

Macquarie) and Mrs. Wooding, have come here and given instruction in dress-making, millinery and cookery, respectively, and the Sister from the Baby Health Centre has lectured on child welfare.

“Purfleet branch has made the most of these opportunities and has used its own initiative.

“Mainly through its efforts footpaths have been made through Purfleet; a safer bus stop has been made to pick up the school children; they have books to establish a library, and plans for a Baby Health Centre are well on the way.”

Group Secretary, Mrs. McLennan, said Purfleet had been 100 per cent. successful during the year, and deserved the congratulations which had come to it on its first anniversary.

She presented a gift from Mrs. Maisey, a member of the Laurieton branch, who has always been particularly interested in Purfleet’s progress.

Taree President, Mrs. J. McKeon, said Taree was particularly proud of the achievements of the Purfleet branch, which as well as the other achievements referred to had conducted a most successful baby show during the year.

She wished the branch continued success in the future, together with the continued co-operation of Taree members.

Mrs. McKeon said the branch was not only known Australia-wide, but was also known in Jamaica, as she had received a letter from a Mrs. Caroline Mary Richards, who was anxious to hear from Purfleet members as her mother (now dead) was an Australian aboriginal and a “very wonderful woman”.

Other presidents also offered their congratulations and speakers included Mrs. E. Wedmore (Wingham), Mrs. Sheriff (John’s River), Mrs. Sneddon (Laurieton), and, deputising for absent presidents, Mrs. McCarthy (Kendall), Mrs. James (Forster), and Mrs. Richards (Port Macquarie).

As well, best wishes were offered by Group International Officer, Mrs. L. Gibson (Wingham), Mrs. E. Beal (Wingham) and Sister O’Brien, of the Welfare Board.

Group representative, Mrs. U. Hickson, cut the birthday cake which had been made and donated by Mrs. Norma Gollan, of Tinonee, and decorated by Mrs. J. McKeon, of Taree.

Musical items were given by vocalists Mrs. Stan Simon and Mrs. Slater, accompanied by guitarist Mr. Lloyd Williams; Messrs. C. Edwards and F. Bugg presented gumleaf music, accompanied by pianist Mrs. Davis, and the choir sang, accompanied by pianist Mrs. Bert Maher.

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## MY SON ON A FARM

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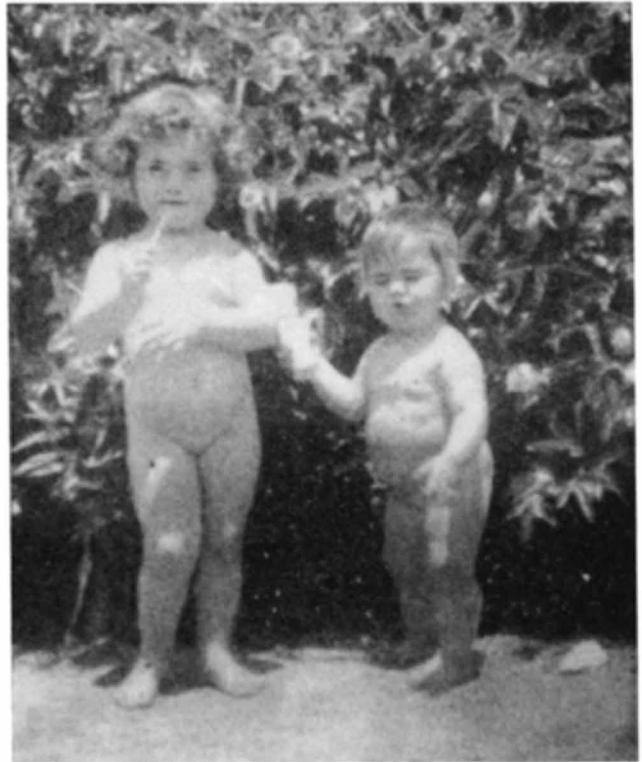
I want my son to grow up on a farm. Some will say that it will limit his opportunities. They may even feel sorry for him. But how can they know what his life and pleasures will be.

They do not realise that my boy will never be lonely, that nature will be his companion for life.

Through nature he will know that there is a God; that science does not control everything. He will learn to work hard and be ambitious; but he will also learn to accept things as they come—the hail and drought and the unforeseen.

As a farm boy he will know animals as good friends. By feeding and caring for those friends, my boy will learn the joy of doing things for others. Early in life he will know a father’s feelings towards those who depend upon him.

To him all living things will be sacred. He will watch life appear and reproduce itself. He will learn the certainty of death. Its quiet presence in the plants and animals about him, will assure him that life’s end need not be feared.



No, not Adam and Eve, but Kathy and Cindy Smith, of Cootamundra