



WALLAGA LAKE

Once again the Wallaga Lake concert party is to the fore. After being in retirement since August, 1957, they came out of retirement to stage a bigger and better concert one Friday night recently.

This concert had been arranged in conjunction with the Bermagui Tuna Festival which was to have taken place the previous week, but owing to the violent storms and flooding of roads it was decided to postpone the Bermagui Tuna Festival until later in the month. This would have meant most of the concert party would not have been available so that the concert was held on the 6th, thus allowing the members to get out to their various jobs.

The concert was a huge success, over 500 people crowding into Bermagui's "Melody Hall" to see the show and the takings totalled £85.

Youngest performer was "Teckie Thomas", aged 5 years, the oldest being Percy Davis, aged 78 years. Teckie sang Tom Dooley and clacked out a rhythm with spoons, his uncle, Richard Thomas, ably accompanying with a guitar. Old Perce plays the violin the old hilly billy style, down where he can see it. He also combined with others in another item in which three guitarists and a man on the tea chest took part. Their music had everybody's foot tapping. The Hula girls, Helen, Veronica and their sister-in-law Valerie Andy, Pam Thomas and Heather Priestly gave a first rate performance as did every other performer.

On behalf of the residents of Wallaga, *Dawn* would like to thank our many white friends who worked for and assisted at our concert, particularly Mr. and Mrs. K. Arnold, our school-teacher and his wife, Mrs. H. Meade, of Tilba, Mrs. C. Garske, Mr. and Mrs. W. Crome, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ayling and their son, Mr. Parkins and his daughter, all from Bermagui and Mr. Ayliffe of Cobargo, who generously loaned us his P.A. system.

51st ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMADERRY HOME

The 51st Anniversary of the U.A.M. Home at Bomaderry was marked by the Sunday School children presenting a programme of praise in the Nowra Presbyterian Hall, one Sunday afternoon recently. A large number of local residents attended to encourage the children and the staff in their work.

Conducting the afternoon was Mr. J. Jago, vice-president of the United Aborigines' Mission in N.S.W.

A fine illustrated address to the children was given by Sister Cox, who revealed that Christians should be like little candles, providing light in the world but obtaining their light from the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. She interested the children with a pair of snuffers, showing how the power of evil coming in pride, stealing, discontent, selfishness, untruthfulness and laziness can extinguish their light.

Various choruses were rendered by the children under the direction of Sister Hogg, with Sister Anabelle Morris as pianist. On all occasions the singing was indicative of joy expressed in a good sense of rhythm. This was true of the solo given by Christine Blakeney, whose message was "The Best Book to Read is the Bible".

Among the audience in the flower decorated hall was Matron Kennedy, Sisters Abbott and Knight, who are workers at the Bomaderry Home. All the staff do wonderful work in caring for aboriginal children. The whole service being conducted as a faith mission which precludes public appeals for help but accepts all donations from friends moved by God to render support.



Ivan Ballangarry, of Bowraville, and some of his grandchildren