



ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE

CAROONA

Just twenty miles from Quirindi is situated the Caroona Aboriginal Station where folk, housed in comfortable and attractively painted cottages, are quiet, contented and happy. Some recent developments and achievements in the locality are worthy of favourable comment.

Perhaps most noteworthy is a significant revival of the Christian ethic under the leadership of Miss Fairfax of the A.I.M. Regular week-day services are held in the neat well-cared for church on the station and due to the inspiration of the missionary a number of the station's young ladies assist to meet the requirements of a growing Sunday School attendance.

The two-teacher school with an enrolment of more than sixty pupils has achieved a record which any school of similar size may worthily emulate. Attention from surrounding districts is being gradually focussed on the activities of these children.

The girls have a record of which they can be justly proud. Their needlework has gained many prizes at recent Tamworth and Quirindi Shows. Their softball teams have displayed some fine performances against teams from much larger schools.



These husky young fellows are the under 4 stone 7 lb. football team, from Caroona. They recently won the competition at Werris Creek

The boys under 4 st. 7 lb. (7 lb. weight allowance) team deserves special comment. This team of 'giants', many of whom cannot even scale four stone, some in first and second grade recently brought honours home to the station by playing superior football at the Schools' Football Carnival at Werris Creek. After winning all their games without conceding one point to their



Even out on the Warburton Ranges bath day comes around but this young fellow doesn't seem to mind at all

opponents, the team was rewarded with a very fine shield and an attractive pennant. The school now possesses three pennants for football successes in district competitions.

The school also possesses its own choir which will very shortly compete in the Tamworth Eisteddfod.

Peter Allen (11 years) last April produced an essay, "My Thoughts on Anzac Day", of literary quality to win a competition conducted by the Caroona R.S.L. among district schools. Besides winning a cash prize, Peter will very shortly be able to give the school one more pennant.



The fine weather is bringing the grass on again and Archie Sheppard, of Bourke, has to get busy with the lawnmower