



## COLLARENE CHATTER

by DAWN PETERS

We have had terrible weather here. First it was very cold and then we had some very hot days and than cold again, but we had a good drop of rain yesterday.

The Apex Club is putting up showers and a laundry for us, one for the women and one for the men. A big tank is going up, too. The frame is all up ready and now we are waiting for the piping to be put in it.

We think it was Sergeant Aldridge who suggested it. He has been a very nice Sergeant. We have Sergeant Broomfield now, and he is also very nice.

We have a bough shed in which to hold our Sunday School. It has hessian around it. We have Sunday night meetings which we all love.

We had Mr. Walker the Welfare Officer around about recently to pay us a visit.

Mrs. Bert Adams has been in hospital here for 10 weeks since she burnt herself. Mrs. Emma Fernando who had a poisoned foot has also been in hospital for 11 weeks.

Ray Hall is building a new house which should be very nice when it is finished.

We had the Missionary from Moree here recently and had a lovely meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Dupen came up from Walgett for services, too. We always look forward to having them teach us more about Our Lord the Saviour.



When this young fellow met Santa Claus in the toy shop he found he just *couldn't* make a choice. There were so many wonderful things

## NEW HOMES AT MUNGINDI

The Chairman of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, announced recently that five aboriginal families would shortly move into five new homes at Mungindi.

Mr. Kingsmill said the homes, which have just been completed, were built on a five acre reserve on the edge of the border town.

The cottages, which cost £9,342, each contain three bedrooms, combined kitchen-dining room, and laundry-bathroom.

Twelve similar homes built by the Board at a cost of £20,000 were completed at Deniliquin and have been occupied by 12 families.

Mr. Kingsmill said the land on which the Mungindi cottages were built was made available through the efforts of the Boomi Shire Council.

The council had fenced the reserve, put in a gravelled road and brought water from the town supply. It had also constructed a levee bank to prevent flood waters from the Barwon River reaching the homes.

The five tenants chosen by the Board included a widow, a shearer and three station hands.



This hardworking young fellow is Tom Ballangarry, of Bowraville