

PROFESSOR D.P. MELLOR

former Prof. of Chemistry at Univ. of N.S.W. retired 1971 or 72.

Born in Launceston 1903.

Course for intending teachers at High School stage, in final year.

Involved some practice teaching.

Teaching Physics and Chemistry as Junior Teacher at Devonport High, straight after High School! This year of teaching was mandatory for intending teachers, before University.

After one year at the University, was posted to Burnie - thereafter back to Hobart to complete degree (at own request - not necessary for teaching profession then).

Teaching full-time at Hobart High and doing full 3rd year course at same time - "the hardest year of my life". No social life at all - "would order it very differently now".

145 Working by kerosene lamp, no heating, in a room in a boarding house. Then into teaching position, on bond, probably 3 years.

In Canberra, at Observatory, for one year (1926?). Electrolytic Zinc research scholarship - after teaching phase. (Some confusion here).

200 You could get to the University if you really wanted to - most people didn't ever think of it.

220 Prof. L. McAuley described. "A big influence" - a dreadful lecturer; but gift for communicating enthusiasm.

Description of L.F. Giblin.

No recollection of student "issues".

Further career:

Author of "Science and Industry in the Second World War" - part of Official War History (Gavin Long ed.)

Knowledge of Optical Annexes -

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