

KEMPSEY ROTARIANS ENTERTAIN

Kinchela Boys' Home Bumper Party

The spirit of Christmas took several carloads of Kempsey Rotarians headed by their President, Mr. Mason, to Kinchela Home on Monday, 21st December. It was the occasion of the Annual Christmas Party when the boys are the guests of Rotary.

Prior to sitting down to a veritable feast, the boys entertained the visitors with a gymnastic display and life-saving drill. The gymnastics were an eye-opener and reflected the greatest of credit on the training of Mr. White, the Manager of the Home. The life-saving drill, which was given by six boys who are so well advanced in their training that they will be entitled to swim for their Bronze Medallion immediately they turn sixteen, was superintended by Mr. Saunders of the South West Rocks Life Saving Club. Mr. Saunders, his club and particularly the boys of the Home, are all proud of the fact that of the only four aborigines who hold the Bronze Medallion for life-saving, three of them came from the South West Rocks Club and the Kinchela Home.

During the afternoon, the Boys' Choir, which is trained by Mr. Foster, the Headmaster of the School, entertained the visitors with Christmas carols and part-songs. Their singing was sweet and beautiful and it can be readily understood why they have had such success at Kempsey Eisteddfods.

At this stage, the boys sat down to their party and were waited on by the members of Rotary. Just before the ice cream was served, Santa Claus himself arrived on the scene and his sack of presents was distributed, no boy being missed, provision even being made for Neville Doyle who, unfortunately, had to go to hospital a few days before. The loosened belts, protruding tummies and general smiles of satisfaction as the boys came up for their presents, was a clear indication that at least the party had been a success.

After the party everybody returned to the Recreation Hall and found there a gift from Rotary to the boys. It took the form of two championship ping pong tables, and every conceivable form of indoor game. This sporting equipment was handed over by Mr. Mason, the President of Kempsey Rotary, to Mr. White who suitably thanked Rotary on behalf of the boys.

Mr. Woods, the Engineer Master of Dredge "Cook's River", then handed to Mr. Mullins, the Secretary of the Board who was present in the absence of Mr. Saxby, a donation of £10 which had been collected for the boys amongst members of the crews of the dredges "Cook's River" and "Neptune." Mr. Mullins, in accepting the gift, thanked the donors and at the same time extended thanks on behalf of the Aborigines Welfare

Board to Rotary for their help and to the South West Rocks Life Saving Club and kindred organisations for their support and co-operation.

A particularly pleasing feature of the afternoon was the excellent behaviour of the boys and the response by Henry Penrith at tea-time. Mr. White and his staff are to be commended on the boys' appearance and excellent behaviour.

At the conclusion of the function, the visitors were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. White.



A tree full of smiles—Margaret Cruse, Marie Ward, and Dorothy Mitchell.

SANTA VISITS WALLAGA LAKE

A large crowd of residents attended the Children's Christmas Tree at Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Station, and helped to make it a wonderful success.

They all sang Christmas carols and enjoyed a good afternoon tea.

As soon as Santa Claus entered the hall they all sang "Jingle Bells" and cheered him. He had a word with some of the children before distributing the toys off the tree.

The youngsters must have been very good children for nearly all of them got what they had asked Santa for in their letters to him.

Santa even had a surprise packet for Bert Stephens, the oldest resident on the Station.