

Bits From Bellbrook

Birthdays seemed to be all the fashion on the Bellbrook Aboriginal Station last month. Elva Quinlan (11), Joan Dunn (13), Claudette Quinlan (14), Mervyn Cohen (16), Edith McDonald (16), June Holten (17), Irene Lockwood (18), and David Quinlan (18) all celebrated their birthdays. Many happy returns to all.

Mumps have been sweeping through the station and nearly all the forty-six school pupils have been victims

Maureen Holten has been very sick with pneumonia and has left the station for a while to be at Greenhills, near the Kempsey hospital.

Young Geoffrey Holten had the bad luck to crush one of his fingers and has had it in plaster, but he'll soon be as right as rain again.

While playing in a football match at Bellbrook some time ago, Henry Dunn dislocated his hip. The Kempsey ambulance took him to hospital where he stayed for about a fortnight.

Henry is home again but it will be a while yet before he can get rid of that uncomfortable plaster cast.

John Quinlan, of Bellbrook, is doing well out of dingoes. These wild dogs are worrying the graziers of the Upper Macleay, and John collected five of them recently. This is no easy task and is a job for a very experienced man.

Horrie Cook, the Bellbrook handyman, has managed to grow some freak vegetables!

He planted several rows of potatoes and on five of the bushes there appeared bunches of small green fruit which looked very much like tomatoes.

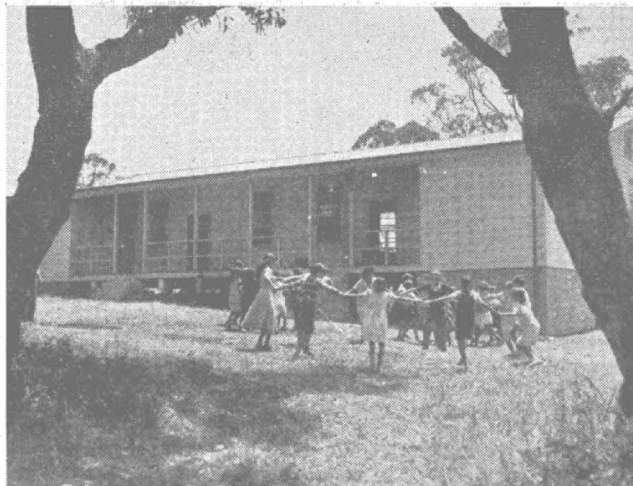
These have stayed green and it is said they are a kind of seed and would produce potato bushes if planted.

It is also said that this green fruit is poisonous. Has anyone else ever heard of them?



Recent visitors to Bellbrook station included Tom Davis from Greenhills, W. Cohen from Singleton, Noel Lockwood from Kundarang, Denzil Quinlan, from Guildford (Sydney).

Mrs. Horrie Cook is holidaying in Sydney with friends.



Folk Dancing is a most popular past-time at the Wreck Bay Public School. The Wreck Bay School is really a most unusual one, where the pupils have their own Recorder Band, make puppets and do their own weaving.

Murmurs From Moree

Congratulations to Mary French for gaining second place in the Road Safety Poster Competition against all comers in the district.

Delphine Binge has just returned to the station after an enjoyable trip to Coolangatta.

Mrs. Binge and Mrs. Duke were the two mothers chosen to represent the Brownie Pack at the Girl Guide Local Association meeting held in the Moree Scout Hall. They were made very welcome by the President, and had a very enjoyable evening.

Congratulations once again to Mary French for satisfying the Divisional Commissioner of Moree that she knew her Tenderfoot work. Mary will be enrolled very soon as Moree's first Lone Guide.

The Shamrocks travelled to Warialda recently to play for the Royal Challenge Cup. They played a good game but were defeated by a better team.

The Teenagers have purchased a considerable number of records for their Tuesday night Club meetings.

Jive, boogie, and classics, all get their share of punishment.

Mrs. Walter Flick is a patient in the district hospital suffering from painful burns to the face.

All her friends wish her a very speedy recovery.

A tug-of-war team is to go into training for the big carnival to be held in Moree on August 24th.

Judging by some of the waist-lines about the Station, it should be a heavyweight team.