



The three teenagers are left to right—Guy Bullaman, Melina Dotti and John Denis

at school in the recent half-yearly examinations. Congratulations one and all.

The Sheppard family are back in Walgett again. Welcome home.

Ray and Verna Dennis entered the 2VM talent quest held in Walgett and were most successful in winning a second place. Congratulations to you both.

Mary Clarke outside her home



Colin Hardy, the young man originally from Brewarrina who endeared himself to the young people of Walgett, is gradually climbing the ladder of success in Sydney. To him, all the people of Walgett, are wishing every success.

Basketball is growing more and more. A number of teams recently visited Brewarrina. Janice Simpson, Eric Thorne, Phillip Hall, Ken Simpson and Bob Beale were among some of the best players.



ABORIGINAL AS MEDICAL INSTRUCTOR TO NURSE

A fullblood Aboriginal, an orderly at a native hospital near Darwin, recently instructed a white nursing sister in tropical medical techniques.

The aboriginal is Phillip Roberts, 40, of the Alawa tribe from Roper River.

The Sister is Mrs. Lila Barlow, of the Church Missionary Society, who is going to Groote Eylandt.

This is the first time an aboriginal has ever been used in Darwin as a medical instructor.

“We are thrilled that Phillip has been able to help us,” the Northern Territory Director of Health, Dr. I. D. Byrne, said.

Sister Barlow has nursed in Africa, but has had no experience in using a microscope or identifying hookworm, a major disease among natives.

Dr. Byrne said: “We are short-staffed at the hospital laboratory. Our pathologists could not take time off to instruct Mrs. Barlow.

“Then Dr. Spike Langford suggested Phillip could do it.”

“My reaction was that we couldn’t get anyone better.”

“He is most proficient, and has done hundreds of hookworm tests himself.”

Phillip Roberts is a medical orderly at Bagot Native Hospital.

He was first taught how to use a microscope by Dr. Langford while they were on medical survey together 10 years ago.

Subsequently he also learnt how to operate a portable X-ray machine, how to use a hypodermic syringe and administer dangerous drugs, and how to treat leprosy patients.