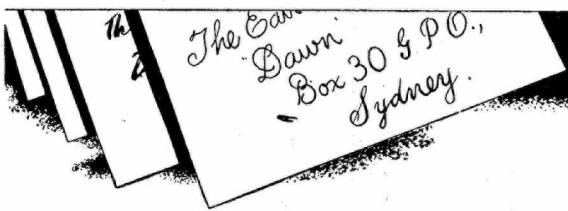




# ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE



## SCHOOL NOTES FROM BREWARRINA.

The school at the Aboriginal Station, Brewarrina, has had some very difficult times so far this year. It had only been open for about a fortnight, after the long Christmas vacation, when orders came to evacuate everybody into town because of flood dangers. A temporary school was set up in the pavilion at the racecourse, and although books and other materials were in very short supply, the children had to have their lessons under these very unsatisfactory conditions for about three months. Crowded conditions made it impossible for them to attend the Central School. However, this was better than no school at all.

The school had much pleasure in welcoming a new member to the staff, Mr. J. W. Seagrave, at the commencement of this year. This allows the headmaster, Mr. G. Mayoh, to devote more of his time to the older boys and girls, and the advantages are already noticeable.

Some good work has been carried out during the year in the Home Science Section of the school under the guidance of Mrs. Mayoh, but progress would have been even greater only for the interruptions caused by the floods.

After returning to the school this term the school garden was almost non-existent, but a good start has now been made in getting it going again.

In the half-yearly examinations this year, Joyce McHughes topped the school. She has been doing some really fine work and it is to be hoped that one of these not far distant days she will pass the Intermediate Examination. Good luck, Joyce! Other pupils worthy of special mention for good work are Maud McHughes, Blanche Ferguson, Charlie Wright and Dorothy Boney.

Much effort is being put in at the present moment in preparation for Education Week and it is hoped to make this an even greater success than it was last year, in spite of the fact that the school is again cut off from town by flood waters, thus excluding outside visitors.

## “SPORT.”

Quiet a number of the Wilcannia boys have been in the Wilcannia Football team, playing in the Whyte Hall Cup Competition this season and it is expected that there will be a club formed among themselves next season as quite a few of them show good promise. A team of boxers is being trained to enter a boxing competition to be held at Wilcannia in October, and these boys are expected to give a pretty good account of themselves. A recreation hall is badly needed at this settlement and efforts are being made to have one erected, a progress Committee being formed to handle the matter.

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

I was given *Dawn* to read recently and I was indeed very interested in it.

I was wondering if it would be possible to have this magazine sent to me, as shortly we are hoping to welcome into our home a little aboriginal girl. I have a great admiration for the darker people, having known many of them personally.

In one copy of *Dawn* there was a letter from Mrs. Kapeen, of Box Ridge, Coraki, suggesting that God's word is needed in this excellent book. As I expect you are printing it to suit everyone, why not an interdenominational space to be provided by the various ministers of religion. Perhaps one month by a Catholic Priest, then a Church of England Minister, then a Methodist, then a Baptist and so on, until everyone was catered for.

Religion has played a big part in the lives of Aborigines by improving their status, and they are proving worthy of it.

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