

this approach, the Board considers that all it can or should do is to point to the problem while emphasising the policy which is being followed, and leave it to the Churches to see what more can be done for the dark people. The aborigine does not lack an inherent religious sense; indeed, in many there are strong indications of a craving for religion which, in some instances they have sought to satisfy, even if only temporarily, by turning to relatively unknown or newly formed denominations. Such are not extensively organised, leadership and balanced instruction are not always in evidence, and, in many cases, it is probable that the interest of the aborigine is largely transitory. Most importantly it would obviously be preferable for aborigines to be drawn into local Church congregations rather than having special services for them on Stations and Reserves, although in some cases, due to the distance of the Station or Reserve from the town, the latter may be the only means of providing for them.'

"On 9th June, 1961, a conference was held in this Department with the full support and approval of Church leaders, including the Archbishops of both the Church of England and Roman Catholic Churches. As a result it was decided to set up a number of regional conferences in various parts of the State to which Clergy and lay-workers would be invited for the purpose of discussing problems associated with the promotion of the moral and spiritual well-being of aborigines not as a group to whom religion should be taken, but as participating members of the congregation. Two such conferences have been held, one at Dubbo and one at Moree."



Jimmy and Elizabeth Watson of Bungunya, Queensland, take advantage of the fine summer weather



Coonabarabran Wedding

Leslie—Morris

Miss Brenda Merle Leslie chose a pink tulle and taffeta ballerina gown for her marriage to Mr. Eric Reginald Morris one Saturday recently.

The Rev. R. E. Sherlock officiated at this solemn occasion at Christ Church of England, Coonabarabran.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leslie, Gunnedah Hill, Coonabarabran, and the bridegroom the second son of Mrs. Mary Morris and the late Mr. George Morris, of Walcha.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a pink ballerina gown with sweetheart neckline, bouffant skirt with tulle flounces caught by white roses and the sleeves trimmed with pearl buttons. The frock was designed by Mrs. Ruby Langford and made by Mrs. Hilda Milligan. The hand-made tulle veil was embroidered in seed pearls and the bride carried a bouquet of orchids and roses (made by Mrs. D. C. Beit, Chappell Avenue, Coonabarabran).

Bridesmaids were Misses Joan Leslie (sister of the bride) and Nancy Whitton. Jacqueline and Angela Milligan were flower girls. They wore gowns of buttercup yellow and powder blue taffeta, trimmed with matching tulle and white roses. Circlets of tulle and roses were worn in their hair and they carried bouquets of Sweet Williams. Mr. Bruce Leslie, the bride's brother, was best man and Mr. Samuel Griffen groomsmen.

The bride's mother wore a green and gold polished cotton frock with yellow accessories and matching diamante and earring set. The bridegroom's mother was unable to be present, but was represented by Mrs. Ruby Langford.

The bridegroom presented the bride with a dinner set as a wedding gift and in turn received a set of gold cuff links. Bridesmaids received signet rings and the flower girls gold lockets.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Milligan, Boomerang Street, Coonabarabran, where 50 guests participated. Some of the visitors came from as far as Gilgandra. The double tiered wedding cake was made by Mrs. John Milligan and iced and decorated by Mrs. H. Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris will reside at Coonabarabran until the New Year when they will depart to make their home in Sydney.

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