

# OPEN INSPECTION DAY AT MURRIN BRIDGE

Sunday 3rd August heralded a very successful week at the Station School under the direction of the Head Teacher and school staff.

About 200 visitors visited the Station on this day from the town of Lake Cargelligo and district to inspect both the school and Station. Adult Aborigines received quite a thrill to see all the vehicles pulling into the Station. Many voiced their surprise to think that so many white folk could be so interested in their welfare.

The standard of the children's work is exemplary and congratulations were in the air continually. Well done children of the Bridge! To see the senior girls serving afternoon tea, wearing their self-made aprons, was certainly an ovation in itself. It was good to experience the genuine pleasure and surprise of the visitors at the standard of the work displayed.

It was also the pleasure of the management to conduct many around the Station and to explain the workings of the Board in its programme towards ultimate assimilation of the Aborigines.

Thanks are due to Mr. Smith, the press and Griffith radio station who advertised the day's activities.

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Gratitude is shown to the Board for supplying the transport which conveyed the children to Tullibigal and Euabalong West for two school's combined sports meetings. The Bridge did quite well considering their lack of training and a bit of stage fright which appeared quite evident at times. Next year the opposition teams had better watch their step for that Shield and the many trophies will look much better adorning the walls and glass cases at Murrin.

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*Wedding Bells.* Since going to press last, three marriages have been solemnized here from Murrin Bridge. Les Burke was joined in holy matrimony with Margaret Smith in the Presbytery at Lake Cargelligo. Gloria Harris was married to Tom Barlow in the Methodist Church at Condobolin and John and Bessie Johnson were married at Lake Cargelligo in the Methodist Church. Congratulations are heartily extended to the happy couples. The Burkes have made their home at Wilcannia, the Barlows are at Condobolin and the Johnsons remain at Murrin Bridge.

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Miss Beth Williams of Murrin Bridge has been admitted to Base Hospital in Orange with a pulmonary complaint. The Sister in charge of her ward reports that she has settled down admirably and is on the mend. Charlie Parks is also in the same Hospital receiving eye treatment. Charlie will look rather comely in

horned rim glasses methinks! May these two worthy souls soon be back on the Station once again, well and strong. Just reminds us. Murrin Bridge is without a doctor these days. Just as well the people at the Bridge are keeping pretty fit.

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## Early Morn

by PHYLLIS NEWMAN, Karuah

David woke up very early, and out of his bedroom window he could see the dawn breaking. As he lay there he could hear the birds chirping and fluttering amongst the trees.

The dawn began to get brighter and pink clouds against the grey could be seen.

David heard the shrill laughter of the kookaburras ringing sweetly through the early morn, and the soft whinnying of the horses in the nearby fields.

Over the mountains the sun emerged slowly, and David could see brightly coloured butterflies fluttering from flower to flower.

The sun was shining through David's window, and he could feel the warmth of the sunbeams against his soft little face.

Staring out of his window, David realized that the whole world became alive and just as he was thinking how wonderful nature had been, his mother called him for breakfast.



This handsome young fellow is Kevin Sloane, of Condobolin