



Life Assurance For Aborigines

In the November issue of *Dawn*, a statement was made that it is not generally known that Life Assurance benefits are not available to aborigines or to persons having any admixture of aboriginal blood.

Subsequent to the paragraph appearing, a number of the aboriginal people who actually have life assurance policies became anxious as to the position in regard to premiums that they had paid to Insurance Companies. In one or two instances the fear was expressed that their money had been wasted.

Dawn wishes to impress every aboriginal person who has a life assurance policy—and it is known that there are many—that they have nothing to fear. They have entered into a contract with an Insurance Company that in return for certain instalment payments they will receive, at some future date, the payment of a lump sum. So long as they continue to pay the instalments on the due date, the Insurance Company must, by law, meet its obligations.

These conditions also apply to Friendly Societies, Medica Funds, Hospital Funds, etc., which have been sanctioned by the Government.

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

At the direction of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Certificates of Commendation have been forwarded to the following:—

- (1) The pupils of the Tabulam Aboriginal School commending them on their success at the Lismore School Choirs Festival in July last.
- (2) The President and members of the Toomelah Branch of the Country Women's Association located on Boggabilla Aboriginal Station, to commemorate the opening of the first Aboriginal Branch of the Association.

No doubt both of these Certificates will, in due course, find an honoured place on the walls of the Tabulam School and the meeting place of the Toomelah C.W.A.

SUCCESS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Margaret Williams, a pupil at the Casino High School, was successful in passing her Leaving Certificate Examination last year. Her passes were in English, French, Modern History, Biology and Economics.

Margaret is seventeen years of age and held a bursary awarded by the Aborigines Welfare Board. She is now residing with her family in Brisbane, and it is her ambition to go to the University there and obtain an Arts degree. If she is successful, she will be the first aboriginal student to do so. She hopes eventually to become a teacher.

Congratulations to Margaret, and we wish her every success in her future career.

Norma (10) and Elizabeth (9) Cochrane, of Burnt Bridge, were recently treated to a fortnights holiday sponsored through the efforts of Apex, and had the pleasurable experience of flying to and fro from Kempsey to Sydney.

They were met at Mascot by their respective hosts who whirled them away to fairyland. Quoting Norma and Elizabeth "we had a wonderful time, we saw the Sydney Harbour Bridge, had a joy ride on the Show Boat, went to the Botanical Gardens and dined at David Jones, not to mention the excursions to the beaches at Manly and the picture shows." Most of all they were welcomed at home "they did not want me to come back" said Elizabeth, 9 years.

The girls were televised whilst at Sydney, and expressed their views on 2NB on their return to Kempsey.

This fine gesture by Australians through Apex has been greatly appreciated by the staff and residents of Burnt Bridge Aboriginal Station. More so as it affords Aboriginal children living on the coast an opportunity to broaden their outlook on life in associating with the ideal Australian home, and promotes a better understanding between Aborigines and Australians.