

Freddy's Won His Place

A new face is taking its place on public committees in Grafton—a dark one.

It belong to Mr. Frederick Albury (Freddy) Skinner, 49, of Through Street, an aboriginal who is doing his bit to help the community and finding a lot of new friends.

“People here treat me like a gentleman,” he said.

One night recently Freddy was co-opted on an Apex Club Committee, which is raising funds for a Learn-to-Swim pool at South Grafton.

He is also on the Cobbas committee, a benevolent society formed recently to raise funds to help the needy.

Mayor a Friend

He counts among his friends the Mayor (Ald. W. E. Crisp), who said “Freddy can make a wonderful speech.”

Freddy said: “It all started last year when I went out to see the sod turned for a new pool at Cowper Orphanage, 12 miles east of Grafton.

“At the orphanage I noticed a few little dark children and I thought what a wonderful thing the orphanage is doing. I thought I'd run a couple of dances and try to help.”

There were 105 children in the orphanage, and only three of them were aboriginals. But, sure enough, Freddy raised enough to buy swimming togs for the 105. One of his dances cleared £106 after expenses had been met.



Betty Williams and Gwen Strong, of Guyra

Christmas Party at Boggabilla

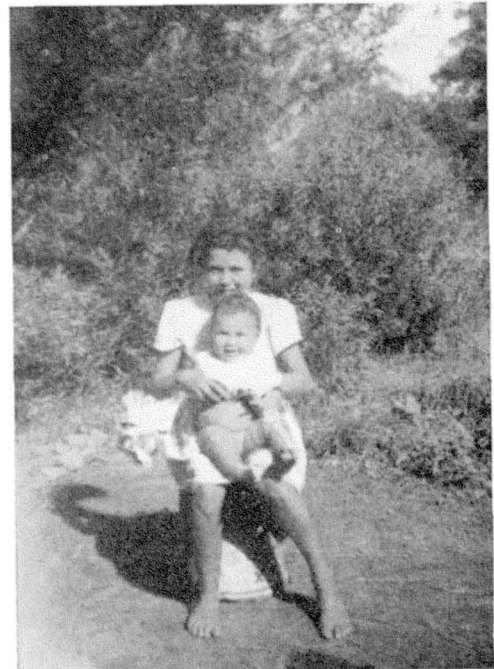


It would appear that all the children enjoyed themselves at the Christmas Party held on the Station on the 19th December. Tables were piled high with nice things to eat, from sandwiches with all kinds of fillings to cakes of all shapes and sizes. There were plenty of bottled drinks and ice-cream cups.

Father Christmas got there just after the feast. He was a quiet old fellow and everybody was pleased to see him, and he must have been very patient, giving out all those toys. Each child received a present from Santa.

Visitors to the party were Mr. and Mrs. Mills. The Reverend Mr. Mills is the officiating minister till such time as the residential minister and family arrive. Reverend Mr. Harker has left for a tour overseas. Other visitors were Mesdames Hyslop, Thorsborne, Donohue, Hall and Brown. Presentations were made to the C.W.A. branch and a book from the Goondiwindi Library was presented to the Station Library by Mrs. Hyslop.

Thanks of the residents go to the band of helpers under the guidance of Mrs. Liela Orcher, who made the hall look very nice.



Margaret Brown, of Port Macquarie, does some baby sitting