

LET US RECORD OUR MEMORIES

THE OLDTIMERS AND THE PAST

A letter to the aboriginal people of New South Wales from Mr. Saxby, Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare.

My Dear Friends,

Once again I have been able to visit different parts of the State and have been happy to meet many more of our people.



Mr. Saxby.

Of special interest to me have been my long conversations with a number of elderly folk . . . oldtimers who have some thrilling stories to tell of the old days.

I am sure that if these oldtimers could be persuaded to record their memories we would all be thrilled to read the tales that would eventuate.

Perhaps, with the assistance of Managers and Welfare Officers, they could write something for this magazine. What about it? Especially you old police trackers.

The interest displayed in the social activities of some stations is very keen and illustrates a healthy interest on the part of the aboriginal people in their own communities.

At Moree, for instance, I had the pleasure of attending two most enjoyable functions.

The first was a camp fire organised by the local Girl Guides and, despite the very cold weather, we all had a very happy time with songs and supper round the warming blaze.

The other function was the Ball, at which ten lovely debutantes were presented. I think special mention should be made of the manner in which their escorts conducted themselves, and also of the charm of the two beautiful little flower girls.

At Moree Station there is also a very active Hospital Auxiliary, which is doing splendid work for the McAlister Ward at the Public Hospital.

Moree has set a fine example that could well be followed by many of our other stations, and which, of course, must benefit everyone concerned.

My last visit took me to many centres in the North and North-West and I hope to visit the Far West and South-West in the very near future.

Nanima school children, I am sure, will be pleased to learn that a very beautiful shield has been received from Arthur Yates and Co. and, as soon as it is suitably inscribed, will be presented to them as the winners of last year's Garden Competition.

Other schools should now be preparing their gardens for the next judging, and I hope there is a lot of competition, for I am sure you don't want Nanima to win it every year.

With all good wishes,

M. H. SAXBY,

Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare.



Evonne Eggins, of Old Bonalbo, and her canine friend.

WHERE IS CHARLIE DAISY

Can Anyone Help?

The Aborigines Welfare Board is anxious to contact Charlie Daisy, a drover, formerly of Duaringa, Queensland, for the purpose of making his Savings Bank Account Balance available to him, but to date all efforts to locate him have been unsuccessful.

Any reader who knows Daisy's whereabouts should advise him to contact the Board immediately.