



Steve Hoskins of Wallaga Lake wins a special prize for this fine sketch. We will probably have some more from Steve soon!

CAROONA NOTES

The birth of a son, Michael William, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allan, brought the Carooona station population to 200.

The Manager has been advised that the formation of an official Baby Health Centre at Carooona Station has been approved. It is expected that the Centre will be opened in March.

This will be a great advance in the care of the children, and it is expected that the centre will be well patronised by the mothers of small children, both on and off the station.

The junior branch of the Carooona Progress Association is doing very good work. To raise funds for various station activities, a soft drink shop has been started, and is staffed by voluntary helpers recruited from the "teenagers". These girls and boys are doing an excellent job, working hard, and seem to be really

enjoying it. The shop has been a financial success from the start, and, although there is a very long list of things to do, there is every prospect that sufficient money will now be raised.

The heavy rain and humid weather following the drought has caused the biggest growth of weeds seen for years on Carooona Station. While this is hard on the farmers, it is very good for the residents as the demand for burr cutters far exceeds the supply, and everyone on the station is working "all out" in response to the demand for labour. Even the school boys were working in the holidays.

A local grazier told the manager that, in his opinion, it would be very hard for the district landowners to carry on without Carooona Station, whose population of shearers and trained bush-workers supply the bulk of the labour needed on the land.

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