



EXPULSION ORDER.

Dawn readers have been told on previous occasions that the Board is averse to issuing Expulsion Orders, that is, an Order which compels an aboriginal to leave the Station on which he is living. An Expulsion Order is issued only under very special circumstances when the conduct of the person has been such that no other course would be acceptable if the interests of the Station or Reserve residents are to be considered.

In 1950, the Board issued an Expulsion Order against a certain man on one of the Stations; his conduct improved and four years later, the Order was cancelled. Now it is reported that he has reverted to his former ways, drunkenness, assaults and complete disregard for discipline.

This sort of conduct cannot be tolerated on an Aboriginal Station. It causes unpleasantness, unhappiness, and upsets the whole routine. At a recent meeting, a fresh Expulsion Order was approved and issued.

LEETON ROTARY CLUB—HOLIDAY CAMP

Due to the kindness and generosity of the Leeton Rotary Club, two boys spent a very enjoyable holiday at the camp at Wagga conducted by the Rotary Club from the 4th to 17th December. The holiday was free of cost to the parents, and the Leeton Branch of Rotary provided transport to and from Wagga, also free of cost to the parents. All the boys had to provide was a minimum of clothing together with two blankets.

The Board appreciates the generosity of Leeton Rotary Club. The scheme is an indication of the readiness and co-operation of the Leeton community to assist the aborigine youth, and the Board's thanks which have already been conveyed to the Committee by Mr. Lambeth, the Board's Welfare Officer, are repeated here.

NEW TENANCIES.

Congratulations to Mr. Abraham Russell of Cowra, Mr. Alfred Stewart of Wallaga Lake, and Mr. Arthur J. Ridgeway of Taree, who have signed tenancy agreements with the Board for the homes which they occupy.

Also to Mr. Edward Walker of Grafton, Mr. Trevor J. Longbottom of Bomaderry, Mr. Cuthbert W. Aldridge of Bomaderry, and Mr. Andrew Ferguson of Coff's Harbour, who now occupy homes which were specially erected by the Board in municipal areas.

ABORIGINES' NATIONAL DAY.

The National Missionary Council of Australia has approached the Board in connection with the establishment of "Aborigines' National Day" and the Board has promised to give whatever assistance and advice it can in support of the move. The Board feels that a special day for aborigines such as is proposed, can be the means of promoting a better understanding of the problems of aborigines welfare generally. At the present time, the Sunday nearest to "Anniversary Day" in January is regarded as "Aborigines' Sunday" and special reference is usually made to the assimilation, welfare and problems generally, of aborigines in the pulpits of the churches throughout the State. Unfortunately, the Aboriginal Sunday falls within the long school vacation, and many clergy are away from their own churches on annual leave. Consequently the observance has not, in the past, met with a great deal of success.

The proposal now is that the "Aborigines' National Day" shall be held on the first Friday in July, and the attention of church people is to be drawn to the aborigines on the following Sunday.

Education of the Gulargambone Children.

Negotiations are in hand between the Board and the Department of Education to amalgamate the two schools there as early as possible. In Gulargambone there is an Aboriginal School as well as the Public School, and quite a number of aboriginal children attend the latter.

The proposal is that the two schools should be made into one, and classes combined to include both aboriginal and white children.

The United Aborigines Mission have applied to the Board and have been granted permission to remove their church building in the town of Gulargambone to the Aboriginal Reserve. The Mission proposes to re-erect the church on the Reserve, and the Board offers its best wishes for the success of the venture.