

Pete's Page



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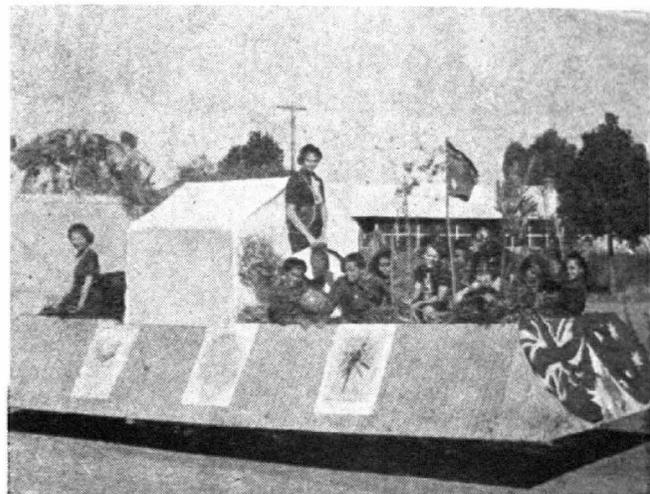
Well, I certainly HAVE had a busy month getting all the prizes ready to send out to the boys and girls who have won them lately.

By this time, how many of you will have received your books, so how about writing and telling me how you liked them.



A very fine black and white pencil sketch submitted by Kevin Binge of Moree.

Last week I had a bagful of mail from Moree. I had letters from Dorothy Taylor, Margaret Raveneau, Mervyn Sampson, Dawn Tighe, Max Roberts, Lionel Taylor, Ada Weatherall, Richard Swan, Mervyn Pitt, Ray Johnson, Ken Sampson, Alice French, Pat Clarke, Jim French, Coral Binge, Lionel Raveneau, Shirley Murray, Daphne Pitt, Frances Binge, Alma Newman, Gwen Clarke, Edna Madden, Clare Binge, Ivan Raveneau, Aileen Priestly, Margaret French, and some young fellow who just signed himself Victor. I wonder who he was?



Moree Brownies played a big part in Jubilee Celebrations last year.

They were a lovely lot of letters and very interesting. We couldn't give everyone a prize unfortunately, but after a lot of thought we decided to award a prize to Coral Binge. Congratulations, Coral.

I have had a very interesting letter from Abbie May of Nanima. Introducing himself, Abbie said: "I weigh almost 13 stone and am almost 6 feet in height. I am 14 years and 7 months old." (He's certainly a big fellow, isn't he?).

Abbie went on to say: "I live on Nanima Mission Station, 4 miles from Wellington. Our mission is right on the Macquarie River, and my father, brother, and most of the other men here work on the gold dredge on the other side of the river.

"There are 30 of us here at our school and we are certainly going to try hard to win that cup for the gardening competition.

"When I leave school I hope to get a job on the railway as a porter. One of my cousins has been on the railway now for some time and is going to a school at Orange to try and be a station master.

"We have dances every Saturday night in a house off the Mission, or go to the pictures on the dredge bus.

"In my holidays I work in the Chinaman's gardens picking beans, tomatoes, peas, etc., and earn about £2 a day." (Good for you, Abbie!).

"We have a team of under 18 footballers called the Rovers. Last year we had a team of over 18 called the 'All Blacks' but the team fell to pieces. I have four brothers and four sisters.

"We soon hope to have a film projector at our School."

Well, that was certainly a very interesting letter from Abbie and he wins a prize. Congratulations, Abbie.