



## Along the Mail Route

The Bellbrook residents have built themselves an up-to-date tennis court, and the players are improving rapidly. It is hoped to arrange games with local teams soon.

Two of the Bellbrook residents will soon be married. They are Miss Clairine Graham and Michael Moore, who intend being married shortly at the Catholic Church in Bellbrook. We wish them good luck.

The Bellbrook Parents' and Citizens' Association have been very active lately in raising money for school funds.

A recent dance cleared over £22 and will assist in purchasing equipment for the school.

A set of four Namatjira paintings has been purchased and mounted in cedar frames by local craftsman, Albert Miranda, and they certainly enhance the school-room. A tennis court is also being built and funds are coming in well.

A sale of cakes made by the aboriginal ladies brought in £7 10s.

Jimmy and Shirley Quinlin were the lucky winners of the Monte-Carlo Waltz at the Dance, while a pair of jelly cakes was won by Esther Scott and Julia Holten. Locky Vale took home the roasted fowl, and Claudette Quinlin and Charlie Murray collected the chocolates. The musicians were Ray Kelly and Richie Quinlin on the violins, with Carl and David Quinlin and John Mackie playing guitars. Some of the money raised was used to send school children to take part in the Combined School Sports to be held at Willawarrin on August 8th.

One of Murrin Bridge's oldest full-blood residents, Mrs. Ellen Smith, died recently. Mrs. Smith was over 80 years of age.

Gerald Carberry, 11 months old son of Fred and Joyce Carberry of Boggabilla, died recently in Goondiwindi District Hospital shortly after being admitted suffering from pneumonia.

Charlie Dennison, possibly, the oldest man in Australia, is now 109 years old. This grand old man, until a year ago was able to get about, but, having lost his sight, took to his bed. Now, however, he has renewed hopes! Dr. Lushby of Goondiwindi, very kindly undertook to perform an operation on him to restore his sight, and the optometrist to supply him with a pair of spectacles. The operation has been a success and, Charlie, will now, not only hear, but see his numerous friends, sons, daughters, and great, great grandchildren! The offspring number as many as 140. Charlie Dennison has a throng of white friends who, unanimously agree, he is the finest man to walk the soil of Australia.

Boggabilla station is now very busy getting ready its community garden. Interest is being taken by young and old, even by the aged. It is hoped that the beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, pumpkin, carrots, etc., will be more juicy than that sold in the market!

The community garden is not all at Bobbabilia. A gymnasium is taking root! Private enterprise on the part of the residents and management, has sown the seed. In a short time there will be parallel bars, horizontal bars, roman rings, etc., for the station. A boxing ring is also in the making.

At Yetman recently, two of the Boggabilla boys, entered for the open boxing, and both returned with lovely trophies, they were John Binge and Henry Murray. Along with nine other entrants from this station, they have now entered for the Goondiwindi Boxing Association Tournament, to commence early this month.



An excellent drawing by Clive Groves, (13) of Herne Bay.