NEWS FROM BOGGABILLA

Gay Parties

The Boggabilla childrens' Xmas Tree was a real success. The Tree was tastefully decorated and gave the entire set up a grandeur to be remembered by kiddies and grown-ups.

Each child received a beautiful present from Santa and another one from a "Lucky Dip." Fruit, Lollies, Soft Drinks, Ice Creams, Sandwiches and Cakes were distributed freely.

A great surprise awaited Matron Harrison when Santa found her a lovely present from the Tree. This was a beautiful Lemonade set, a donation from the ladies of the station. Matron was deeply moved by this kind gesture and, with tears in her eyes made a short speech thanking everyone. She was so very pleased to think her work was really appreciated.

The children of Boggabilla Station were very happy to be invited to a free cinema show at Goondiwindi. They certainly enjoyed the Comic Strips and the Westerns.

The Boggabilla Boxing Team has had yet another great success at Warialda. All the seven returned with beautiful trophies. They have made a name for themselves. With so many boxers on the station, the management had better watch its step! Congratulations, John Binge, Nev Binge, George Binge, Warren Jerrett, Mervyn Jerrett, Henry Murray and Billy Waites.

The Boggabilla Station has recently been overrun by grasshoppers, and the residents have been disheartened to find their vegetable and flower gardens ruined. However they have not given up hope. The gardens must continue, come what may. Unfortunately the excessive heat has also, to a very great degree, aggravated the destruction of the vegetables.

A very successful dance was held at Boggabilla on New Year's Eve, the Social Club gave its members one of the grandest shows ever. The hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated, and balloons, buntings, etc., paved the way to enthusiastic merriment. Novelty dances etc. really and truly added much to the fun and frolic.

At exactly half a minute to midnight, "Old Father Time" (Harry Lang, 90) made his exit from the hall being lead out by the "New Year" (Little Jeanette Troutman). A few seconds later the "New Year" came crashing in again through a hoop covered in paper. The "New Year" was beautifully dressed in white taffeta, a silver tiara on her head and with a shining star-studded wand. On appearing she wished everyone A Happy New Year. All then joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne". There were over 300 persons present at the dance, which did not break up until 4.0 a.m.

WALLAGA LAKE

The Consul-General for Italy, Mr. F. Steafnelli, recently paid a visit to Wallaga Lake and took a keen interest in all he saw. He was greatly impressed with their beautiful homes and the well-equipped school.

After his inspection he had a pleasant chat with some of the residents.

Walter Hoskins, one of the oldest and much respected residents of Wallaga Lake, recently passed away in the Bega District Hospital. Walter was a good Christian and a member of the Salvation Army.