

NEWS FROM WILCANNIA

Mr Jack Quayle, of Wilcannia, wrote to *Dawn* in May to let the Aboriginal people of New South Wales know what has been happening at the Wilcannia settlement.

He said that the fruit harvesting had finished and all the Wilcannia people who were away for the season had returned. Many of the returning men were able to get work with Wilcannia Shire, and some got casual work on properties lucky enough to get rain to enable them to re-stock after the drought.

"Bill Harris, one of our local contractors, is working on construction of a telephone line, which will keep him busy until something else turns up", Mr Quayle said.

"However, many other men are still out of work and have been forced to register for social service benefits.

"The new welfare officer at Wilcannia is very keen to get work for as many men and women as he can. As part of this plan I am arranging for more young boys and girls to attend Tranby College next year when they leave school. There is no future for them here.

"Latest report from Tranby indicates that Lorraine Harris and June Jones are making very fast progress, and that Douglas Harris and Nelson Jones also are doing well.

"Rev. Alf. Clint, of Tranby, has said that Douglas has the makings of a good campaigner. And that Douglas and John Quayle would make very good field officers of the Society.

"If the boys—and everybody else who attends the College—work hard at Tranby they have a good chance of making a fine future for themselves. I am a great believer in the college and what it is doing for our people.

"Next year another six from Wilcannia will go to Tranby, besides the four there this year".

Keep Out Draughts

Winter draughts through window and door frames can be beaten if you fit anti-draught strips. You can buy the special strips at hardware shops. As well as stopping draughts, the strips stop dust, rain and insects from entering your house, and stop windows rattling in the wind.

The strips are made in two styles: one fits the bottom of doors, and the other fits around door stiles and window frames. Size of the strips varies to suits most types of door and window frames.

Fitting the strips is simply a matter of cutting them to size with a saw, and tacking the strips into position with light-gauge panel pins.

The strips suitable for the bottoms of doors are especially effective where the doorways of old homes have been worn into irregular shapes. Here the rubber blade in the strip is cut to follow the worn shape and so forms a perfect seal without interfering with the opening or closing of the door.

The draught strips are ideal for homes and all types of buildings.