

# N.A.D.O.C. Essay Results

A 13-year-old part-Aboriginal boy from Forster (N.S.W.) has won the junior section of the essay competition organised by the National Aborigines' Day Observance Committee (N.S.W.).

The successful young essayist is Robert Davis; theme of his essay was "My Ambition"—suggested theme for all entrants in the junior section.

The prize in the adult section of the competition has been awarded to Mr Harry Penrith of Wagga, for his essay on the theme "The Future of Aborigines in Australia". (See Mr Penrith's story on page 5.)

N.A.D.O.C. seeks by competitions and other means to highlight Aboriginal skills and abilities and for this reason entry in the contest was restricted to Aboriginal and part-Aboriginal competitors.

Prizes for the competition were donated by the Rural Bank.

Robert Davis, as first-prize winner, will be given a five-day conducted coach tour of the Snowy Mountains and Canberra. Mr Penrith will use his prizemoney to help educate his young daughter, Rebecca.

Judge of the essays, Mr Alan Duncan, said that the contest was difficult to judge because of the uniformly high standard of entries.

The essays demonstrated that many children and adults are aware of the problems facing Aboriginal people today! Mr Duncan said, "In the adult section many competitors put forward positive suggestions which could well receive consideration. They showed awareness of the very important part Aborigines should play in determining the future of their own people."



**Robert Davis and his headmaster at Forster Central School, Mr G. Cooney. Robert is in second year at the school. He holds a bursary awarded by the Aborigines Welfare Board (Rural Bank Photos.)**

## My Ambition

By Robert Davis

### JUNIOR SECTION

Perhaps the one ambition of every young Australian is to serve our country. Today there are many varied and interesting jobs available for us to choose from, and we as the future citizens of this country must accept a position suited to us, so that we can help our country to prosper and grow.

I, as a young Aboriginal, have pondered on the question "what am I to do when I grow up?", and by looking ahead and trying to visualise our country perhaps 10 or 20 years from now I have decided that I would like to become an engineer. There are many avenues to be explored in this interesting field and I feel it will be a most rewarding position.

The results of my ambitions and dreams lie in the future, for I am still attending school and to be able to succeed I must have a good education. In realizing this fact I hope many more of our children will avail themselves of the opportunities offered to them at school, for education will be the pathway to our future and therein lies our successes or failures.