

THE 1957 SUMMER CAMP

SOME HAPPY HIGHLIGHTS

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The Arrival at Central Station on Sunday morning, 6th January.

● A beautiful, mild summer morning heralded the arrival of the children early on Sunday morning at Central Station. The first batch from Coonabarabran arrived at a quarter to 5, and the last batch from Murrin Bridge just on 8 o'clock, in time to catch the special double decker bus. The parties, on their arrival, were met by Mr. Saxby and Mr. Mullins, and Mrs. Mullins also assisted in checking the parties over to see that there were none lost on the way; and there were none, thanks to the efficiency of the escorts.

Introduction to Television.

● Station ATN, Channel 7, was well to the fore and shots were taken of the arrival of the Bourke train, the children boarding the bus, during the trip out and having breakfast at La Perouse. These shots were featured in the session at 7 o'clock on Channel 7 as part of the newsreel for the day.

The children came from—

Balranald	Burra Bee Dee	Murrin Bridge
Boggabilla	Dubbo	Walgett
Bourke	Goodooga	Warren
Brewarrina	Coonamble	Peak Hill
Caroona	Moree	Wellington

There were 42 boys and 32 girls. Unfortunately, one of the boys from Dubbo spent most of the time in hospital suffering from mumps which, I am sure, would have been much more convenient after school opened.



The Orange Scramble. This was lots of fun and oranges for all.

● TARONGA PARK ZOO, as usual, was visited and everybody had a fine time. Free rides on the miniature train and the merry-go-round were the order of the day, and the Animal Circus put on a special show. It was unfortunate that time did not permit of a visit to the Aquarium, but possibly next year this will be a feature.

● THE PANTOMIME "SINBAD THE SAILOR" at the Tivoli Theatre was again a highlight in the programme. One child was so excited that it was feared that she would fall from the Dress Circle into the Stalls and it was necessary to keep a close eye on her to keep her in her seat. Although never having seen a Pantomime before, the children were well able to follow the continuity, as questions asked the next day showed.

● To give the children an experience they can never have in their own towns, the OUTING TO MANLY was organised differently this year. The children proceeded to Redfern Station by bus from La Perouse where they boarded an electric train which took them to Circular Quay Station. The underground portion of the journey was considered quite exciting but all thought it much too noisy. The escalators at the Circular Quay Station have never been so well patronised. Even the children who had never been on an escalator before practically had to be prised off them to catch the ferry.



Albert Binge of Moree, Stan French, Moree, Kevin Rutley, Burra Bee Dee, and Victor Wright, Moree, in the Tug o'War.