



Along the Mail Route

CAROONA STATION NOTES

Mrs. Jack Porter, of Carooona Station, who was taken to Quirindi hospital for a slight operation recently, is now back home again.

John Young, one of the old-timers of Carooona Station was rushed to Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, for an operation. We all hope he is doing well, and will be back with us before long.

An impromptu dance was held on Easter Saturday in the Carooona Station Hall and an exceedingly happy evening was spent by everyone.

There were many visitors to Carooona Station over the Easter holidays, especially from Coonabarabran. The Manager and Matron met many old friends from Burra Bee Dee.

The start of the football season at Carooona, was marked by a well attended and enthusiastic meeting. It was decided to enter two teams for the "B" grade league competition. Plans were also made to have the ground completely renovated, and made something the residents will be proud to show visitors.



Some of the girls from Brewarrina Aborigine School show how they can march.

An Anzac Day ceremony for the school children at Carooona, was conducted by the teacher, Mr. White. This station has a war memorial of its own in the shape of a plaque commemorating the residents who enlisted in the 1914-1918 war. This is set in the school gates.

Walgett Aboriginal Station was cut off from the town for some days in February when the Barwon River rose to flood level and the roads were a quagmire after six and a half inches of rain. For a time it seemed there would be a repetition of the disastrous 1950 flood, and the rise in the river was noted anxiously each day by everyone. Much relief was felt when at length it became stationary, and still more when it began to fall.

In January, the Barwon had almost ceased to flow, but it took little or no time to rise and become a menace.

The grasshoppers flew over the Station at the end of last year, in their thousands. However, they did not land, but the Station is not to be so fortunate again, apparently. They are there again, and have eaten the young plants. However it is hoped that they will disappear when the cold weather commences. Meanwhile, as it is planting time, this has been a set-back.

The friends of Joyce Booker, of Walgett, will regret to learn that she died at Tamworth Hospital two days after having given birth to a baby, which also died later. She was a daughter of the late Mrs. Maggie Booker and a niece of Mrs. Lake, of Walgett.

Robert Beale who lives out of Walgett, has gone to Tamworth for eye treatment.

Charlie Dodd, who has been in Walgett Hospital, has now returned to the Station, and is glad to be home again.

Sammy Munner is in Walgett Hospital. He is a brother of the late Mrs. Sarah Murphy, of Walgett Aboriginal Station.

Everyone at Walgett Station went fishing as usual at Easter and some were lucky enough to land a cod or two, which they shared with the less fortunate fishermen.