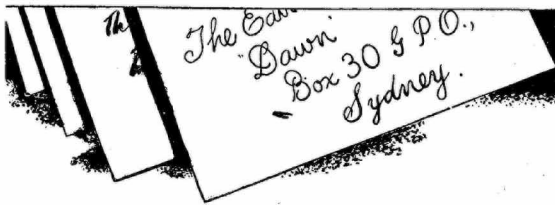


# ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE



Out on the Moree plains. Stanley Swan, Bob Swan and Eric Tommey.

Mr. Alfred W. Jinks, of North Stockton, New South Wales, thinks the Board is doing a good job for the aboriginal people.

He said, "I think the Aborigines' Welfare Board has done wonders for our native people, who, as you are aware, were cruelly exploited 50 or 60 years ago."

Mr. Jinks also said he had received word that two or three aborigines who were boys in 1908, remembered him when he conducted services at Coomerajunga, where there are now only very few aborigines left.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME, COOTAMUNDRA

On Christmas Eve, the Rotary Club gave the children a party at the Home. The town band attended and Xmas carols and games were played till Santa Claus arrived amid great cheers, with a gift for all the children. Supper was supplied by the Rotary Club. The evening was well attended by Rotary members and their wives. At the close of the evening the Carol singers, from town, arrived and sang several songs before leaving with good wishes to all.

Prior to Christmas Eve the children were entertained by the following:—

The Catholic Youth Fellowship at their Christmas Concert, each child being presented with a large bag of home-made sweets.

The Junior Young Anglicans—a party at their hall.

The Junior Methodist Fellowship—a party at their hall. The Senior Fellowship—a party at the Home for the older girls.

The C.W.A. Younger set—a party at the Home and gifts for all.

The Nurses and Matron of the District Hospital—a party at the Nurses' quarters. Mrs. Healey—a party at the Home.

Seventy children were home for Christmas and all attended early Church prior to days festivities. Numerous gifts and donations were received for the days celebrations and all had a happy time.

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