

Amateur Hour competitions throughout the district have received entries from boys at the Home. During the past six months one boy has won all four competitions he has entered for.

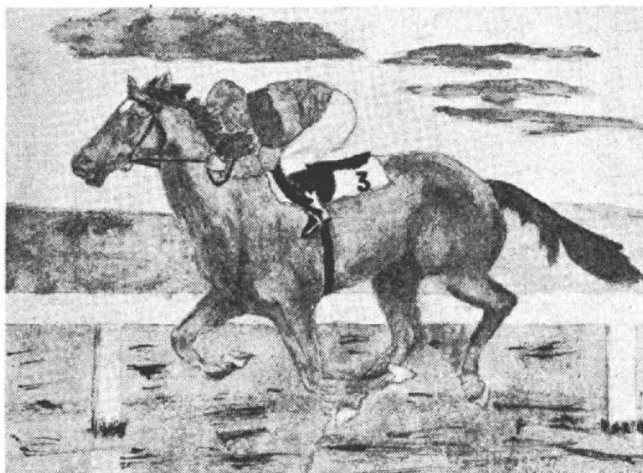
A 16 mm. Cinevox Film Projector supplied to the Home provides a weekly film show to all inmates and staff, and this form of entertainment is very popular with boys of all ages. High-quality films are obtained from such well-known film companies as Metro-Goldwyn Mayer Pty. Ltd., Warner Bros., First National Pictures Pty. Ltd., Columbia Pictures Pty. Ltd., R.K.O. Films Pty. Ltd., etc.

In addition, selected senior boys attend at Kempsey "Mayfair" Theatre at intervals throughout the year. The Manager of the Theatre permits these boys to sit with their white companions from the Football and Surf Life Saving Clubs in any priced seats, thus eliminating the humiliation suffered by other aboriginal residents of this particular area who are forced into a segregated enclosure at the front of the cinema.

Firm friendships have been made between white and coloured youths, thus breaking down to a degree the obvious prejudice existing in this area. There is a growing consciousness amongst the white community that prejudices must go and that friendship must be given and extended to the lads, providing opportunities whereby they will be enabled to take their place quite naturally in their midst on discharge from the Home environment.



Inmates receive training in general dairy farm duties, including the use of farm machinery, training in milking and butter making, vegetable gardening, fencing duties, horse riding and general farm maintenance. Younger inmates perform domestic duties and general cleaning duties throughout the Home area. With the increase in the number of poultry now kept at Kinchela, additional training is given in the care of poultry. Except for work-boys, all duties are rostered, no inmate spending more than one month at any particular task.



A fine black and white drawing by John Ridgeway, of Burnt Bridge.

Regular religious instruction is imparted by visiting clergy.

During the period under review, special attention has been given to the production of vegetables and the training of inmates in this particular sphere. Unfortunately, adverse climatic conditions experienced during the whole year, with attendant plagues of both black beetles and caterpillars, have militated against a successful season. Very bad drought conditions were experienced during the first portion of the year, followed by cyclonic rains and local flooding in February. Taking the above adverse conditions into consideration, the results, as shown hereunder, could be classed as most satisfactory, although the total yields were far below expectations. Details of the vegetable yield are set out hereunder:—

Beans	...	...	...	89 lb.
Beetroot	...	...	...	516 lb.
Cabbage	...	...	...	366 head.
Carrots	...	...	...	156 lb.
Chokos	...	...	...	60 lb.
Cucumbers—long	...	...	...	70
Lettuce	...	...	...	343 head.
Parsnips	...	...	...	20 lb.
Potatoes	...	...	...	40 bags.
Pumpkins	...	...	...	312 head.
Rhubarb	...	...	...	457 lb.
Spinach	...	...	...	631 lb.
Tomatoes	...	...	...	323 lb.

Total retail value of vegetables produced is estimated at about £263.

Surplus livestock was sold and yielded £233.

Production obtained from the dairy herd for the period under review was as follows:—

Total milk produced	...	...	...	9,139 gals.
Total milk consumed by inmates and staff	...	...	...	5,533 gals.
Milk separated	...	...	...	3,603 gals.
Butter produced	...	...	...	1,803 lb.

Egg production amounted to 286 dozen eggs for the year's period.

Farm production in the matter of fodder for stock is listed hereunder:—

Product.	Acreage.	Estimated Production.	Estimated Value.
Lucerne hay...	1 acre	30 tons	£26 per ton.
Saccalene ...	1 acre	35 tons	£10 per ton.
Maize (corn) ...	1½ acres	55 bush.	17s. per bushel.

The total value of products from the farm during the year is estimated at about £3,830.