

STUDY COMES FIRST

Robert Bellear, a Murwillumbah High School student, who won a Board bursary some time ago to enable him to pursue his studies, is a very keen sportsman.

Nevertheless, when he recently found he had to curtail some of his sporting activities to concentrate on study, he did not hesitate, for, like a lot of other intelligent young men in all parts of the world, he realised that a good education is most important and that it opens up the way to all manner of wonderful opportunities.

He had to discontinue playing with the Murwillumbah Football Club and reduce the time spent as a cadet lifesaver with the Brunswick Surf Club.

Robert's ambition is to be a survey draughtsman in a Government Department or a Surveyor in a similar Department, either the Department of Lands, Agriculture, Public Works or Conservation.

Readers will join in congratulating Robert on his wise decision and in wishing him every success.

BRUNGLE

It was noted that all houses were painted with paint supplied by the Board, giving the place a very pleasing appearance. Most male residents are engaged removing underwater obstacles from the Tumut River, for which they receive excellent wages. The remainder are employed at Tumut Ponds harvesting the millet crop.

There are seven aborigine children attending the Tumut Intermediate High School and the Board is assisting them by providing school uniforms and paying the bus fares. The principal, Mr. Gollan, speaks highly of the children attending his school and appreciates the way in which they mix with the other children and the manner in which they look after their uniforms.

MURRIN BRIDGE

Mr. H. J. Green, our Superintendent, visited Murrin Bridge and was gracefully received by the residents. While there, Mr. Green visited the doctor and the matron of the Lake Cargelligo hospital. The next day he left for Condobolin, where he inspected the four new cottages and visited the residents of the reserve and Murie settlement.

It is regretted that Miss M. Kinnear of the Murrin Bridge school has left. She has been teaching at aboriginal schools for over forty years, and it is certain that she will be missed by one and all. Mr. P. Wilding is the new school teacher and it is hoped that his stay here will be a pleasant one.

Miss Angelina Johnson has found employment with Mrs. Holstein, who resides six miles from Lake Cargelligo.

Most of the able-bodied men of the Station are at present employed on various jobs on Stations in the area.

A LETTER FROM QUEENSLAND

Writing to the Editor, Mr. Ken Stewart, of Yungaburra, via Atherton said:—

“ I have much pleasure in presenting this letter to the Members of the Board staff and the aborigine people in New South Wales. I have been a subscriber to *Dawn* for the last eighteen months and it has given me a great deal of pleasure and interest.

I must say that the coloured people up here in Queensland and North Queensland are well behind in efforts such as yours, so press on with the good work.

I am a Minister myself and I am proud to be able to spread the word of God from day to day. We need more coloured ministers today in Australia of all denominations so we might show the white people that we can be independent.

Good luck to you all in N.S.W.”

MOREE

It is most pleasing to note the very lovely little home that Mr. Frank Vecchell has just built for Eric and Jeanette Kinchela on their own block in Thompson's Row, East Moree.

This proves what can be accomplished when a couple work together and save together. We do heartily congratulate Eric and Jeanette for their industry and foresight, and wish them all the very best in the days that lie ahead.

It is also gratifying to see the way Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Duncan have been able to procure a building block in Chester Street, East Moree. Kevin is a very keen and consistent carpenter in the regular employ of Building Contractor, Mr. Arthur Pritchard, also of Moree. Later when Kevin is able to raise a loan, he plans to build his own home with the assistance of one of his white work-mates.

DEATH NOTICES

At Armidale on 16th February, 1959, the death occurred of well-known aboriginal resident of East Armidale, Mr. Oliver Natty, at the age of 46 years.

At Armidale, on 19th February, 1960, the death occurred of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Vale of Bellbrook, Horace Lewis Vale, aged 1 year. Mr. and Mrs. Vale had moved to East Armidale Reserve, where the death occurred.
