



HEALTH CENTRE WORTHWHILE

The Baby Health Clinic which opened on the Griffith Reserve on 15th March is proving to be a very useful service. One can see the improvement in the babies, and the mothers express their thanks for the opportunity that has been given them.

The clinic is conducted in a friendly atmosphere, the mothers often sit around and talk after they have seen the Sister—in fact, they look forward to Clinic day.

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TROUTMAN'S NEAT HOME

Some considerable time has passed since the Troutman family left the Boggabilla Aboriginal Station to settle in the town. They seem to have done this very successfully.

Their neat new cottage gleams bright on the Common in Boggabilla and the interior is very well furnished—in fact fully furnished. Gordon and Jean lost no time while their home was being built. They set to buying and storing many things for the day when they finally took over.

The children, Janet and Brian, have settled in at the town school, and are always neatly dressed and a credit to Mrs. Troutman, who pays particular attention to their clothing.

Unfortunately, some mild dissension was made when the Troutman's planned on moving in on another part of the town some time before. This did not deter them in their resolve to better themselves and to live decently. It is only a few steps from the Bruxner Highway at Boggabilla to the home (and a well kept one at that) of an aboriginal family determined to show what they can do as an example to all.

Since the family moved in the house has been painted and gardens planned and dug. All of which takes time and money and will-power. Good luck to the Troutman family!

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GARDENS AT BOGGABILLA

A number of residents on the Aboriginal Station, Boggabilla, have been cultivating their gardens in an effort to get flowers and vegetables to grow.

Many people went to great lengths to get extra wire to help keep out straying dogs, goats, sheep and other

animals. Of course, some do not care and are forever being told about the collection of rubbish that they would rather accumulate about their yards.

There has been something of a "flower exchange" between the residents and the Matron who supervises the gardens in the manager's residence. By far the easiest and the most colourful to grow are geraniums, which once they take root need little attention and make a very bright display for most of the year. Roses, bush or rambler, make a good show and need little attention. And there are many seasonal flowers which sown as seed or planted at the proper time pay well for the effort taken. Many of the gardens at Boggabilla have vegetable plots which have been giving the owners fresh cabbage, lettuce, beetroot, etc.

Among those to be commended for their efforts are Mrs. Eileen McIntosh and Mr. Lloyd Dennison, both of whom have good flower and vegetable gardens. Also with good vegetable gardens are Mrs. Leila Dennison, Mrs. Haines and Norman Duncan. Two other well-kept gardens are those of Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Susan McGrady. Another vegetable plot and some effort to get trees to grow was noticed at Mrs. Hannah Whiteman's.

N.A.D.O.C. WRITING QUEST

Australia Wide Competition

The General Meeting of the Commonwealth and State branches of National Aborigines Day Observance Committee has decided that the response to the last N.A.D.O.C. writing quest indicated such a degree of enthusiasm that it should be repeated again in 1961.

Details of the conditions of the competition will be published in the January issue of *Dawn* and circulars will be sent to interested organisations throughout Australia.

This competition which embraces short stories, poems and essays is open to aborigines of all ages in all parts of Australia.