

# FAREWELL TO CHAMPION

## Dave Sands Dies in Tragic Truck Accident

Thousands of Australians, young and old—people in all walks of life—were shocked by the sudden death of their boxing idol, Dave Sands, a few days ago.

Dave, who was seriously injured when a five-ton truck he was driving crashed over an embankment near Dungog, died a few hours later in Dungog hospital.

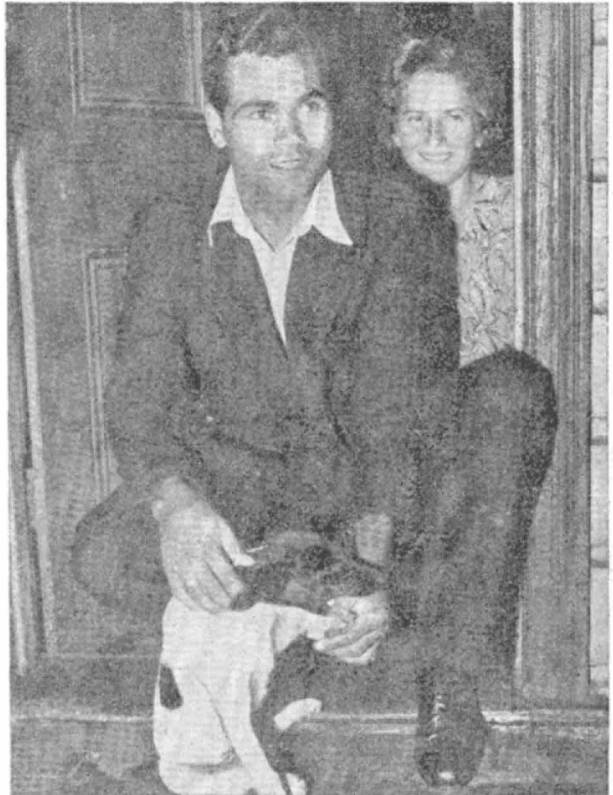
The eleven people involved included Alfie Sands, who sustained extensive cuts and bruises, Dave's infant daughter Lillian, who was uninjured, and Mrs. Ritchie Sands who suffered severe chest injuries. Mrs. Dave Sands was not on the truck.

Dave, who left a widow and three children, was Australia's most popular sportsman. Besides being Empire Middleweight Boxing Champion he was Australian middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavy-weight champion.

Paying tribute, and extending to Mrs. Sands and relatives the sympathy of the Aborigines Welfare Board, the Chairman, Mr. C. J. Buttsworth, said, "Dave lived as he fought—clean and fair. He was a credit to his people and brought much credit to Australia."

The Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, Mr. Waltham, said "Dave proved himself to be among the best. He was a gentleman inside and outside the ring."

Mr. Harry Miller, Manager of Sydney Stadiums, said, "Dave Sands' death is a tragic loss to Australian boxing. He was a credit to the game."



## BURNT BRIDGE SHOWS ENTHUSIASM AND CIVIC PRIDE

Some months ago the Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare, Mr. A. W. G. Lipscomb, stressed the importance of co-operation between the aborigines and the Board, and pointed out the value of organisations such as Parents and Citizens' Associations to aboriginal communities.

Writing to *Dawn*, Mrs. A. M. Ridgeway of Burnt Bridge told how Burnt Bridge had progressed with its Association and what it had done for the residents of the Station.

"We have had a Parents and Citizens' Association at Burnt Bridge for many years," said Mrs. Ridgeway, "and it might be of interest to others throughout New South Wales to know what we are doing. We have 102 children attending our school and we work for their sakes in the hope that we can do much for them and give them many things which we older people have never had.

During the last twelve months we have arranged a number of socials, with profits exceeding £100.

We have used this money to purchase sporting materials, amenities, school prizes, books for the library, and maps, pictures and manual work material.

We have spent a great deal of money fitting up the Kindergarten with toys and playing materials and it is indeed wonderful to see the little ones enjoying themselves."

Mrs. Ridgeway said the Association had now turned its efforts towards the school garden, and trees and shrubs are to be purchased as well as the timber necessary for the fencing and laying out of garden beds. A working bee attends to all the really heavy work.

The Association soon hopes to buy a motion picture projector which can be used for the entertainment and education of not only the school pupils but these young people who have left school.

Before this can be done however, it will be necessary to have the Station connected to the Kempsey power supply. Burnt Bridge residents consider this should not be costly as the power mains are less than a mile away.

The Station Manager, Mr. Halkett, is President of the Burnt Bridge Station, Mrs. Davis and Miss E. Dotti are Vice-Presidents and Mrs. D. V. Snow is Secretary, Mrs. Ridgeway is treasurer and the auditor is the assistant manager of the Station, Mr. Tower.

Mrs. Ridgeway said the people of Burnt Bridge were very grateful to the Board for the help they had been given, and intended showing their appreciation by striving to help themselves.

Burnt Bridge, with its pride and enthusiasm, must surely set a splendid example for many other stations.