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OUR COVER

These babies of the Cootamundra Girls' Home, are shown with their Christmas toys. They are, left to right, Sarah Boland, Edna Brown, Coral Edwards and Irene Mitchell.

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AN UNFAIR PREJUDICE

Conditions Must Change

A Letter from the Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare.

My dear Aboriginal Friends,

The Aborigines Welfare Board is concerned at the degree of prejudice which exists in the white community, in many places. Much of this is entirely unjustified, and discrimination against many worthy aboriginal citizens is deplored.

It is felt, however, the root of this lies in the poor living conditions with which so many aborigines living in the vicinity of country towns, are content.

The Board has done a great deal in recent years to provide better housing, and has spent in the vicinity of £500,000 in building new homes on its Stations.

Despite what the Board does, however, prejudice will not be fully overcome until you take a hand in this matter yourselves. You can do this by demonstrating that you can and will adopt social standards that will win respect. Many are in good employment and receive substantial incomes. They should endeavour to provide for themselves, a better standard of living than is so often the case. Those who have been accommodated in nice new homes by the Board, should improve and beautify their surroundings and develop their community socially.

Many have done so and are to be commended for their efforts. Some even have secured their own homes, and others have been successful in securing homes through the Housing Commission.

What these have done, others can do, so why not all make a determined effort to prove that the aboriginal people are worthy of full acceptance in the great Australian community.

Yours sincerely,

Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare.

OUR ROVING CAMERAMAN



THE aboriginal people in this State are scattered over a wide area, so far apart that many of them may never meet, but the magic camera can bring to us intimate glimpses of these people and enable us to become better acquainted with each other.

If you have photos at home, similar to those you see published in *Dawn*, send them along and thus add to, and maintain, the interest in your fellow men and women.



Pam Tighe of Cootamundra, looks at the camera with a great deal of doubt.



The Burnt Bridge Basketball Team : Gwen Campbell, Olive McKenzie, Grace Vale, Ruth Campbell, Marie Callaghan, Janice Cochrane, Marge Callaghan, Marge Kelly.



One of our beautiful young ladies . . . Ruth Whaddy, of Cootamundra.



This attractive young Kempsey High School student is 15 years old, Flossie Quinlin, of Bellbrook.



A lovely smile, a new dress and a bright winter's day. What more could Lexie Ellis of Cootamundra wish for?



Out in the Bush : Vivien Laurie and Annabella Roberts, of Yamba.



Rather uncertain about it all is Annie Kirby, of Murrin Bridge.



Mary Ann Bates (Wilcannia) poses alongside some giant sunflowers.



A group of interested members of Nanima School Parents and Citizens' Association.



Burnt Bridge 5 stone football team which won the North Coast Rugby League school competition last year.



Ackland Bates, of Wilcannia, considers himself a real man of the World.



The ones that didn't get away. Young Lewis and Denis Kelly, of Bellbrook, show how easy it is.



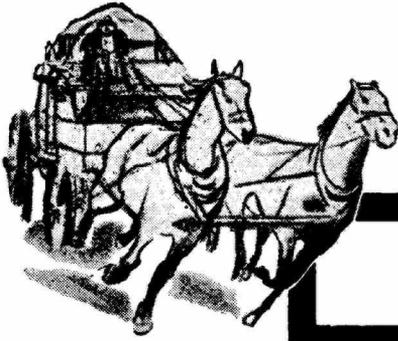
Veronica Day (Moonahcullah) held young brother Edgar for the Cameraman.



Esme Thomas of Wallaga Lake finds a spot in the sun to do her sewing.



Three tough men, and what a team: Lindsay, Charlie, and Len Kirby, of Murrin Bridge.



Along the Mail Route

CAROONA STATION NOTES

Mrs. Jack Porter, of Carooona Station, who was taken to Quirindi hospital for a slight operation recently, is now back home again.

John Young, one of the old-timers of Carooona Station was rushed to Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, for an operation. We all hope he is doing well, and will be back with us before long.

An impromptu dance was held on Easter Saturday in the Carooona Station Hall and an exceedingly happy evening was spent by everyone.

There were many visitors to Carooona Station over the Easter holidays, especially from Coonabarabran. The Manager and Matron met many old friends from Burra Bee Dee.

The start of the football season at Carooona, was marked by a well attended and enthusiastic meeting. It was decided to enter two teams for the "B" grade league competition. Plans were also made to have the ground completely renovated, and made something the residents will be proud to show visitors.



Some of the girls from Brewarrina Aborigine School show how they can march.

An Anzac Day ceremony for the school children at Carooona, was conducted by the teacher, Mr. White. This station has a war memorial of its own in the shape of a plaque commemorating the residents who enlisted in the 1914-1918 war. This is set in the school gates.

Walgett Aboriginal Station was cut off from the town for some days in February when the Barwon River rose to flood level and the roads were a quagmire after six and a half inches of rain. For a time it seemed there would be a repetition of the disastrous 1950 flood, and the rise in the river was noted anxiously each day by everyone. Much relief was felt when at length it became stationary, and still more when it began to fall.

In January, the Barwon had almost ceased to flow, but it took little or no time to rise and become a menace.

The grasshoppers flew over the Station at the end of last year, in their thousands. However, they did not land, but the Station is not to be so fortunate again, apparently. They are there again, and have eaten the young plants. However it is hoped that they will disappear when the cold weather commences. Meanwhile, as it is planting time, this has been a set-back.

The friends of Joyce Booker, of Walgett, will regret to learn that she died at Tamworth Hospital two days after having given birth to a baby, which also died later. She was a daughter of the late Mrs. Maggie Booker and a niece of Mrs. Lake, of Walgett.

Robert Beale who lives out of Walgett, has gone to Tamworth for eye treatment.

Charlie Dodd, who has been in Walgett Hospital, has now returned to the Station, and is glad to be home again.

Sammy Munner is in Walgett Hospital. He is a brother of the late Mrs. Sarah Murphy, of Walgett Aboriginal Station.

Everyone at Walgett Station went fishing as usual at Easter and some were lucky enough to land a cod or two, which they shared with the less fortunate fishermen.

CHILD ENDOWMENT

THE SYSTEM EXPLAINED



Child Endowment is paid by the Commonwealth to persons with family responsibilities. It may be claimed by any person who is resident in Australia and has the custody, care and control of one or more children under the age of 16 years. There is no means test.

AMOUNT PAYABLE

The amount of endowment is 5s. a week for the first or only child under 16 years of age in a family, plus 10s. a week for each other child (if any) under that age in the family. Thus, a person with one child under 16, receives 5s. a week; with two children, 15s. a week; with three children, 25s. a week, and so on.

Payments are made either by credit to a bank account every twelve weeks or by order which may be cashed at a Post Office or Bank at four-weekly intervals.

Where endowment is not credited to a bank account and the four-weekly amount exceeds £11, payment is made by cheque.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE

In ordinary circumstances, where the children are living with their parents, the mother makes the claim for endowment and receives the payments.

There is special provision to meet cases of families divided by reason of divorce, separation or death of parents, etc. A person already receiving endowment who takes a child of a divided family may be paid additional endowment as if the child were her own child. A person not already receiving endowment who takes any such child may be paid the same rate of endowment for the child as would be payable if the family had not become divided.

Twelve months residence in Australia is required for claimants and children not born in Australia, but this requirement is waived if the Director-General of Social Services is satisfied that the claimant and the children are likely to remain permanently in Australia. It is also waived in respect of children of members of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the United Kingdom serving with the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth.

A child born during the mother's temporary absence from Australia is deemed to have been born in Australia.

Child of Alien Father

Endowment may be paid in respect of a child whose father is not a British subject if—

the child was born in Australia;
the mother is a British subject; or

the Director-General is satisfied the child is likely to remain permanently in Australia.

Aboriginal Natives

Endowment may be paid to aboriginal natives of Australia unless they are nomadic, or unless the children concerned are wholly or mainly maintained by the Commonwealth or a State.

Payment Begins

From the commencement of the next four-weekly endowment period after the date on which the claimant becomes eligible, provided a claim is lodged within six months after that date, or in special circumstances, within such longer period as the Director-General allows; otherwise payment begins from the commencement of the next four-weekly period after the date on which the claim is lodged.

Payment Ceases

From the end of the endowment period in which—
the child reaches the age of 16 years;
the child, or the person to whom endowment is granted, ceases to reside in Australia, unless the absence in either case is only temporary;
or from the date on which the child ceases to be in the custody, care and control of the endowee.

Children in Institutions

Endowment, at the rate of 10s. a week for each child inmate under the age of 16 years, may be claimed by any approved charitable or religious institution or organization, including a Government institution (other than a hospital for the insane).

Australians Temporarily Abroad

Endowment payments may be made, under certain conditions, to residents of Australia, who are temporarily abroad.

An Open Letter to Mothers

by

IRENE ENGLISH

Welfare Inspector, Aborigines Welfare Board

Dear People,

There is no need, I am sure, for me to tell you of the many saddening experiences I encounter in my work, or to give you details of the seamy sides of life I see from day to day.

I wonder how you would feel if, like me, you had been forced to study the bewildered minds of lonely children, suddenly transported from broken and neglected homes to a public institution? For such children are frequently bewildered and they do think quite a lot, and their thoughts are not happy ones.

In the Board's Homes at Cootamundra and Kinchela, we do our best for these unfortunate children and adolescents, but no institution can take the place of the natural home, be it ever so well and humanely conducted.



This Department has tried, over the years, the alternative of placing children with foster parents when possible, and it is with satisfaction that I am able to tell you that we have had many kindly and worthy folk to assist us in caring for the unfortunate.

There must still be many good people so situated that they could readily care for another member in the family circle. If such there be among my readers, I do hope they will consider what a blessing they could bestow on some unfortunate child by giving it the benefit of a good home and training.

I believe that our example counts for more with children than any amount of advice.

I also know that, in every child, there are infinite possibilities for good or evil, and that the kind of influences with which we surround it, largely determine its future character.

To mothers, everywhere, I would say, "do everything possible to keep your home and children together"—of all created things the loveliest and most lovable are children. Nothing should be to us more precious or more dear.

To prospective wives and mothers I would say, enter the marriage state with a determination to make a happy home and happy, confident children. Remember that the calling of motherhood is the holiest, and should be the happiest, of all earthly tasks.

At the present time there is in one of the Board's Homes a dear little girl who had to be taken, at a tender age, from an environment of drink and immorality. I saw her only last week and, as usual, her first question was "Please Mrs. English, when are you going to take me to see Mummy and Daddy?" She still has faith in them, but how can I tell her that her parents have sunk still lower in the social scale, and that her chances of a home life and security are further away than ever?



I know the aboriginal people are inherently kind and very fond of children. Many of you will recall having discussed this quality among your people with me.

As a mother who has known both joy and sorrow, I naturally feel for all children, and wish them to have some chance of family life and happiness.



I now ask those who are in a position to do so to consider the matters I have mentioned and to open their hearts and homes to those less fortunate.

The necessary qualifications for a good home consist of reasonable comfort, adequate food, affection, and freedom from drunkenness, fear and violence.

My wish for all mothers is that they be given understanding, wisdom, strength, love, gentleness, patience and faithfulness.

HOW YOU KNOW!



IN 1876 A YOUNG AERIALIST, MARIA SPELTERINI, WALKED ACROSS NIAGARA FALLS IN AMERICA ON A TIGHTROPE WITH HER FEET STRAPPED INTO BASKETS!



HERE IS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION! THE TWO BLACK CIRCLES IN THE CENTRE ARE THE SAME SIZE, ALTHOUGH THE ONE BELOW LOOKS LARGER THAN THE ONE ABOVE

SWITZERLAND CELEBRATES XMAS DAY ON DECEMBER 6 WHEN GIFTS ARE RECEIVED FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS. DECEMBER 25 IS RECOGNISED AS THE CHRISTKIND DAY WHEN GIFTS ARE RECEIVED FROM A BEAUTIFUL LADY WITH GOLDEN HAIR NAMED CHRISTKIND



THE HAMMER-HEAD BIRD OF SOUTH AFRICA IS SIXTEEN INCHES TALL BUT CAN BUILD A NEST THAT IS SIX FEET LONG. THE NEST'S DOMED ROOF CAN SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF A VERY HEAVY MAN!



A WIFE IN THE NAMBU DIRI TRIBE, INDIA, CAN ONLY BE SEPARATED FROM HER HUSBAND BY THE GRAVE — BUT SHE CAN REMARRY AFTER SHE HAS BEEN BURIED ALIVE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES!

ARE YOU ON THE ROLL?

ABORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The term of the present aboriginal member of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. Bert Groves, expires next August and a few weeks before that date there will be a ballot to fill the position of member for the following three years.

Are you on the Roll?

Every adult over the age of 21 years, of aboriginal blood, is entitled to vote provided he or she has been living in New South Wales for the last six months.

Date of the closing of the Roll and the date of the Ballot will be advertised a little nearer the time, but in the meantime you should check whether your name is on the Roll which was compiled in 1951. Rolls may be seen at every Aboriginal Station, and each of the Welfare Officers has one.

What to do if your name is not on the Roll.

Write to the Secretary, Aborigines Welfare Board, Box 30, G.P.O., Sydney, and he will send you a form of application. Better still, get your form from the Welfare Officer or the Manager of the Station. He will help you fill it in.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARY

Wallaga Lake Function

An important occasion recently took place at Wallaga Lake Station when an expensive Children's Library of new books was presented to the Station School by Miss Ruth Swan on behalf of the Society of Friends.

Events began with the arrival of Miss Swan at the recreation hall where she was escorted between the ranks of a guard of honour formed by the school children. Inside, the hall had been tastefully decorated by Elaine Stewart and helpers and presented a very pretty picture. Miss Swan was escorted to the platform where she was officially welcomed by the Manager of the Station, Mr. A. Norton. The school teacher, Mr. K. Sears, thanked Miss Swan on behalf of the Education Department and expressed the appreciation of the children. The Welfare Officer for the District, Mr. P. M. Sephton, also expressed the appreciation of the Board for the interest shown by Miss Swan in presenting such a fine library. Little Hazel Harrison then presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers grown by the children which Miss Swan gratefully accepted.

Amidst enthusiastic applause Miss Swan then rose and, addressing the large and appreciative audience of Station residents and school children, said that it had given her great pleasure to visit the Station in this way and to have had the opportunity of presenting, on behalf of the Society of Friends, the library of books. Indicating the library, which occupied a place of honour on the stage, Miss Swan went on to say that she was sure the books would be greatly appreciated by the children of the Wallaga Lake School all of whom she held in high regard. At the conclusion of her remarks the audience again expressed their appreciation by acclamation.

Under the direction of Mr. Sears a splendid programme by the children was presented, beginning with two items rendered by the School Choir. This was followed by an item "I Love to Dance With You" excellently performed by Elaine Stewart and Cecily Thompson.

An accomplished young School guitarist, Steve Hoskins, also presented several numbers with the vocal assistance of Ivan Thomas and Ernie Parsons. Several other items were also presented including a performance by the gum leaf band composed of "Costy" Parsons, Max Harrison and Jim Chapman.

The function concluded with afternoon tea for all and everybody voted that it had been a most enjoyable occasion.

Some Photos of the Occasion:—



In this picture, from left to right, are Mrs. Norton, Miss Swan, Mr. Norton, and Mr. and Mrs. Sears. The library can be seen in the right foreground.



The children formed a guard of honour for Miss Swan and Mr. Norton after the ceremony.



Hazel Harrison was a very proud young lady when she presented Miss Swan with a lovely bouquet of flowers on behalf of those present.

HOME



HINTS

RECIPES

Each recipe gives four servings.

Spanish Steak

- 1 lb. chuck or bladebone steak.
- 2 sliced onions or $\frac{1}{2}$ chopped green pepper.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sliced tomatoes, fresh or tinned.
- 1 tablespoon dripping.
- 1 teaspoon salt.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water.

For preparation follow the method for braising.

Savoury Chops

- 4 mutton chops.
- 2 tablespoons flour seasoned with salt and pepper.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mixed herbs, 1 tablespoon parsley.
- 2 tablespoons dripping.
- 1 onion, sliced.
- 1 dessertspoon vinegar.
- 1 dessertspoon Worcester sauce.
- 2 apples, peeled, cored and cut into thick slices.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup seeded raisins or sultanas.
- 2 cups water or stock.

Trim the fat off the chops and roll them in seasoned flour. Brown the chops in the fat and place in a casserole. Brown the onions, add the remaining flour and cook for a few minutes. Add the raisins, sauce and liquid, stir until the mixture boils and thickens, then pour it over the chops. Place a thick slice of apple on each chop if desired, cover the casserole and bake in a moderately hot oven until tender ($1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 hours).

(Dried or tinned apples may be used.)

Baked Meat Loaf

- $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. minced stewing steak or sausage mince or other meat, minced.
- 1 dessertspoon parsley, chopped.
- Shake of pepper.
- 1 tablespoon grated onion.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt.
- 1 cup breadcrumbs (soft).
- Egg or milk to mix.

Combine ingredients. Mould into a loaf, place in a greased tin or baking dish, cover with greased paper and bake in a slow oven (325° F.) for one hour. Serve hot with gravy or tomato sauce, or slice when cold and serve with salads.

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

- 4 oz. spaghetti, 1 quart water.
- 1 large onion, sliced.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. tomatoes, fresh or tinned.
- 1 teaspoon salt.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup stock or water.
- 1 tablespoon dripping.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. steak, minced.
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper.
- 1 cup of tasty cheese, grated.

Spaghetti—Cook the spaghetti in 1 quart of boiling salted water for 15 minutes or until soft. Drain in a strainer. (To boil it in long pieces place the ends in boiling water and coil the spaghetti as it softens.)

Sauce—Fry the onion in the heated dripping till lightly brown, add sliced tomatoes, minced steak, water and seasoning. Simmer 30 minutes. Add half the cheese.

Pour the sauce over the spaghetti and heat thoroughly. Sprinkle each serving with grated cheese.

(Note.—If left-over cooked meat is used, simmer the sauce for only 5 minutes.)



Dusting venetian blinds takes less time if a pair of socks is slipped over the hands. Less bulky than a dust cloth, socks also allow you to dust behind the tapes and under the slats with both hands.



AROUND THE W



This Miami family can take their pleasure ashore or afloat in this unique craft.



Belgian Congo Boys give their teeth lots of attention.

This champion Boxer doesn't seem to mind a dog's life.



One of the last of the wheat ships—the Finnish Barque "Passat".

Jenny Gould takes her pony, Tartan over the jumps at the Show.

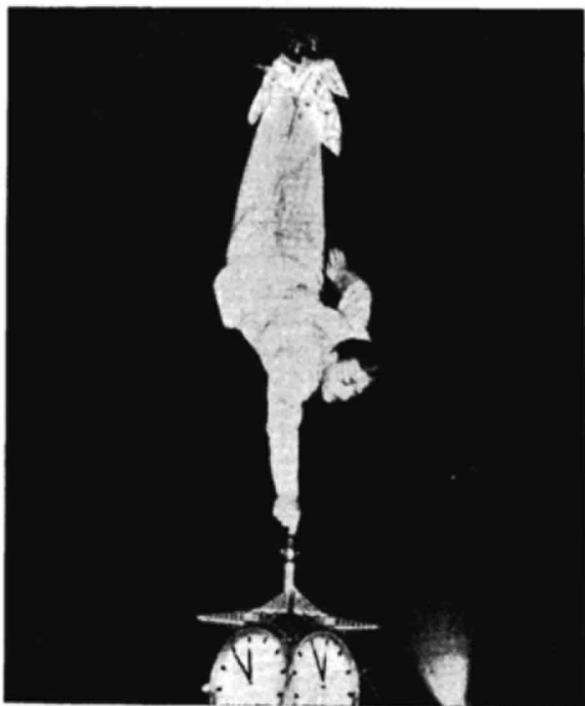


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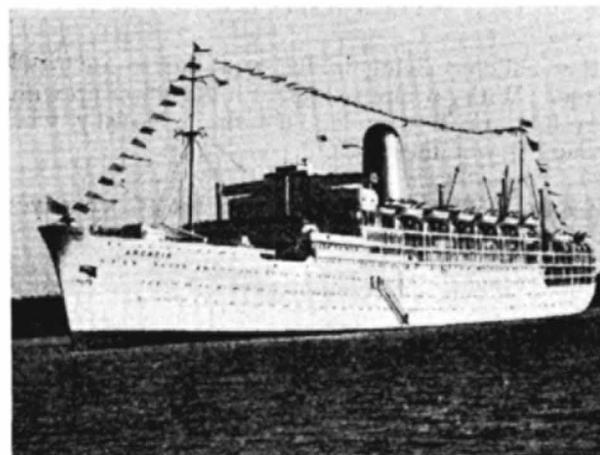


Californian College Students evolved this new exciting sport—Scooter Polo.

Tay Ru shows how easy it is to balance on one finger at Harringay in London.



This Berlin engineer seems to be having success with his amphibious motor car.



The new P. & O. Liner "Arcadia" arriving in Sydney.

Lovely Princess Margaret leaving Drury Lane Theatre.





RINGWORM IN SCHOOL CHILDREN

Ringworm (*Tinea*) in School Children

Ringworm (*Tinea*) usually occurs on the scalp and is rarely seen before seven or after fourteen years of age. It is due to a microscopic fungus which chiefly attacks the hair and skin of the scalp. It also frequently occurs on the body. It begins on the scalp as a small, round scurvy, partly bald spot with a faint ring around the edge. The affected hairs darken in colour and, becoming very brittle, break off, leaving only their stumps. Ringworm does not affect the general health of the child, but the disfigurement and the liability to spread to other children makes it objectionable.

Other children living in the same house are readily infected. With prompt treatment it may clear up within a fortnight, or it may last months, especially where treatment is not thorough.

As soon as the spot appears, seek the advice of your doctor.

Where, owing to remoteness from centres of population, etc., medical attention is not available, the following hints may be helpful to parents.

Care of Affected Child

The child suffering from Ringworm should—

1. Sleep apart from the other children.
2. Have a separate hairbrush and separate face and body towels. Twice a week the hairbrush should be thoroughly cleansed with soap and hot water and dried in the sun, and the towels, pillowslips, and hat or cap lining soaked in disinfectant solution (for example, a tablespoon of CYLLIN to a gallon of boiling water) before putting through the usual wash in the laundry. FORMALIN solution (two tablespoonfuls to the pint) is also a useful disinfectant.
3. Wear a detachable and washable lining in the hat or cap. The lining should be changed and disinfected with boiling disinfectant solution (Cyllin) twice weekly.

4. Have the hair cut close all over in both boys and girls, and the scalp shaved for two inches all round the infected spot. Scissors or clippers and razor blade should be frequently dipped in the disinfectant solution during use, and the shaving brush thoroughly disinfected in hot formalin solution (see paragraph 2) after use.
5. Have the head scrubbed daily with coal tar soap or germicidal soap, using a separate basin.
6. Exclusion from school is insisted on until cured. The child is inspected weekly by the Head Teacher, and if after six weeks the condition still persists, application may be made to the Head Teacher for the child to be allowed to return to school.

Treatment

Treatment should always be under medical supervision wherever possible.

Where this is impracticable, the following simple measures for Ringworm of the scalp may be used—

1. Paint the spot on three successive days with Iodine (Tincture of Iodine).
2. After an interval of three days (but not before) rub in an antiseptic ointment. Rub this ointment in very thoroughly for at least ten minutes twice every day.

Ringworm of the Body

When Ringworm occurs on the body it commences as a small, red, scaly patch which slowly spreads. Tiny blisters may sometimes be seen on these patches, which are usually circular, and which frequently have the appearance of reddish scaly rings.

Ringworm of the body may occur apart from Ringworm of the scalp, but frequently it spreads from the scalp to the body. In these cases the scalp should always be carefully examined for evidence of Ringworm infection.

Ringworm of the body is usually more easily cured. The application of Tincture of Iodine or Ammoniated Mercury Ointment to the patch, and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch beyond, twice daily for several days, usually effects a cure.

THREADWORMS

It has been found that threadworm infection, which is fairly common in young children, is very resistant to treatment. This resistance to treatment is usually due to reinfection of the child itself. However, many symptoms which children manifest are wrongly attributed to worms. The only way of proving that a child has threadworms is to see them either in the folds of skin near the anus at night or in the motions. However, they quickly disappear in the motions and may be missed. They are about the size of cotton thread about half an inch long, and are usually alive and wriggle. Care must be taken not to mistake the fibrous portions of fruit or vegetable foods for worms in the motions. If in doubt, consult your own doctor.

Every threadworm grows from an egg that has been swallowed. The worms cannot reproduce inside the bowel, and if prevented from reproducing the infestation would in time die out. The worms come out of the bowel at night and lay their eggs outside the anus, i.e., the external opening of the bowels. The child scratches itself and the eggs adhere to the child's fingers and are later swallowed by the child and grow into more adult worms.

Treatment should be instituted as follows:—

1. The child should wear neck to ankle pyjamas, without any openings, so that the child does not infect its fingers with eggs. These pyjamas should be made of thick material, e.g., flannelette in winter; in summer some tightly woven material, as thick as is comfortable in the hot weather.
2. Attention should be given to fingernails and hands, i.e., to prevent swallowing of eggs. The nails should be cut short and well scrubbed with soap and nail brush night and morning. This needs the supervision of the parent. The hands should always be thoroughly washed after going to the toilet. Soap and towel should always be taken to school.

The above measures are more important than treatment with worm powder or bowel washouts.

3. Weak white precipitate ointment may be applied round the anus to relieve itching and to kill the worms coming out to lay their eggs.

Strong solutions of salt and water (from 6 to 10 oz.) may be injected into the bowel. These injections frequently bring away many worms. However, some will remain and the important thing is to prevent re-infection by the methods outlined above.

If the worms are numerous, medical treatment may be necessary. However, as strong medicines are used which may be dangerous they should be given only under medical direction, and if the above remedies are not successful medical advice should be obtained.



THEY DID NOT FORGET!

DAVE SANDS MONUMENT

Athletic champions come and go, and in due course most of them are forgotten, but the memory of a great Australian boxing champion, Dave Sands will live on for ever particularly in the hearts of the aboriginal people of this State.

Dave was their idol and his sudden accidental death in August 1952, shocked his thousand of admirers.

Dave's people have erected this beautiful memorial stone above his grave and keep it carefully tended. The rest of the Sands brothers, Alfie, George, Clem, and Ritchie are all well known in the fight world and will help to perpetuate that name, made so well known by Dave.



Barbara Simpson, of Coonamble.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WALLAGA LAKE

A Euchre Party and Dance was recently organized by the Wallaga Lake Recreation Club at the Central Tilba Hall, to raise funds for the Bega District Ambulance Service.

It was a great success, and a sum of £35 16s. 3d. was donated to the Ambulance.

The Wallaga Lake School Children recently participated in the Cobargo District School Sports.

Kathleen Stewart from Wallaga Lake won three prizes, and Heather Pickalla came second in the girls' race

The Wallaga Lake children were taken to the beach during the Easter Holidays. They were given a cut lunch and all had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sears, have recently been transferred to Wallaga Lake from Hilston. Mr. Sears has taken over from Mr. J. Mosher, as school teacher of Wallaga Lake Aboriginal School.

Mr. Mosher has been transferred to Niagara.

Rev. Father Blakeney who used to celebrate Holy Mass once a month at Wallaga Lake has been transferred to Tumut. He was very popular with the Aborigines and everybody was sorry to hear of his transfer. At a farewell function held for him at Cobargo, Mr. Norton, the manager of the Station, spoke on behalf of the people of Wallaga Lake, and made a presentation of a boomerang from the Catholics of the Station.

Rev. Father Barry has taken over from Father Blakeney, and has already paid several visits to the Station.

Wallaga Lake Station is to be reticulated from the Mt. Dromerday gravitation main very shortly.

The manager and handyman re laying the pipe line on the Station and very soon all the houses will be connected, and there will be plenty of water.

All the residents are anxiously waiting for the moment when they can turn the tap on, for it is hoped that all the cottages will have lovely flower gardens and that plenty of vegetables will be growing in the back yards.

Several of the lads from Wallaga Lake fought at the recent boxing tournament at Cobargo, and did exceptionally well.

The highlight of the evening was the moment when fly-weight Danny Adams knocked his opponent out in the first round with a terrific right swing!

STAFF CHANGES

The Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare, Mr. M. H. Saxby has approved the following staff changes:—

Relieving Manager/Matron—

Mr. and Mrs. Robert David Auld in place of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe who have retired.

Bellbrook—

Mr. J. Moroney appointed in place of Mr. L. Ellem.

Brewarrina—

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Ribbons from Murrin Bridge who have taken over from Mr. and Mrs. J. Spencer.

Murrin Bridge—

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas appointed Assistant Manager and Assistant Matron in place of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Ribbons.

Roseby Park—

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Lawson transferred from Jervis Bay to take over from Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Arnold.

Quirindi—

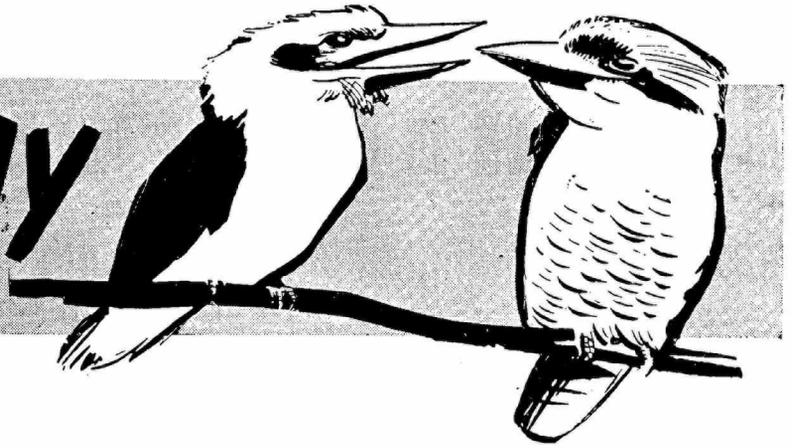
Mr. and Mrs. J. Spencer replacing Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Tower who have been transferred to another Department.

Mr. H. J. Green has been appointed as Welfare Officer and will have his Headquarters at Walgett.



Alfie Sands, well-known middleweight, and his son, Alfie Junior.

THEY SAY



The La Perouse "Criko" girls have won the Comp. for the second season.

The death occurred recently of two well-known La Perouse identities: Mrs. Ida Cunningham, age 80 years, and Mr. W. A. Shepherd, age 79 years. Mrs. Cunningham died in Prince Henry Hospital last month.

Ben Cruse, of La Perouse, recently broke his collarbone while playing football.

TAREE'S COMMENDABLE EFFORT FOR YOUTH

The paragraph which appeared in March *Dawn* of the activities of the Teen-Age Club at La Perouse, may have given the impression that this is the only one of such clubs. As we all know, this is not the case. For instance, at Taree Station the young people are not organised as a club, but nevertheless they have a weekly gathering and take full advantage of the facilities of the recreation hall. The "Club" has been in operation for the last two years.

The most important feature of the activities of the Taree young people is that they entertain guests from similar youth clubs in the township of Taree and other nearby centres and, in return, are invited to participate in similar functions at the home centres of these groups. This must certainly be a great boost for assimilation!

When financial aid is necessary, the Station Progress Association comes to the fore, and the whole organisation is under the eye of the never-tiring Manager, Mr. Briggs.

Congratulations to all the residents of Tabulam Station, for the wonderful way they have responded to the cleanliness and sanitation campaign which is now going on.

During the Matron's inspection last week she was most amazed with all the beds and chairs which have suddenly appeared in most of the houses. We believe this is due to the efforts of Bruce Breckenbridge who is quite an excellent carpenter. Bruce's next effort is to make forms, etc., for the Church where regular services are held each week.

Square dancing has really hit Tabulam, and each Friday evening square dances are held in the Station Hall, where the residents really let themselves go. In the near future a concert is to be held in the Tabulam Town Hall and the Matron is very busy making skirts and blouses for the children's square-dancing team. Congratulations to Mr. Sorley for his mighty effort in organizing these dances.

The Manager of Tabulam Station is grateful to those residents who have quickly fenced in the new farm paddock and also for the very good job they made of it. They were H. MacDougal, Eric Walker, Harry Daly, Jack Walker and many others. The Station now has 8 acres already ploughed up and it is hoped to start planting very shortly.

Congratulations to Janet Walker, of Tabulam, who is making a very good job of bringing up her premature baby. Although only $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb. at birth, the baby is gaining weight rapidly and will soon be a real heavyweight.

The recently formed Brownie Pack in Tabulam under the command of Brown Owl Matron Carlin, is very popular with the Station children. Seven of the girls on the Station attend and are made very welcome by all in the village of Tabulam. This is a great step towards assimilation.



Cecil Donovan, of Possum Ridge, has a great reputation as a motor bike rider.

HELP YOURSELF

Supply of Matches Doubled by Splitting Each One

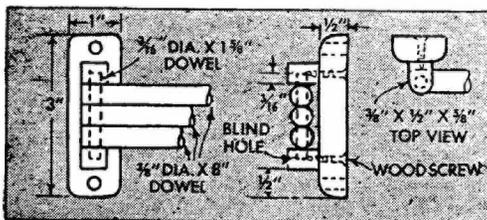


If you are on a camping or hunting trip and find your supply of matches running short, try splitting each one in half. You can do this with a safety-razor blade if one is at hand, or with a thin, sharp knife blade. The matches can be split quite accurately if you are careful in handling the blade. In most cases you will find

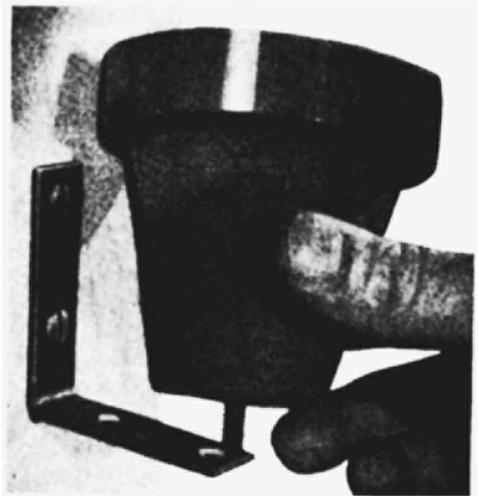
that half a match will serve just as well as a whole one.

Small Towel Rack Swings out of the Way

This small towel rack features arms which can be swung out of the way when not in use. It can be constructed from a few scraps of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch stock, three 8-inch lengths of $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch dowel, and a short length of



$\frac{3}{16}$ -inch dowel. The corners of the base pieces are rounded with sandpaper and $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch holes are drilled at the indicated positions. Blind holes in the hinge arms receive the ends of the $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch pivot pin. The holes in the $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch dowels are drilled $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the ends. All joints should be glued and the hinge arms fastened with flat-headed screws.



Simple wall bracket for flowerpot is made quickly from angle iron and bolt. Latter is inserted through hole in the bottom of the pot and the outer hole in bracket. Pot and bracket are painted the same colour.

Emergency Handle for Paint Can



It's an easy matter to provide a handle for a paint can so that it can be hung from a ladder or held in the hand easily. Just form a handle from a piece of stiff wire, such as coat-hanger wire, and bend the ends upward to fit under the edge of the opening in the top of the can. Be sure that the ends of the handle are bent so that they fit snugly under the depressed part of the can top. This will prevent the possibility of the handle slipping out.

Let Their Beliefs Remain

by

MICHAEL SAWTELL

Well-known author, and lecturer and Member of the Aborigines' Welfare Board



It was indeed a great privilege to hear those wonderful myths from the aborigines themselves, and not to read them second-hand from books.

All experienced bushmen will pay their tribute to the wonderful bushcraft of our tribal aborigines, for it would not have been possible to have settled our vast Inland without their aid.

We do not know what bushcraft and the ability to track really is, until we have seen an old tribal aboriginal woman at work.

These old women are perhaps the best trackers of all, for they are used to tracking and hunting the small game.

I also think they use a sixth or psychic sense, of which many white men are not yet conscious.

Tribal aborigines know everything about their own country . . . how to find food and water and even the mating cries of the animals.

To them the bush is alive and tribal aborigines would understand Shakespeare's Puck and Ariel better than many white people.

During the last twenty years or so, there has been almost a complete revolution in our knowledge and treatment of our aborigines.

I can well remember the time when our aborigines were treated with bitter contempt, but happily, that is not so now. The art of Albert Namatjira, the success of aborigines in sport and the presence of Mr. H. Grooves as the aborigines own self-elected representative of aboriginal people on the Aborigines Welfare Board. These things have all helped to raise the status and self respect of the aborigines, who are now our fellow citizens, and who now have their own paper *Dawn*.

This great little magazine has given the aborigines all over Australia a great uplift.

There is another matter, in which the white man can learn a great deal from the study of aborigines in their tribal state, although it is not so generally recognised, and that is in the study of esoteric interpretation of their ancient myths. During the last few years my anthropological friends have done an enormous amount of research upon this aspect of

primitive aborigine life. My esteemed colleague, Professor A. P. Elkin, on the Welfare Board, has, I believe, sixteen hours of recorded music, songs and myths of tribal aborigines.

My old bush friend Bill Harney has also collected a great number of wonderfully significant legends, so has Roland Robinson and other anthropological field workers. The real significance of all these legends is that they hand down from generation to generation the very ancient tribal traditions and laws, which all centre around the fact of reincarnation. It is utterly impossible to understand our aborigines or to gain their confidence unless we accept reincarnation, not as a curious aborigine superstition, but as a fact in nature.

I know that all this may seem very academic, but if we really want to help other races, we must understand their religion. This ancient belief in reincarnation is held by races all over the world . . . by the Hindus, the Red Indians and the Maoris. When we destroy the aborigines belief in reincarnation, you leave him without a guiding rule in life, and he is in a sense a lost soul. I discussed this matter with Albert Namatjira, who is sad because he knows that the "dream children" (that is, the souls of departed aborigines) now play and sing in vain around the sacred rock holes of Hermansburg, for the pregnant women of the Arunta tribe are now detribalised, and thus no longer give the "dream children" the opportunity to reincarnate.

I, personally, would suggest that all welfare workers among tribal aborigines should allow the aborigines to retain their ancient belief in reincarnation, but explain to the aborigines that they will reincarnate progressively until they become white people.

This Ariadne thread of truth runs through all religions and we may have to learn from the aborigines a truth that is already in our own Scriptures.

Now that assimilation is the official policy of Aborigine Welfare Departments all over the Commonwealth, it is necessary, I think, to stress the point that assimilation is definitely a two-way process. It does not mean that the white man knows everything, and that he has nothing to learn from the aborigines, on the contrary, the white man can, and is, learning a great deal from the study of our most interesting and ancient aborigine people.

I am an old and experienced bushman, and my knowledge of tribal aborigines goes back to 1900, when I was a horse boy for Kidman's drovers.

I used to muster cattle with aborigine boys, and at night whilst watching the sleeping cattle, those boys would tell me in tones of reverence and awe, many of their most significant legends and myths.

THEY MET THE QUEEN . . .

THE TIMBERY FAMILY

Probably the proudest aboriginal family in New South Wales, and quite rightly too, is the Timbery Family, of La Perouse.

When Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh were visiting Wagga on their country tour of New South Wales, Joe Timbery was invited to give an exhibition of boomerang throwing.

The whole family went along and not only gave their exhibition, but actually met Her Majesty and shook hands with her.

It is an experience they will never forget—the day they met their Queen.



Her Majesty meets the Timbery family.



Joe throws a boomerang, whilst his son and daughter stand by.



Young Joe with the boomerang they presented to the Queen.

BREWARRINA STATION

The residents of Brewarrina Station recently formed two clubs. The first is the Social and Amenities Club, which was formed at a meeting of 25 residents who elected officers, and proposed a plan of action to raise money to build a children's playground, and later a Recreation Hall, also as a means of providing entertainment on the Station. The first project was a concert held in the school, which raised £3. The President is Mr. Ray McHughes, and Secretary, Miss Rita Wright. The next entertainment will be a combined dance and concert, with supper provided.



Margaret Springheel, of Coffs Harbour.

The second club to be formed was the Waratah Sporting Club, which will cover cricket, football and athletics. The office bearers are: President, Mr. Jack Coffey, Secretary, Mr. Archie Boney, Selectors, Messrs. Ray McHughes, Jack Coombes and Jack Coffey.

The football team has been practising and played its first match on the 18th April at Brewarrina. The local football group has promised the revenue from two "gates" to help defray the cost of uniforms and equipment. The Club also entered a number of contestants at an athletic meeting in Brewarrina on 9th April. The Club won 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 100 yards footrace

(Bill Coffey, George Coffey, Ray West) in the time of 11 3-5 seconds; also the hop, step and jump with a distance of 39 ft. 5 in. (Bill Coffey) and the broad jump at 17 ft. 5 in. (Bill Coffey).

The Station now has a very fair 150 yard footrace track, and a jumping pit, both of which are used to the full extent by adults and children.



Amos Donovan, of Stuart Point.

NOTES FROM WOODENBONG

An imposing scene was witnessed at Woodenbong Aboriginal Station recently, when a baptismal service was conducted by Brother Dick Piety, visiting from Tuncester. Mrs. Olga Hickling, Mr. Bruce Breckenridge and Mr. Alex Vesper of Stoney Gully, were immersed in the waters of Tooloom Creek by Brother Dick, as a confession of their faith.

Three hillbilly singers (with their guitars) from Woodenbong Aboriginal Station took part in a session on Radio 2 LM, Lismore, a few weeks ago. Ken Mercy sang "My Kuri Rose," his own composition. The yodelling trio ended their session with a really first class turn, "Howling at the Moon". After the performance listeners wrote to Uncle "Zik" of Radio 2 LM and expressed their appreciation of the excellent performance given by the Woodenbong boys. They want to hear them on the air again soon!

Mr. Richard Donnelly, of Woodenbong Station, sustained an injury to his foot whilst working at Siy's mill. Dick has his foot in plaster but his friends wish him a speedy recovery and return to work again soon.

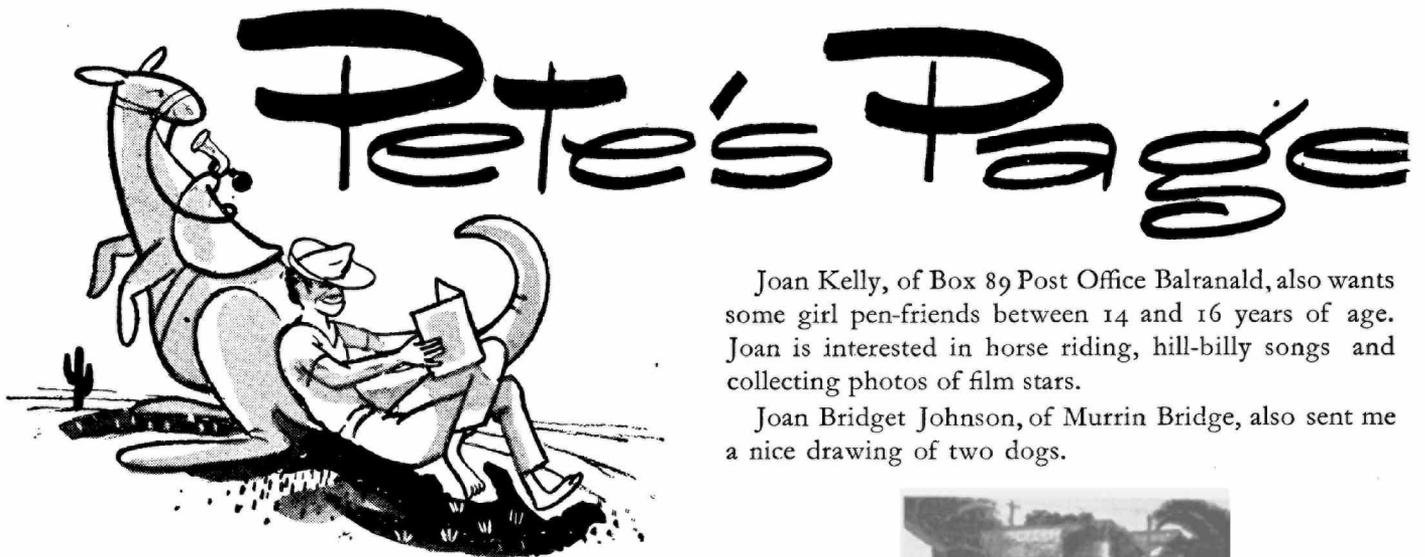
PASSING OF MR. RUPERT ROSCOE.

Dawn regrets to advise its readers of the sudden passing of Mr. Rupert Roscoe whose retirement from the service of the Board was announced only last month. Mrs. Roscoe was to have entered upon extended leave of absence on 2nd June, and it is with a deep feeling of regret that we realise now that he will not be able to enjoy that leave.

Mr. Roscoe died suddenly at his home at Vacluse on the afternoon of May 25, and was privately cremated at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium on the following day. Owing to his absence from Sydney, Mr. Saxby,

Superintendent, could not be in attendance, but the Board was represented by Mr. Mullins, Secretary, and Mrs. Inspector English, both of whom are very old friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe. The funeral was also attended by Mr. P. Duncan, Accountant of the Department, and Mr. A. C. Pettitt who is also a personal friend of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe and who was previously Secretary to the Board. Mr. Roscoe is survived by his widow, who is already well-known to *Dawn* readers, and two daughters.

On behalf of its readers, *Dawn* extends their sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Roscoe and family.



HELLO KIDS, . . .

Well, I have had a few more letters and drawings than usual, but still not nearly as many as I would like.

Once upon a time I used to get bundles of drawings from Boggabilla, but I haven't had any from there for ages now!

I did have a very nice drawing from Lily Taylor, of Murrin Bridge, and it wins her a prize. Congratulations to you, Lily, keep up the good work.

Priscilla Johnson, of Murrin Bridge, wrote me a long and interesting letter telling me how proud the children at Murrin Bridge were to win the Garden Competition.



These happy little lasses are, Beatrice Green, May Bundock, Joan Green and Ina Bundock, of Woodenbong.



A hard-working young man is Joe Donovan, of Possum Ridge.

Well, I think we will all agree they did have a splendid garden. (Speaking of gardens, I hope every Aboriginal school will enter the competition this year!).

Priscilla also sent me some very nice drawings, although unfortunately they did not win a prize this time. She is very anxious to get some pen friends from Boggabilla, Moree and Walgett, so how about it, Kids!

Joan Kelly, of Box 89 Post Office Balranald, also wants some girl pen-friends between 14 and 16 years of age. Joan is interested in horse riding, hill-billy songs and collecting photos of film stars.

Joan Bridget Johnson, of Murrin Bridge, also sent me a nice drawing of two dogs.



Mrs. Jeffrey, wife of the Supervisor at La Perouse, holding baby Loretta Black who was flown to Sydney to take the part of baby Jedda in the film "Jedda" now being made in Sydney.

Writing to me from Wreck Bay, Ambrose Brown said he would like to thank the Board for the wonderful summer camp. He thought the food was excellent and the trips grand. Ambrose was particularly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Burless for the care they took of the children and also to Mr. Jeffreys.

It was a very nice letter and I am sure everyone who went to the summer camp will heartily agree with Ambrose.

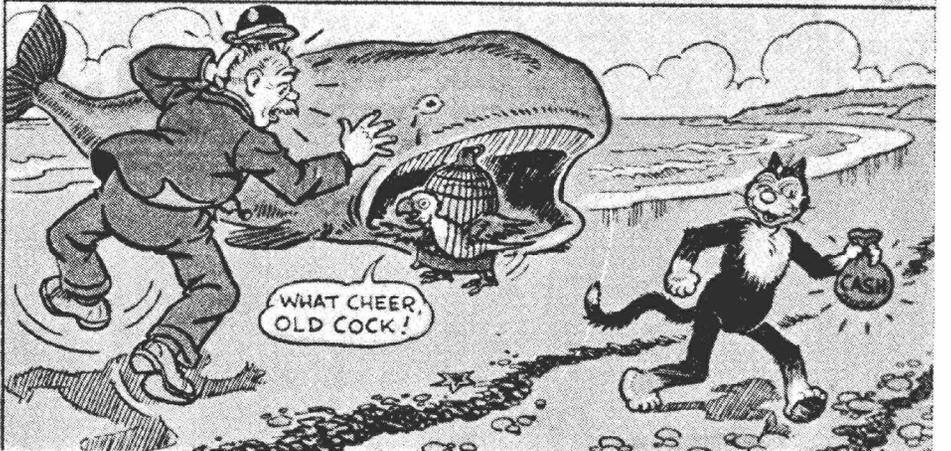
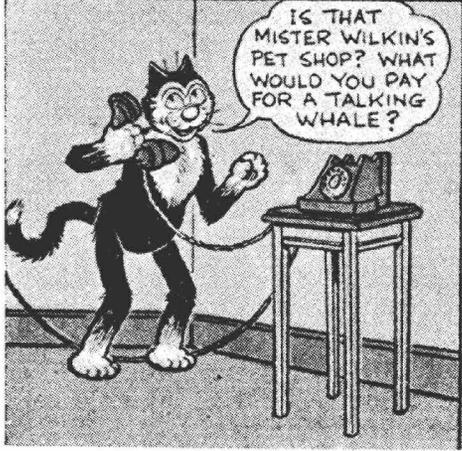
Well, Kids, get those pads out **now**,—yes, now, not tomorrow, and send along some more letters drawings and poems.

Your Sincere Pal,

Pete

KORKY THE CAT

A PARROT ROUSES KORKY'S WRATH WHEN IT GIVES HIM AN ICE-COLD BATH; BUT KORKY FINDS OUT IN THE END — A PARROT IS A CAT'S BEST FRIEND!





IN THE GARDEN

Favoured with a kindly climate or perhaps a sheltered garden quite a number of gardeners are able to continue sowings of both vegetable and flower seeds. All gardeners however will find plenty to do in cleaning up and preparing for the planting of shrubs, fruit trees, roses and numerous other permanent plants.

This Month's Sowings.—Are likely to be much more successful if a warm, sheltered position open to the morning sun is selected. Under these conditions try Tall Large Seeded Mixed Lupins. The tall, pink and blue spikes are excellent for cutting and these plants are wonderful soil improvers. Any good garden loam, not too rich, but well limed, will suit them.

A row or two of easily grown *Cynophila* will be very welcome later on, when dainty decorations are being sought for the vases. Just make a shallow furrow in some well-manured ground, distribute the seed thinly and cover with half an inch of soil. Apart from usual cultivation, leave the plants undisturbed until they flower.

Perennial Plants.—Trees and shrubs for planting this month, make quite a long list. Plan now for your Roses, Summer Fruits, Hedge Plants, Ornamental Shrubs, including Conifers, Carnations, Violets, Cannas and Strawberries.

Bulb Enthusiasts—will be planting Tuberoses, Tigridia, Montbretia, Lilliums, Paeonies and especially Gladioli.

The Vegetable Garden.—Where applicable the suggested programme for the flower garden should be adopted here. All soft green-stuff, will of course be stored for making a compost heap, but, where ground is not to be used for, say, three months, weeds can be dug in instead.

In many (temperate) areas Peas will be an important sowing for June. Greenfest is recommended as a "sure" variety to sow now. This strain is specially selected for heavy crops of long, tightly packed pods.

White Turnips sown now will mean an extra vegetable on the menu for September meals. Young Turnip tops can be used for "greens" when Spinach is not available.

Rhubarb roots are procurable this month and may be planted from now on. Sydney Crimson is a popular choice because it continues to grow most of the year and particularly in the early Winter.

June is the month to grow the following:—

Flowers.

Ageratum, Calendula, Calliopsis, Candytuft, Canterbury Bells, Carnations, Centaurea, Chrysanthemum, Clarkia, Cyclamen, Delphinium, Dianthus, Gaillardia, Geum, Gloxinia, Godetia, Larkspur, Snapdragons, Linaria, Lobelia, Lupin, Nemesis, Poppy, Scabiosa, Sweet Pea, Verbena, Wallflowers.

In cold climates these flowers should be sown under shelter. In very cold climates the sowing should be deferred until the spring.

Vegetables.

Broad Beans, Early Cabbage, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Lettuce, Brown Spanish Onions, Peas (mild districts), Radish, Artichoke, Asparagus, Garlic.

When a young tree is planted, its roots can be assured of a plentiful supply of water if a length of 6-inch pipe is placed in the hole near the roots. The pipe is filled with water, which will be fed directly to the roots instead of seeping through the ground to be absorbed by the soil.