



Along the Mail Route



Thousands of letters from all over the world pour into Santa Claus' mail each year and everyone gets an answer.

The mothers and friends of Burnt Bridge children are to be congratulated on their standards of needlework as displayed by the blue and gold school uniforms which were made for the school's successful marching team. Much favourable comment was heard from the large body of spectators who saw the squad in action at the Kempsey showground.

The Burnt Bridge Parents and Citizens have done a splendid job raising funds to purchase aids and amenities for the local children. The income for 1952-53 exceeded £200.

School mates of Russel Ritchie (Sands) are following his boxing career with great interest. It looks as though this young fellow has quite a career ahead of him.

Miss Marlene Silva was a competitor at the 1953 Kempsey Eisteddfod, sacred solo section. This was Marlene's first effort since leaving school, and her supporters feel sure they will hear much more of her at future eisteddfods. The adjudicator commented favourably on her pleasant contralto voice and self-confidence.

John Ridgeway has just completed his Intermediate Examination at Kempsey High School. Good Luck for the future, John.

Walgett residents lament the passing of Mrs. Sarah (sometimes called "Ethel") Murphy. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Hunter, and two sons, Eric and Alex Dixon, from a former marriage, besides numerous grandchildren, and husband Ted Murphy.

Mrs. Sarah Murphy was the grand old woman of Walgett Aboriginal Station, whose love of children kept her house always full of the little ones; and she was "granny" to everyone on the Station—a friend in time of need. Despite heavy rain, her funeral was one of the largest ever held in Walgett, and there were many beautiful wreaths from people all over the district.

Summer has come to Walgett, with temperatures of up to 104°.

The new weir at the junction of the Namoi and Barwon Rivers is now completed and will doubtless benefit the town of Walgett greatly, but the Barwon River, at the Walgett Aboriginal Station, has dropped suddenly as a result.



The Chairman of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. C. J. Buttsworth and Superintendent Mr. Saxby, had a Girl Guide Guard of Honor when they recently visited Cabbage Tree Island.