



## Along the Mail Route



The strange Frog Rock at Mudgee.

Ladies of Wallaga Lake have commenced basket-making classes and their progress to date has been something really unusual.

They have been receiving tuition from Mr. Norton and both he and his pupils are deserving of the very highest praise. A beautifully-made basket has been sent down to the Aborigines Welfare Board and much admired by all the staff.

It is understood that the reeds used in the manufacture of this basket were obtained locally, and indeed were gathered along the banks of the Lake by Mr. Norton and his enthusiastic pupils.

Congratulations to Mrs. Margaret Dodd of Walgett on the arrival of a baby son. Both are doing splendidly.

Although the Walgett youngsters had some stiff competition in the recent all-school sports, they did very well and collected quite a few placings. Congratulations, youngsters!

Mrs. Phyllis Sullivan of Walgett is being congratulated on the arrival of a brand new baby daughter.

It looks like a lot more dressmaking now for Mrs. Sullivan.

Mrs. Sarah ("Granny") Murphy of Walgett recently broke the Station's fishing record when she proudly landed a 35-lb. Murray cod. Mr. Foster weighed the catch on the scales in the ration store and it really DID weigh 35 lb. Now what about it, you mere men?

It is hoped that Peggy, daughter of Dorothy and Jack Murphy of the Walgett Station, who recently underwent an operation on her eye, will soon be home again from hospital.

The Rev. Sanders has taken a very keen interest in the welfare of the Cabbage Tree Island residents and has raised sufficient money by public subscription to buy a church organ for the hall.

Last month, the District Commissioner of Girl Guides, Mrs. Stroud-Watts, accompanied by assistants from the Byron Bay Company of Girl Guides, spent some hours on the Cabbage Tree Island Station organising the First Cabbage Tree Island Girl Guides Company.

Miss Jean Marlowe and Miss Phyllis Anderson, the station's two most progressive social workers, were appointed as Captain and Lieutenant, respectively, of the newly formed company. A local organisation was formed with Mrs. Stratton (the Matron) appointed as the President. It is hoped to soon prepare the girls for their tenderfoot badges.

The stork has flown over Cabbage Tree Island again. This time he dropped down on Ron Cook's house and left Mrs. Cook a son, Henry George, bringing the family up to nine.

Some Cabbage Tree Island residents have nice flower gardens in front of their new homes, and it is said that Robert Moran, a great old worker, and the Marlowe family, tie for the honour of having the Station's best garden. The display of flowers and lay-out of the plots are a credit to these good people and must surely set an example of good citizenship to others.



A. Sullivan, Nancy Fernandos, B. Ward, P. Murphy and Elaine Lance of Walgett.