

KELVIN GROVE State School is an integral part of what has be- come known in education circles as Education Hill.



Its next-door neighbor is the Kelvin Grove State High School and beyond that are the Kindergarten Training College and the Kelvin Grove Teachers Training College.

Because of its proximity to other levels of learning it is frequently on the visiting list of overseas educationists and students, who can learn much of our education system in this one area.

The enrolments this year total 650.

In the years following World War II numbers were boosted until 1960 by the presence of the Victoria Park Housing Commission homes. Enrolments then reached a peak of 750.

Officially, the school is 80 years old this year.

This was the year that two official State Schools — separate establishments for boys and girls — came into being in the suburb.

Before that a provisional school had been in existence since 1875. Mr. T. B. H. Christie had been the first head teacher of the school which stood in Kelvin Grove Road, but not on the present school site.

Early days

In those days, Kelvin Grove was a camping ground for Aborigines and nearby Ashgrove Avenue was a mere bridle path.

There is little on record of that early provisional school, but the fact that the Government quickly acquired more land, and moved the school in 1876 to a new site in the grounds where the present school stands, makes it obvious that early growth was rapid.

The boys' and girls' schools remained separate until 1936.

Then, with the establishment of the North Brisbane Intermediate School, the two upper classes from both boys' and girls' schools were absorbed into this institution.

Campaign

The local member of Parliament, Mr. W. Fowler, who was then Attorney-General, carried out a successful campaign for two magnificent new schools — an infants' school on the site of the boys' school, and a mixed school, the present Kelvin Grove State School, on the site of the girls' school.

In 1960 the last major change occurred with the transfer of infants back to the primary school.

The boys' school, which was built on the site of the present State High School in L'Estrange Terrace, had Mr. Francis Lawrence Walker as its head teacher for a record 32 years.

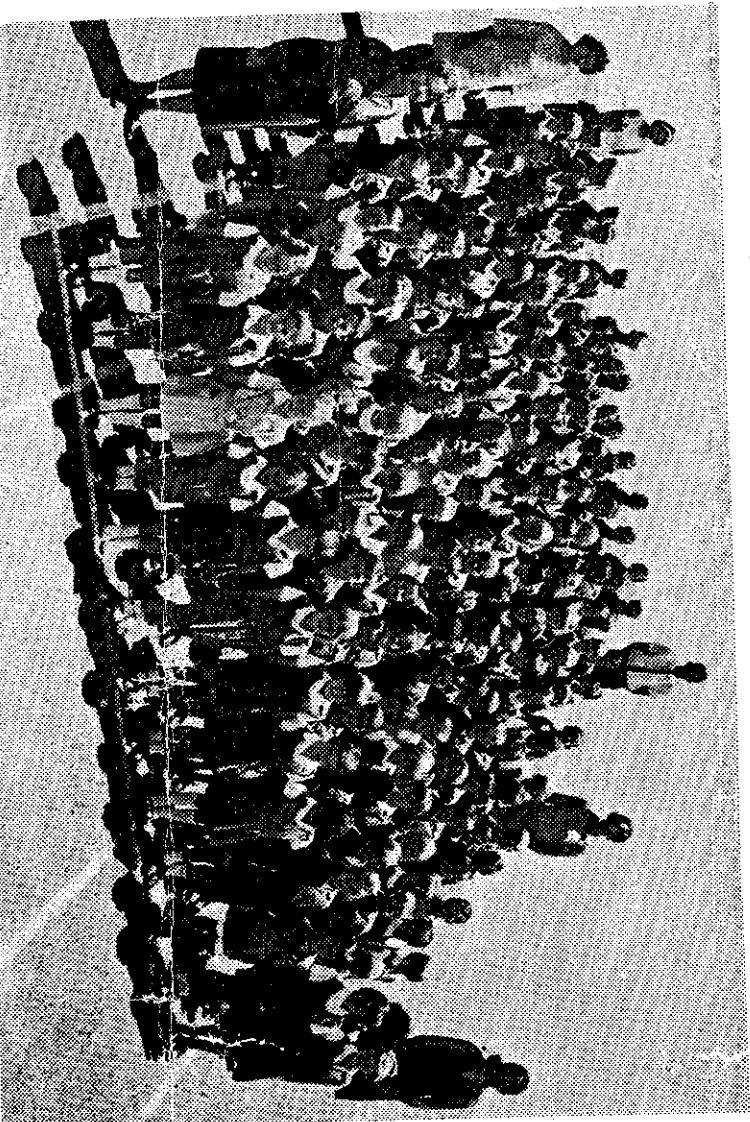
Opened

Mr. Walker was head teacher first of the provisional school in 1883 and in 1887 when the boys' school opened, he came its founding head teacher, and remained in charge until his retirement in 1916.

Today, Mr. Walker's long association with primary education at Kelvin Grove is remembered through the magnificent gifts made to the school by his family.

The school, lined up behind house flags at its special weekly parade, when house results for the week are announced. Counter-marching behind the house flags is a feature of the weekly house parade.

A busy school on Education Hill



INFANT grades with their teachers line up for assembly outside their own classrooms.

The F. L. Walker and Family Memorial Library is one of the best-endowed primary schools in Queensland. Its 2500 volumes comprise a comprehensive reference library. Mobile shelves have been devised by the head teacher for quick transport to other areas as required.

Miss Maude Walker, daughter of the late Mr. Walker, takes an intense

interest in the school and its needs. Among her gifts has been a Memorial Trust Fund through which \$40 worth of books is added each year to the reference section. One of her latest gifts is a three-speed four-track tape recorder. Each classroom has its

own lending library section. The children undertake the duties of librarian, and points are awarded for house competition.

The school is divided into four houses named Evans, Forrest, Kendall and Stephens after famous Australian poets.

On Fridays, the school holds a special parade, when the children line up behind their house flags.

The announcement of the weekly academic and sporting results is made in an atmosphere of great excitement and anticipation.

Among the school's firmly established traditions is the Dux Day ceremony. This takes the form of a speech day.

Invited back

The dux boy and dux girl of the previous year are invited back to the school to be honored and presented with book awards by the president of the Parents and Citizens' Association.

This year, the ceremony was held on October 24.

A senior student is selected to act as chairman. Wayne Wells of Grade 7A, acted in this capacity this year when he welcomed the visitors and conducted proceedings, introducing the guest speaker, Mr. N. A. Adsett, previous head teacher of Kelvin Grove and now staff inspector

six firsts in metropolitan and State championship's, swimming all strokes.

She holds the current State records for 50 metres butterfly and breaststroke events in the junior division.

Tina Pentis has won two gold, two silver and two bronze medals in competition swimming and Angela Perry is an under-nine swimming champion.

Quite a number of children have won the honor of representing Brisbane in school sport. Among them are Glenda Stewart in basketball and softball, Kay Hart in softball, Stephen Woods, Ian Smith, Denis Hawgood and George Nielsen in hockey.

There is a long list of footballers who have won trophies or gained places in metropolitan teams, headed by Emmanuel Londy, who also is boys' athletics captain.

Won Shield

At the recent north-west zone athletics meeting at Lang Park the school's athletics team carried off the Malcolm Donald shield in the first year of presentation.

It was the first time for many years that a points system had been introduced at a primary school's athletics gathering.

The present head teacher, Mr. F. W. Daniel, has held the appointment since 1962.

In his first year he had the responsibility of organizing the school's gainsting 75th anniversary celebrations. A total of 700 past pupils attended, and the school raised \$2000 for the P and C funds.

During the afternoon Mr. Daniel read the names of the first 75 swimmers. Dr. Debbie Handley, State and metropolitan swimming champion who holds the current State records for 50 metres butterfly and breaststroke in the junior division, boys' athletics captain Emmanuel Londy and the school's athletics coach Mr. Don Owen with the Malcolm Donald Shield won by Kelvin Grove at the north-west zone sports this year.



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NEXT:
Sunnybank State School

The school colors are green and white. The uniform for girls is a green tunic with white blouse; the boys wear a green shirt and grey shorts.

The school motto is With All Thy Might.



The head teacher, Mr. F. W. Daniel, who was appointed in 1962.

Many of them answered with a resounding "Here, Sir!" and a hat tossed high in the air.

Mr. Daniel is one of the organizers for the Queensland State Primary Schools Music and Art Society's third annual Festival of Music held this week.

His school's choir has in its repertoire a rousing school song with words composed by Mr. Daniel himself on the 75th anniversary celebrations.

The school has a music specialist, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, on its staff.