

As a result of this combined effort, 15 tiny tots will soon have their first semi-formal lessons in hygiene, painting, and the usual range of pre-school activities.

Mrs. Hunt said the Save the Children Fund hoped to assist with many more pre-school kindergartens in N.S.W.

"They offer a great bridge for the child who is going to attend a public primary school later," she said.

Mrs. Hunt said that since the first N.S.W. kindergarten of this kind was opened at Coff's Harbour, 18 months ago, there had been a great improvement in the hygiene and behaviour of the children.

She said a group of citizens from Griffith had recently asked the Save the Children Fund to help them with the setting up and staffing of an aboriginal kindergarten.

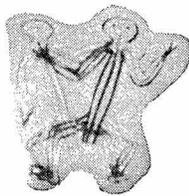
And at La Perouse a committee of aboriginal women had already started raising some money for a kindergarten in their district.

The Armidale kindergarten will be officially opened by the N.S.W. division president, Mrs. A. J. Lea, on September 24.

American Teacher

The children's teacher will be American-born, Mrs. Bernice Turner, who migrated here in January with Mr. Turner and their three children.

Mrs. Turner did her pre-school teacher training at Boston, Massachusetts, and has taught at schools for underprivileged children in New Mexico.



ABORIGINAL MONUMENT TO A WHITE MAN

What is believed to be the first monument ever erected by Aborigines to the memory of a white man has been unveiled at Melville Island.

It honours the late Bishop Gsell, who was Roman Catholic Bishop of Darwin.

The monument, at Paru Village, consists of a concrete cairn surrounded by gardens and trees. A leading Paru aboriginal villager, Albert Croker, supervised the construction.

All the work was done by the Tiwi tribesmen among whom Bishop Gsell worked for nearly 50 years.

The monument was blessed in April by Father Fallon on the anniversary of Bishop Gsell's landing at Paru while seeking a site for the present Bathurst Island Mission.

NATIVE SPEARS 3,000 YEARS OLD

A collection of more than 6,000 aboriginal stone axes, spearheads and other implements has been presented to the Australian Museum in Sydney by Mr. Percy Gresser (70), a retired shearer of Bathurst.

The Curator of Anthropology at the Museum, Mr. F. D. McCarthy, said some of the spearheads were used 3,000 to 5,000 years ago.

Most of the implements were found in New South Wales and remote parts of Queensland and represent a lifetime of collecting by Mr. Gresser.

Mr. Gresser said he had been told his collection was the best private collection of its type in existence and from a scientific point of view was of outstanding value.

"Many of the implements I have collected in the Bathurst district are crude, although specialised types that were made and used by primitive peoples, possibly 20,000 years ago," he said.

"The stone implements left behind by the aborigines are practically the only enduring relics of the past migrations or cultures—hence the interest now being taken in them."

Mr. Gresser said more than 200 distinct types of stone implements had been recorded in Australia.

"For a person who has devoted a lifetime to a hobby, it is gratifying to know that the results of many years of labour will eventually go to where they will be appreciated and taken care of," he said.

FIRST DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

First day at Kempsey High School for these students from Burnt Bridge. The children (standing, from left) are:—E. Campbell, A. Cochrane, A. Campbell, R. Lang, S. Jarrett, S. Davis, T. Button and C. Ritchie. In front—V. Lowe, L. Drew, M. Campbell and G. Silva

