

#### FOOTBALL—RUGBY UNION

It was pleasing to notice that this year's 1st. XV played more like a team and not as fifteen men. In past teams, usually two or three individuals have stood out and the team has lacked combination. There was little to choose between the players this year a few of them, however, were more prominent than their fellows.

The three teams in the Competition were well-matched, and each game was keenly contested. Determined definding as wll be seen from the low scores, was a feature of every match. The team, though beaten in the final, was not disgraced. Maitland's heavy pack distressed the School, and the handling of the centres was faulty.

The results were:--

1st Round: v M.H.S., won 11-8; v. M.B.H.S., lost 0-3; Second Round: v. M. H.S., draw 3-3; v. M.B.H.S., won 6-3; Third Round: v M.H.S. lost 8-12; v. M.B.H.S., won 8-6; Fourth Round: v MH.S., lost 3-6; v. M.B.H.S., won 7-6: Final: v. M.H.S., lost 0-6.

Grierson, the captain, played a sound defensive game in the forwards, whilst his deputy. Buttsworth, was the finest back in the team, if not the Competition Both his defence and attack were excellent. He has the weight and pace, and the team hope he will go further in football. McCrae, the custodian, played a safe game, but his experience of arst grade Rugby has only been short. Matthewson also a new player, has done all that was asked, and he like McCrae, should also show improvement next year. Galton, in-centre, is a good defender and he too, should be an asset to next years team'. Gibbes (junior) although lacking weight, showed initiative in attack and defended soundly. K. Wiliams' reliable left foot was responsible for not a few of the points scored. It is as difficult as it is unnecessary to pick the best of the forwards. McGann is a fine player in attack; his weight and stamina helped the forwards considerably. Frew shows great promise to become one of the finest forwards this school has produced. He is young and if he continues to improve, he will be a great help to future 1st XVs. J. Williams has satisfied and although new to the code, should play better next year. The two breakaways, Brown and Ewing have played brilliant football throughout the season. Both have led the attack and figured in most of the successful movements. Thomas played a good game in the rucks and his defence was solid. Rowe, though not heavy proved himself one of the most successful "rakes" the school has had. The team's consistent successes in the scrimmages were mainly due to his determined efforts. James should be an improved player next season.

The zest the players put into their practices and their attention to training, was responsible in no small way to their successes throughout the season. The team's sympathy is extended to Harrival, who suffered an unfortunate injury during practice. His loss was keenly felt, and it is hoped he will be able to strip for the School next year.

The whole-hearted support and enthusiasm of Messrs. Ireland, Gibbes and Lynch, in coaching the team was largely responsible for its good showing and fine efforts, which were rewarded by running-up in the competition.

The players also wish to acknowledge the support of the Senior girls. Their interest in the team was a feature of every match.

The team sincerely congratulates Maitland on ts well-merited success in winning the Shield presented by the New South Wales Rugby Union

-"HANGER-ON."

#### SECOND GRADE "B" TEAM

The disbanding of the 2nd XV was most unfortunate, as it deprived the members of the 1st XV of suitable opponents at practice.

All the member showed splendid keenness in attending practice, but it is impossible to do much in the way of working up "footer" combination, especially among the backs with only one team on the ground. This fact coupled with the loss of a really fine centre, in O'Sullivan, accounts for the team's showing but little improvement after June.

Members of the lower teams should consider that they owe some duty to School Football as a whole, and endeavor to give some assistance to members of the 1st XV in the matter of practice. Unless this is done, the enthusiasm of the 1st XV will not be maintained, and our results will grow steadily worse. The year we did not achieve the success which the enthusiasm of our players deserved and their ability warranted, but in view of the difficulties mentioned, the team is to be most heartily congratulated.

-J. W. GIBBES.

#### THIRD XV. "A" TEAM

The results of the matches played by the 3rd XV "A" team were as follows:—  $\,$ 

11/5/27, Defeated by Marist Bros. Points, 0; 18/5/27, Defeated by N.H.S. "B," 4 points; 25/527, Defeated by M.H.S. "A," 4 points; 8/6/27, Defeated N.H.S. "B," 4 points; 15/6/27, Defeated by M.H.S. "A" 0 points; 27/7/27, Defeated Marist Bros., 4 points; 3/8/27, Defeated Marist Bros., 4 points; 10/8/27, Defeated M.H.S. "B" 4 points. Total, 24 points.

This team is to play Maitland High School 3rd XV "A" team in the final, both teams having the same number of points.



The 3rd Grade "B" team did not have a very successful season. The "B" team was as follows:—Evans, Galton, Grisdale (Captain), Boswell, Bennett, Hamilton, Turner, McDonald, Taper, Reed Finigan, Noble, Cleaves, Curran and Allanson.

The games played were: Maitland High School "A" team v our team. Maitaind won 21-3, McDonald scoring.

N.H.S. v. M.H.S. "B" team. Newcastle were successful in winning by 6 to 3. Turner scored and Evans converted. N.H.S. team v. Marist Bros. Marists won 12-6. Finigan and Noble both obtained tries which were not converted. N.H.S. "B" team v. N.H.S. "A" team. The A's won 17-9. For the B's, Bennett, Turner and Grisdale scored. B team v. M.H.S. B team, Maitland were successful, winning 17 to 5. Tries were obtained by Curran, Grisdale and Turner. B team v. N.H.S. A. team. The scores were 12 all. For the B's Hamilton, Grisdale and Turner (2) scored. M.H.S. A team v. our team. Maitland won by 18-6. For the B's, Allanson and Taper scored. The most successful players were Hamilton, Turner, Grisdale, and Taper. Turner and Hamilton travelled to Gosford with the under 8 stone team. We hope to have a more successful season next year.

#### BOYS' TENNIS

Weekly practice is held each Wednesday afternoon, at Empire Parkfor all except first year boys. First year had to be excluded, on account of the large number of boys wishing to participate in the game. The "A" team has been most successful to-date, not having lost a match. Three matches have been played against Maitland Boys' High School, all of which were won by Newcastle. The first match was played at East Maitland, when the scores were 5 sets 31 games to 1 set 19 games in favor of Newcastle. The second match, played at Newcastle the following week, also resulted in a win for Newcastle, when the scores were 5 sets to nil.

About the end of June an "A" team and a "B" team went to Maitland The "A" team won by 5 sets 33 games to 1 set 19 games, and the "B" team played a draw, the scores being 3 sets all.

On Friday, 26th August, a team consisting of six boys, journeyed to Gosford together with teams representing the various other sporting bodies, and a very enjoyable day was spent. The morning was spent inspecting some of the more important sights of the town, and in the afternoon a match was played against a team from the Gosford High School. Newcastle proved to be much too good for the Gosford Boys, and the final scores were 13 sets 78 games to 0 sets 12 games.

It is unfortunate that there are not more High Schools in the district, against which we could play, as it is not very interesting to be playing the same team so often.

#### GIRLS' SPORT

Winter sports for girls at the Newcastle High School are:—Hockey, Tennis, Basket-Ball and Vigoro. In a very brief review of their activities during the past months, it might be pointed out, that while the season has not been satisfactory from the competition standpoint—due largely to the inability of Cook's Hill and Maitland to hold their sports on Wednesdays—yet it has been intensely gratifying in quite another, and a more important way.

No one will deny that Competition in sport is an excellent thing, but it can be overdone—and one takes it, that the object of devoting one afternoon a week to sport, is to give every student an opportunity for healthy exercise. When competitions and matches are indulged in to excess is it not true that a few players receive practice, while the majority act in the capacity of spectators, and forego their usual exercise?

From this point of view, then, we may regard our season as a wonderfully successful one, and every girl has received the maximum benefit from ber Wednesday afternoon.

This is the first Winter during which the girls have been adequately catered for as regards playing fields. They owe this to the efforts of Mr. Harvey, and the relief they feel at the delightful change is expressed in the following reports from the Sports' Union Representatives:—

#### HOCKEY

As usual, Hockey has attracted many girls this season, over sixty rolling up for practice each week. ,

Practices have been carried out at No. 2 Sports Grond, in charge of Miss Dalgleish and Miss Watkins. This field is a decided improvement on the Newcastle Showground, where we played last year.

The "A" Hockey team consistes of the following girls:—Centre Forward; Inners, L. Heery and E. Redman; Wings. D. Gilbert and E. Jones; Halves, L. Sullivan, (Captain), J. White and J. Brent; Backs, J. Bryce and P. Firkin; Goalkeeper, L. Robinson.

Our record this year is one of success, only one match having been lost.

This was played against the Ex-Students ,during their early vacation from the Teachers' College. Miss Watkins acted as referee, and the scores were two goals to one, in the Ex-Students' favor.

The following week a return match was played, when the School completely turned the tables, and surprised everyone by defeating their opponents by nine goals to one. M. Wines and D. Gilbert scored three goals each, and L. Heery, E. Jones and E. Redman one each.



After the Mid-Winter vacation, fourth year challenged the rest of the School. Their team included all the, "A" forwards, but the school boasted the "A" backs—hence the game proved most exciting, (for we are all aware that 4th Year girls are positively "hockey mad.") The School found them no mean opponents, however, the game resulted in a draw, three level.

A fortnight later saw the return match, both sides being quite determined that the "armed neutrality" of an even score must not last. But in spite of the most frantic efforts, and every helpful encouragement from the senior boys—the final score left the teams in the same position—even play, one all.

Next came a challenge from the Ex-Students, for a match on the 24th August. They have among their number, such first-class players as Lilian Anderson, and Ethel Heery. The latter, we may mention, recently returned from Melbourne, where she played right wing for Sydney Teachers, against the Southern Students. However, the Ex-Students did not meet victory in either of their matches against us this time,—the scores were 3 to 1, in the first game, and 8 to 4 in the second, in our favour.

An enjoyable day was spent at Gosford, when several teams travelled down for matches there. This is the first season Gosford girls have played hockey, nevertheless the first goal was theirs. Newcastle attacked vigorously throughout, and in the second half gained three goals there being no further score from Gosford.

Incidentally, we would like to know if the boys have found Kendall Rock yet?

Three short weeks and our beloved sticks must be relegated to the Sports Press—instead of pounding down the field. Next term will find us "treading water,"—lured by the thoughts of cooling swims and the attendant delights thereof.

-LE SULLIVEN

#### GIRLS' TENNIS

The number of Tennis enthusiasts among the girls during the winter months must be gratifying to any lover of the game, but there was one serious drawback—namely, all grounds have been badly over-crowded.

We still use Reid Park, in addition to the School courts, and recently owing to the tireless efforts of Mr. Harvey, the three Hill courts have been obtained for our use on Wednesdays.

A private court, belongoug to Mr. Greentree, has also been placed at our disposal, and we take the opportunity of again thanking him for his courtesy. The personnel of the "A" team has not changed, since the last issue of the Novocastrian—Colleen Murphy captains the team, the other members of which are Nita Patterson. Thelma Morris, and Thelma Spence, with Morvyth Jones as emergency.

It has been hard to arrange matches, though we have played the Ex-Students and the Dominican Convent during the season, being defeated by them.

Gosford included the Tennis team in their recent kind invitation,—we were all delighted with the trip and the enjoyable day spent there. Newcastle girls won the tennis match, by five sets to three, 42 games to 29.

With the definite easing of the tennis situation, through increased accommodation, and under the excellent coaching of the staff in charge of tennis—we have hopes of better days—and better "plays"—during the summer months.

-COLLEEN MURPHY

#### BASKET BALL

Basket Ball it at last being played under such ideal conditions, that interest in the game, which was decidedly on the wane, has thoroughly revived.

The new field at No. 1 Sports Ground is entirely satisfactory, and we have procured new rings and balls to bring the game up to date and in accordance with the new rules.

Our "A" team includes:—Trixie Heel (Captain), Joyce Collins, Jean Bryce. Enid Cox, Doris Ball, Edna Locker, Sylvia Green—with Mary Firkin as first emergency.

Our first match of the season was against Cooks Hill—we lost to them, 12 to 9. However, we did not let this discourage us, appreciating the wonderful work of their goal defender—and in a return match, play' resulted in a draw—8 goals all.

We accepted Gosford's invitation for two teams to visit them, on Friday 26th August, and three games were played there.

Newcastle "A" v. Gosford "A" spelt victory for Newcastle, the final scores being 13-12. Enid Cox excelled herself here, seldom missing the ball, and cleverly intercepting Gosford's passes.

Then came the match between the two "B" teams. Newcastle girls lacked weight and height—but with the odds heavily against them, they played a sporting game till the last minute. The score was in favour of Gosford, however.

Later, Gosford "B" played Newcastle "A" but success attended the Newcastle team again ,the scores being 24 to 3.

This was our only "expedition" during the season, and having thoroughly enjoyed it our only regret is that time is now too short to allow for a return visit.

EDNA LOCKER.



#### **VIGORO**

Throughout the winter, Vigoro has been played at No. 1 Sports' Ground, under the supervision of Mrs. Meillon and Miss Lemm.

About forty-five girls attend every Wednesday. We have two sets of material, and excellent practice has been obtained by every girl, on many pleasant Sports afternoons.

We were not able to obtain a game with any other school, however, and matches have been confined to inter-class, or inter-team competitions.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Munro, the father of an enthusiastic player, for re-binding our Vigoro bats.

-EVA GREENTREE.

#### GIRLS' SWIMMING

The swimming season begins after the September vacation, and all the girls who have chosen this as their summer sport, are eagerly looking forward to their first dive in the refreshing waters of the Ocean Baths.

A review of the rolls shows that many non-swimmers will be classed as mediums, now, while a number of mediums will attain the much desired glory of ranking with the good swimmers.

Life-Saving classes will be re-organised, and it is hoped that a record number of awards will be gained this year.

Last season, one hundred and seventy four awards were obtained by the girls, and recently some of these were forwarded to Miss Dalgleish. They were presented by Mr. Harvey, at assembly, to the following girls:—

J. Bryce, J. Brent, M. Wines, M. Connell and N. Einsaar—bars to the Bronze Medalion.

L. Robinson, L. Sullivan, G. Oldham, D. Gilbert, J. White, L. Heery, E. Jones, E. Thomas, V. Martin, E. Greentree, J. Boot, V. Drysdale, B. Giles, P. Firkin, M. Cherry and T. Henwood—Bronze Medalions.

The Proficiency and Elementary Certificates have not come to hand yet.

We regret that we will lose two of our best swimmers, in November, Lee Sullivan and Lily Robinson will sit for their Leaving Certificate Examination. It remains for the juniors to prove their worth, and retain for Newcastle, the Country High Schools' Shield, at the Sydney Carnival next year.

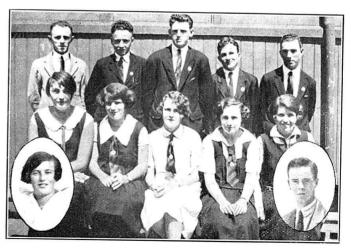
—JEAN BRENT.



Some of the boys of 3A class enjoying themselves at lunch on Sports Day, 19th August, 1927.

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L. Snape, R. Grierson, S. Bowers, T. Kitley (School Captain), J. Thomas, D. McLeod, Jean Brent, Thelma Morris, R. Richardson, Le Sullivan (Capt), Joyce Bryce, A. Brown.



#### NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING

RESULTS OF GIRLS' EVENTS.

#### AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS:-

12 years and Under—V. Morrison 1; W. McVittie, 2; E. Morgan 3. Time, 7  $3/5{\rm sec.}$ 

13 Years—B. Oakley, 1; J. Coates, 2; M. Craigie, 3. Time, 7 2-5sec.

14 Years-J. Gibson, 1; V. Geggie, 2; T. Coady, 3. Time, 10 1-5sec.

15 Years—E. Rundle, 1; T. Spence 2; T. Henwood 3, Time 9 4-5 sec.

16 Years and Over—D. Gilbert 1; E. Jones 2; N. Einsaar 3. Time 10sec. 100 Yards Senior Championship of School—E. Runddle 1; D. Gilbert 2; T. Spence 3. Time, 12 3-5.sec.

50 Yards Junior Championship of School—J. Gibson 1; B. Oakley 2; M. Wellings 3. Time, 7 2-5sec.

75 Yards Inter-High School Championship—E. Rundle (Newcastle), 1; D. Gilbert, (Newcastle), 2; T. Spence (Newcastle) 3.

Orange Race-T. Henwood, 1; N. Einsaar, 2; L. Sullivan 3.

Sack Race-M. Ryan 1; D. Gilbert 3.

Junior Three-Legged Race—E. Cox and E. Wrightson 1. R. Janson and V. Geggie 2; E. Morgan and N. Campbell 3.

Senior Three-Legged Race—E. Rundle and E. Holt, 1; D. Gilbert and L. Heery. 2; P. McFadyen and B. Wilby, 3.

Driving the Hockey Ball-D. Yates, 1; B. Giles 2.

300 Yards Junior Inter-High School Relay— Maitland 1; Newcastle 2; Cook's Hill, 3.

400 Yards Senior Inter-High School Relay—Maitland 1; Newcastle 2; Cook's Hill, 3.

Junior Obstacle Race—W. Sharpe, 1; T. Coady 2; E. Wrightson 3. Senior Obstacle Race—D. Gilbert, 1; M. Wines, 2.

Ex-Students Race—D. Brant, 1; M. Hindmarsh, 2; M. Cleary, and E. Heery, 3.  $\,^{\prime}$ 

Tunnel Ball—5th Year, 1; 4B, 2; 4A 3.

Overhead Ball-4A, 1; 3B. 2; 5th Year 3.

Under and Over Ball-4A, 1; 5th Year, 2; 3B, 3.

Cross Ball—4A, 1; 3B, 2; 3AC 3.

Tunnel Ball—Ex-Students v. School Champions—Ex-Students 1, the School 2.



We offer our sincere thanks to the advertisers in this edition. While it would be difficult to fully satisfy everyone, we assure them that we shall always endeavour to please; for without their support we would not be able to publish the journal. We endeavour to make each advertisement, a good example of the printer's art.

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We ask all students and parents to make a point of patronising the firms advertising with us. In doing so, they are helping their school.

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Our best thanks are due to the Aldermen of the City Council, for their generous support in everything apperlaining to the school's welfare. To Alderman Gibson, Mayor of Newcastle, we are particularly indebted. Never has he missed an opportunity of advocating the establishment of the long-hoped-for new High Schools. Only recently when Mr. Davies, M.L.A., the Minister for Education, was in the district, he endeavoured to let him have a glance at the dilapidated building in Sydney Street.

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We are at present uncertain when the school cricket season will open. All depends on when the grounds will be ready. Cricket usually begins at the end of September and finishes at the end of March. The City Council however, have no definite limits for either the football or cricket season, and the result is that football frequently encroaches upon cricket. If this happens, then the School is seriously inconvenienced, for we do not need the grounds from mid-December to the beginning of February, on account of the long summer vacation. Could the City Council be prevailed on to fix definite limits to the football and cricket season?

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After frequent requests, we are having the side fence of the school renewed. Four or five panels were missing; we show elsewhere a picture of the fence as it has appeared for months past. It is in keeping with the general condition of the building. The daily spectacle of ill-lighted and ill-ventilated rooms, damp walls, falling slates, broken windows and sashes, rat-holed floors and stone-paved art and physical culture rooms must have its effect on the outlook, not to mention the health, of boys and girls at the most impressionable period of their lives. For youth is the season for the most momentuous and potent influences for good. If, in youth, there is the possibility that the soul may be permanently warped out of shape, there



is also the possibility that it receive the nourishment that enables it to develop its own robust beauty. But alas! for the nourishment that our ram-shackle buildings offer!

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Two recent events, the visit of the lady doctor and the Sports' Day held in August, reminds us that the physical needs and development of the present day scholar are well kept in mind. This of course, is as it should be. We have learnt that the efficient citizen is one who is not "lop-sided." but developed in mind and body, and that each of these factors reacts on the other.

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The attendance of parents at the Annual Sorts' Meeting on August 19th, was the best within the history of the school, and, had the weather been more favorable during the afternoon, it might have been even better. Old students as well as those in attendance helped splendidly to make the function a success. Mr. V. Walker is to be congratulated on his organisation. Much praise is also due to Miss Dalgleish and Mr. Ireland, as well as to every member of the staff, for the enthusiasm displayed. A word of thanks is also due to those students who remained behind on the holiday and helped to clear the ground.

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Mr. Wylie, the popular caretaker at the Sports' Ground, did splendid service as starter.

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The headmaster recently called a meeting of parents to form a High School P and C. Association. There were over 60 present, and great enthusiasm was shown. Mr. Harvey outlined the ways that such an association could help the school. A temporary committee was appointed to draw up a constitution, and a further meeting is to be held on Thursday, 8th September, for the purpose of adopting this constitution and electing officers It is hoped that all parents will become members. The nominal yearly subscription has been fixed at one shilling per member. Any parent not in touch with the officers of the Association could forward the subscription through the head-master.

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This edition of the "Novocastrian" should be an indication of the regular form of the journal. The recent issue with a blue cover was not satisfactory for two reasons: firstly, because the colour did not permit of justice being done to the advertisers on the cover; and secondly, because it was impossible to print correct colors on the cover. We had hoped that the matter in the present issue would have been an improvement on that of its predecessor, but of that there are very grave doubts. The literary efforts of students are disappointing.

Recently. representatives from the school journeyed to Gosford and engaged the local students of the Intermediate High School at games of hockey, tennis, basket ball and football. On their arrival they were shown over the cordial factory, where "jusfruite" is made, and were delighted with its up-to-dateness. It was hoped that the boys would have gone on to the Gosford Farm Home on Friday evening and played football against the Farm team on the Saturday. Arrangements however, miscarried and the whole of our representatives returned to Newcastle on the Friday. Perhaps a trip to the Farm will eventuate later.

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A few staff changes were made at Eeaster time. Mr. W. Hatfield, the Deputy-Headmaster and Science Master was promoted to the important position of Headmaster of the Armidale High School. He takes with him the School's best wishes. His stay at Newcastle was approximately nine months.

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Mr. R. Page was appointed Deputy Head Master in place of Mr. Hatfield. As Mr. Page is a Modern Language Master, it was necessary to transfer Mr. Wootten to Fort Street High School.

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Mr. Page has entered upon his duties vigorously and has already earned the goodwill of the students.

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Mr. W. McNiven was appointed as Science Master, to fill the position vacated by Mr. Hatfield. Mr. McNiven hails from Albury High School, where he has been stationed for the last 5 years.

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Mr. McNiven's health was not good on his arrival here, and rapidly grew worse, for he completely lost the use of his voice. He has been on sick-leave since the 1st August, and it would at present appear that he will need an additional period of leave in order to fully recover. The school sympathises with him in his illness and hopes that his restroation to health will not be long delayed.

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Miss Firth is another member of the staff who has met with misfortune. During the mid-winter vacation, she accompanied a party of girls to Kosciusko. She fell and injured her leg, with the result that she has been absent from school duties ever since. There is a possibility however, that she will be able to resume duty sometime in September. We deeply sympathise with her in her misfortune.



At the beginning of 1927, no less than 170 new students were enrolled in the first year. The classes are inordinately large; far too much so; in view of the size of the class-rooms and the ventilation provided. Accommodation for 35 students is provided in each room, and at present as many as 50 have been crammed into these rooms. There is every possibility that a maximum of 70 students only will be enrolled in first year classes at the beginning of 1928; and it is time that some action was taken with a view to procuring temporary accommodation for that year.

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Now that the summer is rapidly approaching, the same difficulty in procuring drinking water for the students will become evident. Most of the pipes must be corroded, or is the shortage due to the position of the school? The struggle to get a drink of water at play-hour on a hot summer's day resembles the mad rush of a herd of parched cattle to a waterhole. This is only one of the many short-comings of our present quarters. Will we ever have a Government that will deal with the problem of providing for the High School's needs? The school has now been in existence 20 years and make-shift conditions still prevail.

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The Education Department has now resumed 7 acres of the National Park (corner of Porcher and Dumaresq Streets), for the purpose of building thereon the Newcastle Boys' High School. Notification of resumption first appeared as far back as July.

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We regret to announce that Miss L. Dalgleish has had to take further leave of absence. No doubt her illness is largely due to the fact that she has been giving physical culture lessons to girls in a room paved with stone slabs!

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At present our small school tuck shop is returning only 10/- per week. No students now take a hand in its management. Were we in a decent building, the possibility is that from £2 to £3 per week would be available for school purposes, such as the building up of the school library.

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In any Modern High School, a library is a necessity. Conditions are so deplorable at our school, that not only is there no library room, but the number of books on the shelves provided is very limited, and their condition is very bad.

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Many students and parents do not know precisely what is meant by an Exhibition and a University Bursary. It might be wise to explain: 'An



Exhibition is awarded and exempts the holder from payment of tuition fees fees during his or her graduation through any of the departments of the University. On the order of merit shown by the Leaving Certificate Examination 200 Exhibitions are awarded annually.

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30 University Bursaries, carrying a money allowance of £65 and £5 for books are granted annually, to exhibitioners, living away from home. The Bursaries are awarded under cetain conditions as to family income.

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We propose in future to place the School Song in the fore-front of our journal. Effort should be made by all students to learn the words. The song was written by Mr. R. G. Henderson. M.A., who was at one time (1912-16) English Master. He is now one of the examiners of the Education Department.

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It is frankly recognised that the great bulk of the teaching given to boys and girls under the age of 13 must necessarily aim at equipping them with the fundamental elements and instruments of knowledge, both for their direct value in daily life and also as "key" subjects, affording the indispensible means of access to further knowledge and attainment. To what extent has this aim been realised? We are afraid that many who enter the High School are not equipped with these fundamentals and hence do not make the progress in our school that we are entitled to expect. Has the overloading of school time-tables with special subjects impaired the thoroughness with which the children should be grounded in a few essential subjects?

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Mrs. R. Meillon is a new member of the staff. She took up her duties as Modern Language Mistress at Easter. She was formerly on the staff, having served with the present head master.

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As the class notes forwarded are of such mediocre quality, it was decided not to publish any in this issue. It is hoped that they will re-appear next issue.

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It is expected that Miss Firth will resume duties before the end of the month. No information is available in regard to Mr. McNiven's health. Both Mr. McNiven and Miss Firth have been absent for a long period, and as a result, an additional burden of work has been thrown upon the remaining members of the staff. The students too, have necessarily suffered.



Two prizes of £3/3/- each,—one for boys one for girls—are offered for the best results in the Shakespearian Section of the English paper at the Leaving Certificate Examination

The Royal Australian Historical Society will award the Brendan Lane Mullins Memorial medal and the C. T. Loewenthal prize of £5 to the candidate who submits the best paper on modern history (honours), Australian History Section.

The school mimeograph on which are printed the examination papers at the close of each half year has not been working satisfactorily of late, despite the fact that £5 was spent upon it recently. In order that the half-yearly exam papers at the end of November may be satisfacory, it has been decided to make a charge of 6d on each student. This will partly pay for the cost of printing the papers, and it will be a guarantee that the papers are readable.

Thirty library scholarships at the Newcastle School of Arts are about to be allotted to Fourth Year Students.

Recently the head-master had a conversation with representatives of the B.H.P. Co. concerning the system of staff training they are arranging for junior officers in their service. It is hoped that the higher administrative posts may be filled from the ranks in days to come. The staff training committee of the company have adopted a scheme wherein all future additions to the junior ranks will as far as possible be made from candidates who have passed the Intermediate Certificate Examination. Those who hold the Leaving Certificate will have a prior claim. The various departments of the company are Correspondence, Shipping, Mines and Quarries, Sales, Scrip. Accounts. In the Mines and Quarries Departments a knowledge of Maths, Physics, and inorganic Chemistry is required.

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We regret to record the transfer of Miss L. Dalgleish to Manly School. Miss Dalgleish has been compelled to temporarily relinquish her duties on account of an injured knee. We wish her a speedy recovery and are sure to miss her a great deal.

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--- Unknown Author.



KENNETH IMRIE, who headed 1B class at the halfyearly examination. He is 12 years 11 months, and formerly attended Hamilton Public School.

LEONARD F. McRAE, 16 years 2 months, headed the list of 4A students at the half-yearly examination He formerly attended Newcastle East Public School. Originally he came from Port Stephens. He has hopes of becoming a teacher of languages.



VEDA DRYSDALE, occupied first place at the half yearly examination of 3B class in June last. She formerly attended West Wallsend Domestic Science School. She is 14 years 9 months old.

STANLEY M. LAYCOCK, 12 years 7 months, for-

merly of Charlestown Public School. He headed the list of 2B class marks at the half-yearly examination.



CLIFF CURRAN headed the half-yearly examination of 1AC class. His age is 13 years and 2 months. He formerly attended St. Peter's School, Stockton where he gained a Bursary in 1926.





JIM BIDDLECOMBE, aged 15 years and 9 months. He formerly attended Wickham Public School, being dux there in 1923. He headed 4 B class at the June half-yearly examination.

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JOYCE O'NEILE of 3AC class, who gained highest marks in that class at the last half-yearly examination. She attended Mayfield East Public School for six years before enrolling at Newcastle High School. Her age is 14 years and 11 months.

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ENID BLAKEY, 14 years of age, gained highest marks in 1A class and Third position among first year students at the last half-yearly examination. She attended Upper Orara Public School before coming to Newcastle High School.



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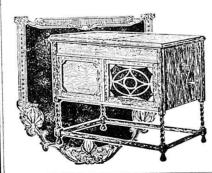
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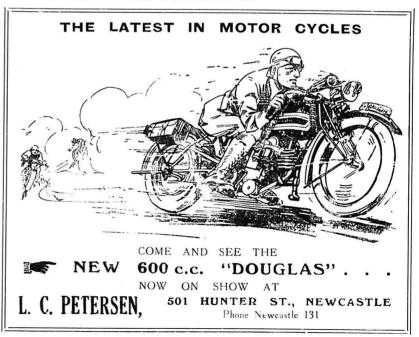
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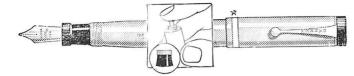
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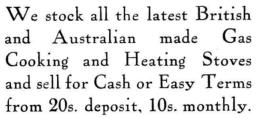
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