

News from Bellbrook

By R. Harrhy

Mr. Joe Quinlin, of Bellbrook, who has not been at all well for some weeks, has been a patient at the Macleay District Hospital. Joe is now recuperating at home and is not liking the strict diet on which he has been placed. However, Joe has lost a deal of weight which he hopes will be of benefit to him.

Mr. John Quinlin, the Bellbrook Station handyman, has just had his annual leave at Armidale. Mr. Henry Dunn deputised as Station handyman during John's absence.

Mrs. Fay Banfield, of Sydney, with her children, recently spent a short vacation on Bellbrook Station. Mrs. Banfield's husband, who is in the Australian Army, is awaiting posting overseas—possibly Malaya.

Some of the parents of scouts will be attending the annual Father and Son Dinner to be held shortly in Kempsey. Last year Mr. Ronnie Kelly went with his two sons, Lewis and Dennis, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Bellbrook residents are awaiting the services of Mr. Johnny O'Neill, who ploughs and plants the corn on the Station under contract to the Bellbrook Progress Association. If the crop is as good as last year the Association should benefit considerably.

Mr. Victor Shepherd, of Bellbrook, has been working hard recently in his home garden and it is showing excellent results. He has constructed a most efficient fence from virtually nothing and has now started in to improve the area in front of his home.

It is likely that new Bellbrook storage tanks will be installed in the near future. This will be a relief to all since the present tank stand is in a very dangerous condition. It will also mean that there will be 6,000 gallons storage instead of, as previously, a little under 4,000 gallons.

The Bellbrook school garden is looking very well at present despite damage done by uncontrolled dogs. Flowers from the school garden won three first prizes at the Bellbrook Flower Show. Several prizes were also won by pupils of the school for their entries in the handwork section.

MERVYN BISHOP DOES WELL

Congratulations to Mervyn Bishop on being selected as a Prefect of Dubbo High School for this year. Mervyn will probably sit for the Leaving Certificate at the end of the year.

Mervyn, who comes from Brewarrina, is a bursar of the Board and is boarding in the Church of England Hostel at Dubbo. Mervyn is also being supported by the Journalists' Aboriginal Group of "The Sydney Morning Herald."

GRIFFITH

GOSSIP

By Stanley Smith, D.C.M.

It's so long since I wrote to *Dawn* readers, that I forget the date of my last letter. However, I think often of my many friends and have many times had the urge, but not the time, to write.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Margaret Morris, whom I have never met, on her very fine address, on the occasion of National Aborigines Day Observance, delivered to the people gathered in Martin Place, Sydney, and reported in *Dawn* October issue.

A photo of Frank Johnson appeared in *Dawn* recently. Frank is training in Singleton Bible College, to be a missionary. He was home for a couple of weeks during October, and before a congregation which packed the Griffith Baptist Church gave testimony to the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and was baptised by immersion.

Griffith Aborigines Assimilation Organisation plans to have the new "Community Hall", for Three Ways Bridge Reserve, finished soon.

Readers will recall that the "Baby Health Clinic" section was brought into service in 1960. The Griffith Apexians, on a voluntary basis, did the job of erecting the Clinic, and have promised to complete the job of erecting the Hall.

We are very grateful to the Apexians for the help they have given, and have promised to give, our Organisation.

A recent "Street Stall" at the corner of Banner Avenue and Kooyoo Street raised over £39 towards the Hall Fund.

The Aborigine Inland Mission has changed its Griffith Missionaries. Miss Campbell has gone to Narrandera and will share her time between Narrandera and Lecton. Mr. and Mrs. Bridge have taken over the work at Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Firebrace have bought a nice little cottage on approximately an acre of land at West Griffith. They have settled in, and are very happy on their "Selection". Mr. Lovel brought along his farm plant and ploughed the land which will be sown to pasture grass. Their chooks are looking well and they hope to have a milking cow before very long.

I think *Dawn* is a splendid magazine and I hope all our people read it carefully, especially the "Health Hints" and "Help Yourself" pages.