



# They say



## Proud Foster Parents

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. McDonald, of the Sydney suburb of Normanhurst, are very proud of their foster daughter, Harriet Ellis.

Writing to the Editor of *Dawn*, Mrs. McDonald said, "Last January we became foster parents of Harriet Ellis, formerly of the Girls' Training Home at Cootamundra.

Harriet has become very much one of the family, has made lots of friends, is doing very well at school and topped all this by her athletic achievements.

She won the Open Championship, the Age Championship, the Senior High Jump and the Senior Broad Jump at Normanhurst Public School, and with my daughter Glennys represented the School at the P.S.A.A.A. Combined Northern Public School Sports at Pennant Hills Oval last week.

Although they were beaten in the semi-finals of the Open Championship they were also in the Tunnel Ball, Captain Ball and 440 yards relay teams, and helped their school to fourth place in the Cup Competition."

... Congratulations to you, Harriet, for making good, and congratulations too, to you Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, for the love, care and affection you are obviously bestowing on your little foster daughter.

—Editor.

## Passing of Michael Smith

Michael Gordon Smith, known to all his friends as "Mick", passed away on the 24th October, 1956. Mick suffered a heart attack in his home at 7 Dick Street, Chippendale, and had passed away before medical assistance could be summoned. *Dawn* extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Smith and the family, which consists of six sons and three daughters.

Mick Smith, who was 64 years of age, was born on the 22nd April, 1892, at Coonabarabran. He was well known and respected in the district and always maintained contact with his home town even though he had settled some years ago in Sydney where he owned his own home in Chippendale. He was the proud holder of an Exemption Certificate which was issued to him in June, 1952.

As Coonabarabran was the place of his birth, Mick was laid to rest in that town on the 28th October. A large number of his relatives and friends from Burra Bee Dee and Coonabarabran township, as well as many of the townspeople, attended the funeral.

A former resident, and recent visitor to Burra Bee Dee, Miss Wilga Goulding, who it would appear spent three busy weeks holidaying and renewing old friendships at Burra Bee Dee and Coonabarabran. It is understood Miss Goulding is a member of the Domestic Staff at The Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fuller, of Burra Bee Dee, on the birth of a son

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Three or four well-known identities from around Coonabarabran will eventually be seen when the film "Shiralee" is released for exhibition, these being fortunate in securing "extra" parts during a street scene in Coonabarabran recently.

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Soon, cottages on Burra Bee Dee Station will appear in a new light (colour). Residents are preparing to carry out a painting programme, which it is hoped will be completed before Christmas.

With recent improvement in the weather it has now been possible to hold a number of dances in the Brewarrina Station hall and many people from the reserve and town have come along to help the residents have a really enjoyable time.

It had been hoped to charge a small entrance fee but on both occasions trouble was experienced with the lighting plant and a late start was the result.

Mr. Seagrave, school teacher at the station put on two film shows recently and a collection at the door netted a sum of money towards the Christmas Party. The films, though old, were quite enjoyable. They were Jackie Coogan in "The Kid" and "Rin-Tin-tin."



"Aussie" Williams, Mrs. Queenie Roberts and Charlotte Robinson, of Tabulam.