

A Boys' Club has been formed and is enthusiastically attended by the younger boys of the Station. At the Boys' Club they learn weight-lifting, community games and general sport, and it is hoped that through this Club they will grow up with a feeling of solidarity with their friends and that a healthy team spirit will be developed.

Several dances have been held during the year and the money has been accumulated with the intention of purchasing amenities for the Station. All the residents take a keen interest in the social life of the Station and attend most of the gatherings.



This young heavyweight is Ronald Swan, of Moree, and he is only 14 and half months old

The Church of England, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Baptist Ministers attend the Station and hold services. Special commendation is given to the Baptist preacher who has taken a considerable interest in the Station and has given to the management, much assistance.

The health of the residents has been satisfactory throughout the year, and apart from an outbreak of gastro enteritis, there have been no major epidemics.

It is intended that the following work on the Station be undertaken in the near future :—

1. The laying of water piping—grassing and complete laying out of sporting fields.
2. The building and erecting of the children's playground which is to consist of 16 different articles of playground equipment.
3. Installing hot water service to all homes on the Station.
4. Electric light and power to each home.
5. Painting of all homes both inside and out.
6. The eradication of the thorn bushes.

The above work is to be carried out using Station labour with the guidance of the management and the Station Council. The materials used for 1, 2 and 5 to be supplied from Station stock when available. The materials for the hot water service (3) copper piping and tanks, tap, etc., are to be bought from funds raised from functions held during the year.

The cost of all materials and equipment for the electric light (4) to be found by the residents desiring this amenity. This work to be supervised by the Assistant Manager who is a licensed electrician.

BARCROFT BOAKE

Recollection by Mary Gilmore.

Dame Mary Gilmore well known Australian authoress has a few things to say about Michael Sawtell's article on Barcroft Boake. Dame Mary who knew the poet well, says :—

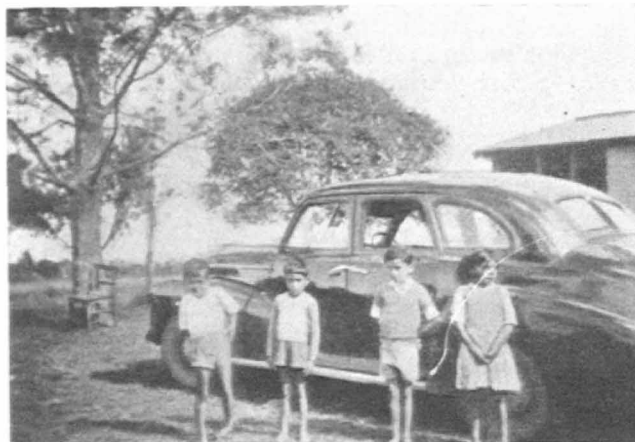
Barcroft Boake was a constant visitor at our house in Wagga Wagga, while he was with Mr. Lipscomb, the surveyor—also a friend of ours. His father was the first artistic colour photographer in Sydney, and his sister wrote verse. Boake's book was "Out Where the Dead Men Lie",* and he hanged himself with his whip at Mosman.† Few men died in New South Wales whose death caused such a sensation as his.

Barcroft Boake brought his early verse, written in an exercise book, for us to read. This was in the early 80's. At this time it was a beginner's verse but showed his natural trend, a trend which the "Bulletin" helped to develop.

He used to come to our place regularly for Sunday dinner. But no matter when or what day he came he brought his whip with him. Even at table he would not part with it but laid it across his knees, as if he needed always to feel it with him. It was with his whip, as I have said, he hanged himself at Mosman.

NOTE— * Not "Here Where the Dead Men Lie" as Mr. Sawtell says.

† Not Long Bay as stated by Mr. Sawtell.



These potential taxi passengers, are John Vincent, Sam Williams, Arthur Raymond and Sally Davis