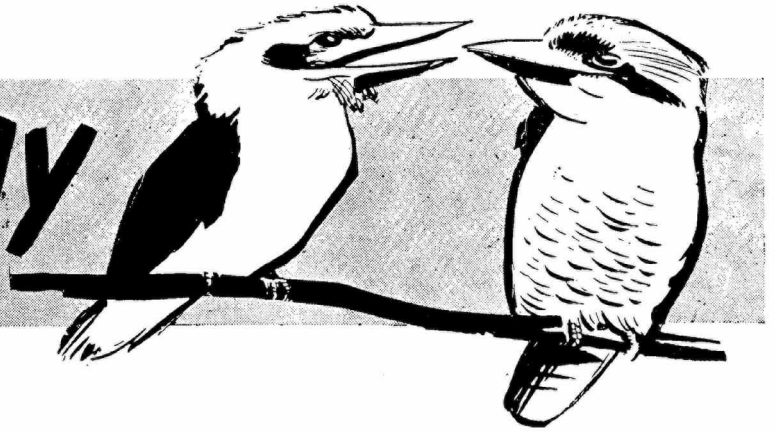


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In a recent Housing Commission Ballot at Kempsey, Mr. William Brown, of Greenhills, Kempsey, was successful in winning a cottage. He and his family will take up residence in the very near future.

This makes still one more aborigine who has been successful in getting a Commission home.

In one of her regular letters to *Dawn*, Margaret Cruse of Wave Hill, Muttama, told of the terrible damage done by the floods at Gundagai.

Margaret is kept busy these days with two lambs, which she has to feed every three hours.

The stork recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson of Cabbage Tree Island and left a little fellow who is to be known as Desmond Philip. As Bob is a very well known member of the Wardell cricket team, its almost a certainty that young Des. will be a cricketer too.

The residents of Cabbage Tree Island are all busy settling into their new homes, and most of them are preparing lawns and gardens.

Quite a good show is being made with the interior economy of the homes and all are striving to make themselves as comfortable as possible.

Mr. W. D. Neill, principal of the Coonabarabran school and his staff are doing some excellent work towards the assimilation of the aboriginal children into the white community.

There are 39 aboriginal children attending the school, 11 in the Infants, 17 in the Primary and another 11 in the Secondary. They enjoy all the advantages of fine modern buildings with excellent equipment and recreation facilities and no distinction whatever is made between the white children and aboriginal children either in the classrooms or in the social activities connected with the school.

Jack and Susan Cook, the oldest residents on the Cabbage Tree Island Station are looking forward to visiting their daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Greenhills, Kempsey.

Although over 80 years of age, Jack takes a very keen interest in his garden.

Lena Kapeen (nee Knight) of the Cabbage Tree Island Station, who has a small son, Russell Wayne, and is expecting the stork to call again shortly.

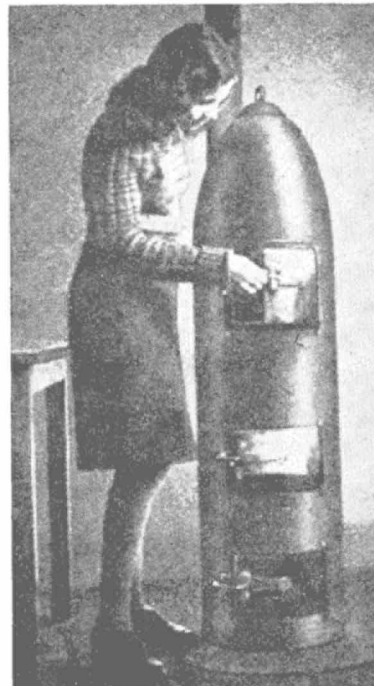
Two of Lena's best friends are Margaret Colless and Doreen Parker of Murrin Bridge.

The old cemetery at Burra Bee Dee has become overgrown with bushes and weeds during the years and a working bee of station residents was recently formed to put things in order again.

All the old graves have been redecorated and plans are in hand for the planting of a lot of colourful flowers in the Spring.

Mrs. Charlotte Kapeen, one of the older residents of Cabbage Tree Island, has just returned home after a holiday at Casino with her grandson Colin Caldwell.

Bill Ridgeway, Maurice Russell, Fred Ridgeway, Peter Daley and "Billo" Manton of Karuah Reserve, have all found employment with Courtaulds new rayon factory near Hexham.



Even unexploded bombs are being used in Germany for commercial products because of the shortage of materials. A Hamburg firm is removing the explosive from 1000-pound dud bombs and rebuilding the shells into stoves. Hinged doors permit fuel to be added and ashes to be taken out.