

The Government assisted in the establishment of the College by providing funds under the long term low interest loan scheme.

#### Institutions for Part-Aboriginal Children.

There are four institutions for part-Aboriginal children in the Northern Territory. These homes are conducted by Missions or Churches, subsidised by the Commonwealth Government, to provide accommodation and training at this stage for part-Aboriginal children only. See Appendices "T" and "U".

Betta Dixon Home, Darwin - This establishment is situated on Bagot Road about 4 miles from Darwin and is conducted by the Aborigines Inland Mission with assistance from the Commonwealth Government on a per capita basis. The home now operates on a modified cottage system since its transfer from the former location on Bagot Reserve. The past 12 months have shown, after a primary period of adjustment, that there are definite advantages in this system.

The home has accommodated 67 children during the year. Of this number, 51 attend schools in Darwin, 5 are at pre-school centres and one is employed full time. The children are encouraged to participate in spiritual, social and sporting gatherings in the community. On Sundays they attend the A.I.M. Church with their cottage parents as family groups. Holiday camps have been arranged during school vacations and have proved popular and beneficial for the children. A six acre block of land at Lee Point has been granted to the Mission for the purpose of establishing a permanent holiday camp.

Croker Island Mission - Croker Island Mission founded in 1940, is situated on the Island of that name off the coast of North Western Arnhem Land and conducted by the Methodist Overseas Mission. Financial assistance is provided by the Commonwealth Government.

Plans are well in hand for the transfer of the children from Croker Island Mission to the mainland. It is anticipated that this transfer will be completed by the end of 1964.

Fifty part-Aboriginal children from infants to adolescents are accommodated in self-contained cottages managed by cottage mothers. The distribution of children within the cottages resembles that of an average family unit with brothers and sisters usually housed together. This encourages a sense of individuality, ownership and responsibility in the children.

The Education Branch of the Northern Territory Administration conducts a school under the South Australian curriculum.

Five children have left the Mission this year to seek employment on the mainland, one was discharged to foster parents and one transferred for educational purposes.

Garden Point Mission - The Roman Catholic Church conducts Garden Point Mission on Melville Island. Financial assistance is provided by the Commonwealth Government. The mission operates on a dormitory system accommodating approximately 100 children from infancy to adolescence. There are also several young part-Aboriginal married couples who have remained on the Island and assist with the work of the Mission.

The children are educated to South Australian standards by the Church. In addition to the normal curriculum there is opportunity for the girls to learn domestic arts and the boys receive vocational training to enable them to work on the various projects on the Mission.

Recreational and sporting facilities are widely used by both boys and girls.