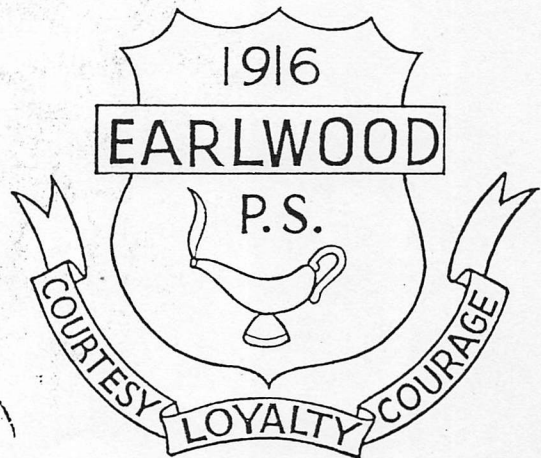
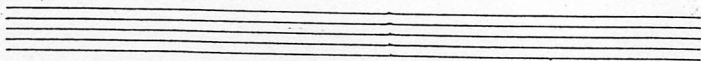


Earlwood Public School

Golden Jubilee

1916—1966



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FOREWORD



The Jubilee of a public school is an occasion of great excitement and of proper pride on the part of all concerned. It is with real pleasure, therefore, that I add my contribution to the Jubilee Book of the Earlwood Public School.

The fiftieth anniversary of the school represents an important milestone in the development and progress of education in Earlwood. As early as 1909, when the district was known as Forest Hill, the citizens showed their interest in education by making application for the establishment of a school to meet the needs of their growing community. The circumstances were such that they did not achieve their goal until 1916, but the persistence of their endeavours ensured that the school, when established, had the backing of parents and of citizens who set a high value upon the provision of adequate educational facilities.

The school has continued to be an integral part of the community which it serves. Many of its pupils have gone forth to make their mark in a wider community, but all who have had their primary school education at Earlwood are, as today's citizens, proof of the contribution which the school itself has made.

Not only parents and citizens on one hand and pupils on the other have made the school what it is today, but a succession of school principals and the staffs which have worked with those principals, have made a contribution for which the community should always be grateful and which has, in large measure, determined the standard of the school's achievement.

One of the signs of a good school is its ability, while maintaining basic values, to change with the times. The curriculum, the methods and indeed the spirit of Earlwood Public School in 1966 are different from those which would have been observed in 1916. These changes are not only evidence of the fact that the school has been adaptable and alive, but are a reminder that any school must, if it is to live, continue to grow and to change. Earlwood Public School is now enrolling children who will be the mature citizens not only of the last years of this century, but of the early years of the next. The Principal and his staff will be reinforced in their efforts to provide a proper background of experience for tomorrow's citizens if today's parents understand the long-term significance of the task in which both teachers and parents are engaged.

I offer my congratulations to all those now associated with the school; I join with them in paying tribute to the work of those within the school and in the community who have enabled Earlwood Public School to grow toward its Jubilee, and I extend my best wishes to all those now concerned as they enter upon the challenging adventure of the next fifty years.

H. S. WYNDHAM
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF EDUCATION



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

From the Member for Earlwood, the Hon. E. A. Willis, B.A., M.L.A., Chief Secretary, Minister for Labour and Industry and Minister for Tourist Activities.

For a young nation like Australia, 50 years represents a huge slice of our history, one quarter of the time since Captain Cook sailed into Botany Bay, not so very far away from Earlwood.

I think we can reflect with pride on what has been achieved since then. Certainly we should look back with a sense of conscious gratitude to those who went before us, who have left us with the Australia we know today. It is truly the best place in the world.

Possibly in no other sphere of their activities should the efforts of our forbears be more remembered than in the complex structure of our system of education—in the schools, colleges and universities which dot our varied landscape, and through which we have hastened to national maturity.

The Earlwood Public School has played its part in this vital role in our developing society. It has matured with the nation, shared equally in its growth, just as the suburb has done. We have seen tramlines come and go, a rail link established, the area fully built out, blocks of flats and home units erected, and a busy commercial centre solidly established.

And all through this process of change by growth the Earlwood Public School has retained the key position it established when it was founded.

I am proud to be closely associated with it, not only as the Parliamentary representative of the district it serves so well, but also as the father of two children who have answered roll calls here (one of whom is still regularly doing so).

On the occasion of the school's 50th anniversary I extend to the teaching staff, headed so admirably by Mr. Unwin, and to all students, past and present, my very best wishes and warmest regards.

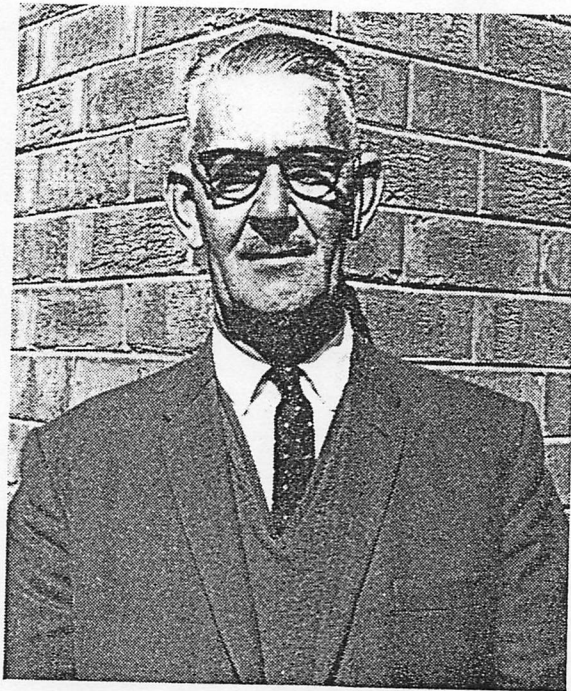
To the Parents and Citizens' Association also, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation of the work they have done over the years—work, that without question, has meant the difference between the bare essentials of education, and its full and reasonable requirements.

I know that members of the Association will share with me a sense of gratification at the completion, this year, of the new school building, one more symbol of ever-continuing progress; and one more guarantee, if it be needed, that the Earlwood Public School will still be moulding the character and shaping the destiny of citizens of the future for the next half century, and long after that.



Mr. H. M. WILTON,
President of Earlwood
P. & C. Association, 1966

THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Mr. G. B. UNWIN,
Principal.

It is certainly a great privilege to be Earlwood's Principal in this historic, exciting year, to compile this book and to play a part in the celebration of our Jubilee. I hope the present boys and girls will remember clearly the events now taking place, so that they may relate them to the pupils of the year, 2016, when they in turn will be the "old girls and boys" at the Centenary. Who knows—perhaps a copy or two of this Jubilee Book will survive to be produced on that great occasion!

A treasured photograph of the original four-roomed school, which opened on 16th October, 1916, with some eighty pupils, is reproduced elsewhere. No doubt those children were quite excited to be attending their new school, but

little did they think that in so doing they were launching the history of the school!

From that small beginning, the combined efforts of the Education Department, succeeding teachers and generations of pupils have built well in making a school with a fine tradition in scholarship, character and sportsmanship. Let us hope that future pupils will strive to uphold the things we now stand for, and even surpass all previous efforts.

Finally, I wish to thank the Minister for Education and Science, Mr. Cutler, and other notable guests, for their interest and personal participation in our Jubilee Celebrations, and Mr. J. B. Clune for his powerful assistance in the compilation of this book.

G. B. Unwin

HEADMASTERS OF EARLWOOD

	Date Appointed
Edward Moran	8/9/1916
Charles Walker	12/7/1927
Claude Rowsell	4/10/1927
Reginald Grey	25/5/1928
Walter Coulson	29/11/1932
Leopold Allan	6/12/1939
Roy Simon	7/5/1940
	to Dec., 1946
Alfred Spicer (relieving), Feb., 1942-July, 1945	

	Date Appointed
Alfred Vaughan	20/11/1946
Cyril Jones	29/1/1952
Donald McLean	1/2/1955
James Gormly	31/1/1956
James Ivor Punton	29/1/1957
Norman Johnson	2/2/1960
Andrew Hyslop	30/1/1962
George Unwin	11/9/1962

GIRLS' MISTRESSES

Education Department records are incomplete but the following, not necessarily in order, are known to have been in charge at various times:

Miss Skevington, Miss Goodwin, Mrs. May, Miss Brown, Miss Eaton, Miss Moncrieff, Mrs. Rose, Miss Johns, Miss Palmer.



The Minister for Education and Science,
Mr. C. B. CUTLER

EARLWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL, 1966

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Principal: G. B. Unwin
Deputy Principal: K. E. Hughes
Deputy Mistress: Mrs. M. Patterson
Deputy Master: B. A. Hill

INFANTS' DEPARTMENT

Mistress: Mrs. B. O'Gorman
Deputy Mistress: Miss J. Jones

TEACHING STAFF

Mrs. E. Clune
Mrs. S. Conlon
Miss D. Jenkins
Mrs. H. Keranas
Miss C. Peters
Mrs. V. Turner
B. McGrath

G. T. Patten
J. E. Russell
Mrs. H. Barton
Miss P. Caulfield
Mrs. D. Seagrott
Mrs. B. Somerville
Miss Barton

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Teacher-Librarian: Mrs. J. Wells

Teacher of Needlework: Mrs. A. Mooney

P & C ASSOCIATION

President: Mrs. P. Owens
Vice-President: Mrs. M. Brown
Secretary: Mrs. M. Campbell
Treasurer: Mrs. P. Bell

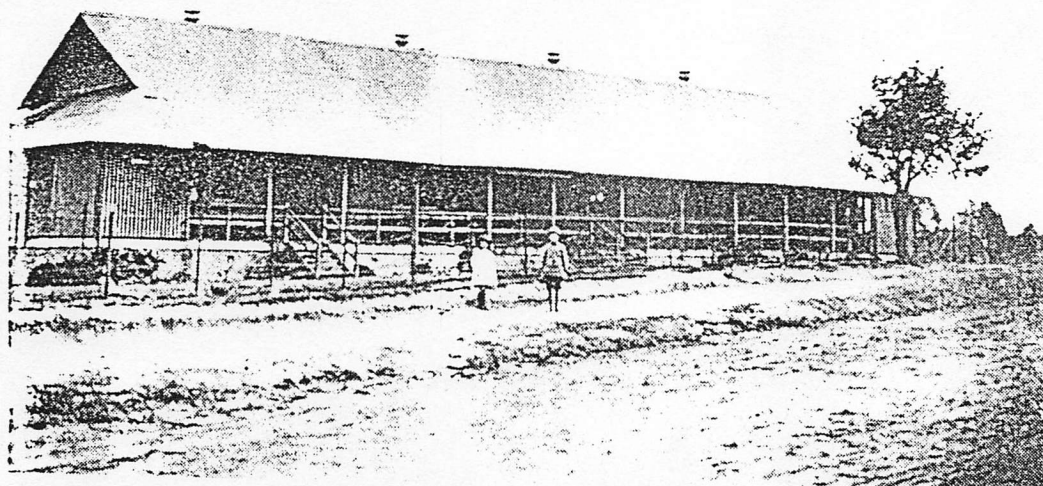
MOTHERS' CLUB

President: H. M. Wilton
Vice-Presidents: Mrs. B. Bluhdorn
K. Englert
Secretary: G. Price
Treasurer: J. Johnstone

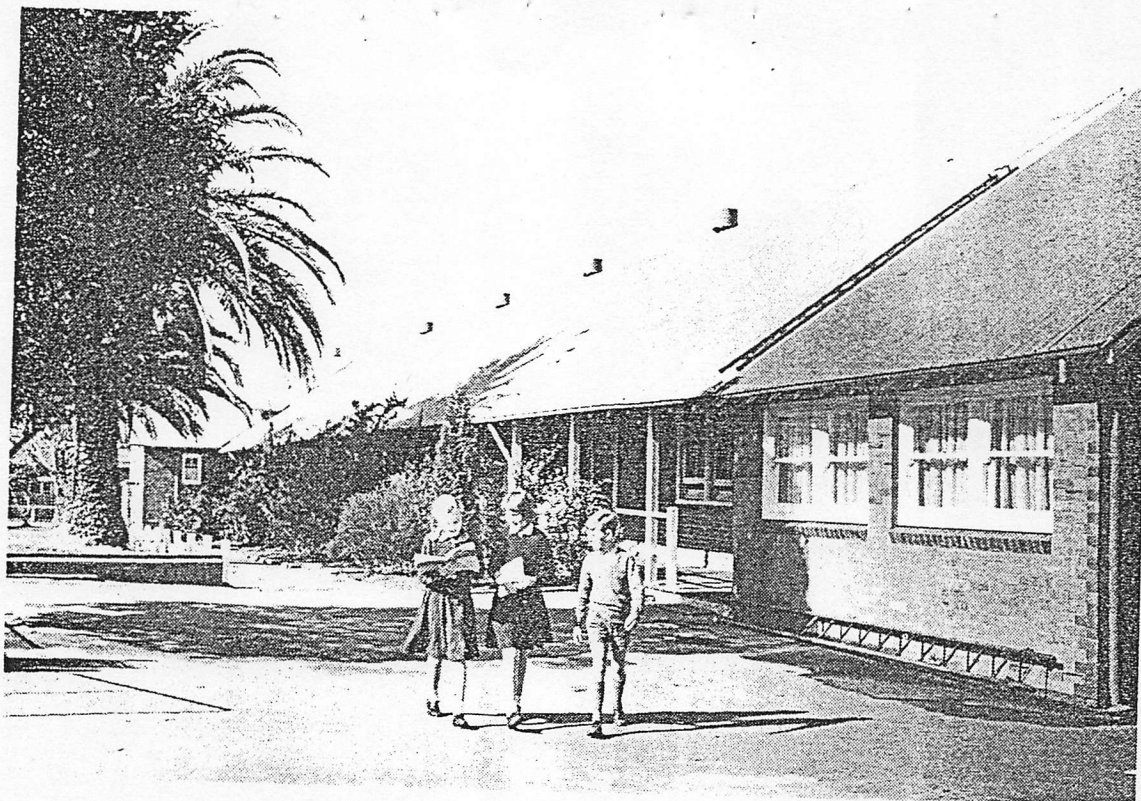
DISTRICT INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS

S. G. Wauchop, B.A.

Miss H. Jackson (Infants)



The original school building
taken about 1920. Note the
unformed Homer Street and
footpath.



Original building. The vestibule in the foreground, with Principal's Office, was added in 1966.

PROGRAMME - JUBILEE WEEK

Saturday, October 22—

Morning: Golden Jubilee Fair.

Afternoon: Re-union of ex-pupils (2.00-5.00 p.m.), indoors. Basketball for all-comers.

Evening: Barbecue (5.30-7.00 p.m.) and Films, outdoors.

Sunday, October 23—

Special Jubilee Church Service, St. George's Church of England, Minnamurra Ave., Earlowood, 7.15 p.m.

Monday, October 24—

Ceremony—Official Opening of Jubilee Celebrations and Official Opening of New Classrooms by the Minister for Education, 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26—

Infants' Department—Open Afternoon and Exhibition of Work, 1.30 p.m.

Official Dinner, Earlowood Bowling Club, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, October 27—

Primary Department—Open Afternoon and Exhibition of Work, 1.30 p.m.

Infants' and Primary—Exhibition of Work, 7.00-8.30 p.m.

Friday, October 28—

Children's Fancy Dress Ball, James Cook High School, Prince's Highway, Kogarah, 7.30 p.m.

A HISTORY OF EARLOWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

The first move towards the establishment of a school at Earlowood was made on 2nd April, 1908, when a communication was received from Mr. Varney Parkes, M.L.A., requesting the Minister of Public Instruction to receive a deputation from the Forest Hill Progress Association in regard to the necessity for the erection of an infants' school in the district. Mr. Parkes was informed that a deputation would be to no pur-

pose until further information respecting the matter was obtained, and a form of application for a school was subsequently sent to the promoters. Accordingly, on 19th May, 1909, a formal application for the establishment of a public school was submitted by Mr. Parkes. The document was signed by 33 parents on behalf of 75 children.

Mr. Inspector Flashman was asked to investigate the position, and on 31st May forwarded this report to the Department. He wrote:

"Forest Hill is the name given to a cluster of about 90 houses situated within 15 minutes walk of the Public School at Canterbury. Most of the houses have been built during the past two or three years and appear to be occupied by laboring men's families: several of them are of very inferior character and made of old tin. Between the school and Forest Hill the Cook's River is situated.

"The distances given in the application are in nearly every instance wrong. Most of the houses are under a mile of the Canterbury School, and all are considerably within a radius of two miles. 35 of the children named are now attending the Canterbury School; the remainder are attending a private school kept by a young lady.

"In my opinion there is no necessity for a Primary School in the locality as it is no hardship for all children over eight years to walk to Canterbury, and I do not think there are sufficient children between five and eight years of age to warrant the opening, at present, of an Infant's School.

"I think that perhaps in the future, when the population increases, a school will be required, but just now the locality is well served.

"I recommend that the applicants be informed that the Minister is of the opinion there is no necessity, at present, to open a school at Forest Hills, as nearly all the children of the neighbourhood reside within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the Canterbury School, and very many a much shorter distance."

After some consideration the inspector's recommendation was approved, and Mr. Parkes informed accordingly.

The application for the establishment of a school was renewed in 1912 and 1913, the prime movers being Mr. Parkes and the Forest Hill Progress Association. This organisation offered to lease their building to the Department, at a nominal rental, if the application was entertained. Before reaching a decision on the matter the Department sent Mr. Inspector McKenzie to estimate the possible permanency of a school. His report of 3rd May, 1913, is given below:

"There is a space between Canterbury, Campsie, Moorfields, Marrickville West, and Bexley, the central part of which is over two miles from any school by road; and natural difficulties lie between the residences of many of the pupils and existing schools.

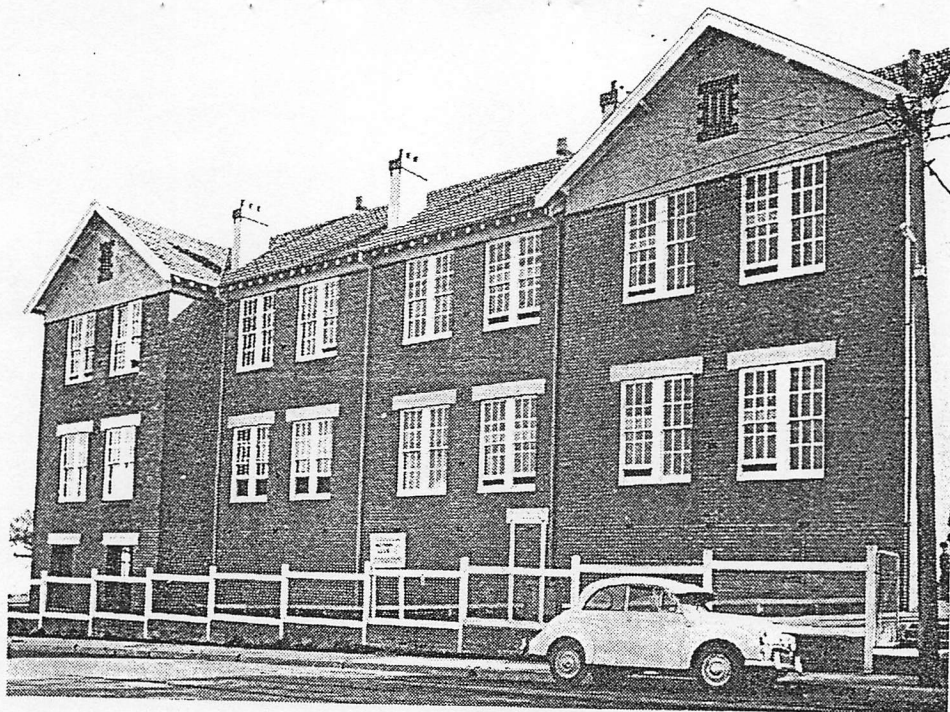
"Settlement is steadily progressing; and, although most of the 78 pupils whose names are given, and who are of school age, are in attendance at existing schools, there can be no doubt that a new school is wanted here.

"I do not recommend the opening of a school in any existing building; but I recommend that a site be secured and a temporary building to accommodate 100 erected at as early a date as possible."

This time Ministerial approval was given and steps immediately taken to secure a site. In March, 1914, an area of two acres and 32 perches, comprising lots 13 and 14 of the Earlwood Estate, was purchased from Mr. William Barrett for the sum of £500. It had first been proposed to erect a temporary building for school purposes, but in July, 1915, the Architect was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a more permanent structure. The plans were completed shortly afterwards and a contract then entered into with Messrs. Nicholl and Tomkins for the erection of a three-roomed brick school. The work was completed in September, 1916, at a cost of £1,197/9/-. The premises were occupied on 3rd October, the first headmaster being Mr. Edward Moran.

By 1918 the effective enrolment had risen to just over 200 pupils, and a tender was accepted from Messrs. Hocking Bros. for the erection of an additional classroom and a weathershed. The additions were completed in August for the sum of £546/11/-.

Further additions were made in 1923 at a cost of £1,715/-/-. In 1929 a new two-storey building of eight rooms was erected for the infants' department. Accommodation was provided for 450 pupils. Mr. W. A. Gazzard was the contractor, and the cost amounted to £9,504/-/-. A new two-storey girls' school was erected in 1938, which comprised eight classrooms. At the same time another classroom was provided for the boys' department, as well as the erection of a new weathershed, drainage and ground improvements. The cost totalled £7,750/-/-.



Infants' Department Building.

THE SCHOOL IN RECENT YEARS

EDUCATION

Scholastic records of boys and girls who have proceeded to high school have continued to reflect great credit on the quality of the youth of the district and of the teaching staff.

The school has kept abreast of modern teaching methods, and generally has been most fortunate in the devotion and skill of its teachers.

One significant development was the introduction of co-education in 1963. After a period of many years as separate entities, the boys' and girls' departments merged, the decision to do so being made by parents, with a 71% favourable vote. It may be said, with conviction, that the change has brought keener competition, better grading of classes and a wholesome relationship between boys and girls. The beneficial effects of co-education in the school are a matter of pride.

For many years, the widening of pupils' horizons has been an important part of school policy. Visits to places of geographical and historical interest have gone on uninterruptedly, a significant number having benefited. Tours to the Snowy Scheme and Jenolan are regular features, while it is expected that a visit to a Goulburn sheep property this year will break new ground.

SPORT

Earlwood has always enjoyed a reputation second to none in sports, having won honours in many. Unfortunately, records do not exist of success prior to 1946, but they were numerous. Pennants for success in boys' sporting activities are now carefully preserved under glass in the Library, and run the whole gamut—Cricket, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming and Athletics. The girls' record in inter-school sport is largely unknown, but they competed rather irregularly.

Typical 1966 pupils,
Ann Pilling and Lindsay Partridge.

Over the past four years they have taken part in P.S.A.A.A. Softball, while this year they have achieved splendid performances in Basketball. The provision of playground courts has helped to develop skill.

Our Soccer teams are invariably of such high standard that a year rarely passes without a pennant being added to our large collection. In the Willis Shield for relay competition between neighbouring schools, we have one win and quite a few second placings.

Most important, however, is the name for sportsmanship we have earned from rival schools. Coupled with this are the complimentary remarks from responsible people on the conduct and bearing of our pupils when on tour. Parents, too, must be gratified that their efforts to instil in their children courtesy and consideration for others have been so successful.

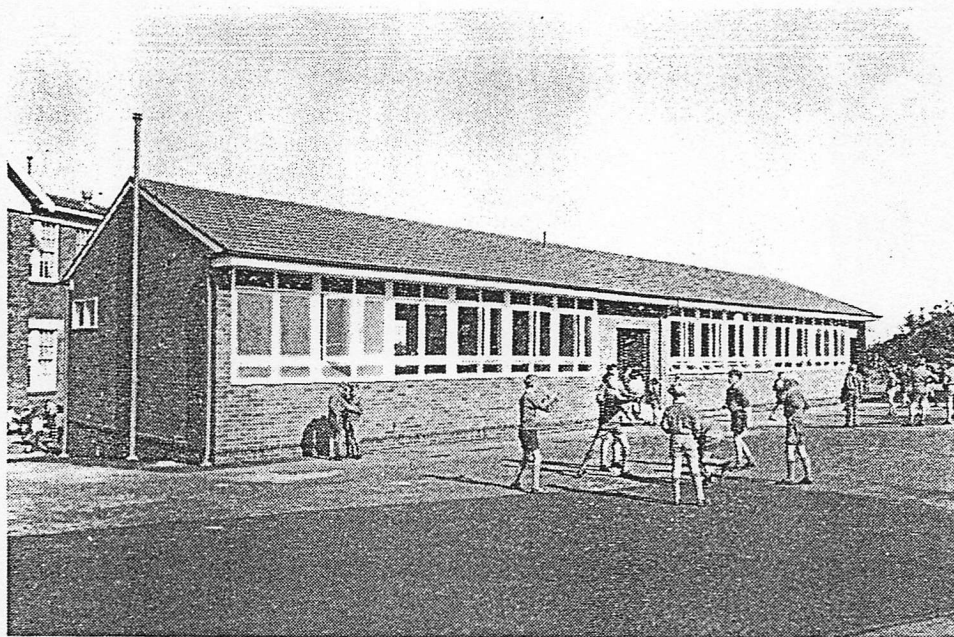


This book has been published as part of the Earlwood Public School Jubilee Celebrations, October 22-28, 1966.

Without the generous help of numerous contributors its compilation would have been impossible. Our great regret is that all decades of the school's existence have not received equal coverage because the information has not been forthcoming.

The school extends to all former pupils, teachers and workers for the school a hearty welcome, anticipating that many of them will take the opportunity of revisiting "The School on the Hill" for at least one of the several functions arranged.

THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE



Modern 3-classroom Block and Clinic, erected 1966.

THE SCHOOL IN THE EARLY DAYS

Mr. William A. Turnell is one of our most fruitful and valuable links with the school from its inception. At the instigation of Mr. Jack Clune, he was moved to write this account of events, which it is felt must be set down as he wrote it. It paints a vivid picture of the school activities, and of the men and women who laboured for the school's improvement in those far-off days.

"In the beginning, the proposal for a school originated with the Earlwood Progress Association, with headquarters in the Progress Hall in River Street. A committee was formed and an application made to the Education Department. Eventually, the application was approved, and the school opened on 21st October, 1916. The Hon. Arthur Griffith, Minister for Education, officiated. A gold key was handed to him and he declared the school open.

"The P. & C. Association was not formed until 1920. The Progress Association declined and the P. & C. carried on both functions.

"I came to Earlwood in 1919 and was selected Secretary of the P. & C. at my first appearance at a meeting! The President was Mr. Bruce Nicoll. The school consisted of four rooms; the two centre rooms were joined by sliding doors

and could be converted into one, in which we held our meetings. The average attendance was about 20. Soon after I took office I was instructed to make application for more classroom accommodation to the Minister, who said that extensions were not possible and requested me to seek temporary premises. I suggested the Progress Hall, which he stated was in disrepair and unsuitable.

When approached, the Church of England refused us the use of its hall, but the Methodist Church complied with our request and several classes were held there for two years, after which the Department added two classrooms for 5th and 6th to the eastern end, plus a staffroom.

"The Association held social functions each year, the main one being a concert in September or October, in the two centre rooms. All desks had to be moved out on to the verandah and forms used for seating, and a platform was rigged up for the artists. Others and I collected oil lamps to hang around the rooms, there being no electricity at the time. Mr. W. Hyde, a local butcher at the terminus, supplied four gallons of kerosene and paid for printing of tickets.

"These concerts were very popular, as there were no pictures or other entertainment in the district and the nearest places of amusement were at Marrickville or Canterbury. It was a case of walk to Undercliffe or Canterbury—no public transport and little street lighting! The concerts netted £20 to £30, and seats had to be replaced on Sundays. Several other types of functions, such as lantern slides and demonstrations of radio (then in its infancy) were also held in the school

to finance the annual picnic and sports carnival, held in November each year at Clements Estate.

"Some of the concert artists were Frank Turnell, tenor; Millie Turnell, monologues; Rev. Dr. Rayward, entertainer on bottles of water struck with a stick; and G. Ward, singer.

"I resigned in 1928 and handed over to my successor, Mrs. Sayers of Morgan Street (now deceased)."

THE MOTHERS' CLUB

The Earlwood Infants' Mothers' Club was formed about 1930, its first President being Mrs. Digby.

Through the years a great many mothers have worked together to provide extras for the children at the school. To those who were new to the district, it was, and is, an excellent way to make new and lasting friendships. Those who have held office have given unstintingly of their time. It gives the children, too, a good feeling to know

that Mum is giving a helping hand where needed, and is interested in their welfare. Many willing mothers have always been available to combine with the P. & C. in running the Fete.

We of the Mothers' Club are most happy to join forces with the P. & C. Association on the occasion of our Golden Jubilee, and to wish the Celebrations every success.

(Mrs.) P. Owens, President

WHILE I WAS PRINCIPAL . . .

CYRIL E. JONES (1952-4).

I was in charge of Earlwood for three years (1952-4), having succeeded Alfred Vaughan, who retired.

Jack Doherty was Deputy Headmaster, and on the Boys' Staff were Trevor Jones, Ray Lyndon, Col Standen, Alan Milner, John Bennett and Miss Mirriken. Later on, Miss Parkes was appointed as relieving teacher to the H.M. and Girls' Mistress. Also based at Earlwood School were two relieving Headmasters, M. J. Walsh and W. McDonald. On one occasion, when both happened to be at Earlwood awaiting calls for relief duty, the District Inspector, who happened to be inspecting the school at the same time, remarked that it was the only school he knew of where there were three Headmasters!

Miss Eaton, Mistress of the Girls' Department, retired while I was there, and was succeeded by Miss Elsie Moncrieff (now deceased). Miss Allez, Mistress of the Infants' Department, was there for many years—a remarkable teaching personality, who loved teaching for its own sake.

In 1953, the Girls' Staff suffered a sad loss in the sudden death of the Deputy Mistress, Miss Hanscombe.

The President of the P. & C. Association was Norman Alderson; Secretary, Mrs. Burrows and Treasurer, Mrs. Fullicks. It was a very active organisation, and the annual school fete was a record fund-raising event. Funds were shared between the Primary and Infants' Departments—amicably, as far as I can recollect.

Telephones were scarce in those days. The

school did not have one, and any telephonic communication, inwards or outwards, had to take place through the kindness of Mrs. Fullicks at her shop across the street. Later a phone was installed in the H.M.'s office, and it served the needs of all departments.

The school was noted, at the time, for its fine school library and equipment, and for its visual education. Ray Lyndon was appointed as Librarian in Inspector Peak's time. For a number of years Col Standen developed and managed visual education for the school. Earlwood was something of a leader in the pioneering days of modern educational trends and equipment. It had, for example, one of the earliest broadcast systems—a temperamental monster, encased in masonite, in the H.M.'s office. Ray seemed to understand its moods and generally managed to coax it into useful activity. Sometimes, however, it needed the combined efforts of Col and Ray.

The Annual Sports Day was one of the year's highlights, when the pupils of the Boys' and Girls' Departments in sports costumes marched with their teachers (one or two of whom affected colourful costumes on this day) through the town on their way to the oval.

Annual Play Night was a special feature, when operettas were staged, with all the skill and artistry and colour of professionals, by pupils of the Boys' Department to packed audiences, in the Lourdes Hall, kindly loaned by the R.C. authorities.

Annual Speech Day attracted hundreds of parents. Mrs. Wookey always made the Mayfair Theatre (now no more) available for these functions, free of cost, and showed a film as well.



The School Staff in 1935.

THOSE WORLD WAR II YEARS . . .

ROY D. SIMON

I was Headmaster from June, 1940, to December, 1946, with a break from February, 1942, to July, 1945, being seconded to the State Control Department of National Emergency Services. Alfred Spicer relieved as H.M. during that time.

P. & C. Association: Fred Rossiter was President, George Dawe, Secretary and Mrs. Fullicks, Treasurer (both deceased). Later, George Williams became President.

Two most helpful ladies were Mrs. Digby, who lived on the School Lane corner of Homer Street. and Mrs. Fullicks. The social life was marked by frequent Euchre Parties, at which Mrs. Granny King was a regular attendant. She was one of Earlwood's earliest inhabitants.

Some prominent people who come to mind were:

Mr. Neil McCusker, Commissioner of Railways, and his wife. Their two daughters attended the school and distinguished themselves later at the University; Mrs. Wookey, manageress of the local theatre; Rev. Joseph Poole, the Anglican rector; Dr. Roy Hudson, always available for accidents and emergencies, and a constant friend of the school; Mr. Vic Myers, owner of the champion yacht, Solo, had a son in attendance; Mr. and Mrs. Mannix, two early Earlwood settlers, keen in

their support of the school; Frank Mannix coached the school football team in Mr. Clune's time. He was an alderman for many years.

Staff: Girls' Dept.: Mrs. May, Mistress, and Miss Bermingham. D.M.
Infants' Dept.: Miss Eleanor Allez, Mistress.

Boys' Dept.: Mr. Harry Leroy, Deputy H.M., who trained a good bugle band; Mr. Greg Morrow (now Principal, Sans Souci); Mr. Jack Clune, a very active and public-spirited man; Mrs. Jean McLeod and Mrs. Catherine Dunleavy, two unusual, but remarkable characters both very successful in their work.
Mr. Ray Lyndon, who had marked success with the flute band.

In 1941, Mr. J. G. McKenzie, Director-General of Education, officially opened a Library, which was housed in a classroom furnished by the Education Dept., and stocked by the P. & C. Association. Some of the funds for this worthy object were raised by open-air concerts and drill displays held under the light of powerful electric lamps supplied by Mr. Stan Williams, a prominent citizen who did much for the school.

The most outstanding community effort, in which literally hundreds of people rushed to assist, was the digging of slit trenches in various parts of the school grounds during World War II, immediately after the bombing of Darwin. Much sandstone and ironstone was encountered, and this necessitated the use of jackhammers and similar equipment. Men quite unused to this

heavy work laboured for several weeks until the task was completed. Mr. Ryan, father of a pupil, skilled in the use of jackhammers, became the leader of the gang and soon taught many willing assistants much of his technique. Scores of women formed themselves into catering parties to provide refreshments for the workers.

EARLY HISTORY OF EARLWOOD

Earlwood is one of the most recent centres to develop in the Municipality. Known earlier as "Forest Hill," it became Earlwood about 1905 or 1906. It is said to have been named after Earl; one-time Mayor of Bexley, who lived on the Bexley side of Wolli Creek; and Wood brothers, William and James, who had a pig and poultry farm in the locality.

Round about 1910, most of the area was covered with scrub and forest. Homer Street was a mere track. A little group of people lived at Undercliffe. There was a dairy on Wooli Creek and another on Wardell Road.

Early shopkeepers were McDonald, who had a butcher's shop at the corner of Homer Street and Joy Lane. Mrs. Hughes had a store in Homer Street, near Undercliffe. James Steele had a barber's business about 1917.

The first picture show was blown down and about 1920 Mr. Hocking built another show and also some shops in Homer Street. The Hocking family lived in a big home on the site of the present Roman Catholic Church at Earlwood.

Transport in the early days was provided by Brady's horse-drawn bus, which ran from Marrickville to William Street about every hour. Passengers had to walk up the hill from Undercliffe.



Drum and Bugle Band, 1935.

Mr. IVOR PUNTON'S YEARS



J. IVOR PUNTON (1957-9)

I spent three happy and prosperous years at Earlwood.

Associated with me were: Miss Allez, a wonderful, sympathetic and co-operative Infants' Mistress, with Miss Whitelaw as Deputy Mistress; and Miss Johns, Girls' Mistress, with Miss Jack as D.M.

Highlights of my term at Earlwood were:—

- (a) The creation of a school magazine known as "The Wheel," written and produced by the pupils, which emphasised Courage, Courtesy and Loyalty.
- (b) The establishment of an Art Gallery in the Boys' Department.
- (c) Extension of the Library to two rooms, and the permanent appointment of a Teacher-Librarian.
- (d) The creation of a manual arts room, where all manual training stock and equipment were concentrated.

(e) The Choral Concert held in the Methodist Hall in 1958 as a part of Education Week. The conductors were Messrs. Blaxell and Downward, with Miss Helen Maloney as accompanist.

(f) Weekly playground assemblies which included class items and highlighted the various activities of the school week. Chairman was the school captain.

(g) Renovation of the Boys' and Infants' Depts. by the Public Works Department.

(h) Construction of cricket pitch in the girls' playground.

(i) Co-operation between the local convent school and ours. School concerts and other activities were held in the Lourdes Hall.

(j) Excellent co-operation between the school staff and the parents, led by the P. & C. Association.

It was with great regret that I left Earlwood for Mortdale, and I was succeeded by an old friend, the late Mr. Norman Johnson.

LOOKING BACK

I have been asked to write some reminiscences of my days at Earlwood School, but I find I hardly know where to begin. Besides, much is now hazy—it's such a long time since I sat in those old classrooms and listened to the drone of the cicadas ("locusts" we called them) in the trees opposite on a hot, drowsy summer's day.

It must have been about 1922 that I first attended, and it was certainly 1927 when I passed the "Permit to Enrol" (earlier called the Q.C.) and went to the then-new Belmore Tech.

In 6th class I had a "Daddy" Moran as my teacher—the Headmaster. (You know, I never knew his name was Edward until the other day!) He was a strict man, with glasses, but as I remember him, with a sense of humour. He was a pretty good teacher, though he couldn't teach grammar—at least, not to me! As I recall, we used to begin the day with the School Magazine—yes, we had it then, too!—and after we'd read a bit, "Daddy" would take up his teaching aid (his cane), point to some fellow in the front and say: "Parse the first word!" If the feat was satisfactorily performed, he would pass on to the next word and the next boy. But if not—whack! "Next boy, try!" And since he never seemed to explain why it was wrong, I never learned much; I just used to hold my hand out when he got to me—it was quicker and more merciful!

As a result, when I went to Belmore, I was a dead loss as far as grammar was concerned, until the Deputy took me in hand and lent me a grammar book. If anyone had told "Daddy" afterwards that I had become a linguist and language teacher, and a specialist in grammar, I think he would have shaken his head incredulously!

After I left, he was appointed to the new Clemton Park School, where I visited him once. The old chap received me in a very kindly and friendly fashion, seemed genuinely glad to see me, and took me round to my little sister's class (she had just begun) and gave her an early mark so that her brother could take her home. I remember she looked so coyly embarrassed, but proud at being singled out for such a high honour.

In 5th class we had the Deputy, Mr. Leroy, a tallish, lean, dark man, who smiled rarely and was strict, but fair. He must have been something of a poet, for we had to learn by heart a

poem he had written, which began, "O beautiful Hawkesbury River!" I often wonder whether it ever got into any of the anthologies.

In 4th class it was Mr. Freudenstein. "Freudy" had a moustache, and a penchant for telling us tales of his youth out west. There was, I recall, much mention of a place called Nevertire, a legendary place to us, that might well have been on the other side of the world. Until I passed through it once, during the War, I don't think I had believed that it really existed. I don't think it had changed much since Freudy's day! He had a tendency to stretch a point here and there, I'm afraid. Sometimes he went so far that there would be cries of "That's a yarn!" from the class. We had our lessons with Freudy in the Methodist Church Hall opposite, and had to stack up the desks at the back each Friday afternoon.

In 3rd class we had Miss Eleanor McNerny, whom I think wore glasses, and we got on well together.

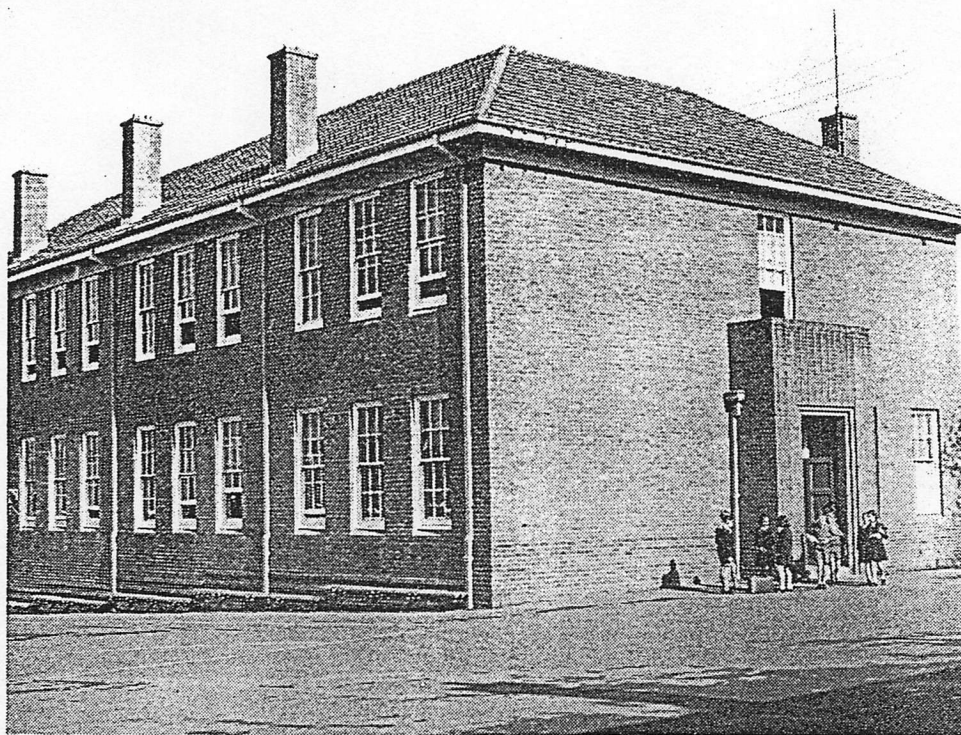
I can remember having lessons as an infant in an open weathershed. Things haven't changed much, have they? I got a slap once—or the threat of it. I'm not sure now—for pronouncing "year" as "yer" when I was learning to read; I hadn't long come out from England.

Oddly enough, I don't recall much about my classmates. My best pal was Des Harris, who lived in Homer Street and afterwards moved to Molesworth Street, Lismore. There was an aggressive young chap named Stuart, son of the local chemist; quite a live wire, full of ideas—backyard concerts and all that, and a bloke called Gordon Kebblewhite. The others seem to evade me, but there must be some who rocketed to eminence.

There was a lot of bush around Earlwood in those days, and I had a long walk each day along William Street from Reid's Nursery, where my father was foreman, down to the "Terminus" (the tramline ended there, near the school), much of it past big scrub patches. There was a beautiful gully behind the school, with a creek and stagnant pools—good fun!

—Alan Towsey

NOTE: Mr. Towsey is now Deputy Principal, Picton High School.



The former Girls' building
(erected 1938),
now houses co-ed.
primary pupils.

SOME OF THE 1966
LADIES' AUXILIARY.



SOME OLD GIRLS REMINISCE

Annie Gymer (Mrs. Tyson) has vivid memories of that vigoro team which flourished in the early twenties. "We travelled to a number of schools to play," she recalls. "My day of glory was when I took ten wickets against Artarmon; however, they were too good for us."

Joyce Brown (Mrs. Pringle) was at Earlwood from 1924 to 1931, by which time the vigoro trips had apparently ceased. She remembers particularly the legendary Harry Leroy (Deputy Headmaster and Acting Headmaster for a time), Miss Macnamara, her favourite, and Miss Hutchinson. One particular concert held at the Mayfair Theatre was a huge success. Mr. Leroy's drum and bugle band was making a name for itself throughout the district.

Deirdrie Warke (Mrs. Johnsen): "I commenced in Transition and left 6th class in 1938 to go to college. In that year I was in the class of Mrs. May, the Headmistress. A Miss Herlihy taught me in 4th or 5th. My spelling got me into trouble many times!

"My major recollection is of Miss E. Row, the most beloved teacher of 3rd class. My mother and I kept in touch with her after her retirement. She was a teacher in the style of 'Mr. Chips.' Though my memories of school are rather dim, I shall never forget Miss Row.

"The school colours then, I think, were maroon and light blue. I can't recall any girls' sporting activities apart from the annual sports day.

"It was something of a habit to take pieces of cake or jars of jam, etc., to my teacher of the time. Once I took a jar, supposedly of strawberry jam, with a pop-out snake instead. It was a big hit with the class, and also with Miss Row, and no heart attacks followed.

"Of my classmates, I remember well Yvonne Storm (her father had a grocery shop where Fleming's is now), Mary Parkes and Pat Honeybone (or was it Honeyfield?)."

EARLY EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL

Mr. Bill Turnell has supplied the following extracts from the minute books of the Forest Hill Progress Association (formed in 1902), which was the prime mover in the matter of a school for the district.

10/6/09. Moved that Mr. Parkes, M.L.A., be written to re deputation to Minister for Education for a public school in the locality. An application form, with signatures attached, has already been forwarded.

25/6/09. A letter from Mr. Varney Parkes, M.L.A., confirming the proposed deputations was read, and E. J. Hocking, Ald. Barnes and E. E. O'Connor were elected spokesmen.

1/7/09. The President furnished a report on the deputation to the Minister re an infants' school. The deputation was well received and the Minister promised to give his attention to the establishment of at least an infants' school.

26/8/09. No news having been received since the deputation, Mr. Parkes was again written to.

Feb., 1913. The Association offered the use of the Progress Hall for use as a school.

6/3/13. Another petition was circulated, and the School Inspector, Mr. McKenzie, was approached to visit the district and meet members.

3/4/13. The Secretary stated he had shown the inspector over the district and given him all possible information. The petition was almost complete.

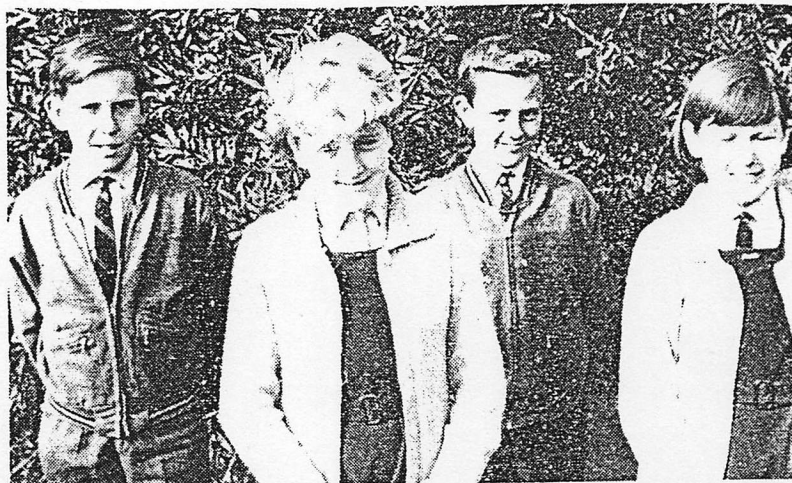
13/8/13. A further letter was sent, and again in September, to the inspector, referring him to his promises.

March, 1914. Agitation for a school had been continued, with the result that a site was now being decided upon.

6/8/14. Resolved that Mr. Peters, M.L.A., and the Department be again written to, asking for construction of the classrooms (plans now in preparation) to be expedited.

Dec., 1914. Re proposed school at Forest Hill, the Department was approached, suggesting that the name of Earlwood, instead of Parkestown, be given to the new school.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND
VICE-CAPTAINS, 1966.
(L to R): Philip Henry, Annette Stubbs,
Jeffrey Clark, Helen Teasdale.



SPORT AT EARLWOOD, 1935 - 45

From 1938 to 1944, for the boys there was Rugby League in winter and cricket in summer for the representative teams. The remainder played softball, winter and summer, on Friday afternoons in Earlwood Park, where the bowling club now stands. The bowling club's founding saw the end of the softball matches.

For two seasons the boys entered a P.S.A.A.A. tennis competition as well, but the tennis petered out because of the long distance teams were forced to travel.

The girls played no competitive sport from 1933 to about 1950, although for a couple of years they played competition vigorously. As with the tennis, the competition entailed too much travel and it fizzled out. About 1940 the senior girls played basketball in the playground, but not competition.

Our senior League teams reached, and were defeated in the finals of the whole Metropolitan Area twice, about 1936 against Rockdale, and about 1938 against Gardener's Road. One of our old boys, Norm Jacobsen, represented Newtown about 1943.

COACHING

The late Alderman Frank Mannix coached the school 1st grade League teams for several years, about 1936-40. Laidley Burge, brother of the Kangaroo forward Frank Burge, coached the team for the next three years. Laidley played First Grade for Souths at the time, and still lives behind the school in Boomerang Avenue.

SCHOOL SPORTS

When on the P.S.A.A.A. Council, I tried to obtain approval for all schools to have a sports day, but was unsuccessful. Two years later, W. A. Coulson, the Principal, supported my application, sent to District Inspector Barlex, for an Earlwood School sports day. Permission was granted and we had our first athletic carnival, as well as participating in the District Carnival. Gradually other schools followed suit, but Earlwood pioneered school sports days.

For the first few years prizes such as scooters, blazers and cups were given. A prize list for the day of £60 was usual, and profits for the day, after selling food, etc., were about £30.

During the war years we gave certificates for all prizes, which changed to three different coloured ribbons in Mr. Punton's time.

—J. B. Clune

Mr. JACK CLUNE



Mr. Clune has been part of the Earlwood scene for so long that he deserves special mention in the Jubilee Book. It is difficult to estimate how many hundreds of boys came under his influence, but one hears his name mentioned often by "old boys."

He joined the Earlwood staff on 31. 1/33, on the same day as Mr. W. A. Coulson took charge. For a period of 13 years he was Sportsmaster until his transfer to Balmain Demonstration School in 1945. His work as Sportsmaster has been mentioned elsewhere. In recognition of his services to the school and regular attendances at P. & C. meetings, the P. & C. Association made Mr Clune a presentation at a farewell party held at the late Mr. Frank Mannix's Earlwood home.

After three years at Balmain, where he was Sportsmaster for all five departments, he received promotion to Revesby as Deputy Headmaster, then to Forest Lodge for a further four years prior to returning to Earlwood as D.H.M. in 1956. Mr. Clune retired on his 60th birthday in 1964.

His wide teaching experience was gained in seven widely-separated country schools before coming to the city. He taught in every type and grade of primary school, and was also seconded for brief periods over six years as Supervisor of student teacher practices.

Mr. Clune now has many private interests, and when time permits he indulges in his pet hobby—movie photography.

THAT VIGORO TEAM

Nina Schwebel (Mrs. Jamieson) writes informatively about the famous vigoro team of the twenties.

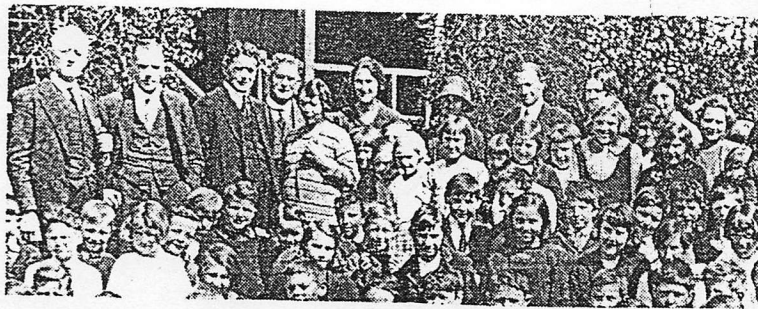
"I have very fond memories of dear old "Daddy" Moran, who always allowed us out early on Fridays for our matches. I think we all called him "Daddy," from the tinies up. Everybody loved him, and I was one of many who cried when he left because of ill-health.

"We were all very proud of our vigoro team, a good one—we beat more teams than beat us. It was ably led by our popular captain and VERY fast bowler, Marjorie (Jerry) Whitehall, whose family still live in the district. We always marched, accompanied by the school band, to

Earlwood Park, arrayed in white frocks with purple and green sash, and purple and green (ugh!) ribbons flowing from our shoulders. On the days we played at Belmore—we walked across country—no buses those days, or mothers with cars to take us! Miss McInerny was our Sports-mistress.

"I remember the following players, but of course there were others: Majorie Whitehall (Mrs. Brownie), Nellie Caulfield, Annie Gymer, Freda Lamb, Ivy Shaw, Edna Sayers, Pearl Davidson (Mrs. Palmer), Jessie Parkes, Hazel Montgomery, Emmie Neal and Nancy Gregory."

(Another one was Joy Tweed . . . G.B.U.).



This is the only photograph known of Mr. E. Moran (extreme L) the first Headmaster. Mr. H. Lervy is next to him.

TWO ORIGINALS

"The first teachers were Mr. Moran, of course, and Mrs. Dunleavy, the latter having 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes together. Other teachers who joined the staff as enrolments grew were Miss Holder, Miss Buckingham, Mr. Emerton, Mr. Freudenstein and Mr. Miles, though not all of these were there at the one time. When I left for Marrickville Junior Tech, there were four teachers and close to 200 pupils.

"The girls' vigorous pitch was near the present double gates in Homer Street. I remember only seven or eight houses in the vicinity of the school in 1916, and some of these were a fair distance away.

"Mr. Moran's nature study walks come to mind, and also how he sat a boy next to a girl in class always. Perhaps it was to prevent the

boys mucking up and the girls talking, if they were seated together!"

Frank Chatillon and Sid Jones enrolled when the school opened in 1916. Frank says: "I was residing in William Street and was attending another school awaiting the completion of the new Earlwood School. On its opening day I was enrolled in 4th class, the Headmaster being Mr. Moran. The class was a mixed one, with children of 4th, 5th and 6th class in the same room. We children decided on the school colours, purple and green in those days.

"I was a member of the school cricket team from its inception until my school leaving age."

From Sid: "I can back up Frank re the choosing of the school colours. Afterwards we designed a school badge, which was displayed on a banner that we used when marching from the school to sports, etc.

MISS ELEANOR ALLEZ

Miss Allez' name is one to conjure with in the annals of the Earlwood Infants' Department. Like Mr. Moran, Miss Row and many others, she was a legend in her own time to hundreds of children and parents.

Commencing as Mistress in 1934, she stayed for 25 years, seeing out a host of teachers and many deputies (among them Mrs. Pearce and the Misses Bridle, Agland and Holland).

As far as can be discovered, there have been only four Infants' Mistresses: Miss Neyle to 1933, Miss Allez to 1959, Mrs. Curtis to 1964, and the present Mrs. O'Gorman.

But let Miss Allez take up her own story:

"Awaiting my arrival in 1934 was as fine a staff as one could wish to have. Mrs. L. Pearce was Deputy Mistress, while Miss Dot West, Miss E. Maudsley, Miss E. Park and Miss B. Bembrick formed the rest of the staff.

"At that period we shared our Infants' Department building with the Girls' Department, while their new building was in process of erection.

"Another pleasing feature was the small, but dedicated Mothers' Club. Guided by their President, Mrs. McDonald, they prepared lunches for

sale to the school children every Monday morning in the basement, sometimes in freezing conditions. They charged 3d. for a pack of sandwiches, and 4d. for sandwiches and fruit. Prior to "Lunch Days," each child who was able to do so wrote a note to his mother, asking for sandwich fillings and permission to buy lunch. I remember saying to the class, 'Just show Mummy and Daddy what a beautiful writer you are.' The money so earned was used to buy equipment for the school.

"This, my first band of happy, hard-working mothers, set the pattern for each group of office-bearers elected during the twenty and more years which followed. Through their efforts, many useful and beautiful articles were purchased for our use.

"During the years of war our building was chosen as an Emergency Hospital. Its entrances were heavily sandbagged, and dark blinds and shutters masked the windows to ensure that the hospital could function at night, unseen by the enemy. We could not easily forget the trenches, in which we and the children had to hide if the air-raid warning was given. Being tall, I always felt that the trench was not nearly deep enough."

The School Staff, 1966.



A GREAT WORKER FOR THE SCHOOL



The late Mr. WILLIAMS

The late Mr. Stan Williams was a tremendously energetic worker in the P. & C. from about 1926. He later became, and remained, President for many years. George Dewe was Secretary for a

time. Stan was largely responsible for the agitation that culminated in the erection of the Infants' building. He and Mr. Whelan, with the assistance of working parties, erected the first playground seating around buildings and under the trees.

Even a peaceful occupation, such as helping the school, had its dangers. Stan fell and broke his leg one night while fixing the lights at the school for a special meeting!

The Sports were always held at Earlwood Park, with Frank Mannix on the microphone. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Fullicks (who kept the shop opposite) always bought the sports prizes. Each child on entering the ground received a bag of lollies and a piece of fruit.

The Williams children, Florence, Leonard, Jean, Ronald, Keith and Joy, all attended the school.

MISS ANN EATON

Miss Eaton was Girls' Mistress from 1951 to 1952, when she retired. She followed Miss Brown, and was succeeded by either Miss Morrison or Miss Johns. Miss Hanscombe and Mrs. Row were two of her valued teachers.

She appreciated the co-operation between the Girls' Dept. and the P. & C., Mr. Norm Alderson

being President and Mr. Young the Secretary.

Miss Eaton started a Ladies' Auxiliary (apparently in her Department). They raised funds, held functions, repaired library books and had chats about ways in which they could help their children, all under Miss Eaton's chairmanship.

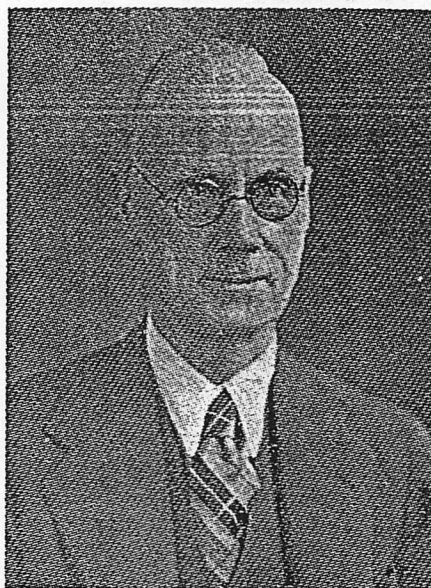
WALTER A. COULSON

Mr. Coulson's name will be very familiar to pupils of the era before World War II. He came as Headmaster from Bankstown East at the beginning of 1933, and retired from Earlwood in May, 1940, having served the Department faithfully for half a century. On his retirement he was tendered a farewell and testimonial in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall in Fricourt Avenue.

Mr. Coulson had many and varied interests apart from teaching. Very interested in all facets of sport, he was a founder and Vice-President of Canterbury-Bankstown Rugby League Club. He was a Life Member of his Masonic Lodge. Vice-President of the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation for many years, he represented the Federation at Australian Teachers' Conferences in Adelaide in 1933 and at Brisbane in 1936.

With Rev. Peacock, then Methodist Minister of Earlwood, he took a boat trip down the Darling from Bourke to Wentworth, sustaining a hand injury which became infected; he spent six months in Gloucester House, but the hand became useless.

He died at his home in Campsie at the age of 82.



SNIPPETS

Not all the present land was in the original area set aside for a school. The last addition was in 1947, when an area of 35 perches, where the girls' weathersheds and cricket pitch now stand, was acquired. It is not known when the Boomerang Street frontage was added.

There were some very active workers for the school in the twenties. Among these were J.

Dunleahy, George Askew, Angus Nicoll, Gilbert Ward and Mrs. C. ("Granny") King, who must have made mountains of scones for school functions in her day. Mrs. Janet Nicoll, senior, helped with finance.

Mention should be made also of William Hyde, Bruce Nicoll (first P. & C. President), Mrs. Sayers, Don Parkes and Zoe Outlaw.

THEN . . . AND NOW

By G. B. UNWIN

Mr. Towsey wrote nostalgically on "Looking Back," which sent my own thoughts racing to the "good old days," or "bad old days," whichever you prefer to call them.

I was in 4th grade at another school at the time Mr. Moran was taking charge of Earlwood, and am thus a contemporary of our oldest group of ex-pupils. Things were probably not very different at our respective halls of learning.

My memories were quickened one day fairly recently when Mrs. O'Gorman, the Infants' Mistress, unearthed a pile of slates and, miracle of miracles, a few unused slate pencils!

One supreme experience the modern-day scholar has missed is the excruciating pleasure of pushing a squeaky slate pencil across a dry slate, to the accompaniment of an orchestra of forty or more making similar sounds around him. In those far-off days when in the classroom silence was considered golden, it is a wonder how teachers' ears stood the strain!

It frequently happened that the self-same slates did double duty as platters on which to knead, roll and manufacture delightfully absurd models such as eggs in a nest, long-legged men, endless chains, animals of weird shape and dubious ancestry, etc., from an evil-smelling plasticine that most times reeked of sweat from busy little hands. Goodness knows how many years some of that plasticine suffered the tortures inflicted on it by succeeding classes of children!

Reading was a serious business, with no place for laughs or frivolity. One began with a primer containing such stimulating sentences as "A fat cat sat on a mat," with a few uninspiring illustrations scattered widely through it. Woe betide anyone who could not recite each lesson word-perfectly, and it mattered not that the pupil had possibly learnt it parrot-fashion.

Infant school days left behind, one proceeded to First Reader, one of a series put out by William Brooks and Co. The book was often the sole reading matter for a whole year, so that the lessons were read and re-read over the twelve months, until almost every pupil could recite the book by December. I well remember that as one progressed to higher readers, there were fearsome lists of words (culled from the text) at the head of each story; thus spelling was never very far away from reading.

Time crases details, but I think one story was "Philomen and Balkis," while the story of "The Lost Child," who died in the Warrumbungle

Mountains, or some equally wild place, brought many a tear.

What a wonderful event was the introduction of the School Magazine of 16 pages, I think in 1917. It was beyond one's wildest dreams to have something fresh to read every month! The Magazine has had 32 pages for many years now. (By the way, this Magazine was the first venture of its kind by any educational authority in the world. Another "first" to N.S.W. was the Correspondence School for isolated children; the Broken Hill "School of the Air" was another pioneering achievement).

Arithmetic was a tough experience (to me, at least) and retribution was swift, sometimes one cut for each sum, for failure to calculate correctly. History and Geography (now together as Social Studies) was drab stuff, the prime purpose being to stuff the pupil's mind with an assortment of facts which had to be committed to memory and recited regularly and perfectly to the satisfaction of a critical teacher. I can still recite perfectly, "Tweed, Richmond, Clarence, Macleay, Hastings, Manning . . .", and give the monarchs of England, together with the years of their reigns. We also learnt endless towns along the various railway lines in the same way, but what went on in those places was often a great mystery. The system was hard, but I think most of us learnt well and the knowledge stuck.

Outside, there were clubs, dumb-bells and sometimes wands for the girls, while the boys formed fours, marching in line and column, and wheeled and turned with great precision, learning left foot from right and helped to perfection by the presence of a stick that was never very far from one's ankles.

On many a classroom wall there hung a huge chart of "Snakes of Australia," which was studied with mingled awe and delight and somehow left a creepy feeling long afterwards.

But there were certain undoubted advantages in those early days. For one thing, orchards and back-yard fruit trees were plentiful, and empty allotments meant easy access to the trees via the back fence—although stomach-aches from eating unripe fruit are certainly rarer now! We walked and rambled more, and were satisfied with simple pleasures; we made our own fun, and were content, even if pocket money was a rarity and our little bottoms were sometimes visible through holes in our pants! Swimming-holes were more numerous, and "cossies" almost unheard-of-luxuries. The corner lolly shop sold Milkpoles, Silver Sammies, musk sticks, licorice straps, etc.,

for a penny, and if affluent one could go to the Saturday-arvo matinee at the local flea-house for threepence. "Comic Cuts" and "The Magnet" were select reading, and a lucky child boasted a library of twenty books.

I could go on for hours in this strain, but while it is pleasant to reminisce there is little real profit in it, and besides, I have suddenly remembered that my title includes the words "... and Now."

Education never stands still; it marches on, steadily, sometimes spectacularly; at times it appears to retrogress to the past, as if in search of some elusive quality that seems to be missing from the present; but quite unmistakably it progresses.

Today's education takes on a wider meaning. It is not merely "book learning" for its own sake, although no one can deny that this is important; it also recognises that there are other objectives and preparations to make for true living, such as

understanding other viewpoints, appreciating the arts and learning to fruitfully enjoy leisure.

Exciting things are happening. We have machines to calculate at incredible speeds, machines to help us read and understand more and faster, machines to feed us information and measure our rate of learning.

The whole world is brought to our schools and homes through the movie and TV. We travel farther and faster afield than ever before. The Space Age is increasingly affecting our lives and outlook, and indeed compelling us to improve our sciences and train more mathematicians.

But the need for good citizens, and the development of those old-fashioned virtues of truth, honour, courtesy, courage and responsibility is as great, if indeed not greater, today, and looms just as large in our present-day educational aims as ever it did.

MORE EARLY HISTORY OF EARLWOOD

We are indebted to the "Campsie News" for permission to reprint the following interesting sidelights on the suburb's early history.

"In 1916 the shopping centre of Earlwood consisted of three shops, namely, a butcher's shop, a produce merchant and a general store.

"Earlwood school adequately catered for the needs of the children of the district to the sixth grade, after which they had to travel to either Marrickville or Canterbury to further their education.

"The 'Riverside Inn' was a hotel on the banks of Cook's River at Undercliffe. On the opposite side of the road was a boatshed, from which one could hire a boat and spend a pleasant day rowing up and down the river or go down during the evening to watch the fishermen netting prawns and fish at various places along the river.

"Primary production was the main source of income for many people in the district. Chinese market gardens were plentiful along the banks of Wolli Creek and Cook's River, while pig-farming was carried on profitably near where Bardwell Park Station now stands. Dairies dotted the area,

and the milkman sold his wares, with much noise, to anyone who came out with a billy-can or jug.

"In those days anyone wishing to do so could walk practically a straight line from Earlwood Terminus to Canterbury or Dulwich Hill, without striking more than a few scattered houses.

"Earlwood and Undercliffe both had their gangs, and many a brawl occurred between them before the advent of the police and a lock-up cell in View Street.

"St. George's Church, much smaller than it is now, catered to the religious needs of those inclined that way, whilst Our Lady of Lourdes Church was established in a private home (the Hocking residence) which was situated on part of land where now stands the present Church building.

"From about 1920 Earlwood developed very quickly, particularly when the area commonly known at that time as 'the Company's paddocks' was sub-divided for the building of War Service Homes. Nobody seems to know what company owned this land, which was bounded by Wardell Road, Hamilton Avenue, Earlwood Avenue and Cook's River."

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Fred Johnson:

"My association with the school goes back 48 or 49 years, when the staff consisted of Mr. Moran and Mrs. Dunleavy. There were three shops at the terminus, while the western side of Homer Street was a vast paddock.

"Incidentally, my brother, who has the 'Wal-fred' Florist shop in Homer Street, must be the oldest, or one of the oldest original shopkeepers in Earlwood, as he attended about 44 years ago."

Mrs. Lorna Cowan:

"I was born at Forest Hill, as Earlwood was called then, and continued to reside there after my marriage, in all 46 years.

"As my father, G. F. Hocking, was a member of the Canterbury Council for 13 years, including

several terms as Mayor, I was present at the opening of the school. Being an enthusiastic amateur photographer, I have a snap of that event.

"My daughter, Jill, was a pupil at the school."

Ena Jarman (Mrs. Thomas):

"I came from Dulwich Hill at eleven years of age to attend Earlwood School in 1920 because I was a rather good swimmer and Earlwood pupils went swimming in school time! (Note: Ena won two gold medals about 1921 at the P.S.A.A.A. Swimming Championships, so she must have been a little more than 'rather good'.)

Among my contemporaries were Frank Grives, Roy Henstock, a boy Hynes, Frank Hocking, Sylvia Grocott, Madge Tuill and Maizie Cooper."

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KILSHAW, Sherry
LONG, David
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TURNBULL, Michael
ULRICH, Michele

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WARWICK, Debra
VILES, Michael

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ALEXANDER, Craig
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ANGELOS, Michael
BAKER, Janine
BASS, Brett
BLYTH, Martin
BROWN, Gayle
BRUCKARD, Martin
BYRNE, Peter
CAMPBELL, Jeffrey
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CARTWRIGHT, Michele
CASTELLARIN, Franko
CHARDON, Chris
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COWLING, Russell
DAVIDSON, Lloyd
Di MATTEO, Tony
ENGLERT, Julie
FIZZEL, Robyn
FLACK, Robert
GALANIS, Maria
GAUDRON, Suzanne
GETTINGS, Allan
GOLDS, Pauline
HARBER, Paul
HARRIS, Malcolm
HARRISON, Kenneth
HAWKINS, Kenton
HODGKINSON, Ann
HOTSON-JONES, Debby
HUNTER, Roslyn
HUSTLER, Ronald
IOSIFIDIS, Leo
KARALE, Bill
KING, Shane
KOSPETAS, John
LAZAREVICH, Sandra
LEAKE, Meredith
LONG, Steven
LOWE, Tania
McATEER, Mark
McCALL, Catherine
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MATHIESON, Donna
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MANTIA, Gabriella
MELLIOS, Thomas
MOSELEY, Peter
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O'GORMAN, David
OWENS, Tracey
PANIKOL, Ludwig
PIPERIDES, Marcios
PRICE, Gilliane
PURCELL, Dorothea
QUAN, Colleen
RYOLE, Felicetta
SANDERCOCK, Grant
SCULLY, Christopher
SMITH, Lorraine
SMITH, Martin
SUTTON, Kim
TACK, Dawn
TUCKER, Peter
TURNER, Robert
VARIPATIS, Helene
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WELLS, Timothy
WEST, Carolyn
WILKES, Lee Ellen

WRIGHT, Meaghan
ZAFERIS, Fontina
ZUILL, John

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ANDREWS, Thomas
ANDREWS, Susan
BASS, Ronald
BARKER, Wendy
BELL, Linda
BORWICK, Peter
BARLTROP, Carolyn
BLUNDELL, Colleen
BROWN, Kevin
BROWN, Leslie
BROWN, Michele
BRYANT, Neal
CASH, Christopher
CARRUTHERS, Kent
CAMPBELL, Robert
CURTIS, Peter
COWIE, Dale
CROKER, Stephen
CHENHALL, Dennis
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DAVIS, Jacqueline
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DANILO, Lillian
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ELLIS, Lindy
FAKES, Susan
FARANDA, Rosemary
FERGUSON, Alan
GERAGHTY, Anthony
GOLDS, Francine
GRIBBIN, Susan
HICKS, Fiona
HIRON, Melanie
HIGGINS, Peter
HOBBS, Annette
HOLMES, Kim
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JORDAN, Gail
JONES, Colin
KELLY, Donna
KING, Kathleen
KORBATITS, Sandra
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LEONTIDES, Rosa
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 WADDINGHAM, Noelene
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 WOODFORD, Susan

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ALEXANDER, Michael
 ALLAN, John
 ANDERSON, Mark
 ANGELOSANTO, Mario
 ARISTOTELI, Mary
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 BARLTROP, Colleen
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 BONANNO, Barbara
 BRENNAN, Mark
 BROWN, Lionel
 BRYANT, Dean
 BUCKLEY, Bruce
 BYRNES, Kym
 CARPENTER, Malcolm
 CARR, Virginia
 CASH, Gary
 CATO, Penelope
 CHESSELL, Jeffry
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 HARPER, John
 HILLMAN, Gregory
 HODGKINSON, John
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 KELLY, Mark
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 OWENS, Robert
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 PILLING, Geoffrey
 PURCELL, Lynette
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 WOOLLEY, Nicolette

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 BALL, Cheryl
 BANNISTER, Graham
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