

## CORRESPONDENCE

### THE BOURKE-COBAR ROAD

To The Editor "Western Herald"

Dear Sir, — There is unusual case in Main Road Departments treatment of our Main - Road linking Bourke with Cobar. Portion of this road some 55½ miles is maintained by Cobar administration and the balance of 42½ miles falls to Bourke authorities. Cobar grades its portion every 3 months and to its credit keeps it in good order in spite of topographical handicaps such as ridges and washouts on Curraweena, Dijo and Tindarey, while Bourke with its lucky charge of flat like a billiard table and remarkably straight stretch neglects it almost criminally. We have not seen a grader on this pitifully scarred stretch for about 12 months now, but we do see, and pretty often unfortunately, many accidents to the motor vehicles due to pits and drains on this wretched stretch. Some 7 or 8 accidents through the year are reported to us at Curraweena as we are so situated geographically that it naturally

geographically that it naturally falls to our lot to give assistance to the unlucky travellers. The last and most appalling accident happened on 21st May near Curraweena boundary while we all were in Bourke. Coming home we witnessed a beautiful new car almost completely ruined or at least damaged to some £800 by failing to negotiate by an inch or two parallel gutters right in a curve of the road! The sump and all articles and fittings underneath of its well sprung body were torn off! Some such accident nearly happened to our new car on the same spot some few months ago, although we were quite familiar with this dangerous location. This and worse may happen again and again to unfamiliar with this road travellers, and very naturally as the road is a very busy one, being a commercial travellers highway between Cobar and Bourke, and it is actually the main link between Western Queensland and New South Wales. In fact it is a far more busy road than the Great Western Highway between Cobar and Wilcannia. This letter is intended as an appeal to those in authority to do something remedial without delay.

as further neglect may culminate in some fatality that may be irremediable.

Yours faith-

fully, T. VOLKOFISKY, "Curraweena Station," Cobar Road.