



### NEW TENANCIES.

Congratulations to Ron Flanders of Yass, and to Mrs. Robinson, Vince Cain, Louis Sutherland and George Cain of Coonabarabran, all of whom have completed Tenancy Agreements with the Board for the cottages they occupy. These people have been specially chosen to occupy these cottages because of their proved reliability and the dependence which the Board has on them to meet their financial obligations.

Tenancy Agreements have also been completed for two cottages, one at Taree Station and one at Caroona. These two centres, however, are Aboriginal Stations and the cottages are not in the town, as those above. There is a tendency on the part of tenants to shirk their responsibilities and not to pay their rent. This is a deplorable state of affairs and those tenants who accept cottages with promises which they do not intend to carry out, are not to be congratulated.

### LATE THOMAS HENRY AUSTIN.

There are many *Dawn* readers who will remember Mr. Austin, who passed away on 27th August, at his home in Hornsby. The late Mr. Austin, was an Officer of the Board for many years, his last appointment being as Manager-Teacher, at Brungle Station, near Gundagai. Following this appointment, he was transferred to Cumerogunga on the Murray River, as Headmaster of the Aboriginal School, and he remained there until his retirement.

In the early days, Mr. Austin was Superintendent of the Aboriginal Boys' Home when it was located at Singleton—in the town. He carried out there, a very difficult job, rendered more so because of the proximity of the town and the fact that the boys did not find it at all difficult to break out at night. Boys who spent their early years at Singleton Home have, however, often in after-life come forward with praise for Mr. Austin, whose leadership and guiding hand in their adolescent years they had come to value highly.

In paying tribute to the late Mr. Austin, the Secretary of the Board (Mr. Mullins), who had known him during the whole of both their official lives, said, "Tom served the aborigines well, and the spiritual motive which actuated him in his work, yielded wonderful results. He was a loyal Officer and always gave of his best. It was an honour to have known and to have been associated with him."

### CONDITIONS AT MUNGINDI.

The Board is attempting to meet the position of adversely housed aborigines at Mungindi, a position which has developed over the last few years. The Lands Department has been asked to set aside an area as a Reserve, as a preliminary step to the erection of homes when the necessary finance is available.

### EXPULSION ORDERS.

It is very pleasing to note that last year there were only four Expulsion Orders issued, and each one of them was in an extreme case.

The Board is very tolerant in this matter, and as an example, a case recently came under notice from one Reserve where the behaviour of one particular resident merited expulsion without any question of doubt. Between the time the Board considered the case and before the Order was issued, the person concerned decided to reform and, having given a promise that there would not be any further trouble, the Order has not been issued.

Strangely enough, on another Station the position was just the opposite. Here, we have the case of a man against whom an Expulsion Order was issued two or three years ago. Since then he had conducted himself reasonably well, and the Manager of the Station was prepared to recommend to the Board that the Order be suspended. The Board considered the matter very carefully and was all ready to suspend the Order when the man concerned reverted to his previous misconduct and was just as bad as when the Order was originally issued. The consequence was, of course, that the Expulsion Order is still in existence.

### SUCCESSFUL BURSAR.

Margaret Williams is a fifth year bursary student a Casino High School and the Board was pleased to receive a very good report from her Headmaster. She is a prefect, and this, as you know, is a very responsible position in a High School such as Casino. Everybody speaks highly of Margaret's pleasant manner.

She hopes to gain a scholarship next year under the Aboriginal Scholarship Scheme. If she does, she will be the first aboriginal child in New South Wales, if not in the whole of Australia, to proceed to the University.

### THE APEX CLUB OF AUSTRALIA HELPS A BURNT BRIDGE BOY.

Zone 5 of the Association of Apex Clubs decided as one of their Zone Service Schemes, to offer a scholarship of £50 to an aboriginal boy or girl selected from Primary Schools throughout the North and North-west of New South Wales.