



PRAISE FOR LAKE PLAY CENTRE

While at Lake Cargelligo recently, Mr. E. Magee, of Bathurst, who is group organiser for the National Fitness Play Centre Movement, told the "Lake News" that this was his second visit to this centre in a few weeks and it was good to note the big improvement in the play centre here compared to the first few days of starting.

The Dept. looks on the Lake centre as one of the best in the western area and he expressed appreciation to those who helped to make this possible. Mr. Magee was particularly happy about the way the aboriginal children from Murrin Bridge had been invited to the play centre and had been transported in regularly. It was good to see this assimilation so successful.

Mr. Magee was very impressed with the work done by those at Lake Cargelligo including the supervisor-in-charge, Mr. John Russell, supervisor Mr. John McLean, and two very efficient young ladies in Miss Val Clarke and Miss Coralie Hann.

Mr. Magee also expressed thanks to local residents who had assisted the working of the play centre, including Messrs. Alex Wood, Bill Parler and John Redmond, assistant manager at Murrin Bridge Mission Station. The play centre finished last Friday after three weeks duration at Lake Cargelligo and must be considered most successful in every way.

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NANCY BOLT

Nancy Bolt of the Aboriginal Station, Cabbage Tree Island, who formerly held a bursary from the Board and passed her Intermediate Certificate at the end of 1957, has now entered the Ballina Hospital as a trainee nurse.

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MOONACULLAH RESERVE

Moonacullah Reserve, situated on the Edwards River, near Deniliquin, being one of the oldest reserves in the State is in the process of being shifted during the coming year to Deniliquin, where it is understood the Board will be providing homes for the lucky people. Recently the Station truck from Murrin Bridge with Albert Johnson and Bill Whitton aboard removed a considerable amount of equipment back to the Station. Another trip there is in view and Roy Harris and Rudolph Johnson will be helping out.

MURRIN BRIDGE

It is the first time in the history of Murrin Bridge that all girls above the age of sixteen years have been employed. Five girls, Zeta Clark, Mary Taylor, Irene Williams, Roma and Esther Johnson are very fortunate in obtaining employment at the Leeton cannery. All credit goes to Mr. S. Lambeth, Aborigines Welfare Officer, whose untiring efforts made it possible for the girls to be placed in employment. It is believed that the girls are receiving excellent wages (and no doubt eating some of the delicious fruit from the beautiful Riverina area!).

Mrs. Mona Moore, a most respected resident of Leeton, has been exceptionally kind by providing board and lodgings at very reasonable terms. This is most gratifying, as in previous years accommodation has been next to impossible to arrange owing to the large influx of workers to the area during the canning season.

Miss Betty Black has obtained employment on a large station at Roto and from all accounts she appears to be quite happy there. Lorraine King and Jeanette Ferguson have settled in at Temora, working for Mrs. Hodson. From reports received the girls are buying up big as regards clothing. Emrose Clark has obtained employment with Mrs. Harper of Bethungra and it is felt that her stay there will be a happy one as Mrs. Harper is a particularly charming lady.

Mrs. Agnes Johnson and Mrs. Nancy Biggs, two of the oldest and most respected women on the Station passed away and the loss has been a great blow to the residents of the Station. The tragic loss of baby Riley has been a severe blow to their doting parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willy Riley. Baby Riley died at Menindee. The burials took place at the Murrin Bridge cemetery.

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GRIFFITH

The Board has accepted tenders for the erection of four cottages at Three Ways. Naturally, there is a considerable amount of speculation as to the future lucky tenants. Work is plentiful in this beautiful area and aborigines are requested to contact Mr. S. Lambeth, Area Welfare Officer, Leeton, before proceeding there.