

"ALL BLACK" CONCERT

Erambie Success

ONE Saturday night recently an "All Black" concert was presented at Erambie.

The occasion was the official opening of the new recreation hall.

The hall was crowded for the concert, many people from Cowra having to be turned away.

Through the whole performance ran the music of the Williams brothers and Allen Saunders, and two choruses of senior and junior girls added colour and charm to the programme.

Humour and a member of the old Christy Minstrels were given by the clowning of "Knocker" Williams, assisted by several other talented artists.



The performers worked in front of scenery which had been specially designed and painted for the occasion by Frank Simpson. The main backdrop showed the landing of Captain Cook, and the whole effect was colourful and full of life.

After the performance, appreciation of the excellent work of the artists was expressed by Messrs. Forrest and Kier.

A number of visitors from Cowra were in the audience and many expressed the hope that a repeat performance be given in Cowra, and indeed arrangements in that direction have already been made.

This will involve a trip from Sydney for the "Erambie Band," the Williams Brothers and Allen Saunders.

If the concert in Cowra eventuates, Cowra people will hear songs like "Granny," "Danny Boy," "Linda Darling," "Little Drummer Boy," "Aching Hearts" and "The Maori's Farewell."

They will see an aboriginal walkabout and attend a wedding party.

Above all, they will be watching and listening to artists who were born and bred at Erambie, and need only the right opportunities to achieve success.

The concert was compered by the Manager of Erambie, Mr. George Pickering.

He and his wife are to be congratulated for the excellent work they are doing among the people of the station and for the help and encouragement they give them.

OUR PEOPLE FEEL VERY PROUD

A Letter from La Perouse

This is the fifth issue of *Dawn*, a magazine which is unique in Australia, for it is a magazine which is produced each month exclusively for the aboriginal people of New South Wales.

It is your own paper! It is your means of knowing more about each other.

The aboriginal people like and appreciate their own magazine, and this letter from Mrs. E. Cook of La Perouse indicates their feelings.

Mrs. Cook says, "I now take the long hoped for opportunity of writing to our own little magazine, which I think is a real inspiration to all our people. It just seems to be our own and there is something really good about it.

"It has brought a real friendly feeling and we seem to understand better now just where we are and where we stand.

"First of all I want to thank Mr. Clive Evatt, our Superintendent, and other members of the Aborigines Welfare Board, for the kindly way in which they have expressed their opinion of my people . . . the aborigines of Australia.

"I have, as a Christian, loved, worked, and prayed for this great day when we could be told that we were free to take our place, side by side, with the white community.

"Now, given every opportunity to take our places on equal terms with others, we will endeavour to become worthy citizens.

"We have lovely homes being built on the Reserves and our people are very proud to feel they are able to pay the rent as long as they have the means. Indeed, it does take some effort sometimes, but my people feel much happier.

"I was recently down at Wreck Bay and saw there the lovely new homes, so clean and beautifully kept, surrounded by nice gardens. These things must be a real uplift to our people.



"I would like all my friends to do all they can to encourage the good people who are willing and able to help us.

"I think the Minister is a good man and is out to do all he can to help us along.

"I think it would be nice if we could have a day to commemorate this great day when we got this good news. It was really good to know, because such a lot of our people really lived in fear, wondering whether they could, or could not, do this or that.

"We have had a splendid Manager, in Mr. Jenks, at La Perouse, and the people all loved him. That is the kind of thing we want on our stations . . . the people and the managers helping each other."