



*The office-bearers of Coonamble Aboriginal Advancement Association: John Ryan (president), Mrs Kennedy (secretary), and Tony Boney (vice-president)*

regional projects will continue to be financed by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth will finance legal assistance through the Aboriginal Legal Aid Service. It will liaise with Aboriginal groups and government departments.

#### ► COONAMBLE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Coonamble community has recently formed an Advancement Association. The Association sprang from the original establishment of a funeral fund. The formation meeting, attended by about 40 local people, took place last October. It resulted in the election of John Ryan as president, Mrs Kennedy secretary, and Tony Boney vice-president. Following his election, John Ryan said: "I believe in action. Don't be frightened to let the committee know what you want and we should be expected to do what you want". Steve Ho, the regional Vocational Officer who attended the meeting, stressed that "if a community wants to get buses, pre-schools, field officers, houses etc., it has to be *organized*. It's no use individuals acting on their own", he said. "They need the community

behind them in the form of an organization". The meeting agreed on the need for a field officer for the community. The accompanying photo on this page shows the office-bearers.

#### ► GIRLS TRAINING COLLEGE FOR NEWCASTLE

Construction is well under way for the Durungaling Girls' Training College at Lambton, Newcastle. The college will provide live-in accommodation for 20 Aboriginal girls from all over Australia. It is envisaged that girls will stay at the college while attending Technical College and will be provided with evening tutoring while there. The establishment of the college is the result of the fund-raising and organizing efforts of a local committee formed in 1969. The committee has received support from all members of the local community, including service and bowling clubs, businessmen, entertainers, and the trade union movement. The Australian Government has also devoted a large proportion of the funds necessary for the project. It is hoped that the building will be completed by May.