

Truck Tragedy .. Sport .. School Inspection Day

Practically every person in the township and district of Brewarrina has been shocked and saddened by the appalling tragedy of a recent evening's fatal truck smash. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents and relatives of the victims.

At about 6.40 the truck in which five youths were travelling towards Brewarrina, got out of control on the approach to the Billabong Bridge.

The truck, a 2-ton Chev., collided with the safety fence and toppled over the embankment, coming to rest at the bottom of the watercourse, about 30 yards from the roadway.

The crash was responsible for the death of three of the five youths.

Those killed were Albert Knight, aged 19, driver of the vehicle; Raymond Gregory Nean, aged 11 and Bruce West, aged 14.

The other two in the vehicle, Barry West, 12 and Donald Norman Salt, 10, were admitted to Brewarrina District Hospital, where they were given medical care.

The vehicle which was almost completely wrecked belonged to Mr. Francis Blake.

The largely attended triple funeral of the victims took place two days later from Christ Church, Brewarrina to Brewarrina Cemetery. Rev. Bro. R. Palmer, B.G.S., officiated at the church and at the graveside.

Children from Brewarrina schools formed a guard of honour; a fitting tribute to their schoolmates.

Relatives and friends of the bereaved families came from many parts of Brewarrina and Bourke districts to attend the funeral.

ABORIGINES' FOOTBALL AT BREWARRINA

Two football teams representing the Walgett Aboriginal Station journeyed from Walgett recently, and met two teams representing Brewarrina Aboriginal Station at the last mentioned ground.

In the Reserve Grade the play was fast and gave the spectators a hint of what was to follow in the first-grade game.

Scorers in the Reserve grade were:—

For Brewarrina: R. Sullivan a try. John Frail a try and a goal.

For Walgett: W. Morgan a try.

In this game John Frail gave an outstanding display as half.

His try was a gem, as from the base of the scrum, on Walgett 25, he sidestepped and weaved his way right through the opposition to score lonehanded.

For Walgett, the fullback was easily the most outstanding.

First Grade Game

This game was played at such a pace, that in the still airless afternoon, a pall of dust hung over the ground throughout the match.

With every player straining his utmost, some very good, though at times ragged football was witnessed.

With the scores, Walgett 8, Brewarrina 7, with only a few minutes to go, excitement was at a very high pitch, with partisans yelling encouragement on both sides.

From a scrum, Brewarrina's five-eighth, Fred Ferguson, with a very pretty piece of football, beat several players and threw a long pass over two team-mates' heads to Cassidy Samuels, who went in and clinched victory for Brewarrina.

The scores being Brewarrina 10, Walgett 8.

Fred certainly shone for Brewarrina, while for Walgett, once again it was the fullback who was outstanding.

To sum up:—

John Frail has great potentialities as a footballer.

A lesson many teams could learn: "There was not one punch thrown for the duration of either game."

The last game was very capably handled by Mr. Ted Crimmings of Walgett, who always had the game under control.

ABORIGINES' SCHOOL

One afternoon recently, Brewarrina Aboriginal School was open for inspection by parents, adults and interested citizens. All the parents paid a visit to the school to be proudly shown around by their children and to examine their books which were displayed on each child's desk.

Attention was caught by the children's artistic achievements displayed around the walls of the classrooms. Many of the mothers were surprised at their children's portrayal of them in their pictures of "mum" and "dad". The pictures of "teacher" brought smiles to the faces of many visitors, while the numerous paintings in the Upper Division Room interested all who studied them.

Along the walls of the verandah the work of the senior girls in sewing was shown. Shirts, blouses, aprons, tray cloths, throw-overs, guest towels and centre pieces decorated with coloured embroidery stitches made a gay display, along with the knitting and the process books.

Various baskets, trays, models, potholders, pieces of wool work and felt work, all showing a high degree of proficiency were displayed in the two classrooms. Many parents and visitors wandered through the rooms repeatedly to re-examine and appreciate the displays.

At 2.30 the home science girls announced afternoon tea and the visitors were treated to tea and buttered scones served by the girls clad in their green work aprons.

Refreshed by afternoon tea and with one last look at the school, which is in the process of being painted inside and out, the fifty odd visitors returned to their homes more convinced in the belief that "Education is Everyone's Concern."