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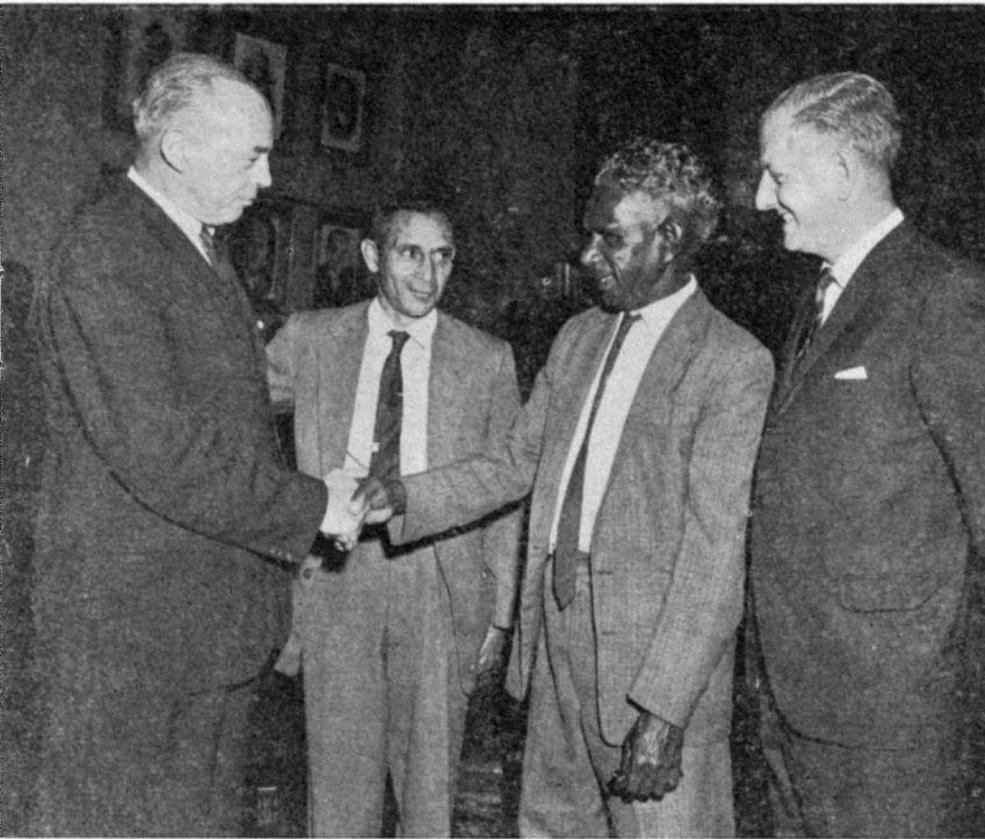
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OUR COVER

Rosie Clayton (12), of Balranald, cuddles the first koala she has seen. Rosie and other children at the summer camp were invited into the koalas' pen at Taronga Zoo.



Chairman of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill welcomes the three new members of the Board, from left, Mr. Arther Ferguson, Mr. James Morgan and Mr. R. A. Smee

**Now
at full strength...**

**NEW
MEMBERS
ARE**

WELCOMED

TO ABORIGINES WELFARE BOARD

Three new members took their places at the February meeting of the Aborigines Welfare Board, and for the first time since 1948, the Board is at full strength.

Of the three new members two are Aborigines. One is the full-blood representative elected in January unopposed, Mr. James Morgan, of Coraki, and another is the part-blood aboriginal representative, Mr. Arther Ferguson, of Cabbage Tree Island, near Ballina.

The third new member is Mr. R. A. Smee, who is the regional director in N.S.W. of the Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service.

The three members were welcomed by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, and by the Vice-Chairman, Professor A. P. Elkin.

The welcome was directed particularly to the two new aboriginal members.

Mr. Kingsmill congratulated the two men on their election.

He said neither man was a stranger to members of the Board who knew of their work for their people.

"Mr. Morgan has undertaken many important duties in the field of education," he said.

"He has lectured extensively and has also given talks in the University of New England and in other parts of New South Wales on aboriginal history.

"We extend to you, Mr. Morgan, a particularly warm welcome not only because of your election, but also because your presence here this morning means that for the first time since 1948 the Board is a complete Board, and we have a full-blood member of your race sitting around the table taking part in our deliberations and assisting us in our work."

Mr. Kingsmill also congratulated Mr. Ferguson on his election.

"Most of us know of your work on Cabbage Tree Island where you occupy the post as secretary of the Numbahging Co-operative," he said.

"We also understand that you have the signal distinction of being the only aboriginal postmaster in New South Wales.

"The intricacies of administration will not be so complicated to you.



“I trust that your association with us will be the happiest, and we look forward to a very useful and productive association in the interests of your people whom we are here to serve.”

Professor Elkin said when a Board was working for the welfare of a people it must have their direct help.

This could be done by having the people concerned in responsible positions on the Board or instrument doing the work.

“We are very pleased to see the full-blood representative here. We have had a part-aboriginal representative right through,” he said.

“When we started as a Board in 1940 my hope was that it would cease to exist eventually and I am sure we all look forward to that.

“The aim of this Board is to work itself out of existence.

“It is going to take longer than some of us dreamt 20 years ago.

“However, I think your grandchildren will not be serving on the Board, because I do not think it will exist then.

“There is still a lot of work to be done. It is difficult work.

“It is hard to understand all the responsibilities that come along with citizenship, but these responsibilities do exist.

Part of the Board in session. From left, the Superintendent of Aborigines, Mr. H. J. Green; the Chairman, Mr. Kingsmill; Vice-Chairman, Professor A. P. Elkin; Chairman of the N.S.W. Housing Commission, Mr. J. T. Purcell; Mr. Ferguson; Mr. Morgan; the Metropolitan Medical Officer of Health, Dr. A. Douglas. The Board meets in the Executive Council Chamber in the Chief Secretary's Department

“We look forward to having you on the Board, and helping all Aborigines put all their strength and minds to the tasks of citizenship.”

Mr. Morgan, replying to the welcomes, said he was glad to be on the Board not only as an Aborigine but as a full Australian.

He said many Aborigines as subjects of the Queen, had served in the forces in two World Wars, and if there was another war, Aborigines would serve again.

“We are proud to be members of this Board,” he said.

“We hope the work we will do will justify the confidence of the people who elected us.”

Mr Ferguson also expressed his thanks for the welcome.

Mr. Morgan who is 62 is married with three children, and lives in Reedy Street, Coraki. He has been employed by the Department of Public Works for the past 15 years.

He is the last living member of the Dyraaba tribe which once flourished in the Kyogle area.

In the last few years, Mr. Morgan has lectured for the University of New England and at service club meetings on aboriginal folklore.

He has also done a considerable amount of broadcasting on aboriginal topics.

Mr. Ferguson, aged 37 is married with 13 children and has just become a grandfather.

He is an ex-serviceman.

Mr. Ferguson was a cane-cutter and is now the secretary-manager of the Numbahging Co-operative Society at Cabbage Tree Island.

He attended Tranby Co-operative School in Glebe, where he held a short-term scholarship to train at a business college in Sydney.

Mr. Ferguson is in charge of the store on Cabbage Tree Island and is the postmaster on the island. He is believed to be the only aboriginal postmaster in the country.

Mr. Ferguson defeated the sitting part-aboriginal member, Mr. Charles Leon in an election in January.

Mr. Smee takes the place of Mr. E. Wright, M.L.C., who resigned from the Board.

The Board passed resolutions thanking Mr. Wright and Mr. Leon for their work as members of the Board.

The membership of the full Aborigines Welfare Board now is: Chairman, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill; Vice-Chairman, Professor A. P. Elkin; Supt. J. H. Buck (Police); Dr. A. Douglas, Metropolitan Medical Officer of Health; Mr. A. Ferguson; Mr. H. J. Green, Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare; Mr. J. Morgan; Mr. J. T. Purcell, Chairman of the N.S.W. Housing Commission; Mr. R. A. Smee, Regional Director, Department of Labour and National Service; Mr. V. J. Truskett, Assistant Director-General of Education; Mr. S. Wyatt, M.L.A.

Mr. Leon, who was the part-aboriginal member on the Board for three years until defeated at the January election



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Mr. Smee

Mr. R. A. Smee, 48, is the Regional Director in N.S.W. of the Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service.

This is the Department which, among other things, administers the Commonwealth Employment Service.

There are 56 District Officers of the Commonwealth Employment Service throughout N.S.W.

Mr. Smee, who is a graduate of Sydney University, has been with the Department since the inception of the Commonwealth Employment Service in 1946, and has served the Department in this State, in Victoria for 10 years, where he was also Regional Director, and in Britain for two years with the British Ministry of Labour and National Service.

His particular fields of interest have been youth employment, the rehabilitation and employment of physically handicapped people and problems of migrant employment and assimilation.

During his period of office in Victoria, he was concerned with the employment problems of aborigines at Lake Tyers, Mooroopna and along the Murray Valley.

On his return to N.S.W. last year, Mr. Smee noted the interest which Commonwealth Employment Service officers had displayed in aboriginal welfare and he is keen to see the Department's work extend in this regard.

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BIG INTEREST IN VOTE FOR BOARD

Aborigines all over New South Wales showed their biggest interest yet in the elections for their representatives on the Aborigines Welfare Board.

In the elections this year, there was the biggest number of candidates, the biggest enrolment and the biggest number of votes cast.

Voting this year was simplified. Previously an Aborigine had to enrol, and when enrolled, he had to apply for a ballot paper.

This year, ballot papers were sent out automatically to all Aborigines who enrolled.

There were eight candidates for the position on the Board for a part-Aborigine at their election. The position for a full-blood Aborigine was filled unopposed, when only one person nominated.

In the election that followed for the part-aboriginal representative, 902 men and women enrolled, and 469 of them voted.

Of those 469 votes cast, 405 were valid in that each person voting filled out his ballot paper correctly. There were 13 informal votes. To be informal, the voter had not filled the squares on the ballot papers from 1 to 8, or he had repeated numbers.

Another 51 votes were rejected because the declarations attached to the ballot papers were completed wrongly, or in some cases, not completed at all.

At the last election in 1960, there were no candidates when nominations were first called.

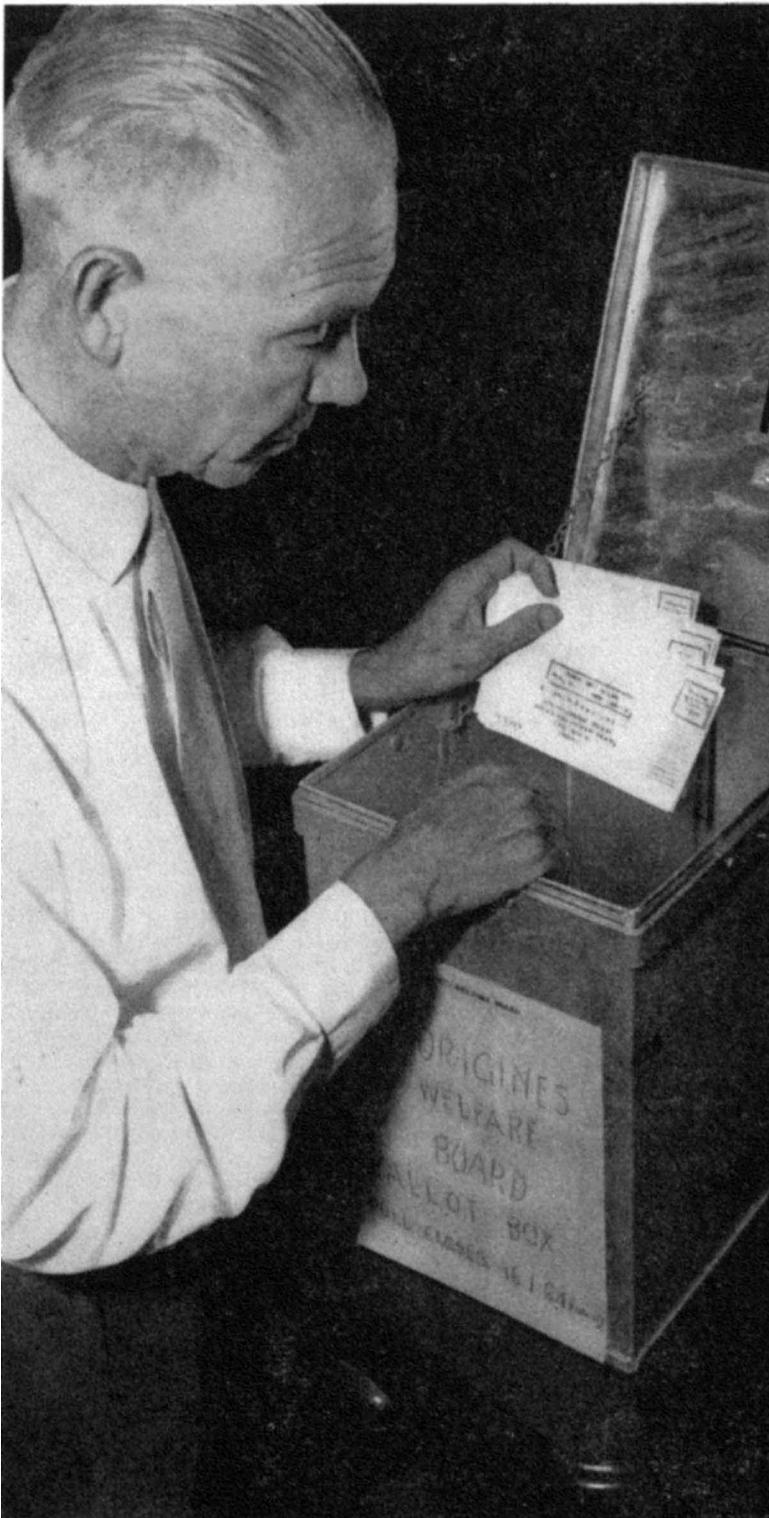
When nominations were called a second time, there were four candidates.

For the 1960 election, 524 people enrolled. Of those, 163 applied for ballot papers. A total of 73 votes were cast of which seven were rejected.

Mr. Charles Leon won that election by 36 votes to 28.

In the election for an aboriginal member this year, all votes had to be placed in a ballot box, or mailed to the returning officer, to be in his hands by 12 noon on January 16.

One ballot box was set on the counter of the Board's office in Sydney.



Returning officer for the election for aboriginal representatives on the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. J. D. Giblett opens the ballot box at the Board's office after the close of voting on January 16

Boxes were also sent to 13 stations and to La Perouse.

Floods delayed the Boggabilla returns slightly.

Voting was on a preferential basis. This meant that the candidate with the lowest number of first preference, or No. 1 votes was eliminated and his No. 2 preferences distributed. This process went on until there were only two candidates left, and the one with the higher number of votes was declared elected.

The eight candidates for the part-aboriginal position were: Clarence Combo, war pensioner, Cabbage Tree Island; Arthur Ferguson, store manager, Cabbage Tree Island; Charles Leslie Frost, invalid pensioner, Condobolin; Charles Lester Leon, pensioner, 50 Devlin Street, Ashcroft, Green Valley; Isabel Mary McCallum, nursing sister, Flat 901, Johanna O'Dea Court, Camperdown; William Thomas Nolan, linesman, 54 Macquarie Street, Dubbo; Clive Andrew Williams, labourer, Tranby College, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe; Thomas Henry Williams, transport driver, La Perouse Aboriginal Reserve.

The election this year was conducted by the secretary of the Board, Mr. J. D. Giblett, as returning officer.

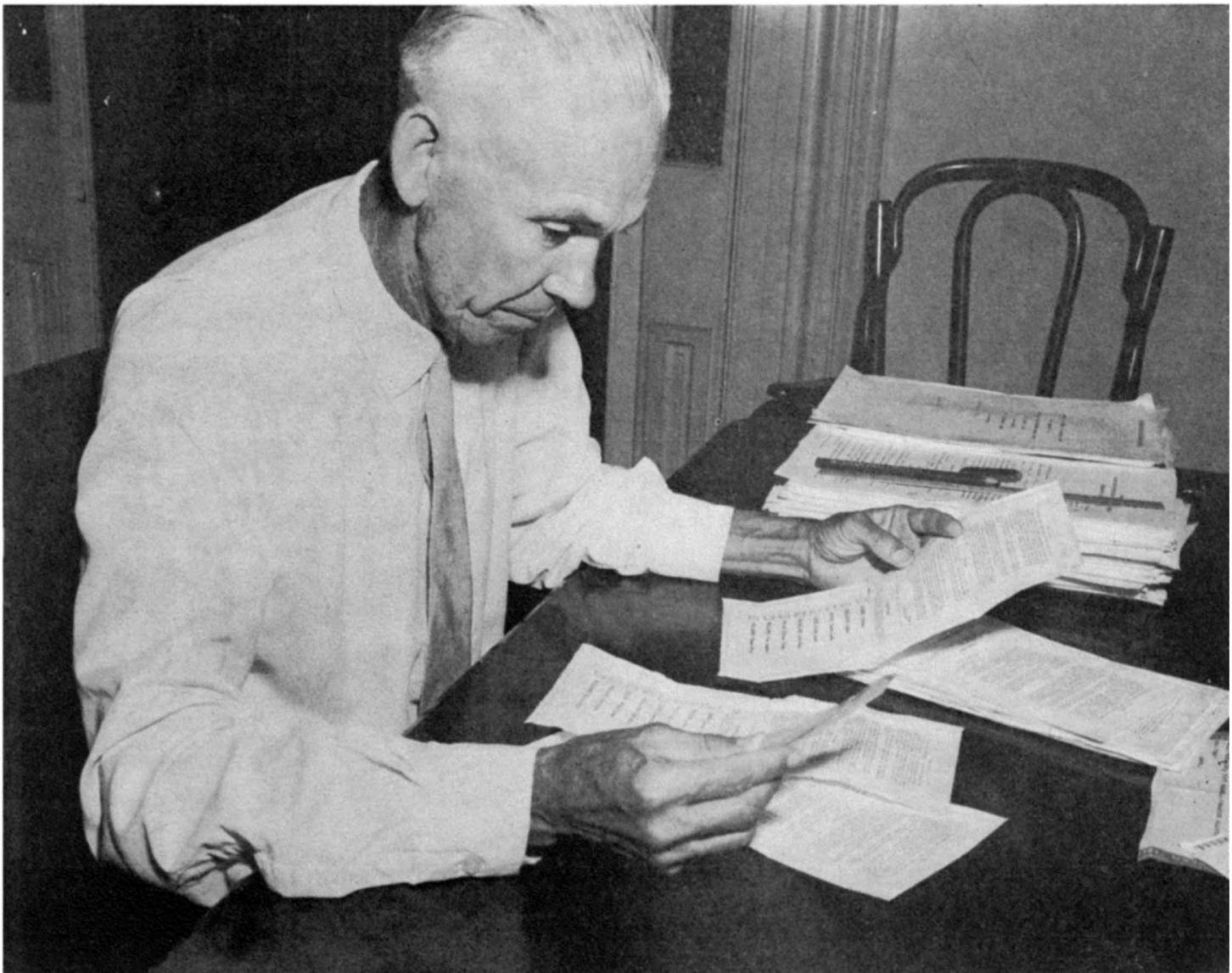
On the first day of the count, Mr. Leon, with Mrs. Leon, Mr. A. T. Duncan of the University of Sydney and Mrs. D. Graham of the Aboriginal Australian Fellowship were present as scrutineers.

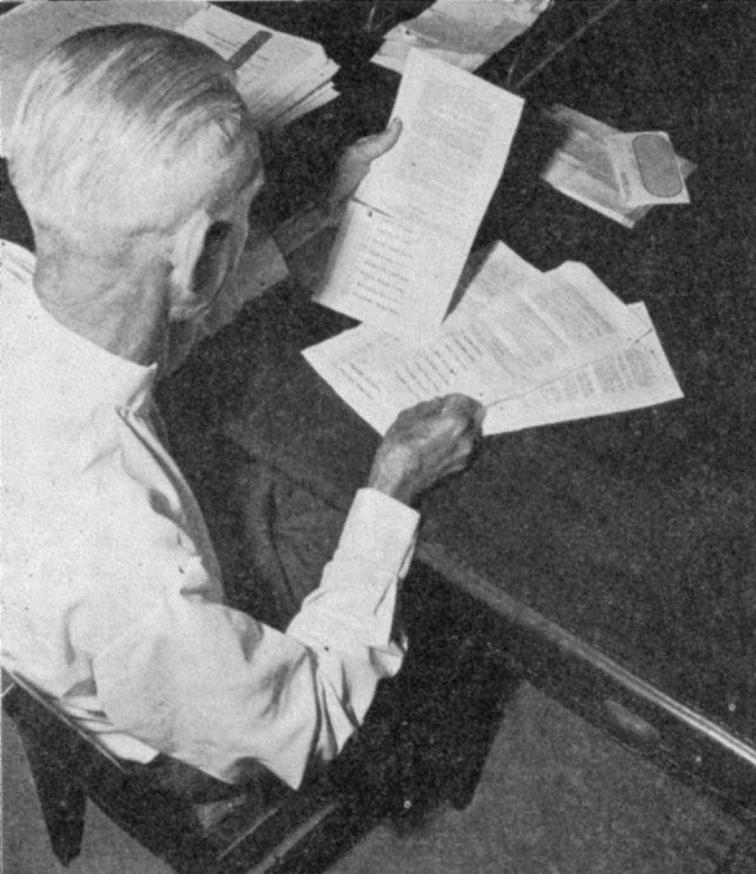
The count on the first day was made up of ballot papers mailed direct to the returning officer, or placed in the ballot box at the Board's office.

Envelopes containing these ballot papers were post-marked: Kempsey 22; Bellbrook 21; Condobolin 19; Coraki, Dubbo, Peak Hill 12 each; Moree 10; Coonabarabran and Woodburn 7 each; Wellington 6; Brewarrina 5; Bourke, Coonamble and Lismore 3 each; Brisbane, Narromine, Orient Point and Yamba 2 each and Cowra, Cowper, Goodooga, Kyogle, Maclean, Orange, Stockton, Taree and Trida, 1 each.

Four came from Sydney suburbs, four from the G.P.O. Sydney, and two were indecipherable. Six bore no postmarks.

Checking ballot papers to ensure voters had filled them in correctly took some time. Mr. Giblett declared 13 votes informal because the voters concerned had not filled in all the squares on the ballot paper. These ballot papers were eliminated from the election





A check of this ballot paper showed the vote to be formal—all the squares had been numbered—and it was included in the election count

These ballot papers included those from Burnt Bridge.

Of the total of 190 in the ballot box at the Board's office, 33 were rejected and four were informal, making a total of 157 valid votes.

Death of Mr. Eric Arthur - Mason

The death occurred in Sydney recently of Mr. Eric Arthur-Mason, former Area Welfare Officer of the Aborigines Welfare Board.

Mr. Arthur-Mason was for many years a teacher in the Department of Education and taught almost entirely in Aboriginal Schools. Many Aborigines throughout New South Wales remember him as their teacher and friend.

Whilst teaching at Belwood Aboriginal School at Nambucca Heads, Mr. Arthur-Mason came under the notice of Mr. M. H. Saxby, the then Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare, who was impressed by his sincerity and love for the Aboriginal people, and his efficiency as part-time Supervisor of the Aborigines Reserve.

Subsequently he was appointed Area Welfare Officer in 1958 and was stationed at Dubbo. Later for health reasons he was transferred to Kempsey.

They were cast as follows: Combo 18; Ferguson 11; Frost 12; Leon 30; McCallum 18; Nollan 30; C. A. Williams 21; T. H. Williams 13.

The complete count of the first preference votes was as follows:—

Combo 55	McCallum 41
Ferguson 57	Nolan 42
Frost 23	C. A. Williams 51
Leon 83	T. H. Williams 53

Frost having the smallest number, his second preferences or No. 2 votes, were then distributed.

The figures then were: Distribution of FROST: Combo received 1 and his total was 56; Ferguson (5) 62; Leon (8) 91; McCallum (4) 45; Nolan (4) 46; C. A. Williams (1) 52; T. H. Williams (-) 53.

The elimination of the candidates with the lowest number of votes then proceeded.

Distribution of McCALLUM: Combo (7) 63; Ferguson (13) 75; Leon (7) 98; Nolan (7) 53; C. A. Williams (8) 60; T. H. Williams (3) 56.

Distribution of NOLAN: Combo (9) 86; Ferguson (11) 86; Leon (16) 114; C. A. Williams (12) 72; T. H. Williams (5) 61.

Distribution of T. H. WILLIAMS: Combo (9) 81; Ferguson (7) 93; Leon (24) 138; C. A. Williams (21) 93;

Distribution of COMBO: Ferguson (60) 153; Leon (10) 148; C. A. Williams (11) 104.

Distribution of C. A. WILLIAMS: Ferguson (59) 212; Leon (45) 193.

The final figures were: Ferguson 212 votes; Leon 193 votes.

In his latter years his health deteriorated and he was forced to resign early in 1963. Following his retirement he continued to reside in Kempsey.

Mr. Eric Arthur-Mason was an ex-serviceman in both the 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars, and served in both the Army and the Navy attaining commissioned rank. He was a member of the Imperial Service Club

Mr. Arthur-Mason derived great satisfaction from what he was able to do for the Aboriginal people and exercised a close but kindly supervision over those in his area.

A private funeral was held in Sydney and attended by the Chairman of the Aborigines Welfare Board Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, the former Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare Mr. M. H. Saxby, Mr. J. O'Donnell formerly an Inspector of the Public Service Board, and Miss A. M. Fleming, Area Welfare Officer.



PASSED HER LEAVING BUT . . .

*. . . FELCIA HAS GONE BACK
TO SCHOOL THIS YEAR*

Felcia Corowa, of Tweed Heads High School, who passed the Leaving Certificate in December, has decided to go back to school for another year.

Felcia gained A's in English and biology, and B's in modern history and geography at the 1963 Leaving Certificate examination.

Above, Mr. Kingsmill congratulates Felcia on her success. On the left is the Superintendent of Aborigines, Mr. H. J. Green

Left, Felcia poses for Dawn cameraman during her visit to the Chief Secretary's Department





However, this pass was not enough for her to gain her matriculation so she is going back to school to get this important qualification.

Matriculation is the standard for University entrance.

Felcia wants to become a teacher.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Corowa, are now living in Wollongong.

One of her sisters, Carmelia, aged 14, is attending Smith's Hill High School, Wollongong, and has just been granted a bursary by the Aborigines Welfare Board to carry her to her Intermediate.

Felcia has another sister, Esther, aged 5.

An older brother and sister are working in Sydney.

Chairman of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, discusses with Felcia Corowa (second from right) her plans for the future. In the picture also are Mrs. Burrough, secretary of the Waterview Group, (left) and Mrs. Beard, the assistant secretary

Felcia studied for the Leaving Certificate on a bursary from the Waterview Group in Seaforth, Sydney.

This Group, begun in 1959, has also helped Gary Williams at Woodlawn and girls at Leeton High School and at Marrickville High School.

After the Leaving Certificate results were announced, Felcia, with Mrs. M. Burrough, secretary of the Waterview Group, and Mrs. J. Beard, assistant secretary, visited the Chief Secretary's Department and met the Under-Secretary and Chairman of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, and the Superintendent of Aborigines, Mr. H. J. Green.

NEW LOOK GIVEN TO MOREE SCHOOL

The Moree Aborigines' School has a new look this year—all buildings have been painted inside and out, a new front fence erected and a concrete assembly area laid, together with footpaths linking all buildings.

The improvements were foreshadowed the principal (Mr. W. J. Deards) said in his report at the speech night at the school.

The erosion of the playing area was also to be attended to, he said.

The enrolment in 1963 was 152 and he expected that it would be about the same in 1964, said the report in the *North-West Champion*.

Fifteen children were leaving to go to the High School, and Mr. Deards wished them luck.

Mr. Deards said:

"The P. & C. Association has found 1963 a year of varying fortunes.

"After purchasing £50 worth of reference books for the library, funds were alarmingly low, and it was only through sheer hard work and determination that the financial position changed for the better.

"I remember the mid-year period when P. & C. commitments were greater than funds available. However, the position has been reversed and the outlook is at present very bright.

"The usual success of school tuckshops was not to be this year. This was due, I feel, to the lack of parents willing to make them a regular feature.

"The carnival to celebrate National Aborigines' Day had to be cancelled because of lack of funds but a school fancy-dress ball in the station hall proved to be very popular and this was the turning of the tide.

"Film nights have been held and the current queen competition is very successful."

He was apologetic that the P. & C. had had to do some of the treasurer's work this year, but he trusted that a new treasurer would now be found.

A school council had been formed this year and with the help of the staff had made good progress towards developing a school environment.

The council had drawn up a list of school rules and determined punishments for breaking them.

"From the first day of school next year every child is requested to wear the school uniform to school each day," Mr. Deards said.

"I ask parents to specially consider this request, and if you are uncertain of any aspect of the uniform, ask your child to take home an outline of the uniform which has been prepared."

He said he was grateful to the school staff for its co-operation, and he thanked everybody who had helped the school during the year, naming the P. & C., the manager of the station (Mr. John Redmond), the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the R.S.L., the East Moree P. & C. Association and the Quota Club.

Mr. Deards' report was preceded by a splendid concert, compered by the school captain, Darryl French.

The school choir sang "Dandelions", "The Happy Wanderer" and "Shortenin' Bread", and was followed by the kindergarten class performing a mime, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs".

Fourth and fifth classes then performed a play, "Camping Holiday" and first and second classes presented "The Frog Prince", another mime.

Two more plays were "Merry Christmas Land", by third class, and "The Witch Who Tried to Be Good", by sixth.

Miss Alice Sharp, who came out of retirement to teach for the six weeks as a favour and stayed seven years until the end of 1961, presented the school with a painting of fishing boats.

The school vice-captain, Marcella Kinchella, accepted it and said: "We all have pleasant memories of the years Miss Sharp spent teaching us and we are pleased to know that she has pleasant memories of us.

"We know she must have, because otherwise she would not have given this lovely picture to the school."

The children, staff and principal presented a Christmas card to the district inspector of schools (Mr. A. G. Harvey) and his wife, who transferred to Newcastle North.

The following children were awarded prizes at the Moree Aborigines' School concert and speech-night.

Rotary prizes for citizenship: Darryl French and Marcella Kinchella; Lions Club prizes for character and application: Bill Craigie and Florrie Waters.

P. & C. prizes for class work were won by:

Kindergarten: Donella Smith and Deborah Swan equal 1, June Smith 3; Stephanie Duke (most improved), Leon Hammond (best attendance), Edward Stacey (neatest books), and Willie Green (most consistent uniform).

First Class: Michael Duke 1, Barbara Hammond 2, Gail Sampson 3; Don Haines (most improved), Jaqueline

Cain (best attendance), Mervyn Brennan (neatest books) and Hilary Nean (most consistent uniform).

Second Class: Sidney Craigie 1, Charlotte Duke 2, Denise French 3; Kay Smith (most improved), Anne French (best attendance), Medina Stanley (neatest books) and Anne Swan (most consistent uniform).

Third Class: Matthew Binge 1, Dianne Waters 2, Ron Swan 3; Michael Haines (most improved), Gail Cain (best attendance), Dianne Cain (neatest books) and Louise French (most consistent uniform).

Fourth Class: Barbara Smith 1, Sandra Sampson 2, Neville Cutmore 3; Cliff Copeland (most improved), Gladys Cutmore (best attendance), Patsy Smith (neatest books), Henry Connors (most consistent uniform).

Fifth Class: Roy Dennison 1, Emily Waters 2, Leslie Dennison 3; Glenda Binge (most improved), Richard Haines (best attendance), Danny Munro (neatest books) and Cecil Smith (most consistent uniform).

Sixth Class: Darryl French 1, William Craigie 2, Lyall Munro 3; Thomas Nean (most improved), Leonard Pitt (best attendance), Irene Haines (neatest books) and Edmond Pitt (most consistent uniform).

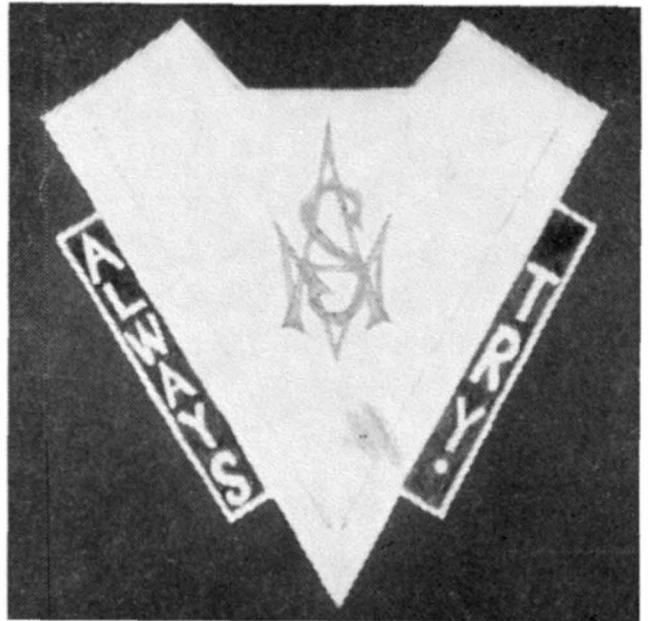
P.S.A.A.A. Awards for sport were won by Lyall Munro, Darryl French, Godfrey Swan and Thomas Nean for football; Jennifer Cutmore and Danny Munro for swimming.

New Badge

Moree Aborigines' School has adopted this design for its badge.

After considering many suggestions over a period of six months, the school council decided on "Always try" as the motto and on yellow and blue as the colouring.

Aboriginal Teacher Appointed



The background is in yellow and the letters in a deep blue.

The school council is made up of the captain (Darryl French), vice-captain (Marcella Kinchella), house captains Tom Nean and Julie Binge (Cook) and Lennie Pitt and Florry Waters (Phillip), class captains Charlotte Duke, Louise French, Cecil Smith and Doreen Smith, and all teachers.

Enamel badges have been ordered by the P. & C. Association.

Our picture is by courtesy of the "North-West Champion", Moree

Michael Bryant, who finished the two years' training course at Wagga Teachers' College last December, has been given his first posting as a teacher.

He began duties at the start of the new school term at Marrickville Public School in Sydney.

Michael, who comes from Nambucca Heads, passed the Leaving Certificate in December, 1961 as a student at St. John's College, Woodlawn, near Lismore.

He studied on a bursary assisted by Glen Innes Apex Club.

Michael is pictured (right) at the Aborigines Welfare Board's summer camp at Elanora, in Sydney.

He is seen discussing his career with from left, the Chairman of the Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, and Dr. A. Douglas, the Metropolitan Medical Officer of Health and Mr. H. J. Green, Superintendent of Aborigines, both of whom are also members of the Board.



DUBBO GIRL

FINDS JOB DURING BEACH HOLIDAY

Fourteen lucky Dubbo Aboriginal boys and girls went to Newcastle for their holidays this year, and one of them, 14 years old Vivian Ryan took the opportunity to work out a career for herself.

Vivian was interviewed by the Matron of Newcastle Hospital and hopes to start work learning to be a nurse next year, when she is old enough.

Vivian, and two other children, Peter and Pauline Chatfield, stayed in Newcastle for a month, but the other 11 spent only a fortnight there.

The children's visit was sponsored jointly by Dubbo Rotary and the Newcastle branch of the Waterside Workers' Federation.

The Dubbo Rotarians paid the cost of transport to and from Newcastle, and the Waterside Workers' Federation donated £100 to buy new clothes for the children specially for their visit.

All their parents had to do was to provide pocket money.

In Newcastle, the children were billeted with private families, many of whom invited their guests back another time.

The trip followed personal contact between the Rev. J. Mason, the Methodist Minister in Dubbo and friends of his in Newcastle.

The children who made the trip were Garry and Terry Taylor, of Coolabah Street, West Dubbo; Anthony Dunn, of Taylor Street, South Dubbo; Janice and Kathleen Benton, of Fitzroy Street, North Dubbo; Gail and Ann

Above, five of the lucky Dubbo children are pictured during their stay in Newcastle. They are from left, Gail McGuinness, Janice Benton, Anne McGuinness, Helen Reynolds and Kathleen Benton

"Newcastle Sun" picture

McGuinness, of Fitzroy Street, South Dubbo; Pauline and Peter Chatfield, of Rawson Street; Vivian Ryan, of Wingewarra Street; Donald Hill, of Troy Crossing Reserve; Edward and Harry Mathews, of Gloucester Avenue, and Helen Reynolds, of Myall Street.

The children were selected by the Aborigines Welfare Board welfare officer in Dubbo, Mr. H. S. Kitching.

Vivian Ryan stayed with a family at Merewether for the first two weeks of her holiday, and then went to stay with Mr. Rose, a Newcastle fire officer, and his family. Pauline and Peter Chatfield also stayed with the Rose family.

Robin, the 14 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rose is to go to Dubbo to stay with the Chatfields during the May school holidays.

All the children had a wonderful time, and all brought back souvenirs of their trip.

Left, Pauline Chatfield displays the new frock bought specially for her Newcastle trip

Below, the Board's Welfare Officer at Dubbo, Mr. Kitching, presents a bag of clothes to Helen Reynolds before she started on her holiday

"Dubbo Liberal" pictures





Most of the children went for a ride on the train during their visit to the Zoo. The management of the zoo invited the children in as their guests, and helped arrange special attractions for them

*SUMMER CAMP
WAS THEIR
BEST HOLIDAY*

The 60 boys and girls from the outback who came to Sydney for the annual summer camp organised by the Aborigines Welfare Board this year, voted it one of the best holidays they had ever had.

They had good weather, and they spent their holiday in one of the select sites around Sydney, close to the northern beaches and with a splendid view over the ocean.

The camp this year was at the Methodist Memorial Youth Centre, at Elanora, near Narrabeen.

From there, the children were taken on daily outings to theatres, to Luna Park, Taronga Zoo, to a picnic at



Above, some of the summer camp children in the koala pen at Taronga Zoo. Rosie Clayton, of Balranald, holds a koala, while another girl (fourth from right) has found a small joey friend

Below, a world-famous attraction at Taronga Zoo is the floral clock, a real working clock made with hundreds of small flowers and kept neatly in the centre of a deep green lawn. The moving hands of the clock are also filled with gay flowers. Jacqueline Smith (11), Wellington; Brenda Charles (10), Griffith; Zell Hippi (11), Boggabilla; Coral Parkes (11), Lake Cargelligo; Pat Dickson (12), Bourke; Ivy Lassere (11), Mungindi and Christine Darcy (9), Warren, were specially allowed on to the lawn to have a closer look at the clock



Pittwater arranged by Randwick Lions Club and to look over the famous Colgate-Palmolive factory in Sydney.

At the theatres, Luna Park and Taronga Zoo, the children were the guests of the managements.

For all the children, the visit to Taronga Zoo was the first time any had seen in real life, the Australian koala.

The koala is a protected animal, which means that heavy penalties can be imposed on anyone who shoots or in any way interferes with it in its wild state.

Unfortunately nowadays, koalas are not nearly as plentiful as they were mainly because of wholesale destruction in years gone by, and as well, because in many cases their sole source of food, a certain type of gum tree, has been cut down to make way for new development.

The children were entranced when they were allowed to go into the pen where the koalas live at the Zoo, and they could hold the fluffy native bears.

The Zoo authorities also invited the children to have rides on a train there.

At Luna Park too, as in past years, the management threw open its doors to the boys and girls from the summer camp.

AVOIDING BURNS AND SCALDS

Contributed by the N.S.W. Department of Public Health

In N.S.W. during 1962 (latest figures available) 74 people died of burns accidentally received. Of these 16 were children under five years of age. Many other persons suffered great pain and spent weeks or months in hospitals, and some were disfigured for life.

Most (if not all) of these accidents were due to someone's carelessness.

Camping holidays often produce this type of accident and every precaution should be taken to avoid their occurrence. Here are some safety rules which should always be kept in mind—

- Keep matches beyond the reach of young children.
- Keep kettles and pans of hot liquids at the back of the stove.
- Keep petrol and kerosene out of easy reach. See that petrol in cans or bottles for household use is plainly labelled.
- Pouring kerosene on a fire is a dangerous practice. If petrol is used, by mistake, the result is likely to be disastrous.
- Clean clothes with petrol out of doors; never in a room with a naked flame (oil lamp, gas or fuel stove, open fire).
- If oil or petrol lamps are used, place them where they cannot be pulled over by young children.
- Fill lamps and oil stoves in daylight.
- Teach young children the danger of playing with fire and with matches.
- Remember that celluloid articles are extremely inflammable.

Where an accident resulting in burns and scalds has occurred here are general rules for the treatment of such injuries—

- Avoid handling the affected area more than is necessary.
- See that your hands are as clean as possible by washing them.
- Do not apply lotions of any kind.
- Do not remove burned clothing and do not break blisters.
- Cover the area (including burned clothing) with a prepared dry sterile dressing if possible, otherwise clean lint, freshly laundered linen or some similar material may be used.
- Bandage firmly except when blisters are present or suspected, in which case bandage lightly.
- Immobilise the affected area by suitable means.
- Treat for shock—
 - (i) In a major case, remove the patient to a hospital as quickly as possible. The casualty will probably require an anaesthetic, so that ordinarily nothing should be given by the mouth. If medical aid is delayed for at least four hours, give drinks of water to which salt has been added in the proportion of half a teaspoon to two tumblers, with the addition of approximately half a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda (if available).
 - (ii) In a minor case, give large quantities of warm fluids, preferably weak tea sweetened with sugar.
- When the face is burnt—
 - (i) Cut from a piece of clean lint, a dressing in the shape of a mask, with a hole for breathing.
 - (ii) Maintain in position by a bandage as for fractured jaw.

Remember that a burn or scald, if extensive, is always to be regarded as serious and a doctor called at once.

KEROSENE REFRIGERATORS CAN BE DANGEROUS

Most fires caused by kerosene refrigerators could have been avoided by proper care and maintenance of the refrigerator.

Mr. J. G. Drever, Agricultural Engineer of the Department of Agriculture, said that dirty flues, leaking tanks, chipped lamp glasses, dirty burners and careless filling of the tank caused most refrigerator fires.

These four simple rules for maintenance will reduce the risk of fire—

1. Inspect the flue pipe often and clean it regularly with a flue brush.
2. Keep the tank about three-quarters full.
3. Fit a new wick rather than attempt to patch or repair a damaged one.
4. Trim the wick regularly.

It is a good idea to turn the refrigerator off once a week so that the burner can be cleaned and checked and the refrigerator defrosted.

Dust and fluff behind refrigerators is a fire hazard.

The refrigerator should stand on a level base in a cool but draught-free place; the back should be about two inches from the wall.

The tank should be filled with lighting kerosene by a funnel and pump kept solely for this purpose and must be clean and free from water.

If the flue smokes, the burner should be turned down.

If it continues to smoke, the burner probably needs cleaning.

National
Aborigines' Day . . .

Special Art Competition to be held for Children



Some of the entries in the N.A.D.O.C. art competition two years ago

A special children's art competition is to be run this year in conjunction with National Aborigines' Day—which this year falls on Friday, July 10.

The competition has been divided into three age groups, for those who on July 10 are 16 years of age and under, 12 years of age and under and 8 years of age and under.

Entries may be made only by children who are of aboriginal descent.

Three subjects have been chosen for the competition: A Day at School; Fun on Holidays; or The Country Show.

Entries may deal with any one of the three subjects.

Any medium can be used—pencil, crayons, chalks, ink, paints or any other.

Entries must be no smaller than 10 inches by 14 inches.

Children may send in more than one entry, but each one must have an entry form filled in and pasted on the back of the work. The form is printed on this page.

Entries must be sent to Mrs. D. Rogalsky, 19 Raeburn Avenue, Castlecrag, N.S.W. by July 4, 1964.

The judges' decision will be final.

Winners will be announced at the annual ceremony in Martin Place on National Aborigines' Day, July 10, and in a later issue of *Dawn*.

Entry Form

N.A.D.O.C. SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION 1964

Name of Entrant

Address

Age (on 10th July, 1964)

Subject

PETE'S

Hello, Kids,

The time has once again arrived for me to write to you all. So many interesting things have occurred since last writing I don't know if I will be able to tell you everything in this letter.

It was great being able to meet so many of you down at the summer camp last January. I was able to meet some of my old friends from Walgett and also other children that I have met in other parts of New South Wales.

The girls and boys at the summer camp told me that they were thoroughly enjoying it—especially their visit to Luna Park. If any of the girls and boys who were at the summer camp this year are reading this letter, do write to me and let me know which part of the camp you enjoyed most of all.

One letter I received recently was from Anne Kirby, of Murrin Bridge. Thank you very much for writing Anne. I am glad to hear that you go swimming but not by yourself; this shows good water safety knowledge. I hope you like your new teacher this year and that you do quite well at school.

Another letter I have just received is from Mrs. Mary Lauder, of West Wallsend, who has reached the grand old age of 84. Mrs. Lauder is well-known in the Moree District and she has been a reader of *Dawn* for many years. She has gone to Moree every winter in recent years, but she tells me that she will not go this year because of her age. I know all the boys and girls will join with me in wishing Mrs. Lauder many more years. Always remember to pay proper respect to your elders, and particularly, to be considerate of those who are getting old.

At the end of this month, girls and boys, is a very important season called Easter. Often, at this season, we see many Easter eggs. However, these eggs are not the real reason for Easter; the reason for Easter is to remember the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross at Calvary on Good Friday and then His rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. Those of you who have churches near your homes do make sure you attend them at Easter.

Thank you once again for your letters, Mrs. Lauder and Anne Kirby. From Anne's letter I learnt quite a lot of information about Murrin Bridge so please the

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rest of you girls and boys who read this page write to me telling me about yourselves. Send me your photo if you would like to. My address, once again, is:—

Pete of Pete's Page,
c/o. *Dawn* Magazine,
Box 30, G.P.O.,
Sydney.

Cheerio until next month.
From your sincere pal,

Pete



Some of the children who attend Sunday School at Walgett

Our Back Cover

Chairman of the Aborigines' Welfare Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, shows the Board's minute book to the new aboriginal members, Mr. A. Ferguson and Mr. J. Morgan.

