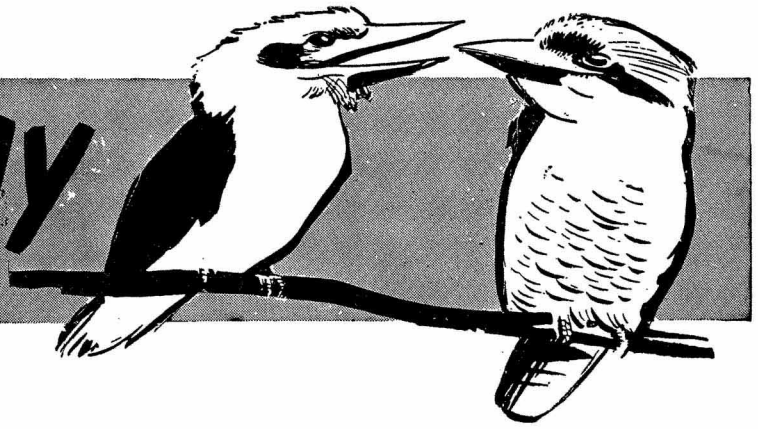


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Tragic death of Boggabilla Personality

It is with great regret that *Dawn* announces the passing of Mrs. Susan McGrady, affectionately known as Susie. Mrs. McGrady passed away in Goondiwindi hospital at the age of 57 years, after an accidental fall on the Station at Boggabilla.

Susie was always an energetic person, and for this reason alone the news of her death was a tragic shock to all who knew her, and as one of the elders of the Station and a great grandmother she will be sadly missed.

Her husband, Hugh William, known as Bill, is a pensioner, but Susie went to work on a local property as a daily help, where she was treated as one of the family. She had been ill just before her death, but had returned to work, on her own insistence, such was her energy.

Susie was one of the original foundation members of the Toomelah Branch of the Country Women's Association on this Station. She was at one time Vice-President and later Treasurer. She travelled on several occasions as delegate of her branch to the annual conferences held in Sydney and to many other functions of the C.W.A. held in the surrounding district.

Susie was buried in the cemetery on the Station. The service was given by the Reverend Mr. B. Harker of St. Albans, Boggabilla. There were many floral tributes and people travelled from Tenterfield, Narrabri, Moree, Mungindi, St. George and other places. In addition to family tributes, branches of the Country Womens' Association at Goondiwindi, Boggabilla, North Star and Toomelah made their respective presentations.

The Goondiwindi Rotary and the R.S.L. made their solemn contribution. Other floral tributes came from the Zacka family, Mrs. Betty Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gunn. Tributes were also received from the Past Guild of St. Albans Church, Mr. and Mrs. Durkin, Mrs. Georgettis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

The deepest sympathy of all who knew Mrs. McGrady goes to her husband, Bill and his remaining family and relatives in their sad loss.

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Burra Bee Dee News

Congratulations go out to the Vesta Green's on the birth of a daughter to be named Donna Mary. Donna only weighed 4 lb. at birth, but has rapidly gained weight due to the care of the nurses and sisters at the Coonabarabran Hospital.

The residents on the Gunnedah Hill Reserve, Coonabarabran, are anticipating the early return of Julie Robinson from her long stay in the Tamworth Hospital. Hope you return feeling very fit, Julie!

Our friendly U.A. Missionary, Mr. Wakerley, has not been in the best of health. Here's hoping that you are feeling better, Mr. Wakerley. Mr. Wakerley was to have brought a trained choir with him to the Station and also to the Reserve, but owing to his recent illness, this "feast" of singing has had to be postponed to a later date, probably the Church Anniversary in August.

Mr. Fred Griffiths, Snr., has not been in the best of health for some time now, and is at present a patient in the Coonabarabran Hospital.

For those who have been past residents on "Burra Bee Dee" I would like to state that the Station horse affectionately known as "Tessie" is still to be seen in the paddocks of the Station. Tessie is nearly 18 years old and has been raised and bred on "Burra Bee Dee" in the days when the Station ran many head of cattle. She can still be seen on odd occasions bringing in firewood.

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Woodenbong News

A very pleasant gathering was held at Woodenbong Station on Saturday 15th July, for the send-off of Mrs. Crethar. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crethar have been cafe proprietors in the town for twenty-four years, and during the course of those many years have always been of great assistance to Station residents and the "fair-dinkum" friendships which have developed on both sides will always be remembered. Of course Woodenbong people are sad to see the Crethar family leaving but wish them luck and good health at their new home in Brisbane.

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On National Aboriginal Sunday, Woodenbong residents travelled by bus to visit the Methodist Church Services at Urbenville and Bonalbo. During the morning Service at Urbenville, Rev. Kelly addressed the congregation on the significance of the day and then invited Pastor Frank Bundock to take the Service.

Before the evening Service at Bonalbo, church people provided a lovely supper in the Church Hall and the Station Choir sang hymns. Many interesting conversations occurred and friendships were made by all present.

Pastor Bundock took the evening Service as well.

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Latest addition to the Station is the baby daughter of Nellie Charles, born at Kyogle District Hospital on 17th July.

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My word the winter frosts are white of a morning, but they don't stop Alec Vesper from rising before daylight, but we see Alec soon lights a fire.