



Carl Wyles, of Mt. Carmel College, Charters Towers, North Queensland, whose winning NADOC story is printed below

SECTION 2, OVER 14

1st Prize. Carl Wyles (14 years, 9 months), Mt. Carmel College, Charters Towers, North Queensland.

Once upon a time in the days when warlike tribes used to fight over wives and property, there lived an aboriginal warrior whose name was Waituri.

Now it happened that Waituri was the best fighter in his tribe, but he did not let this go to his head for he was always kind to the little children and to his elders.

In that same tribe there also lived a wicked old man by the name of Watamunga (mischievous one) who sought to kill Waituri when he heard the people talking about making the young warrior chief. For he wanted to be chief too.

Early next morning, Waituri went for a walkabout in the bush as it was his daily habit. Watamunga knew this and was waiting in the scrub with his war-club.

The unsuspecting Waituri strolled along singing happily to himself and as soon as he came near, Watamunga pounced out of the bushes and beat his brains out with his war-club.

As the wicked Watamunga looked at the lifeless body of Waituri on the ground he saw his spirit leave his body and ascend slowly into the clouds.

But whenever rain fell, Waituri would beat his drum loudly and the "booming" sound was heard by his people which they called "thunder".

Every time Watamunga looked up at the sky he would see the image of Waituri looking at him accusingly and so the fear-stricken Watamunga was haunted until his death.

And in the aboriginal it is said that the spirit of Waituri came down and took Watamunga away with him to punish him forever.

2nd Prize. On "Changeable Mind", by Lola Edwards (16), 26 Kemp Street, Junee, N.S.W.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE SOON FOR BOARD ELECTION

Nominations for the election of Aboriginal and part-Aboriginal members of the Aborigines' Welfare Board will close on December 6, 1963.

Only those persons who are on the roll may nominate.

Aborigines may put their names on the roll by filling out application forms which may be had from welfare officers, managers, and supervisors of stations and reserves and from the returning officer, Aborigines' Welfare Board, Sydney.

If you are over the age of 21, of aboriginal blood, and have lived in New South Wales for at least six months immediately before the date of your application, you are entitled to be enrolled, and to vote at the election.

Remember, the important dates are—

- December 6, 1963, closing date for nominations.
- January 16, 1964, closing of ballot.

Applications for enrolment are coming in well to the office of the Board in Sydney.

All Aborigines are urged to enrol to show their interest in the election.

Intending candidates for election must be nominated by at least two persons of Aboriginal blood who are on the roll, or who have applied for enrolment.

Every person on the roll will be sent a ballot paper. Votes may be cast by placing them in ballot boxes provided on stations and reserves, or by mailing them to the returning officer, at the office of the Board in Sydney.

The election is held every three years.

The part-Aboriginal member on the Board at present is Mr. C. L. Leon, whose term expires on December 20.

The position on the Board for the Aboriginal representative is at present vacant.