

## GOVERNOR VISITS WALGETT

### *Percy Boney's Address*

Last month the Governor of New South Wales, Sir John Northcott, visited Walgett to open the Walgett Show.

A civic reception was tendered at the Council Chambers, and the Hon. J. B. Renshaw spoke briefly introducing the citizens of the town to His Excellency.

The Manager and Matron of the Walgett Aboriginal Station, took the children to Walgett by lorry, to be present at the reception, and many of the adults accompanied them.

A child was selected from each of the three schools in the district—the Walgett Central School, the Walgett Aboriginal School and the Convent, to read an address of welcome to the Governor.

The boy chosen from the school at the Aboriginal Station was Percy Boney, a full-blood son of the late Archie Boney.

There was a microphone attached to an amplifier at the Council Chambers and Percy Boney's words came through very clearly and distinctly. The three children who were to read the addresses of welcome sat on the dias with Sir John Northcott who shook hands with them.

The text of Percy Boney's address was as follows:—

Your Excellency,

“We, the children of the Walgett Aboriginal School, offer you our Welcome and Best Wishes, and through you we offer Her Majesty the Queen, our Greetings and Loyalty.

“While your Excellency is visiting this district we hope you will have a pleasant time, for this is the part of Australia where our people have lived for thousands of years. There are many fine places to see in these parts and during another visit you may see more of them.

“We are pleased to meet you and once again we offer Your Excellency our best wishes.

“We have the honour to be, Yours respectfully,  
The Children of the Walgett Aboriginal School.”

It was very gratifying to notice several people congratulating Percy on his demeanour and clarity of speech, after the ceremony.

## DANCE ORGANISED BY WALLAGA LAKE RECREATION CLUB

### *In Aid of the Bega District Ambulance.*

Mr. and Mrs. Norton, the energetic Manager and Matron of the Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Station, recently organised a dance for the purpose of raising funds for the Bega District Ambulance for this year.

The function was held at the Central Tilba Hall and was very well patronised by the white people of the district.

The Wallaga Lake Gum Leaf Band played several tunes as a special feature, and received much applause.

A net sum of £35 16s. 3d. was donated after the dance, to the representative of the Bega District Ambulance.

The Superintendent and Secretary of the Bega District Ambulance, Mr. Carrol Gibbons, acknowledged the donation in a very nicely worded letter to Mr. Norton.

As there are only six members of the Ambulance Scheme from Wallaga Lake, it is proposed to organise some functions every year.

This is all very well, and Mr. Norton will undoubtedly enjoy doing it, but there should be more than six members contributing to the scheme. Every family on the Station should be able to say, “I am proud to be a member of the Bega District Ambulance Fund because then I know that this service is available at all times, both to myself and my family.”



A fine drawing by Priscilla Johnson, of Murrin Bridge.