

PRESENTATION TO MANAGER

Woodenbong Farewell

During their annual Christmas party celebrations, the residents of Woodenbong took the opportunity of making a presentation to the Manager, Mr. J. L. Foster, and Mrs. Foster on the eve of their retirement after 40 years' service with the Aborigines Welfare Board.

Presenting Mr. and Mrs. Foster with a beautiful pyrex dish mounted on a silver stand and a pair of silver salt and pepper shakers, Messrs. W. Page and F. Bundock spoke highly of the Manager and Matron.

Mr. Page said, "Mr. and Mrs. Foster have always discharged their duties in an efficient, unselfish and courteous manner.

"Mr. Foster will be remembered for his untiring efforts to make living conditions more pleasant for the people on this Station, and his eagerness to help whenever asked . . . and indeed often without being asked."

Mr. Page said, "The needs and requirements of the residents were always Mr. Foster's first thoughts."

"His experience as a farmer in his early days stood him in good stead," said Mr. Page. "During his ten years on this station he built up a first-class dairy herd, which often supplied more milk than we could use."

The speakers went on to describe how Mr. Foster had been responsible for the growing of an abundance of vegetables for the people, especially for the aged and infirm.

They said that wherever Mr. and Mrs. Foster may go, they would take with them not only the good wishes of the people of Woodenbong, but the good wishes of all the aboriginal people of New South Wales.

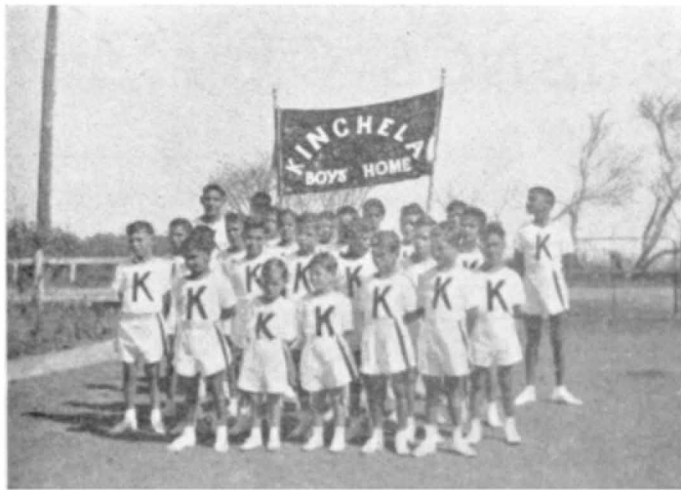
ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

The annual school athletic carnival which was concluded just before the Christmas holidays, saw Condobolin Aborigine School with 272 points winning the Challenge Cup from Oxley House, 191 points and Evans House, 140 points.

Outstanding athletes for the Aborigine School were D. Newman, J. Goolagong and B. Barlow.

At a ceremony at the High School, at which Miss Fletcher and Mr. Mason and the pupils of the Aborigine School were present, the Headmaster, Mr. Baldwin, congratulated the winners and presented the Cup to Kathleen Newman, who received it on behalf of the Aborigine School. Mr. E. Mason, principal of the winning school, expressed his pleasure at the victory and congratulated all children on the fine spirit of sportsmanship displayed.

The winning of this championship trophy by the aboriginal children was really an outstanding effort, as the High School has some 500 pupils from which to draw, the Convent School 100, and the Aboriginal School only 40.



A credit to their home and to themselves, these Kinchela lads were spick and span in their athletic costumes.

MOREE PARTY

Guides and Brownies

The Moree Station Hall was appropriately decorated by the Brownies and Lone Guides (assisted by the members of the Young People's Club) for their second Annual Christmas Party recently, when they entertained the Moree Girl Guides Company, two Scouts from each patrol, and their Scoutmaster and friends.

Tinsel and Brownie symbols in the form of Brown Owls decorated the walls, while the Brownie pennant, a painting of the fairy circle and a Lone Guide badge made by Edna Madden, formed the background on stage.

At either end of the stage there stood two gaily decorated Christmas trees loaded with Christmas cards, made by the Brownies themselves for members of the Guide Company and Scout Troop.

Three new recruits, Margaret Groves, Daphne Pitt and Jean Levy, were enrolled by the Commissioner.

During the enrolment ceremony, the Guides and Scouts stood in horseshoe formation, as the new Brownies made their promise through the microphone so everyone could hear them.

Once again the Brownies were undefeated in the Ball games, even when challenged by members of the Young People's Club.

The "Brownie of the Year" competition which had been conducted over the past twelve months and for which marks were allotted each meeting, was won by Margaret Raveneau, and the Commissioner presented her with a pretty cup, saucer and plate set.