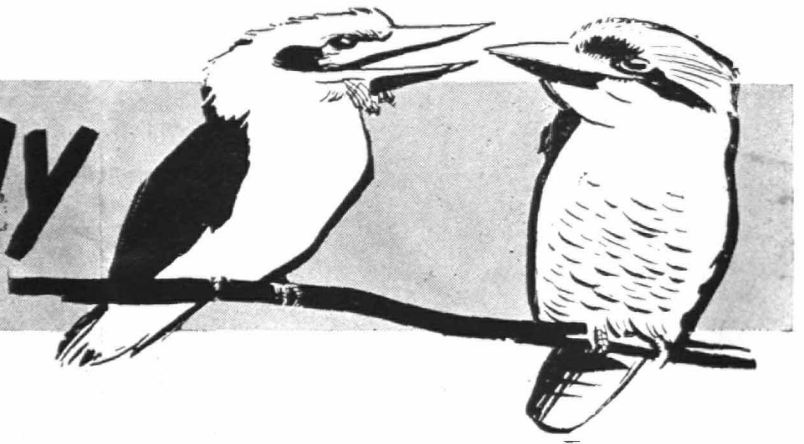


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The Cabbage Tree Island boys have given a very good account of themselves as cane cutters this season, having gained second place amongst all the cane gangs on the Richmond River.

This was a very creditable achievement and local farmers are so pleased they have assured them of a good profitable cane run next year when the season is expected to be a heavy one.

A daughter, Janice Mary, was born to Mrs. Richard ("Dick") Roberts of Cabbage Tree Island, in Ballina Hospital last month. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

Determined to put their Station entertainment on a properly organised basis this year, the Cabbage Tree Islanders have formed an Entertainments Committee.

The President is Leo Bolt; Vice-President, Miss Phyllis Anderson; Secretary, Edgar Rhodes; Treasurer, Miss Jean Marlowe; and members Miss Margaret Bolt and Lexie James.

Youngsters from the Cabbage Tree Island School topped the board at the inter-school sports held at Woodburn last month. In their white and green shorts, and white shirts, the youngsters looked particularly smart and the teacher-in-charge, Mr. Harris, was congratulated on their neat appearance by many of the onlookers.

At long last, after a wait of two months, the electric power has been turned on to the Cabbage Tree Island Recreation Hall. However, without waiting for this, the Rev. W. L. Sanders of Woodburn, conducted a Church of England service in the building one night with lighting provided by a kerosene pressure lamp. The service was well attended by residents. The Rev. Sanders told his congregation how honoured he felt to be the first person to hold a gathering in the new hall. He reminded the residents that they were very lucky indeed to have such a magnificent building at their disposal and hoped they would take an interest in it, and help to beautify the surroundings with flower plots.

On this occasion the Rev. Sanders baptized the following children:—Albert Moran, Lester Moran, Laurel Moran, Marie Roberts, Lawrence Roberts, Carolyn Roberts, Alister Bolt, Desmond Philip Anderson.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hinton, of Burra Bee Dee, on the birth of a son, Stephen Douglas.

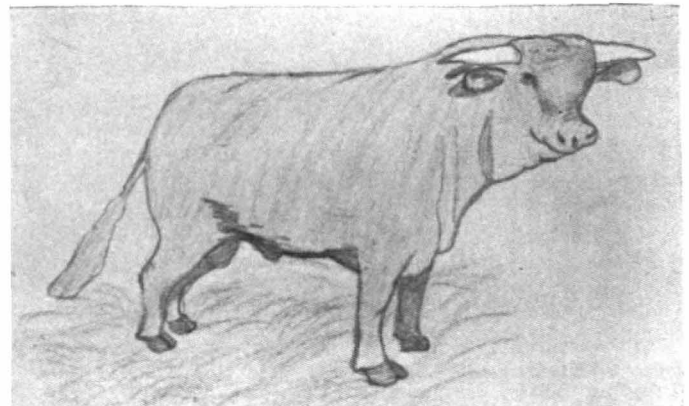
Recently, the District Scout Commissioner, Mr. E. A. Wood, the Cubmaster, Mr. Evans, and Assistant Cubmaster, Mr. Bailey, all of Lismore, visited Cabbage Tree Island and organised a Boy Scouts and Cubs gathering. The lads were most enthusiastic about the instruction given in tying knots, games and chats on Scouting.

The cane-cutting season is in full swing and the Cabbage Tree Island Station gang, under the able leadership of its ganger, Roy Cameron, is making good headway in harvesting the cane.

John Rhodes, son of Tim Rhodes of Cabbage Tree Island, was recently admitted to Ballina Hospital where he had stitches inserted in a wound caused by barbed-wire. It was only two days after his big sister Julia had suffered extensive lacerations to one of her legs as a result of becoming "tangled" in barbed-wire. Julia was treated and bandaged at the Station Treatment Room.

The womenfolk of Burra Bee Dee Station are very happy with the new laundry tubs and coppers that have been provided, and now every day is washing day.

A new innovation is a monthly visit from the Sisters of the Far West Children's Health Scheme at Burra Bee Dee Station and one which is greatly appreciated. In addition to giving advice about the children, the Sisters intend giving monthly talks on various health subjects, and the Station manager intends arranging a similar monthly visit to those aboriginal people living away from the Station.



An excellent drawing from John Duncan (14) of Boggabilla.