



CONDOBOLIN NEWS

A very successful mixed dance was held in the Parish Hall, Condobolin one night in July, with approximately 150 people in attendance. A lovely supper was prepared by the ladies and everyone enjoyed their cup of tea.

The music was provided by a mixed group including Miss Nola Scott on the piano, Jim Brannan on drums and Thomas Barlow, Noel Powell, Charlie Powell and Davey Dodd on guitars, leaf and mouth organ.

During the night a Talent Quest was held, with a travelling rug as first prize. With artists such as Mrs. Betty Ingram, Bob Wighton, Charlie Frost, Lorraine Goolagong, Lola Ingram and The Cousins Four, it was not an easy task to declare a winner. Eventually however, the unanimous popularity of Veronica Knight with her hula dance "swayed" the judges decision.

Everyone thought that on such a cold night she deserved (and needed) the rug more than anybody.

There were many who would have danced all night but because of the younger members of the audience the function concluded with the National Anthem at 12.45 a.m.

However it won't be long before Condobolin Reserve has its next concert and any who missed out in the Talent Quest will have the opportunity to redeem themselves and reveal their secret talents.

BOARD BURSARY HELPED CAREER ABORIGINAL GIRL TO TOUR WORLD

One of the first New South Wales aboriginal school children to be granted a high school bursary by the Aborigines Welfare Board, has now won a Commonwealth Scholarship which will take her round the world.

She is 20 years old aboriginal schoolteacher, Margaret Williams.

She shared the scholarship, sponsored by the English Speaking Union, with schoolteacher Mr. Howard Nathan, 26, of Elwood, Melbourne.

The panel was unable to choose between the two.

Miss Williams, a physical education teacher at Ballarat, 70 miles north-west of Melbourne, faced the selection panel one day recently in her dressing-gown.

She had a temperature of 102 degrees and was suffering from virus pneumonia.

Born in Brisbane, Miss Williams received her early education at Casino where she was assisted by a bursary from the Aborigines' Welfare Board.

After attending Brisbane University, she completed her Diploma of Physical Education at Melbourne University in 1959.

She plans to sail to England in May next year to study new physical education methods.

She and Mr. Nathan were selected as finalists from entrants throughout Australia.

GOODBYE, FRED GRIFFITHS

"Jesu lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll . . .
Safe into the haven guide,
Oh, receive my soul at last."

The last notes of the organ fade away and in the hush of the beautiful St. John's Church of England, Coonabarabran, the solemn and dignified funeral service continues for the late Fred Griffiths, Senior.

"Old Fred" (there being a Junior) as he was affectionately known at Burra Bee Dee, had spent nearly all his life in the Coonabarabran District. For over forty years he had been employed at "Darouble" the sheep property of Mr. Roger Young at Purlewaugh. During World War I, he enlisted in the Forces and served his country well as a soldier.

In his young days he was a keen sportsman, and maintained this love of sport throughout his lifetime. He loved children, and was always overjoyed to see his many grand-children.

After the Church service at the graveside by the Vicar, a further short service was conducted by the Coonabarabran Returned Soldier's Association.

The deep sympathy of all Burra Bee Dee residents is extended to his widow, two sons, and daughter (Mrs. Sorby, Quirindi).