



Along the Mail Route

Congratulations to Ernest Cook, of Cabbage Tree Island for the finest garden on the Station. Lush strawberries, passionfruit, beans, peas, cabbages, potatoes and wonderful onions made up a fine crop.

Incidentally, the onions averaged $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. each, the largest being a little over 3 lb.

Cabbage Tree Island residents are extremely grateful to well-known local sportsman Bob Anderson for his generous donation of a cricket bat and set of pads.

Bob is a member of the Wardell Cricket Club and the fellows are proud to have him coaching them.

We hear the girls are not left out of it for they're getting a softball bat and ball.

Bob Moran and Jean Marlowe, of Cabbage Tree Island are commended on their share-cropping with Mr. Flick. Jean has a fine crop of melons which she hopes to market soon.

The Stork has been very busy recently in the Boggabilla district and has paid visits to the following:—

Mrs. Linda Woodbridge—a girl, Susan, named after her grandmother, Mrs. Susie McGrady.

Mrs. Hannah Wightman, a girl. Both are doing well.

Eileen Knox, wife of Cyril Knox, a son.

Mrs. Norma Binge, wife of George Binge, a daughter, born on Coronation Day and, therefore the recipient of a lovely Coronation Souvenir.

Congratulations to Clairine Graham and Michael Moore, of Bellbrook, on their recent wedding. The couple will live on Bellbrook Station.

Last month baby girls were born to Mrs. Cetress Sharpley, to Mrs. Ivy Dotti and to Mrs. Smith, of Walgett Station.

Mr. Alex Vesper, of Stoney Gully, hopes to form a boys cricket club on Woodenbong Station this year. Alex has abandoned the idea of a farming enterprise at Stoney Gully.

Two aboriginal boys were guests at the recent Christmas party at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.

The boys were Eric Dotti from La Perouse and Henry Bowlan from Kempsey.

Eric presented Sister Stock of the Hospital staff with a bouquet of flowers which had been grown at La Perouse.

The patients and the visitors were entertained by Father Christmas, the Police Band and some jolly clowns and everyone had a marvellous time.

Mrs. Walter Page, of Woodenbong, who has been an inmate of the Mater Hospital, is back on the Station again after a successful operation.

Mr. Frank Mitchell and his family of Woodenbong have just returned to the Station after spending the past few weeks picking potatoes across the Queensland border. They returned with plenty of money but intend going back to the "spuds" again after the holidays.

On their way to the work they lost "Boysey" Bundi, who apparently grew homesick and returned to the Station.

Mr. Tom Close, a wise old bird of Woodenbong, who remembers when the nulla nulla and tomahawk were used on wrongdoers will shortly be writing an article for *Dawn*. Old Tom is a most respected citizen of the district and all his family are a credit to him. Tom says he brought them up the "hard" way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ord, of Woodenbong, plan to carry out a New Year's resolution by leaving the Station and entering the general community. Cyril Ord has a permanent job with Standings Sawmill where he is one of their best sawyers.

He hopes to build himself a cottage on a block of freehold land in Woodenbong.

The Station residents will miss his hale and hearty wife whose laugh is often heard from one end of the Station to the other.