

Cabbage Tree Island Co-op.

The Numbahging Co-operative Society was formed in December, 1959 when the people of Cabbage Tree Island met together with many visitors to give it a good start. At the formation of the society we learnt that "Numbahging" means "people of the reeds". This is the old true name of the people of this part of the Richmond River.

Pastor Roberts conducted a Christian Co-op. Service on Thanksgiving Sunday morning and afternoon. The women of Cabbage Tree set out lunch and tea for the many visitors and did great work.

Mr. George Disney, of the Co-operative Registry (N.S.W.), came to help form the society. Mr. Colin Williamson, Secretary of the Newcastle & Suburban Co-op. Society, brought the good wishes of the Co-op. Movement to the new Numbahging Co-op.

The President of the Society is Mr. R. Bolt, Vice-President, Mr. R. A. Anderson, Mr. Arthur Ferguson, Secretary, and Directors, Clarence Combo, Dick Roberts, Dave Kapeen, Walter Cook and Harold Kelly. Mr. Russ McCrohan, the very good friend of the people, is a Director and Educational Adviser. Mr. Norman Sharp, of Ballina, is Business Adviser. There will be other friends who will advise about planting for crops and other means of better living.

NOTE.—The Official Opening of the Numbahging Co-operative Society, Cabbage Tree Island, will be performed by the Hon. A. Landa, Minister for Housing and Minister for Co-operative Societies, on Saturday, August 13.

WHEN WE BUILD CO-OPS WE BUILD FRIENDSHIP

Another New Co-op.

The Mitchell River Aboriginal Co-operative Society is registered in Queensland. Mitchell River is in the Gulf country on the west side of Cape York Peninsula. Mitchell River had their meeting of formation on November 16, 1959. Women were elected with men as Directors. This is a good move. If you look at the rules that are drawn up for co-operative societies you will see that women have the same rights as men ("Open membership regardless of colour, race, creed or sex . . .").

Mitchell will start business later this year. Good luck to them!

IT CAN BE DONE THE CO-OP. WAY PEOPLE MUST PLAN AHEAD PREPARE YOUR FUTURE NOW!

Write for information to:

Co-operative Newsletter, c/o Rev. W. A. Clint,
19 Goodwin Street, Narrabeen, N.S.W.

LET US KNOW EACH OTHER

. . . a request from Victoria

The Editor of *Dawn* has received a very interesting letter from a young Victorian girl. This young lady, Lois Stamford, writes, "I have written to you because my history teacher, Mr. D'Aprana, thought it would be a good idea if we became pen-friends with the aboriginal children by writing to them and exchanging ideas and photos. We also thought that some of the children could come and have a holiday with some of us.

"A boy, Carl Smith, and myself were appointed to organise the project. We collected money from the other children in the class and used it to buy films and other things concerning the aborigines. We do hope you will be able to help us."

I think this is a wonderful idea and I hope that not only our young readers of *Dawn* will interest themselves in writing to Lois and her classmates, but that many teachers at our aboriginal schools and stations will make this a class project.

Address your letters to—

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Hall Reservoir,
Melbourne, Vic.



One way to keep fit is to buy yourself a bike (and ride it ofcourse!) says Alex Blair, of Ben Lomond