



ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE

WALGETT NEWS

The Walgett Aboriginal School football team again won the "Cross" Cup for the second year in succession. This cup has been donated by Mrs. Cross of Walgett, and each year the whole district competes for the privilege of holding it. Teams competing included Brewarrina Public, Collarenebri Public, Goodooga Public, Lightning Ridge Public and Walgett Convent School. To win this Cup is no mean feat and all the honours go to the boys themselves who played superb football. They have not been beaten this season. Ken Dennis, also of the School, was awarded a medallion for being the best and fairest player of the day.

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Amongst visitors welcomed to Walgett Station recently were Miss Shirley Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mason, Manager and Matron of "Burra Bee Dee" Station, Coonabarabran, and Mr. Norman Arthur-Mason, both coming from Moree.

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A sports day was arranged by the Goodooga Public School P. and C. Association for Saturday, the 23rd July, and the school-children from Walgett Station were invited to compete in the many events. There was a barbecue at night and competitive boxing, in all quite an eventful day. Thanks to Goodooga Public School P. and C. for inviting the children.

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Congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Morgan, of Walgett, upon the birth of a son to be named Karl.

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The Rev. Jepson from Gunnedah Baptist Church showed his usual interesting films to the Walgett Station residents and children and visitors came from the town to view the films, too.

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Another absorbing film evening was given by Mr. Preston Walker, Welfare Officer for the Walgett District. The films depicted the Missionary work he was associated with in the Kimberleys of Western Australia, and from these films could be seen what had been accomplished in such a short period of time. Mr. Walker gave a running commentary, ably telling of his work in this field and answering many questions asked by the visitors who were present. These included Matron Wilcox, newly appointed Matron to the Walgett District Hospital, Mr. L. Arthur-Mason, Secretary of the Hospital, and Mrs. Mason also daughter, Dionne, from Coonamble.

CHURCH SERVICE AT BERMAGUI

A church service was recently held at the Bermagui Church of England to commemorate Aborigines Day. The service was conducted by Rev. Brassington.

Twenty-two residents attended the service and the Station Manager read the first lesson, whilst the school teacher read the second.

After hearing the Rector's address each of the twenty-two residents present could have no doubts that they would be welcomed into the life of the community which, as was pointed out to them, was their proper place.

EDUCATION WEEK AT WALLAGA LAKE

The school held an "open day" recently, and, to enable as many parents as possible to attend, the "day" started at 6-30 p.m.

The children sang, danced and presented a number of plays, all very well done.

For the first time, a number of white visitors were invited and they were very impressed with the children's work and play.

The visitors were Mrs. Meade and her two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Yates of Bermagui, Mr. and Mrs. Garske of Tilba Tilba, Mr. and Mrs. Teague of Tilba Tilba and Mrs. and Miss Gardiner of Acolele. Miss Gardiner volunteered to teach the children art and the teacher, Mr. Arnold, was most enthusiastic when speaking of her efforts and gave her great praise.

Mr. Yates is Headmaster of Bermagui school and Mr. Garske is Headmaster of Tilba Tilba school.

A high-light of the evening was the presentation of a travelling clock to Victoria Thomas who has turned fifteen and about to leave school.

To round off a splendid evening an excellent supper was served, most of the cooking and preparation having been done by the girls under the supervision of Mrs. Arnold, their cooking teacher.

Judging from the way in which the supper was presented and served Mrs. Arnold has very apt pupils. The rapidity with which that same supper disappeared was ample evidence that it tasted as good as it looked.