

allowance of up to \$1,040 a year. No Aborigine has yet matriculated in Victoria but several are studying for the exam. (In recent years in N.S.W. at least 5 Aborigines matriculated and several others passed the leaving certificate or higher school certificate.)

► People of the Urunga-Bellinger area of the State were saddened by the death in March at Concord Repatriation Hospital of the widely respected Aboriginal personality Mr Andrew Boney, aged 60. He served overseas in the A.I.F. in World War II, and had a long record of service with the Railways; he lived at Urunga. After a service in the Roman Catholic Church, Urunga, the large funeral procession moved to Urunga cemetery for the burial. An R.S.L. service was also held. Many Nambucca residents attended the funeral and members of the 2/3 Pioneer Battalion from Nambucca Heads placed a wreath, a replica of Mr Boney's army colour patch, on the grave. Mrs Boney, a married daughter Margaret and sons Kevin and Robert, both of Goulburn, survive. *Dawn* adds to the sympathy extended to the bereaved.

► Matron Marshall, of Cootamundra Girls Training Home, reports that fourteen-year-old Barbara Doolan, of the Home, was selected to represent Australia at a ceremonial candle-lighting

to celebrate International Week of the Business and Professional Womens clubs organization. The ceremony of lighting the candles, which represent the 43 countries in the club federation, was held in the Cootamundra Methodist Hall. The Cootamundra club is one of 93 in Australia; the movement started in the U.S.A. about 50 years ago, and spread throughout the world—reaching Sydney in the 1930's.

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Barbara Doolan (centre), who represented Australia at the Cootamundra candle-lighting ceremony. With her are Dina Murer (left), an Italian girl, and Nellie Steele, who received the Cootamundra club's scholarship for her secondary schooling.

Paul's a Prefect

Sixteen-year-old Paul Coe has become the first Aboriginal scholar at Cowra High School to study for the Higher School Certificate and to be elected a prefect by his schoolmates.

Paul is the son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Coe, of Erambie Aboriginal Station.

Mrs G. H. Millard, president of the Erambie Scholarship Fund, told the *Cowra Guardian* that Paul deserved the honour of being made a prefect.

"Five years ago, when it was realized that no child from Erambie Aboriginal Station had ever sat for the Intermediate Certificate examination, a group of women called a meeting to form a scholarship fund," Mrs Millard said.

"The aim of the scholarship was to encourage a child from Erambie to remain at secondary school for three years and to sit for this examination."

The idea received so much support that an additional scholarship was awarded to a pupil at The Brigidine Convent.

Paul Coe was chosen by the principal of Cowra High, Mr Plummer, as the most likely to benefit by the scholarship.

"He worked well," Mr Plummer said, "and not only passed the Intermediate Certificate examination, but on his own initiative continued for another year and passed the School Certificate examination.

"His ambition now is to pass the Higher School Certificate examination at the end of this year and then train as an art teacher.

"Paul shows marked ability in art and for two years has attended the ten-day Art School in Sydney during the Christmas vacation."