

THE KEMPSEY BABY SHOW

. . . Another Grand Success

Babies from Kempsey, Taree, Bellbrook, Bowraville and Bellwood won prizes in the Aborigines Baby Show, held at Kempsey recently.

Organised by the Apex Club at Kempsey, the day attracted a record attendance, with over 60 entries in the four sections for judging and nearly 1,000 spectators crowding the main pavilion to watch judges at work or lining the Showground ring for a splendid outdoor programme.

The huge public interest surprised everyone.

While mothers vied for championship honours indoors, their elder offspring competed for chocolates on hooplas and dart boards with embarrassing accuracy.

This year the innovation of an outdoor carnival with boomerang throwers from Sydney, a marching display by girls of the Macleay Girls' Marching Association and, subsequently, films and an evening concert, gave considerable interest to the showgoers.

The boomerang throwers, Bob Simms and "Digger" Davis, were brought to Kempsey by the Apex Club in conjunction with the Kempsey Aboriginal Welfare Committee.

They gave a highly skilled performance before an enthusiastic audience.

Two Aboriginal teams of girl marchers joined three other Macleay teams for a precise and authoritative marching display with a grand massed display to conclude the exhibition.

In the hall, where judging took place, the teams of experts faced a difficult task in deciding the champion babies for the year.

Matron Eastwood, of Macksville, Sister H. Beaton, of Taree, and Sister D. Thomas, of Kempsey, had a busy afternoon with nominations from Taree, Nambucca Heads, Bowraville, Bellbrook, Coff's Harbour, Burnt Bridge and Greenhill, indicating that the work done by the Baby Health Centres in the various districts is gradually producing a higher standard of child care.

Twins Tony and Terry Marshall, of Bellwood, won everyone's hearts and the judges' too, in the 7-12 months section. Impish pictures in twin-knitted blue suits, they proved an irresistible combination.

An interesting competitor in the 12-18 months section was Liza Smith, of Kempsey, who last year was the champion in the baby section.

Liza came second this year to a Bowraville entrant, Lorraine Wilson.

Winners were :

Section 1, to six months : Nola Toby 1, Josephine Murray 2, Georgina Phillips 3, Noeline Ballangarry consolation prize.

Section 2, 7-12 months : Tony and Terry Marshall (Bellwood) 1, Virginia Vale 2, Madeline Moylan 3, Jacqueline Jarrett (Nambucca Heads) consolation.

Section 3, 12-18 months : Lorraine Wilson (Bowraville) 1, Liza Smith 2, Kerry Hoskins 3, Trevor Cooks consolation.

Section 4, 18 months to 3 years : Gary Quinlan 1, Kaye Cooke 2, Agnes Donovan (Eungai) 3, Marilyn Thaidy 4, Vincent Donovan consolation.

Curliest hair : Carmel Quinlan.

Prettiest eyes : William Dixon.



Noeline Casey, of Bonville Street, Urunga, poses for the cameraman