



Along the Mail Route

The Carroona football game against Barraba, which was a benefit for injured player, Terry Allen, showed a net profit of nearly £40. This was an exceedingly good effort, and all the willing workers who made it such a success are deserving of the highest thanks.

We would particularly like to thank Mrs. Mary Porter, Mrs. Hickey, and the ladies.

Laurie Taylor was unlucky enough to injure his back at football practice, and has to stay in hospital. We understand that he will be fit again in about two weeks after he is discharged.

Congratulations are due to—

James Sampson, of Carroona, who, at the recent school sports at Gunnedah, broke the records for the 12, 13, 14 and 15-year-old 75-yards run.

Also to Alec Marshall, of Carroona, who won the cup for the best fight of the night at the Cessnock Police Boys' Carnival.

Again to Clif Sampson, of Carroona, who won his bout on a T.K.O., and Ray Sampson, who won his bout on points at the Police Boys' Club contests at Tamworth.

And finally, to The Carroona II Football Team ("the rats"), in beating Nundle, a much heavier and older team, 19 points to 4, and for their very high reputation for sportsmanship and clean play.

Congratulations to the Carroona school football team ("the mice"), who won their first match against Quirindi primary school

The triumphal progress of the team round the Station on their return could be heard for miles.

The Manager of Carroona wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, the following gifts:—

A first-aid case, stocked, presented to the football club by Mr. A. S. Chesworth.

The sum of £5, presented by Mr. A. Draper, to purchase boxing equipment.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. R. Lonsborough and family of Roseby Park in the loss recently of Mrs. Lonsborough (wife and mother respectively).

NORTH COAST SPORTSMAN DIES

Result of a Seven-year-old Accident

Readers of *Dawn*, particularly those on the North Coast, will learn with regret of the passing of Alf Maher, who died in the Royal North Shore Hospital recently, following an accident on the football field. They will remember that in February, 1947, Alf was seriously injured when he was struck by a motor lorry near the Taree Station. He was treated at the Taree Hospital and was later given specialist treatment in Sydney. Last year he fractured his jaw in a boxing contest. He was always a keen football player and commenced to play with the Tinonee Football Club at the commencement of this season, against the advice of his medical and other advisers. A few days after he received a slight injury during play at Tinonee last May, he became ill and was treated at the Taree Hospital for a few days and then transferred to the Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, where he died on 4th June, 1954. It is understood that his death is attributed to the original injury to his spine when he was struck by the lorry and that subsequent injuries merely aggravated his condition and probably hastened his death.

When the news was received at Taree, Alf's relatives acquainted members of the Tinonee Rugby League Football Club, whose first grade team is almost entirely made up of boys from the Station, of their desire to bring his body back to Taree for burial. This was eventually done, and the members of the Club raised £40 for the purpose. *Dawn* expresses its sincere thanks on behalf of the relatives.