



The *Richmond River Express* recently carried a photo of Mrs A. Avery of Tabulam nursing one of her twins, while Sister P. Yabsley, of the Infant and Maternal Welfare Service, weighs the other. The twins, Shona Leë and Shoanne Joyce, were born on 22nd June. The photo is by J. Hazzard of Casino.

Ooh, ah, well-um department: Recently, an Aboriginal drew my attention to something which I had hoped no-one would notice. Professor Elkin's book, which we are serialising in *NEW DAWN*, is called *The Australian Aborigines—How to Understand Them*. I know, I know, it's a bit rich telling Aborigines, in "A Magazine for the Aboriginal People of N.S.W." how to understand Aborigines. One defence could be that the Aborigines of this state are pretty detribalized. All the same, I confess that I *did* blush. Still, I can't help the book's title, can I? Sorry! . . .

Death of Pastor Bert Marr of Purfleet

The death occurred on Thursday, 2nd June, 1970, of well-known Aboriginal identity Mr Bert Marr, who has lived in the Taree district most of his life.

The funeral service was held on Saturday the 4th of July. It commenced with a service at the United Aborigines' Mission church at Purfleet settlement. Later another service was held at the graveside. Both services were attended by many Aboriginal people as well as other residents of the Taree area. The service at the church was conducted by the Missionary stationed at Purfleet, Mr Albert Ridley, who for some years had worked together with Pastor Bert Marr amongst the Aboriginal people of the Taree district. Others who took part were Mr Jago of the U.A.M. council and Rev. Johnson who represented the Ministers Fraternal of Taree. The large gathering at the funeral gave some indication of the high esteem in which Pastor Marr was held.

I personally represented the Aboriginal Directorate at the funeral. However the occasion was a private one as well. I had known Mr Marr for some years as we both shared an interest in the work of the U.A.M. He was a fine man and I mourn his death as a personal loss.

—Herbert Simms