



BOGGABILLA STATION.

A Cheerful Atmosphere.

The trend, apparent last year, for residents of Boggabilla to move off the Station and secure employment and residence on properties in the district, still exists. In fact, several other families have moved out on to properties to work as station hands.

Building improvements were effected and all cottages were painted, each house being done in a different colour. The Station now presents a very cheerful atmosphere.

The year has proved successful in many directions, and it can be safely said that the Station has progressed. A special effort has been made by the management to foster good relations between aboriginals and the white community. In this connection, pleasing results have been noted. The aboriginals from this Station have been invited to social gatherings organised in Goondiwindi.

BURNT BRIDGE.

The population has remained static over the past year due to an influx, which replaces those that leave.

Burnt Bridge does not possess any new modern homes of the type on some other Stations. An extensive repair programme has been carried out during the year, with adequate timber provided for this purpose. The majority of homes have been repaired, the work consisting mainly in replacing piers, runners, flooring, iron and chimneys.

Fortnightly visits by the Sister of the Baby Health Centre, provide expert guidance and supervision for post-natal care of the babies.

Funds have been raised by the Progress Association and sporting equipment has been purchased for the children.

Many residents have joined the Hospital Contribution Fund.

CORKWOOD EARNS LIVING FOR TAREE STATION MEN.

There has been no appreciable change in the population of Taree since 1954, the population being 249.

The scope for permanent employment in a variety of industries in the district is limited and many of the people prefer casual work, which does not tie them down to a fixed routine.

The demand for leaves of the corkwood tree, which is used in the manufacture of drugs, provides a living for most of the menfolk who have not been listed as permanently employed. Three of the leaders of gangs collecting these leaves from far and near have acquired motor trucks with the assistance of the factory, which buys and cures the leaves.

The railway still provides most of the permanent employment available. There are two employed by the Manning Shire Council. A few others are employed in the building industry.

A painting project has been commenced and it is hoped that by the end of next year, every building on the Station will have been repainted.

The Recreation Hall on the Station has been the scene of numerous gatherings when Station residents have joined with small groups from the surrounding district in various and enjoyable forms of entertainment.

All children of school age now attend the Public Schools at Taree.

The resident missionary has been absent from the Station for about half of the year. However, Station residents have maintained the full programme of services on the Station and have attended and participated in weekly services held by other churches in Taree where they are received as individuals rather than as representative delegates of a separate community.



Three lovely little sisters . . .
Gloria, Lily and Rose
Johnston of Capien.