



*Salk anti-poliomyelitis vaccinations . .*

## Board Expresses Agreement

The Board, after seeking the expert advice of the Director-General of Public Health in regard to the vaccination of children as a prevention of Poliomyelitis, informed all foster parents that they need not hesitate to sign the form of consent which the Wards attending School would bring home from their Teachers.

The girls at Cootamundra Home and the boys at Kinchela Home will also be vaccinated.

The Board urges the parents of all children on Stations and Reserves to follow the advice of Managers and sign the consent cards when the child brings it home from School.

### MITCHELL WILL AWARD—HONOUR FOR BOARD MEMBER.

Under the terms of the Will of the late Peter Stuckey Mitchell, a grazier of Bringenbrong, near Albury, New South Wales, who died in 1921, annual awards are made for outstanding performances by soldiers, sailors and Police.

This year marks the first year of the awards, and *Dawn* is pleased to announce that one of these has been made to Superintendent J. D. McAuley, a member of the Aborigines' Welfare Board, to whom congratulations are extended.

Mr. McAuley's award was for "the most outstanding performance of any phase of Police duty", and was in respect of his special services whilst in charge of the Emergency Rescue Intelligence during the 1955 floods.

### OLD RESERVE.

A little farther north than Karuah, out of Gloucester, is the Old Barrington Reserve, which has not been used as a Reserve for many, many years. This area is also being handed back to the Lands Department.

### WELFARE OFFICERS' CONFERENCE.

The Second Conference of Welfare Officers was held at Head Office for three days recently. Present at the Conference were: Mr. Saxby, Superintendent, who presided, Mr. Mullins, Secretary; Mrs. English and Miss Fleming (Head Office) and Welfare Officers—Morgan (Coff's Harbour), Norton (Kempsey), Sephton (Nowra), Lambeth (Leeton), Felton (Dubbo) and Green (Moree); Miss Goodman of Head Office, attended as Secretary of the Conference.

The Conference took the form of a round-table discussion on the many diverse matters which call for the attention of a Welfare Officer: from housing in towns to liaison with schools; from the drink problem to *Dawn* magazine; from the problem of the itinerant aborigine to assimilation generally.

When interviewed at the conclusion of the Conference, Mr. Saxby, told *Dawn* representative that the "get together" had been a great success and had been marked by the realistic approach of each of the Welfare Officers to the problems in his district. "We spent a very happy two days", Mr. Saxby said. "We discussed practically everything that could be discussed and when we rose from the Conference table on Friday night, it was with the feeling that something had been achieved. These Conferences afford a wonderful opportunity to bring the Welfare Officers together for an exchange of ideas and a comparison of the individual problems which they come up against."

During the Conference your Editor met the Welfare Officers and had quite an interesting discussion on *Dawn*. It was very pleasing to hear the laudatory remarks made of *Dawn* and to learn how eagerly it is awaited every issue. For this, your Editor humbly thanks his readers.

### LORRAINE TURNBULL MAKES GOOD.

Lorraine, who has returned to live at the Cootamundra Home, is now carrying out domestic work at the Cootamundra High School, Cookery Department, where she is employed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 days a week. On the days on which she is not working, she carries out duties at the Home.

The Board is very pleased to learn that she is giving satisfaction at the School and the Education Department's Officers speak very highly of her.