



## Along the Mail Route

Hundreds of aborigines will mourn the death of John Sampey, who recently died at his home at Huskisson after a long illness. Mr. Sampey was in charge of Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Station for 27 years, and later was stationed at Wreck Bay.

One young aborigine, hearing of Mr. Sampey's illness, made the long trip from Walgett to pay him a visit before his death.

A broken piece of rope recently cost Wreck Bay fishermen over £1,000.

When the Editor of Dawn, accompanied by a Pix photographer, who was doing a special feature story on the aborigines and their homes, visited Wreck Bay shortly before Xmas, they arrived just in time to see a big haul of fish being netted by the Government crew. It is estimated that the crew had more than a thousand cases of fish in the new net when one of the ropes broke, and the huge haul was lost.

The accident cost members of the crew between £400 and £500 each. Old hands on the station say it was one of the biggest "runs" of fish they had seen for years.

Forster School of Arts was packed to the rafters one night before Xmas when the children from Towabba School presented a concert to raise funds for the purchase of school equipment. The gumleaf band really stole the show, but the concert was voted a great success.

Towabba school must be congratulated on its efforts to provide its own amenities.



There are plenty of kangaroos and wallabies about Pilliga, but Albert Boney and Clive Toomey still had a lot of fun with these small ones at the Zoo when they came to Sydney for their summer holiday.

Good progress has been made in overcoming the antipathy and colour prejudice which exists amongst a section of the white community in relation to the aboriginal people.

It must be realised, however, that success in this direction, and the complete acceptance of the aborigines by the white people can only be achieved with the co-operation of the aborigine himself. He must prove his independence, and his willingness to work and live in clean hygienic conditions.

The aborigine can take any place in the civic, cultural and social life of the community if he is willing, and anxious, to improve his standard of living.

Two of the Kinchela lads proudly display the products of their labour.

