TENNIS COURT, BOGGABILLA

A fair amount of progress is being made with the tennis court on the Station at Boggabilla.

A suitable site was fortunately found which needed little preparation in that it was level and solidly packed. The court will be a full sized one allowing for unhampered free play at both ends. Poles, totalling 30 in all, were donated by a local property owner Mr. N. Danes of Yetman.

A sum of £16 was donated by the Country Women’s Association Branch at Boggabilla for the purchase of equipment, and a similar sum was forthcoming from the Aborigines Welfare Board as part of the policy to encourage sporting activities. With the total sum of £32 such items as tennis racquets, tennis balls, and a tennis net and strainer with additional facilities for playing badminton and deck tennis were purchased.

Depending on the volunteers, who have put up quite a good show so far, it is hoped to get a few games in before the summer heat.

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OBITUARY

On 13th October, Mr. George Moore died suddenly whilst visiting his son Neville’s home at Bodalla. George had been a very sick man for a long time. He had not long been out of the Bega District hospital.

Two brothers Archie Moore from Wreck Bay and David Moore from Sydney were able to get to the funeral and three of his five sons also attended.

He was buried in the Wallaga Lake Cemetery.

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WALLAGA LOSES OLD IDENTITY

On the 26th September, 1960, Wallaga Lake’s oldest resident, Mr. Robert Andy, aged 89 years, passed away in the Bega District Hospital. His wife Catharine Andy, aged 88 years, passed away last year.

Mr. Andy was known to the older members of the Station as “Gorry”. How he came by his nickname is not really known, but it is thought that some time ago his grand-daughter, Martha, had an accident and he took her to the local doctor whose name was Gorry. Mr. Andy was very impressed by the doctor’s skill and sang his praises loud and long, so much so he was dubbed “Gorry”.

Although Mr. Andy did not excel at any one sport he was good enough to be in the Station team no matter what game they were playing. He also won his share of track and field events.

His funeral was most impressive. A service was held in the Station Hall and en route to the Station cemetery the hearse passed through a guard of school children who lined both sides of the road. After passing through the guard one of the school boys, Jeff Tungai, placed a wreath on the coffin.

The esteem in which this grand old man was held can be judged by the number of white people who attended. There were almost as many white people as there were dark.

The remaining members of his family, Mrs. E. Davis, Catharine Andy; Ernest John Andy and his adopted son Colin Walker, would like, through Dawn, to thank all of those people that sent floral tributes and expressions of sympathy.

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SCHOOL SPORTS AT COBARGO

On 24th September a combined school sports meeting was held on the Cobargo oval and whilst the children from Wallaga Lake school did not cover themselves with glory they performed really well.

The day started off with a drizzle and up till the time for departure it was anybody’s guess whether the meeting would go on or not. However, the rain held off right until the end of the meeting, and, although the ground was heavy and slippery, some good times were recorded.

Errol Stevens and Jeff Tungai vied with each other, amongst others, in four events, in the under 15 years high jump, broad jump, hop, step and jump and the 100 yards sprint. Errol with one win and three seconds beat his team mate Jeff by one point for the under 15 years championship medal. Jeff had one win, two seconds and a third. Errol also won a gold medal at last year’s meeting.

A gold medal was given to young Peggy Moore. She did not win any one event, but competed in at least six and tried mighty hard in each of them.