



TOOMELAH C.W.A.

It was a really memorable day for the second birthday of the Toomelah Branch of the C.W.A. at Boggabilla. To begin with it was a typical spring day heavy with the scent of orange blossom, and together with the spring flowers it was a day both visitors and resident members will long remember. .

A steady stream of traffic invaded the Station, representing C.W.A. members who had travelled from Croppa Creek, some 40 miles away, North Star 30 miles away, and the next door neighbours, Boggabilla, just ten miles away. There was a total altogether of 55 ladies present for this happy event, and the party commenced with a number of games which added to the general happiness of the occasion.

A highlight in more ways than one was presented when the pressure stove caught alight whilst the ladies were preparing tea. Fortunately the fire was quickly put out without the use of any fire equipment.

The Birthday cake was made by Mrs. Brown, the President of the Boggabilla Branch and was decorated by Mrs. Brown of Delungra, who is the Handicrafts Officer of the C.W.A. for New South Wales. Mrs. Brown and her daughter were giving a three-day Handicrafts demonstration in Boggabilla at the time.

The resident members also made a number of cookies, cakes and sandwiches which together with the finely decorated birthday cake made a very palatable show.

When the party came to an end the visitors were shown around the administration centre of the Station.

BARYULGIL FOOTBALL

The recently ended football season has seen the fruits of organisation, coaching and training when Baryulgil football team, previously unrecognised in the Rugby League Code on the North Coast, reached the final in their division. Bonalbo was the only team to defeat them this year.

This was a great achievement for the players themselves and for their coach and organiser, Mr. Reg Simmons of Baryulgil Post Office. Mr. Simmons took this team, which in two prior seasons had not won a

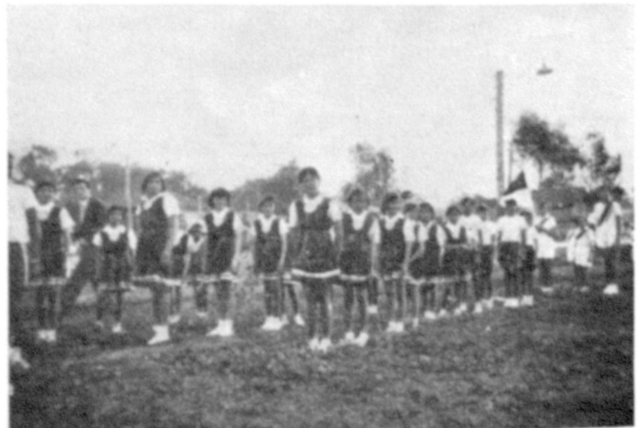
match and transformed it into its present position. The team have had a good following to their matches and have the keen support and interest of the whole district.

Great things are expected from this team next season.

Most of the players are employed by Asbestos Mines Pty. Ltd. The Management of this company is extremely interested in developing team spirit, the essence of good football. With this in mind, the Manager of the Mine, Mr. A. J. Allen, has promised a generous donation and if the team wins next year, a blazer pocket to each player.

The Company is encouraging the employees to build a better type of dwelling and great incentive is given by way of a company-controlled voluntary savings scheme. Advice and assistance in purchasing materials is available at all times, and the skilled knowledge on how to design and erect their homes is available to any employee.

This company feels that there is great opportunity for the aboriginal worker in a variety of manual positions to-day. With this in mind, they are training employees in the skilled positions in their quarry, mill and new constructional work. It is a great achievement not only for this company, but for the aboriginal people in Australia to realise that the leading hand in the quarry and also the mill are both aborigines.



Spick and span in their neat uniforms the Boggabilla school-children presented a pleasing picture at the inter-school sports at Moree