

Mr. A. C. Pettit Retires . . .

OFFICE PRESENTATION

A representative gathering of all branches of the Chief Secretary's Department gathered in the Executive Council Chamber recently, to say farewell to Mr. A. C. (Charlie) Pettit, on his retirement from the Public Service after 48½ years service.

Mr. Pettit joined the staff of the Aborigines Protection Board, as it was then called, in January, 1909, as a Junior Clerk, and was appointed Secretary in 1915. He continued in that Office until February, 1941, with a break only during World War I when he was absent with the A.I.F. serving with the 2nd Div. Artillery from October, 1916, until the cessation of hostilities. In 1941, during World War II, he was

transferred for duty with the National Emergency Services, and as the War proceeded and the menace from Japan became a realisation, he did yeoman service, in fact on the occasion of the one and only general alarm in Sydney, his was the hand that sounded the alert and set the whole of the N.S.E. organisation into action.

Out picture shows Mr. Pettit receiving a wallet of notes from Mr. C. J. Buttsworth, Under Secretary of the Department, as a parting gift from his fellow officers by whom he was highly regarded, judging by the many complimentary speeches. In the other picture, Mr. Pettit is being farewelled by Mr. Mullins who succeeded him as Secretary of the Aborigines Welfare Board. Messrs. Pettit and Mullins have been associated since 1912, when Mr. Mullins joined the Service as a Junior Clerk with the Aborigines Protection Board.



Mr. Pettit and Mr. Buttsworth.



Mr. Mullins and Mr. Pettit.

BURNT BRIDGE MARCHING GIRLS

It is pleasing to report that £75 18s. 9d. to date has been raised towards equipping the Burnt Bridge Marching Girls Team.

Uniforms and caps have been procured for the senior team, the Waratahs.

An official presentation was made by Alderman Mr. Saul, together with a representative from N.S.W. Marching Association from Newcastle, on 24th August at the Station.

Successful Start

The teams are doing well, according to their chief instructor, Mr. Evans, and should account for themselves in the Spring Festival.

Ruth Campbell, captain and manager, recently made a broadcast over 2KP commenting on the progress of the team and conveying thanks to the people of Kempsey for supporting the project.