

Murrin Bridge Has Problems

The position regarding employment remains the same throughout the year. Most of the work is of a casual nature, such as fencing, shearing, station work and general labouring, many of the men travelling up to 150 miles to take up work.

A considerable amount of repair work has been carried out on Station buildings and roads have been regraded.

The people at Murrin Bridge are somewhat backward in their social development. It is not many years since they were living under primitive conditions on the banks of the Darling River. They depend upon the Manager and Matron a good deal. Efforts to organise their social activities have not been particularly successful, and an attempt is now being made to do this through the children.

Several residents have effected improvements to their homes, and some have started vegetable gardens. Every encouragement is being given to these people to carry on the good work.

WHERE IS JACKIE MELROSE ?

Would Jackie Melrose, a full blood aborigine, or anyone knowing his whereabouts, please communicate with Mrs. P. Gibbs, c/- Aborigines Welfare Board, Box 30, G.P.O., Sydney.

The last we heard of Jackie he was working for a Mr. Cummerford, near Dubbo about 1944 or 1945.

Can you help ?



Lorraine Darcy and three of the smaller "fry" from Cootamundra. As usual, there are plenty of smiles.

Burnt Bridge Helps Spastics

John Knox, 8 years, a spastic, of Burnt Bridge, was sent by the Board to Sydney for specialist treatment. John, although handicapped, is a game little boy who tries to participate in all the games with his mates, and as a result is very popular on the station. Residents on their own initiative presented him with a purse of £5 10s. to help him during his stay in Sydney. His mother Joyce Knox who accepted the money on his behalf was so deeply touched could not find words adequate to express her gratitude to the residents of Burnt Bridge and requested that this be done publicly through *Dawn*.

The Progress Association, Burnt Bridge, through the aid afforded by the A.W.B. is the proud possessor of a five valve automatic radiogram. One and all eagerly awaited the official presentation one evening not long ago, followed by a free Dance, enhanced by the latest recorded dance music. Special children's evenings are being allocated for the school children.



This charming lass is Julie Brown of Guyra.

Horses Sleep Easily

Horses have the power to sleep while standing, and various experiments show that they rest better on their feet than on their sides. Their legs are equipped with muscular mechanisms that cause them to lock, and permit them to rest. When a standing horse is unconscious, there is no direct brain control over the muscles essential to the keeping up of an erect posture. The muscles in the legs, back and chest are controlled by the reflex actions of the spinal cord. In a similar way, a bird sleeping on a swaying limb keeps a reflex balance. Horses sometimes go for months without lying down, yet they normally sleep from eight to ten hours a day.