



Along the Mail Route

The first official function for the La Perouse people was held in the new hall at the Reserve, in the form of a supper and welcome party to the new missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Once again the church workers of La Perouse Reserve and district came to the fore with a spread that was worthy of the occasion, and it shows that with leadership and work, things can be done to make life happy.

Once again, congratulations to Harold and Lena.

An old resident of La Perouse Reserve, who will be remembered by many, Lillian ("Gran") Amatto, recently passed away at the grand old age of 85.

The Rev. C. S. Millar, Rector of South-West Rocks, who has been Chaplain at the Kinchela Boys' Home since February, 1953, recently resigned. His successor is the Rev. M. E. De Burgh Griffith. The Rev. Mr. Griffith commenced his weekly services at the Home on 11th February.

Last month was one of great activity at Condobolin. First of all there was the very successful convention, which lasted from the 4th to the 10th of March, with all the locals happy at the opportunity of entertaining a lot of visitors from Gilgandra, who had suffered severely in the recent floods.

Then there was a particularly beautiful wedding, with Mary Wolfe promising to love, honour and obey Charlie Powell.

The bride wore a white satin bridal veil and dress and looked very charming. A great deal of credit is due to the bride's mother for all the work she put into this dress.

Bridesmaid Betty Wolfe wore a pink satin frock and both she and the bride carried lovely bouquets.

Mr. Fred Briar was best man.

All the Condobolin residents join in wishing Mary and Charlie a very long and happy married life.

Three of the girls from the Condobolin Reserve are attending Condobolin Intermediate High School this year. They are Betty Wolfe, Lily Cummings and Brenda Reid.

Several Condobolin homes present a colourful picture at present, as their gardens are coming into full bloom. Flowers and shrubs of all varieties are being grown and greatly enhance the appearance of the Reserve.

DEATH OF BILL SIMMS

Readers will be sorry to learn of the untimely death of William Norman (Bill) Simms at Sydney.

Bill has suffered a long distressing illness, which he bore with extreme fortitude, although he knew there was little hope of recovery.

His many friends of the North and South Coasts, including the old Kinchela boys, were constantly spoken of by him and he often recalled interesting happenings at the Home where he was reared.

Bill, who was a fine person, was a keen reader of *Dawn* and the special copy of the February issue, which was hurried to his bedside, afforded him much pleasure.

Bill's visits to the Board's Office will be greatly missed and in particular by Mrs. English, who was a close friend. The sympathy of the Superintendent, Secretary and staff is extended to his relatives.

The funeral service was conducted by Mr. W. L. Williams, U.A.M. at the Mission Church, La Perouse, and Mr. L. Manfield, U.A.M., presided at the grave-side, a large attendance of mourners being present.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received, including one from the residents of La Perouse and Yarra Bay.

Messrs. H. and V. Simms (brothers) and Mrs. A. Barker (sister), wish to convey through *Dawn*, their sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and floral tributes received.