Caroona Station has been saddened by two deaths in quick succession. Maurice, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Tighe, was taken ill and after being rushed to Quirindi Hospital by the Matron died two days later. The funeral was held at Caroona.

One of the Station’s old timers, Paddy Clarke, was found dead in his bed. It is believed he suffered heart failure. His good temper and generosity had made him many friends in the community and his loss will be felt.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Nean of Caroona are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

In spite of the bitterly cold weather of the last month, the painting of the Caroona cottages is going ahead in good style. A start has been made on twenty-one of the thirty cottages, and the brightly coloured roofs look very attractive.

The football season is drawing to a close. The Caroona League team reached the semi-finals, and then lost their game. The juniors are having plenty of sport in friendly matches with the surrounding towns and villages.

A very pleased reader for *Dawn* was Mrs. Rita Stapleton of Nerrimundah.

We were very pleased to see the dog “Spot” on the May cover as we reared him from a pup until he was about 18 months old. Then we left him with Les Stewart and lost track of him until we saw his photo. We were pleased to learn he was O.K. ! Good old Spot.

At the recent Secondary School Sports Carnival held at Mullumbimby, five boys and girls from Cabbage Tree Island represented their school, Ballina Intermediate High. They were Mary McGrath, Gloria Kapeen, Barry Marlowe, Walter Kelly, and Brian Caldwell.

Now that the cane-season has started and every able-bodied man is employed, the residents of Cabbage Tree Island are enjoying a bright social life. Every fortnight organized dances are held in the Recreation Hall, in aid of the Younger Set and Progress Association. The Island Dance Band really goes to town and keeps the music going non-stop. The profits from these dances average £10 a dance.

Pictures have also arrived on the Cabbage Tree Island. Every Monday night young and old go along to the Recreation Hall to cheer their favourite movie heroes.