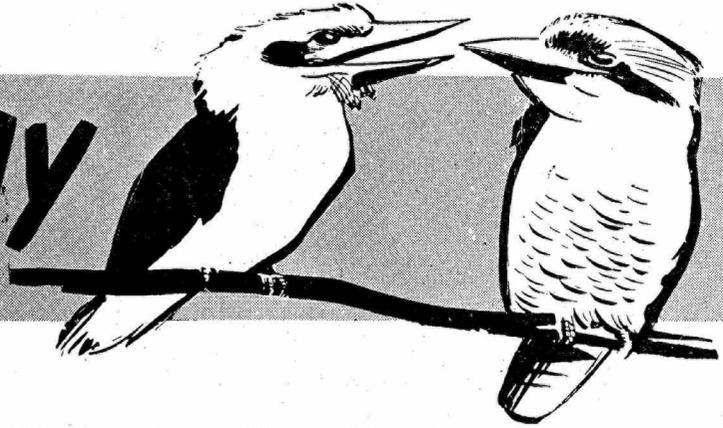


THEY SAY



Unfortunately it is sometimes necessary for children to be brought all the way to Sydney to receive medical treatment, but the Officers of the Board are always happy to assist and every step is taken to make the youngsters' stay in Sydney a happy one.

Recent visitors to Sydney for hospital treatment were:—Joseph Goolagong, Bruce Ellis, Ian Harrison, John Dixon, Henry Boland, all of Kinchela Home; and Reuben Blair, of Tingha.

The Superintendent, Mr. Saxby, recently met in conference the Welfare Officers and Trainees. A very fruitful two-day discussion on matters affecting the welfare of aborigines, was the result. The Welfare Officers all returned to their districts with new ideas gained from their colleagues and happy in the thought that, in return, they had passed on some valuable suggestions to ensure the success of their work.

We regret to learn that Mr. Spencer of the Moree Station, has found the going so hard that he has been compelled, on medical advice, to take a short rest. Everyone hopes he will be fully restored to good health and able to return to duty.

The Secretary of the Board, Mr. Mullins and Mrs. Mullins, have recently returned from their interstate trip, looking very well and refreshed. They travelled overland to Adelaide, via Albury and the Murray Valley, and stayed five days in Adelaide when they took the opportunity of seeing most of the sights of the city.

During their stay, Mr. and Mrs. Mullins were interested to see the Colebrook Home for Half-caste Aboriginal Children at Mitcham near Adelaide. This was of particular interest as Mr. Mullins knew the late Mr. Colebrook personally, when the latter was President of the United Aborigines Mission in New South Wales.

It is over two years since Mr. Leslie Briggs, the popular Manager of the Taree Station, paid a visit to Sydney, but he came down on the 12th November and brought with him young Desmond (Goo Goo) Jackson. Mr. Briggs spent a very pleasant morning at Head Office chatting with members of the staff and discussing his "problems" with the Secretary and Mrs. Inspector English.

Henry Williams of Sydney, is anxious to get in touch with his parents, William and Elizabeth Williams, whose last address was Hillston, New South Wales. He also has a brother, William.

Any reader of *Dawn* who can help Henry to locate his people, will earn his gratitude. If you know of them at all, please drop a note to the Editor.

Dawn sends a cheerio call to the following, who are patients at Waterfall:—

Mrs. Beatrice Mercy (Woodenbong).
Mrs. E. Mackay.
Miss Patricia Taylor (Kempsey).
Ned Simms (La Perouse).
Henry McWilliam (Sydney).
Bessie Combo (North Coast).

Dawn is happy to know that they are all progressing well and hopes that they will soon be able to rejoin their friends again. Bessie Combo helps in the laboratory and everyone says she is doing a wonderful job.

MEDICAL ATTENTION

Matrons are Competent

Most of the Matrons have had some nursing experience and many of them are certificated nurses, and all are able to take full advantage of the treatment room units which have been established on all Stations.

At the treatment room the minor ailments and slight accidents are treated, but on any occasion when the Matron feels that the position is one beyond her capabilities, she refers to the local Medical Officer. In some instances the Medical Officer advises appropriate treatments by telephone, but this is never intended to be a substitute for actual medical attention and hospitalisation, which is always available.

Drugs, dressings, etc., are issued from the treatment room free of charge, irrespective of whether the recipient is on the Ration List or not. So far as hospitalisation is concerned, the aboriginal patient is on exactly the same terms as an ordinary individual. He must be prepared to subject himself to a means test if the hospital so desires, and if, as the result of such test, it is indicated that he is in a position to pay for his hospital treatment, he is expected so to do.