

## CHRISTMAS DOINGS AT LA PEROUSE.

A grand time was had by the children of La Perouse, at Christmas time. Many parties were held in the district, and on the Reserve.

The Mambo Club of Sydney, put on a party for one hundred and twenty children in the La Perouse Hall, with a fine spread of food and drink. There was also a big Christmas tree with all the trimmings and each child received a present. The people of this Club certainly went to a lot of trouble to make a Happy Christmas for the children of La Perouse, and we thank them.

Mrs. Foster, affectionately known as Grandma Foster and her Church helpers also worked very hard to make it a happy Christmas for the kids. The gaily decorated hall was packed with happy children and Father Christmas gave presents to all. Well done, Grandma and all your helpers.

The Supervisor's party was not without its thrills as the children were entertained by the "Yodelling Sweethearts", Vi and Laurie Lawson. These two people, cowgirl and cowboy, entertained the children with singing and rope spinning. The way the little boy handled the spinning rope when his father had finished with it was really something. He is going to make a good roper, too.



Three big smiles from Elaine Bradshaw and Olga Kelly, of Bowraville, and Darcy Turnbull, of Nambucca.

## Children's Christmas Treat at Burra Bee Dee.

This time, because of the moves in population to new houses, it was not possible to hold the treat close to Christmas, but when the day turned up, on January 14th, all those who could crowd onto the station vehicle spent a wonderful day at Riversdale—some miles out from Coonabarabran on the Castlereagh.

The fish weren't anxious to be caught that day, but nobody seemed to mind since the river water was cool and pleasant for swimming on a day when the temperature was making a century.

Sweets and soft drinks added to the festive fare and much to our surprise, there were no complaints of sickness the following day.

## STAFF CHANGES.

The following staff changes have been effected since 18th August, 1955 :—

**MOREE.**—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Heaney have been appointed Assistant Manager and Assistant Matron.

**KINCHELA.**—Mr. A. W. Nicholls has been appointed as an Attendant at Kinchela.

**BREWARRINA.**—Mr. and Mrs. H. F. S. Roberson have been appointed as Manager and Matron of this Station.

**WALLAGA LAKE.**—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas have been appointed Manager and Matron of Wallaga Lake.

**WELFARE OFFICER, KEMPSEY.**—Mr. A Norton has been appointed as Welfare Officer with his headquarters at Kempsey.



At first glance you might think these are some of our children, but actually they are Maori youngsters, from New Zealand.

## DID YOU KNOW.

The phrase, "to eat humble pie", meaning figuratively to come down in the world or adopt a submissive attitude, has an interesting origin. "Humble" is a corruption or pun on "umble" meaning the heart, liver and entrails of the deer. In the Middle Ages when the lord and his household dined, the venison pasty was served on a dais, but the umbles were made into a pie for the huntsman and his fellows, who took the lower seats.

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England has the world's first all-aluminium bridge. It crosses the River Wear at Sunderland, Durham.

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The Swiss watch industry employs more than 50,000 persons.