



Along the Mail Route

Pupils of the Cabbage Tree Island School took part in the P.S.A.A.A. athletic carnival held at Woodburn recently. Unfortunately, the bus-load of children did not reach Woodburn in time for them to participate in the procession, much to the disappointment of the children and spectators alike. Outstanding performers were Barry Marlowe and Priscilla Anderson who shared the Champion Athlete's Trophy, which was presented to them by Mr. Ian Robinson, M.L.A. In the point score competition, the Cabbage Tree Islanders scored 145 points to finish second to Woodburn school. Much interest was displayed by spectators in the schools mixed relay event for the coveted Teachers' Trophy, and in a thrilling finish, Woodburn crossed the line inches in front of C.T.I., whose team consisted of Merle Bolt, Bob Moran, Priscilla Anderson and Barry Marlowe.

In a few weeks, a number of Cabbage Tree Island pupils will go to Lismore to participate in the zone finals, after which a team will be chosen to represent the Far North Coast at the State Championships in Sydney. C.T.I. is looking forward confidently to having representation.

As part of Education Week Celebrations, an Open Day was held at Cabbage Tree Island school, and a large number of parents attended.

In his address, the Headmaster, Mr. L. A. Harris, outlined modern trends in Education and stressed the need for much greater co-operation between the home and the school, if children were to gain the maximum benefit from the educational opportunities which are available to them. He said he hoped to see increasing numbers of pupils of the school proceeding to a course of secondary study at Ballina High School. Mr. Harris announced that the Department of Education has recently authorised the construction of a new school on Cabbage Tree Island.

The Area Welfare Officer, Mr. Morgan, who was present, complimented the teachers on the work of the school. He urged parents to take more interest in the education of their children.

The parents showed a very keen interest in the children's work which was exhibited, particularly the needlework which was outstanding. During the afternoon, the pupils gave tuneful renditions of songs they had been taught with the aid of the radio, and parents watched enthusiastically and moved amongst the children, as the teachers demonstrated modern methods of teaching art and physical education.

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On the return journey, when we were about 100 miles from Broken Hill, we ran into a typical Western dust storm, and for many miles could see very little beyond the bonnet of the car. This continued all day, but, fortunately, a slight rain storm settled the dust that night.

Returning along the Darling, we visited Pooncarie and Wentworth, and called at Swan Hill, on the Murray River. Here the Native Children's Recreation Centre is still progressing, and a start has been made to improve the dwellings.

The beautiful flower and vegetable gardens are a credit to the people.

At Balranald, we were able to go into the question of an improved water supply to the Reserve, and repairs and additions to the cottages. It is hoped that this work will be put in hand at an early date.

In Moama, a start has been made on the removal of some of the cottages from Cumeragunga, and before many weeks are past, several families should be able to

move into houses in town. These are well situated and I am sure that those fortunate enough to secure one, will be happy and comfortable in their enjoyment of the township's amenities.

We returned to Leeton via Deniliquin, Finley and Jerilderie and completed a journey of about 2,000 miles without mishap. The wide open spaces are a welcome change from the narrow confines of city streets, and the trip was almost as good as a holiday.

I hope soon to visit other parts of the State.

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