

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

Newcastle High Old Boys Form Group

Former pupils of Newcastle Boys' High School set up an Old Boys' Union at a meeting at the school on Tuesday night.

Executive officers and a committee were elected pending the drawing up of a constitution.

About 120 people were present. Most of them had left the High School within the past five years.

Among the older men were the Deputy Headmaster (Mr. R. J. Cochrane), the science master (Mr. F. Gray), and the President of the P. and C. Association (Mr. G. Owens). All are former students of the school.

Officers elected were—President, Mr. A. Hannaford, a former school captain; Secretary, Mr. D. Bowden; Treasurer, Mr. J. McKenzie, another former captain. A committee of seven was formed. Two representatives at the University of Sydney and one at the New England University College were elected.

The annual subscription was fixed at 10s. The committee is planning a dinner for next month.

THE Lord Mayor (Ald. Purdue) will present last year's Leaving Certificates at a ceremony at Newcastle Girls' High School to-morrow at 2 p.m. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Purdue, the Area Director (Mr. Gellius) and Mrs. Gellius. Girls' High P. and C. will meet at the school at 8 p.m. to-night. Newcastle Home Science and Newcastle Girls' High Schools attended a special 9 a.m. screening of "The Queen in Australia" yesterday. Within the next fortnight, many schools will attend special screenings of this film at city and suburban theatres.

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out a physical training teacher in the girls' department. For six months last year the girls had no mistress to take their games and physical training. The present mistress, Miss Gloria Kaufmann, who started at the school in February, has been transferred to Bankstown Home Science School.

THE Primate of Australia (Most Rev. Dr. H. W. K. Mowll) visited Newcastle Church of England Grammar School this week and addressed the girls. The school also received unofficial visits from the Bishop of Canberra-Goulburn (Right Rev. E. H. Burgmann) and the Bishop of Grafton (Right Rev. C. E. Storrs).

The Grammar School began its second term on Monday.

WARATAH Women's Auxiliary of Newcastle Boys' High School will meet at the school on Tuesday afternoon. The auxiliary will hold a students' supper dance at the school on June 18. Last year's fifth-year boys are invited.

STOCKTON Infants' School Mothers' Club held an Empire Day celebration at the school last Friday morning. The kindergarten class presented a nursery rhyme, "Soldier Games," and first class recited an Empire Day poem. A version of "Snow White" was given and the children danced the Maypole. Other classes presented a Britannia pageant. The club raised £17/17s from entrance fees and the morning tea. Members of the club have decided to hold a huddle club every second Wednesday at the James Linch Hall. The donation will be 2s.

JOHAN RUNDLE, fourth year, won the senior prize for oration at the Empire Day competition at Newcastle Technical High School on Friday morning. Junior prize winner was Robert Pearson of second

morning. Junior prize winner was Robert Pearson of second year. The adjudicator was Mr. W. C. Hockings. John spoke on "The Colombo Plan" and Robert chose "The Royal Tour" as his subject.

A FANCY dress children's frolic will be held in the Parish Hall, Maitland-road, Islington, at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday. Prizes will be given for the best paper costume, most original, most comical, best poster, cheapest, best national dress and many others. The frolic is being organised by the Islington Parents and Citizens' Association.

HAMILTON SOUTH P. and C. will hold a working bee in the infants' playground at the week-end to provide more seating accommodation. Members of the Women's Auxiliary and the Mothers' Club will prepare morning tea for the workers.

THE AREA Director (Mr. Gellius) will be guest speaker at the meeting of Mayfield East P. and C. on Wednesday. The Women's Auxiliary of Mayfield East P. and C. will hold a card party in the school assembly hall at 1.30 p.m. on June 16.

THE next meeting of Newcastle branch of the Teachers' Federation will be at the Presbyterian Hall, Hamilton, on June 16. The branch is conducting a postal ballot to determine its councillors for 1954-55. The annual conference of the Teachers' Federation which takes place in Sydney in the Assembly Hall, Margaret-street, will be held in the August-September vacation instead of the Christmas vacation.

THE ACTING Minister for Education (Mr. McGrath) has told Mr. Simpson, M.L.A., that tenders are being called

THE OLD BOYS' PAGE

On the 2nd of June, 1954, a meeting of Old Boys of the N.H.S. was held for the purpose of establishing once more the hitherto erratic Old Boys' Union.

At this meeting Charlie Goffet made an inspired oration. It was a somewhat clear and not very concise account of the history of the N.H.S.O.B.U.

Fired by enthusiasm, the gathered Old Boys' (some 110 in number) set about the task of bringing the Old Boys' Union to life. A committee was formed, and subsequently meetings of this committee were held.

Almost simultaneously a dance and a constitution were provided for the amusement and enlightenment of members.

Then, on August 13, Black Friday at that, a Reunion Dinner eventuated. Such was the success of this Dinner that a date for next year's Dinner has already been fixed.

In leaps and bounds, from success to success.

A further dance, successful though not triumphant, was held.

Then came the Annual General Meeting, and the affairs of the Union were placed in the hands of a legally constituted and elected committee, ably led by Alwyn Hannaford.

Plans are now being made for at least three major social functions, to wit, a New Year Cabaret to be held on Friday, 14th January in the City Hall at 8 p.m., a Ball on 31st May, 1955 in the City Hall and another Reunion Dinner in August, 1955.

In other spheres our hopes are also high. The bank holds us in credit, and our membership is nearing 200. For the information of those leaving school this year I shall point out that membership to anyone joining immediately on leaving school is at half normal rates. This means that those eligible can become full members for five and threepence. We hope many will accept this privilege.

The little we can do will, I hope, be carried on by present pupils, and by those who are yet to start in first year, when they, in turn, become Old Boys. Success depends not on the Old Boys of 1905 and 1906, but on the Old Boys of 1955 and 1956.

This Union can be a success; it will be a success; you can make it succeed.

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