Aborigines' Ball A Great Success



COMMENDABLE EFFORT FOR DISTRICT AMBULANCE FUND



The Aborigines of Burnt Bridge, in a most commendable and well organised effort, conducted a most successful ball in the Agricultural Hall at Kempsey one Friday night recently, by means of which they raised £120 in aid of Kempsey District Ambulance car fund.

Aborigines, many of them born at Burnt Bridge and Greenhill, came by bus and train from Sydney, Raymond Terrace, Taree, Port Macquarie, Bellbrook, Bowraville, Nambucca Heads, Macksville, and Grafton.

In many respects the function was more in the nature of a great and jolly family re-union, with grandmothers shepherding grandchildren, some young mothers with babies in arms, and others with a bevy of sturdy schoolage children; whilst grey-headed veterans joined in chattering groups of middle-aged men, whilst men and women of all ages thronged the dance floor, the older children joining in the dancing.

Some of the young women showed a marked perfection in the more modern dances; but popular waltz tunes drew the biggest crowds to the floor.

Swingcopaters Orchestra provided excellent music, contributing in no small measure to the success of the evening.

The ball, a purely voluntary effort on the part of the Burnt Bridge folk, was most efficiently organised by Mrs. A. M. Ridgeway and Mrs. Ellen Davis, assisted by Miss Cavell Ridgeway and Misses Tarlene and Margaret Davis; whilst Mrs. E. Morris, Mrs. H. Vale and Miss Norma Kelly assisted with the catering.

The supper was adequate and appetising, the organisers and their assistants having baked all the cakes and cooked the various meats.

Mr. N. R. Luschwitz, manager of Burnt Bridge Station, with Messrs. W. Menger, J. Harrigan, N. Smith, M. Perrin, E. B. Callinan and O. Bidner assisted in various ways; and Sisters Hope, Thomas and Hack, with Mrs. J. A. Harrigan, acted as judges of the belle of the ball and ballerina frock competitions.

About 20 very smartly gowned girls and young women took the floor for these competitions, some of their partners being equally smart in dinner suits with bow ties and white shirts. Mrs. B. Wilson, of Bowraville, who was adjudged belle of the ball, looked very attractive in her well-cut gown featuring a black bodice and gay taffeta skirt with knee-high black circle, elbow length black gloves, and black silk gauze mantilla to match her raven pompadour style hairdress.

Miss M. Jackie, of Greenhill, and Mrs. E. Donovan, of Bowraville, divided the prize for ballerina gown.

Mr. Luschwitz congratulated Mesdames Ridgeway and Davis and their assistants on their organisation of the ball, his remarks being heartily supported by Mr. Menger.

Ald. A. McNeil, Mayor of Kempsey, who officially opened the ball, added his congratulations, and said the attendance was the best at any Kempsey ball held this year.

"The function is already a success," said Ald. McNeil, "and I am glad to see the people of Burnt Bridge showing such a practical appreciation of the Kempsey District Ambulance Service."



They say this couple, from Boggabilla, can really "make" with the hot music.

They are Eileen McIntosh and "Cad" Duncan.