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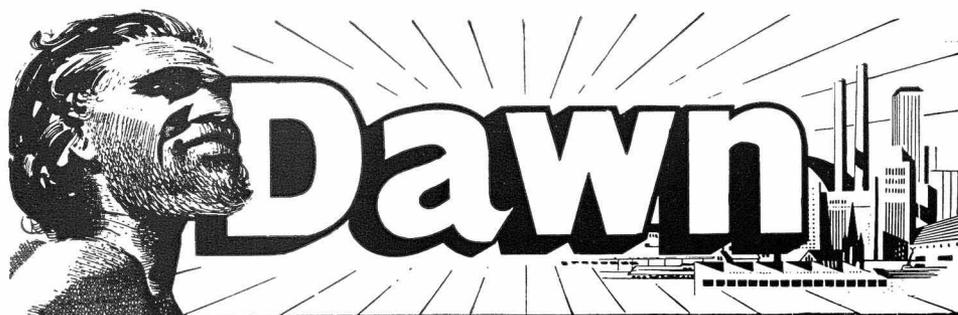


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*A Happy
New Year
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Our Cover . . .

This month we have chosen a symbolical cover to introduce the New Year and farewell the Old.

This edition marks the commencement of the eleventh year of publication of *Dawn*.

Today our magazine not only goes to every aboriginal family in New South Wales, but also to thousands of aborigines and non-aborigines in every walk of life in many countries of the world.



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To ASSIMILATE or NOT

We hear much these days about assimilation, and it appears that while some think it a good thing, others do not take to the idea. In New Zealand we were up against a somewhat similar problem, but it was overcome when the parents of the children saw what education could do for their young.

On examination day, the inspector expected to see every parent in the classroom, to watch the proceedings, and I must confess I, for one, did not like the idea at all. I had been accustomed to teaching white children in the city schools, and prior to my taking up native teaching with my husband, I had given up school teaching and had a music studio where I taught music. However, like it or not, the rule had to be obeyed, and though one had to wend one's way over brown mothers and fathers to reach the blackboard, I can now see the wisdom of those good old inspectors.

Each parent wanted his or her child to outshine his neighbour's, and it certainly was a hectic day.

When the children reached the sixth standard in those days, the boys were entitled to go to the Maori boys' college at Te Aute, and the girls to Hukarere girls' college if they passed what was then called the proficiency exam. There they stayed some years boarding, and they had white instructors. If a boy or girl showed a bent for university education, he was given every opportunity to matriculate, and of course many of them did, to become dentists, politicians, and so on.

There was no cost to the parents. Many parents preferred to live in the pa, native village, in a whare, with a pig or two roaming around, and the inevitable patch of kumaras (sweet potatoes) and if that was what they wanted, no one disturbed them, for after all they were living in a democratic country.

Some preferred to live as pakehas (white people) lived, and a few even had sheep farms which they ran very efficiently.

We were supposed to show, by example, the better standards that all could achieve.

Inevitably one found that the Maoris who lived in nice homes, and liked the benefits of civilisation, had been college educated. Some of the young people after a few years at College would drift back to the Maori way of living but by far the majority wanted to improve their living standards.

Practically every Maori was paid monthly by the Maori Land Board which had been set up by the Government to pay them for the land taken from them in the early days.

The children started school with a great handicap where we were, and at other native schools. They heard nothing but Maori at home and when they came to school they had to be taught English, which is something our Aborigines do not have to do. However,

being very bright, it was no time before they were gabbling away in English.

If we had such colleges as I have mentioned, for the Australian dark boys and girls, I am quite sure that the assimilation problem would cease to exist.

Then again in New Zealand, our attitude to the Maoris was very different from that of many Australians to their dark people. We accepted them as human beings like ourselves, and even if we had not, I don't think we would have got away with treating them as inferiors, for they are a high-spirited people.

Perhaps our dark people in Australia allow themselves to be pushed around too much, or adopt the attitude that nothing can be done. They must be up and doing to take their rightful place in our society, and realise that education for their children is the main step to progress.

I am sorry to say that I have known many instances where parents have taken their children from school the very day they turned fifteen and put them to some dead-end job, for the sake of the money they could earn.

Another thing, which may sound a bit anarchistic, the New Zealand Government, as I have said, paid the Maoris for their land, years after it was taken from them it is true, but has anyone ever thought of compensating the Aborigines for the country that was theirs and which now so many white people inhabit?

After all, it was their country and we are the interlopers, yet some of us have the effrontery to treat them as of no account. When you come to understand the Aborigine, you find that he is an inwardly proud, gentle person, with as good a brain as his white brother.

Native colleges for the boys and girls, staffed by Europeans, would do much to solve our problems, and would be worth every penny of the money the Government spent, and to get the parents interested in their children's education, adopt the way of those wise old school inspectors, who believed that seeing was believing, on examination day, and have all the parents as onlookers. I know teachers will hold up their hands in horror, as I did, but believe me, it is the only way in which we can get the parents interested.

Those dark people who wish to live in their own way do not interfere with us, so why should we try to alter their way of life? Smart well-educated young folk fresh from college would do more than we can to shake their parents up, and bring a little of our culture into their lives, so let's tackle the problem from a new angle, and start thinking of these colleges.

By NORAH J. C. FOSTER,
Former Teacher and Matron,
Walgett Aboriginal Station



OUR ROVING CAMERAMAN

THE aboriginal people in this State are scattered over a wide area, so far apart that many of them may never meet, but the magic camera can bring to us intimate glimpses of these people and enable us to become better acquainted with each other.

If you have photos at home, similar to those you see published in *Dawn*, send them along and thus add to, and maintain, the interest in your fellow men and women.



Meet Phillip Calleghan, of Crescent Head, Kempsey



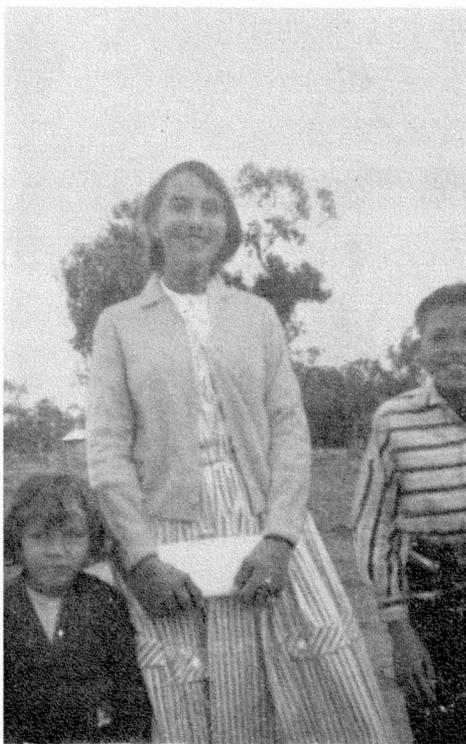
Mr. and Mrs. Connors, of Guyra



This sturdy little lass just wouldn't tell us her name. Guess who she is!



Mrs. Dinah Edwards, Mrs. F. Randell and Mr. F. Edwards, of Inverell



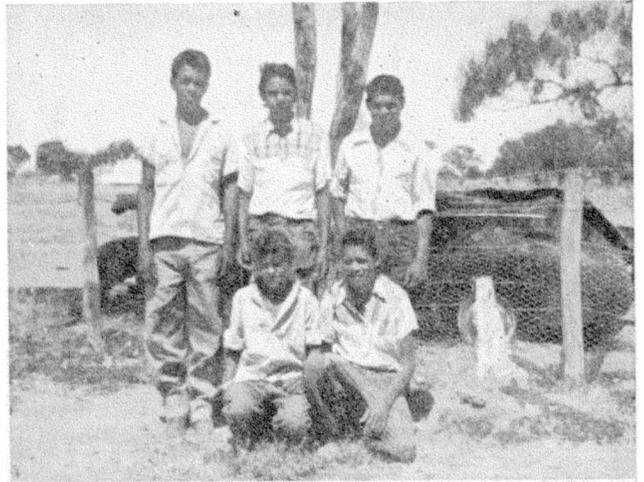
Madelaine Greenaway and Judy and Harry McEwan, of Warren



Marjorie Smith and Keith Roberts, of Green Hill



Pretty Nancy Bolt, a nurse at Ballina Hospital, with a friend, Kay Phillips



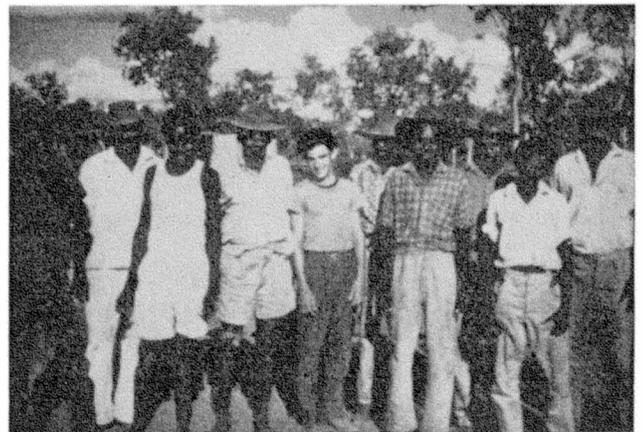
John Bates, Ted Brody, Les Wyman, Billy Bates, and Colin Hunter, of Wilcannia



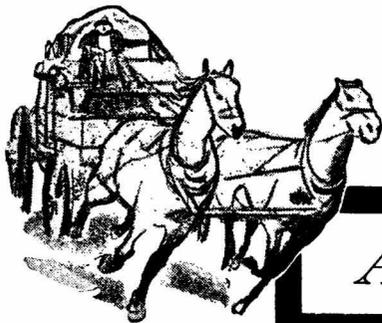
Tingha footballers



Ross and Clara Olsen, of Uralla



Men of Nanbaloo Cattle Station, Katherine, N.T.



ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE

MOREE NEWS

by MRS. JIM GILLON

Our children, who attend high school, did very well when they went to Tamworth to represent Moree High School in the recent sports.

Brenda Haines had a first and two seconds. Robert Stanley tied for second place with another boy in the high jump, with a leap of five feet one.

Percy Suey won the discus and the javelin throwing. He later went to Sydney to represent the Moree district in the discus and javelin throw.

All our children who attend high school are making very good progress.

The projector donated to our aboriginal school by the Lions Club has been of great value to the youngsters for social studies and history, and helps them establish a better view in their minds of distant countries. This projector was certainly a very wonderful and thoughtful gift.

Thomas Kane is quite a champion bike rider, and has a lovely collection of trophies.

The ladies of various churches here in Moree meet together once a month in the Presbyterian hall, and provide a social function evening for us. The atmosphere is one of joy and friendliness. It was my privilege recently to attend a combined church service in the Methodist Church hall. I accepted the invitation that was extended to all. The programme included hymn singing, testimony, films and supper.

When the evening closed, transport was offered to all who had no vehicles.

Mr. Reynolds has a few of the men painting the office. The church has already been painted, and looks very nice. Captain McIntosh invited me to the Salvation Army hall for an evening of entertainment. They had hymn singing, solos, and humorous acts.

A little 8-year-old girl read Psalm 42 from the Bible, and read it very beautifully.

We have the privilege of having one of our own people in service for the Lord ministering to us here. His name is Mr. Fred Pegus, from Cherbaug, Queensland. His is associate worker to Pastor Klienschmidt, and has been a wonderful example to our people.

OLD PIONEER PRESENTS A CUP

Recently a Gymkhana Race Meeting was held at South Grafton in aid of the Old Pioneers of the Clarence Valley, and to raise funds to pay off a debt on their Club Rooms.

In this photo we see (the mother of Freddie Skinner) Mrs. Cecelia Skinner (wearing glasses) presenting the Pioneers' Cup to the winner, Mrs. H. Worthing.

On presenting the cup to Mrs. Worthing, Mrs. Skinner said, "Committee Members of the Pioneers' Club, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the Pioneers I am sincerely happy to present this cup to the winner, Mrs. Worthing".



HELP YOURSELF

EGG SHORTAGE

In laundering a beret wash in the usual way, wring out and place it over a plate of its own size. Stretch evenly and stand outside to dry.

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Cover a beetroot stain with a piece of bread lightly dampened with water. Leave until the stain is absorbed by the bread. Treat the stain immediately.

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Starch your ironing sheet and you will have a smooth surface that does not wrinkle.

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Woollen clothes never shrink if you wash them in water almost cold. The first suds should be thick. Rinse. Then wash again in lighter suds and rinse two or three times.

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Take the cover off an old umbrella. Paint the frame white. Hang from a hook in the ceiling and use as an airer for small articles of clothing.

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Paint your clothes prop white. This prolongs its life and also prevents tripping over it in the dark.

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To remove dirt from collars attached to shirts, scrub gently with a soft nail brush. Good for cuffs too.

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Get the handy man to make a ladder about 10 inches wide by about 25 inches long, or long enough to go across your copper. Place this over the copper and starch the clothes on it to drain, instead of using a copper stick. Saves time, labour and water.

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To get rid of grass stains in clothing, sponge with a little alcohol. If the article is coloured use a paste of soap, baking soda and water. Soak the stained article in this for 12 hours and then rinse well.

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To find the cause of a smoky fireplace, notice whether it smokes intermittently or constantly. If the former, the cause is usually from faulty construction that results in permitting downdrafts, which are probably due to an excessively damp chimney.

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Wads of cotton packed in the finger tips of rubber gloves will keep fingernails from tearing through the rubber.

If you should happen to run short of eggs when making a cake, a mixture of warm milk and golden syrup will serve the same purpose. Use 1 tablespoon of syrup to every half pint of milk. This quantity is equivalent to 3 eggs.

HOLE IN HAMMER TO START NAILS

When it is necessary to hold both the stock and a nail in position somewhere overhead, or when starting a finishing nail in a spot that is hard to reach, the problem can be solved by using an old hammer that has a hole drilled in the head to hold the nail. Drill the hole near the edge of the face so it will not interfere with hammering, and make it large enough to accommodate a nail of the largest diameter commonly used. To use, merely insert the nail in the hole, tap it lightly until it grips the wood, and then finish hammering in the normal manner.

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Boys will be boys. Trevor Saunders, of Purfleet, has learned to handle axes with more care; unfortunately in the process he cut one of his fingers off, but Trevor stood up to it like a man.

Russell Saunders, trying to emulate Tarzan, received a nasty gash on the scone, but of course is all grins—not missing a beat at school.

Greg. Simon received a nasty fracture of the arm—but he is being well looked after by the Manning River District Hospital.

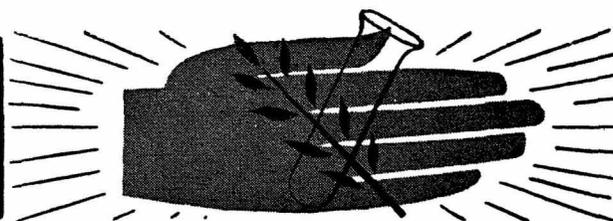
Once again, boys will be boys, and men have all gone through the process.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams, of Brungle, near Gundagai

Health



Hints

MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes are well known for the annoyance caused by their bites, and their prevalence in large numbers during the Summer months. The male mosquito lives only a few days. The female may live for weeks. It is only the female mosquito that bites man.

There are three commonly known types of mosquitoes in New South Wales, the House Mosquito, the Dengue Fever and Yellow Fever Mosquito, and the Malarial Mosquito.

Disease Spreaders

All mosquitoes are dangerous because they convey disease from one human being to another. Among the diseases known to be spread by mosquitoes in Australia are Malaria, Filariasis, of which Elephantiasis is a complication; and Dengue Fever. The Dengue Fever Mosquito is believed also to be able to carry Encephalitis and possibly other diseases.

Breeding Places

Mosquitoes breed only in water, some species preferring stagnant and polluted water. Water standing just a few days can produce a crop of mosquitoes. Ponds, marshes, slowly running streams, pools, old tins, bottles, etc., containing rainwater, uncovered cisterns or water tanks, septic tanks, defective roof gutters, blocked street gutters, flower vases and other receptacles containing water—all of these may serve as breeding places.

Remember—one small breeding place may affect a whole neighbourhood.

Types of Mosquitoes

The Common House Mosquito

Widely distributed throughout Australia. It bites mainly at night time. Apart from being a known carrier of disease, it causes loss of sleep by its noise in flight and its painful bite. In the daytime the house mosquito rests in dark places, behind wardrobes or dressing tables, on hanging clothes or in cupboards.

Malarial Mosquitoes

Various species have been found in most States of the Commonwealth, although they are more prevalent in the Northern portion of the continent. Malarial mosquitoes have wings spotted with white or black scales, which are unusual in other types.

These mosquitoes have been known to spread malaria in various parts of Australia—but it is important to realise that the mosquito itself is not the cause of malaria, it is merely the means by which the disease is spread from an infected person to a healthy one.

The Dengue or Yellow Fever Mosquito

This mosquito is always a danger, as it may cause a disastrous epidemic of dengue fever. It is widely distributed throughout New South Wales, with the exception of the south-eastern portion of the State. It is a domestic mosquito being prevalent both in and out of houses. It bites both during the day and night. It is easily recognised because of the white markings on its body.

It can transmit Yellow Fever also. However, although no case of Yellow Fever has yet reached Australia, in these days of fast aerial travel the danger is always present.

Control

- Prevention is the keynote.
- Know their breeding places and eliminate them, or if this is not possible suitably treat them.
- Continuity of effort is more important than an intense campaign of eradication followed by a period of neglect.
- Protection from bites by use of repellent insecticides and mosquito nets.

Treatment of Breeding Places

Roof gutters, rain spouts and drains should be kept clean and free from standing water. Old tins, bottles, broken crockery, flower pots or other disused articles capable of holding water should be collected and buried.

Shallow water pools and slushy places should be obliterated by draining or filling them in. All gully traps should be frequently flushed.

All water storage tanks and septic tanks must be effectively screened by wire gauze screens of not less than 18 meshes to the inch.

Water in open tanks, ponds, etc., should be treated with kerosene or liquid paraffin so as to form a complete layer of oil over the surface of the water. This will kill all larvae present.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR!

OUR PEOPLE MUST HAVE FRIENDSHIP: AN IMPORTANT AID TO ASSIMILATION

Writing to the Editor of *Dawn*, the Secretary of the Association for the Assimilation of Aborigines, Mrs. B. Hopkinson, says,

"October's *Dawn* was one of the best yet. It was a great pleasure to see Mrs. Morris's speech (typed, I understand, by her niece Muriel Briggs, who is a friend of ours) in print, for the first time. This is a speech of great importance and I was amazed at the time of National Aborigines Day, and still am, that it was not published in the press.

This same story, with the same generous tributes to their friends (such as Mrs. Morris's to Alex Norton), was told by several coloured people at the Grafton Conference on 'The Future of Aboriginal Groups'. 'We can do it', 'We must live in the 20th century', 'We want to live like the rest of the community' were typical comments. The history of how the various coloured people were assimilated was remarkable for one common factor—all wanted to come into the community, but it was only when a helping hand was offered that their ambitions were realised. 'Give us this help and we will help ourselves.'

We feel their friendship for each other should be realised and respected, and even if they are living in a big city, they need to see each other, but we also feel that if they do not want to stay in groups, every assistance should be given to join in the general life of the community."

WE HOPE SO TOO!

HELPING OUR PEOPLE

Writing to *Dawn*, Mrs. L. W. Rogers, of "Wallaroi", Stuart Town, N.S.W., said:

"Whilst working with the C.S.I.R.O. at Cunnamulla in Queensland, I visited the Sunday School being held for the dark children there. The air of hopelessness about one small child, who said, 'You won't come back; nobody comes back here. Nobody wants to see us or visit us. Nobody ever comes back', is something I shall never forget.

At the moment I am not in a position to do anything to help these people, but hope that someday there will be something I can either do on the mission field or wherever I may be living, to help lift that hopelessness out of a dark child's eyes."

Two tablespoonsful of kerosene will cover 15 square feet of water. As the oil evaporates in summer, the oiling must be done every week. Frequent spraying with a solution of D.D.T. and kerosene is also effective, but D.D.T. is toxic to human beings and, therefore, must not be used on drinking water.

Ornamental ponds and pools may be kept stocked with mosquito larvae-eating fish, such as goldfish, minnows or gambusia. Local Councils will assist in procuring these. By stocking ponds with these fish much has already been done in Sydney to prevent breeding. Gambusia must not be placed in streams and water west of the Dividing Range as they eat trout fry.

Repellents and Insecticides

Mosquito nets will provide protection in bed. The ends of the nets should carefully be tucked under the mattress to prevent mosquitoes entering.

Dimethyl phthalate rubbed over exposed parts of the body and renewed at 2 hourly intervals is effective as a repellent.

This chemical dissolves plastics, and should be kept away from spectacle frames, fountain pens, plastic watch covers, etc. It should not be rubbed into the eyes or sensitive areas, as it will cause intense irritation. Insect sprays used against house flies will kill mosquitoes also.

Precautions

- (1) Consult instructions on labels of insecticides.
- (2) Keep insecticides out of the reach of children.
- (3) Scratching of mosquito bites may lead to sores; therefore do not scratch, but apply a solution of ammonia or tincture of iodine.

Dogs and Cats

Dogs and cats should be kept free from vermin. Dogs should be washed with a disinfectant solution, or they may be dusted with an effective insect powder. Their kennels should also be frequently cleansed with a kerosene emulsion or dusted with insect powder.

Apply to your local Council or Shire for any assistance you need in fighting the rat.

JUMBLLED WORDS

Birds

1. Miegap.
2. Voed.
3. Gepion.
4. Elage.
5. Boorakurka.

Animals

1. Giter.
2. Thanelep.
3. Braze.
4. Rhose.
5. Nilo.

Vegetables

1. Cuttlee.
2. Snippar.
3. Atopot.
4. Rorcat.
5. Noino.

Answers on page 9.



WRECK BAY NEWS

By L. J. Browne

The wedding of Colleen Moore, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Moore, of Wreck Bay, to Mr. Kenneth Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, of East Ryde, took place in the Wreck Bay Hall one Saturday recently.

Padre Were, of the Jervis Bay Naval College, performed the ceremony, which was the first to be conducted at the station.

Colleen wore a dress of white embossed nylon over a delicate shade of pink, and she carried a lovely bouquet of camellias.

Ken Foster was best man. The toasts at the reception were proposed by Ambrose Brown.

After a delightful wedding feast, dancing continued until midnight to celebrate this joyous occasion.

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A sad occasion at Wreck Bay recently was the death of Regina McLeod, 8-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald McLeod.

Regina passed away in the Nowra Hospital, after a short illness.

The service was conducted by Padre Were, of Jervis Bay Naval College.

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The following births have been recorded at Wreck Bay:

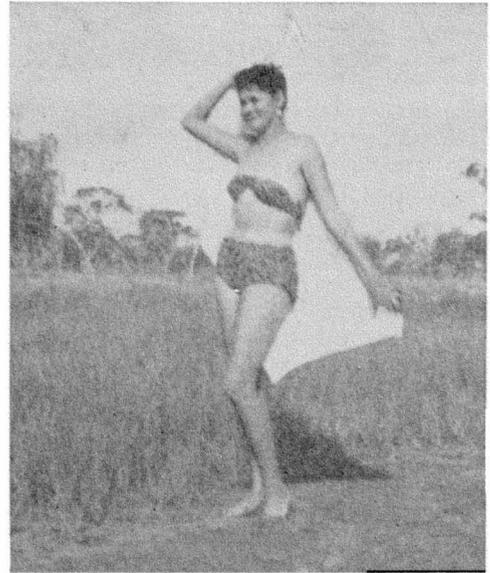
A daughter, Linda Christine, to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Foster.

A daughter, Christine, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown.

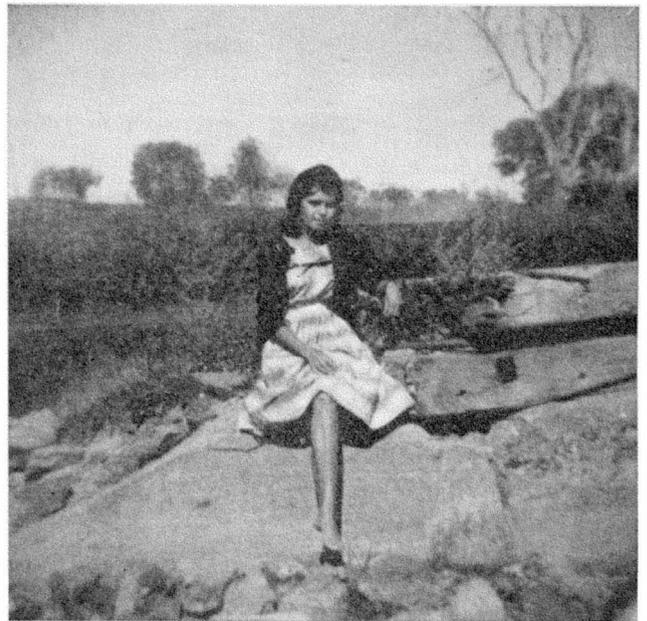
A son, Steven, to Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

A son, Athol James, to Mr. and Mrs. George Ardler.

A son, Nicholas James, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carter.



Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, of Bungunya, (Qld.)



Pretty Beverley Smith, of Wellington

It's Lunchtime

Lunch should make its contribution to the daily food requirements. It is not good policy to think that because you have a reasonable breakfast and a good evening meal, you can miss out on lunch.

It takes three meals to fit in all the nutrients needed for the day.

This is a good basis for lunch:

- A protein food (meat, cheese, egg or fish).
- Bread and butter.
- Fresh fruit or salad.
- Beverage.

What you eat for lunch is important but it is also essential to take enough time to eat it. Do not eat hurriedly as you do your work. Sit down and relax while you have your meal and it will do you more good.

Surroundings are important, too. Choose a pleasant airy room or if the weather is fine, eat out of doors.

PACKED LUNCHES

A lunch that is carried to school or work can be just as nutritious as a meal eaten at home.

Sandwiches or bread rolls are the main part of most packed lunches.

Wholemeal, brown or white bread may be used and the number of sandwiches depends on appetite. Wholemeal and brown bread contain more vitamin B than white bread.

Nutritious fillings are important; choose them wisely and do not skimp the amount you spread on the slice.

Make at least one filling from cheese, egg, meat or fish. Other fillings that are good are baked beans, raw salad vegetables, fresh fruits, peanut butter, nuts, dried fruits, yeast and vegetable extracts.

A good lunch must be nourishing but it should be tasty too. Mixtures are usually tastier and more popular than plain fillings. The basic filling can be varied by adding different vegetables or flavouring to it, for example, celery, parsley, chives, mint, lettuce, eschalots, tomato, grated carrot, onion or curry powder.

Fillings should be moist enough to prevent crumbling but not so moist that they make sandwiches soggy. Mayonnaise, tomato juice, tomato pulp, tomato sauce, milk, fruit juice, left-over gravy or white sauce may be used to moisten fillings.

For a change pack a hard cooked egg or some cheese, a whole tomato or a small salad in a jar, and pack the bread and butter separately.

In winter a hot drink carried in a thermos makes a cold lunch more appetising.

At school a good lunch for children consists of—

- Filled sandwiches or rolls.
- A piece of fruit.
- A plain or flavoured milk drink.

Cakes, sweet biscuits and chocolates are not recommended as part of a school lunch because so often they are eaten first and spoil the appetite for the essential foods.

If your child buys his lunch make sure he spends his money on the right kind of food.

Where there is an Oslo lunch canteen at the school, tasty and nutritious lunches are available at a very reasonable cost.

For the *office worker* sandwiches or rolls and some fruit make a good lunch. If sufficient milk is not used during the rest of the day it is wise to have some at lunch time either as a plain drink, a milk shake or a flavoured drink.

Cake or biscuits may be added for variety.

For the *active worker* a meat pie, with plenty of meat filling, or egg and bacon pie makes an occasional change from sandwiches. Cake and biscuits may be included to satisfy the appetite and give variety.

Lunch at home. A cup of tea with bread and butter and jam is not enough for the housewife at home. She needs a good meal, although it may be a simple one.

In summer a salad of raw vegetables and fruits with cheese, egg or cold meat is easy to make and nice to eat. If lettuces are expensive, finely shredded raw cabbage may be used instead.

JUMBLED WORDS

(Answers)

Birds

1. Magpie.
2. Dove.
3. Pigeon.
4. Eagle.
5. Kookaburra.

Animals

1. Tiger.
2. Elephant.
3. Zebra.
4. Horse.
5. Lion.

Vegetables

1. Lettuce.
2. Parsnip.
3. Potato.
4. Carrot.
5. Onion.

An egg is quick to cook, either boiled, poached or scrambled.

Welsh rarebit, cheese toast or savoury grated cheese and tomato are appetising and simple to make.

Left-over casseroled meat or savoury dish can be re-heated and eaten for lunch.

SANDWICH FILLINGS

Cheese

Sliced or grated cheese with chopped celery, chives, parsley, onion, tomato or finely shredded lettuce.

Grated cheese and grated carrot mixed with mayonnaise.

Cheese and thinly sliced pineapple or chopped dates.

Eggs

Scrambled or hard cooked in the shell then mashed, moistened with a little milk and flavoured with chopped celery, parsley, mint, chives or minced onion, shredded lettuce, grated raw carrot, vegemite or marmite, tomato puree or tomato juice.

Egg and crisp cooked bacon.

Curried eggs.

Meat

Sliced or minced cooked meat (beef, lamb, mutton, veal, corned beef, rabbit, liver) or prepared meats with chopped parsley, chives, cooked green peas, shredded lettuce or tomato sauce or puree.

Liver sausage and chives.

Finely chopped brains or rabbit with parsley sauce.

Fish

Flaked steamed fish or mashed tinned fish cutlets, flavoured with a little lemon juice, vinegar or mayonnaise and mixed with chopped celery or cucumber.

Vegetables

Any combination of salad vegetables which may include—

Sliced tomato.

Sliced cucumber.

Sliced cooked beetroot.

Shredded lettuce.

Shredded tender cabbage leaves.

Chopped celery.

Chopped chives.

Chopped onion.

Chopped parsley.

Grated carrot.

Grated young raw beetroot.

Sweet Fillings

Peanut butter and sliced banana.

Sliced or mashed banana and chopped raisins, prunes or dates.

Sliced banana and sliced pineapple.

Chopped nuts and dried fruit.

Chopped raisins or other dried fruits and chopped apple or shredded pineapple.

Note—Banana or apple should have a little lemon or orange juice squeezed over them to prevent discolouration.

Miscellaneous

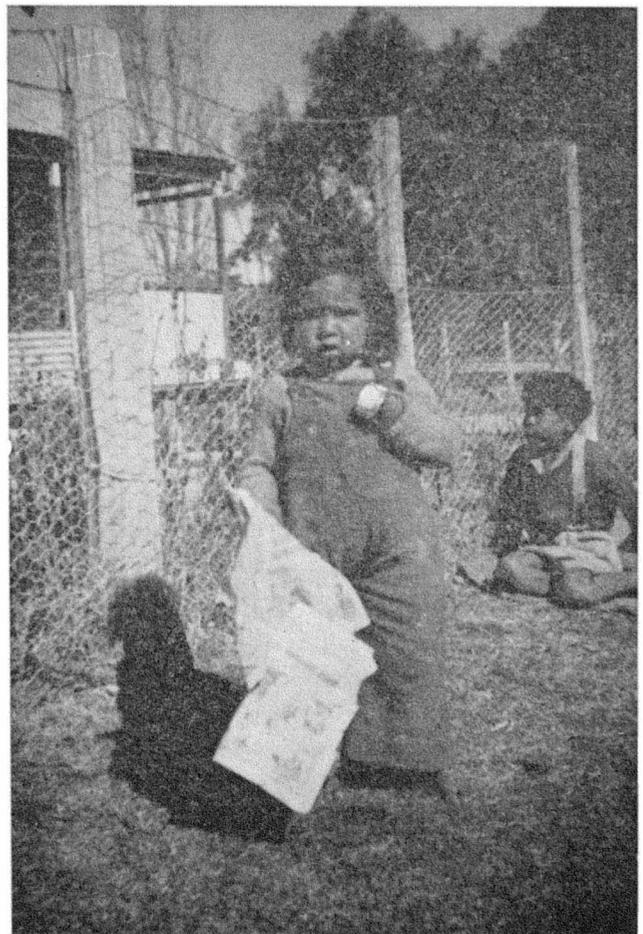
Baked beans, plain or with a little shredded lettuce.

Peanut butter, plain or with any of the salad vegetables or dried fruits or banana, or a little honey to flavour.

Chopped nuts, with dried fruits, salad vegetables or a little honey.

Yeast or vegetable extract with any of the salad vegetables, or sliced or grated cheese, or egg.

A special pamphlet, "Lunch at School", may be obtained from the Publicity Officer, Health Department, 52 Bridge Street, Sydney.



Little Priscilla Wightman, of Tingha

News from Bellbrook

By R. Harrhy

Mr. Joe Quinlin, of Bellbrook, who has not been at all well for some weeks, has been a patient at the Macleay District Hospital. Joe is now recuperating at home and is not liking the strict diet on which he has been placed. However, Joe has lost a deal of weight which he hopes will be of benefit to him.

Mr. John Quinlin, the Bellbrook Station handyman, has just had his annual leave at Armidale. Mr. Henry Dunn deputised as Station handyman during John's absence.

Mrs. Fay Banfield, of Sydney, with her children, recently spent a short vacation on Bellbrook Station. Mrs. Banfield's husband, who is in the Australian Army, is awaiting posting overseas—possibly Malaya.

Some of the parents of scouts will be attending the annual Father and Son Dinner to be held shortly in Kempsey. Last year Mr. Ronnie Kelly went with his two sons, Lewis and Dennis, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Bellbrook residents are awaiting the services of Mr. Johnny O'Neill, who ploughs and plants the corn on the Station under contract to the Bellbrook Progress Association. If the crop is as good as last year the Association should benefit considerably.

Mr. Victor Shepherd, of Bellbrook, has been working hard recently in his home garden and it is showing excellent results. He has constructed a most efficient fence from virtually nothing and has now started in to improve the area in front of his home.

It is likely that new Bellbrook storage tanks will be installed in the near future. This will be a relief to all since the present tank stand is in a very dangerous condition. It will also mean that there will be 6,000 gallons storage instead of, as previously, a little under 4,000 gallons.

The Bellbrook school garden is looking very well at present despite damage done by uncontrolled dogs. Flowers from the school garden won three first prizes at the Bellbrook Flower Show. Several prizes were also won by pupils of the school for their entries in the handwork section.

MERVYN BISHOP DOES WELL

Congratulations to Mervyn Bishop on being selected as a Prefect of Dubbo High School for this year. Mervyn will probably sit for the Leaving Certificate at the end of the year.

Mervyn, who comes from Brewarrina, is a bursar of the Board and is boarding in the Church of England Hostel at Dubbo. Mervyn is also being supported by the Journalists' Aboriginal Group of "The Sydney Morning Herald."

GRIFFITH

GOSSIP

By Stanley Smith, D.C.M.

It's so long since I wrote to *Dawn* readers, that I forget the date of my last letter. However, I think often of my many friends and have many times had the urge, but not the time, to write.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Margaret Morris, whom I have never met, on her very fine address, on the occasion of National Aborigines Day Observance, delivered to the people gathered in Martin Place, Sydney, and reported in *Dawn* October issue.

A photo of Frank Johnson appeared in *Dawn* recently. Frank is training in Singleton Bible College, to be a missionary. He was home for a couple of weeks during October, and before a congregation which packed the Griffith Baptist Church gave testimony to the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and was baptised by immersion.

Griffith Aborigines Assimilation Organisation plans to have the new "Community Hall", for Three Ways Bridge Reserve, finished soon.

Readers will recall that the "Baby Health Clinic" section was brought into service in 1960. The Griffith Apexians, on a voluntary basis, did the job of erecting the Clinic, and have promised to complete the job of erecting the Hall.

We are very grateful to the Apexians for the help they have given, and have promised to give, our Organisation.

A recent "Street Stall" at the corner of Banner Avenue and Kooyoo Street raised over £39 towards the Hall Fund.

The Aborigine Inland Mission has changed its Griffith Missionaries. Miss Campbell has gone to Narrandera and will share her time between Narrandera and Lecton. Mr. and Mrs. Bridge have taken over the work at Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Firebrace have bought a nice little cottage on approximately an acre of land at West Griffith. They have settled in, and are very happy on their "Selection". Mr. Lovel brought along his farm plant and ploughed the land which will be sown to pasture grass. Their chooks are looking well and they hope to have a milking cow before very long.

I think *Dawn* is a splendid magazine and I hope all our people read it carefully, especially the "Health Hints" and "Help Yourself" pages.

THE PATIENTS SEE DOUBLE,
when they're treated by the nursing twins

By Winifred Munday

One Aboriginal nurse is an uncommon enough sight in an Australian city hospital. Two identical Aboriginal nurses in one hospital must be unique.

But the patients and staff at Marrickville General Hospital in Sydney are becoming used to meeting Jennifer Bush in a hospital corridor, turning into a room—and coming face to face with her double.

Jennifer and Alison Bush are identical twins from Darwin. They are in their second year of nursing training, and are two of the most popular student nurses in the hospital.

To avoid a bit of the confusion they are put on different shifts, usually in different wards. That, at least, keeps their identities straight while they are working.

“But,” said Jennifer, “I often meet an ex-patient of Alison’s in the street who thinks she is being snubbed when she says ‘Hullo’ and gets a puzzled look from me in return.”

To avoid name mix-ups Jennifer is known as Nurse Bush and Alison is Nurse Alison.

The sisters are 18—Jennifer is one hour older than her sister—and were born in Sydney, brought up in Darwin, and educated at Bowral (N.S.W.) High School.

They have eight younger brothers and sisters at home in Darwin, where their father is a labourer for the Department of Works.

The Bush Church Aid Society has helped the girls with their schooling and nursing.

They have not yet decided whether they will return to Darwin when their Sydney general training ends in two years’ time.

They might stay on to study obstetrics and take a special mothercraft course.

The sisters say that neither at school nor at the hospital have they ever come up against racial prejudice.

In fact, Jennifer has shone both at school and at the hospital. In 1959 and 1960 she came second in the State Junior Athletics Championships, and last April she was chosen by her fellow nurses to attend the 12th International Nurses’ Congress in Melbourne.

Recently Mr. Wakerley, of the United Aborigines Mission, visited Walgett. We had some great services and the children were absolutely thrilled and very interested in the talks given.

Another large group of visitors! The United Aborigines Missionaries came over from Bourke to conduct a three-day mission which proved to be most challenging and inspiring to the Christian work being carried out at Walgett. The leaders of the convention were Mr. Bert Gordon and Mr. Southwell.

With the football season over, the young lads of Walgett are turning to cricket and tennis. Phillip Hall, of Montikelia Street, is once again showing good form in tennis.

On the cricket field, Neville Thorne, of the camping reserve, Richard Simpson and Oscar Beale of Warrena Street, are bowling and hitting the ball beautifully at the sports day, held each Friday afternoon.

Lou Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson, of Warrena Street, has returned home from the “big-smoke”. It’s good to see Lou’s smiling face around Walgett again.

Great News! Do you remember an article about Colin Hardy in the last issue of Walgett Wanderings? Well, Colin has now gone to Sydney.

WALGETT WANDERINGS

By David Tribe

Before arriving in Sydney, he had a successful tour with the Willie Fennell Show. After being interviewed by a recording company in Sydney, he was accepted for a trial period appearing in different parts of Sydney and Newcastle.

We all wish him every success in his future singing career.

We are all glad to see the formation of the Walgett District Swimming Club. Among the positions filled were Mr. Harry Hall, as Official Starter, and Mr. Keith Thorne as a Judge. When the baths are opened we expect to see great starts and also great judging. Congratulations, Harry and Keith.

Neville Thorne sat for his Intermediate Certificate this year. All wish him the greatest of success in the final results.

We all deeply regret the tragic passing away of Jimmy Orchards, of Brewarrina, early in October. He was a gifted young lad in the music field and will be missed by us all.

We have great singers in Walgett. Any visitor to Walgett should go to the mission and listen to the children singing.

When can they be heard? At the Sunday School and Church Services on Wednesdays and Sundays.

KEMPSEY FESTIVAL

ABORIGINES' FLOAT



The Kempsey Spring Festival was brought to a close one Saturday night recently with a procession of floats, the crowning of the Festival Queen, and wound up with an open air concert.

There were 28 floats entered in the procession and about 20 of these were entered in the best decorated float competition. All 20 were beautifully decorated and much time, labour and money had gone into their preparation, in fact, any one of them could have been given first prize and no one would have quibbled.

Burnt Bridge Station had an entry and it was awarded third prize.

The float was decorated with all Australian native flora and done in such a way as only aboriginal women know how. Partially hidden among the green were a number of koala bears. The beauty of the decorations had to be seen to be believed.

The theme of the float was a portrayal, by tableaux, of the progress of the aborigines from 1788 until the present day. The first tableau showed two aborigines in their tribal state, the next showed two primary school and two high school students seated at their desks with books open and a well dressed young man acting as their teacher. The next showed a typical business girl seated at a typewriter and the last four nicely dressed young men and women enjoying a discussion among themselves. Two cat-walks were built on to the lorry and on these stood a naval rating, an army captain, a R.A.A.F. flying officer, a nursing sister, a Boy Scout, a boundary rider, and a man dressed in football togs.

The most exacting commanding officer could not have faulted the uniforms nor the way they were worn. They were worn with a proud dignity showing that the wearers were well aware of the signal honour bestowed on them by being chosen to represent our gallant fighting services.



Two young men designed and painted our sign. The front showed the Australian Coat of Arms, very well sketched and painted, and the caption above it read, "Ours also since 1788" whilst on the reverse the caption read, "Our progress in 173 short years".

The applause given the Station float as it moved through the vast crowd gave ample evidence that there is no colour bar in Kempsey.

When it was known the Station float had been awarded third prize the crew of the float gave a vociferous three cheers and much back slapping and hand shaking went on, and justifiably so.

A number of aborigines gave items at the open air concert, some from the Station, some from Bellbrook and some from the surrounding districts. Each item was exceptionally well done and each received the plaudits they so richly deserved.

To the crew of the float, with special mention to those people who helped decorate it and to our white friends who lent us the uniforms and musical instruments, not forgetting the firm that lent us the vehicle, we would like, through *Dawn*, to convey our very special thanks.

The object of the float was to portray to the general public, by means of tableaux, how much our aborigines had accomplished since the year 1788. It was also thought that the aborigines would take pride in seeing their accomplishments put before the public in this way and prove to be an incentive to better their present lot.

The theme was on education showing how some aborigines had availed themselves of the opportunities

given them and had qualified for jobs in various trades and professions and that having qualified, colour was no bar.

The tableaux presented were as follows:—

- (1) Two aborigines in their tribal state.
- (2) Primary and high school students seated at their desks with exercise books open and a teacher correcting one book.
- (3) A secretary, a young lady, seated at a typewriter.
- (4) Two well-dressed young ladies, one a receptionist, the other a typical business girl, and two well-dressed young men, one of whom represented a bank employee and the other a public servant.

Two cat-walks, one on each side of the vehicle, showed a naval rating, an army officer, a R.A.A.F. officer, a nurse, a stockman, a sportsman and a Boy Scout.

A large sign was made, designed and painted by two aborigines. It stood high above the roof of the vehicle and on the obverse side the Australian Coat of Arms, exceptionally well done, was painted and the caption read, "OURS ALSO SINCE 1788". The reverse read, "OUR PROGRESS IN 173 SHORT YEARS".

The vehicle was decorated by four of the Station ladies in this manner:—

A perfect elkhorn covered the radiator grill and the bonnet, mudguards, etc., were covered with staghorns, large maiden hair fern and burrawong fern. In amongst the leaves, plainly visible, were a number of koala bears. The rest of the vehicle was draped with maiden hair and burrawong fern so that not a part of the vehicle was visible.

To conclude, judging by the comments of the general public and the aborigines both on the day and since, some gain towards the object was made.

In the Picture :

Tribal Aborigines: Syd. Quinlin and Daryl Ward.
Schoolchildren: Charlie Bradshaw, Valda Moylan, Leonie Moylan.
Typist: Edith Holten.
Schoolteacher: Ken Carter.
Bank Employee: George Davis.
Receptionist: Patricia Dixon.
Business Girl: Edna Dotti.
Public Servant: Clarrie Newman.
Sailor: Kevin Marr.
Soldier: Dick Archibald.
Airman: Andrew Pacey.
Nurse: Leah Pacey.
Stockman: Peter Byers.
Sportsman: Athol Davis.
Scout: Robert Lang.

The Unhappy Golliwog

Mrs. Kath Walker, a 41-year-old aborigine, of 19 Myrtle Street, Buranda, Brisbane, and who comes from Stradbroke Island in Queensland, has displayed considerable talent as a painter, author and poet.

BY KATH WALKER

Now, rather footloose after having been a member of the WRAAC in the Army for some time, Kath feels she has a message to tell on behalf of her people. This is the theme of most of her work.

Gerri Golliwog lived in a shop, with lots of other toys. There was a tin soldier, a beautiful doll, a Teddy bear, a rocking horse, a spinning top, a drum, and an electric train. They lived on the first floor of a big store. Now most of the toys were happy toys, but poor old Gerri Golliwog was not happy, in fact, he was terribly unhappy. There he sat, all alone in the corner, all by himself and every night he would cry himself to sleep. As everyone knows, when the clock strikes twelve, in the middle of the night, the toys get up and romp around the floor. They play all sorts of games and make such a noise, but when daylight comes they go back to their places on the shelves and stay, until the clock strikes midnight, or until someone buys them.

But poor old Gerri Golliwog did not play and romp with the other toys and that is why he was so unhappy. You see the other toys used to laugh at him and say nasty things about him. They would not let him join in their games because they said his face and hands were black and that he did not wash himself. This was not true of course because poor old Golliwog was just born like that. He did wash himself and often but no matter how much he tried he just could not wash the black off his face. Poor Golliwog, how sad it all was. He even thought of running away, but then he knew it was wrong to run away. He hoped someone would help him, so that the other toys might let him join their games.

Now the Fairy Queen, who watches over everything that is going on in toyland, saw how unhappy Golliwog was and wondered why, so she called two of her fairies to her and said: "Fairy Snow-Dream and Fairy Chocolate-Cream, fly away to the store and find out what makes Gerri Golliwog so unhappy."

Now Fairy Snow-Dream had beautiful golden hair and her skin was as white as the snow. Fairy Chocolate-Cream had long curly hair right down her back and it was as dark as night. Her skin was the colour of rich chocolate. The Fairy Queen had lots of white and chocolate coloured fairies in her kingdom and they all lived very happily together. She thought that Fairy Chocolate-Cream could help Gerri Golliwog more than any fairy could. So holding aloft their magic wands off they flew towards the big store and as they alighted on the window-sill of the store window the clock struck the hour of midnight. They peeped in and saw the toys jump from their shelves and form a

circle and dance round in a ring. But poor old Gerri Golliwog sat in his corner just looking so sad.

"Hello, Gerri Golliwog," said Fairy Chocolate-Cream.

Golliwog looked up with tears in his eyes.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I am Fairy Chocolate-Cream. The Fairy Queen knows you are unhappy and has sent Fairy Snow-Dream and myself to find out why you are so unhappy. What makes you so unhappy, dear Gerri Golliwog?" she asked.

Poor Golliwog sat there with more tears in his eyes.

"The other toys won't play with me," he said.

"Why?" asked Fairy Chocolate-Cream.

"Because my skin is black, they do not like me," he sadly replied.

"But my skin is black too," said Fairy Chocolate-Cream, "and everyone in fairyland loves me. Don't they Fairy Snow-Dream?"

"Of course we all do," replied Fairy Snow-Dream quite shocked by this lack of manners of the other toys.

"I'll tell you what, you will play with Fairy Chocolate-Cream and myself and we will dance together."

Gerri Golliwog could not believe his ears.

"You mean you will both dance and play with me?" he asked.

"Of course we will," said both the fairies together.

"Come along you are wasting time you know."

Gerri Golliwog smiled and jumped off the shelf and took hold of the fairies' hands and off they went round and round until Golliwog was quite dizzy.

Now, when the other toys saw who Golliwog was dancing with they stopped their game to watch.

Fairy Chocolate-Cream and Fairy Snow-Dream turned to all the other toys.

"You have been very naughty, and have made Golliwog very unhappy and the Fairy Queen will be unhappy too when she knows what you have done to make poor Gerri Golliwog so unhappy."

The other toys hung their heads in shame. They did not know what to say. Then suddenly the toy soldier stepped forward and said, "I say, Gerri Golliwog, I'm sorry, we were very nasty, but I promise I won't ever laugh or say nasty things again." Then the other toys came up to Golliwog and promised they would never hurt his feelings again, and that he could play with them every night. Now as they were talking, dawn began to break in the skies and the fairies knew they had to leave if they wished to get back to fairyland in time. So they fondly said goodbye to the happy toys and off they went to sprinkle star dust as they flew back to the land of the fairies. The Fairy Queen was watching for them and she saw how tired they were. They told her all that had happened and that Gerri Golliwog was now a very happy Golliwog. The Fairy Queen smiled and said: "I, too, am now very happy. You have done your work well. Now off to your beds of thistledown and rose petals." Soon the tired fairies were fast asleep.

Gerri Golliwog, I'm glad to say, lived happily ever after.

ABORIGINAL

baby show big success

The fourth annual Baby Show for Aboriginal Babies by the Moree Inter-Church Social Club for Aboriginal Women was held in the McIntosh Hall, Moree, recently. There was an excellent attendance of mothers and beautifully dressed and cared for babies and toddlers.

Mrs. Stockdals (vice-president) and Mrs. Thomas (assistant secretary) had a very busy time recording the entries, and Mrs. Watson and Mrs. W. McFarlane kept all present refreshed by serving iced drinks. The treasurer, Mrs. Prettyman, acted as doorkeeper.

The president, Mrs. C. G. Mathieson, on behalf of the committee extended a warm welcome to all present, and expressed thanks to the judges, Mrs. D. McFarlane and Mrs. J. Stevens, who so capably executed their duty, and to Mrs. W. Forrest for providing music for the afternoon.

The prizes, which were donated by the Church of England, Presbyterian and Methodist Women's Guilds, were awarded to:—

- Section 1. One to six months, James Graham.
- Section 2. Six to 12 months, Morris Green.
- Section 3. Twelve to 18 months, Robert Gillon.
- Section 4. Eighteen months to three years, Mervyn Sampson.

In addition to this each entrant received a small gift.

Choosing Shoes

Shoes should have the inner edge of the sole straight. They should be long and wide enough for your toes to lie straight and slightly separated. They should be roomy over your toes and should fit snugly around your heel and under the long arch. Shoes should never require "breaking-in".

Special care must be taken in selecting children's shoes. Children's feet take many years to form fully and ill-fitting shoes can do untold harm. Growing feet need new shoes often. Before buying shoes see that they are suitable by testing them whilst sitting and whilst walking.

If you develop a defect in your feet, no matter how slight, it will be wise to see your doctor. Flat foot in its early stages is often curable.

Also keep in mind the fact that weak feet may be caused by some abnormal condition of another organ of your body.

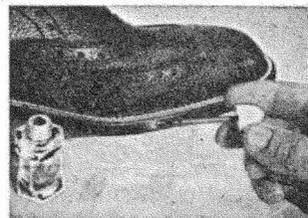
Swelling of the feet may be caused by a heart or a kidney disease. If your feet and ankles swell medical advice should be sought. Feet sometimes swell from hours of standing or walking in badly fitting shoes. To get relief, lie down and prop the feet high up on a pillow (take your shoes off first, however).

Corns and calluses are caused by ill-fitting shoes. A callus on the ball of the foot is usually due to pressure from a fallen arch. Bunions are formations of bone and fibrous tissue, usually at the base of the big toe, due to wearing shoes that are too tight.

Do not attempt to remove corns or calluses with a razor as this may lead to infection. There are many preparations on the market which may be used to treat corns but at the best they provide only temporary relief. The only answer is to wear shoes that fit comfortably.

"New Look" on Shoes

Before wearing a new pair of shoes, coat the edges of the soles and heels with clear fingernail polish. This helps retain the original finish, prolonging the "new look" of the shoes.



VERY EDUCATIONAL

I have been a regular reader of the *African Challenge* since January, 1955. The *Challenge* not only contains religious lessons, but it also contains intelligence tests which are very educational to scholars and teachers.

—G. Abbey, Holy Trinity School,
Nchia-Elemente, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

ABORIGINES' BALL IMPRESSIVE

DEBS LOOKED BEAUTIFUL

The recent Aborigines' Ball at Armidale, at which there were six debutantes, was one of the most successful and impressive yet held. This was largely attributable to the presence of the Apostolic Delegate, His Excellency the Most Rev. Maximilian de Furstenberg, D.D., to whom the debs were presented.

The presentation took place at 9 p.m. In the official party were the Bishop of Armidale, the Most Rev. E. J. Doody, D.D., Monsignor J. Healy, Monsignor F. Ryan, Father J. Walker, Father A. Russell, of the Marist College, Father B. Melville, Mr. and Mrs. J. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCartney. Mrs. Archibald was matron of honour.

The debs, with their partners, walked slowly through a guard of honour, formed by women at the ball, to the official party, where each knelt before His Excellency.

They were Joan Dickson from Kempsey and Alfred Morris, Cynthia Snow from Kootingal and Mervyn Snow, Valerie Hoskins from Kempsey and Graham Smith, Grace Quinlan from Bellbrook and Lincoln Wright, Laurel Cohen from Bellbrook and Jack Cohen and Lois Laurence from Tamworth and Max Munro. The debs were preceded by eight-year-old flower girl Esma Kelly, of Armidale.

The official party and guests were welcomed by Dean C. A. Fisher. Dean Fisher said the Ball was the first Aborigine Ball His Excellency had attended. He observed that some aborigines had travelled distances of 200, 300 and 400 miles to be present.

Mr. Alf Cutmore, on behalf of his people, thanked His Excellency for attending. "Bishop Doody's presence at the Aborigine Ball shows us what the Catholic Church thinks of us," he commented. "Bishop Doody has attended every ball he possibly could which has been held for us," he added.

Bishop Doody said that His Excellency was from Belgium. Before coming to Australia he had been Apostolic Delegate to Japan, representing His Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

Bishop Doody then outlined the part Catholicism played in the aborigines' lives. Concluding, he noted that His Excellency had flown to Sydney from New Zealand and had left almost immediately for Armidale.

His Excellency expressed his gratitude to the Bishop for inviting him to Armidale. He said he was very pleased to see the debutantes.

He said it was very nice to see young women coming out into society. He reminded them that members of society had to make some effort in life properly to fulfil their places.

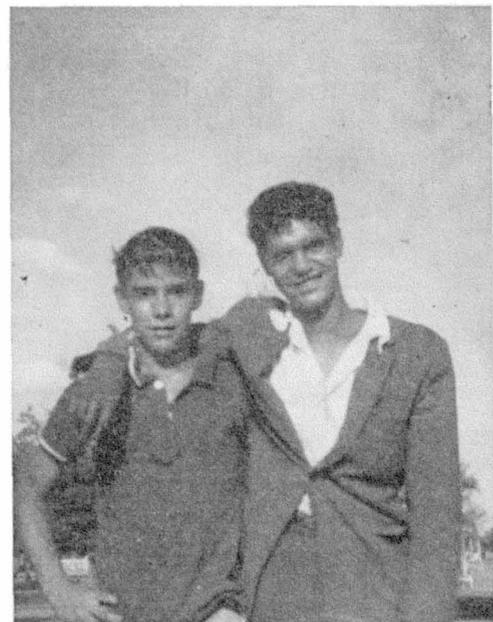
He said he would report the night's happenings to the Holy Father.

The debs, their partners and the official party then went to supper while the dance continued.

Highlights of the ball were filmed by an A.B.C. TV unit.



David Williams and Bob Daley



Darcy Baker and Clyde Cutmore, of Moree

Lovely babies steal hearts at the baby show

Chubby, strong-limbed babies won many hearts at the second annual Baby Show organised by the Greenhill-Burnt Bridge branch of the C.W.A. and held at Burnt Bridge one Saturday afternoon recently.

The judges and the visitors, including the Group president of the C.W.A. (Mrs. R. G. Evans), were enchanted by the children.

Dressed in their Sunday-best, their absorbed interest in the techniques of judging was a delightful mood study.

Except for a wet nappy or two, they emerged from their experience happily indeed.

Mrs. Evans told the mothers later in the afternoon that she had been looking forward to the baby show.

She said, "I can tell you I have never seen such a lovely lot of babies; a lot of well fed babies.

"Their little limbs are really beautiful and reflect great credit on the mothers."

She then went on to warmly congratulate Mrs. Morris, president of the Burnt Bridge-Greenhill branch of the C.W.A., Mrs. Lang, the Vice President, and the branch members for organising such a splendid function.

Mrs. Evans mentioned a speech made in Sydney recently by Mrs. Morris on the occasion of the National Aborigines' Day and she said the impact of it had been tremendous.

"We are proud of her in the C.W.A.," she said.

Mrs. J. H. Brown, wife of the M.L.A. for Raleigh, said members would appreciate the efforts being made by Mrs. Evans to keep in touch with C.W.A. branches.

The baby show organised by the Burnt Bridge-Greenhill branch of the C.W.A. had acquainted her with another aspect of C.W.A. work.

Referring also to Mrs. Morris' speech in Martin Place, Mrs. Brown said she had been there and had "never felt more proud" than when Mrs. Morris stated the case for the Aboriginal race.

CONDITION IMPROVED

Sister E. Hodgson, who judged the babies, with assistance from Nurse E. Meissner, told the mothers that the condition of their babies showed a wonderful improvement on last year.

There were speeches from Mr. P. Chisholm, president of the Aborigines' Welfare Committee, who congratulated the C.W.A. branch on its progress, from Mr. L. Fairhurst, and Mrs. E. Richards, and Mid North Coast

C.W.A. Group handicrafts officers, who intend to hold a millinery course for branch members in the near future.

Mr. J. Redmond, Relieving Manager at Burnt Bridge, told his audience that he had been most impressed by the organisation of the baby show.

In her response, Mrs. Morris said her branch was deeply indebted to the business houses of Kempsey, which donated the prizes.

Entries had come from all parts of the Macleay and Nambucca.

Mrs. Morris said yesterday that £60 had been cleared from the show and the dance which followed.

There was so much interest in the dance, that two taxi-loads came down from Armidale on the Saturday night especially to attend it.

Results of the baby show were:—

Champion baby: Michael Marr.

Under three months, boy: Alan Clarke; girl: Jacqueline Hopkins.

Six months and under: Thomas Thaidy.

Under 12 months: Shirley Donovan, Lynette Dickson.

18 months and under: Monica Davis, Warren Smith.

18 months to two years: Marion Donovan, Hilton Donovan.

Three years: Donna Dotti, Michael Marr.

Four years: Madeline Moylan.

Twins: Warren and John Smith.

Darkest eyes: Dennis Smith.

Curliest hair: Peggy Sue Smith.

Best dressed baby: Donna Dotti, chosen after a draw from the hat.

Youngest baby: Pauline Ritchie (nine days).

Mothers travelling longest distance: Mrs. Hilton Donovan and Mrs. Neville Donovan, Taylors Arm.

Grandmothers' prize: Mrs. G. Hoskins.

A cooking competition was held in conjunction with the baby show.

Mrs. Joyce Knox was awarded the prize for the best sponge, Mrs. J. Hendrickson was awarded the prize for the best scones, and Mrs. M. Morris scored a "double" with her lamingtons and chocolate cake.

—With acknowledgments to *Macleay Argus*.

Girls Life Brigade in Moree

By Captain Rita Birkett

“Click go the shears boys, click! click! click!” This sounds interesting, let us look in and see what is going on. Why! It's the First Moree (Aboriginal) Company of the Girls Life Brigade doing their physical training and enjoying it! The Girls Life Brigade meets every Monday night in the Church of England Parish Hall, and how smart they look in their uniforms!

For those who do not know, this is an interesting organization with headquarters in London. The Brigade motto is “To Save Life”. How the girls look forward to this evening each week.

Let us look in at one evening programme.

The whistle blows calling the girls to attention, ready to fall in, in sections, with their own section leaders ready for roll call and inspection. Then follows figure marching, folk dancing and rhythmic.

Now for something less strenuous as there are badges to be earned. We separate into groups for badge work. At present we are doing badges for hygiene, knitting and needlework.



First Moree Girls Life Brigade being inspected by Mr. Preston Walker, conducted by Captain Franklin, of Gunnedah



Three Life Brigade Privates after the Church Parade

Then after a time of games which prove to be very exacting, the girls settle down for 15 minutes devotions before the Company again falls in and is dismissed.

There is keen competition as a pennant is presented each month to the section with the most points, and a shield at the end of the year.

The “Pioneers” are training to become Lance Corporals and a special training class is held for them each month.

Recently we were very privileged to have a visit from the girls and their leaders of the First Gunnedah Girls Life Brigade. These soon made themselves at home when they were billeted in the Scouts Hall for the weekend.

On the Saturday night Gunnedah gave a very fine display in the Methodist Memorial Hall, Moree, and joined with the First Moree Girls in competitive ball games which were more than thrilling! All combined at the Church on the Aborigines' Station on the Sunday morning for a Church Parade, and it was good to see the Church full on this occasion. To complete the weekend, the two Companies were inspected by the Board's Welfare Officer, Mr. Preston Walker, and later the parents of the Aboriginal girls provided morning tea in the Hall for everyone.



Proud members of the Moree Company of the Girls Life Brigade with Captain Birkett and Lieut. Grimsted



Moree Life Brigade Pioneers with some of the seniors

TO YOU, MY NAMATJIRA

By Kath Walker

Aboriginal man, you stood with pride
 And painted with ease the countryside;
 Original man your fame grew fast
 Men pointed you out as you walked past.

But fame was short and death was swift,
 You strangled in rules the white man's gift;
 The laws they made were cruelly unjust,
 They trampled your pride into the dust.

Namatjira your race is standing near,
 To right the wrongs of many a year;
 Humiliated man, of peace bereft,
 We march with pride to avenge your death.

Walgett Station Doings

The hall at the Walgett Station is once again being used after being closed for some considerable time.

A willing band of ladies turned the hall into a very colourful place with streamers and flowers to celebrate the opening with a very successful dance.

The music was supplied by three guitars and a mouth organ, and it certainly was a treat to the Station folk, and a credit to the musicians.

Concentration is now centred on the children who will be staging a concert and dance in the near future.

Mr. Dupan, who has been coming to the Station for some considerable time on Sunday afternoons, has been to Sydney to have a successful eye operation, and the Station folk welcome him back.

Mr. Chapman, the Presbyterian minister who visits the school each week, has also been sick, and residents are very sorry they will have to say farewell to him and Mrs. Chapman as they are leaving the district.

Everyone on the Station wish them both well and hope the change will restore Mr. Chapman's health.

Charlie Dodd, who for some considerable time has been getting about on crutches, has been given a wheel chair by Mr. C. Burke, the stock and station agent, of Walgett, and Charlie handles it so well that his friends are thinking of putting a speed limit on him. Thank you, Mr. Burke, you have given new life to an ageing aborigine who certainly appreciates your gift.



Helen Johnson and baby Sandra



Hello, Kids,

Well, once again we have left Christmas behind us and now we look forward to a bright new year, a new year which I hope will bring all kinds of wonderful opportunities for all of us.

How did you like our Christmas cover? It was lovely, wasn't it? We have been getting letters from all over Australia, saying how nice it was. This month we thought we would use another symbolical cover instead of a pictorial one and I hope you like it, too!

I know you will all be so busy enjoying the holidays that it will be too much to expect anything in the way of mail from you this month, but you can get ready for February, can't you?

We have a lot of interesting puzzles and games for you in the next few months and I hope you will like them.

The first one, this month, is a Puppy Crossword Puzzle and I know you'll get a lot of fun working it out. There's no prize for this one so don't send it in.

Fourteen years old Gloria Brooks, c.o. Post Office, Innot Hot Springs, via Ravenshoe, North Queensland, is a lonely little girl in far off North Queensland who is looking for some pen friends about her own age.

How about some letters to start the New Year off well for her?

Well, kids, this month will give many of you your last opportunity of considering what you will do in the future. Will you stay at school or will you go to work?

I hope that as many as possible will continue on and get that higher education which is so important to-day!

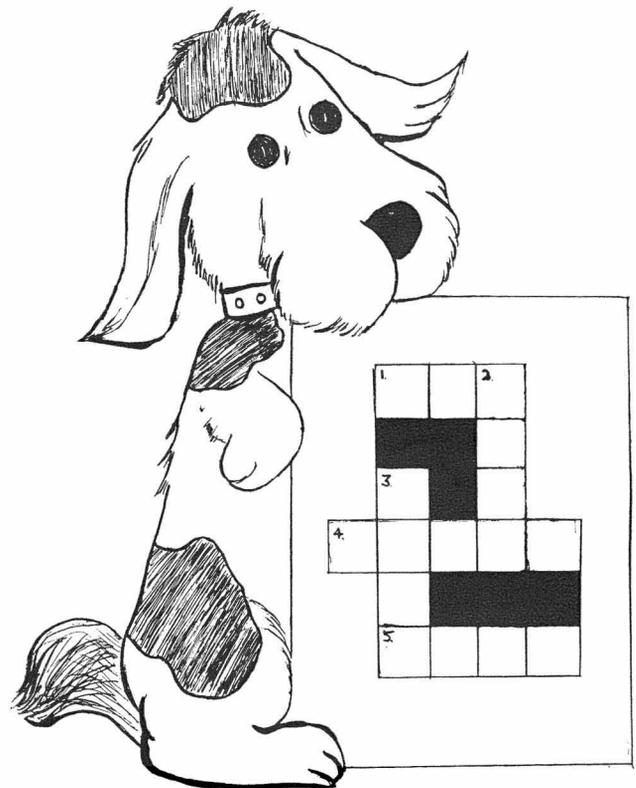
I guess that's all for now, kids, but please get busy with your letters and drawings, will you?

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Your Sincere Pal,

Pete

An Easy Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS.

1. A young dog.



5. Spot sees with his-----.

DOWN.

2. Spot has four-----



PASS IT ON

When you have read your copy of *Dawn* pass it on to your friends



It is the ambition of almost every gardener to surround the house with colourful blooms and at the same time grow those fresh vegetables that are so necessary and so welcome in every kitchen.

There are three very simple, but nevertheless very important rules, for the amateur gardener.

- (1) See the ground is well treated with fertilizer, lime or mulch.
- (2) Keep the ground free from all weeds.
- (3) Use plenty of water.

Conditions for the growing of both flowers and vegetables must naturally vary according to the different parts of the State in which they are grown, but those three rules never vary.

January is the time to grow the following:—

Flowers:—Snapdragons, Asters, Calliopsis, Carnations, Cosmos, Poppies, Freesias, Gerberas, Lupins, Pansies, Phlox, Petunias, Stocks, Sunflowers, Sweet Peas, Zinnias.

Vegetables:—Lettuce, Marrows, Parsnips, Cabbages, Beans, Carrots, Cauliflowers, Radishes, Rhubarb, Squash, Turnips.

The Lawns:—Where the heat has been severe and the grass is badly affected, it is a good idea to top-dress your lawns now. Fill up the hollows and level off any little hummocks that may have appeared.

CLEARING AND DIGGING:

When you start work in a garden, decide which areas are most easily worked, and which will give you the quickest return.

Secure a measuring tape, or knotted string on two sticks; and use it always to map the beds which you have on paper. Don't guess—you'll probably guess wrong. Fix the distance from the fence or the house, as the case may be; mark the length and breadth of the area you are going to dig; and cut the boundaries before you start.

If the land is covered with grass, don't burn it, as you clear it—use it to start a compost heap.

If the soil is light loam, you'll need only a fork or spade to turn it over; if it is heavy clayey stuff, use a mattock to break it up, and to cut through the weeds. (Don't bring up the sub-soil.)

The sun, in summer, will quickly kill most of the grass roots as you turn it over; in winter you may have to go over it two or three times—and then pick out the biggest of the weeds remaining alive.

Any light bush can be easily removed; but don't blindly chop down every tree. Leave any tree which fits into your garden pattern—it will take years for a young shrub to replace its shade and green appeal. Remember, however, that you can afford to leave only those trees which are deep-rooted. If the ground around the tree trunk is bare of grass it means that the tree is a surface-rooter, and if it stays there, you'll grow nothing for yourself in the ground which surrounds it.

Quick Wash for Vegetables

Newly dug garden vegetables, such as carrots, beets and potatoes, are washed quickly and thoroughly by placing them in a wire egg gathering basket and spraying with hose. Basket holds generous quantity of vegetables.



Ash Tray from Flowerpot

When smoking at your workbench, where there is danger of a fire being started by smouldering butts or by matches dropped in sawdust or wood shavings, use this "snuffer" ash tray improvised from a flowerpot and saucer. Inverted and placed in the saucer, the flowerpot quickly smothers glowing cigarettes and matches.

