



Christmas at Cootamundra

A Grand Time

Christmas celebrations really first commenced on 26th November, when the children were invited to the Methodist Christmas Picnic, and the Apex Picnic.

The Junior Methodist fellowship invited the junior girls from Cootamundra Home to a Christmas Party in their hall on the 9th December. On the 21st December, the Senior Methodist Fellowship held a party at the Home for the senior girls.

The Church of England girls attended their Christmas Party on the 9th December. Christine Clayton received a special prize for work done at Sunday school.

The Catholic Youth Club and C.A.D.A.S. invited the girls to their Christmas concerts and presented them with lollies.

Then the Catholic Women's League visited the Home on 15th December and were shown over the Home, and left £5 5s. od. for Christmas requirements.

Mrs. Hughe Dawson of 35 Cooper-Street, Cootamundra, held a Christmas party to which she invited twelve of the little ones. They all returned with most expensive gifts (toys).

The Rotary Club held their usual Christmas Party on the evening of 23rd December. Rotarians and their wives attended. The children sang carols until Santa arrived and presented each with a gift. The Rotary supplied supper, ice creams and drinks.

The Quota Club from Gilgandra sent a box of gifts for Christmas from their Christmas tree.

On Christmas eve, Mrs. Nelson from the Albion Hotel, Cootamundra, visited the Home and presented the girls with 40 lovely frocks—which were worn on Christmas day to church. The boys were not forgotten for they also received an outfit.

Col Joye and Jimmy Little presented the girls with a radiogram and two dozen records.

The Girl Guides brought a Christmas tea to the Home and had the evening with the girls and presented each with a gift.

The Brownies paid a visit and presented each girl with a handkerchief they had made themselves.

Conkey & Sons presented a ham; Coles Ltd. lollies; Mr. and Mrs. Davis, lollies; Mrs. Puckett, Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Funnell, nuts; Miss Barlow, ice creams; Cohens Ltd., five dozen bottles of drink. The Children

made the Christmas cakes and took them to school for a lesson on cing. They looked very nice. Mrs. Puckett made the puddings with the usual threepences inserted.

Christmas morning 50 children and officers attended the Church of England and Catholic Churches. After breakfast the children received the gifts sent from the Aborigines Welfare Board.

During the vacation 20 girls have been away for short holidays from one to two weeks.

Thirteen children attended swimming classes, and the following received their certificates.—Lorraine Johnson, Susan Little, Katie Greene, Helen Waters, Jacqueline Ebsworth.

All in all, it was a very busy time.



The Summer Camp youngsters have a relay race on the beach.

Praise from the Salvation Army

An Officer's Letter

Writing to the Editor of *Dawn*, Lieutenant Colonel G. Garlick of Anidale Divisional Headquarters, said:

“Dear Sir,

We have received the first copy, the December issue at the above address. We would like to offer our congratulations on such a fine issue, with the excellent article on Christmas. It could well be circulated far and wide, it is good and to the point for this most wonderful season of the year, and eternal commemoration.

We offer you our best wishes in the good work of this fine periodical. May this be a year of good success in this service. May the blessings of God be granted increasingly.”