



ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE

The Condobolin Apex Club have formed plans to assist folk living on the Condobolin Reserve. They intend to lay water on to each house, assist in general repairs, run a spring and autumn gardening competition, and assist in fencing of houses. As well as this, they have undertaken to buy a strip film projector for the aborigines school.

Quite a comprehensive programme!

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Miss Molly Fairfax, who for many years has been stationed at Condobolin by the Aborigines Inland Mission, has transferred to Queensland. Some weeks ago, Condobolin folk welcomed her successors, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and family, from North Queensland. We hope their stay in Condobolin will be a happy and fruitful one.

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Floods again caused much inconvenience at the end of last year when they cut the Reserve off from Condobolin township. The school was closed for some days, and three homes belonging to the Knights, Frosts and Briars were surrounded by water. Fortunately, after a few days the water receded again. The residents were very grateful to Condobolin Motors, who loaned a truck to get people and supplies in and out of town each day.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Greg Ingram, of Condobolin Reserve, on the birth (after some delay) of a fine son, Barry.

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Mr. Paul Dargin, of Condobolin, who has for many months been an inmate of the Auxiliary Hospital, Randwick, is recovering from another operation on his spine. We all wish Paul the very best and hope to see him on his feet again soon.

The First 1957 Baby

To Kerry Walker, of La Perouse, goes the honour of being the first baby born in New South Wales in 1957.

Kerry, who weighed in at 8 lb. 6 oz. is the first child born to 19-year-old Mrs. Elaine Walker, a resident of La Perouse.

She was born in the Crown Street Women's Hospital at 12.1 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Congratulations to Kerry and Elaine!

NEWS FROM MALLANGANEE.

Mallanganee is justly proud of Gertrude French, who commenced duties as a Trainee Nurse, at Tweed District Hospital, Murwillumbah, on her seventeenth birthday, 12th November, 1956.

Gertrude passed her Intermediate at St. Mary's Convent High School, Casino, in 1956, where she had studied for three years as the recipient of an Aborigines Welfare Board Bursary. Whilst attending this school Gertrude became one of its leading athletes and achieved the distinction of becoming a House Captain. She was very popular with both teachers and students.

It might well indeed be said, that Gertrude carries the "Torch"; held in the one hand to brighten the path of those of her blood who may follow, and in the other the lamp of that courageous woman who pioneered the nursing profession.

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Two cute little lasses from Guyra.