COWRA Jottings

A committee has been formed at Cowra to organise functions with a view to raising money for the Children’s Christmas party. Mrs. S. Smith, Mrs. J. Bamblett, Mrs. J. Mosely and Miss Olive McGuinness really put their hearts into the first function, a supper dance held on the 28th October. The few doubts held earlier as to its success were quickly dispelled when the residents started to roll up. As this was the first organised function for some time there was a fear that the people might have forgotten how to dance but this was found incorrect as soon as the music started. An old identity from out west supplied this necessary requirement, Paddy Black, who hails from Murrin Bridge and just happened to call at Cowra for a look. It seems Paddy can keep playing that accordion all night if the cause is good. He was ably assisted at times by Froggie Simpson, and Lochie Ingram on their “leafs”. Doc Simpson presided at the door and, with his well-known tact, extracted the dues.

The Manager and Matron attended for a time, Mr. Yates extending his compliments to all present, on the organisation and behaviour shown. Before leaving, the Matron, Mrs. Yates judged the prize dance, which was won by Ike Williams and Mrs. Phillip Ingram.

Next day the general feeling was that the opening night had been an auspicious success and with the committee working on plans for such things as barbecue dances, fancy dress for children, etc., etc., the future for entertainment at Cowra Station looks very bright.

Due to the late season delaying crops, the employment position did not improve as expected, but as this news is forwarded, work is once again becoming available. It is sincerely hoped that the men finding employment will remember the long slack period just over, and plan accordingly.

Congratulations to Froggie and Doc Simpson who have just received their exemption certificates. A better pair of battlers would be hard to find.

Two happenings saddened the hearts of residents since last reporting. Late in September, Norman (Buddy) Perry was killed in an accident at Dubbo, and Mrs. Beryl Smith lost her expected child at birth. All residents expressed their most sincere sympathies to those concerned.

What with the new motor mower chugging away on the new lawns, the new entrance being erected and great quantities of shrubs and plants going in, the Station generally is very bright.