



ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE

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WALGETT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, 21st December, 1959, was the date chosen for the children's Christmas party.

The hall was gaily decorated for this festive occasion, and presented a bright and colourful appearance. The children had been anxiously awaiting this Christmas party. And they were not disappointed!!! The tables were heavily laden with cakes, scones, sandwiches, fruitnuts, soft drinks and ice-blocks. After grace there was not a moment to lose in partaking of all the "good things" thereon.

Community singing and a games evening then followed. The untrained harmonious voices of the children blending in a succession of evergreen carols. Untrained voices, yes, but very melodious nevertheless.

The games began with a very short humorous dialogue enacted by Percy Boney, Anthony Sullivan and Robert Barten, of "Grow my baby fast please", Percy Boney taking the part of the anxious father with the pram who wanted his baby to "grow fast". This brought the house down with laughter. Then followed musical arms with the victors being rewarded with prizes. A hill-billy session followed, the songs played and sung in truly traditional hill-billy manner by Eric Morgan.

One of the highlights of the evening was George Hill, who had decided, just temporarily of course, to become a member of the "weaker sex". A well-known identity of the Station was minus a hat and frock, and somebody's lipstick had been sacrificed too, but all this added to the merriment of the evening.

The evening continued with many more games until it was the children's bedtime, and one and all joined hands to sing "Now is the hour".

Yes, a memorable party, enjoyed by children and grown-ups alike in this, this 1959 Children's Christmas Party.

MURRIN BRIDGE NEWS

A Social Club was recently formed at Murrin Bridge, with the objects in view of purchasing musical instruments and providing social entertainment for the residents. Popular Willy Riley was elected President, Mr. Watty, Treasurer, Mr. T. W. Redmond, Secretary and Mr. B. Butcher, Assistant Treasurer.

Three small dances have been held and the latest show was a monster Christmas Eve event for young and old that went on until 4 a.m. under the M.C'ship of Tom Clark, who is right in his element on the dance floor. Even though everyone was rather weary over Christmas, all present considered it the best ever and were looking forward to the New Year's Eve Dance—those poor guitar players included.

The ladies provided supper, where Mrs. Holmes and her helpers performed an excellent service, with many of the young ladies delivering the necessities around the hall. The helpers—both for decorating the hall and working at the dance—could all not be individually mentioned as there were so many willing to assist, and it is only when there are many willing helpers that affairs of this nature can go off with a swing, and without a hitch, to a final successful conclusion, but President Willy and his Committee are grateful to all who lent a hand.

Mr. Dave Harris, who hails from way out back of Cobar, and who is father and grandfather of many Murrin Bridge residents, performed the deed of drawing the raffle ticket out of the box—the winning ticket being held by Mrs. Mabel Clark, who we are sure enjoyed the prize, a cake. Both Spot and Monte Carlo dances were run by M.C. Tom, Norma Dutton and Walter Parkes taking the spot, with Doreen Johnson and Billo Biggs, after a long try, succeeded in winning the Monte Carlo prize.

The manager, Mr. B. B. Butcher, said he wished to thank the residents for their exemplary behaviour also Messrs. Watty Clark and Willy Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Redmond whose untiring efforts and hard work helped to make the evening a complete success.