

Seagulls 20, Cormorants and Red Bills deadheading with 19 each and the Herons 12 points.

Two of the instructors at the camp were Art teachers from East Sydney Technical College and they were astounded at the quality of the boy's work.

Another unusual feature, according to the staff, was that only *two* of the sixty-six children couldn't swim.

Visitors

Visitors to the Camp included the Area Director of Education, Mr. Ebert; the Editor of the *Northern Star*, Mr. Murray; the Editor of the *Ballina Pilot*, Mr. Mercer; the Manager of 2LM Lismore, Mr. Le Brun; the Headmaster of Casino Primary School, Mr. J. Small; the Welfare Officer at Kempsey, Mr. Nortob; The Manager of Taree Aboriginal Station, Mr. Thomas; The Manager of Woodenbong Aboriginal Station, Mr. Shurmer; Mr. and Mrs. Butcher of Cabbage Tree Island Station; Mr. and Mrs. McCrohane of Cabbage Tree Island Station; Mr. and Mrs. Keech of Woodenbong Aboriginal School; Mrs. Brill, a member of the Lismore Aboriginal Welfare Committee; The Secretary of the Lismore Teachers Federation, Mr. Brill; The Lismore Welfare Officer and his wife.

The following members of local Apex Clubs also visited the camp: Mr. Max Newton, Mr. J. Holder, Mr. C. Watson, Mr. W. Wickham, Mr. A. Williams and Mr. H. Phillips.

Lodge Leaders

The Lodge leaders were—

Seagulls—Michael Bryant of Nambucca Heads.

Red Bills—Hector Mercy of Tabulam.

Hérons—Barry Roberts of Cubawee.

Cormorants—Dallas Thompson of Burnt Bridge.

The special award for the most outstanding boy at the camp went to Michael Bryant.

PRIZE FOR ESSAY COMPETITION

Miss E. Langhorne, "Oreel", 14 Hale Street, Mosman, called at the office one day recently and donated an amount of £1 10s. od. as prize money for an Essay Competition to be run through *Dawn*.

She suggested that the competition be for children of school age, *i.e.*, under 15 years.

It is suggested that the prize money be donated as follows:

1st Prize, £1 0s. od.

2nd Prize, 10s. od.

The subject is to be "What I wish to do when I leave School".

This is YOUR chance to win a valuable prize and also to see your essay published in *Dawn*.

The competition will close on December 31st, and all entries must be forwarded to the Editor of *Dawn*, Box 30, G.P.O., Sydney, BEFORE that date.

All entries must be written in ink, on one side of the paper only and neatness will play an important part in the judges' decision. Get your entry in NOW.

Toomelah C.W.A.

Another stage of the progress of the Toomelah Branch of the C.W.A. took place on the Station at Boggabilla recently. Incidentally it should be pointed out that the branch on the Station is known as the Toomelah Branch to distinguish it from the branch in Boggabilla township.

This event was the second annual meeting, and was held in the Station Hall. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and on a motion of Mrs. S. McGrady, seconded by Mrs. H. Duncan, were adopted. Reports were read and adopted on a motion of Mrs. M. Duncan and seconded by Mrs. P. Knox.

Election of Office Bearers then took place. Mr. J. Buchanan took the chair and results were as follows:— Mrs. H. Duncan, president; Mrs. S. McGrady, delegate; Mrs. L. Dennison and Mrs. M. McGrady both vice-presidents; Mrs. W. E. Roberson, secretary; Mrs. J. Buchanan, treasurer and Mr. J. Buchanan, auditor.

The report of the Retiring President (Mrs. Mavis McGrady) was as follows:—I am very proud to present my yearly report. We have our regular meetings each month in the Station Hall, where the C.W.A. library and kitchen is housed. We have recently had a sink and a water connection put in. We sent two delegates to Sydney. I was unable to go myself and was really very disappointed. We have had raffles and sales to raise money for our Branch. We also had our first handicraft lessons this year, some of our members making baskets and others making trays. I have been very happy and enjoyed being President for the year and I want to thank all the members for being so helpful in my work."

Then followed the report of the Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Roberson. "A Christmas Party was held last year and was much enjoyed by the members present. We made felt toys for the children's party and a donation of £6 was given by the C.W.A. We have attended two group conferences, one at Croppa Creek and one at Myall Creek, and also the Annual Conference in Sydney where our delegates were given a great welcome. Basketry classes were held in the Station Hall and good work was done. Our thanks to the members of the Goondiwindi C.W.A. for their help.

"We raised over £22 this year on the stalls and a dance. We were fortunate to be given free rail warrants by the Aborigines Welfare Board for our delegates on their trip to Sydney. Although the programme has been small we feel we have made a move in the right direction by attending all conferences and we hope to get some new members this year, who will put new blood into our Branch."