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Remembers

One of the original 1906 Newcastle High School students, Mrs. R. M. Hughes, of New Lambton, who was formerly Renee Oldham, expects to have as much fun at the Golden Jubilee reunion this month as she had in her school days.

She thinks more dignity was expected of the students of her year and recalls suffering a severe penalty for being caught in the boys' hat room with her knee on a small boy's chest.

Mrs. Hughes said that coming from Maitland High School, where the boys were taught several miles away from the girls, they had looked forward to



Mrs. R. M. Hughes.

a very joyous time in the combined school. But it was not always so, because

was not always so, because the boys knew too much about their capabilities and the girls could not keep pace with them, particularly in mathematics.

"More than once I was reduced to tears by the mathematics master. He would sarcastically refer to the time we spent gazing at the stars with engineers when we should have been indoors plotting logarithms. when we should have been indoors plotting logarithms.
"But it was lovely one day," she said, "when Alec Adams stood up and objected to such remarks being made in class and asked could they not be done in private, and the master apologised to my 'Sir Walter Raleight."

In later years, Mrs. Hughes said, they felt affection for their former masters.

masters.

masters.
She said the senior room began with 10 boys and two girls, herself and Gladys Philips (now Mrs. C. H. Seivl).
"Fifty years is a long time, but I think the boys could tell you of similar



friendships. Ask Roy Davis Bob Stove or John Smith,' she added.

she added.

Mrs. Hughes said that in 1906 cooking was the girls' only diversion from lessons. There was no sport, no dramatics, no glamor—not even a uniform.

All they had was a hatband with a silver shield. They wore cotton frocks in summer, made of material costing about sixpence a yard, and wool in winter and woollen stockings, of course. Silk was unknown then. "Yet we were very happy — and most of us got husbands," said Mrs. Hughes.



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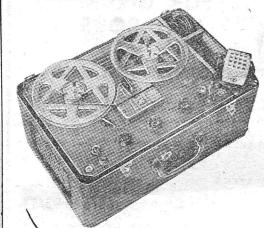
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Boys' High Prefects Of 1934



These prefects were the first elected when Newcastle Boys' High moved into its present school in 1934. Pictured are D. Martin, T. Ridgway, Roy Marks, I. Anderson, J. J. Truscott, A. G. Declerck, W. Reines, J. O'Neile, Peter Cox, S. J. Thurlow, W. Bremmell, J. Morgan, A. Cairns, Gedfrey Bentley, John Ratcliffe, J. Anderton, J. S. Crawford, Herbert Hume, B. Owens, F. Burdekin, Alan E. Roach (captain), Charles H. Christmas (headmaster), H. Wootten (deputy headmaster) and Robert Low (vice-captain).

EX-STUDENT'S REMARKABLE RECORD

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"ONOTO"

She's Fifty Years

Mrs. R. E. Perry, of Wolfe-st., captain of Merewether Golf Associates since 1940 and secretary of the Central Northern District Golf Associates since 1946, is probably the only woman ex-student of Newcastle High School, who has played in sports competitions for 50 years—and still does.

Formerly Elsie Richards she is one of a family of two girls and two boys who attended the N.H.S. over a period of 16 years. Elsie had been six months at Maitland Girls' High when the Newcastle school was opened in 1906 and most of the girls were transferred. the girls were transferred to it. She later became a probationary student and passed the Teachers' College Entrance Test for the Sydney Training College.

Elsie Richards organis-ed the first school concert



Mrs. Perry.

at N.H.S. to raise money for sport. From the ad-mission charge of 3d, she purchased a tennis net, four racquets and six balls for the use of the girls.

However, the golf fever seized her and has remained her permanent interest. She has been Merewether Associates' champion on four occasions and has won humerous competitions in numerous competitions in associates' and mixed mat-

The youngest of the four Richards, Leonie, now Mrs. McFarlane, played compe-tition tennis at N.H.S. and later A grade with Reid Park Club.

Mrs. McFarlane obtained her B.A. degree at Sydney University and taught Latin till her marriage. Quite recently she has resumed this work and is on the staff of N.G.H.S., where she also coaches tennis she also coaches tennis players. Her son is at B.H.S. and her daughter, Janet, is in fourth year at N.G.H.S.

School Motto

Suggested By Bishop

The original motto of the Newcastle High School-"Remis Velisque"-which is still retained by Newcastle Boys' High, was suggested by a former Bishop of Newcastle, the late Dr. Stretch.

with oars and sails, or more liberally translated, with all one's might.

The suggestion was regarded as a very suitable one for a seaport school.

When Newcastle Girls' High was established this school chose as its motto school chose as its motto "Courage and Hope," although it retained the colors of the original school. In 1936 it reverted to the original "Remis Velisque," although the essence of the alternative motto has been built into the tradition of the school the tradition of the school.

The first headmistress. Miss A. A. Brewster, in the edition or High miss A. A. Brewster, in the inaugural edition of "Nobbys" (Girls' High magazine), said in a foreword: "Courage begets knowledge, the knowledge that life usually yields what we demand of it. Strive then to achieve success, not only in worldly ways but only in worldly ways but in learning that only the good and true really mat-ter and that one can only truly succeed by having



courage and hope, in spite of whatever arduous circumstances beset one, realising that in achieving this standard happiness, brightness and joy will be no strangers."

The school colors are royal blue and red.

In the early days of the school no particular uni-form was required and the silver shield bearing the motto "Remis Velisque" worn on a navy hatband was the first distinguishing badge for both boys and

Then the girls wore navy skirts and white blouses. This uniform was changed to a navy pleated skirt and white "middy" jumper be-fore the navy, box-pleated tunic and white shirt came into existence. The navy blazers were bound with a scarlet braid and the hatband changed to a navy band embroidered with the school monogram and motto in red. School colors were also

This classical motto, from the Latin poet Siluniforms of both schools in Italicus, literally means with oars and sails, or more liberally translated, with all one's might. less white colors which are much more comfortable than those worn by their predecessors.



There have been several school songs in the history of the schools. The original School Song was written by Mr. R. G. Henerson, English master and, later, a school inspector, to the tune of "D'ye Ken John Peel.'

When the girls moved to their new school in 1930, a new song, to the tune of "Iolanthe" was written by an ex-student of the school, Mrs. Dora Birtles, who was a staff member at the time.

Still later a new song was written by Miss L. McKenna, a member of the staff and also a former ex student. This song is still



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The first step towards a reunion of "High" ex-students was taken

the link between past and present. This has been the

case with Newcastle High School almost from its estab-

by Alick Chalmers, of Wallsend, in 1910 and the first group to meet

with the object of forming a permanent club had coffee together at a



Miss Mary Cleary.

BUT the arquous work of Perkin-st. cafe one Saturday afternoon. ground, were very soon scattered over N.S.W., at schools or Land Offices. Soon came the 1912-1918 War and a cessation such festivities. Afterwards

BUT the arguous work of pupil-teaching and the long hours of public servants allowed little time for social gatherings. Also the earliest students, those with the Maitland tackwith the Maitland tack were on the staff of Cook's Hill Intermediate High School. One was the late Vince Walker, who also taught at Waratah. They N.H.S. ex-students formed ally members were busy in 1998 and this the Ex-Students' Union for big functions were held, schools. Active members

the Ex-Students' Union for schools separated. Prizes, that school. This was brooches, badges and other highly succeesful and many gifts were made to both There was a club-room, a were Mrs. M. Hughes, Miss rere were many gaps. In 1924, two ex-students mothers' auxiliary to help M. Mulvey, Messrs. Tom

ally members were busy in other ways. However, one ex-student, Miss Madge other ways. However, one ex-student, Miss Mudge Henson, who was Principal of N.G.H.S., suggested to the school's historical register that it commonly to the school's historical society that it commemorate the fifteenth year of the school's life by inviting ex-students to a party with the object of forming union. Membership varied from 60-90 and a fee of 2s was paid. There were



at private homes, play-reading, entertainment of examinees and a start was



Mr. A. W. Hannaford.

vited to join in debates and plays and this in-spired them to form a union for themselves.

Miss S. Payne re-formed the almost defunct ex-students' union of Grisi' High and added ex-stu-dents from The Hill. This was in 1953, and is the present live association.

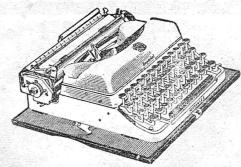
The aim or the present Newcastle Girls' High School Ex-Students' Union is to provide means of so-cial intercourse between and preserve the school tradition, while maintain-ing an interest in its progress and activities.

The 1956 president is Miss Mary Cleary, who has always had very close as-

sociations with the school.

The Old Boys' Union, reorganised a few years made to endow a scholar-ship. Ray Gubbay was the first secretary.

Senior boys and ex-students of N.B.H.S. were indents o



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Mr. Oliver Hogue, another former student, was personally pilotwas personally responsible for all news and statestateparty. Before the end of the tour, Queen Elizabeth made him a Commander of the Victorian Order.

The captain of Girls'

High, Joan Elvin, presented the school children's ed the school children's bouquet to the Queen when she inspected the many thousands of children assembled at Newcastle Show Ground in her honor











Two generations of Milnes form a close link between Newcastle Junior High, formerly the old High School on The old High School on The Hill, and Newcastle Boys' High. The headmaster of Junior High, Mr. A. W. Milne (at top), was for a number of years deputy headmaster at Boys' High, and his son, Mr. B. L. Milne, is now a member of the modern languages staff at Boys' High.

TWO RHODES SCHOLARS

Rhodes scholarships have | formerly Miss Helen Osbeen awarded to two for-mer Newcastle Boys' High students — D. R. Stewart students — D. and A. Knott.

Mr. Stewart was at the school from 1935 to 1939.

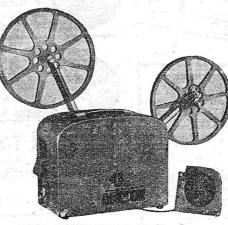
tinga, Bachelor of Science, and former student of Newcastle Girls' High, in addition to being the daughter of a former student of the original High School, Dr.

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Test cricketer Arthur Morris (front row) was a member of Newcastle Boys' High 1935 First XI. Pictured (r. to l.) are: Back row, D. Hughes, I. Simes, L. Hunter, V. H. Walker (sportsmaster), J. Anderson (captain), A. Street, L. Deads; second row, F. C. Wcoten (deputy headmaster), F. Buckland, E. Bay, N. R. Mearns (headmaster), A. Hines, C. Merrion, R. F. Goode (coach); front row, D. George and A. Morris.

Fine Record In Sport

rrom me earliest days of the Newcastle High School sport has played an important part in the students' lives and many have since made names for themselves in this field.

Newcastle Boys' High teams have shown great cooperation to win the Linitott Cup for athletics and the Farlow Cup for swimming. They have also had many successes in the Combined High Schools and 1953 and 1953 and 1953 and 1953.

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Burke, Arthur Morris, Girls' High also has an excellent record of sporting figures in the sporting figures in the school's history include. By reinstituting lifesaving so the excellent record of sporting achievements. Some of the squad which won the Hendry Cup presented by the Royal Lifesaving Society for general excellence. The cup of the school's history include the sc

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Both Newcastle Boys' and Girls' High Schools are likely to be represented at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in November, Kevan Gosper for Boys' High and Barbara Evans for Girls' High.

Every Novocastrian is University, U.S.A., where after she repeats her fifth looking forward to Kevan he gained his B.A. degree. Year studies next year. Meanwhile she will go to Gosper winning the 400 metres at the Olympic Games.

Kevan was vice-captain of Boys' High in 1950 and, in that year, also gained the Ross Mearns Prize for scholarship, sportsmanship and leadership.

During his five years' secondary education he broke 39 records at State and combined high schools' and combined high schools fixtures. In his athletic career he has broken 69 records in all. Gosper also won the 400 metres event at the last British Empire Games, held in Canada.

After leaving school he

> She learned to swim at the age of seven and has been winning competitions since she was nine.

She hopes to train as a physical education teacher

Mrs. H. Evans, of Pell St.,



Sydney next month for training and then to Rock-



Barbara Evans

hampton and Brisbane for winter training.

Newcastle South Bowling Club is sponsoring her and will also meet the expenses of her mother, who will act

Barbara has already, on unofficial timing, cut 11 seconds off her previous

time.
Two other ex-students,
Marie Stevenson and Janet
Johnson, won events as
representatives of N.S.W. at swimming and had op-portunities of training of Olympic selection, but did not take advantage of them.



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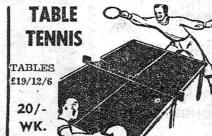
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