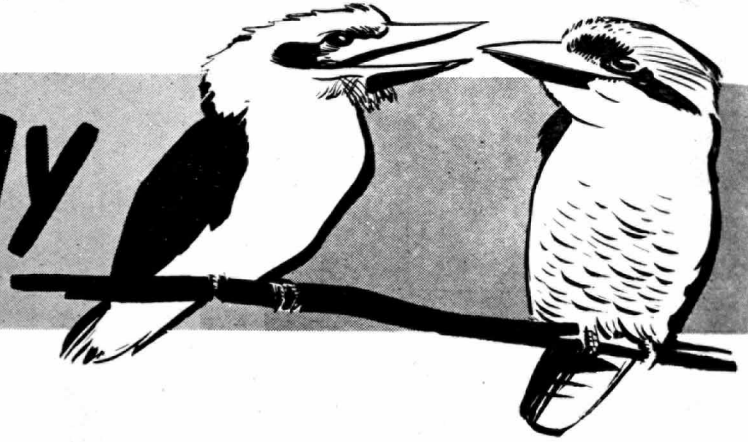


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THAT ten former Cootamundra girls, now all in service in different parts of the State spent a happy fortnight together at the Y.W.C.A. hostel at Austinmer early this month.

One of the highlights of their reunion was a visit to the Board Office and a picnic in the Botanic Gardens.



A busload of happy Cootamundra girls on their way to school.

The girls entertained Mrs. Inspector English and Mrs. Healy at the picnic and everyone had a wonderful time.

That the Xmas party and concert for the South Sydney area was a great success.

Approximately 400 adults and children crowded Alexandria Town Hall for a night of first-class entertainment which included singing, dancing, a mystifying magician and hill-billies galore.

Mrs. Inspector English was responsible for the organising of the function and everyone voted the party even better than the previous years.

The Secretary of the Board, Mr. J. R. Mullins and members of Head Office staff were present and enjoyed themselves just as much as the aborigines.

Author Michael Sawtell, a member of the Board, addressed the gathering and gave a corroboree chant.

That Murrin Bridge is particularly proud of its new school which now has over eighty pupils.

The pupils are said to be particularly good at producing their own plays and puppet shows.

That Cowra Aboriginal Station throws out a challenge to all other stations.

The Cowra people claim to have the best tennis players, the best runners and the best boxers.

That aborigines at Taree Station are still talking about their recent picnic at Old Bar Beach. Everybody went, from babes in arms to the real old folks.

The Taree people were glad of the opportunity of showing off their new recreation hall when the Taree Rotary Club recently entertained the whole station.

That the McLaren family of Jannali top almost every class at school. John, who is in second year at Sutherland Intermediate High School hopes to be a cabinet maker. Phillip (8) was top of his class of forty-two, and both Kevin (11) and Elaine (10) also did very well.

Farewell Isaac Grovenor!

Mounted police escorted Sergeant Black Tracker Isaac Grovenor, a fullblooded aborigine to his grave at Botany on the 15th of this month.

Isaac Grovenor had been one of the Police Department's best trackers since 1897. He had served at several country stations and through his skill many criminals . . . particularly stock thieves, were caught.

Before he retired in 1950 the Governor presented him with the Imperial Service Medal for long and meritorious service.

The mounted police at his funeral rode horses that he had broken in and had helped to care for when he was not tracking.

Superintendent R. H. Blackley (a member of the Board) and Sergeant J. Mills represented the Police Department.