

Education Week at Boggabilla

In common with all other schools, the children of Boggabilla Station took vigorous interest in Education Week . . . too vigorous from the manager's point of view, as will be told later.

Open day on the Station was attended by many parents of the children at school, and the Vicar, with two visitors, Mrs. Hoskins and Mrs. Gower. There were many comments of approval on the good standard of work shown by the pupils, and the opinion was that both Mr. Buchanan, as Headmaster and Mr. Hathorn, as assistant, had done a good job at the School in the first part of their first year.

The day preceding the Open Day was spent at Moree, where the school children took part in the Annual P.S.A.A.A. Sports. The "day" actually commenced at 4 a.m. in the morning, when the school bell was rung to awaken those going to the sports. As the time of departure was not until 7 a.m., the manager very reluctantly got out of bed and "tore a strip off the offenders" as they say. Again at five o'clock there were the sound of voices coming from the direction of the garage where the station truck is housed. Again the manager got out of bed, this time jet propelled. After tearing off a "second strip" there followed a warning that any further noise would cancel the trip.

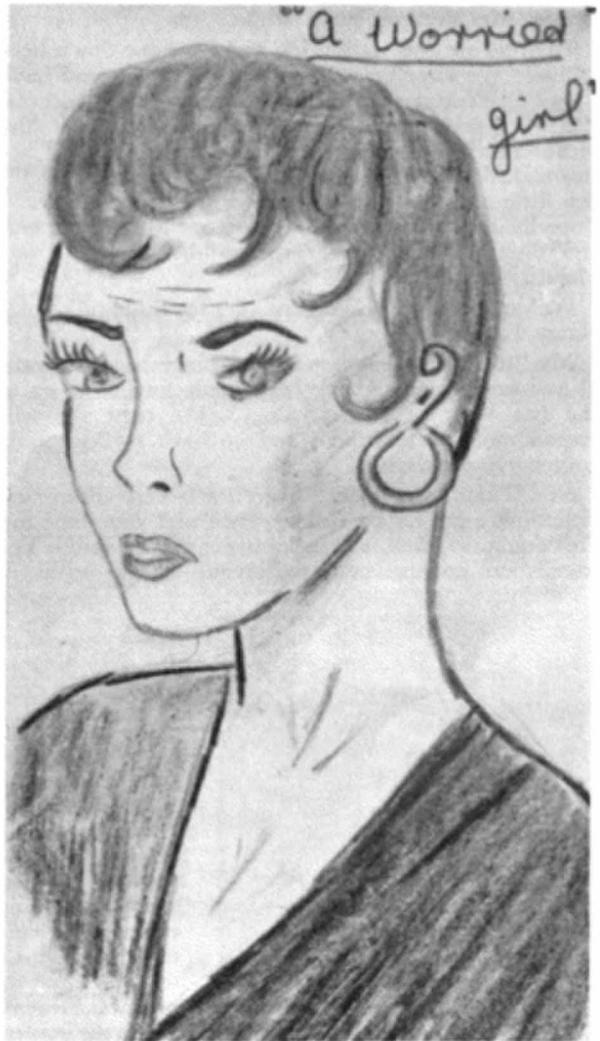
The party eventually set off about ten minutes past seven and everybody was enjoying the trip, for it was not too cool and they had managed to borrow a tarpaulin from the Schoolteacher. The road was quite good except for a couple of patches at the Moree end, where it had rained heavily.

On one occasion the truck entered one of these patches in third gear, but the going was too much, and so it went down to second gear. But it still could not make it, so after finally stopping, it pulled away in bottom . . . very slowly. All this time the truck was drifting to the off side of the road and a glance in the driving mirror, showed a car or something behind. A sensible driver, seeing the plight of a heavily laden truck would have been content to wait till it was more convenient to pass. But no, this driver continued along, in the table drain, and immediately swung across the front of the truck.

However, apart from collecting the bumper bar on the truck no harm was done. The driver said he was going to the Sports. Someone said he did not like his family, and was trying to get them into the Hospital.

Mr. Buchanan, Headmaster of the Aboriginal School said the children spent an enjoyable day meeting many friends and relations. Their tunics, blazers and marching made them a pleasing picture as they progressed around the arena.

Special congratulations to Colleen Duncan, who broke the district Senior Girls' Broad Jump record with a leap of 13 feet 5½ inches. Also to the Junior



A special prize to Grace Monaghab, of Three Way Bridge, Griffith, for her excellent drawing entitled "a worried girl"

Boys' Relay Team, Malcolm Hippi, Michael Duncan, Robert Hippi and Brian Troutman. The children travelled 86 miles from Boggabilla to Moree to participate in the Annual P.S.A.A.A. Sports.

Since the beginning of June, there has been a steady increase in the number of men and boys out of work at Boggabilla. Out of a total of almost 40 men, only about four managed to keep in work.

However, shearing has commenced again and contractors have been in for labour for ring barking, and work is at the moment of a casual nature.

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