



DEATH OF MR. A. E. CAMERON WHO TAUGHT FOR 38 YEARS

Mr. A. E. Cameron, who died recently, was appointed Manager-Teacher in charge of the Aborigines on Ulgundahi Island, Clarence River, N.S.W., January, 1912 and in 1949 was appointed Supervisor-Teacher. He resigned in 1957 after teaching 38 years but continued as supervisor and so served 46 years. He lived for many years on the Island and was very popular with Pupils and Parents and helped and advised them in the growing of their vegetables, flowers and sugar cane and many prizes were given them when they exhibited at the Maclean Show. Mr. Cameron gave daily religious instruction and conducted sundry services if a minister was not available or unable to cross the river on account of flood, many visitors would visit the Island and the visitors book which Mrs. Cameron now has charge of, has the names and remarks of many old residents of Maclean, as well as from far distant places. The Inspector's remarks were always the same—school work very good, children well looked after and behaved, a credit to their teacher, and after he resigned many of his dark friends went to him for help and advice.

The Maclean Presbyterian Church was crowded for the funeral service which was conducted by his friend, the Rev. A. Borham, who spoke on his very full and christian life; he was an Elder of the Church, Past District Grand Master, Manchester Unity, member Good Templars, Alderman Maclean Council 19 years, Chairman of the Lower Clarence Hospital Board of Directors 10 years, member of R.S.L. having served in France as a Stretcher Bearer, 1914-1918 War.

At the Church and graveside his dark friends carried some of the lovely wreaths and a service was conducted at the graveside by Lodge Members and the Returned Soldiers.

This poem was found among Mr. Cameron's papers by his wife:—

*Weep not. The dead they live
In happier homes than ours
Their feet, oft weary here
Walk midst, Eternal Flowers
There is no death, the form
Of him we loved so well
Is perfect, living still
The grave holds but the shell.*

WALGETT TEACHERS WED

A wedding of wide interest in the North West of the State took place in Sydney on Monday, August 26, when two members of the teaching staff of Walgett Central School were married.

The teachers, who have many aboriginal friends, are Mr. David Tribe and Miss Patricia Hall.

David is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tribe of Kangaroo Street, Manly, and Patricia is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Hall of Archbold Road, Roseville.

Colin Hardy, the pop singer who was first "discovered" by Mr. Tribe when he sang at Walgett's Riverbah Church two years ago, was a guest at the wedding and sang at the reception afterwards in the Church hall. The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church of England, Roseville.



YARRALUMLA "GHOST"

The lawns of Yarralumla House, the Canberra residence of Australia's Governor-General, are said to be haunted by the ghost of an Aborigine seen on moonlight nights.

The story behind the hauntings is told in a manuscript dated 1881, found in the house soon after it was handed over to the Commonwealth Government by its former owners.

According to the *Australasian Post* the document records that in 1862, a large diamond stolen from a Queensland cattle station was traced to a convict who absconded to New South Wales.

An aboriginal servant later said to be carrying the diamond swallowed it when held-up by bushrangers, who subsequently shot him. His body was buried in the grounds of Yarralumla—and, says the old manuscript, the diamond lies at the base of a large deodar tree.

The legend has it that the "black ghost" can be seen on moonlight nights digging around the roots of the tree, but as far as it is known there has been no human attempt to unearth the "treasure".