Co.

One of the most popular sections was the "snappy nappy race" for fathers. This was won by the deft hands of Tom McKellar, of Bourke. Seven brave fathers entered the contest, and it was no walkover by any means.

The judge for all events was Mrs. M. Reid, of Bourke.

The show attracted a very large attendance of white and Aboriginal people from Bourke and surrounding areas.

The full list of results is:

New born to 3 months: Joanne Howlett, Bourke (girl); Brian Reed, Bourke (boy).

Louise Orcher, of Weilmoringle, was the winning girl in the 6 months to 12 months division. She is pictured with her aunt, Mrs. Brown, also of Weilmoringle



3 months to 6 months: Gail Edwards, Bourke (girl); Warwick Dixon, Bourke (boy).

6 months to 12 months: Neil Ellwood, Bourke (boy); Louise Orcher, Weilmoringle (girl).

12 months to 18 months: Verena Crawford, Brewarrina (girl); Darren Ritchie, Brewarrina (boy).

18 months to 2 years: Teresa Ferguson, Brewarrina (girl); Mark Knight, Bourke (boy).

2 years: Norma Johnson, Bourke (girl); Douglas Gordon, Brewarrina (boy).

3 years: Merryln Knight, Bourke (girl); Jessie Dixon, Bourke (girl).

Champion Baby: Douglas Gordon, of Brewarrina.

Novelty Section:

Crawlers Race: Kim Dixon (Bourke).

Toddlers Race: Kerry Edwards (Bourke).

Snappy Nappy Race: Tom McKellar, of Bourke, 7 starters.



Della Shillingworth, of Enngonia, was most attractively dressed when she and her family went to the Bourke Baby Show in April



Kim Gordon of Bre-warrina, an older sister of Douglas, the champion baby of the show



Mrs. Eric Dixon, chairman of the women's committee which organised the show, is pictured with members of her family and her grandchildren before the main proceedings began. All pictures are by Mel Humphries, of Bourke

Mrs. Howlett, of Bourke, proudly holds for the cameraman her little daughter Joanne who won the girl's section of the new born to three months' old baby division at the show



Reserves Population set out in Report

There are 56 stations and reserves in N.S.W. under the control of the Aborigines Welfare Board.

Details of the sizes of these reserves and the number of Aborigines living on them were given in the Board's annual report for 1963/64.

A station is a reserve on which there is a permanent resident manager and matron.

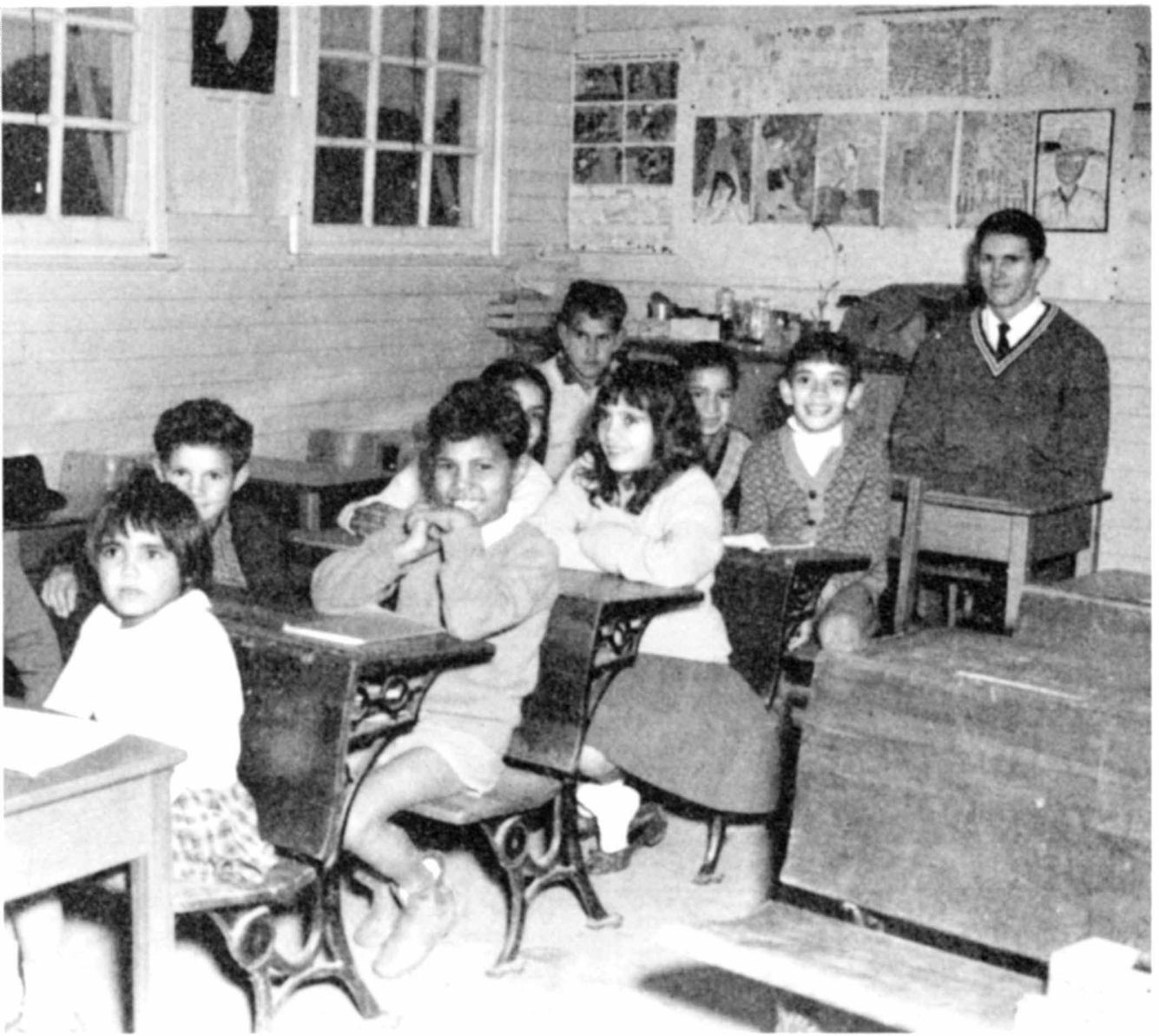
The list contained in the report, together with comparisons for the two previous years is:

Reserve	Area in Acres	Population on Reserve		
		1961/62	1962/63	1963/64
Armidale	5	130	133	139
Balranald	142	48	70	31
Bellbrook	96	106	112	117
Bourke	34	142	164	168
Bowraville	36	54	71	68
Brungle	12	63	64	115
Caroona	240	169	169	159
Coff's Harbour	6	75	73	62
Collarenebri	50	153	175	174
Condobolin	16	128	109	110
Coomaditchy .. .. .	..	..	..	39
Coonabarabran	20	42	38	35
Coraki	10	117	87	91
Cumeroongunga	200	91	87	81
Deniliquin	2	69	70	73
Dubbo	18	29	33	33
Enngonia	10	..	..	..
Forster	19	94	111	103
Goodooga	80	120	106	123
Goolagong	4	..	..	5
Greenhills .. .. .	..	..	63	46
Griffith	5½	62	99	118
Gulargambone	52	200	239	149
Guyra .. .. .	..	52	46	48
Karuah	50	..	50	60
Kyogle	28	7	7	3
La Perouse	6	204	189	199
Lismore	2	..	..	43

Reserve	Area in Acres	Population on Reserve		
		1961/62	1962/63	1963/64
Maclean .. .. .	..	56	63	54
Mungindi	5	35	31	68
Nambucca Heads	70	105	106	78
Peak Hill	7	75	66	65
Quambone	43	33	29	13
Tibooburra	100	2	2	2
Tingha	15	30	30	25
Uralla	100	40	44	40
Walcha	107	49	96	50
Walgett	106	353	129	236
Wellington	100	93	150	162
Wilcannia	75	114	80	80
Yamba .. .. .	..	..	25	32
Yass	9	23	27	28
Totals .. .. .	..	3,163	3,243	3,325

The 14 stations listed in the report are:

Station	Area in Acres	Population		
		1961/62	1962/63	1963/64
Boggabilla	457	274	288	224
Brewarrina	638	105	75	87
Burnt Bridge	106	274	270	239
Cabbage Tree Island	125	148	172	147
Cowra	31	138	140	140
Jervis Bay	100	146	142	139
Moree	55	390	391	430
Murrin Bridge	937	346	317	292
Roseby Park	66	129	118	122
Tabulam	490	169	141	149
Taree	51	225	224	209
Walgett	337	154	161	163
Wallaga Lake	341	93	73	63
Woodenbong	126	180	142	159
Totals .. .. .	..	2,771	2,654	2,563



Special Emphasis on School Attendance

Special emphasis was placed on school attendance by Aboriginal children during 1963/64, according to the annual report of the Aborigines Welfare Board for that year.

The report said it appeared that non-attendance at school has been one of the main retarding influences on Aborigine advancement.

“It has been found that school absences have been numerous and recurring and many without proper excuse”, it said.

“The absences have been countenanced in many instances by the attitude of the parents or caused by the itinerant way of life of the family.

“In conjunction with the Department of Child Welfare every endeavour has been made to ensure that all eligible children are enrolled and attend school.

“Although more children are continuing their education to an older age, mainly from the sympathetic assistance from teachers of the various schools, it has been found that absenteeism and lack of interest in education is a problem in many of the secondary school students.

“ In some cases youths are eager to start employment but the majority drift into the easy-going communal life, eking out an existence by occasional casual employment until eligible for unemployment benefit.

“ Endeavours have been made to institute classes in handicraft and practical training for women; these have met with mixed reception and, in some areas, have been abandoned because of the lack of interest and attendance. Nowra has been an exception.

“ A further pre-school centre was opened at Armidale by the Save the Children Fund and is operating most successfully, and plans are in hand for further extensions of this valuable work.”

The report said that the adult education programme continued during the year. Several pilot courses were conducted in the metropolitan area together with a special course in speed reading and practical English.

On the South Coast a course in motor maintenance and women's handicrafts was run in conjunction with the Nowra Technical College with great success. It was hoped to extend this type of course to country areas where facilities were available.

BURSARY SPENDING

The Aborigines Welfare Board spent £713 on bursaries for Aboriginal children during 1963/64, in addition to a sum of £573 donated for this purpose by outside bodies.

All cases brought to the notice of the Board of any children needing assistance in connection with their education were met during the year.

In addition to the bursaries, the Board spends about £1,000 a year in meeting charges for transport of high school students to town schools, and in the provision of uniforms and textbooks in necessitous cases.

Refrigerators Donated For Use By Aborigines

A Crookwell man, Mr. Harry Britten, of Wandokai, Crooked Corner, has offered two good kerosene refrigerators to the Aborigine's Welfare Board for use by Aborigines.

Mr. Britten made his offer in a letter to the area welfare officer at Dubbo, Mr. H. S. Kitching.

He told Mr. Kitching he had spent some time in the Wilcannia and Bourke districts, and he thought the refrigerators might be of use there.

Mr. Kitching accepted Mr. Britten's offer on behalf of the Board, and asked Mr. Britten to rail freight the units to Dubbo.

Mr. Kitching said the refrigerators would be given to pensioners.

He also told Mr. Britten that his offer of donations of further refrigerators would be most acceptable.

The additional refrigerators would be most welcome in Enngonia where the Board has recently built 16 new homes.

Caroona Children in Tamworth Sports Contests

The provision of a vehicle by the Aborigines Welfare Board to the aboriginal reserve at Caroona will enable children at the school there to greatly expand their recreational and educational activities. Caroona is near Quirindi.

The teacher in charge of the aboriginal school at Caroona (Mr. J. Shanahan) said this in Tamworth while watching a team of well turned-out girls playing in the junior hockey competition at the end of May.

Mr. Shanahan said there were 52 children in the school and he had "scraped together" 12 girls for a hockey team.

It is their first year in the game. Up until a few weeks ago many of them did not know what a hockey stick looked like.

Judging by the manner in which they won their match, it shouldn't be long before they are mixing it with the best teams in the area.

Mr. Shanahan began coaching the girls just before the school holidays and they were playing only their second game.

Mr. Shanahan said he was prompted to form the hockey team after receiving the vehicle from the Welfare Board.

The vehicle would provide opportunities lacking before.

Transport had been a problem, but now that he had it he intended to use it to the best advantage.

"I will be able to show them many places of interest in Tamworth each Saturday", he said.

"For instance, after this hockey game I'll take them up the scenic road and point out a number of interesting things."

He added that visits would be made to as many industrial concerns as possible.

The youngsters have been playing with borrowed gear, but a cheque presented to them by Ampol should assist greatly in getting together a complete kit.



Picture shows Mr. G. Halloran presenting a cheque to Barbara Allen (12), the captain of the hockey team, while Mrs. M. Randle, president of the Womens' Hockey Association looks on

The cheque was handed to the captain of the Caroona girls, Barbara Allen, by the north-west district representative of Ampol, Mr. G. Halloran, in the presence of a big gathering of hockey players, their parents and friends.

Mr. Halloran said his company was very pleased to assist such a worthy cause. He wished the girls many happy days of hockey.

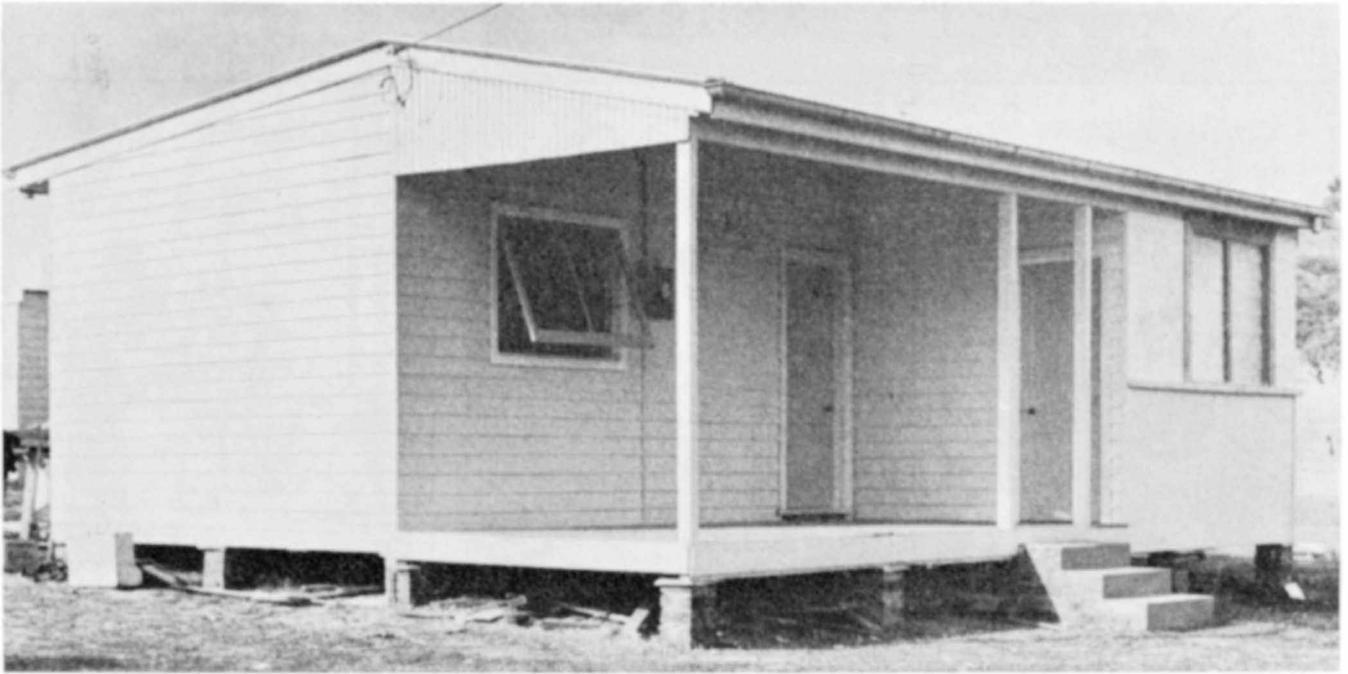
The presentation was arranged by the President of Tamworth Women's Hockey Association, Mrs. Mavis Randle, who undertook to see that the girls were equipped following an appeal by Mr. Shannon.

The proceedings were watched by the patroness of the Women's Hockey Association, Mrs. W. Dewhurst.

Mr. Shannon also brings in a team of boys for the Minor Rugby League competition games on Saturday mornings.

Mrs. Randle shakes hands with Tim Brennan, vice-captain of the Caroona football team which plays in a minor league competition at Tamworth. The girl hockey players are, left, Barbara Allen (captain), and Freda Saunders (vice-captain). Both pictures are by courtesy of the "Northern Daily Leader", Tamworth





R. S. L. HANDS OVER COTTAGE

A recent ceremony at Brungle saw the handing over of a cottage to Mrs. M. Freeman, an Aboriginal resident there.

Mrs. Freeman was presented with the cottage by the Returned Soldiers Club of Tumut.

Pictured on this page are some of those who attended the ceremony (left to right) the President of Tumut R.S.L., Mr. L. Todd, Mrs. E. C. Hiscocks, Matron of the Cootamundra Girls' Home of the Aborigines Welfare Board, and Mr. J. A. Pettit, M.P. for Hume.

The party is shown in front of Mrs. Freeman's cottage, the front view of which is shown in our other picture.



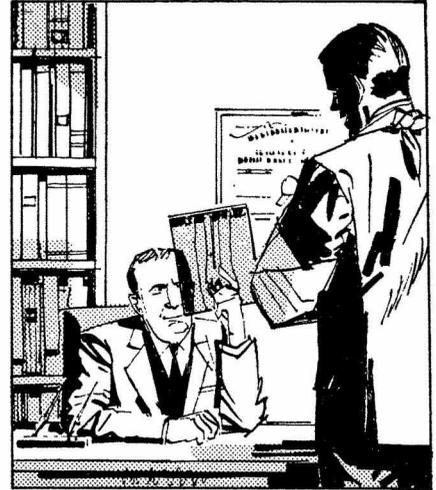
IT'S A FACT



Epoxy is the name given a new class of plastic which when combined with certain chemicals, links two surfaces by joining its own molecules with those of the bonded surfaces. It is unbelievably tough, doesn't shrink and sticks to almost anything—wood, glass or metal. Epoxy is not really a glue although it performs the same function—but better.



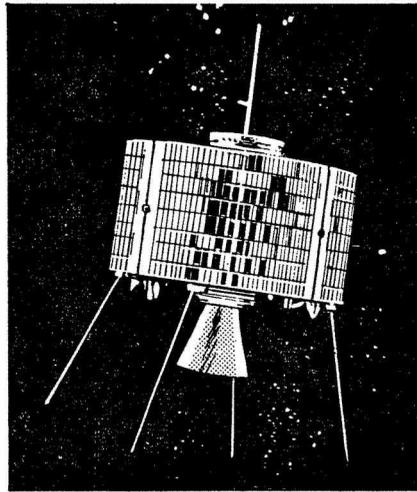
Developed several years ago as an industrial adhesive where high strength and resistance to temperature and corrosion were of prime importance, epoxy's amazing qualities have made it increasingly popular with the general public for home repairs and do-it-yourself projects. It works equally well to seal cracked walls, mend a broken pitcher or piece of furniture.



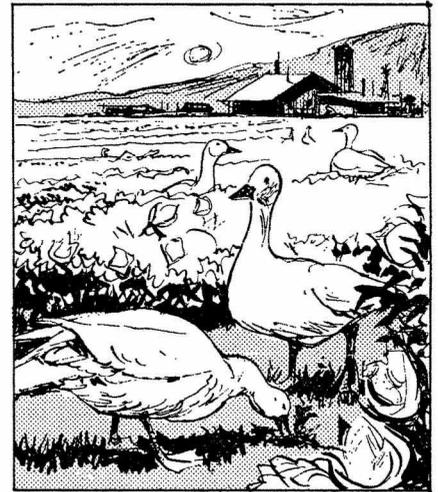
It has already been used in the aircraft industry literally to glue sheets of aluminum together to form the plane's outer skin. The glued surface is stronger and causes less surface "drag" than the conventional rivets. Epoxy resins have been used to mend human bones, provide a non-skid surface for highways and repair concrete dams.



Dr. Willard Libby, a U.S. nuclear chemist, was the first to find a method of dating former civilizations. He found that all living plants and animals take in radiocarbon. This intake halts at death and the radiocarbon present in the organism starts to dissipate very slowly. Dr. Libby has determined the rate of dissipation. When archeologists uncover fragments of bone or wood from ancient tombs they have a ready yardstick by which to measure its age.



Syncom 3 comes within five seconds a day of matching exactly the earth's rotational speed. Syncom 3 is the communications satellite launched into space by the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration to hover over the junction of the equator and the International dateline at an altitude of near 22,300 miles (35,680 kilometers). In that apparently stationary position it was used to relay telecasts of the Olympic Games from Japan to the United States.



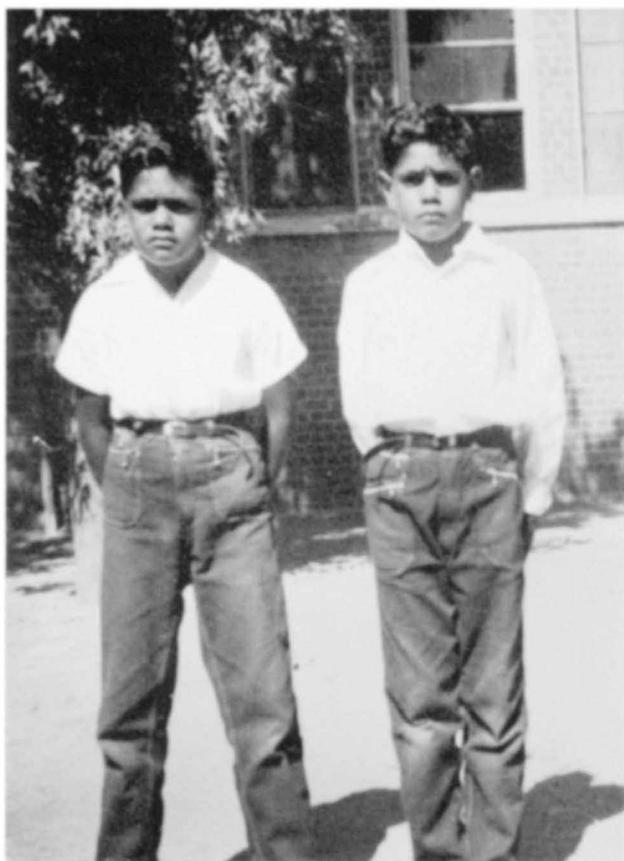
Man has trained animals to serve him since before recorded history, and some animals "serve" without any training. Geese are used by the millions in the cottonfields of southern U.S. where they destroy weeds more efficiently than any mechanical devices yet devised. Geese also weed peppermint fields in northwestern U.S. but must be retired after about two seasons—they develop a taste for the tender peppermint plants.

PETE'S

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Hello kids!

This month's *Dawn* carries several sections taken from the annual report of the Aborigines Welfare Board, and one of them as you may notice, deals with the need for better attendance by boys and girls at school. I do hope that as far as you can manage it, you try to get to school each day, and that you pay attention to your lessons. Sometimes the work is hard, but it is all worth it. At the same time, you can have a lot of fun with your school friends during school times and in the sports activities that are carried on.



If you let your attendance slip at school, you can't expect to pass the examinations that you will need so very much, later on in life. Unfortunately so many young men and women when they start to look for jobs after leaving school, find that the ones they would really like, with bright futures and good money all the time, are only open to those who have worked at school and passed the higher examinations.

By the way, I am looking forward to seeing the results of the interesting competitions set for children for National Aborigines Day. The entry forms have been published twice in *Dawn* so that as many children as possible will be able to enter.

This month we are publishing a picture of two husky young lads from Bourke. Bernie and Brian Edwards. This picture was taken at their school and was sent to us by Mrs. Frater, of Bourke. If you have good, clear pictures, with good backgrounds that can be printed, please let me have them. So often the pictures that are sent in are too blurred or fuzzy, and the printers—good as they are—cannot possibly put them in the magazine. If you want your pictures returned, we will most certainly send them back to you.

Cheerio for now, kids.

See you next month.

Pete

Our Back Cover

Pictured on our back cover are three babies who took part in the Bourke Baby Show. Top left hand corner is Louise Orcher. Bottom left hand corner is Della Shillingworth. Bottom right hand corner is Joanne Howlett

