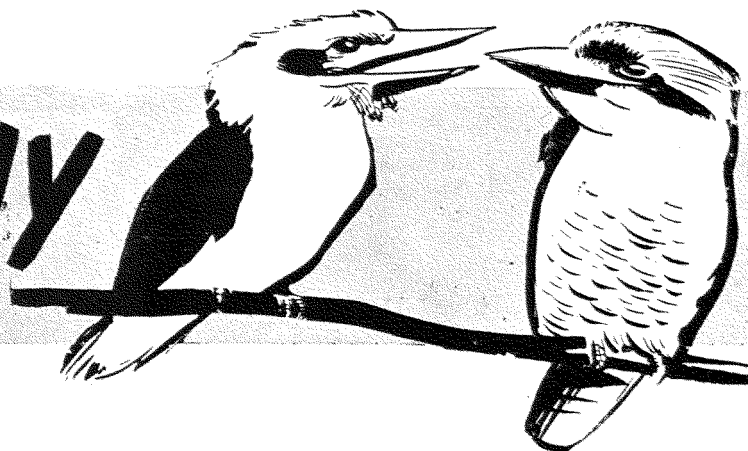


# THEY SAY



The Basket Ball Team of Burnt Bridge girls recently won the Kempsey B Grade competition, and now arrangements are in hand to hold a dance to raise sufficient funds to buy blazers for the team.

Another dance in aid of the Hospital, and Ambulance Queen, was held by the people of Burnt Bridge, (organisers, Mrs. Alice Campbell, and Mary Silva), in the Agricultural Hall, Kempsey, on 3rd September, 1954. These functions, one of which was held earlier in the year, are proving money spinners, and are greatly appreciated by the local Hospital, and Ambulance Queen Committee.

Great interest has recently been shown by residents of Burnt Bridge, at the appearance on the Station of a vintage "Oldsmobile," owned by, it appears, Clive Kelly, a resident.

At the Society's recent annual events, infants from Burnt Bridge Public School came second in the verse speaking section, and, although no place was gained, much praise was given to a rendition by the primary school choir.

A very happy day was spent at Casino recently, at the North Coast Schools' Sports Carnival. Once again Tabulam Aborigine School beat all opposition in the 75 yards Relay Race, this once again entitles them to visit Sydney for the N.S.W. Schools Championships. Congratulations to Eddie Phillips, Don Wilson, Harry Walker, Michael Daly. Also congratulations to Eddie Phillips for winning his age race against the 31 schools competing, and to all the other children who put up such a grand effort to win the Captain Ball and Soft Ball Championships. Tabulam returned home with four medals, nine certificates, and two very lovely pennants.

The Church of England Priest at Caroona, had a busy morning one Sunday recently, when he Baptised 27 children in the Station Church.

A Talent Quest was recently held in Tabulam by their P. & C. Association, with competitors from the local districts, including Casino and Tenterfield.

Congratulations to Billie Walker, Col. Hickling, Neville Phillips, John Robinson, Bobbie Robinson, and of course not forgetting Gracie Walker, for carrying off the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Congratulations to the parents of two new arrivals, on Caroona Station, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Taylor, a daughter, Caroline Kathleen, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Porter, a daughter, Roma Joy.

The death recently occurred of an old Caroona resident, Mrs. Ellen Matthews. The late Mrs. Matthews was in her 66th year, and her death followed a long illness in the course of which she suffered the amputation of one leg and one foot. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held at Caroona cemetery, the Rev. Mr. Heymer officiating.

The wedding of Coral Sampson and John Tighe, of Caroona, recently took place at Werris Creek. The bride, her two bridesmaids, Marie Sampson and Una Nean, and the little flower girl, Glory Johnson, made a charming and dainty picture. After the ceremony a reception and dance was given at the Caroona Station Hall by the bride's parents. Guests were present from Coonabarabran and the surrounding district, and everyone spent a most enjoyable evening.

The bus taking Caroona football teams to play at Barraba, was involved in a serious accident recently, when it collided with a utility truck. Two passengers in the truck were killed and four injured. Fortunately, the passengers in the bus escaped serious injuries but suffered cuts and bruises and severe shock.

The Caroona football team was qualified for the play off in the "B" grade League competition. The junior team only just failed to qualify. If these boys had had the confidence they have now, at the beginning of the season, they would certainly have been in the finals. We expect great things from them next year.

The Breeza children did well at the recent Public School Sports held at Spring Ridge. Stanley Griffen won a cup for the half-mile race, which he won in great style. Brenda Griffen got two firsts and a third place in her events, Judith Griffen a first and a third, Lloyd Matthews, a first and a second, and June Matthews, a third.

The Caroona School football team played a team from Werris Creek Public School at Werris Creek, and won 13 points to 10. Tries were scored by Noel White (2), and Ken Allan. Max Porter kicked two goals.

Caroona recently had a visit from the crack team from the Quirindi Convent School, and sustained its first defeat, the score being 16 points to 6 points in favour of the visitors.

During Education Week, the Caroona School held an open day, when the work of the children was shown to the parents and visitors. The display of work, drawing and handicrafts was of a high standard, and reflected great credit on the children and their teachers.