



Along the Mail Route

A Queen competition is being organised in the Kempsey District at the moment and five candidates have been selected, each being supported by a local group. 30 per cent of the whole proceeds is to go to the Macleay District Hospital for the building of an extension to the Aborigines ward. The Burnt Bridge Social Club Committee is organising several dances and other functions to support the Hospital and Ambulance Queen.

The boys at Kinchela have had a busy time since the flood getting things in order again. The swimming pool was buried under four feet of silt and mud.

Dawn extends its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Lomas of La Perouse, who recently lost their six months' old son.

John Ridgeway of Burnt Bridge is to be congratulated on being successful in obtaining an apprenticeship as a motor cycle mechanic with the Government Motor Garage. Good Luck and every success in your new job and your new life in Sydney, John.

The La Perouse boys have started the football season and are out to make a name for themselves. The girls, not to be outdone, are doing very well at Cricko.

Kinchela boys too are busy training for this season's matches and should prove valuable assets to their team.

Margaret Davis, of Burnt Bridge, a pupil of Kempsey High School recently spent an enjoyable holiday at Taree where she was the guest of one of the teachers of the Taree School, while the sports were being held.

Good hauls of mullet have recently been landed by the lads at La Perouse. But how unlucky is Hubert Timberry. After working on his fishing nets for weeks to have them ready for fishing he had them destroyed by fire whilst he was away one week-end.

Burnt Bridge footballers are once again in training for the coming season and several of the fellows are looking forward to representing the Kempsey teams in the District Competitions.

Kinchela vegetable garden suffered badly from drought early this year and then from cyclonic rains and gales. After the floods had dried away the whole area was infested by black beetles which destroyed the few remaining plants.

However, adequate winter feed is assured for all the dairy stock and potatoes have been planted for the autumn-winter crop.

Residents of Burnt Bridge are very proud of the electric lighting of their Recreation hall and the five street lights which lead to it from the station entrance. Now that good lighting is available, plans are in hand for many more functions in the Station Hall.

Joe Timberry, of La Perouse, became famous, and the envy of thousands when he presented the Queen with some boomerangs at Wagga.

Indeed the whole Timberry family went along to help Joe and also met the Queen.

Next month *Dawn* will publish some photos of Joe and the Queen.

The Burnt Bridge girls Basketball team is in training again for the new season and are determined to work hard under their new captain to better the third placing they gained last year in the B Grade competition.

The work of levelling the La Perouse Reserve is now in full swing and it is interesting to see that the successful haulage contractor was an aborigine, Richard Stewart.

Mr. Shaw, Commonwealth Employment Service Officer in Kempsey deserves the thanks of many Burnt Bridge families for his efforts recently which resulted in no less than 10 Burnt Bridge men securing jobs at Warragamba Dam.

When things are hard for the aborigines, a man like Mr. Shaw is a good friend indeed.

Some of the La Perouse boys have broken into the film world as extras in the film "Jedda".

One day recently everything was all right until the SNAKE started to move on and then "Pitto" and "Muscles" left the stage in a hurry.