



Wed at Murrin Bridge

This happy bridal couple are Mr. and Mrs. Noel Parkes, who were married recently at the Murrin Bridge Church. The bride was formerly Miss Evelyn Black. The Rev. W. Ginns, the Church of England minister at Lake Cargelligo, officiated. Evelyn was formerly at the Cootamundra Girls' Home.

SIMPSON DESERT PROBE

The Anthropology Department of the University of Melbourne is making a study of the living habits of the Aborigines in the intense heat of the Simpson Desert.

An expedition is spending three months in the "dead heart".

The Victorian Bureau of Meteorology has made available a psychrometer (to measure humidity), thermometers and thermographs, instrument screens, anemometers (to measure wind gusts) and soil thermometers.

The object of the expedition is to study and record the reasons why Aborigines live in such an environment during the months of intense heat and severe climatic conditions.

The expedition expects to encounter temperatures of 120 degrees Fahrenheit or more in the shade.

It will try to obtain some measurable data that will indicate why vegetation grows better on the crest of dunes, where it is subject to maximum exposure to sun and wind, than in the furrows and troughs between dunes, where conditions should be less severe.

Another study will be aimed at finding out why lizards driven underground by intense heat at or near the surface of the sand adopt a colonial habit.

These colonies provide the Aborigines with a large and assured source of animal fat and protein.