

TABULAM'S CONTINUED SUCCESSSES

At the zone sports at Mummulgum one Saturday recently, Tabulam Aboriginal School was the most successful school. Tabulam won the Newton Cup as runner up in the whole sports and won the Randle Cup for being the champion small school.



Eddie Phillips had a very successful day winning all five events in which he was entered and creating a new record for the broad jump by leaping 15 ft. 8 in. He won the trophy for the most outstanding athlete in the Sports and also won the cup for the Champion Senior Boy. Norman Torrens created two new records with a broad jump of 13 ft. 5 in. and a hop, step and jump of 28 ft. 5 in.

Pat Phillips, Marie Daley and Eric Walker were also successful in winning their events.

Cabbage Tree Island Notes

SCHOOL SPORTS.

Cabbage Tree Island School excelled at the Woodburn Zone School Sports recently. The Pupils brought home four cups, one of which is shared with Evans Head School.

Lots of pupils won their heats, but Merle Bolt, who won the under 14 yrs. High Jump, Kevin Roberts the Boys High Jump (and record), and Sally Anderson who won her age race, are all to be especially congratulated.

OBITUARY.

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ferguson of Cabbage Tree Island extend their sympathy to the couple in the recent loss of their baby son, Neville, who died in Lismore Hospital after an operation.

CABBAGE TREE ISLAND YOUNGER SET.

A recently purchased Dart Set is being enjoyed by the Younger Set on Cabbage Tree Island and residents believe they may soon produce some real champions.

With the co-operation of the Health Dept. and the Sister in Charge of the Ballina Clinic, mothers on the Cabbage Tree Island Station are now able to keep a record of their babies progress and watch it on the special cards kept in the Treatment Room. It was hoped that the Sister from the Clinic could attend the station, or the mothers take the babies into Ballina, but owing to the position of the Station, this proved impossible. However it is hoped that the new cards will encourage the mothers to take more interest in the welfare of their children.



Lovely Mavis Jackie, of Green Hill, is a very accomplished musician. She is on the staff of the Macleay District Hospital.

FOSTER PARENTS ARE NEEDED

Aboriginal children may be received to the wardship of the Board on the application of a parent or guardian, or may be committed by a Children's Court to the care of the Board. Neglected children may be committed to a Children's Home constituted under the Aborigines Protection Act, for the reception, maintenance, education and training of wards.

The Act also authorises the boarding out of a ward in a selected foster home and the payment of an allowance to the foster parent, in addition to which the foster parent is entitled to claim Child Endowment and to receive further benefits such as medical and dental expenses.

Action to remove a child from its own home is not taken until all efforts to rehabilitate the home have proved unsuccessful. This is an important part of the work of Welfare Officers.

The best substitute for a child's own home is a foster home, with competent and sympathetic foster parents. Failing this, the only alternative is a Home under management of the Board's own officers.

Difficulty is experienced in securing an adequate number of suitable foster homes and, for this reason, the Board maintains two Homes for wards, one at Kinchela for boys and one at Cootamundra for girls.

When a ward reaches school leaving age, he or she may be placed in employment, under prescribed conditions, which secure for the ward a proper standard of living and care and adequate remuneration.

All wards in foster homes and employment are visited regularly by Welfare Officers to ensure that the provisions of the Act and Regulations are observed by foster parents and employers.