

Lovely babies steal hearts at the baby show

Chubby, strong-limbed babies won many hearts at the second annual Baby Show organised by the Greenhill-Burnt Bridge branch of the C.W.A. and held at Burnt Bridge one Saturday afternoon recently.

The judges and the visitors, including the Group president of the C.W.A. (Mrs. R. G. Evans), were enchanted by the children.

Dressed in their Sunday-best, their absorbed interest in the techniques of judging was a delightful mood study.

Except for a wet nappy or two, they emerged from their experience happily indeed.

Mrs. Evans told the mothers later in the afternoon that she had been looking forward to the baby show.

She said, "I can tell you I have never seen such a lovely lot of babies; a lot of well fed babies.

"Their little limbs are really beautiful and reflect great credit on the mothers."

She then went on to warmly congratulate Mrs. Morris, president of the Burnt Bridge-Greenhill branch of the C.W.A., Mrs. Lang, the Vice President, and the branch members for organising such a splendid function.

Mrs. Evans mentioned a speech made in Sydney recently by Mrs. Morris on the occasion of the National Aborigines' Day and she said the impact of it had been tremendous.

"We are proud of her in the C.W.A.," she said.

Mrs. J. H. Brown, wife of the M.L.A. for Raleigh, said members would appreciate the efforts being made by Mrs. Evans to keep in touch with C.W.A. branches.

The baby show organised by the Burnt Bridge-Greenhill branch of the C.W.A. had acquainted her with another aspect of C.W.A. work.

Referring also to Mrs. Morris' speech in Martin Place, Mrs. Brown said she had been there and had "never felt more proud" than when Mrs. Morris stated the case for the Aboriginal race.

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Sister E. Hodgson, who judged the babies, with assistance from Nurse E. Meissner, told the mothers that the condition of their babies showed a wonderful improvement on last year.

There were speeches from Mr. P. Chisholm, president of the Aborigines' Welfare Committee, who congratulated the C.W.A. branch on its progress, from Mr. L. Fairhurst, and Mrs. E. Richards, and Mid North Coast

C.W.A. Group handicrafts officers, who intend to hold a millinery course for branch members in the near future.

Mr. J. Redmond, Relieving Manager at Burnt Bridge, told his audience that he had been most impressed by the organisation of the baby show.

In her response, Mrs. Morris said her branch was deeply indebted to the business houses of Kempsey, which donated the prizes.

Entries had come from all parts of the Macleay and Nambucca.

Mrs. Morris said yesterday that £60 had been cleared from the show and the dance which followed.

There was so much interest in the dance, that two taxi-loads came down from Armidale on the Saturday night especially to attend it.

Results of the baby show were:—

Champion baby: Michael Marr.

Under three months, boy: Alan Clarke; girl: Jacqueline Hopkins.

Six months and under: Thomas Thaidy.

Under 12 months: Shirley Donovan, Lynette Dickson.

18 months and under: Monica Davis, Warren Smith.

18 months to two years: Marion Donovan, Hilton Donovan.

Three years: Donna Dotti, Michael Marr.

Four years: Madeline Moylan.

Twins: Warren and John Smith.

Darkest eyes: Dennis Smith.

Curliest hair: Peggy Sue Smith.

Best dressed baby: Donna Dotti, chosen after a draw from the hat.

Youngest baby: Pauline Ritchie (nine days).

Mothers travelling longest distance: Mrs. Hilton Donovan and Mrs. Neville Donovan, Taylors Arm.

Grandmothers' prize: Mrs. G. Hoskins.

A cooking competition was held in conjunction with the baby show.

Mrs. Joyce Knox was awarded the prize for the best sponge, Mrs. J. Hendrickson was awarded the prize for the best scones, and Mrs. M. Morris scored a "double" with her lamingtons and chocolate cake.

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