# ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE

## PURFLEET BOY WINS HONOURS

David Russell, 12, of the Aboriginal Mission Station, Purfleet, and pupil of Taree Public School, won the senior boys' championship at the annual Mid-North Coast Primary Schools' athletic championships held at Taree recently.

Over 400 children from primary schools from Wauchope to Forster took part.

A team of 70 athletes chosen from the day's sports took part in the Newcastle area Public Schools' Amateur Athletic Association's championships, which were held on the Newcastle Sports Ground on October 7th.

David was one of nine Purfleet Mission boys who recently attended a camp in Sydney. He returned with a good conduct report and won praise from the Headmaster, Mr. J. G. Hamilton.

At the latest meeting of the P. and C. Association, Mr. Hamilton said : " David Russell is a good lad and the others are doing excellent work. It is a feather in the cap for the school."

" I would say he is one of the best-mannered boys in the school, and I would like to compliment him on receiving the certificate," said the president, the Rev. Canon R. D. McCulloch.

The Officers and Children of the Cootamundra Girls' Home were very pleased to receive a visit from Professor Elkin recently, also Mr. Sawtell, whose address to the children of the primary school was very much enjoyed.

Kathleen Smith, of the Cootamundra Girls' Home, has commenced her training as a nurse at the District Hospital, Cootamundra.

Penny Packer, of the Cootamundra Girls' Home, recently sat for her nurses exam in Wagga after twelve months of study through correspondence. We all wish her luck.

Mavis Lang, of Cootamundra, sat for her intermediate recently after studying hard all the year.

Marion Holten and Doreen Bugmy took their first Communion one Saturday recently at the Cootamundra Catholic Church.



Even the old dog has a close look at the Christmas tree because he knows he's sure to find a nice juicy bone there



This native from the Tari area in New Guinea admires himself in a mirror he bought from the trade store