

It was said Constable Sherry had been chasing another native along the railway track shortly before he saw Smith and had fallen, Corot and Company and pre- league president W. Bodney. hurting his ankle.

Sisters Jean (18) and Meryl Farmer (21) said they had seen the assault.

Constable Sherry said Smith was drunk at the time and had argued strongly with him. It had been necessary to use some force to arrest him, but he had not used too much force.

Coolbaroo, 1953.

#### **Prizes Donated**

Second prize was a necklace evening.

second anniversary cake, made by Mrs. J. Smythe, of Perth, was cut by contest-Prizes were donated by winner Miss Shea assisted by sented by Mr. Stafford. First Keith Anderson, dressed in prize was a five guinea dress neck-to-knee bathers as Miss order and an engraved cup. 1910, added humour to the



COOLBAROO LEAGUE secretary Nora Shea had a double reason for celebrating when she cut the league's second anniversary cake. She had just been judged winner of a special bathing beauty contest. League president Bill Bodney is pictured assisting her. (Further picture inside.)

#### III-temper

The Magistrate said Constable Sherry had struck Smith because he was in an ill-temper after having fallen.

Evidence given by the two native girls had been "re-liable."

Constable Sherry had made no specific denial of having struck Smith in his defence evidence. Smith could not have proved as argumentative as alleged because of an impediment in his speech, he said.

Hearing of the case began in Tambellup on December 14 and the Magistrate gave his finding late last month.

Among the many fine paintings that adorn the walls of the modernised Narrogin lesser Town Hall is one by world-famous aboriginal artist Albert Namatjira. He will do an aircraft tour of Australian capitals after meeting Queen Elizabeth in Canberra.

## **ADOPT MISSION BOYS**

THE W.A. Boy Scouts' Association intends to adopt groups of Scouts and cubs at Mogumber, Mt. Margaret and Roeland stations.

Association secretary A. Jones said the adoption of mission boys by district scout groups would mean that scouts would maintain scouty contact with their adopted friends.

They would provide them with materials such as secondhand uniforms and unwanted scout books.

Scouters had been asked to give consideration to the ways in which they could help mission scouts and cubs in their districts.

It had also been decided to encourage native boys from country towns, Bassendean and Bayswater to become members of local scout and cub organisations.

Native boys would be expected to carry out the responsibilities of scouting in the same way as all other members of their troop or pack.

Consideration of the adoption of mission boys had been discussed at a recent meeting of Commissioners.

Correspondence between metropolitan troops and native troops would also be encouraged.

Twenty boys at Roelands Native Mission recently accepted the Scout Promise and Law and were invested as scouts. They formed the 73rd W.A. Group, Roelands, and were welcomed into the movement by Bunbury Sea Scouts and Collie Troop.

Inquiries for scout membership could be made from the secretary, W.A. Boy Scouts' Association, 45 King Street, Perth.

# Welcoming the Queen

League to Send Letter

THE W.A. Coolbaroo Leagae intends to send the following letter to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth as a welcome to Western Australia.

"May it please your Most Gracious Majesty.

"We, the chairman and members of the Coolbaroo League, wish to extend our warmest welcome to you on your visit to Western Australia.

"The Coolbaroo League is a non-political and non-sectarian body of which all members are Aborigines. The League has now been established for over two years, and its principal aim is to encourage and help Aboriginal people to promote their own welfare and advancement in the fields of education, employment and social and economic development side by side with members of the white community in our democratic and Christian way of life.

lasting happiness.

### 'A WORD OF PRAISE

TO the Editor: A copy of your January issue came into my possession and I was impressed immensely by your achievement in producing an excellent paper. Although not accustomed to writing at random to the press, I felt impelled in this case, to write and congratulate you.

I wish you every success in your ambitions and highly successful venture. --- Yours, etc.,

Rev. J. Depiazzi, chairman Board of Management, St. Francis Xavier's Native Mission, Wandering, W.A.



Nine aboriginal children "We sincerely wish your Most Gracious Majesty a are at present in Princess long and peaceful reign and Margaret Hospital for children.

# A COUNCIL IN DANGER Gordon Vickle: Painter

NARROGIN Council is in danger-in danger of losing a reputation for tolerance, consideration and help towards aborigines living within the district.

The attempts by some of the town's councillors to implement a racial segregation policy can only be condemned. It is a far cry from the council's outstanding efforts to assist in the assimilation drive by providing houses for coloured people of the district.

Judging on reports of a recent council meeting, when it was suggested that separate seating and conveniences be provided in the town for aborigines, no real investigation was carried out to determine whether aborigines were the definte cause of mess made in certain parts of the town.

Councillor R. D. Sim blamed the aborigines for a mess round seats near the town hall. Councillor Zilko said that although he was against segregation it would be necessary to provide separate conveniences in the town for aborigines.

If either councillor visited conveniences at any of the beaches in the metropolitan area they would think twice about jumping so quickly to conclusions.

It is obvious that they and other councillors have unconsciously or deliberately decided that aborigines must serve as their scapegoat.



A WILLIAMS tea shop proprietress recently told the

QUIETLY-SPOKEN, reticent Gordon Vickle (20), of Wyndham, began to take an interest in art as a boy attending Forrest River Mission. A wattle stick became his first brush.

time.

His outstanding ability was superintendent gave some crayons.

had not painted shadows nor took first prize. grass under trees.

with them.

His first subjects were 1 There he read for the first | "No. If you woke me up in trees, horses, yards and the time of Albert Namatjira the middle of the night, I ranges, drawn as he sat be- and his water colours. He could start painting," he side a camp-fire in his first persuaded an airline pilot to says.

buy him some in Darwin. He began using oils To go to Perth for further noticed, but little was done through an accident. On one training. about it until the mission occasion a store sent him oils him instead of the water colours ing-a water-colour-to a he had ordered.

He said to Gordon: "There Last year Gordon went to been married, but the maris something lacking in your Darwin and entered some of riage was a failure. With the work. What is it? I'm not his works in an exhibition money he makes out of going to tell you." It was alongside the works of Albert painting he keeps himself then that Gordon found he Namatjira. Gordon's work and supports his child,

His ambition now is to give In 1950 Gordon's father up his job as a storeman and big obstacles, but even bigdieu and his family shifted devote his life to painting. to Wyndham. Gordon went Does he need to wait for in- ever, he is still a young man. spiration to come along?

His plans for the future:

Gordon sold his first paint-Wyndham taxi driver. He has mother and relatives.

Already he has overcome ger ones still face him. How--John Hendrikse.



press that she and her husband did not discriminate over natives-they made it a policy to refuse them all service.

She followed up this rather interesting statement by saying: "If we served one of them in the shop, we would have to serve them all. And if we did that white customers would refuse to come into the shop."

The proprietress made these statements following a refusal to serve six aboriginal members of the Coolbaroo League, accompanied by a Native Affairs Department officer and another white man.

In a very few words she took it upon herself to condemn the whole Williams community as un-Christian. A rather sweeping statement.

In fact, she and her husband do not outrightly refuse service in their shop to all aborigines. They do so only when it is convenient.

As an instance, they told the Coolbaroo League members they could have bottles of soft drink-"but you're not going to drink out of our glasses."

Perhaps the inconvenience of washing glasses is too much effort? Or, possibly they consider it "fashionable" (within their own sphere) to use stand-over tactics on people who have been oppressed in their own country for many years by our legislators.

In any case, aborigines now know that there is a second shop in the town where they can be certain of service.

It is unfortunate that some aborigines in the Williams district attributed a statement, in the press, made by the tea shop proprietress, to the Coolbaroo League.

NO member of the Coolbaroo League, or Native Affairs Department who witnessed the Williams incident said: "All the natives up here aren't clean like the ones in Perth. Some of them are just filthy." THAT STATEMENT WAS MADE BY THE TEA SHOP PROPRIETRESS.



THIS LINE-UP of attractive girls was taken at the Coolbaroo League's anniversary function on February 12. From left to right they are: Roma Wallem, Roma Kickett, Kathleen Ryder, Nora Shea, Monica Ingram, Nalda Dempster, Joan Deeble.

### **COOLBAROO LEAGUE MAY START BRANCH** AT NARROGIN

THE Coolbaroo League had hopes of starting a branch at Narrogin in the not too distant future, said president W. Bodney at the league's first Narrogin dance

ren.

Attended by more than 150 | Narrogin singer Miss Eunice surrounding districts, the dance proved a big success. Music was rendered by a town's modernised

people from Narrogin and Smith gave the evening a boost.

> The dance was held in the lesser

of 1954, on February 6. four-piece orchestra and Town Hall.

### BRIGHT PROGRAMME FOR NARROGIN DANCE

A bright programme has been arranged for the Coolbaroo League's second dance of the year at Narrogin on March 13.

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# **OUTSTANDING AIMS IN** PROPOSED CONSTITUTION KALGOORLIE

One of the foremost aims of a proposed new Coolbaroo League constitution is to foster a greater pride in the aboriginal inheritance. The league's committee is now working on a constitution for registration.

It is proposed, under the constitution to establish a hostel for coloured Australians-young men who are either apprentices or in satisfactory employment where a higher standard of living accommodation is essential to the success of the position.

A youth club which would be a young people's branch of the league, functioning under its rules and constitution is also considered in the proposed new constitution.

Other points laid down include:

The elimination of all unjust barriers which hinder, or could hinder, the opportunities and general advancement of aboriginal people. These barriers included Legislative laws, discriminating injustices and prejudices.



# **NEWS FROM**

Mrs. Lallie Akbar, her two small daughters and Shirley McIntyre, all of Laverton, left Kalgoorlie recently for an extended holiday in Adelaide where they will visit Mrs. Akbar's married sons and daughters. Rail bookings to the Eastern States are heavy and the party was lucky not to be stranded in Kalgoorlie for a month or so.

Ben Mason was a very welcome visitor to Kalgoorlie last month. His many friends were pleased to see him and hear of his doings along the coast. While in Kalgoorlie Ben had a slight motor cycle accident and landed himself in hospital for a few days.

Lance McGrath, of Yalgoo, was also in Kalgoorlie for a few days last month. He intended becoming a miner and settling in the town, but he had to return to Yalgoo.

Bob Donaldson and family were down from Cashmere Downs Station for a few weeks. Bob is to be congratulated on his present position. He is virtually manager-caretaker of Cashmere Downs, which is being restocked and built up again by Mr. R. Fox, of Kalgoorlie. Bob had planned on a holiday at Esperance with Darbin Murphy, of Edjudina Station, but they changed their plans when they heard of a diphtheria outbreak at the seaside town.

#### Welfare Work

 Work in conjunction with the Native Affairs Department and approved native welfare organisations, when desirable.

The term aborigine would apply to any aborigine of Australia or his descendants.

The Coolbaroo League would be a non-political, nonsectarian organisation to unite the aboriginal people of W.A. to a better understanding towards each other and the white community.

The encouragement and help of the aboriginal people to seize every opportunity to fight with determination for advancement in education, employment, social activities and a generally higher standard of living and Christianity.

### ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT

There was dancing through the night and until into the late afternoon at a bright New Year's Eve party at the Leonora home of Bill Ashwin. **Jottings from Round-About** Dancing went on until the sun went down on New Year's Day, then the gay crowd began to sing. They began with "Till I Waltz Again With soon went on to Bird Hill," "Wedd "Keep It a Secret, ful, Beautiful Bro "Forever and Even ished on "So Long

### Libby's Going to School Soon

SIX-YEAR-OLD Elizabeth (nicknamed Libby by Princess Margaret Hospital nurses) could barely see when she was + brought to Perth from Port Hedland four years ago.

Her eyesight had almost failed because of serious cataracts. But two operations and close attention at P.M.H., where she was a patient for more than 15 months, helped her greatly.

Bright at all times through her ordeal, Elizabeth endeared herself to the nurses. Though her sight is far from perfect now, she can distinguish colours readily and glasses are expected to improve her sight further.

Elizabeth is overjoyed because she will be able to attend school, at Jigalong Mission, for the first time this year. She has been spending the last few weeks in Perth.

Two pretty Kalgoorlie sisters Phyllis and Dorothy Tucker have joined the staff of the G.M. Dining Rooms.

The large number of children at Kurrawang Mission in what is really the first year indicates the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe. There will be at least six at school this year. There are others ranging in age from a few months and children of any age can be boarded there. The Native Affairs Department is trying to obtain materials to build showers and amenities to help Mr. Sharpe with his work.

Laverton can now boast four coloured children at high school. Three or four younger ones are craving for the day when they can join them. Alice Trott has been honoured by selection for Alvan House and Howard Thomas went back to Perth when school began. Hector O'Loughlin is attending Boulder High School and Jean Griffiths the Eastern Goldfields High School.

Patriotism is running high among aborigines of the Eastern Goldfields and many of them have expressed the intention of coming to Kalgoorlie in the hope of seeing Queen Elizabeth during her short visit,



sponsibility. This edition was late because copy did not come in promptly enough.

> In whatever district you may live there is news of aborigines which is of interest. You can play your part by writing to us about occurrences and opinions in your district. Send in news

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They began with "Till I Waltz Again With You" and soon went on to "Mocking Bird Hill," "Wedding Bells," "Keep It a Secret," "Beauti- ful, Beautiful Brown Eyes," "Forever and Ever" and fin- ished on "So Long." READ THIS	an enjoyable week's h visit to Cosmo and th attraction.	• • •	ry. It was their second ing pool the centre of THREE BOATS IN 18 MONTHS	your district. Send in news of your district because it is urgently needed. Address all letters and sug- gestions concerning Westra- lian Aborigine to the Editor, Westralian Aborigine, care of the Coolbaroo League, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth. The annual subscription is 6/	
Rates are 6/6 a	MISS LOIS THOMAS is now proudly showing an exemption ticket to her friends in Laverton. She is at present employed at the local hotel. MR. and MRS. LUPTON have arrived at Cosmo New- berry to take charge of the station for United Abori-	from bush natives in the Warburton Ranges district after allegations had been made that a native had run amok during a spear fight. * * * LEN HARRIS, of Mullewa is progressively passing all the Railway Department examinations for the position of stationmaster. His most recent successes were the stationmaster's accountancy examination and the first-aid	Aboriginal carpenters of Male & Co's Pearl- ing Fleet launched an- other boat at the end of December. This now brings their total to three boats in 18 months. They have now start- ed work on a new schooner, to be com- pleted within the next six months. Male & Co. employs half-caste carpenters and full-blood helpers.	Put PEP into your Party, Wedding Reception, Socials and Dances, etc. With ABORIGINAL DRUMMER Ron Kickett For Bookings, Ring W 3062	

# Aboriginal Patriots

### **By Mary Durack Miller**

SYNOPSIS: Midgegeroo, father of Yagan, was a man of bold spirit who had the respect and friendship of many of the white settlers in the South-West districts. Both Midgegeroo and Yagan believed in exacting a life for a life and made known their viewpoint to the settlers. They struck bargains and kept them; but would stand no insult, injustice or indignity to their people. The authorities issued a warrant for the arrest of Midgegeroo and his son so that they could be kept in custody until they learnt more of white men's laws.

### BOTH MEN continued to visit their trusted white friends and exchange gifts, though they did not come openly into the settlement as, before.

THEY were not greatly concerned that "the soldier men" were after them, because they knew the "red coats" were no match for them on their own ground. The white men were clumsy, ignorant and short-sighted in the bush and as easily eluded as children. Apart from this, their clothes -particularly those of the soldiers-made them conspicuous at all times.

IT was realised Yagah could be arrested only by trickery. So, taking advantage of his natural friendliness he was at last persuaded into a fishing boat, bound and sent to custody at Carnag, Island, a few miles off the coast. Here Yagan humoured his kindly gaoler and finally escaped from him in a small rowing boat, which he manouvered to the mainland with a single oar.

ANOTHER writer declar-"These natives ed: are thieves, liars and ungrateful of good treatment. This Yagan is nothing but a cruel, be long-remembered. bloodthirsty and treacher-

savage. ous not It is his 'martial courage' we have to dread, but his dastard duplicity as secret assassin and incendiary."

# **CHANCE FOR YOUTHS** TO SEE THE QUEEN

MANY aborigines between the ages of 14 and 25 will have an excellent opportunity of seeing the Queen in Perth on March 29.

They will march past the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in the youth parade under the banner of the Coolbaroo League.

which will be the biggest ever held in W.A.

Coolbaroo League president W. Bodney said the march would not only give those in it the opportunity to see the Queen, but would also be an honour that would

### Limited Numbers

The number to march with aldton-has been active for

**A FLIGHT** About 60 youth groups TO PERTH will take part in the parade

> Arrangements have been made by MacRobertson Miller Aviation Company for two boy scouts from the isolated Wyndham troop to travel to Perth, as guests of the company, on the occasion of the Royal Visit.

The Wyndham scout troop -the only one north of Ger-

"WHAT will he do next," a writer asked in the columns of The Perth Gazette, "This strange, vindictive, almost courteous savage?"

WHAT Yagan did was to put aside all precautions and walk unarmed into the township, wandering from house to house, visiting and sometimes helping his white friends. He even visited police headquarters to discuss the affairs of the settlement, and believing in his sincerity, the Governor again granted him protection of the law. From this time began a short era of happiness and peace for the ettlement.

BETTER understanding was established and Yagan reasoned with the authorities, that as they had now claimed the Bibbulman country, compensation in the form of reguar rations would prevent theft of vegetables and spearing of stock. These rations, he insisted, must be given as a oken of exchange-not as charity-and distributed, not by the whitemen, but by himself. This was agreed upon and worked well until a hot-headed visitor from Tasmania one day fired on a peaceful aboriginal party, killing Yagan's rounger brother Domjuin.

THE settlement was again in an uproar. Midgegeroo and Yagan were grief-stricken and enraged. Two innocent nen, who happened to be in the cart from which the fatal thot was fired, were shortly afterwards ambushed and peared on a lonely road by Midgegeroo and his son. The appy, peaceful days had been short-lived. Except for a ew police boys and their families there were no tribeseople now to be seen about the streets of Perth. Many of he settlers clamoured for protection and demanded the mmediate arrest of the tribal leaders. Yagan's gaoler luring his term on Carnac Island wrote to the Gazette in

AT last, reluctantly, in the absence of Captain Stirling, the Lieutenant-Governor issued a proclamation offering a reward of £30 to anyone who could "capture or aid and assist in capturing the body of Yagan, dead or alive." A slightly smaller amount was offered for the capture of Midgegeroo.

SOLDIERS, police and settlers combined in combing the countryside. Weary and fugitive, the Swan River tribes were now encroaching on each other's boundaries. Midgegeroo and his family were living on the charity of neighbouring groups, with no chance of being able to return hospitality as in the past.

ELUSIVE as shadows they scattered over the bush. Sometimes the search parties were within a few feet of them. They were in the trees, or crouched deep in the scrub and grass. Often they stood stock still and were passed by for fire-Someblackened stumps. times they remained under dren are still at school. water until a police party

would have first preference. Pat MacDonald. Anyone wishing to march hand in their names to lea- and the other white. gue secretary Miss Nora 19.

c/o the Coolbaroo League, be in Perth at the time. 102 Beaufort Street, Perth.

**IDENTITY IN** 

HOSPITAL

HALF-CASTE engine driver Paddy Torres has been admitted to Broome District Hospital suffering from an old leg injury.

Paddy, who is also foreman of the Broome powerhouse, has been having leg trouble for some months.

His eldest son Paddy (18) is also an engine driver at the powerhouse. His daughter Louise (16) is training to be a nurse.

Another of his sons, who recently left school is working for one of the pearling masters. His four other chil-



the Coolbaroo League would the past three years under be limited. Early applicants the control of Scoutmaster

Of the two scouts selected in the parade would have to one will be a coloured boy."

They will be met in Perthan Shea, not later than March by the W.A. Boy Scouts' Association and billetted with Applications could be sent other country scouts who will

They will be returned to Wyndham by aircraft a week later.

THE **STONE END** 

BOOROLOOLA'S weather man Billy Hooker is in disgrace.

Incessant rain caused the postponement of the aborigine's most important corroboree of the year. Billy, who took credit for having made the rain, promised to make it stop with his magic stones.

"The night of February 11 will be fine for the corroboree," he said.

February 11 came aborigines the and daubed them-

