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### Technical Schools' Representative on University Council

It was resolved that Mr. R. J. Parsons  
of Tooracra be nominated as the  
representative of Technical Schools  
on the University Council.

(Crs Lederman & Farr)

### Refund of Fees

It was resolved that a refund of £1-13-9  
tuition fee and 5/- sports fee be granted  
to Mrs. C. M. Harding.

(Crs Lederman & Lynch)

### General

#### Technical Education

Mr. Farr said that at a recent meeting  
of the Advance Ballarat Association  
the matter of Technical Education  
came under discussion as the result  
of an address by Mr. R. A. Francis  
Headmaster of St. Albans  
Street State School. In Mr. Francis'  
opinion boys should not enter Junior  
Technical Schools until they had  
completed a year in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mr. Farr said that the results  
of entrance examinations and  
those obtained by pupils at the  
Junior Technical School indicated  
that insufficient boys of the right  
type were applying for enrolment.

He had found that a number  
of boys from the High School annually  
sought employment in the engineering  
branch of the Electricity Commission.

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In his opinion these boys should have  
attended the Junior Technical School  
and the question arose as to whether  
parents and pupils were being correctly  
advised regarding secondary education  
or whether there was a lack of  
proper understanding on the part  
of parents.

In a plan for decentralisation it was  
necessary for steps to be taken to  
see that boys were given the right  
kind of education as there would be  
wonderful opportunities for trained  
operators as foremen, supervisors  
etc. ~~when~~ <sup>when</sup> the war came to an end.

Mr. Hutchinson said that he felt  
the time was opportune for the  
appointment of a coordinator of  
education whose responsibility  
would be to see that parents and  
pupils were advised along right  
lines. In his opinion insufficient  
boys of the right type were entering  
the Junior Technical School each year  
and he felt that a drive should be  
made to re-educate local people  
along the right lines regarding education.

Mr. Farr said that it was ~~not~~ very  
pleasant to know that Mr. Hutchinson  
was aware of the position and that he  
was doing so much to correct it.

After a discussion on the possibility  
of forming a local Education Committee  
it was resolved that for the time being