

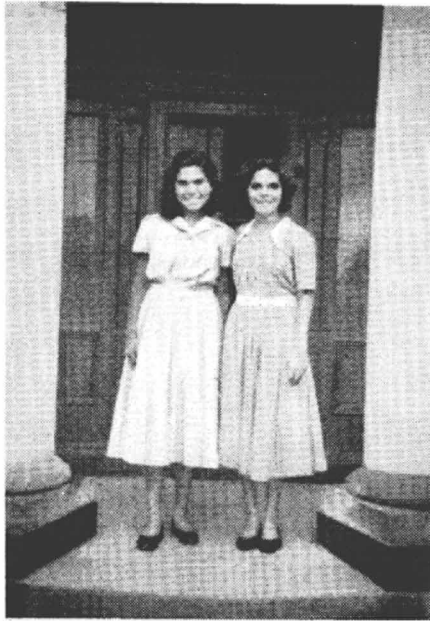
Bible Training School at Singleton

Every year many young Aboriginal people receive a sound training at the Singleton Bible Training School. The happy part about it all is they have such a wonderful time there, that no one thinks of it as work or study . . . its just fun.

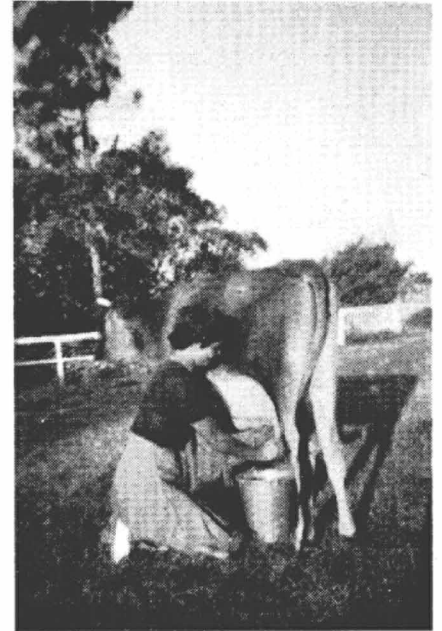
The first picture shows two lovely lasses, Muriel Mercy of Maclean and Lorna Lymburner of Palm Island. Next we see Annabelle Morris of Purfleet and Ruth Naylor of Walcha. The third picture shows Ruth Naylor again. This time doing one of her little jobs . . . milking the cow.



Muriel Mercy of Maclean, and Lorna Lymburner of Palm Island, at Singleton.



Annabelle Morris (Purfleet) and Ruth Naylor (Walcha) at Singleton Bible Training School.



Ruth Naylor, of Walcha, Milking at Singleton Bible Training School.

Service brings Award of Merit to Police Sergeant

Service to others and devotion to duty, are not always recognised in a person's life-time, and it is gratifying to know that one of Swan Hill's citizens—Sgt. A. H. Feldtmann, of the Swan Hill police has received well-deserved recognition by his department.

His work for the native population here is known practically throughout the world, and it does not come as a surprise to many of his friends to hear that the Sergeant was instructed to attend the police depot, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, to be presented, at a passing-out parade by the Chief Commissioner, with "The Chief Commissioner's Certificate"—a new "award of merit", to recognise outstanding devotion to duty.

The citation reads :—

"Awarded the Chief Commissioner's Certificate for excellent service rendered the aboriginal community at Murray Downs, in organising the establishment of a welfare centre for their benefit."

This certificate is second only to the Valor badge—the police V.C.

Sincere congratulations to Sergeant Feldtmann.

Walgett

The population of this Station increased slightly last year, and at its close stood at 163.

Two severe floods were experienced; one in November, 1954, and one in March, 1955. The Station was isolated on both occasions, and even after the floodwaters subsided, communication with the town was affected.

Maintenance and repair work was carried out on the houses, and the water main was strengthened following the floods.

This is the only remaining Station where the duties of Manager and Teacher are combined. A contract has been let for the erection of a teacher's residence. When this is completed, a teacher of the Education Department will be appointed and the Manager will be enabled to devote his whole time to the supervision and development of Station activities.