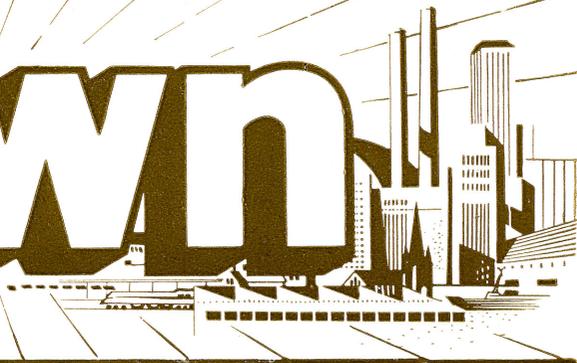


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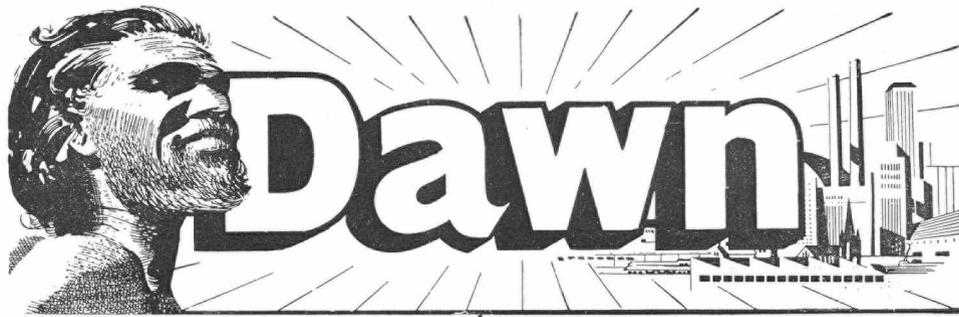


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Our Cover . . .

For our Cover this month we chose this happy little lass with the beautiful flowers.

Just look at that big—and we mean BIG—smile, will you!



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WE ARE A PROUD PEOPLE!

A STIRRING ADDRESS

Addressing a large gathering of people in Martin Place, Sydney, on the occasion of National Aborigines Day observance, Mrs. Margaret Morris of Kempsey said:—

To-day I feel very honoured that I have been chosen to bring a message on behalf of the aboriginal women of New South Wales.

I would first like to say thank you to those members of the white community who are opening up their hearts and see fit to assist us wherever possible so that we aboriginal people can live as human beings should.

We are of different coloured skin, but deep down we are all of God's children. He made some white and others dark, because, I think, just as He liked variety in the colours of flowers and many other things, He also liked it in the colours of the people He has made. I am certain He did not want a colour bar, so why should there be?

We want to work with you, not against you. We want to serve this country as you do and we believe that given the proper opportunity, you will be proud of our contribution to the well being of Australia.

We are a proud people. We have a culture and tradition which though different, is not inferior to that of other races. We believe we should be entitled to "a place in the sun"; a position of equality—no more. However, we do resent being a depressed or discarded group.

I know many of the white community are concerned about assimilation, but I feel it must come. There are, however, difficulties. I know also that many of our people have no desire to be assimilated and are content to live their lives as they do at present.

I had the opportunity of bringing my family into the white community and accepted it, because, I knew I must do everything possible to give my children much more than my husband and I had been used to.

I knew we had to have great courage and be prepared to meet difficult situations, and we knew particularly that what we did could assist or hinder others of our people in the being given the opportunity to also live a normal life.

Three years ago this complete change in our family life took place, and, I am proud to say we do not regret it in any way the decision we have made. My great conviction is that irrespective of what happens so far as the adults are concerned, our future will lie with our children.

These children must have the homes, the conditions and above all, the educational facilities of the rest of the community to give them the chance of becoming first class Australian citizens in the full meaning of that term.

We need assured employment. We need proper homes where families can live under good conditions.



This husky young fellow, David Patrick Ward, is only 2½ years of age

St. Paul's Church, Cobbitty



The above sketch of the old Cobbitty Church was drawn by Rita Wenberg of "Yarraman", Cobbitty, N.S.W.

Rita says:—

"In April, 1827, Rev. Thomas Hassall was appointed to take charge of the district about Cobbitty, and used to describe his parish as 'Australia beyond Liverpool'.

His duty involved visiting places from St. Mary's to Goulburn and Wollongong.

Material had been collected to build a parsonage, but Mr. Hassall bought a property called Denbigh on which stood a partially completed house which he finished and occupied. He then decided to erect a chapel, which was dedicated on 30th November, 1828, by Rev. S. Marsden, and named Heber Chapel after Bishop Heber, of Calcutta, in whose diocese New South Wales lay.

This chapel is still standing to the rear of St. Paul's Church, the foundation stone of which was laid on 25th April, 1840, and the new building was consecrated by Bishop Broughton on 5th April, 1842.

Soon after the consecration Charles Cowper, late Premier of New South Wales, made a present to the Church of a set of vessels for the Communion Service.

The Rev. Thomas Hassall had a long association with the parish, having been Rector from 1827 until his death on 29th March, 1868."

This sketch and article wins Rita a special award.

We believe in this atmosphere we can live good and useful lives and hold up our heads in pride and satisfaction.

There are many of my people still living on the outskirts of towns under all sorts of conditions, and unless they are lifted out of that environment the younger generation cannot be improved in health or in mind.

I say quite definitely that white people living under similar conditions to those of many of my people, would experience the same difficulty and I am also certain that the question of equal status and equal conditions is not one of colour, but of environment and economic conditions.

To-day our theme is assimilation, but assimilation is useless, in my opinion, unless the white community is prepared to accept us.

You people here in the city may think that this should be a normal procedure, but in the country towns which have a large aboriginal population, the problem is a very real one.

I have gained a lot of confidence from certain people in the white community who want to help me and therefore I want to prove myself to them and not let them down.

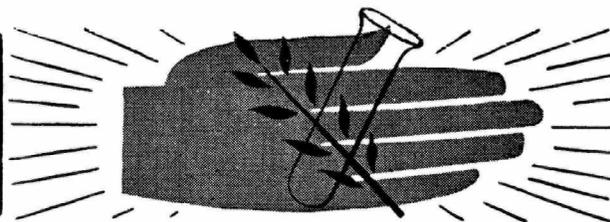
I would like to say to my people: "Don't be ashamed of your colour . . . be proud of it; wear it like a badge. It is the symbol of your heritage to show that you, the Australian aborigines, are the only true Australians".

I thank the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee for the kind work it is doing to have this problem recognised and I hope that in the very near future their sincere desires will be realised.

(Mrs. Margaret Morris who lives in Kempsey has often made it very clear that she feels indebted to Mr. Alec Norton who was an Aborigines' Welfare Board Welfare Officer in the Kempsey district, for the encouragement he gave her, enabling her to take her rightful place in the community.)



John Smith, of Green Hills



The Care of Children's Hair

The hair of children is liable to get in an unclean condition owing to infection by small insects known as head lice. These insects live on the head, and their eggs commonly called "Nits", will be found as whitish specks firmly glued to the hair, especially about the nape of the neck.

The condition is likely to spread wherever children play together, so that even clean children of the most careful parents may become infected, but with proper treatment and a little trouble it can be got rid of readily. It should never be neglected, as it may lead to the formation of scabs and sores on the head and enlarged glands in the neck.

DIRECTIONS FOR CLEANSING THE HAIR AND KEEPING IT CLEAN

It is not sufficient to get rid of all living parasites from the head, the eggs or nits also must be completely removed from the hairs, as any live nits will hatch out in about eight days and so keep the trouble going.

To cleanse the hair the following directions should be carefully carried out.

(1) Take equal parts of eucalyptus oil and olive oil. Mix well and thoroughly saturate the hair and scalp. Wrap the head in a towel and leave for eight hours or overnight. Next morning wash the head well with hot water and soap and after drying, thoroughly comb with a fine toothed metal comb to remove the dead lice. The removal of nits may be facilitated by dripping the comb in vinegar before each re-comb.

OR

Take an equal part of olive oil and kerosene. Apply as above but remember kerosene is highly inflammable and must not be used near fires or naked lights.

OR

Ten per cent. DDT powder may be dusted through the hair. Two or three applications are needed in seven days and hair should not be washed for at least ten days. At the end of ten days the hair should be shampooed and lice and nits should be removed by a fine toothed comb. Ten days after the first treatment is completed a further application of DDT powder should be applied to the hair. This will destroy any lice missed in the first treatment.

DDT and oil must never be used together.

All children in the same household should receive treatment at the same time. This will prevent the infection spreading to "clean" children in the household.

(2) Hats and caps must be treated at the same time as the child, otherwise re-infection will occur.

Method

Ten per cent. DDT powder may be dusted into hats or caps;

OR

Hats may be well wrapped in newspaper (to prevent scorching) and baked in the oven for one or two hours.

After doing this, hats and caps should be lined with some washable material such as calico or linen, during the treatment of the head.

(3) Combs or brushes may also transmit infection. These may be cleaned by soaking in a hot phenyl solution (one tablespoonful to one cup of water) or a solution of Cyllin (one teaspoonful to the pint).

(4) Hair should be kept short or plaited to prevent infection.

(5) Children should be cautioned against exchanging hats or caps, or brushes or combs as this helps to spread the infection.

EXCLUSION

Children are excluded from school until the hair is completely cleaned and neither lice nor nits are present.



Pretty little Sheila Drew, of Condobolin, with her favourite pet, Jerry the cat



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.



Elaine Randell, of Cootamundra Girls' Home



Edith and Veronica Blair, of Ben Lomond



Laurel and Gwen Munro, of Tamworth



Isabel Kirby, of Murrin Bridge



Mrs. B. Oloy, of Armidale



Max Munro, of Tamworth



Barbara Flick, of Collarenebri



Jimmy Little with his fans at Burnt Bridge



The Livermore family, of Ben Lomond



Grace and Jack Munro, of Tamworth



Robert Blair, of Tamworth



Naomi Perry, of "Amesbury", Leeton

First Baby Show at Purfleet

Purfleet's first baby show one Saturday recently was an outstanding success. About 40 of the "younger" set competed, and Taree business people and others contributed handsomely to the prize list.

The function was arranged by Purfleet C.W.A. and proceeds will go to help in establishing a baby health clinic at Purfleet.

Dr. Joan Redshaw, of Nabiac, officially opened the show, and judges were Mrs. B. Langley and Mrs. C. Jurd, both of Taree.

The judges task was not an easy one, as they had to judge 80 entries—which included some babies from Kempsey and Forster.

During the afternoon the official guests, and members of Taree C.W.A. and Purfleet C.W.A. were entertained by Mrs. A. L. Thomas at her residence.

Champion baby of the Show was Jan Mitchell, of Purfleet, who was entered in the 1 to 2 years section.

Section prize winners were:—

Curliest hair: Lionel Long (Kempsey) 1, Vilma Simon 2, Lisa Tighe 3; *loveliest brown eyes*, Gina Maher 1, Floyd Simon 2, Donna Ratcliffe 3; *best dressed girl*, Gina Maher 1, and Carmel Moylan, Veronica Saunders, Lisa Tighe and Jan Mitchell all tied for second place.

Best dressed boy: Stephen Russell 1, Robert Maher 2 and Warner Saunders 3; *fair babies, girl*, Kim Gillis; *boy*, Mark Sellers. One month to a year, Gina Maher 1, Floyd Simon 2; 1-2 years, Jan Mitchell 1, Veronica Saunders 2; 2-3 years, Donna Dotti (Kempsey) 1, Vilma Simon 2; 3-4 years, *girls*, Madeline Moylan (Kempsey) 1, Vicky Cunningham 2; *boys*, Trevor Maher 1, Thomas Tighe 2.

Prizes were donated by—Taree Quota Club; Dr. Joan Redshaw; Peels; Johnson & Johnson; Connells; Taree C.W.A.; Mrs. J. McKeown; Mrs. Baker; Mrs. U. Hickson; Mrs. Maisey, of Laurieton C.W.A.; Manning Studios; Harry Bennett Studios; Dahdah's; Bailey's Pharmacy; Mrs. W. Griffiths; Laurieton C.W.A.; Nelsons; Moore's Pharmacy; Ivy Leaf; Mrs. Ella Simon; Nurseryland; Mr. J. Folkard; Mrs. Greentree and an anonymous donation.

Taree Lions Club provided 30 tins of baby food which were used as consolation awards to children who did not win a prize.

MARY RIDGEWAY

Where is She?

Mary Ridgeway, a former ward of the Board, was born in Karuah in 1928 and on becoming a ward was in the Cootamundra Girls' Home from 1937-43. Later Mary was employed in Sydney.

A relative recently asked the Board to find out Mary Ridgeway's address. If any person knows where Mary Ridgeway can be contacted will they please write to:—

The Secretary,
Aborigines Welfare Board,
Box 30, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.



This beautiful lass is Rita Wenberg of Cobbity, a talented artist



BURRA BEE DEE NEWS

Congratulations are being extended to Elizabeth Ashby and William Peach on their marriage at Coonabarabran on the 17th September. An account of the wedding, with photographs, will be published in *Dawn* at a later date.

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Several children from the Reserve at Gulargambone had appointments for X-rays at the Gilgandra District Hospital recently, when there they were able to look around the hospital.

And what a clean, shining place it was! After talking with two of the men employed there, the station visitors were able to state that the whole of the hospital power was run solely by steam. Everything was steam-cleaned. Nearby, some of the nurses were taking advantage of the sunshine and indulging in a game of tennis. "The pleasure was all ours for this short visit," said the visitors.

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Mrs. Fred Griffiths, Senior, is on a short visit to Quirindi. She is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Sorby.

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In a letter from Julie Robinson of the New Reserve, Coonabarabran, at present a patient in the Tamworth Hospital, she informs us that she is expecting to return to Coonabarabran this month.

Julie has been away for six months, and daughter Janet is eagerly awaiting her return.

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Burra Bee Dee's small baby, Donna Green, who weighed so little at birth that she was placed in a humicrib, has now reached a very satisfactory weight of 8 lb. 9 ozs.

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Mrs. Phillips, of Sydney, has been spending a holiday with Mrs. Rose Griffiths. Mrs. Phillips (nee Miss Wilga Goulding) was a resident at Burra Bee Dee a few years ago. She was accompanied by her brother, Robert Goulding.

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On the occasion of her coming of age Miss Maureen Cain was given a party by her parents at their home in White Street, Coonabarabran. Maureen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herrick Cain.

The guests participated in dancing and afterwards partook of a very nice supper. Maureen was the recipient of many nice presents. The present Maureen received from her parents was a lovely marcasite watch.

PAST AND PRESENT

Burra Bee Dee is a small station so far as population is concerned, compared with other stations. It comprises some 623 acres and at the present time, the largest portion of this acreage is let out on agistment. The station itself is situated some six miles north of the town of Coonabarabran.

Informative sources say the station was named "Burra Bee Dee" because of the "flying mice" that used to fly over the forked mountain, . . . "flying mice" in reality being flying foxes.

The town of Coonabarabran lies at the foot of the Warrambungle Ranges, noted for their majesty and beauty. The colourings of the sunsets on these ranges would be unsurpassed anywhere in the world. Occasionally in the colder months, a mantle of snow encompasses them.

The majority of travellers and tourists passing by the busy Oxley Highway, are unaware that the seven houses they can see belong to an aboriginal station. These residents are justly proud of this small station with its clean, tidy and neat homes. And well they might be! The history of Burra Bee Dee goes back two generations. Most of the former early residents have been assimilated into the township of Coonabarabran.

Some 70 years ago, Mrs. Robinson (known to one and all as "Queenie") now living on the new reserve, Coonabarabran, "carried her swag" there and claims to be one of the first residents. Her husband was the first handyman, receiving a remuneration of just one pound per week!! Her cottage and many others from these early years have since been demolished. These first cottages nestled at the foot of the Forked Mountain that still proudly rises up into the blue sky.

Back in these pioneer days, water was carted by a young woman who used a tank loaded on a dray. She delivered water then as a milkman delivers milk to-day.

A Birthday Party . . .

Purfleet C.W.A.

Nearly 100 representatives of C.W.A. branches from Port Macquarie, Forster, Wingham, Kendall, Laurieton, John's River and Taree attended the first birthday party of the Purfleet branch which was celebrated recently.

Representatives brought messages of congratulations and gifts to Purfleet to mark the branch's first anniversary, and best wishes were also received from Red Cross, the Road Safety Council, and the Riverside C.W.A. branch in Tasmania.

The stage of the hall was artistically decorated with branches of flowering peach (which proved to be a combination of nature and art), and the long table down the centre of the hall with its white linen covering was prettily decorated with bowls of flowers.

President of Purfleet branch, Mrs. E. Simon, welcomed visitors and presented pretty floral sprays to the Mid North Coast C.W.A. Group President, Mrs. E. Evans, of Port Macquarie, Group Secretary, Mrs. McLennan, of Laurieton, and Group Representative, Mrs. U. Hickson, of Taree.



In this picture we have Mrs. P. E. Lucock of Wingham, wife of the Federal Member for Lyne, Mrs. J. McKeon, President of Taree Country Women's Association, Mrs. E. Evans, M.N.C. C.W.A. Group President, Mrs. E. Simon, President of Purfleet branch, and Mrs. V. Hickson, M.N.C. Group representative



Mrs. V. Hickson, Mrs. E. Simon, Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. McLennan

Sprays were also presented to visiting presidents, including Mrs. J. McKeon, of Taree, President of Taree branch, which originally sponsored the formation of the Purfleet branch.

Other visitors included Mrs. P. E. Lucock, of Wingham, wife of the Federal Member for Lyne, and Sister O'Brien of the Welfare Board.

Apologies were received from Dr. J. Redshaw, of Nahiack, and Mesdames E. M. Whitelaw, Senr., and G. Billingham, of Taree.

Mrs. Evans presented Mrs. Simon with an artistic arrangement of flowers, made in the form of a basket.

Group President Mrs. Evans congratulated Mrs. Simon and Purfleet members on their first year in the C.W.A. and said that not only the sponsoring branch, Taree, but also the Association, was happy and proud at the progress the branch had made during the year.

"Not only have your members brought honour to the M.N.C. Group and the Association, but you have brought honour to Australia, the land of your birth."

Mrs. Evans congratulated Purfleet members who attended conference in Sydney this year, and particularly Mrs. Simon, who had taken part in discussions.

Group representative, Mrs. Hickson, said that Purfleet branch was the only one "completely on its own with aborigine office-bearers," and they had done a wonderful job.

"This baby Taree branch launched 12 months ago is well and truly on its feet now and we are proud of it. Our members, Mrs. Whitelaw, Mrs. Richards (of Port

Macquarie) and Mrs. Wooding, have come here and given instruction in dress-making, millinery and cookery, respectively, and the Sister from the Baby Health Centre has lectured on child welfare.

“Purfleet branch has made the most of these opportunities and has used its own initiative.

“Mainly through its efforts footpaths have been made through Purfleet; a safer bus stop has been made to pick up the school children; they have books to establish a library, and plans for a Baby Health Centre are well on the way.”

Group Secretary, Mrs. McLennan, said Purfleet had been 100 per cent. successful during the year, and deserved the congratulations which had come to it on its first anniversary.

She presented a gift from Mrs. Maisey, a member of the Laurieton branch, who has always been particularly interested in Purfleet’s progress.

Taree President, Mrs. J. McKeon, said Taree was particularly proud of the achievements of the Purfleet branch, which as well as the other achievements referred to had conducted a most successful baby show during the year.

She wished the branch continued success in the future, together with the continued co-operation of Taree members.

Mrs. McKeon said the branch was not only known Australia-wide, but was also known in Jamaica, as she had received a letter from a Mrs. Caroline Mary Richards, who was anxious to hear from Purfleet members as her mother (now dead) was an Australian aboriginal and a “very wonderful woman”.

Other presidents also offered their congratulations and speakers included Mrs. E. Wedmore (Wingham), Mrs. Sheriff (John’s River), Mrs. Sneddon (Laurieton), and, deputising for absent presidents, Mrs. McCarthy (Kendall), Mrs. James (Forster), and Mrs. Richards (Port Macquarie).

As well, best wishes were offered by Group International Officer, Mrs. L. Gibson (Wingham), Mrs. E. Beal (Wingham) and Sister O’Brien, of the Welfare Board.

Group representative, Mrs. U. Hickson, cut the birthday cake which had been made and donated by Mrs. Norma Gollan, of Tinonee, and decorated by Mrs. J. McKeon, of Taree.

Musical items were given by vocalists Mrs. Stan Simon and Mrs. Slater, accompanied by guitarist Mr. Lloyd Williams; Messrs. C. Edwards and F. Bugg presented gumleaf music, accompanied by pianist Mrs. Davis, and the choir sang, accompanied by pianist Mrs. Bert Maher.

—Acknowledgements to *Manning River Times*.

MY SON ON A FARM

by L. B. COWLEY

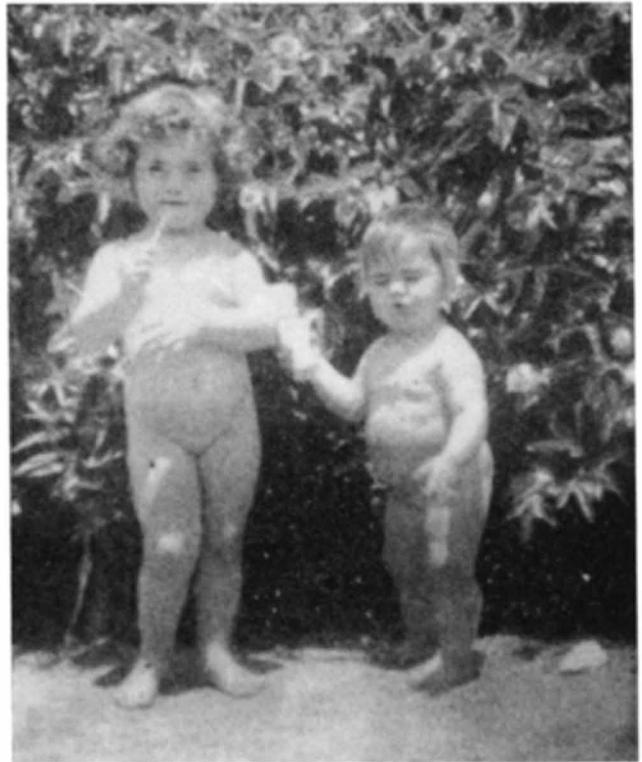
I want my son to grow up on a farm. Some will say that it will limit his opportunities. They may even feel sorry for him. But how can they know what his life and pleasures will be.

They do not realise that my boy will never be lonely, that nature will be his companion for life.

Through nature he will know that there is a God; that science does not control everything. He will learn to work hard and be ambitious; but he will also learn to accept things as they come—the hail and drought and the unforeseen.

As a farm boy he will know animals as good friends. By feeding and caring for those friends, my boy will learn the joy of doing things for others. Early in life he will know a father’s feelings towards those who depend upon him.

To him all living things will be sacred. He will watch life appear and reproduce itself. He will learn the certainty of death. Its quiet presence in the plants and animals about him, will assure him that life’s end need not be feared.



No, not Adam and Eve, but Kathy and Cindy Smith, of Cootamundra

Meet

SOME OF OUR LADIES



Jane Mumbler and Mrs. Robson, of Bowraville, prepare for a sunbake



Mrs. Harrington, photographed on her wedding day



Meet Elaine Randell, of Cootamundra



Margaret Johnson, of Condobolin



High School girls, D. Ballangarry and M. Buchanan, of Bowraville



Pretty Nancy Bolt, of Cabbage Tree Island

and

SOME OF OUR MEN



Billy Bates and Teddy Brody, of far out Wilcannia



This is Harold Roberts, of Green Hills



John Ballangarry, of Bowraville



This fellow with the big smile is Gordon Brown, of Port Macquarie

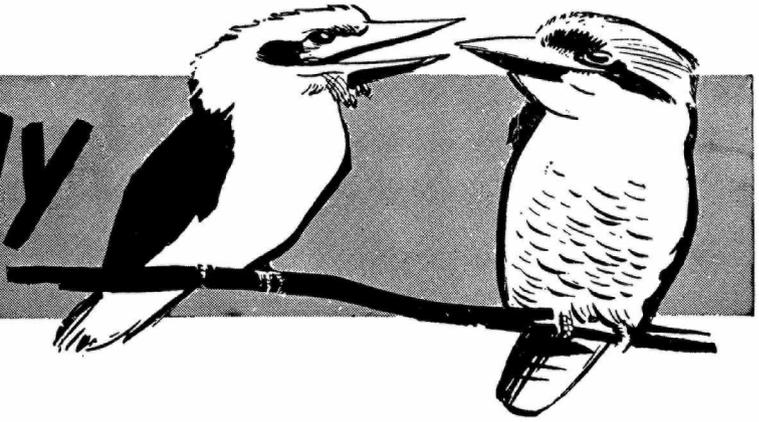


We don't know the name of this young fellow from Gunnedah



Who's leaning on who? Here we have Selwyn Holton and Kevin Dixon, of Green Hills

THEY SAY



Water at Goodooga A Welcome Project

by K. A. JORGENSEN

The water laid onto the Goodooga Reserve comes from an artesian bore located on the edge of the township of Goodooga. The bore was sunk during the early days of the Goodooga township, and the water supplied is very suitable for drinking and domestic purposes. The bore water is laid on to the township, and has proved a valuable asset in so far as a permanent water supply is concerned. The township of Goodooga and the Reserve are on the banks of the Bokhara River, which is mostly dry. The installation of a new weir on the Bokhara River will improve the supply of water to the township, and also to the Reserve, in the near future.

During the hot summer months of 1960-1961, difficulty was experienced by the inhabitants of the Reserve in obtaining a sufficient supply of water to meet the demands of all persons, and much hardship was experienced. The old piping to the Reserve was very old, and unserviceable.

The condition of the water supply to the Reserve was duly brought under the notice of the Department, which promptly supplied approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of piping, with all the appropriate fittings, for the laying of the new water system to the Reserve. Water piping in this district has to be laid on top of the ground, to avoid corrosion.

With the assistance of my colleague Constable Roy Clarke, we were able to organise a supply of labour from the residents of the Reserve. We were able to obtain a lorry for the carting and laying of the pipes and a tractor and ripper for their laying underground, where the pipes had to cross a roadway.

The laying of the pipes was carried out in a workman-like and very satisfactory manner.

The flow of water is now very good, and all the residents of the Reserve are now very happy with the water supply.

Miss Muriel Briggs, is a young girl now in Sydney working in an office in the N.S.W. State Public Service. She is going to evening classes at the Metropolitan Business College and hopes soon to be a typist in the department. She lives at the Methodist Girls Hostel at Waverley and is looking forward to her holidays when she will visit her family in Armidale. Muriel was busy on National Aborigines Day and helped to entertain special guests brought down to Sydney for the day. She is a credit to her family and a great encouragement to the Association in Armidale which feels sure that her example will urge others to continue on at high school to at least Intermediate Standard. There are good jobs available in the Public Service.



Mary Brown, of Port Macquarie, is one of the many people looking forward to the nice summer days again

First Anniversary Function

Burra Bee Dee

U.A.M. Church

To mark the first anniversary of the church, special services were conducted at Burra Bee Dee and in the church itself situated on the new reserve, Coonabarabran.

After being disappointed some weeks previously, it was a real singing treat to have Mr. Wakerley convey his choir and two instrumental artists with him to Burra Bee Dee. The choir consisted of ten young lasses from the reserve, Gulargambone, their ages ranging from about 9 years to 13 years. The two guitars made a suitable background for the girls' voices. The instrumental artists were William Ward and Victor D'Arcy also from Gulargambone. Mr. Wakerley assisted also with the accordion.

The service was presided over by Mr. Jim Grey opening with the chorus "The Wise Man Built His House on the Rock".

A prayer followed and then the sweet voices of the girls were heard in "The Pathway is Narrow", "In Jesus I'm Safe Evermore" and "I Come to the Garden Alone".

Further choruses followed and after these the exhortation was delivered by Mr. Wakerley, and he took that portion from the Bible that reads:—

"Greater love hath no man that he lay down his life for his friends." He depicted the story of the young girl that was willing some years ago to lay down her life for her father in the town of Nancy in France.

The service concluded with prayer and the singing of "Why do you wait, dear brother?"

The station manager has asked *Dawn* to pass on the residents thanks to Mr. Wakerley and his band of willing helpers for their visit to the station with the sincere hope that God may richly reward his untiring efforts in future days.

They, too, were the days when the acreage abounded in "milk and honey", luscious pastures, and many and varied were the fruit trees that yielded delicious sweet fruits. These were also the days of the dairy herds and stock. At one time, the records show that there were twenty-two head of cattle (some very well bred too!), one Ayrshire bull, and four horses, the only horse remaining being "Tess" nearly eighteen years "young". "Tess" was born and bred on the station and is a much loved horse and very spoilt by the children. She is practically retired now, but occasionally she can be seen harnessed to a dray bringing in wood for the residents.

In a secluded portion is a well-kept native cemetery. As can be read on some of the headstones, the graves are very old. The War Graves Commission look after the graves of returned men, erecting headstones, etc., and effecting "annual care".

The children of school age attend the Coonabarabran Public and High School, and travel the six miles into the township by bus.

The small old station school that once echoed to the sounds of happy feet is now used as a hall, and also as Sunday School, conducted by the United Aborigines Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Wakerley. The U.A.M. Church is on the new reserve, Coonabarabran, and celebrated its first anniversary on the 13th August. The only remaining portion of a very old bush church on the station is an old bell tower, just a reminder of what used to be, and a link with the past history of Burra Bee Dee.



The baby minder is George Grey, of Condobolin, and the baby Craig Johnson

HELP YOURSELF

Here's an old gardener's tip to blanch cauliflower heads so they will be tender and evenly coloured. To do this, run a length of twine between two stakes so that it may be looped once around the gathered outer leaves of each plant, thus enclosing the heads and sheltering them from the rays of the sun. This should be done when the heads are about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches in diameter.

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When waxed paper is used to wrap sandwiches, cake, etc., for lunch boxes, or for other purposes where it is desirable to exclude as much air as possible, you can seal the package with a hot knife. Merely heat an old knife or other piece of flat metal and run it over the seams of the paper.

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A half teaspoon of borax dissolved in very hot water and added to the water in which glasses and silver are washed will make them sparkle.

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To remove oil and water from the bottom of a motor-boat, toss in a liberal amount of sawdust to soak up the oil and water, after which the sawdust can be scooped out with a trowel or other suitable tool.

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You can reduce the shine on clothing by rubbing the surface with a pressing cloth moistened in a mild vinegar solution, to raise the nap, after which the cloth is again moistened in the solution and used in the regular manner for pressing.

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Baby can use his crib for sleeping at night and for a play-pen in the daytime if a piece of hard-pressed board or plywood is cut to the size of the crib, and fitted into place on top of the slats. With the mattress removed during the day, the board makes a substantial floor for baby to play on, and the crib railing keeps him from falling out. He is also protected from the cold and drafts of the floor. When baby is sleepy, merely replace the mattress, and he can be put to bed.

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If you add a teaspoon of vinegar while cooking black-berry or fig jam the seeds will come to the top and can be skimmed off.

Stop scrambled eggs from becoming watery after cooking by adding a little corn-flour to the milk before cooking ($\frac{1}{2}$ level teaspoon), to 3 eggs, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk is sufficient.

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When making sandwiches of meat, meat paste, cheese, etc., include a sprinkle of crushed potato crisps with the fillings. This makes the sandwiches much more interesting and crisper to bite.

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If you have a bird, cut seven pieces of white paper to fit into the cage, once a week. Each day lift out the top one, and at the end of the week give the cage a thorough clean. It is surprising what a time saver this is, and also how clean the cage will be.

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Light-coloured outer garments don't require dry cleaning too often if you rub them frequently with cotton wool, at the collar, down the front and at the cuffs. You will see on the cotton wool how effective this treatment is.

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To clean artificial flowers, place them in a cotton bag; pour in about a cupful of salt and shake for a few minutes.

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Little Debbie Ballangarry

## MURRIN BRIDGE NEWS

Recently a concert was held at Lake Cargelligo, in aid of the Lake Cargelligo Ambulance, presented by the residents of Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Station. Needless to say it was an overwhelming success and all credit goes to Willy Riley and Vincent Quayle. These two lads are extremely talented; Willy Riley particularly can be congratulated for not only his instrumental ability, but also for some of the songs composed and sung by him. (Talent scouts please note!)

A sum of Fifty pounds was collected and this amount was handed to the President of the Lake Cargelligo Ambulance.

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Mr. Clarke of the Aborigines Inland Mission is to be congratulated for his good work amongst the residents of Murrin Bridge. Lately he started the teenage club and this has proved such a success, that he has had to request the aid of two schoolteachers to handle the boisterous and happy teenagers. The sub teens, not to be left out of things, gate crashed the other day and were permitted to stay. A good time was had by all. Are there any more sausage sizzles coming up Mr. Clarke? The kids are anxious to know.

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By far one of the most interesting subjects at the Murrin Bridge school would be Social Studies.

Schoolchildren are taken in the station truck on excursions to various places to assist them in social studies. So far they have visited the water tower, the bakery, the slaughter yards, and a dairy where they saw milking machines in action for the first time.

Their last visit was an inspection of a DC3 passenger aircraft of the East West Airlines.

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A dance was held in the Murrin Bridge hall recently and the proceeds were given to the Social Club. Everyone who attended had a good time.

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It appears that some teenagers like causing a disturbance while church service is held in the hall. Besides being disrespectful, it is a poor sign of family discipline. So teenagers do show some respect.

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The manager's A model Ford "Shooting bus" is in great demand by some residents for shooting parties. One resident reckons that the bus has the uncanny knack of smelling out and chasing kangaroos and rabbits. One thing for certain—it jumps over logs. However, by the number of kangaroos brought home, weekend shooting parties have quite a bit of success.

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The death of "Nugget" Johnson has been a great loss to his relatives and friends. He was buried at the Murrin Bridge cemetery.

## CONFERENCE ON ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Teachers, social scientists, ministers and experts on co-operatives were among the lecturers at an Armidale University Conference on "The Future of Aboriginal Groups".

The Conference was held at the Diocesan Centre, Grafton, over the week-end, 22nd-24th September.

The organiser of the Conference, was Mr. J. W. Warburton, Senior Lecturer, Adult Education Department of the University of New England, and the lecturing team were:—

Rev. A. W. Clint, Director of Co-operatives, Australian Board of Missions, widely known in Australia and overseas for his work with Lockhart River communities.

Mr. R. A. McCrohan, a school teacher at Cabbage Tree Island Aboriginal Station in the Richmond River, who is conducting an experiment in community development.

Mr. A. J. Mockler, Publicity Officer in the Registry of Co-operative and Friendly Societies, Sydney.

Mr. J. M. Praed, Richmond-Tweed Regional Director for the Department of Adult Education, University of New England.

Mr. C. D. Rowley, Principal of the Australian School of Pacific Administration and author of "The Lotus and the Dynamo". Mr. Rowley has made a detailed study of United States Indian policies.

Mr. R. Hausfeld, Anthropologist, formerly Manager of Woodenbong Aboriginal Station, who has studied many aboriginal communities in New South Wales and written a thesis on his Woodenbong observations.

Mr. Warburton himself spoke on "Maori Policy" from his experience with the Native Department of the New Zealand Government.

"The recent controversies over conditions in aboriginal reserves at Box Ridge, Cubawee and Armidale underlined not only the need for urgent action to improve living conditions, but for a full examination of an assimilation policy which has been operative for twenty years", Mr. Warburton said.

Assimilation cannot consist merely of housing and hygiene, important though these may be. There is a need to recognise that many mixed blood communities in N.S.W. still retain strong group feelings and traditions. Welfare policies which do not take them into account could be seriously frustrated, Mr. Warburton explained.

"Some anthropologists join with social workers and aboriginal leaders in believing that attempts at assimilation which ignore the importance of group life are doomed to failure," Mr. Warburton added.

# WALGETT WANDERINGS

by David Tribe

The aboriginal folk of the Walgett district are certainly putting it on the map.

Three of the "fellows" were recently very successful in the National Aborigines Observance Day Talent Quest. They were Peter Doolan, Colin Hardy, and Robert "Blondie" Parton. Peter Doolan caused a great deal of interest in Sydney with his "bush" guitar (or "bomb" as Peter affectionately calls it).

It consists of a one gallon petrol drum, a broom handle, and two guitar strings. Peter also appeared on T.V. session called "People".

Colin Hardy, of Brewarrina, proved to be very popular with the young people of Sydney. He appeared on Teenage Cabaret, and his singing shows promise for the future.

"Blondie" Parton also excelled with the song "Old Shep".

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Fifteen years old Marie Peters, of Walgett, won first prize in the under 17 years Tribal Type Painting section in the recent National Aborigines Observance Day Art competition—Congratulations, Marie, it was a great effort.

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A Silver Cup Talent Quest recently held at the Walgett R.S.L. Hall by Radio Star Willie Fennell, was won by Beatrice Welsh, of Coonamble, who sang some modern songs beautifully.

Colin Hardy also appeared at this Talent Quest singing "Mary Lou". He came a very close second to Beatrice Welsh.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dupen, missionaries working among the aboriginal folk in the Walgett District have almost finished the bush chapel over on the Namoi River Reserve. It has been made entirely of bush timber cut in the district. It is a direct answer to prayer and a challenge to anyone's faith.

The people of the reserve through this wonderful effort now have a place of worship of their own.

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The Church services at the Mission at Walgett are continuing quite successfully, with Colin Hardy and Harry Greene providing very bright accompaniment on their guitars.

A 4 stone 7 lb. Rugby League Team consisting of aboriginal and white children competed in the Peel Boys' Football Carnival at Tamworth on 5th August. This team was very successful in getting to the finals, but were beaten however, by an even better team. Some of the aboriginal lads who played a good game on the day were George Rose, Danny Rose, Richard Simpson, Arthur McBride, Wally Dixon, and Doug Dixon.

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A team of footballers from the Walgett Mission attended a football carnival at Goodooga. They won the knock-out competition by defeating Goodooga 34-4. Congratulations to the Mission.

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We all deeply regret that Mr. Bob Hippit passed away suddenly while working on one of the stations near Walgett.

He was well liked and respected by all who knew him.



This lovely lass is Fay Nixon, photographed at Cootamundra Baths



## MOREE NEWS

Mr. Reynolds has been a very busy man lately. He built a horizontal bar on his lawn for the children, and has also procured a stop watch to time the youngsters when they're swimming. He really believes there are some potential champions at Moree.

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Cement paths have been laid around the houses on the Moree Reserve and it is amazing the difference it has made to the appearance of the whole place.

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When Mrs. Florrie Hinch, a well known local identity, was taken ill recently, she realised how good some people could be.

When it was feared she might lose her eyesight, Mr. and Mrs. Logans, for whom she had worked for many years, sent her off to Tamworth for special treatment and paid all expenses.

Everyone on Moree Station is looking forward to summertime again, and the commencement of the swimming season.

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The new church in the Reserve celebrated a double wedding recently when George Hill and Constance Sullivan, and Harry Sullivan and Patricia Prince, were married.

Pastor Klienschmidt of A.I.M. officiated.

Constance chose a beautiful white satin gown, with long white veil and white gloves and matching accessories.

Prior to her wedding, Patricia had spent many busy days and nights making her own dress. It was all white net fitted onto a satin slip, and she also had white accessories.

After the ceremony a lovely reception was held in the Reserve Hall with all the arrangements being carried out by the ladies of the reserve.

The wedding cakes were both double deckers and beautifully decorated.

# The School Lunch

## Its Importance

The midday meal is important to the health of children. A reasonable breakfast and a good evening meal are not sufficient—lunch must make its contribution towards the food nutrients essential for proper growth and development.

Children do not know instinctively what foods are good for them, any more than they know, without learning, how to read and write. They must be taught good food habits during childhood, so that these will continue throughout their lives.

### The basis of a good lunch

The following foods make a satisfactory basis for lunch:—

A protein food (meat, cheese, egg or fish).

Bread or rolls, preferably brown or wholemeal with butter.

Fresh fruit or salad.

Milk or beverage made of milk, either at recess or lunch time.

A child attending a school where free milk is supplied, receives one-third pint per day.

On school days this may be counted as part of the daily milk requirement (1 to 1¼ pints).

### The bought lunch

The responsibility of parents does not end when they give their children sufficient money to buy their lunches.

Where the school is fortunate enough to have a school canteen which provides a standard Oslo lunch the children are able to obtain tasty and nutritious lunches at a reasonable cost. If, however, the tuck shop is not an Oslo one, or if the children visit the shops outside the school, parents should continually advise the children on the way to spend their money. It is always worth while checking this with them at night too. A lunch—consisting of chips, a soft drink and lollies, which is often purchased by the child who knows no better, does not supply the requirements for adequate growth.

### The packed lunch

Most children take from home a packed lunch containing sandwiches or rolls. At least one of the fillings should contain meat, fish, egg or cheese. Children do not like monotony, so try to introduce sufficient *variety* in the fillings. At least two kinds should be used every day. The consistency is important—remember that sandwiches must keep for several hours before being eaten. If a filling is too moist the sandwich will become soggy and unacceptable. On the other hand if the filling is too dry it will not be appetising.

The fillings should be *liberal*; if they are skimped, they will defeat the purpose for which they are intended—the provision of a nutritious lunch.

The *wrapping* of sandwiches is important as it makes the difference between the lunch being dry and stale, or moist and fresh. Plastic wrapping material or greaseproof paper may be used.

Sandwiches also carry well in plastic sandwich boxes.

These can be purchased in varying sizes, and are useful in preventing the lunch from being squashed.

### The “extras”

Cakes, sweet biscuits, chocolates and lollies are not recommended as part of the school lunch, because so often they are eaten first and spoil the appetite for the more nutritious foods. They also cling to the teeth and so lead to dental decay. Soft drinks, cordials and ice blocks are not recommended either because they have very little nutritive value.

If some “extra” is desired, ice cream, dried fruits and nuts are the most suitable as their nutritive value is satisfactory.

A crisp fruit or vegetable, such as a piece of apple or celery, eaten at the end of the meal will help to clean the teeth.

### Suggested sandwich fillings

*Cheese*—Sliced or grated and moistened with a little milk, tomato juice, tomato puree or mayonnaise. Shredded lettuce, or tender shredded raw cabbage, chopped celery or parsley, grated raw carrot, thinly sliced pineapple or dates may be added to the cheese for variety. Chopped chives may be used for older children.

*Meat*—Sliced or minced cooked meat (mutton, beef, rabbit, etc.), liver or liver sausage, corned beef and prepared meats may be served plain or with chopped celery or parsley, chives, cooked green peas, shredded lettuce. Tomato puree may be added to minced meat.

*Fish*—Flaked steamed fish or tinned fish such as tinned fish cutlets with lemon juice or vinegar or flavoured with chopped celery or cucumber and mixed with a little tomato juice or mayonnaise.

*Eggs*—Scrambled, or hard cooked in the shell then mashed with a little milk or tomato puree and flavoured with celery, parsley, mint, chives, shredded lettuce, raw carrot, yeast or vegetable extract, curry powder or crisp cooked bacon.

*Salad Vegetables*—Any combination of salad vegetables which may include sliced tomato, cucumber and cooked beetroot, shredded lettuce and tender shredded cabbage leaves, chopped celery and chives or onion for older children, grated raw carrot and young raw beetroot, chopped parsley.

#### **Other Fillings—**

Baked beans, plain or with shredded lettuce.

Peanut butter, plain or with salad vegetables or dried fruit or banana.

Marmite or Vegemite with any salad vegetable.

Chopped nuts with dried fruits or salad vegetables.

Banana and shredded pineapple, chopped prunes or dried fruits.

Minced raisins or other dried fruits, with lemon or orange juice, chopped apple or shredded pineapple.

**PARENTS**—Do you know that the following helpful pamphlets are obtainable free of charge?

Sumptuous Sandwiches.

Emergency Meals.

Hints for Economy in Meal Planning.

How Shall I Feed Him? (Children's Meals.)

It's Lunchtime.

Salad Suggestions.

Other interesting and informative pamphlets on infectious diseases and general health matters are also obtainable as well as the booklets "Food and Nutrition" and "Holiday Safety" (First-Aid and Safety Hints).

These publications are available free on application to the N.S.W. Department of Public Health, 52 Bridge Street, Sydney.

**TEACHERS AND YOUTH LEADERS** may obtain an illustrated folder of health posters suitable for display in classrooms, meeting halls, gymnasiums, etc.

## Aborigines to get "New Deal"

State Cabinet had decided that aboriginal settlements will be "put in shape" with all possible speed.

Announcing this in the Legislative Assembly, the Premier, Mr. Heffron, said that he was not happy with the sub-standard accommodation provided for aborigines.

"Here and now I tell you we are going to give them a new deal in housing," Mr. Heffron said.

The first thing to be done for aborigines was to put them in houses which were fit for habitation, where they had a water supply, and where they could be taught "to understand what hygiene means."

He said he had discussed the problem with the Chief Secretary, Mr. C. A. Kelly.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. N. J. Mannix, had inspected the Box Ridge settlement, near Coraki, last weekend.

(Last month, Bishop R. E. Davies, the warden of St. John's Anglican Theological College, Morpeth, visited the Box Ridge reserve and described it as a "living cemetery" where 110 aborigines were existing in appalling conditions.

Later, the Casino Aboriginal Advancement League called for an all-out effort by the State Government and the community to help aborigines at the reserve.)

#### **More Money to be Spent**

In a statement outside the House, Mr. Heffron said that the Government intended to increase, in the Budget for the current financial year, the allocations for rehousing aborigines.

In the last financial year the Government provided £60,000 for new buildings, improvements and additions undertaken by the Aborigines' Welfare Board.

It is understood that Cabinet favours abandoning the present method of assimilating aborigines into white communities.

Under this method, the Aborigine Welfare Board gives top priority to transferring aborigines from reserves to houses in towns.

Ministers believe this has resulted in a neglect by the board of living standards on reserves, allowing aborigines there to be reared in conditions that left them untrained to take their places in white communities.

The new policy will aim first at lifting aboriginal living standards on reserves, thus training aborigines in white standards.

The Ministers believe this will lead to smoother assimilation.

# CAROONA NEWS

Not long ago, a team of footballers made up of ten boys from Caroona Aboriginal School and the remainder from the local village school journeyed to Werris Creek to take part in the Knockout Competition there. It was the first occasion on which a co-operative effort of this nature had taken place. The boys were successful in going through undefeated, winning the 5 stone 7 lb. division.



**The Caroona 5 stone 7 lb. team, winners of their division in the K.O. Competition at Werris Creek**

Greg Sampson was the captain of this successful team.

On National Aborigines' Day, Caroona Aboriginal School was host to two visiting schools.

The Caroona Public School arrived early in the day, and joined in various athletic events until lunch time. After lunch Werris Creek School arrived to play the local boys football and the girls softball. On the day, Werris Creek was too good at football defeating the Caroona team by 4 points. However, the girls won their game quite easily. Many friends were made during the day and the Creek have issued a return invitation.



**The Caroona team at the Peel football carnival at Tamworth**

Wallabadah School children were Caroona's guests on 29th July, for a game of football. On this occasion the boys were in good form, winning comfortably. Many residents indicated that this Saturday's fixture was a good idea and it is hoped to arrange more such days.

On 5th August, the all confident footballers travelled to Tamworth for the Peel All Schools' Carnival. Their first game was a little too tough, and the boys were beaten. Young Dennis Saunders hit the ground rather heavily, and spent the rest of the day sleeping it off in Tamworth Base Hospital. He had recovered by late afternoon and was able to travel home with the others.

During the day, the boys had the thrill of being photographed with Reg Gasnier, Australia's Test captain, who also autographed their new football. This was the first time also that the team wore their new guernseys and socks which had been donated by many generous local residents, and how smart they looked in black and gold! A very tired bunch of happy boys arrived home just after dark on that day. Young Roger Allan was awarded the prize as the best and fairest player at the carnival in his division.

Congratulations, Roger!



**The Caroona Athletic Team at the Spring Ridge sports**

Friday, 4th August, saw eight Caroona boys and six girls travel to the Spring Ridge Sports Day to represent the School. All tried hard and the most successful on the day were Jim White and Gary Porter who are the fastest boys of their own ages in the district. Sue Porter and Annette Taylor both did well in the high jump. The boys pulled well in the tug-o'-war, but were a bit light for their opponents.

Education Week saw Rev. Mr. Purtell, of Quirindi, conduct a special church service in the Chapel for the pupils and staff of the school. Favourable comments were heard on the singing of the children in the hymns. Other events set down for this week were unfortunately hampered by heavy rain.



Hello, Kids,

Ray Nolan, of Dubbo, who often wins prizes for his fine drawings, sent another nice sketch along the other day—this time a drawing of a station home with some hills in the background.

Ray is still an apprentice in the local plaster factory. He has been there three years and still has two more to go.

We understand Ray is a pretty constant visitor to the skating rink at Dubbo, but he doesn't like the hard floor.

Well, Ray, the only thing to do is NOT to fall over!

Mrs. Claire Randall, C/- Post Office, Inverell, is very anxious to find her sister, Mrs. Florence Caldwell who used to live at 8 Randle Street, Sydney. Can anyone help?

Leonie Cassell (13) of 3 Bruce Street, Kogarah, and Irene Colbran (13) of 19 Bellaview Street, Arncliffe, would like some penfriends, 13 to 15 years of age. How about a lot of letters for these two little girls?



A fine black and white sketch by Ray Nolan, c.o. Box 127, Dubbo, a talented young artist. This wins him a special prize



Pancho and Delma Rhodes and Leslie Kelly, of Cabbage Tree Island

I would like you all to write to me and let me know what you like best on Pete's Page.

Do you want puzzles, colour-in competitions or games?

Don't forget kids, you can win some really nice prizes for your letters, poems, stories, drawings, paintings, etc., so how about getting busy and sending some in.

You had better do it *NOW* before the school holidays because I know you'll all be too busy swimming and enjoying yourselves *then*.

Well kids, I guess that's about all once again, but do get busy and send me some mail will you?

All the best for now.

Your Sincere Pal,

*Pete*



## HOW TO MAKE A LAWN—*continued*

About one week after applying the beforementioned lime, a complete fertiliser should be incorporated with the soil. For this we recommend Anderson's Special Lawn Fertiliser, at the rate of 8 to 10 lb. for 1,000 square feet. This material can be broadcast and lightly raked in to the surface soil.

Turf is usually shallow rooted, and for this reason it is important that the surface soil be of a texture that will retain moisture and prevent the grass from burning out during dry weather. Thorough preparation of the top soil before sowing is essential, as any subsequent material alteration to this layer is almost impossible. In all turf work, whether for home lawns, golf greens, or bowling greens soil texture is more important than natural fertility. The fertility can be improved but the texture cannot be altered materially once the turf has been established.

### (5) Elimination of Weeds

Once a lawn or green is established it is often expected to remain in situ indefinitely. With this fact in mind, therefore, no attempt should be made to plant an area to turf until it is apparent that all weed seeds present in the soil have been germinated and killed; consequently the intended area should be well cultivated before sowing.

To encourage weed seeds to germinate, frequent waterings should be carried out. As each crop of weeds appears, and before they have an opportunity to set seed, they should be destroyed by digging in. In some cases it may be necessary to destroy several crops of weeds, but care and attention in the early stages of preparation will pay dividends at a later date. Some seed as purchased contains many weed seeds. Only the best quality seed should be purchased from reputable firms. Anderson's seeds are especially machined (cleaned) to be sure of this. Soils used for top dressing often introduce weed seeds. When top dressing an area see that the soil comes from an area comparatively free of weed seeds.

### (6) Seed Sowing

Seed should be sown at the recommended rate. The most convenient method is to mix the seed with 2 or 3

times its own bulk of dry fine soil or sand, and distribute it evenly over the area concerned, broadcasting half whilst walking in the one direction, and to make sure of an even distribution the balance should be sown whilst walking the opposite direction. Seed is covered by broadcasting further lots of fine soil in a similar manner to the broadcasting of the seed.

Seed of all turf grasses is very small. Many failures have resulted from sowing at too great a depth. Seed should not be sown deeper than  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, and once sown should be kept well watered with a very light spray. Sow Couch October-February, and Bent and Mixtures, February-May.

### (7) After Treatment

It is preferable to apply water in the form of a few liberal quantities rather than frequent light waterings. Water penetrating to a good depth in the soil encourages the development of a deep root system, whereas surface water only penetrating a little distance results in a shallow root system, rendering the plant more susceptible to drought injury. Watering of lawns can be done at any time of day. There is less loss from evaporation, however, if watering is done in the evening or at night.

### (8) Feeding and Top Dressing

The initial fertiliser treatment should be repeated each year at the commencing of the growing period of the particular species sown. For Couch this will be September-October, for Bent grasses and Mixtures, February-May, depending on the seasonal conditions.

Summer growing grasses such as Couch, should receive application of Sulphate of Ammonia at intervals of 6 to 8 weeks throughout the growing season. The rate of application recommended is 3 lb. per 1,000 square feet. Applications may commence in October and continue until March. They should not be continued into the colder months for Couch, whereas Bent and grass Mixtures should receive the same fertiliser treatment except that Sulphate of Ammonia applications should be confined mainly to the cooler months of the year, i.e., March to September.

*(To be continued.)*