

## ABORIGINAL STOREKEEPER

### *Lance Johnson's Fine Effort*

Lance Johnson, a resident of Murrin Bridge, is the proprietor of a store on the station and he is to be congratulated on his efforts. He stocks most of the necessary items of groceries, as well as bread and vegetables.

As Murrin Bridge Station is situated ten miles from Lake Cargelligo, the store is very convenient to the residents, and is not only appreciated but well patronised by them.

Lance grows all his own vegetables for sale in shop and his prices are very reasonable. In the garden he has tomatoes, potatoes, water-melons, rock-melons and pumpkins. He has been particularly successful with his tomatoes, growing some of the finest in the district, and they have been much sought after by the white community.



Lance and his assistants stand proudly outside the store. From left to right—Lance Johnson, Annie Williams, Flora Johnson and Hector King.

Lance employs two girls in the store and one man in the garden.

By his initiative and hard work, Lance Johnson has set a wonderful example for his fellow aborigines, and has shown that opportunity is where one seeks it, regardless of colour.

"THE MARE AND HER COLT."



A fine sketch by Lloyd Dennison, of Boggabilla.

## SCHOOL MILK

### *All Children Benefit*

Last year, the Commonwealth Government granted free milk to all school children throughout the Commonwealth up to 13 years of age, on the basis of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint per child per day. The scheme has been extended to include all Aboriginal Schools and, whereas the Board provided milk in the past as part of the mid-morning lunch for all aboriginal school children, the cost of all milk supplied is now recouped from the Commonwealth Government.



As a guarantee of good health, all the youngsters at Murrin Bridge are given a dose of malt and cod liver oil every morning. Strange as it may seem, they don't mind a bit. Indeed, as the picture shows, they line up full of eagerness.