

SIX CUBAWEE BOYS IN SCOUT OUTING

Six aborigine boys from Cubawee recently joined the 1st South Lismore Scout Troop during a cross-country hike towards Caniaba. The troop prepared dinner at a suitable site, the meal being shared with the Cubawee lads.

Eight scouts were under the care of "Skip" May and "Loo" Alcorn, assistant scoutmaster of the 3rd Lismore Troop. They were accompanied by Akela Doug Lee and six cubs, who later went up into the troop.

The cubs who went up to scouting were Jim Gardner, Ken Warren, Don Connor, Robert Santin, John Muller and John Day.

Before leaving Cubawee, the troop held a "Scouts' Own" at which Pastor Roberts gave a short talk on Aborigine Day in Australia, followed by a lesson from the Bible and a prayer. The service then closed with the Scouts' Prayer.

En route to their destination the boys fraternized very well and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

On the return, the "going up" ceremony was held on the top of a plateau and the troop gave a welcome to the new scouts. We wish them well and hope they enjoy scouting as much as they did cubbing.

When the boys returned to Cubawee the scouts said goodbye to their guests and picked up their bikes and journeyed home.

It is hoped that the boys from Cubawee will eventually join the troop and become scouts. So come along chaps, you'll be most welcome.

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VARIED PROGRAMME AT SCHOOLS CHORAL FESTIVAL

Pupils from 20 district schools gave a varied programme in the Star Court Theatre for the first day of the non-competitive Schools' Choral Festival Week.

They included schools from Lismore (6), Ballina, Kyogle and Casino and outlying districts.

A highlight of the day was the performance from the choir which came the farthest distance—the Tabulam Aboriginal School's choir.

Special Praise

A special word of commendation was given to the Tabulam Aboriginal choir by Mr. Aked.

The choir sang unaccompanied. After they had finished, Mr. Aked called the conductor-teacher, Mr. Austin Sorley, back to sound the starting note again.

"It's pretty good when a group can sing unaccompanied and end up where it started it's not bad at all," he said.

The 32 children wore tunics with white and red ribbons in the hair for girls and grey trousers with blue shirts for the boys.

They travelled 55 miles from Tabulam in the back of a truck.

Ages ranged from 4½ to 14 years. Some of the children had been at the festival before, as a choir has been attending since 1954.

Mr. Sorley said the choir had had only a week to practice the set piece "Service". "They had been training for a 15 minutes programme on the ABC and so had not had much time to spare," he said. "The children have a band comprising guitars, gum leaves, spoons and other instruments which are quite effective," he added.

UNEXPECTED DEATH OF MRS. J. KELLY

The death occurred in the District Hospital last month of Mrs. Kathleen Kelly, wife of Mr. Jim Kelly of Woolgoolga Road, Coffs Harbour.

The late Mrs. Kelly, who was only 44 years of age, had become well known and highly respected throughout the district in post war years and her early death will be sincerely regretted by a very large circle of friends.

During the whole period of her residence in Coffs Harbour and particularly since she and her family moved into their home on the aborigine reserve on the Woolgoolga Road, Mrs. Kelly has earned the gratitude of many people and the respect of all who knew her by her many acts of kindness and her readiness at all times to render assistance where it was needed.

Members of the Far West Children's Health Scheme and the Aborigine Welfare Committee expressed their deep sorrow that the community had lost so valued a member.

They extended deep sympathy to the relatives and paid many tributes to the fine work Mrs. Kelly had done.

One member stated: "I have never known a finer character than Mrs. Kelly's and her loss will be deeply felt by those who work for the improvement of conditions for aborigine families".



Fifth and Sixth class girls from Caroonia. As aborigine school children this ordinary shot tells much of significance—dress, general appearance, etc. Note the knitting!