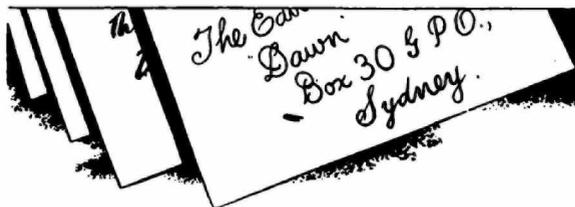




ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE



YOUNG MAN MAKES GOOD

Now Has Own Dairy

This modern age offers many opportunities for those people who are prepared to work.

Nevertheless those people who grasp those opportunities deserve the praise that comes their way.

One of those people is 18 years old Alfred Cook. Alfred's courage and incentive helped him graduate from a farm-hand working on Mr. Joseph Wilson's dairy farm at Barrington, to a share farmer.

Alfred is very lucky too, in being ably assisted by his attractive sixteen year old sister Patricia. Pat, who is an excellent cook, keeps house and helps in the dairy with the milking.

The Area Welfare Officer at Coff's Harbour visited the young couple whilst they were at work. He said it would have been an object lesson indeed for others of aboriginal blood to have seen the spotless dairy with its bails, milking machines and utensils exuding an aura of hygienic cleanliness.

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A farewell party held on the station was given in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gordon, who are leaving for Bourke, where Bert is to take up a new post.

The Gordons were very popular on the station and at the reserve in town, and were responsible for good work in preaching the Gospel. As station handyman Bert was an excellent worker.

It is very pleasing to note that their good work will be carried on by Arnold Governor, with the assistance of Hazel Sullivan and Patricia Wilson.

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Andrew Sloane, of Condobolin Aborigines School, was honoured recently when he won the citizenship prize offered annually by the Condobolin Rotary Club. Congratulations, Andrew.

Mr. Paul Dargin, of Condobolin, is still a patient at the Prince Henry Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery from his back injuries.

Caroona Notes

Xmas was a season of enjoyment and fun at Caroona.

It commenced with the Party and Xmas tree, which, according to the old residents, was one of the best ever seen on the station. A picnic tea, with lots of ice cream, soft drinks, fruit and lollies was served to 260 people, before the great event of the day, the Xmas tree. The ladies of the Progress Association committee had been working hard on the Hall and tree, and the result did them very great credit. The decorations were most striking and artistic, and the Xmas tree, with its sparkling stars and tinsel, was admired by everyone. Presents were given to 140 children, and the older people and invalids were not forgotten. Santa Claus was a very busy man.

Among our guests were some visitors from a Sydney magazine, and the A.B.C., and the party was livened by the popping of flashlight bulbs, as the photographer took his pictures. The youngsters were very thrilled at seeing themselves in a magazine and hearing themselves on the air a few days later.

After the party had finished, the Hall was cleared and a most enjoyable dance was held.

Many thanks are given to the Ladies Committee for their hard work, and it was hard work. A party of them were polishing the Hall floor on a humid day with the temperature at 96, and it takes enthusiastic workers to do that.

Thanks are also given to the Apex Club, of Quirindi, who volunteered to send out a "working party" to help make things go smoothly.

More thanks are due to the following people, who made voluntary donations: The Hon. Roger Nott, M.L.A., £1 1s. od.; Lyttle and Wright, ice cream; J. R. Tinson, cordials; Mrs. Horne, a pair of fowls.

The traditional Xmas hamper, donated by all our people, was won by little Jill Brennan, and should keep the Brennan family supplied with good things for a long time.

Another very enjoyable evening was the Boxing Day Dance, which was attended by a very large crowd, including visitors from Sydney, Narrabri, Moree, Breeza, Coonabarabran, Quirindi and Werris Creek.

Another dance was held on New Year's Eve, and went on until dawn.

Bill Allan was unfortunate enough to sustain severe burns on Xmas Eve, which spoiled the season for him. He was unable to resume work for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porter are being congratulated on the birth of a son.