

# In the News

## WALGETT NEWS.

A Christmas Party was given for the children of the Walgett Aboriginal Station on December 19th, when the Reverend Mr. Burton, Presbyterian minister, and his helpers supplied toys and ice creams. Mr. Handley, manager of the Bank of N. S. W. was Father Christmas. Mrs. Burton, Mr. Imrie and Mr. McCallum (senior) helped.

Cordial drinks and lollies provided by the Aborigines' Welfare Board were much in demand.

Mrs. Keith McKellar, Minoru, Carinda, donated five pounds which came by post after the party, so it was spent on fruit for the children the next day. We thank Mrs. McKellar for her kindly thought of these children.

The Christmas weather was hot and swimming was a very popular pastime with the young people.

Dulcie Dennis has a new baby—Douglas James.

The friends of Mrs. Jack Murphy, formerly Dorothy Lance, will regret to learn of her sudden death. She had a stroke and died in Walgett hospital at the end of October.

## SUCCESSFUL MURRIN BRIDGE FUNCTION.

Murrin Bridge Christmas Party was once again a huge success. We are pleased to say that apart from all the lovely presents that Father Christmas delivered he also brought a very nice, cool day. Each one of the 170 children received a nice present and at the party which followed each child and adult that attended received as much cake, lollies and ice-cream as they could possibly eat.

## PEN FRIENDS WANTED.

Writing to the Editor, Mrs. I. D. Leonard, of Namoi Street, Coonamble, asks for some pen friends for her sons and daughters.

"I would like some young folk to write to them," says Mrs. Leonard.

"They are Archibald Leonard, aged 23, Alfred Leonard, aged 17, Thomas Leonard, aged 15, Rachael Leonard, aged 14, Kenneth Leonard, aged 12, and all live at the same address. I would like some pen friends for myself, too!"

Well, there you are folks, how about some pen friends for the Leonards.

## NANIMA CHRISTMAS PARTY MOST ENJOYABLE EVER.

The most successful and enjoyable Christmas party ever held at the Nanima Aboriginal Reserve was staged just before Christmas.

More than 200 children from the Reserve and a large crowd of parents and visitors from Wellington attended.

Highlight of the afternoon was a concert presented by the children of the Nanima School on the verandah of the new classroom, which has just been completed.

### Commendable Improvisation.

Parents and children were present long before the Concert commenced.

All visitors were highly impressed with the new classroom, which is as big as the old school.

Constructed of weatherboard and built high on tiers to provide maximum ventilation, the new classroom is a credit to the Education Department.

The verandah of the new building will eventually be extended across to the old building to provide a sheltered area between the two classrooms.

## BITS FROM BURRA BEE DEE.

Keith Hinton and family, Joe Cain and family, Herrick Cain and family, John Watton and family and Joe Allan and family are all settling into their new town houses in Coonabarabran. Burra Bee Dee doesn't seem the same without them, but it is wonderful to see the colourful curtains of their new homes showing proudly in White Street as these families take a big step forward towards assimilation.

By the early work being done in their front yards, it shouldn't be very long before their gardens become a challenge to their white neighbours.

Toad Chatfield and family are settled into a cottage at Burra Bee Dee and Toad has already fenced an area with a post and rail fence as the first step towards a vegetable garden.

Tom Ashby and his family have returned to Burra Bee Dee and like the idea of a nice cottage and water laid on after so long away where conditions were not always the best.

Mrs. Amy Williams recently enjoyed a week's holiday at Gulargambone.