

AUSTRALIA'S NATIVE POLICY CRITICISED

AUSTRALIA was reluctant to grant aborigines full citizenship rights, though their conditions varied from State to State, Dr. C. Duguid, of Adelaide, said in London recently.

An authority on native affairs, Dr. Duguid was speaking at the annual meeting of the British Anti-Slavery Society.

He told the meeting that in some parts of Australia aborigines had to obtain consent even to marry other aborigines. Often natives were paid only a portion of their earnings, the rest was held for them in credit accounts.

Misrepresented Race

Dr. Duguid, who runs Ernabella Mission, 1000 miles north-west of Adelaide, said the aborigines, numbering 80,000, were a most misrepresented and maligned race.

White man had wrecked their religion by taking away their fertile, well-watered sacred sites which were the essence of their being.

It was fair to call Australian aborigines primitive, but they did not lack intelligence. They had been described as the world's greatest botanists.

Their knowledge of animals was far superior to that of the white man.

A SOLDIER RETURNS

AFTER 12 months service with the Australian armed forces in Korea and Japan Victor Isaacs (20), of Pickering Brook recently returned to his home State.

Victor says he is glad to be back among his own



LOOKING CHUBBY AND STRONG, young Noel Rivers, of Derby, has become a bundle of energy during his three-months' treatment in Princess Margaret Hospital. From the moment he entered the hospital he became a "regular favourite" among the nurses. He is pictured with nurse Rosemary Klug.

people. Born at Leonora, he was a mill-hand at Nannup before joining the Australian Regular Army.

He intends to spend part of his leave with his parents at Pickering Brook.

Victor has been in the army for the past two years and is now considering returning to his civilian job.

Request From The Queen Is Answered

A SPECIAL coloured photograph of six-year-old aboriginal girl Beverley Noble, of Kurrawang Mission, near Kalgoorlie, is to be sent to the Queen.

Beverley presented a bouquet to the Queen at Boulder in March.

The Queen said she would like a photograph of Beverley as she appeared that day. The photograph has now been taken, and together with a brief biography will be sent soon to Governor Sir Charles Gairdner with a request that it be forwarded to the Queen.

PRAISE FOR LEAGUE

THE COOLBAROO League received high praise from Carpenters' Union secretary R. W. Clohessy in a recent edition of the union's journal The Carpenter and Joiner.

In the journal Mr. Clohessy said that officers of the league were to be congratulated on the part they were playing in society.

Two years ago the union agreed after some dissension to let the offices, now occupied by the league. Observations of the tenants had dispelled all doubts.

The Coolbaroo League had been a model tenant in keeping their offices neat and tidy, conducting their meetings in an exemplary manner and always paying their rent regularly.

It was felt that the Carpenters' Union was doing a worthwhile service to the community in letting the premises to the Coolbaroo League. With offices and a meeting hall more than 60 young people could meet together in a clean-living atmosphere.

Bush Child

Until late last year, Beverley knew nothing of the Queen or of white man's civilisation. She was found with bush natives by members of the Kurrawang Mission staff. Within a few months she became the belle of the mission.

Beverley's frock for her presentation to the Queen was designed by the dress-making mistress at Kalgoorlie Technical School and the frock was made by the dress-making class. The cost was met by the Boulder Council.

Birthday Party

Miss May Miller recently celebrated her 21st birthday with two parties at Mt. Margaret Mission.

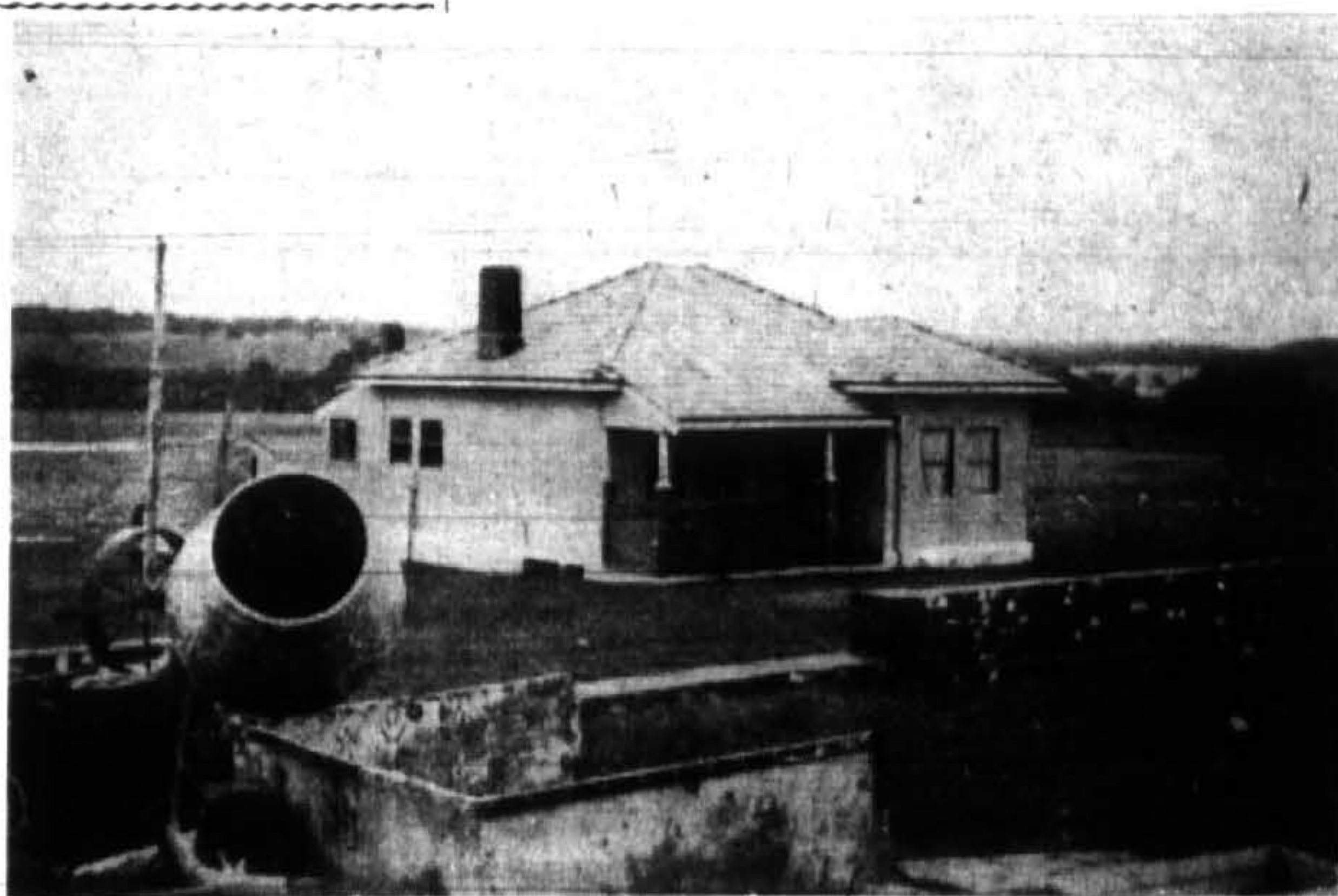
She gave the first party herself and mission staff and friends gave the other. Among the many gifts she received was a watch.

Registered at the General Post Office, Perth, for transmission by post as a periodical.

BOANS OF PERTH

for all your . . .

- ★ PERSONAL
- ★ HOUSEHOLD
- AND
- ★ SPORTING NEEDS



NEW NORCIA Mission has undertaken an ambitious native housing scheme in the past 12 months and has already spent £15,000 on five new homes. A further 12 cottages have been planned. They are expected to cost £24,000. One of the recently-completed homes is pictured.

COOLBAROO BALL Keep Monday, Oct. 4, Clear
IT WILL BE HELD IN PERTH TOWN HALL

Health Officers See N-W Native Children

NATIVE children on outback stations were so well looked after that they were as healthy as white babies, State medical supervisor of infant health Dr. E. M. Stang said recently on her return from a 5000-mile tour of the North-West.

She made the tour with the Health Department's correspondence officer Sister R. Nicholson.

Dr. Stang said that people on stations and missions took a great interest in the health of natives. On one station there was a hygiene hut where native mothers could bath their children every day.

Natives Co-operative

Station owners were encouraging the right attitude to health among natives and native parents were giving their co-operation. All seemed to be getting "health conscious."

During their tour, Dr. Stang and Sister Nicholson saw 110 native children and 118 white children.



ABORIGINAL carpentry apprentices George Birch and Francis Chillung, who were recently flown to Perth by the Wyndham branch of the Public Works Department are pictured working on the construction of a model roof at Leederville Technical School.

Native Carpenters Training in Perth

ABORIGINAL carpentry apprentices George Birch (19) and Francis Chillung (19), of Wyndham, were recently flown to Perth for six weeks' instruction at the Leederville Technical School.

Travel expenses of the two youths were met by the Wyndham branch of the Public Works Department where Birch and Chillung are employed.

A spokesman of Leederville Technical School said it was pleasing to note that aboriginal apprentices were getting an opportunity to attend trade schools set up for craft training.

Assimilation

A good deal of talk was heard these days of the efforts being made in aboriginal assimilation. When this was applied by action on the part of the Government it was a practical sign of something being done towards the craft education of natives living great distances from technical schools.

Vale, Gordon Vickle

WITH the death of Gordon Vickle (20), of Wyndham, in a road accident on June 14, Australia lost one of its most promising aboriginal painters.

LONG LAND LEASE OFFER

THE State Government had decided to offer a 99-year lease of mission sites to missions caring for natives, Native Affairs Minister Hegney announced recently.

A condition of each lease would be that if at any time the land ceased to be used for natives it would revert to the Crown.

Some missions already enjoyed greater security.

The decision, in association with a recently-granted increase in subsidies, would be of considerable help to missions in formulating long-term development plans to the ultimate benefit of the State's aboriginal people.

Vickle was killed when a motor truck he was driving overturned.

Almost a self-taught painter, Vickle was rapidly developing into a rival of Australia's most famous aboriginal painter, Albert Namatjira.

Unlike Namatjira he used oils, and figures were a feature of his work.

Vickle began to take an interest in art as a boy attending Forrest River Mission. A wattle stick was his first brush.

His first subjects were trees, horses, yards and the ranges, drawn as he sat beside a camp-fire. His outstanding ability was noticed, but little was done about it until the mission superintendent gave him some crayons.

TUTORAGE FROM MISSIONARY

The mission superintendent tutored him for a short time and showed him that he had not painted shadows or grass under some of his subjects.

In 1950 Gordon's father died and his family shifted to Wyndham. Gordon went with them.

There he read for the first time of Albert Namatjira and his water colours. He persuaded an airline pilot to buy him some in Darwin.

He began using oils through an accident. On one occasion a store sent him oils instead of water colours he had ordered.

Last year Vickle went to Darwin and entered some of his works in an exhibition alongside the works of Albert Namatjira. Vickle's work took first prize.

He sold his first painting — a water colour — to a Wyndham taxi driver. Before his death he planned to go to Perth for further training.

Vickle's Ambition

It was his ambition to give up his job as a storeman in Wyndham and devote his life to painting.

Unlike many other outstanding artists, Vickle did not have to wait for inspiration to come to him. On many occasions he told friends "If you woke me up in the middle of the night, I could start painting."



THIS IS a reproduction of one of the late Gordon Vickle's paintings. Unlike the famed Albert Namatjira, Vickle's work includes many figures of animals and people. He preferred using oils as his medium.

Try The New Dance

A new novelty dance that has been sweeping America, England and the Eastern States recently will shortly be featured at Coolbaroo League dances in Perth, Narrogin and York.

Known as "Roo-Roo-Kangaroo," the new dance is lively, fun-packed and easy to learn.

In conjunction with Mr. Brian Williams, of the Original Australians' Progress Association, the Coolbaroo League will be among the first dance organisers in W.A. to present the new dance.

Another new dance to be presented at Coolbaroo League dances is the widely-discussed "creep."

The next dance at Narrogin will be held in the lesser hall on August 7. Next York dances will be in the Masonic Hall on July 24 and August 21.

Miss Davis Resigning

Miss Judy Davis, who has been in charge of Bennett House, Girls' Hostel, East Perth, for some time will be resigning before the end of the year.

Any woman interested in taking her position has been asked to apply to the Native Affairs Department, Perth.

All photographic blocks used in "Westralian Aborigine" are by courtesy of J. Gibbney and Son, Ltd., Process Engravers, St. George's Terrace, Perth.

western australia's
leading ladieswear specialists

☆ our departments include: coats, frocks, furs, millinery, lingerie, evening wear, bridal wear, larger fittings, sportswear, hosiery, accessories and maternity wear.

corot
fashionwear specialists

N.S.W. Sets Native Housing Example

OF THE estimated 10,000 natives in New South Wales it is believed that at least half are living on reserves and in housing settlements, according to a recent report.

The report said that of the remaining 5000 about 3000 were assimilated into the general community and about 2000 were living in camp conditions.

In the La Perouse Bay area it was estimated that there were about 500 people. Of these only 150 were housed in the settlement, the remainder were living in homes in the general community.

Refinery Project

Though their main employment had been fishing and local industrial work in the past, the construction of a new oil refinery at Kurnell had opened up a profitable employment field.

Many coloured men were on high wages — similar to rates paid at Kwinana.

The native housing policy in N.S.W. now, was not to construct new homes on reserves but to build them in towns where coloured people were employed, or where employment was available.

Immediately after World War II, in an all out attempt to better native living conditions in the State, numbers of new homes were built on land held on reserves and settlements.

Assimilation Aim

It had now been realised by the N.S.W. Aborigines' Board that this policy — if continued — would retard the ultimate objective of assimilation.

Suitable blocks were now being bought in groups of two and three, in and near towns offering suitable employment.

When homes were built on these blocks the better families in the settlements were moved into them. Natives still living in camp conditions were encouraged to occupy the vacated settlement homes.

The N.S.W. Aborigines' Board financed its housing scheme from a Grants Commission vote which enabled it to buy land and contract with either the State Housing Commission or the Public Works Department to build houses.

Rentals

The board then allocated the homes and collected rents ranging from 15/ to 17/6 a week.

The homes were mainly cottage types with a central living room, one, two or three bedrooms with access from the central room. A combined laundry and bathroom were at the rear.

One beneficial result of the housing on settlements and reserves was that supervision and training of women in the care of their homes and children had been possible. Most of the families moving into the homes in townships would be well adjusted in this respect if the homes of La Perouse and Jervis Bay were typical the report said.



THEY'RE READY and willing to meet any all-aborigine team in the State that will issue a challenge. They are all members of the strong New Norcia Football Club which has had only one loss in nine matches this season. Over the past few years the team has built up a reputation for fast, fair playing.

New Norcia Team Displays Strength

IN the past few years the New Norcia Aboriginal Football Club has built up a sound reputation for fast, fair play.

This season the club has lost only one of nine games it has played.

Teams against which New Norcia has been pitted include Mogumber, Piawaning and New Norcia College.

Club captain Tom Taylor said that team members were hoping to play at the football carnival to be held at Moora soon. However, arrangements had not yet been finalised.

The Team

The New Norcia team is: Tom Taylor (captain), Roy Taylor (vice-captain), Lewis Taylor, Pat Taylor, Bernard Taylor, Pat Inditch, Malcolm Inditch, Keith Inditch, Bern Yappo, Albert Yappo, Andrew Woodley, Harry Coyanga, Jim Taylor, Ben Stack, Harold Willoway and Roy Drayton.

One of the Brothers from the New Norcia Mission is treasurer of the club.

Regular Meetings

Meetings and football practice are held regularly throughout the football season.

Though no admission charge is made for matches, the club usually manages to make a small profit from selling afternoon tea.

The team is anxious to meet other all-aborigine teams in the State.

FIRE AN ACCIDENT

A disastrous fire at Moola Bulla Native Station, Hall's Creek, on March 8, was accidentally caused by a two-year-old white child playing with matches.

Coroner and Resident K. A. Philp gave this finding at an inquest into the cause of the fire.

The Coroner said that the fire which destroyed the station's bulk store and junior school building causing £4806 worth of damage was caused by the misadventure of a white employee's child.

The fire had started in a spinifex wall at the rear of the junior school and then jumped to the bulk store.

In a rider to his findings, the Coroner said it was inadvisable to use spinifex in any buildings on stations.

Students Give Support to Scholarship Appeal

THE W.A. University Guild Council aims to give full support to the university scholarship for aborigines appeal, according to a recent edition of The Pelican.

The Pelican said that the scholarship would help by:—

- Making people aware of the need of the aborigine for special assistance and set an example for the community to follow.
- Giving a badly-needed incentive to aborigines to continue to higher education.

Poor Facilities

The majority of reports on educational facilities open to aborigines showed that they were totally inadequate. Encouragement was rarely given to aboriginal children to progress to a higher level of education.

Investigation had shown that within the next few years there would be natives in W.A. who could use aboriginal scholarships.

An appeal committee had been set up to raise money to implement the scholarships. Eastern States universities raised more than £5000 last year for the fund.

Bernie Elliott, of Mt. Margaret Mission is at present in Princess Margaret Hospital for an eye operation. Bernie has shown keen interest in work carried out by painters at the hospital.

Fred Roberts and C. Penny are fencing at Borden. Mrs. N. Roberts and Mrs. Penny are root-picking. Len and Stan Roberts are helping with seeding in the district and will soon start lamb-tailing. Simon Williams and his sons are fencing at Borden.

New Reserve at Moora

COLOURED people living on the old Moora reserve were recently forced to move out by certain town authorities.

Though the new reserve where the people have moved is further from the town it has the advantage of a newly-erected ablution block consisting of showers, wash troughs and coppers.

Original Australians Progress Association

News Letter

NATIVE Affairs Department representative George Howard, who recently spoke before the Rotary Club will address members of our association on Injustices in W.A.'s Native Legislation at the Literary Institute, Hay-st., Perth, at 8 p.m. on July 22.

Mr. Howard's talk will be followed by a discussion on native demands in regard to new legislation. Members have been asked to bring friends and interested people to the meeting.

Mrs. Carey has resigned from the position of secretary. We thank her for the time and energy she has given the cause and hope she will be able to carry on in some capacity which she can arrange for her limited time. Anyone interested in taking on the task of acting secretary should get in touch with the president — R. GOLDMAN.

Box S 1562, G.P.O., Perth.

Telephone: BJ 2094.

Refrigerators

at Special Terms for aborigine families

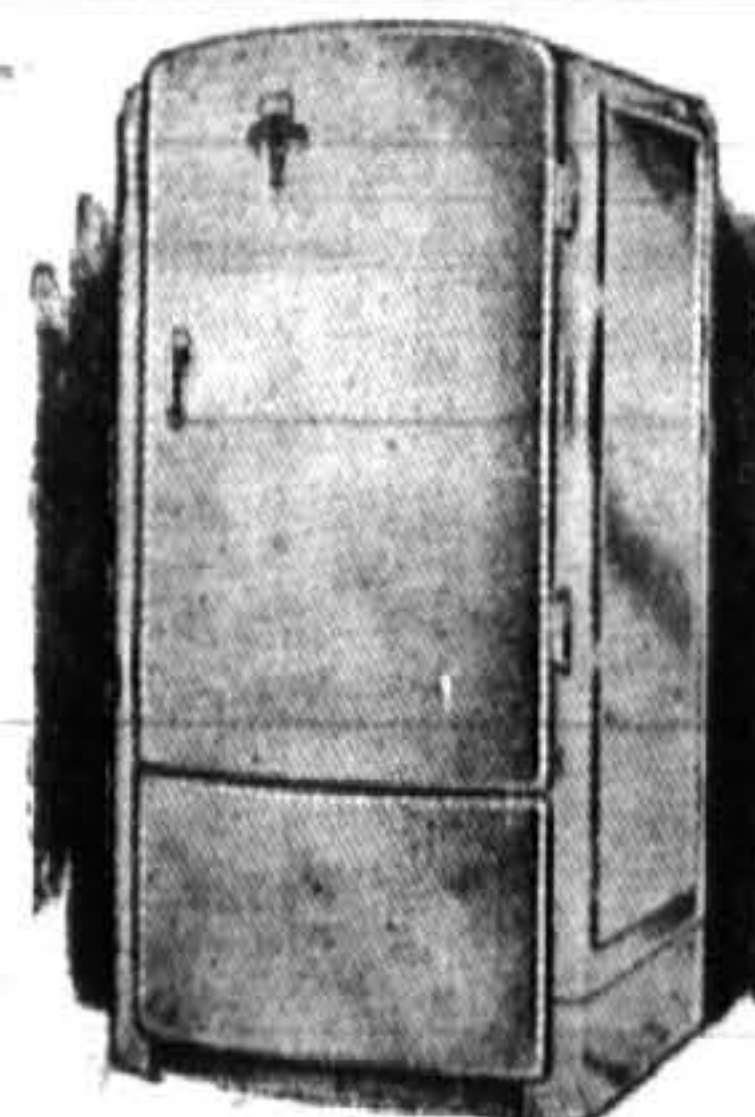
So that aborigine families can benefit by the use of refrigeration we will supply on Special Terms CHARLES HOPE Kerosene operated Refrigerators to those submitting suitable reference.

£121

£10 deposit — Monthly payments

MALLOCH BROS. LTD.

50-54 WILLIAM STREET — PERTH



MANYANA—

The Native Flower

By JOHN C. HENDRIKSE

SHE was a daughter of the wilderness who belonged as much to the Australian landscape as the gumtrees — a native flower which enhanced the fascination of the wide open spaces.

MANYANA played only a modest part in the station life of the whites where her presence was felt like a shadow, as noiseless as the moon in the north. Her tribal husband, in the winter of his life, exploited her by lending her to others.

THERE was a white man on the station, who was as hardy as the country that had challenged him. Step by step, he had conquered the soil and come to like it because what he got out of it was the result of a daily battle over the years. The country had absorbed him, his sweat, his labour and energy had become invested in the wide open spaces.

ITS cruelty had shaped him into a pioneer not to be defeated. He was as honest as the bush itself: natural, straightforward and he looked people straight in the face.

BEING human, he was yearning for the sweet elegance of someone very nice; he was longing for a soft voice to make up for the harshness of the country; he was craving for coming home to someone who was looking forward to his return and waiting for him. Someone who could soothe him with a bit of simple human happiness after an exhausting battle against nature.

BUT the cruel country did not supply the fresh flowers of his own race. Jack, therefore, submerged himself still more in the north and turned to the unsophisticated sympathy of caressing native hands and relaxed in Manyana's embrace.

SHE was a woman of nature and did not fear the blending of the two races which should be the symbol of a compromise between the happy children of the Dream Time and the white intruders of a mechanical world. Unconcerned, she happily watched Jack who was delighted to recognise in his boy his very self through his labour and sweat being mixed with the aboriginal soil.

HE now absorbed in little Billy the life stream of its blood. In the bush he had learned to love nature, to look after the things he had grown. The rain had taught him the beauty of grass coming alive. A man of nature himself, he looked after his boy well, although his work forced him to part with Manyana.

MANYANA had to give herself over and over again. It seemed natural to her because her tribal education had taught her that women merely existed to satisfy the needs of men. Something in her nature died when she found that the other whites had not learned to protect life when it was entrusted in their hands, did not obey the law of nature which made man the natural protector and keeper of his children.

SHE fought hard with the strength of her maternal instinct in that strange white man's Court, but lost her way in its complicated legal avenues. It all seemed so unfair; she had given herself generously, but the white father was allowed to break the laws of nature by finding a technically correct way out.

BUT now the hardy country of the Kimberleys turned into a faithful mother of her Dream Time children whom she could not fail. It was as if she had accepted her indefatigable opponent, Jack, at last. She now thought him fit to be the protector of her children.

SO Jack returned and defied the prejudices of the white community; he picked up Manyana, the native flower, whose leaves had been so shamelessly damaged by various imperfections in the hands. Jack was used to damage by now. The drought had often destroyed the land he had tilled with his sweat and blood.

THE marriage ceremony took only three minutes. Manyana had appeared in sandals in an attempt to live up to some white standard. There were only the two of them, apart from a couple of witnesses — white friends of theirs.

A simple formula: a signature, and a mark; a silent handshake; a photograph by a white amateur, then a modest morning tea in a European home. Only a few words were spoken, but there was an atmosphere of great human understanding and sympathy. At last Manyana had come home. She was a primitive wife, a child of nature, but a better companion in the lonely bush than many white women.

AT last Manyana flower may bloom in security, gently protected by the strong sunburnt hands of one of the finest specimens of the Kimberley type I have ever met — Jack. He is as honest as the bush itself in his naturalness, sturdy, straightforward: a great Australian pioneer who looks you straight in the face.



LARRY ... proud.

NEGLECT SEEN

IN a letter to Native Affairs Commissioner Middleton recently poetess Margot P. Shaw said it was sad to think the innate simplicities, loyal ties and truths of the first Australians were often betrayed by contact with a certain type of white who would readily exploit our native people.

She said: "Ever since I arrived in W.A. many years ago, I have questioned people who ought to know, why such shameful neglect of our national responsibilities was evident. The miserable conditions under which these people lived on the outskirts of several towns was a deplorable sight, and a black mark against Christian civilisation.

Divided World

"We speak of a world of division, fear and unrest, but chaos is apparently necessary to bring us to a sense of our responsibilities, and when these conditions succeed in awakening conscience to needs of the suffering, then we may say with truth, out of evil cometh good.

"Native tracker Larry's life of devotion to duty and his calling, is a lesson many of us could study with profit. Larry may well feel proud for the Royal interest he has created."

Isobel Cable has returned to Mt. Margaret Mission after working for several months in Kalgoorlie. She says that it is good to be back again.

Printed for the Coolbaroo League by Paterson Brokensha Pty. Ltd., 65 Murray Street, Perth, W.A.

A POETIC TRIBUTE TO BUSH TRACKER LARRY

A KALAMUNDA woman, writing under the nom-de-plume of Margot P. Shaw has paid a poetic tribute to full-blood police tracker Larry, whose outstanding ability won the affection and admiration of all North-West residents.

Simply titled Larry, the tribute says:

*Born of a native fighting tribe
Where corroboree music is heard,
A little black fellow is nurtured, grows,
Free as a flying white bird;
What is his name and his calling,
Is it all in the lap of the gods?
Thoughts such as these may assail his mind
As thro' primal bushland he plods.*

*A little black fellow befriended,
His loyalty knows no bounds,
Gives all the best in his nature,
No matter how hard the rounds;
With primitive instinct he finds the trail
Which white man never can track,
Many a time he's the saviour
Of souls in the great outback.*

*To honour the Queen's Coronation,
A medal is pinned on his breast,
For constant unstinted devotion,
Fulfilled the demands of the quest;
The best of his years are now over
From Derby he flew o'er the earth,
Larry did meet Great White Lady,
On her first Royal Visit to Perth.*

Native Employees Impress

Eight people of part aboriginal heritage are now employed on clerical and welfare duties in the field for the Native Affairs Department and another four are working as clerks in the Perth office.

A recent edition of Helping Hand, organ of the N.A.D., said attempts were now being made to bring their wages and all working conditions into line with those of other public servants.

Work of these people was at least the equal of their non-native predecessors in the posts they occupied. The practice of employing aboriginal people in the N.A.D. was being extended at every opportunity.

New Hostel For Native Boys

MCDONALD House, the new hostel for native boys in West Perth was just a stepping-stone towards the improvement of native school conditions.

Native Welfare Minister Hegney said this recently.

The establishment of hostels would bridge the gap in the education of native children, he said.

Formerly a private residence, the hostel had been renovated at a cost of £4000.

READ THIS

You can advertise in

"Westralian Aborigine"

Rates are 6/6 a single column inch or 5/- an inch, for contracts of 100 inches or more. For information write to Coolbaroo League, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth.

For Parcel Freight or
Passenger Bookings
To the North-West

Contact . . .

M. M. A.

194 ST. GEORGE'S TERRACE — PERTH

Regular Air Services to all Ports to Darwin