

CAROONA NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor of Carooona are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Darryl.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Austin who have a baby daughter, Rosemary.

The Carooona football club has given a set of guernseys to the school football team. The youngsters will look very smart when they play their school matches next year.

Carooona recently had a visit from Mr. Harris, son of a former manager. Mr. Harris was there as a boy, but left Carooona over thirty years ago. The only thing he remembered from the old station was the olive trees round the manager's house. He met an old friend in "Grannie" Sampson, and they had quite a yarn about old times.

A Junior Farmer's group has been organized at the School, working with the school at Carooona. It is starting with vegetable growing, and expects to do a lot of other things later on.

A Progress Association has been formed at Carooona with Mr. Bill Johnston, President, Mrs. Mary Porter vice-president, Mr. A. R. White, the headmaster of the school, secretary, and the Manager as Treasurer. The first steps have been taken towards putting on a Xmas party for the children.

The new Association has a big list of things it wants to do for the station, including getting a film projector for the school, making a playground and sports ground for the children, re-fencing and cleaning up the cemetery, and many other smaller matters. They look like being busy people for a long time.

Mervyn Allan and Roy Sampson of Carooona collected two more cups from the Police Boy's boxing night at Quirindi recently.

Moree People at Work

The Residents are Keen

With the aid of the labour of the Moree residents themselves, the football oval has been completed. It was fenced and the fencing has been painted. Posts have been erected on the field and it will be ready for play next season.

Other work noted at Moree is that the recreation hall has been decorated with lights and also the proscenium.

During the weekend, residents have the use of the Station truck and have commenced the gravelling of their yards. This will be a great improvement when the work is finished. Most of the cottages now have gardens established and many of the people are growing their own vegetables. In fact, a considerable amount of work has been completed around the houses under Mr. Reynolds' direction and that of the Station Council,— spare time work which does the residents great credit.

The Teenagers' Club meets every Tuesday night, and the Boys' Club on Thursday night.

Generally dances are held for the Hospital, Ambulance and Far West. The first dance netted £24.

Moree is well fortified against the hotweather. Nearly every home has its own refrigerator.

BITS FROM BOGGABILLA

The Boggabilla Boxing Team recently visited Moree to participate in a tournament there. A team of four, comprising John Binge, George Binge, Neville Binge and Mervyn Jerrett returned to Boggabilla, victorious.

John Binge knocked out his opponent, Geo. Jenkins; Geo. Binge won on points from Johnson; Mervyn Jerrett knocked out Jim Cannon of Warialda, and Neville Binge won his bout on points against Jenkins. Congratulations, boys!

Following their success at Moree, a team of six visited Bingara to participate in another Boxing tournament. Here again the boys excelled themselves, and returned with five beautiful trophies. John Binge and Mervyn Jerrett again knocked out their opponents, while George Binge, Neville Binge and Henry Murray won their bouts on points. Stan McIntosh was unfortunate to lose a well fought-bout. In this tournament at Bingara, the main fight of the evening was between the local hero, Henry Murray and Burns of Bingara. Burns had never lost a fight and held a terrific reputation. Henry Murray very cleverly outboxed Burns. Special congratulations to Henry.

In the midst of heavy flooding, Boggabilla Aboriginal Station was not deterred. A double wedding was performed by the Vicar of Boggabilla. The Vicar and other guests were rowed on to the station by boat! Double weddings are not common nor do Vicars solemnise matrimony while surrounded by swirling flood waters!

The couples, Mervyn Jerrett and Daphne McGrady, and Mervyn Richardson and Kathleen Dennison made lovely pictures of brides and grooms respectively. Daphne wore a beautiful dress of white chiffon and was attended by two bridesmaids and two flower girls. Kathleen wore a beautiful dress of white embossed organdie. She was attended by three bridesmaids and three flower girls. The whole ceremony presented a colourful scene. The reception was held on the station, and each couple had expensive two-tiered wedding cakes. This auspicious occasion will be remembered by all who attended. A lot of work was devoted to making it a grand affair.

All the residential cottages on Boggabilla station have now been repainted. There is plenty of variety and individuality in the colour scheme.

Tom Duroux, a well-known figure on Boggabilla station, has had a long period of illness, during which time he has been in receipt of Social Service Benefits. However, he is now well again. He is returning to work with Doyles Estates, where he has been in regular employment for many years. He is happy to be back at work and the Boggabilla town cricket team will also be happy, as Tom is a member of their club. Tom is dying to hold the willow and to handle the cricket ball again.