

Arrangements were made this year for the children to visit the Far West Children at their Camp when at Manly and each child received a gift given to them by one of the children there. The meeting was a very successful one and much enjoyed by the children. Very pleasing were the comments of the aboriginal children that they would rather be at La Perouse than at Manly. After all, it was their own Camp at La Perouse, where they knew and had made great friends of the staff and local residents.

● Hoyts Theatres entertained the children at the PLAZA THEATRE where the film "THE LADY AND THE TRAMP" was screening. In addition, each child received an ice cream at the conclusion of the performance. This is the first time that the children attending Summer Camps have been entertained at a city theatre and it is hoped that it might become a regular feature. City theatres appear extremely lavish compared with many of the country cinemas, especially in those centres where pictures are shown only in the open air or in a small galvanised hall.

● As in previous years, the most enjoyed outing of all was the visit to LUNA PARK. The Management are always ready to do their utmost to see the children fully enjoy their visit. Screams of delight which echoed over Milson's Point that morning were surely an indication that the efforts were successful. It is hard to say whether the rides on the various entertainments or watching the expressions of their fellow campers is most enjoyed by the children. Each entertainment brought forth fresh joy and laughter. Morning-tea was provided for the staff and a party for the children where vast quantities of sandwiches, ice creams and soft drinks were consumed. Before departing, each child received a very nice present and three cheers were given for the Management. During the morning, a Mr. Mawson from Wagga appeared and announced that he had heard of the children's visit and contacted the Management to ascertain the number of children attending, and then presented each child with a new two shilling piece.

● For the first time, FILMS were screened outside the hall at La Perouse which proved very successful. Six films were shown during the period of the Camp and were much appreciated by the children, both from the Camp and local children. A screen was placed outside the hall, the film being projected from the double doors of the hall. The projector was again loaned by the New South Wales Film Council for the period of the Camp.

● Ten of the children were taken to the studios of ATN, CHANNEL 7, and took part in the Children's Session. The Superintendent, Mr. Saxby, had an opportunity of telling "viewers" all about the Camp, why it was conducted and how it was conducted. His short address was followed by the introduction of the children by Mr. Green, and it was very pleasing to note how well each child spoke up and told the viewers all about his home town. Through the courtesy of A.W.A., two television receivers were installed in the hall at La Perouse, which enabled the other children to see their companions as they were televised. This was very well received.

● An afternoon was spent at KURNELL, where the children inspected the Museum. Nobody was seasick during the launch trip, and most of them felt that they were embarking on a great adventure across Botany Bay.

● During the Camp there were many visitors, both official and unofficial. The Chief Secretary, Mr. Kelly, owing to illness, was unable to visit the Camp this year, but the Honourable Mr. W. M. Gollan represented him. Mr. Gollan spoke very highly of the Camp in general and presented each child with an ice cream. His visit was featured by Cinesound. Television was again to the fore and several shots of the visit and the children playing were taken for that night's news session.

The members of the Board also visited the Camp. A surprise visit was made by the Mayor of Randwick, Mr. Lucas, who was fortunate to be present during the appearance of the children on Television. The Chief Clerk, Mr. G. Kingsmill, and Mr. J. O'Donnell of the Public Service Board, also paid a visit. Mr. Saxby and Mr. Mullins were constant visitors and assisted where their services could be used.

● Entertainment at the Camp, apart from films, was provided by Mr. Sid Madden who brought a small party with him and entertained the children with magic and comedy for 1½ hours. This was a great night. Mr. Madden, "Stinker" and the others were untiring in their efforts to put on a good, bright show—and how!

● Miss Lena Bungary, Mrs. Lake, and Mr. H. Stewart also arranged a small concert by the local children and concluded with a hand puppet show of "Little Red Riding Hood". Another resident, Joe Timbery, provided the children with ice creams, drinks and sweets one afternoon.

● The children attending this year were a very quiet group and it took several days for them to lose their shyness. Most noticeable was the cleanliness of the children, both personally and in the care of their tents. Their behaviour was excellent and this was particularly noticeable when they were on their outings.

Losses of equipment were confined to one small vegetable knife and small saucepan lid. Breakages were very light, only five plates, two cups and one mixing bowl being broken. Considering that about 750 pieces of crockery were washed by the children daily, the percentage of breakages is a very small item. No cutlery was lost, though teaspoons were retrieved on several occasions from the drain. Again, considering approximately 700 pieces were used and washed by the children daily, this is an excellent record and reflects credit on the children and supervising staff. This is a record we are proud of.

This year different arrangements were made for the departure. The children were held at La Perouse until the departure of their trains, instead of being marshalled in the city as on previous occasions. As each train left, the children one and all, and quite spontaneously, expressed their appreciation of a good time, but they were glad to be "going home again".