

BIG PART FOR YOUTH IN OPENING FESTIVAL

Camberwell Arts Society will form a Junior Arts League of teen-agers to bring youth into the opening festival for the Civic Centre and for cultural activities there later on.

The suggestion to form a junior league was made by Mr R. Trevare, music master at Camberwell High School to encourage creative thinking in the arts by young people.

"We have some very bright young people in our schools," he said.

His idea was taken up enthusiastically by the president, Cr John Jackson, a primary school headmaster, and other speakers at the first annual meeting of the Society in the Civic Centre theatre.

The Arts Society committee will meet on Thursday, September 12, to work out details for a fortnight's festival to follow the opening of the Civic Centre by the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, on Saturday afternoon, April 12.

Mr Trevare said the music masters of Camberwell schools had already met, and were seeking the co-operation of all private and State schools to arrange joint entertainment for the public by choir, art and drama groups for the opening festival.

"It is very vital to get the interest of all Camberwell people in the Civic Centre, and one of the prime jobs of the committee will be to encourage younger citizens to take part, and to call them together at the earliest possible moment," he said.

"Planning of Civic Centre activities have to look further ahead even than 10 years — to 50 or 100

years — and it is essential that the Civic Centre of the wealthiest municipality in the metropolitan area is given a good start," he added.

Mr Trevare said the Arts Society should ask every secondary school headmaster and youth groups to send a girl and boy representative to a meeting where a committee could be formed to represent youth.

"To get the backing of youth, they must be entrusted with responsibility," he said.

Integral part

Mrs Lucy Altman said music was an integral part of our culture, and it was essential to educate people, particularly youth, in music, drama, ballet and other arts.

She said one festival, extremely well done once a year, was preferable to a number of mediocre ones.

On a recent tour of Europe she had been told that Europe was suffering from "festivals" — too many festivals — and nobody wanted artistic inflation in a new country like Australia.

In Europe, a city of 100,000 — Camberwell's size —

would have its own theatre, and Camberwell could have a festival which would be the envy of every other municipality.

Cr Jackson said Camberwell was beginning a great venture with the new Civic Centre.

"It's a tremendous building, and in using it I believe getting revenue should not be a No. 1 priority," he said. "The Civic Centre is for the benefit of ratepayers, and all groups using it should get benefit from it. The income side should be looked at when the Civic Centre is not being used by ratepayers."

Cr Jackson said the Arts Society was looking forward to the Rotary Club of Camberwell staging its art show, which had made a tremendous impact on Camberwell after the opening.

Two main foyers, each about 120 ft. by 30 ft., were very suitable for art displays.

He said the building was magnificent, and he was amazed at its size during a recent inspection.

"We are really in for a treat," he said.

At the meeting, groups which offered to contri-

bute to the festival were:

- Rotary Club of Camberwell art show.
- Surrey Film Society.
- Scouts and Guides' drama and music night.
- Hartwell Players, Camberwell Drama Group and school drama groups.
- Festival Light Opera Company and Lyric Light Opera Company.
- Chamber Opera Group.
- United Ladies' Choir and Canterbury Ladies' Glee Club.
- Camberwell Philharmonic Society.
- Camberwell Camera Club.
- Ballet groups.
- Horticultural and Floral Groups.
- Church choirs.
- Camberwell Potters, Arts and Crafts members, Embroiderers' Guild.
- Victorian Opera Company.
- New Australian groups.
- Instrumental groups.

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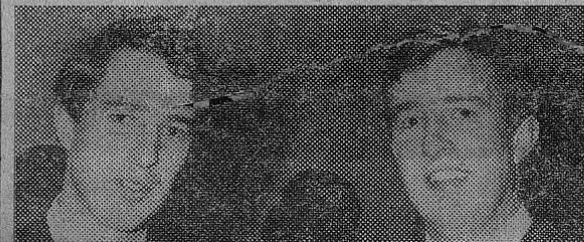
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FORMER MAYOR TO TALK ON SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUBS

Former Mayor of Camberwell, Mr Ralph Dear, and his wife will speak on their impressions of the work of senior citizens' organisation in Australian and Britain at the annual meeting of the Ashburton and District Senior Citizens' Welfare Association.

Twins fellow-graduates



Mr and Mrs Dear have been active with the Evergreen Club in Balwyn, and recently returned from a world tour.

The meeting will be held at the Senior Citizens' Centre, High St., Ashburton on Wednesday, August 21, at 7.30 p.m.

Salvation Army

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Committee: Cr Howard Dawson; Mr V. Bennett, Camberwell Camera Club; Miss Norma Bull, artists; Mr Paul Gnatt, ballet; Mrs S. M. Kellalea, Camberwell Drama Group; Mrs R. Kinsey, Hartwell Players; Mr G. McNamara, Lyric Light Opera; Mr R. Mitchell, Surrey Film Society; Mr D. Robertson, Hartwell Eisteddfod; Mr M. Sharpe, instrumental musicians; Mr R. Trevare, music master, Camberwell High School; Mr G. McCoubrie, Scouts' "Show-time."