GOOD EFFORT BY TABULAM

Youngsters Do Well.

A team of school children from Tabulam Aboriginal Station recently participated in the Far North Coast Football Carnival at Casino. Over 1,700 children took part in the march, including many from well-known colleges in Lismore, Tenterfield and Grafton. The children from Tabulam Station looked very smart in their uniforms made by the Matron and Mrs. Soorley, the school-teacher’s wife. The jerseys they wore had been bought as a result of a splendid effort by everyone on the Station.

The Station children did not win a prize in the march, but a special cup was presented to the team for its smart appearance. In the football competition, the team was beaten in the opening round by a strong Murwillumbah side, the score being 16-3, but they really made a magnificent effort, as they played without football boots. Already a move is being made to buy these football boots for next season.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. McIntyre and Mr. Roy Braid and all the other people in Tabulam for their splendid generosity in sponsoring this plan. Also, further thanks to Mr. Roy Braid for the heifer he donated to purchase the children’s sports uniforms.

Already the children are in training for a combined Sports Carnival in Mummulgum to maintain the very high standard they have already achieved.

NEWS FROM OTHER STATIONS

In a recent match against the girls of Woodburn School, the Cabbage Tree Island team was defeated 17 to 7. However, the girls of C.T.I. are determined to give a better account of themselves at the next encounter.

A girls’ basketball team has been formed at Burnt Bridge, and material for the making of tunics was purchased from Club funds. Several female residents helped Matron to make the tunics and fit them.

The Cabbage Tree Island footballers have commenced a fund to provide sporting equipment for the school children. As a result, the children will shortly have a football and a basket ball of their own. Congratulations, boys, for a fine sporting gesture!

Recently a team of school-boy footballers from Woodburn, accompanied by their sportsmaster, Mr. Munro, visited Cabbage Tree Island to play a match with the Island’s school team. Although the C.T.I. boys won by 12 points to nil, the game was evenly contested and some fine movements were witnessed. Barry Marlowe, Walter Kelly, Robert Moran and Henry Bolt scored tries, while Victor Bolt, Brian Caldwell (captain) and Clarrie Cook played splendidly.

Mr. Dick Roberts, Cabbage Tree Island’s star player for many years, capably refereed the game, and the expert advice which he gave the boys of both teams during the match should help them to improve their play in the future.

Many thanks also to Dick Roberts, Bob Anderson and their team of willing workers who gave up much time in the weeks preceding the match to prepare the field and coach the boys.