

Dandenong High School Speech Night

The annual speech night of the Dandenong High School was held in the Boomerang Theatre on Wednesday, 15th inst., when the large building was packed. Several people were unable to gain admission and formed an outside audience at the front and side doors. Sir William Irvine, Chief Justice of Victoria, was chairman, and the prizes were presented by Lady Irvine.

The proceedings opened with the singing of "The Best School of All" by the choir, then the first act of the play "Daddy Long Legs" was given, the characters being taken as follow:

Mrs. Lippett, Margaret Mudge; trustees: Miss Pritchard, Muriel Schinckel; Jervis Pendleton, Keith Hopkins; Wykoff, Charles Ritchie; Parsons, Ronald Sedsman; Codman, Edwin Relling; orphans—Judy Abbott, Isobel Thomson; Gladiola, Dora Rate; Loretta, Phyllis Cooper; Sadie Kate, Mollie Corrigan; Mamie, Muriel Francis; Freddie Perkins, Douglas Coombe. Dance, "Fairy Piper," girls; bracketed songs (a) "Kentucky Babe," (b) "In the Morning Light," (c) "Mary Had a Little Lamb," special choir; song, "The Kazoo Band," boys; club swinging, girls; Russian dance, girls; bracketed songs (a) "Jogging Along the Highway," (b) "Advice," (c) "Rolling Down to Rio," (d) "Route Marchin'," school choir. The songs were conducted by Miss Baty, who also trained the pupils for the entertainment, and well-deserved and hearty applause was accorded the young performers and their instructor. Miss Baty was also presented with a beautiful bouquet.

Mr. F. A. Singleton, president of

the High School Council, congratulated the school on such a fine entertainment, also those who had trained the scholars so well. He would ask Mr. Langford, head master, to read his report, and might say that the people were proud of Mr. Langford, who had been head master of the school since its inception. If they had to choose from the whole of the service they could not have found a teacher more genial and competent than their popular head master..

Mr. Langford said that probably the driest part of the proceedings was his report. (Laughter and applause). He then read his report, as follows, and concluded by expressing his pleasure at such a fine entertainment and audience, and wishing everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

I have much pleasure in presenting this, the eight annual report of the Dandenong High School. At the outset I desire, on behalf of the school, to thank Sir William and Lady Irvine for their kindness in accepting our invitation to be present with us to-night. Lady Irvine has kindly consented to present the honor certificates and sports prizes, while Sir William Irvine has agreed to deliver the address to the school. We know that Sir William Irvine is a very busy man, and we esteem his offer to preside a particular favor.

Last year I mentioned the fact that the school had grown numerically to such an extent that it was imperative extra accommodation should be provided. In eight years the school has grown from an attendance of 80 in 1919 to one of nearly 350 in 1926. As

1919 to one of nearly 350 in 1926. As our present enrolment exceeds the space allotment by 100, the necessity for extension to the present building can readily be seen. The Education Department has agreed to the erection of more class rooms, including a manual training room. We hope to see these extensions commenced in the near future. During the year one tennis court has been completed, and several minor improvements have been made. The Department has agreed to hand over the present Sloyd room to be converted into a much-needed sports pavilion. This has been granted on the understanding that we provide locally the money for removing and refitting the building.

This year the school, together with Mordialloc and Frankston, was admitted to the Association (metropolitan). This was a natural consequence of the gradual disintegration of the Gippsland Association, which had dwindled until only Warragul and our school remained. As the travelling and other expenses were likely to be greatly reduced by entering the city Association, and as competition was likely to be keener, owing to the larger number of competing schools, we decided to terminate the West Gippsland Sports Association. Since the inception of this Association we have had many keen contests with Warragul. This year we were successful in six out of eight branches of sport. Our girls won athletics, basket-ball, hockey and rounders, while the boys won cricket and football. Warragul girls won tennis, and the boys athletics. By winning the greater number of these contests the A.N.A. Shield, which had to be won three times, became the property of the Dandenong High School.

(Applause).

In the Metropolitan Association we were not quite so successful. Our girls won the hockey in their section, but were defeated by the University High School in the grand final. I can confidently say that we should have won this final, and even University supporters will agree with this. We achieved a fair measure of success in the Combined Athletics, as Thelma Lindsay and Mary Earl won their events, and Keith Hopkins won all the junior events on the boys' side. As a general rule our teams acquitted themselves creditably and achieved a fair measure of success. The House competitions were continued this year, Clematis winning from Waratah. Since the inception of these competitions the Waratah House has occupied second position.

I am pleased to be able to report that the school did remarkably well at the University examinations in December, 1925, and February, 1926. Twenty-nine pupils were recommended

to sit for the Intermediate Certificate, and twenty-nine passed. However two of these who passed were not in the list of candidates recommended. This result is one of the best the school has ever achieved, both from a percentage and total basis. It shows that these pupils worthily upheld the records of past students of the school. It is a result of which any school might well be proud, and we take this opportunity of congratulating the boys and girls who achieved it. The leaving certificate results were also very good, six out of eight pupils obtaining the certificate. Leaving honors were obtained by Alan Russell, Jack Standish (one each), and Jessie Mitchell (two), in history and French.

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This is a complete list of Intermediate and Leaving passes:

Passed in eight subjects: Violet Chapman, W. Croskell, L. Garlick, L. Grigg, Doris Hopkins, E. Jenkins, A. Kingsbury, D. Mills. Edna Nabb, Maggie Norris, J. O'Meara, E. Simpson, Thora Tivendale and E. Wallace.

Passed in seven subjects: Dulcie Earles, Edna Griffiths, Alan Hillard, Bertha Lawson, K. Macleod, Amy McKenry, Marjorie Painter, A. Robert, Ethel Vincent. Elvie Weller, and Mollie Welsh.

Passed in six subjects: Grace Boyd, F. McKay, R. Bowman, Freda Bushell,

In addition, these pupils may complete at a later date: Neil Flett, Grace McAlpine, and G. Newson. A big percentage of these pupils returned to school in order to complete the leaving certificate.

In the leaving certificate group these pupils passed: Lorna Currie, Marie Jaboor, Thirza Quinn, J. McQueen, and Grace Wadsley.

The merit certificate is awarded on the second year of the High School course. In all, during the year sixty-six pupils passed. In the cookery examination, which is a one year's course, thirty-one pupils out of thirty-seven passed.

The examinations for the swimming certificates were held during the year. Thirteen girls and twenty-eight boys obtained the junior certificate. The senior certificate examination has not been completed. Muriel Schinckel obtained the medallion, which is one of the highest awards of the Royal Life Saving Society, before coming to our school. It was presented to her during the year. Now that Dandenong

has such facilities for swimming we hope to see every boy and girl in the school able to swim.

As the school has grown considerably, the practice of presenting all the honor certificates at Speech Night had to be discontinued. To-night, we propose presenting certificates only to those who have obtained the highest honors in their form.

The old pupils continue to take an active interest in the school. Teams drawn mainly from old pupils play in tennis, cricket, football and hockey competitions. This year the Old Pupils' prize has again been presented to the school. Mr. M. Hall is still secretary, and he extends a hearty invitation to all past pupils to become members of the Dandenong High School Old Pupils' Association. Mr. J. Sharkie is still treasurer, and is an energetic worker on behalf of the Association.

The religious instruction classes have been continued throughout the year. Previously one large class was formed. As it would have contained over 300 pupils this year, a division had to be made. Accordingly, three classes were formed, and Friday morning addresses were given by Revs. Legge, Lewin, and Williams. We desire to thank them for their interest in and efforts on behalf of the School.

During the year Miss Marshall's High School Comedy Company presented the play "Turn to the Right," to an appreciative audience. For some years Miss Marshall has brought her company to Dandenong, and in each instance our school funds have been materially increased. We extend to her our sincerest thanks for her efforts on behalf of the School. Every year.

on behalf of the School. Every year, owing to the generosity of friends of the School, we are able to considerably supplement the prize fund. The Council has this year awarded the Dux of the school prize. Dr. Langley has again presented to the school the tennis prizes. These are awarded to the boy and girl winning the school championship. Another valuable addition to the prize list is Mrs. Lalor's prize. Mrs. Lalor kindly donated a sum of £10 to be allotted as the staff should determine. The prizes were divided amongst four forms on an educational qualification basis. The boy or girl obtaining the highest marks for the final term obtained the prize. The successful pupils will be announced later. We are deeply indebted to all who have so kindly assisted the school in this way.

During the year several efforts were made on behalf of outside bodies. For the Bush Fires Relief Fund we raised £25, and £5 for the Children's Hospital. In addition, a branch of the Junior Red Cross was formed, with Miss Taylor as leader and Edna Griffiths and Geoff Cox as secretaries. The group worked hard through the year, and forwarded a sum of money as well as goods to the secretary of the institution. In addition, the senior portion of the school raised slightly over £35/10/, and with the money a school library has been established. Miss Crooke and the three librarians, Freda Bushell, Dulcie Earles and Ethel Vincent deserve special mention. Commercial classes were commenced this year with forms above E. Although we had many applicants for this branch of the school's work, owing to lack of accommodation we had to limit the class to an enrolment

had to limit the class to an enrolment of 24. We hope to extend the work considerably next year. Miss Little is in charge of this portion of the work.

This year considerable staff

changes took place. At the end of 1925 the undermentioned teachers left for other schools: Mr. C. F. Jeffery was transferred to Sale, Miss Wade to Colac, Miss Bourne to Traralgon, Miss Jageurs to Montague, and Mr. Henshaw to the Teachers' College. We welcomed on the staff Mr. Brook, from Caulfield; Miss Jukes, from Echuca; Miss Crooke, from Coburg; Miss Lightfoot, from Geelong; Miss Little, from Essendon; Mr. Moore, from the Teachers' College; Miss Denton, from Hamilton; and Miss Service, from the Dandenong Primary School. So far as we know Miss Baty is the only member of the present staff leaving us this year. She goes to Frankston High School. There are four advertised vacancies for next year, but appointments have not yet been made. On behalf of the Council and myself, I wish to offer to the staff our sincere gratitude for their whole-hearted efforts to make our school as efficient as possible.

Mr. Singleton was re-elected President of the Council for this year. On all occasions the relations between the School and Council have been most cordial. They have shown a keen interest in matters appertaining to the High School, and we extend to them our best thanks.

Last year two of our pupils, viz., Jessie Mitchell and Alan Russell, both of whose parents are well-known residents of Dandenong, obtained non-resident scholarships for Trinity College. These were the only pupils pre-

lege. These were the only pupils presented. This year Jack Standish won the Berthon Scholarship, valued at £30. We wish him every success at the University next year, where he intends to study engineering.

Regular attendance at State schools is encouraged by the Education Department. Gertie Walden has attended Dandenong State School six years without missing a day.

Mr. Singleton, in introducing Sir William and Lady Irvine, said it was very gratifying, not only to the staff, but to the parents, to have such a splendid record and the school would compare favorably with any in the State. They were delighted to have such distinguished visitors as Sir William and Lady Irvine to take part in the proceedings. Sir William was well known to Dandenong, having been representative for Flinders before being called to the higher position of Chief Justice.

Sir William Irvine was very pleased to receive the invitation from Mr. Langford for the speaker and Lady Irvine to attend that night, and to renew his acquaintance with many old friends whom he had known when he had the honor to represent Flinders. There were many friends at the back whom he could not see, but he hoped they would see and hear him. He must congratulate Dandenong on its great high school. It was a great school, although it had only been established for a small time. He must also congratulate them on the admirable results, and the record spoke for itself to those who took an interest in the welfare of the children and the community. He was not going to say much, but would address one or two words to the children. Some of them

words to the children. Some of them might have literary tastes, and he would advise them to avoid literary rubbish. Whatever their talents were, whether for literature, science or commerce, he urged them to keep their talents bright and not let them rust. Their progress in life would be influenced by the lines they took, but he would impress on them that success was not the most important thing they took away from school. The great boon they took away was the power to think and the power to act with strength, so as to become conscientious citizens of this country. It was not a mere question of salary or emolument, although these were perfectly right, but they were not the most important matters in life. He was not going to repeat the trite saying that school days were the happiest of their lives. This was not true. In the future they would have greater responsibilities and opportunities for worthy action, and when they were about to go into the world they should make proper use of their advantages. They must keep their talents up, and never let them rust, and they would be surprised at what could be done. He could say that to-day he was as earnest a student as any of them, and still had much to learn, although he had a long experience of life. They should all take the advice of Oliver Wendell Holmes, and "hitch their waggon to a star." They must use every endeavor to increase their abilities, and never neglect them. He had said more than he intended, but he hoped they would remember what he said. He regarded it as a very great pleasure and honor to have had the opportunity of saying a few words to the scholars.

WORDS TO THE SCHOLARS.

Mr. Langford remarked that it had been decided to present Miss Baty, who has been appointed to Frankston High School, with a small token of appreciation of her services in connection with the school choir. He would ask Lady Irvine to make the presentation.

Lady Irvine presented Miss Baty with a silver-mounted baton.

After this pleasant little ceremony, Lady Irvine presented the prizes to the successful students, as follow:

Form F1.

One Honor: Joan Bushell, needlework; Roma Ellis, needlework; Una Hopkins, needlework; Helen Langley, needlework; Erica Martin, algebra; Betty Powell, needlework; Dallis Scott, needlework; Gladys Smith, needlework; Lyla Wilson, needlework; Robb Brown, woodwork; Hugh Hall, algebra; Marjorie Herbert, algebra.

Two Honors: Joyce Presswell, geometry, needlework; Keith McKay, algebra, woodwork; Keith Rice, algebra, woodwork; Osborne Wallis, algebra, woodwork; Basil Myring, algebra, woodwork.

Three Honors: Phyllis Cooper, history, French, geometry. Harry Bishop, algebra, geography, geometry. David Brodie, French, algebra, geometry. Ralph Moran, algebra, science, woodwork.

Four Honors: Jean Lewis, history, algebra, geometry, needlework.

Six Honors: Kathleen Brumley, English, history, French, algebra, geometry, geography.

First in Form: Kathleen Brumley; second in Form: Henry Bishop. Lalor prize, Henry Bishop.

FORM F2.

One Honor: Gladys Carter, needlework. Ruby Richardson, needlework.

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Two Honors: Adele Thorne, algebra, needlework. Maurice Campbell, algebra, woodwork. Ron. Clark, algebra, woodwork. Keith Mitchell, geometry, woodwork. Lloyd Stuart, algebra, woodwork. Russell Smith, Latin, woodwork.

Three Honors: Gwenda Bush, Latin, algebra, needlework. Hazel Walker, arithmetic, algebra, needlework. Reg. Brooks, Latin, algebra, woodwork.

Four Honors: Nancy Johns, Latin, algebra, geometry, needlework.

Six Honors: Dulcie Oliver, Latin, mathematics, geography, needlework.

Eight Honors: Ron. Sedsman, languages, history, mathematics, geography, woodwork.

First in Form: Ron. Sedsman; second, Dulcie Oliver. Lalor prize: Ron. Sedsman.

Form E1.

One Honor: Ida Woodrow, needlework. Gladys Mummery, needlework. Joan Keys, needlework. Graeme Groome, geometry. Muriel Francis, algebra. Keith Williams, sloyd. Robert Swords, algebra. Augustine Moylan, sloyd. Charles Morrison, sloyd. Harvey Kerr, sloyd. George Cock, sloyd. Maurice Chambers, sloyd. Reginald Cameron, sloyd. James Brodie, French.

Two Honors: Frank Asling, geometry, sloyd. Norman Jones, French sloyd. Jean Biddle, algebra, needlework. Kathleen Bucknall, algebra, geometry.

Four Honors: George Clements, history, algebra, geometry, sloyd. Charles Cutting, arithmetic, geometry, physics, sloyd.

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First girl in Form: Jean Biddle.

Form E2.

One Honor: T. Canterbury, woodwork. A. Dwyer, woodwork. S. Kirkham, woodwork. J. Lean, woodwork. N. Lyall, woodwork. Lilian Haisman, needlework. Edna Rout, needlework. Sylvia Savage, needlework. Gwen Watkins, algebra.

Two Honors: B. Hardinge, geometry, woodwork. Dora Rate, algebra, cooking.

Three Honors: P. McIntosh, French, algebra, geometry, woodwork.

Five Honors: J. Hunter, French, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, woodwork.

First boy in Form: John Hunter.
First girl in Form: Gwen. Watkins.
Lalor prize: John Hunter.

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One Honor: Mena Jackson, algebra. Lindsay Ferguson, woodwork. Herbert Simmons, woodwork. Edward Wolfe, woodwork. John Canterbury, woodwork. Norman Billing, woodwork. Mary Anderson, algebra. Brian Russel, woodwork.

Two Honors: Jessie Greensmith, French, algebra. Edna Nichols, algebra, cookery. Alfred Dixon, algebra, woodwork. Colin Cleary, history, woodwork. Malcolm Orr, algebra, woodwork. Edward Nabb, algebra, woodwork. Beryl Morris, algebra, French. Alan Rowlands, algebra, woodwork. Ernest Rice, algebra, woodwork. Charles Ritchie, science, woodwork.

Three Honors: Harold Harwood, history, algebra, woodwork. Betty Buckley, algebra, geometry cookery.

Four Honors: Una Russell, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, cookery. Keith Hopkins: history, French, algebra, woodwork. Arthur Portbury, French, algebra, geometry, woodwork.

Five Honors: Rupert Murray, French, algebra, geometry, science.

French, algebra, geometry, science. woodwork. Roy White, French, algebra, geometry, science, woodwork.

Six Honors: Arthur Jenkin, French, arithmetic, woodwork, algebra, geometry, science. Allan Neil, history, French, algebra, geometry, science, woodwork.

First in class for year: Boy, Allan Neil. Second in class for year: girl, Una Russell. Lalor prize: Roy White.

D Form--Honors List.

One Honor: Lindsay Ahern, arithmetic. William Worth, arithmetic.

Two Honors: Muriel Schinckel, French, algebra (first girl in Form). James Duff, French, chemistry (first in Form).

D--Commercial.

One Honor: Ivy Mackay, arithmetic. John Derrick, history.

Two Honors: Kathleen Tivendale, arithmetic, shorthand.

First in Form: Kathleen Tivendale. Second in Form: Maisie Dobson.

Form C.

One Honor: Annie Manks, English. Madge Macartney, English. Henry Drake, drawing.

Two Honors: Edna Hopkins, algebra, geometry.

Four Honors: Marjorie Morris, French, algebra, geometry, drawing. First in Form: Marjorie Morris. First boy in Form: Henry Drake.

Form B.

One Honor: Dulce Earles, history. Bertha Lawson, English. Marjorie Painter, drawing. Mollie Welsh, English. Wilbur Croskell, shorthand. Louis Garlick, Int. cert., arithmetic. Arnold Robert, French. Eric Simpson, physics.

Two Honors: Violet Chapman, history, drawing. Edna Nabb, English, history. Margaret Norris, English, French. Thora Tivendale, commercial practices, shorthand. Edward Wallace, geometry, physics, and first in science group.

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Three Honors: Ethel Vincent, English, history, drawing. Eric Jenkins, English, history, French, and first boy in literary group.

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Four Honors: Doris Hopkins, English, history, French, geography, trigonometry, and first in literary group.

MERIT CERTIFICATES.

L. Asling, Mary Corrigan, Malcolm Croft, Charles Cutting, Jean Barr, Norman Billing, Evelyn Blick, James Brodie, Kenneth Campbell, William Canterbury, Colin Cleary, Marjorie Corrigan, Ellen Garlick, Jean McGrick, Jessie Greensmith, Nancy Hall, Lilian Haisman, Biron Hardinge, Gertrude Harris, Jean Herbert, Marjorie Hill, Irene Hillbrick, Mary Earl, Elsie Grant, Thelma Lindsay, John Llewelyn, Keith Hopkins, John Hunter, Norman Jones, Stanley Kirkham, Kenneth Lee, Joyce Lewin, Clifford Llewelyn, Noel Lyall, Agnes MacDonald, Thelma Mackay, Peter McIntosh, Olga Merrett, Beryl Morris, Joyce Mouat, Robert Murray, Basil Myring, Edward Nabb, Lola Oliver, Joan Swindells, Myrtle McKay, Morva Villiers, Ernest Giles, Jennie Payne, Dora Rate, Birdie Revelman, Ernest Rice, Charles Ritchie, Marjorie Roulston, Edith Roulston, Albert Ruby, Brian Russell, Herbert Simmons, Jean Strahan, Gwendoline Watkins, Bertha Wallis, Roy White, Keith Williams, Alison Winfield, Edward Wolfe, Florence Cutting.

SWIMMING CERTIFICATES. 1926.

Junior Girls: Jean Biddle, Gwenda Bush, Elsie Grant, Celia Moloney, Gladys Mummery, Olga Merrett, Beryl Morris, Edie Roulston, Alma Tharle, Kathleen Tivendale, Thora Tivendale, Florrie Vizard, Mary Wallis

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Junior Boys: Ian Angus, Ray Angus, Bertram Armstrong, Cleve Barr, Sidney Bailey, David Brodie, Colin Cleary, Kenneth Campbell, George Cock, Jack Coughlan, Stewart Corrigan, Malcolm Croft, Ralph Elmore, Lionel Elmore, George Hill, Harvey Kerr, Paul Latham, Leslie Lothian, Charles Morrison, Ralph Punshon, Albert Rowlands, Keith Rice, George Schache, Robert Swords, Frank Facey, Leonard Warfe, Keith Williams, Ralph Williams.

Medallion: Muriel Schinckel.

COOKERY EXAMINATION, 1926.

Betty Buckley, 87 per cent.; Irene Hillbrick, 86; Edna Nichols, 86; Dora Rate, 80; Una Russell, 80; Mary Anderson, 79; Marjory Roulston, 77; Ronnie Ryan, 75; Marjory Hill, 71; Gwen Watkins, 71; Nellie Garlick, 70; Florrie Cutting, 70; Thelma Mackay, 69; Kathleen Dessent, 69; Kathleen Bucknall, 69; Lettie Harris, 68; Maggie Boyle, 68; Eva Lewellyn, 67; Jessie Greensmith, 66; Thelma Buchanan, 65; Nellie Harvey, 65; Joyce Mbuat, 64; Graeme Groome, 63; Nancy Hall, 61; Dorothy Mills, 59; Jean Garlick, 56; Mena Jackson, 56; Jean Barr, 55; Joyce Lewin, 50.

Mr. Singleton moved a vote of thanks to Sir William and Lady Irvine—Sir William for his address, and Lady Irvine for presenting the prizes. All were pleased to have Sir William and Lady Irvine there, and they hoped to have them there again.

The motion was seconded by Mr. John Abbott. The speaker was a very old friend of Sir William Irvine, and had often presided at his meetings when he (Sir William) was member for Flinders. He was very pleased to see Sir William and Lady Irvine present at such a splendid gathering.

The motion was carried by acclamation, and the proceedings closed.

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with the singing of "The Best School
of All" and the national anthem.
The pianists for the evening were
Miss J. Jones, Mrs. W. W. and Miss