

New Staff Here For Approved School for Boys

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The Nonsuch Training School, started in the 1930s by Mr. Arthur T. Tucker on Nonsuch Island, has ceased to exist as such.

In its place on Paget Island, to which the school was in fact moved some years ago, has taken form the Paget Island School which, in the words of the Director of Education, Mr. D. J. Williams, is "an approved school for boys whose aim and outlook is to produce as fine a boarding school as possible."

The staff of this "new look" school, Mr. Williams disclosed yesterday, is already in the Colony, ready to begin work. The Paget Island School's headmaster is to be Mr. Geoffrey F. S. Appleton, whose wife will also act as matron of the school.

Mr. Appleton, according to Mr. Williams, has had experience in this type of work in the past, having been the deputy headmaster of an approved school for junior boys in England for some time.

TWO MORE TEACHERS

There will be two other teachers, Mr. Williams said, both, surprisingly enough, with the surname of Rees. Mr. Alan Rees will teach academic subjects and physical education, his speciality. Mr. Williams remarked that Mr. Rees was a fine rugby player, and was hoping to play the game during his stay in the Colony.

Mr. Courtland Rees will be a teacher of arts and crafts specialising in metal work and wood work.

Other members of the staff will be the senior boatman and gardening instructor, Mr. Gilbert Lambe of St. David's Island, the relief boatman and nightwatchman, Mr. Pitcher, whose wife will act as cook, and Mr. Gibbons, who will perform the duties of nightwatchman.

Mr. Williams explained that boys entering the school will be between the ages of nine and 16. They would all have appeared before a juvenile panel for some criminal act, and have been 'committed' to the school for an indefinite period of time.

The school would not, however, be a prison for the boys, although they had to remain at the school year-round, would be allowed home for week-ends from time to time.

Boarders at the school would remain there until such time as it was considered they had been satisfactorily trained in the ways of society. The school would be as self-supporting as possible.

NEW DORMITORY

Mr. Williams noted that a new dormitory had been built at the school, divided into two sections, one for the junior boys and one for the seniors. Under construction at the present time are a kitchen and dining-room.

Livestock were to be introduced to the island so that the boys might learn a little of farming, Mr. Williams said, and a lake in the centre of the island was to be converted into a type of "boat haven" in order that boat repair work and slipping might be taught.

Much of the school, Mr. Williams noted, was housed in old Fort Cunningham, built there in 1895 by the British Government.

Mr. Williams said there was a chapel at the school, and the appointment of a chaplain would probably be announced in the near future.

Mr. John Parker until recently was the school's superintendent and his wife the matron.