



RELIGIOUS RALLY AT TABULAM

Tabulam Aboriginal Station recently had a three-day Religious Rally, at which 200 odd visitors attended, some coming from as far afield as Glasshouse, Queensland, and Sydney.

Services were held in the station church, meetings were held with seats placed out on the lawns, and meals were served in the Recreation Hall.

Amongst those present was Mr. Bert Groves, Aborigines Member of the Board.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AT TABULAM

Tabulam Aboriginal Station had 20 car loads of visitors one Sunday recently.

The Rotary Club had arrived in full force, for the planting of an avenue of Caribbean Pine Trees. The holes had been dug, and good river flat soil had been put in them prior to Rotary's arrival. 110 Pines were planted and watered from drums on the station vehicle in about 1 hour, men, women and children each having to plant a tree.

Rotary members were shown around the station; they commented very favourably on the big improvements in general, also on the neat state of gardens and lawns, flowering trees and fruit trees.

The centre of attraction for some time was the stations Pretty Face Kangaroo, who stood for many photographs, but then left for his afternoon tea.

The children were served with afternoon tea in the fernery, and about 50 adults were served at the Manager's Residence.

A good day was had by all, and station residents will greatly benefit from these trees during hot weather, if they assist in protecting them.

Residents wish to say, "Thank You Rotary".

Work is still in progress on the front area of the Cowra Station, a pagola type entrance being erected in gum poles. The whole area has been cleared and prepared for lawn, shrubs and trees.

Mrs. Collins, of the A.I.M., recently visited Cowra Station and gave a very interesting talk, coupled with coloured slides, on her experiences in the Northern Territory. We hope Mrs. Collins can find time to visit us again in the near future.

Beware of

Buying Second-hand Motor Cars

Aborigines are warned against the dangers of entering into Hire Purchase Agreements for purchase of second-hand cars.

A case has recently come to the notice of the Board where a resident of an Aboriginal Station purchased a second-hand car through hire purchase. He was unable to pay his monthly instalments and returned the car to the Company for resale. However, the price realised on the car was insufficient to cover the amount due to the Hire Purchase Company, as a result of which the aborigine is being sued for an amount of £218, which the Hire Purchase Company maintains he still owes to them.

This could happen to any person who buys a car through a Hire Purchase Company and fails to keep up his payments.

An inmate of Coonabarabran District Hospital, after undergoing an operation—Herrick Cain, of White Street, Coonabarabran—we wish him a speedy recovery.

Returned to work again after a lapse of a few weeks idleness, owing to an accident sustained whilst cranking the motor of a truck—Fred Griffiths of Burra Bee Dee, swears he will never again "swing that handle".

A recent visitor to Burra Bee Dee, and Residents of the New Reserve, and White Street, Coonabarabran—Miss Fleming from Head Office, accompanied by Mr. E. Mason, A.W.O., Dubbo.

Mr. Michael Sawtell, a member of the Board, is lined up to speak to various bodies in Coonabarabran early in August. Further news re this matter will be conveyed after the visit.

Graham Brian Griffiths, son of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths Jun., of Burra Bee Dee, is at present undergoing treatment by the Far West Home at Manly. We trust the Baby will soon be well and return to his parents completely cured.