

Bellbrook residents are proud of the progress being made by young Jimmy Quinlin. Boarding at Kinchela Home, Jimmy attends Kempsey High School, and although he did not begin his High School course until the second term, secured first place in four subjects and second place in two subjects. Jim has been promoted to the general class this year. Congratulations, Jim.

Jim Kelly and Denzil Quinlin, of Bellbrook, are both having a successful season with the local cricket team. Both are excellent fieldsmen and Jim is scoring the runs while Denzil is collecting the wickets.

Ruby Zooch of Strathdoon, Nubba, wants to make some new pen friends.

Ruby is 20 years of age, and is very interested in swimming and cycling.

Mrs. Ivy Campbell, wife of Mr. Tom Campbell, of Burnt Bridge, died recently in the Macleay District Hospital.

Dawn readers extend their sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband and six children.

Volunteer labour has been called for to assist in the erection of a tennis court on Burnt Bridge Station but to date no response has been forthcoming. This is most surprising as Burnt Bridge residents are usually only too eager to assist and co-operate. Now what about it, you young fellows?

A very successful dance was held in the Burnt Bridge Recreation Hall a few nights ago to raise funds for Kempsey Ambulance, which does a really wonderful job for the residents, at any hour of the day or night.

Shirley Binge, James French, Francis Binge, Pat Clarke, Thelma Johnson, and Margaret and Ivan Raveneau, were the Moree representatives at the Christmas camp at Collaroy and are STILL talking about the wonderful time they had.

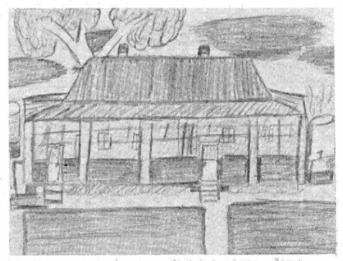
In a farewell gathering in the Moree Recreation Hall last month, the aboriginal people of the district expressed their gratitude to Dr. P. J. McMahon for the work he had done amongst them, and also their sorrow at his impending departure from the district.

Dr. McMahon arrived at the hall accompanied by Matron Lillicrap, Mesdames D. Hitchins, T. Davies and Mr. J. Callaghan, and the ceremony opened with a short speech by the Manager, Mr. Morgan, who then called on Mr. Bert Draper to speak on behalf of the aboriginal people of Moree.

Mr. Draper delivered a classic eulogy on Dr. McMahon and his work, in his own inimitable style, concluding with the remark that Moree's loss would be "someone else's gain."

Nurse Christine French then made a presentation to the Doctor on behalf of the community. It was a beautiful chrome and plate glass mirrored traymobile upon which was a set of sherry decanter and glasses, the latter being a gift from the children. Following the presentation, Nurse Alma Tighe said a few words on behalf of the McMaster Ward patients and staff and called on Matron Lillicrap to support her.

Tiny Jeanette Binge then presented Matron Lillicrap with a bouquet. Doctor McMahon responded and the ceremony closed with everyone singing "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow."



"The Homestead," a clever sketch by Hilton Wightman, of Boggabilla.