

# Chief Secretary Visits Kempsey

## IMPRESSED BY HOMES

Mr. Kelly recently paid a visit to the five new aborigine homes erected at Greenhills by the Kempsey Aborigines Welfare Committee, with money made available by the Aborigines Welfare Board.

Mr. Kelly first visited James Jacky's home, which impressed him very much. The borders of the garden were decorated with empty bottles painted in varying colours and gave a very colourful appearance. He was invited in by Mrs. Jacky, who is employed as a wardmaid in the Kempsey Hospital. The lounge room was well furnished and tastefully arranged; the kitchen had a modern laminex suite and kitchen cabinet; the bedroom was furnished with a modern bedroom suite and attractive curtains. Mr. Kelly then had his photograph taken with the Jacky family. From there he visited all the other occupants of the four other cottages and chatted to them freely, and his affable manner made the aborigine people and their children feel at ease. He praised the work of the Committee and thanked those who supplied the timber and other building materials at cost and under cost to assist the Committee in building five cottages for the cost of four. The chairman of the Committee, Mr. N. C. Long, who accompanied Mr. Kelly, along with the Aborigines Welfare Officer, explained to Mr. Kelly that the Municipal Council were investigating the proposal of water reticulation to the cottages from the main town supply.

These cottages are colourfully painted and comprise two bedrooms, kitchen-dinette, bathroom-cum-laundry, and an enclosed verandah, and have the electricity supplied, with an attractive white fence around them. From Greenhills, Mr. Kelly visited the town cottages.

With the assistance of the Board, the Committee also erected two cottages in town, one in South Kempsey and the other at Frederickton. Mr. Kelly was pleased to hear from the Mayor of Kempsey that the family placed in the town home, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Morris and four children, at South Kempsey, have been accepted by the white community, and that they were present at a Progress Association meeting in South Kempsey, that was attended by the Mayor, and have been elected members of the Commandant Hills Ratepayers' and Citizens' Association. Also Mrs. Morris has been attending several women's functions in town, organised by the Church, and on those occasions her white neighbours have provided the transport.

The aborigine people of Kempsey were highly honoured and very pleased to receive a visit from Mr. Kelly, and to have been given the opportunity of discussing matters concerning their welfare freely with him.



This musical young fellow from Woodenbong believes in getting out in the hills when he yodels, which is, perhaps, just as well. He is Jim Breckenridge



This pretty young lass in the spotted dress posing for the cameraman is vivacious Esme Towney, of Wellbrook



Ann Lardaner and Cyril Campbell, of Nambucca, idle away a few minutes in the lovely Spring sun whilst they make up their minds what to do