

MOREE PUPILS OUTSTANDING

Sportsmaster's Praise

Writing to *Dawn*, Mr. W. J. Bailey, sportsmaster at Moree High School, was full of praise for his aboriginal students. He said:—

“Moree High School has indeed been fortunate to have gained, amongst the newer aboriginal pupils, a number who have become not only excellent citizens and conscientious scholars but outstanding sporting personalities as well. As sportsmaster I have been interested to watch their progress through the rank and file of the school's sports teams to the top grades. Many have travelled away with school teams and have been a credit to the school, the town, their own people and themselves.

Percy Suey is the most outstanding example. A leading sporting personality, Percy this year has been a member of the school's first grade cricket, basketball and Rugby League football teams—the only boy in the school to achieve this honour. At the North-Western Zone Athletic Carnival for schools, Percy won both the discus and javelin events, setting a new record in the javelin, and gained places in the 440 and 880. He won a school blue for these achievements. The school has a gymnastic display group of which Percy is a leading member. Recently Percy was selected by the Outward Bound Movement to represent Moree at this year's camp, at Fisherman's Point on the Hawkesbury River, his expenses, totalling £45, being subscribed by the Moree Rotary Club. He is the first aboriginal to have been selected in this scheme.

Barry Johnson and Bob Stanley are both members of the school swimming team and acquitted themselves well at various carnivals. Bob also represented at the N.W. zone Athletic Carnival gaining 2nd place in the 15 years' high jump and setting a new school record of 5 feet 1 inch.

The girls have done their bit as well. Jeanette Binge plays with the school 1st grade vigoro team; Brenda Haines won her race at the N.W. Athletics Carnival setting a new N.W. and school record of 9.4, while Shirley Briggs won a place amongst the school's sporting personalities for 1961, for being the only first year girl to gain representation in two first grade teams—basketball and vigoro.

Terry Stacey, Ron Haines, Colin Swan and Patsy Sampson, also have represented the school with credit in various teams.

The school congratulates these new students on their success and looks forward eagerly to gaining many more people of the same calibre as these young Australians.

WEDDING BELLS AT BOGGABILLA

The vicar of Boggabilla, Mr. Harker, has been kept somewhat busy lately, judging by the number of people on the Station who have been getting married.

First of these happy occasions was the marriage of Leila Dennison to Edward Orcher. Leila is the treasurer

of the Toomelah branch of the C.W.A. on the Station. Edward, or Ted as they call him, has been the Station handyman for some time now.

A second marriage was that of Juliette Dennison and Bill Whitton. Juliette is a junior member of the C.W.A. branch on the Station. Bill plays for the Boggabilla football team and is a member of the Station social tennis club.

A quiet wedding was arranged for Mrs. Mavis McGrady and Jack Dennison. Mavis was widowed some time ago, and has a small family. She was the president for the C.W.A. branch for 1960-61. Jack is regularly employed as a station hand on a nearby property.

Two sisters then decided to take the plunge, namely Ursula and Gloria Haines. Ursula tied the knot with Leslie McGrady, a son of the late Mrs. Susan McGrady, who died recently.

Gloria has married into another McGrady family, her spouse being Hughie. Gloria is also a member of the Station social tennis club.

Mr. Charlie Edwards, of Purfleet (centre), was farewelled by his wife and Mr. A. Thomas, manager of Purfleet Aboriginal Mission Station, when he left by East-West 'plane from Taree aerodrome to take part in the National Aborigines' Day observance in Sydney.

Mr. Edwards was selected from tape recordings of his voice sent to Sydney, to be one of the singers at the civic reception staged in Martin Place, Sydney, as part of Aborigines' National Day.

During his visit he also sang at the “Pleasant Sunday Afternoon” function at the Lyceum Theatre, which was televised and broadcast.

Mr. Edwards returned home by 'plane several days later.

