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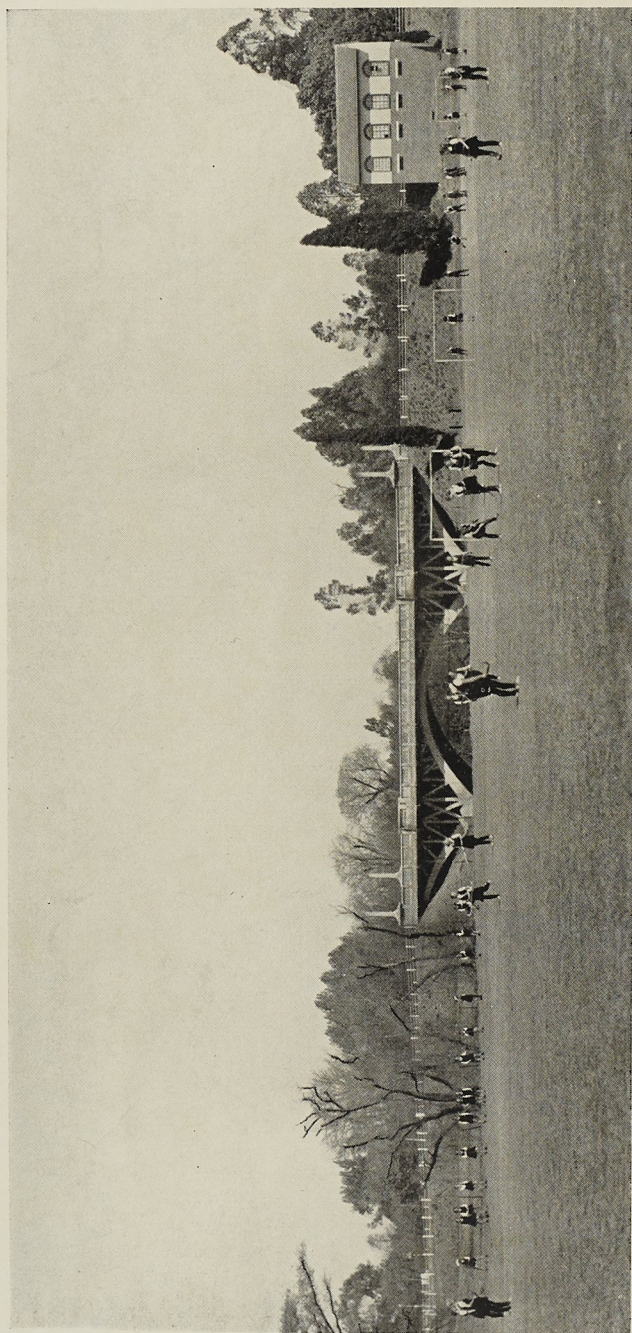
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Ye Rede of William:

“Alle wille comme riht,
Habe feith, and lîht
Wyth alle youre miht,
Onlye syt tîht,
Quoth William of Wykeham.”

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September, 1941.

My dear Girls Past and Present,

As we look back at the position of world affairs this time last year, we cannot but feel profoundly thankful that we have not been made to pay the penalty of blindness and apathy by the extinction of our democratic way of life. What the aggressor States boasted would be accomplished by August, 1940—a Peace dictated from London—has not

yet come to pass, but so narrow was the margin of escape during those critical summer months last year that we might well say, I think, with the Psalmist of old, "If the Lord Himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us, they had swallowed us up quick when they were so wrathfully displeased at us." It has been a wonderful deliverance and there is much to learn from it. As I read the many letters I get from England, I am impressed by the wonderful sense of calm and confidence that pervades them all. People are learning there, that it does not matter if you lose your material wealth so long as the eternal things endure—liberty, truth, honesty and goodness. There is a wonderful comradeship evolving out of all that stress and sorrow. I believe this war will speed up tremendously the previous gradual drift in the Old Country, towards a universal middle class, without those extremes of wealth and poverty that have troubled the national conscience increasingly of late years, and are ever under discussion. I only wish that I felt we were as sure in this country of a more satisfactory New Order, and had some sure hope of establishing a Democracy in South Africa in the place of the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, under which our Native population is deteriorating at such an alarming rate, both physically and morally, on account of poverty, malnutrition and disease. I very much doubt, myself, however, whether much will be done to improve the political, if not social and economic status, of our Coloured peoples, before that great and urgent problem of Poor Whitism is solved. Of course, Nursery School Service for Indigent children is the most hopeful weapon as yet forged against it. I beg that you will all give it your whole-hearted support wherever you come across it. It is a sad thing that, although, the Old Countries, America and all the other great Dominions are full of Nursery Schools, here in South Africa, where the need is most urgent, there are comparatively few—in all Natal only about four. I have often wondered how I could get to you young mothers amongst our Old Girls scattered all up and down South Africa the benefits of our discoveries in Nursery School Education for your toddlers, for few people still realise how vital to the child's whole future life is its scientific handling during the great habit-forming years from two to six. You will see I have written you an article on it as an attempt to help those who are interested.

Having stayed with many of you on farms from time to time, I have noticed the way in which your Natives turn to you in all their troubles, especially in sickness,

and the cheerful and willing way in which you, rightly, shoulder this responsibility. I thought perhaps a short list of items for your medicine cupboard might be useful, it is hard in the country to keep pace with all the new ideas in medicines and treatments.

How ill-advised the Natives are to leave the country and come into the town. We are much concerned in Maritzburg at the present moment with the problem of our "Black Belt," the ring of peri-urban slums in which more than 10,000 people live under insanitary and lawless conditions. However, I believe events are beginning to march. An ordinance has been passed in the Provincial Council making three persons responsible for the administration of the slums, which deface the approaches of nearly every town in Natal. It is a step in the right direction. I hope they have appointed three very courageous people. Their task will be a colossal one.

Something that cheered me much of late was the Conference in the July holidays at the Girls' College, Durban, of about 20 senior boys and girls from our Natal schools to study Bantu problems and social services. There was a refreshing atmosphere of interest and determination about that Conference. I got the impression that it would not just end in talk.

I am glad our Johannesburg branch of the W.O.G.'s is so active, and appreciate the affectionate gesture inaugurating a W.O.G.'s lunch at the Belfast Restaurant, on the same day as we have it at Wykeham, the first Tuesday in the month. I wish something of the sort could be instituted in Durban and any other centres where two or three Wykeham girls can gather together for the sake of old times.

I did so much enjoy the lunch party arranged by Mrs. Graham in October last, for another little group of girls who came to see me at Matatiele. We sat round and discussed many of the problems facing our country today over and after morning tea. It was a refreshing experience to me. I am proud of those groups of Wykeham girls, wherever I come across them, who are carrying on the tradition of friendliness and service, which has been the aim of our school since our beloved founder started it on its mission in South Africa. I also enjoy collecting the Old Girls' news each year. There is no doubt that most of you are doing something worthwhile with your lives. I have always sympathised wholeheartedly with John Wesley's famous supplication—"Lord let me not live to be

useless," and I can see that I am far from standing alone in this respect.

The Old Girls' Weekend Sale and Dance were most successful. You are to be congratulated on the raising of over £60 by these efforts, and the donation of more than £25 to war funds.

Let me end now by wishing you every good wish for the coming year and the safe return of your dear ones in the not too far distant future. They must feel very proud too of the way you have risen to the occasion and are so bravely and cheerfully shouldering all this added responsibility.

My love and sympathy to you all,

Yours affectionately,

DORIS E. MELLOR.

Wykeham School Staff.

SEPTEMBER, 1941.

Headmistress:

Miss D. E. Mellor, B.A., Hons., London.

Assistant Mistresses:

Miss M. Abbott-Smith, A.R.C.M., S.A.S.M.T.; Mrs. J. Allen, N.F.U. Dip., B. of Ed. (London); Mrs. J. Butler, T.2 (Transvaal), I.T.C., Ceylon; Mrs. M. Dunbar, A.T.C.S. (Dip. Faculty of Teachers in Commerce) (Bursar); Miss A. Elders, B.A., Fine Arts (Natal), U.N.A.T.C.; Mrs. E. I. Harber, P.C.T., N.C.T.C.; Mrs. P. D. Hasses, T.3 (Natal); Miss M. Hosking, L.R.A.M., S.A.S.M.T.; Miss M. W. Patterson, Bergman-Osterberg College; Miss F. A. Reed, B.A. (South Africa), U.E.D.; Miss G. M. A. Shepherd, Cambridge Teachers' Certificate; Mrs. D. Stanton; Miss E. Taylor, M.Sc., B.Sc. (South Africa), S.T.C.; Mrs. L. O. Thomas, B. of Ed. (London); Miss M. Wright.

Administrative Staff:

Miss C. M. Jones-Williams; Mrs. K. Davies; Mrs. H. Gibbs; Mrs. M. Gidney.

Visiting Staff:

Miss F. Abraham, F.T.C.L., A.T.D. (London College of Elocution); Mrs. Dittrich, B.Sc., H.E.D.; Mr. E. S. de Kock, B.A., LL.B.; Mrs. G. Garnett, A.R.C.M., S.A.S.M.T.; Mrs. D. Gordon; Miss M. Grigson and Mrs. N. Hooper-Graham, L.I.S.T.D. (London); Mrs. Hew Kennedy; Mr. P. F. Loney; Miss N. McEwan, L.T.C.L.; Mr. S. W. Pape, M.A. (Oxford); Miss E. Ireland, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., U.T.L.M., L.T.C.L.; Miss Kinkel, U.T.L.M.; Miss E. Thompson, B.A. (Natal); Miss T. Merrick, B.Sc. (Natal).

Medical Officers:

Physician and Surgeon in Charge: Dr. R. R. Mackenzie, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (London); Dental Surgeon: Mr. T. H. Cooper, L.D.S., R.C.S.I.

Wykeham School List.

SEPTEMBER, 1941.

Form VIa.—D. Baikie, A. Broome, P. Carter, A. Johnston, P. Moore, J. Roach, S. Smeaton, M. Stewart, H. Sydie, H. Turner.

Form VIb.—J. Armstrong, D. Berry, V. Dedekind, M. Deltel, P. Dunbar, M. Fitchat, S. Fitchat, M. King, D. Mason, J. Morrison, Z. Simmons, M. Springham.

Commercial Division:

Form VIa.—M. Byng. VIb.—M. Brickdale.

Form Va.—J. Ayling, S. Brown, B. Davis, J. Gethin-Jones, P. Harcourt-Baldwin, P. Jerome, I. Leslie, D. Pennington, J. Perkins, A. Stainbank, J.-R. Stevens, G. West, A. Woods.

Form Vb.—D. Berliner, M. Boast, B. Calverley, N. Fowler, J. Gadson, N. Garland, M. Graham, S. Graham, H. Hart, Y. Higgs, C. Paterson, A. Pope, M. Thorp, B. Waller.

Form IVa.—P. Burrell, S. Dodds, J. Gordon, A. Johnson, R. Johnston, L. Martin-Taylor, T. Simpson, R. Skelton, P. Smith, M. Stainbank, R. Slatter, W. Surgeon, J. Wasserfall.

Form IVb.—B. Allan, P. Anderson, M.-A. Basson, D. Black, B. Brazier, S. Garnett, S. Gordon, F. Jackson, G. Jehu, L. Louch, R. Rodda, A. Wood.

Form III.—B. Anderson, S. Anderson, E. Beard, M. Garnett, M. Gordon, J. Handley, T. Moore, S. Stainbank.

Form II.—Joan Allan, G. Bradfield, D. Leather, D. Meade, J. Ogg, J. Polkinghorne, C. Posel, B. Talmage, U. Walker.

Form I.—J. Brazier, M. Clegg, J. Cosnett, G. Crooks, J. Jackson, M. McGregor, L. Parker.

Transition.—Jane Allen, J. Buttery, P. Gibb, W. Levey, S. Thompson, B. Upfold.

Kindergarten.—R. Allen, A. Andrews, W. de Kock, B. Doig, R. Donnelly, A. Hoch, M. Kelly, P. Kelly, G. Meadon, F. Saunders, M. Uys, R. Walters, S. Wood.

Nursery School.—M. Banks, W. Bush, M. Butt, W. de Kock, B. Doig, R. Donnelly, A. Hoch, M. Kelly, P. Kelly, G. Meadon, F. Saunders, M. Uys, R. Walters, S. Wood.

Wykeham Old Girls Executive Committee.

SEPTEMBER, 1941.

President.—Miss D. E. Mellor.

Vice-Presidents.—Miss M. Abbott-Smith and L. M. Hime.

Secretary.—M. Pentland.

Committee Members.—I. Anderson, E. Butt, H. Catherine, W. Catherine, S. Dixon, E. Earle, J. Scott-Riddell, A. Smythe.

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Concerning the Present Girls.



CERTIFICATE LIST—JUNE, 1941

University of South Africa
Matriculation, December, 1940.

Class II: Leila Beater, Denise Chaplin, Priscilla Francis,
Mavis Wedderburn.

School Leaving Certificate: Joan Kershaw.

Matriculation, February, 1941.

Class II: Phyllis Earl.

Class III: Lilian Lindsay.

Junior Certificate, December, 1940.

Class I: Pat Dunbar, Pamela Swanson, Erica Webb.

Class II: Doria Beiles, Dora Mason, Zia Simmons.

Class III: Doreen Berry, Janet Chilvers, Maureen Fitchat,
Shirley Fitchat, Audrey Garland, Mary King,
Oriol Woodhouse.

Primary School Leaving Certificate, December, 1940.

Continuation Certificate: Maureen Boast, Nora Fowler,
Judith Gadson, Norma Garland, Maureen Graham,
Sheila Graham, Hilda Hart, Christine Paterson,
Anne Pope, Barbara Thompson, Margaret Thorp,
Barbara Waller.

Royal Drawing Society, June, 1940.

Full Honours Certificate: Denise Chaplin, Anne Broome,
Joan Kershaw, Pat Moore, Erica Webb.

National Commercial Examinations, June, 1940.

Intermediate Typing (Pass): Joan Smith.

Preliminary Bookkeeping (Pass): Margaret Stewart.

November, 1940.

- Junior Bookkeeping (Pass): Margaret Stewart, Doria Beiles, Zia Simmons, Audrey Smeaton.
 (Distinctions): Mary McLeod, Joan Smith.
- Junior Typing (Pass): Doreen Calverley.
- Junior Typing Distinctions and Preliminary Bookkeeping (Pass): Judith Kirk.
- Junior Typing and Preliminary Bookkeeping (Pass): Mary Byng, Lesley Garland.
- Preliminary Bookkeeping (Pass): Pamela Carter, Ann Stainbank, Gloria West, Audrey Woods.
- Public Service Speed 80: Audrey Smeaton.

Pitman's Shorthand Examination, June, 1940.

- Full Theory and Speed 50 (Pass): Joan Smith.

December, 1940.

- Elementary Theory (Pass): Doreen Calverley, Lesley Garland.
- Speed 70 (Pass): Joan Smith.
- Speed 90 (Pass): Audrey Smeaton.

Music Examinations, University of South Africa, September, 1940.

- Piano Lower (Pass): Judith Gadson.
- Piano Transitional (Pass): Barbara Waller.
- University of South Africa Preliminary Theory of Music, June, 1940.*

- Pass: Shirley Brown, Nora Fowler, Norma Garland, Judith Gadson, Dawn Pennington, Barbara Thompson, Gloria West.

Trinity College Music Examination, October, 1940.

- Piano Lower (Pass): Norma Garland.

Trinity College Elocution Examination, October, 1940.

- Higher Local (Pass): Margaret Stewart.
- Senior (Pass): Dora Mason.
- Intermediate (Honours): Rosemary Carlyle-Mitchell, Isobel Leslie.
- Junior (Honours): Barbara Waller.
- First Steps (Merit): Maureen McGregor.

*Trinity College Theory of Elocution Examination,
October, 1940.*

Higher Local (Honours): Mary McLeod.
(Pass): Margaret Stewart.

Prize List—June 1941.

Academic Subjects.

Form VIa:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Angela Johnston.
English Prize: Angela Johnston.
Afrikaans and Latin Prize (presented by Mr. E. Barns): Angela Johnston.
Botany Prize: Angela Johnston.
Scripture Prize: Angela Johnston.
Form Work, 2nd prize: Ann Broome.
Good Fellowship Prize (presented by Mr. A. T. Allison): Shirley Smeaton.
Courtesy Prize: Hilary Turner.
Handicraft Prize: Patricia Moore.
Dressmaking Prize: Lesley Garland.
Elocution Prize: Margaret Stewart.

Form VIb:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Patricia Dunbar.
Form Work, 2nd prize: Shirley Fitchat.
French Prize (presented by Mr. E. Barns): Dora Mason.
Violin Prize: Audrey Garland.

Form Va:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Dawn Pennington.
Mathematics Prize: Dawn Pennington.
Form Work, 2nd prize: June-Ruth Stevens.
Senior Drawing Prize: Penelope Jerome.
Senior General Knowledge Prize (presented by Mrs. Pope-Ellis): Audrey Woods.
Music Prize (Miss Hosking's pupils): Gloria West.

Form Vb:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Judith Gadson.
Music Prize (Miss Abbott-Smith's pupils): Judith Gadson.
Form Work, 2nd prize: Maureen Graham.
Theory Prize: Barbara Waller.
History Prize: Christine Paterson.

Form IVa:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Shirley Dodds.
 Form Work, 2nd prize, Rosemary Johnston.
 Sewing Prize: Thea Simpson.

Form IVb:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Sylvia Gordon.
 Form Work, 2nd prize: Felicity Jackson.

Form III:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Judith Handley.
 Junior General Knowledge (presented by Mrs. Pope-
 Ellis): Judith Handley.
 Form Work, 2nd prize: Peggy Wight.

Form II:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Jean Ogg.
 Form Work, 2nd prize: Justine Polkinghorne.
 Sewing Prize (presented by Mrs. R. T. Mason): Dawn
 Leather.

Form I:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Jacqueline Cosnett.
 Form Work, 2nd prize: Margaret Clegg.
 Sewing Prize (presented by Mrs. R. T. Mason):
 Margaret Clegg.
 Drawing Prize: Jane Jackson.

Transition:—

Form Work, 1st prize: Jane Allen.
 Form Work, 2nd prize: Barbara Upfold.
 Winner of the Inter-House Cup for Good Work (pre-
 sented by Mrs. J. H. Steere): Green.
 Winner of the Inter-House Cup for Order (presented
 by Mrs. M. E. Morphew): Green.
 Winner of Inter-House Cup for Tidiness (presented by
 Mrs. H. K. Kershaw): Green.
 Winner of Inter-House Cup for Music (presented by
 Mrs. R. Dougall): Green.

Sport.

Hockey:—

Winner of the Inter-House Hockey Cup (presented by
 Mrs. Underwood Saville): Mackenzie.

Tennis:—

Winner of the Inter-House Tennis Cup (presented by
 Mrs. J. O. Smythe): Green.
 School Champion and winner of the Crookes' Racquet
 Tournament: Ann Stainbank.

Winner of the Una T. Boyd-Varty Trophy and prize (presented by Mrs. Boyd-Varty): Joy Perkins.

Runner-up for the School Racquet and winner of prize (presented by Mr. A. C. Mitchell): Joy Perkins.

Runner-up in the Boyd-Varty Tournament and winner of prize (presented by Mrs. Boyd-Varty): June Armstrong.

Junior School Champion: Anne Johnson.

Runner-up for the Junior School Championship: Leonie Louch.

Swimming:—

Winner of the Inter-House Swimming Cup (presented by Mrs. D. Arbuckle): Moore.

School Champion and winner of the Earle Cup and prize (presented by Mrs. P. H. Mason): Ann Broome.

Winner of the Shoolbred Cup for the girl gaining most points for her House in the School Gala: Ann Broome, Wendy Surgeon (Med.).

Prizes won at the 16th Annual Inter-Schools' Swimming Gala, March, 1941.

Seniors:

Girls' (aged 14 and 15 years) 50 Yards Breast Stroke, 1st prize: Ann Broome.

Girls' (aged 14 and 15 years) 50 Yards Back Stroke, 1st prize: Ann Broome.

Girls' 100 Yards (open), 2nd prize: Ann Broome.

Fancy Diving, 1st prize: Ann Broome.

50 Yards Breast Stroke (Seniors), 3rd prize: Shirley Fitchat.

50 Yards Breast Stroke (14 and 15 years), 3rd prize: June Armstrong.

Senior Diving, 3rd prize: Helen Sydie.

Juniors:

25 Yards Back Stroke (under 12), 1st prize: Rosemary Skelton.

25 Yards (11 years), 2nd prize: Rosemary Skelton.

50 Yards (14 and 15 years), 3rd prize: Nora Fowler.

Shooting:—

Winner of the Becker Cup for the Highest Average for the year, and prize (presented by Mr. Loney): Lesley Garland.

Runner-up for the Cup and winner of the prize (presented by Mrs. P. Mason): Angela Johnston.

Gymnasium:—

Winner of the Inter-House Gymnasium Cup (presented by Mrs. A. V. Allan): Mackenzie.

Winner of the Upper School Gymnasium Medal: Helen Sydie.

Winner of the Lower School Gymnasium Medal: Margaret-Ann Basson.

Winner of the prize for the Girl Best All-round at Sport: Helen Sydie.

House Notes.

GREEN HOUSE

The past year has been a record one for Green, and proof that this is no idle remark are the five cups at present adorning our House shelf. It is a remarkable achievement, and has occurred only once before in the history of the House system at Wykeham.

In September, 1940, we again won the Inter-House Tennis Cup, and in the Gym. Competition for the Allan Cup, held in November, were second to Mackenzie by only one point. Inter-House Athletics were also held in November, Green coming third.

February, 1941, saw a change in House Mistresses—Miss Shepherd took over Green from Mrs. Hutton, who, to our regret, has left. We shall always remember gratefully her cheering influence in a year which was hard on both House and School.

The first event of any importance in 1941 was the Inter-House Swimming Gala, held on March 3rd. For the first time in many years Green managed to rise from third place, though, as was inevitable, Moore carried off the cup. However, Wendy Surgeon, who was instrumental in winning more than a quarter of the points gained by Green, ultimately tied with Ann Broome for the Shoolbred Cup. This is an astounding feat as Wendy is yet a junior, and everyone knows Ann's fame in aquarian haunts!

The following quarter, on June 17th, the Singing Competition in connection with the Dougall Cup took place, Green coming first; this result, combined with the successful efforts of the music pupils, culminated in our holding the Music Cup for yet another year.

Beryl Calverley had the honour to be one of the two

tennis players chosen to represent the school in the Smythe Trophy Tournament held in June.

Throughout the year the general standard of the House was distinctly improving, especially the work, which last year was our weakest point. Subsequently, at the termination of a year of whole-hearted effort, at the prize-giving on June 26th, 1941, Green House was presented with the cups for Work, Order and Tidiness, in addition to those for Music and Tennis.

S. SMEATON, Captain.

MACKENZIE HOUSE

At the end of 1940 Mackenzie held three of the Inter-House cups, the Gym., for the seventh time in succession, the Hockey and the Work. Unfortunately we lost the Work Cup to Green House in June, 1941.

On the 3rd March the Inter-House Swimming Gala was held at the Open Air Baths. Mackenzie obtained the third place. Owing to a recent operation, our star swimmer, Janet Chilvers, was unable to swim, thus reducing our chances considerably.

The members of Mackenzie will have to make a greater effort to improve the Order and Tidiness of the House, as the results in June proved us to be considerably weaker than the other Houses. It was very disappointing that Mackenzie lost the Work Cup, nevertheless we hope to be able to regain this cup next year.

Continually throughout the year we have been encouraged by Miss Hosking's keenness and interest in the House and to her we owe much gratitude.

HILARY TURNER, Captain.

MOORE HOUSE

In June, 1941, Moore House was unfortunate in losing two cups—the Order and the Hockey cups, but we again won the Swimming Cup for the seventh year in succession. Ann Broome won the Earle Cup and Maureen Graham was the runner-up. Ann also tied with Wendy Surgeon for the Shoolbred Cup, which in the four previous years had been won by Ann. Nora Fowler was chosen to represent Maritzburg in the Intertown Junior Relay Race, and Ann Broome swam in the Senior Relay.

During the last fortnight we have been playing off our House Tennis matches. Our senior team did not manage

to obtain first place, but our junior team excelled themselves by winning their matches. The final result of the Smythe Trophy being: Mackenzie first with 218 games, Green 166 games and Moore third with 154 games.

We were sorry to see the Order Cup leave our shelf in June, and we realise that we shall have to improve the general conduct of the House to regain it.

On behalf of the members of Moore House I must thank Miss Abbott-Smith for her enthusiasm and interest in the activities of the House.

P. MOORE, Captain.

Games Notes.

COMMITTEE: SEPTEMBER, 1941.

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| President | Miss Mellor |
| Vice-Presidents | Misses Patterson and Gordon |
| Tennis Captain | H. Turner |
| Tennis Member | H. Turner |
| Hockey Captain | H. Sydie |
| Hockey Member | H. Sydie |
| Swimming Captain | A. Broome |
| Swimming Member | A. Broome |
| Shooting Member | S. Smeaton |
| Secretary | S. Smeaton |

TENNIS

In 1940 we were unable to play any League matches owing to the fact that we were continually in quarantine.

On the 16th and 17th of May, 1941, Beryl Calverley and Anne Stainbank represented Wykeham in the Smythe Trophy Tournament. They obtained the third place out of the eight competing schools.

Joy Perkins won the Boyd-Varty Trophy for the second year in succession, and was runner-up for the Crookes' Racquet, which was won by Anne Stainbank. June Armstrong was runner-up for the Boyd-Varty Trophy. The Chandler Cup was won by Anne Johnson with Leonie Louch as runner-up.

During the July holidays Joy Perkins won the Junior Championship of Zululand at Eshowe, and Beryl Calverley ran her up for the title.

The Senior House Tennis was played off on the 30th August, 1941, and the Junior on the 6th September.

The cup was won by Mackenzie House (Mackenzie, 218; Green, 166; Moore, 154).

With Miss Patterson's help and conscientious practice from the team, it is to be hoped that Wykeham will maintain its usual high standard in the coming Lyle League matches.

February, 1941.

First Team:—

- 1st Couple: B. Calverley and A. Stainbank.
- 2nd Couple: P. Moore and J. Perkins.
- 3rd Couple: H. Turner (Captain) and L. Garland.

August, 1941.

- 1st Couple: B. Calverley and A. Stainbank.
- 2nd Couple: H. Turner (Captain) and J. Perkins.
- 3rd Couple: P. Moore and J. Armstrong.

February, 1941.

Second Team:—

- 1st Couple: J. Armstrong and M. King.
- 2nd Couple: H. Sydie (Captain) and A. Johnston.
- 3rd Couple: J. Roach and Z. Simmons.

August, 1941.

- 1st Couple: J. Roach and A. Wood.
- 2nd Couple: A. Johnston and Z. Simmons.
- 3rd Couple: M. King and H. Sydie (Captain).

Tennis Matches: February, 1941—September, 1941.

First Team:—

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|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| February 22: v. Collegiate | | won | 65—52 |
| March 1: v. Mitchell Park (Ladies) | | won | 62—55 |
| March 8: v. G.H.S. | | lost | 55—62 |
| March 15: v. St. John's | | won | 77—40 |
| March 29: v. Collegiate | | lost | 48—51 |
| April 5: v. Epworth | | (unfinished) | 70—28 |
| September 20: v. St. Anne's (League) | | (unfinished) | 29—49 |
| September 27: v. G.H.S. (League) | | lost | 43—74 |

Second Team:—

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|-------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| March 8: v. G.H.S. | | won | 55—44 |
| March 29: v. Collegiate | | won | 57—42 |
| April 5: v. Epworth | | (unfinished) | 58—38 |
| September 27: v. G.H.S. | | won | 53—46 |

Under 14 Team:—

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|--------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| March 8: v. G.H.S. | | won | 52—47 |
| August 19: v. Collegiate | | (unfinished) | 37—31 |
| September 27: v. G.H.S. | | won | 46—35 |

H. TURNER, Tennis Member.

HOCKEY

At the beginning of the season the standard of the hockey appeared to have deteriorated considerably, and it seemed apparent that Wykeham would not maintain its usual high standard. This might have been due to the lack of team practice we had last year owing to the epidemics, but it is chiefly to be attributed to the fact that it took the teams the greater part of the season to realise that the success of any team lies in its power to co-operate. In the League Wykeham gained fifth place, winning two out of the seven matches.

However, after much coaching and encouragement from Miss Patterson the teams rallied admirably in the last month, coming second in the Carnival.

The House Hockey was played on Monday 29th of September, Green and Mackenzie being in the finals. The standard of these two teams was very good and it was difficult to decide which was the better; the first match was a draw, and had to be replayed, this too was a very even match and Green only managed to win by a corner.

Colours were presented to A. Johnston and M. King.

H. SYDIE, Hockey Member.

First Eleven, April, 1941:—

J. Perkins, J. Chilvers, *A. Johnston, D. Baikie, H. Sydie (Captain), B. Calverley, *M King, J. Armstrong, A. Woods, J. Roach, N. Garland.

*Denotes First XI Colours.

Second Eleven:—

M. Byng, H. Turner (Captain), J.-R. Stevens, Z. Simmons, S. Graham, P. Harcourt-Baldwin, A. Pope, A. Stainbank, M. Fitchat, P. Jerome, I. Leslie.

First Eleven Matches:—

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| May 10: v. Voortrekker (League) | lost | 2—3 |
| June 7: v. Convent (League) | won | 1—0 |
| June 14: v. St. John's (League) | lost | 2—4 |
| June 21: v. Collegiate (League) | lost | 0—1 |
| August 9: v. Estcourt (Friendly) | lost | 2—3 |
| August 16: v. Epworth (League) | lost | 0—4 |
| August 23: v. G.H.S. (League) | lost | 0—9 |
| September 4: v. St Anne's (League) | won | 4—1 |

Second Eleven Matches:—

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| May 10: v. Voortrekker (League) | lost | 2—3 |
| June 7: v. Convent (League) | won | 2—0 |
| June 14: v. St. John's (League) | lost | 2—3 |
| June 21: v. Collegiate (League) | lost | 1—3 |
| August 9: v. Estcourt (Friendly) | won | 2—1 |
| August 16: v. Epworth (League) | lost | 0—2 |
| August 23: v. G.H.S. (League) | lost | 0—11 |
| September 4: v. St. Anne's (League) | won | 2—1 |

SWIMMING

There has been an improvement in the general standard of swimming in the school this season. The old keenness in the sport has by no means slackened, and we once more took a prominent part in Gala events.

Unfortunately, Janet Chilvers, one of our best swimmers, was unable to represent us this year owing to a recent operation.

No swimming colours were awarded this season.

Seals' Gala

We once more did well in the Seals' Gala held on February 28th, 1941. In the under 16, 50 yards Club Championship, A. Broome gained first place, and also came third in the 100 yards open.

R. Skelton and L. Louch came second and third respectively in the 25 yards under 12. In the heats for the 50 yards Ladies' Handicap J. Armstrong, M. Stewart and H. Sydie got places, though not in the final. In the same event, for those under 16, N. Garland, N. Fowler, J.-R. Stevens, W. Surgeon and J. Armstrong also gained places in the heats.

Wykeham entered a team in the 200 yards Ladies' Handicap Team Race, but it was unfortunately disqualified owing to a false start. The girls were: M. Graham, J. Armstrong, J.-R. Stevens and A. Broome.

Inter-House Gala

The Annual Inter-House Gala was held at the Open Air Baths on Monday, March 3rd. For the seventh year in succession Moore House gained the highest number of points.

The cups were kindly presented by Mrs. Earle; Ann Broome again winning the Earle Cup, and tying with Wendy Surgeon for the Shoolbred Cup.

The final results were as follows:—

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| 1. Moore House | | 83 points |
| 2. Green House | | 49 points |
| 3. Mackenzie House | | 42 points |

Inter-School Swimming Gala

The 16th Annual Inter-School Swimming Gala was held at the Open Air Baths on March 9th. The Junior Gala was held in the afternoon, and the Senior Gala in the evening. Wykeham won the Senior Shield for the fourth year in succession with 15 points. The following girls represented the school in the Senior Team Race which was lost to G.H.S. by a narrow margin: M. Graham, J. Armstrong, J.-R. Stevens and A. Broome.

We did not manage to win the Junior Shield this year, but N. Fowler and R. Skelton did well in the individual races.

A. Broome represented Maritzburg in the Intertown race against Durban Seniors, but the team lost.

The Junior Intertown was held in Durban this year, and N. Fowler represented Wykeham in the Maritzburg team. Maritzburg beat Durban and succeeded in breaking a record.

Miss Patterson took over Miss Lusty's position as Sports Mistress at the beginning of the year, and we owe much of our success to the untiring efforts of both.

ANN BROOME, Swimming Member.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics has, and always will be, one of Wykeham's favourite skilled activities. The Gymnasium has, through Miss Patterson's unsparing efforts, once again attained a very high standard.

Mrs. Lambert kindly judged the Inter-House Gymnastics Competition, which was held on the 21st of November, 1940, the result being that Mackenzie for the seventh year in succession won Mrs. A. V. Allan's Cup for Gym.

Colours were awarded to Angela Johnston in December.

H. SYDIE.

SHOOTING

Shooting recommenced in October, 1940, after a period of four months in which we were unable to practice owing

to a scarcity of ammunition. Fortunately we were able to obtain a grant for enough to last us some time, but the future for shooting enthusiasts is still very uncertain. As a consequence of the lapse we were unable to enter for the Imperial Challenge Shield, which was held before we resumed practices.

In June, 1941, Angela Johnston and Penelope Jerome were awarded their colours, and Lesley Garland again won the Becker Cup, with Audrey Woods as runner-up. Much to the regret of the shooting world at Wykeham, Lesley Garland left school in July, thus leaving a vacancy for Shooting Member on the Committee; at the Sports Meeting in August Shirley Smeaton was elected in her place. As a consequence of the war no girls' schools are permitted to compete for the Imperial Challenge Shield this year.

Several former shottists have left off, but despite the small numbers the standard of shooting for 1941 has been exceptionally high, and we would like to express our thanks to Mr. Loney for his invaluable teaching and encouragement.

S. SMEATON, Shooting Member.

School Diary.

CHRISTMAS QUARTER, OCTOBER 8—DECEMBER 12

Oct. 3.—Reunion of East Griqualand W.O.G.'s at Mrs. Graham's to greet Miss Mellor.

7.—Boarders return.

9.—W.O.G.s' Executive Meeting elects M. Pentland Secretary in R. Holliday's place.

10.—Nursery School Parents' Group addressed by Dr. Rompel on Danger Signals in Children. Trinity College Music Examinations, 1 entry passed. Trinity College Elocution Examinations, 6 entries, 3 Honours, 1 Merit, 2 Passes.

12.—Ailsa Hallé's Garden Fête.

17.—Ellice Lupton-Smith spends the day at Wykeham. Parents' Council. Trinity College Theory of Elocution Examinations, 3 entries, 1 Honours, 1 Pass, 1 Failure.

18.—Lower Taalbond Examinations, 2 entries failed.

- 23.—Oral Afrikaans Examinations for Matric. held by Mr. Du Toit. New Education Fellowship. Parents' Group visit Wykeham Garden Nursery School.
- 24.—VIa, VIb and Va New Testament Examinations.
- 27.—Dr. Akerman's cine-camera films of flowers and wild life.
- 30.—School goes into quarantine for chickenpox.
- 31.—VIb write Miss Snell's Scripture General Knowledge Paper. Pamela Smith gains first prize out of all the schools entering with 75 per cent.
- Nov. 1.—Staff Bridge Drive for War Funds makes £9 2s. 4d. profit.
- 2.—Roses sold on behalf of the Child Welfare Society's "Our Children's Day." Mrs. Tibbit speaks on "Social Service" to those Seniors interested.
- 7.—Staff Meeting.
- 9.—Miss Grigson and Mrs. Graham's Concert in aid of War Funds.
- 11.—Armistice Day Wreath laid on Cenotaph. £1 2s. 1d. worth of poppies bought for St. Dunstan's. Prefects' Meeting.
- 14.—Mr. T. Cooper's six-monthly dental inspection.
- 18.—Va's Old Testament Examination. National Commercial Examinations, Shorthand Speed, 2 entries, 1 Pass, 1 Failure. £1 1s. subscribed by girls to Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund.
- 19.—National Commercial P.C.C. Bookkeeping Examination, 8 entries, 7 Passes, 1 Failure.
- 21.—National Commercial Examination, Junior Bookkeeping, 6 entries, 2 Distinctions, 4 Passes. Senior Typing, 2 entries. House Gymnastics Competition, judged by Mrs. Lambert, won by Mackenzie House. Girls collect £3 8s. 8d. for Comforts for the Nurses; £1 19s. 9d. for Sheepskin Jackets for the Navy; £1 15s. 5d. to the Poor Indian Families.
- 22.—National Commercial Examinations, Junior Typewriting, 4 entries, 1 Distinction, 3 Passes.
- 23.—Inter-House Sports on Hockey Field, Moore House wins.

- 25.—Miss Burns arrives to invigilate for the Matriculation and J.C. Examinations.
 - 26.—Matriculation and J.C. begin: Matriculation, 8 entries, 4 Seconds; 2 S.L.C.'s, 2 Failures; J.C., 14 entries, 3 Firsts, 3 Seconds, 7 Thirds, 1 Failure.
 - 27.—Mrs. Ratsey's (Miss Ford) funeral.
 - 29.—School Examinations begin. N.S. Parents' Group addressed by Mrs. Butler on "The Cape Town Conference."
 - 30.—Piece Playing.
- Dec. 2.—Miss Thompson in charge of evacuee school children from England visits the School.
- 4.—Primary School Certificate Examination, 14 entries, 12 Continuation Certificates, 2 Failures.
 - 5.—Staff Meeting.
 - 6.—Imperial Challenge Shield Competition. Team gains mass efficiency and 4 First-class Shots' Badges. Pitman's Shorthand Examinations, 4 entries, 4 Passes.
 - 7.—Miss Lusty's wedding to Mr. Duncan Armitage.
 - 8.—Prefects' Meeting.
 - 9.—Vib put on "Scenes from Pride and Prejudice."
 - 10.—School unsuccessfully photographed.
 - 11.—Inspector J. MacLeod's visit.
 - 12.—Breaking-up Concert and Exhibition of Work. Perfect Attendance Certificates gained by 9 girls. Mr. Pomfret presents Royal Life Saving Society's Medals. During the holidays the white paint was renewed at Winchester—class-rooms muralloed, etc.
- Jan. 7.—P.S.C. Results.
- Jan. Matriculation Results.
- 22.—J.C. Results.

EASTER QUARTER, JANUARY 29—APRIL 10.

- Jan. 29.—Boarders Return. Staff Meeting.
 New Staff: Miss Butler, Mrs. Davies, Mr. De Kock, Mrs. Gidney, Miss Patterson, Miss Traill, Miss Wilkinson.

Head Girl: H. Turner. Vice-Head: S. Smeaton.
 School Prefects: H. Sydie, L. Garland, P. Moore,
 J. Roach, M. Stewart.

Day Scholar Prefects: A. Johnston, D. Baikie.
 Rule Reading. House Meeting.

30.—Parents' Council, Annual General Meeting.

31.—Staff Meeting re Registers.

Feb. 1.—Sports Meeting.

3.—Prefects' Meeting.

4.—Mr. T. Cooper's Dental Inspection.

6.—Afrikaans Concert.

10.—Miss Butler recovered from malaria, begins to
 take over her work from T. Merrick and E.
 Thompson. S. Kregeloh takes some Art Classes.

19.—Subsidiary Cape Matriculation begins, 3 single
 subjects, School Leaving Certificate entries, 2
 completed Matriculation Certificate, 1 sits for
 full examination and gains a Second.

20.—Nursery School inspected by Child Welfare Com-
 mittee Members.

26.—Ash Wednesday. Upper School go to evening
 service.

27.—Juniors go to afternoon service.

28.—Seals' Gala. Wykeham 4 awards.

Mar. 3.—Wykeham Gala, Moore wins Arbuckle Cup, A.
 Broome Earle Cup and A. Broome and W.
 Surgeon tied for the Shoolbred Cup.

5.—Trials for Senior Intertown. A. Broome chosen;
 M. Graham reserve.

6.—Staff Meeting.

W.O.G.'s Meeting to arrange Birthday Weekend.

10.—Girls collect £1 19s. 1d. for Comforts for Grey's
 Nurses in Kenya; £1 2s. 9d. for Poor Family;
 18s. 9d. for Sheepskin Coats.

12.—Dr. Watts examines Nursery School Children.

17.—Girls visit The Natal Witness Printing Press.

13.—Diving Trials for Inter-Schools' Gala.

Girls go to "Ampie."

Art Girls go to Mrs. Palmer's and Mrs. Gordon
 Craig's Exhibition of Art.

- 14.—Inter-Schools' Gala: Juniors, Scottsville 1st with 31 points; Wykeham 6th with 8 points. Seniors, Wykeham 1st with 15 points; G.H.S. 2nd with 10 points.
 - 16.—Miss Abraham and her pupils put on Kipling evening.
 - 18.—W.O.G.'s Meeting to send out invitations.
 - 21.—Nursery School Parents' Group addressed by Sister McDougall on "Public Health Work."
 - 22.—Demonstration of Bathing a Month-old Baby by Sister Buttery.
 - 26.—Junior Intertown Swimming Trials, N. Fowler chosen. The Maritzburg Team wins and breaks the existing record.
 - 27.—Domestic Science Girls visit the Municipal Baby Clinic.
 - 29.—Girls visit the Armoured Train.
First Reading of "Lorna Doone," the Breaking Up Play.
 - 30.—Debate: "Science has been of more use to the world than the Arts," lost 13—14.
- April 2.—Some girls go to a Demonstration of Grafting at Mr. Carter's Nurseries.
M. Stewart and D. Mason recite at afternoon Concert in Town Hall.
- 6.—Miss M. Snell talks to Seniors on Vocation.
 - 8.—Life Saving Cup won by G.H.S., Wykeham 5th.
 - 10.—School Breaks Up. During holidays Kitchen, Reading Room and Upper Staff refitted and re-upholstered. Nursery School Cloak Room fitted with basins.

WINTER QUARTER, 1941, APRIL 22—JUNE 26.

- April 21.—Boarders Return. Miss Reed takes Miss Butler's place.
- 23.—W.O.G.'s Meeting to make final arrangements for the Birthday Weekend.
Some girls go to cine-camera lecture by Dr. C. Akerman.
 - 24.—Staff Meeting.
 - 25.—Parents' Council.

- 26.—W.O.G.'s Weekend Sale makes £47. £10 given to Air Raid Victims and £10 to Navy League Funds.
- May 2.—First of Series of Six Lectures to Nursery School Parents, Students and Friends on Child Psychology by Mr. B. Pechey and Dr. Pratt-Yule.
- 3.—“Tempest” at Girls’ Collegiate School.
- 5.—W.O.G.’s Meeting to Send Out Notices of the Dance.
- 6.—First W.O.G.’s Lunch at Wykeham to be held on the first Tuesday of every month during term time. Present: J. Fincken, P. Francis, L. Beater, M. Pentland and H. Catherine.
- 8.—Traffic Inspector Landsberg speaks on “Safety First.”
Mr. Forsyth inspects dying Cather ebulis (Arabian tea) tree.
- 10.—Michaelhouse Dance.
- 12.—Dr. Bayer advises taking of cuttings from Cather ebulis.
- 16.—Smythe Trophy Tournament. We put up Estcourt couple. Result: G.H.S., 1st; Estcourt, 2nd; Wykeham, 3rd.
- 17.—Fête at Mrs. Hosking’s. A. Stainbank wins prize for Tennis.
W.O.G.’s Impromptu Dance at Wykeham makes £15; £3 given to Red Cross, £3 to Merchant Seamen’s Relief Fund.
- 19.—Prefects’ Meeting.
- 21.—Jane Fincken and some girls make woolly animals for Navy League.
- 22.—Studio and VIb and IVb Rooms changed round.
- 23.—Long Weekend. Sports in Park.
- 26.—Picnic to Otto’s Bluff.
- June 2.—Cape Preliminary Theory Examination, 1 entry, 1 Pass.
- 3.—W.O.G.’s Lunch. Two present.
- 5.—Staff Meeting.
- 7.—Fête at Railway Institute in Aid of War Funds.
- 10.—National Commercial Examinations begin, 7 entries, all Passed; 1 with Distinction.

- 13.—School Examinations.
- 14.—Fête at Mrs. T. Tatham's to Buy an Ambulance for Oribi.
Piece Playing.
- 17.—House Singing Competition, judged by Miss Brittain, won by Green.
Make-up Rehearsal for "Lorna Doone."
Pitman's Shorthand Examinations, 3 entries, 2 Passes.
- 23.—Miss Thompson in charge of evacuee children visits School.
Dress Rehearsal for "Lorna Doone."
- 24.—"Lorna Doone" for the schools. Profits £8, half given to Mayor of Coventry's Fund, half to Pietermaritzburg's Nursery School for Indigent Children.
- 26.—Breaking Up Play and Prize Giving. Girls donate prize money, £21 10s., to the British Navy.
During holidays J. Perkins gains Junior Championship of Zululand and B. Calverley runs her up.
A. Broome and B. Davis attend a Bantu Welfare Conference of Senior Boys and Girls at Girls' College, Durban.
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Winchester muralloed outside.

MICHAELMAS QUARTER, AUGUST, JULY 30—
OCTOBER 3

- July 29.—Staff Meeting. Boarders Return.
New Staff: Mrs. Thomas, Miss Allan; part-time, Miss Merrick, Miss Thompson, Mr. Pape, Mrs. Dittrich, Miss Le May, and Mrs. Germishuis until Miss Reed recovers.
New Prefect: M. Byng.
- 30.—Rule Reading.
- 31.—House Meeting.
- Aug. 2.—Hat, Tie, Umbrella and Workbox Parade.
Sports Meeting.
- 4.—Prefects' Meeting.
- 5.—W.O.G.'s Lunch, 2 present. Parents' Council.

- 6.—Trinity College Elocution (Theoretical), 2 entries,
1 Merit, 1 Pass.
First Confirmation Class, 10 candidates.
- 9.—New issue of Health Certificates and Clothes Lists.
Seven cases of influenza.
- 12.—Some girls go to Gwen Ffrangcon Davies and
Marda Vanne's "Twelfth Night."
- 13.—Some girls go to "Quality Street."
- 14.—W.O.G.'s Meeting to send out news-slips.
First Ju-jitsu Class given by Mr. Stirling.
- 19.—Mr. T. Cooper's dental inspection.
- 23.—Debate v. Epworth: "Invention has done more
for the world than Exploration." Lost, 16—9.
- 25.—Air Commando at Oribi.
- 30.—Two cases of German measles.
- Sept. 1.—Cape Music Examinations, 1 entrant, passed.
- 2.—W.O.G.'s Lunch. Seven present.
- 4.—Staff Meeting.
- 9.—Prefects' Meeting.
- 12.—Rev. H. A. Waters stays with us for Synod.
Niedzielski's Concert.
- 13.—Hockey Carnival.
- 14.—Synod Sunday.
- 15.—Carnival Finals: Wykeham first tied with G.H.S.,
has to play decisive match—loses 2—1.
Girls contribute £1 7s. 9d. to Grey's Hospital
Nurses on Active Service Comforts; 12s. 9d. to
Poor Family; 15s. for Sheepskin Coats for the
Navy.
- 20.—Reading of "Hamlet" at Girls' Collegiate.
- 25.—Royal Drawing Society's Examinations.
- 26.—"Treasure Island" at Cordwalles.
- 27.—"Lady Precious Stream" at the N.U.C.
- 28.—Debate v. N.U.C., "Euthanasia is Desirable."
Lost, 68—56.
- Oct. 2.—Nursery School Party for Parents.
Our Inspector, Mr. Holm, pays the School a visit.
Mr. Pitt presents to the School the bell rope and
shackle from H.M.S. York, sunk in Suvla Bay
rescuing the British Expeditionary Force from
Crete, and attaches it to our School bell.
- 3.—School Breaks Up for Michaelmas Holidays.

The Birthday Festivities, 1941.

It hardly seems a year ago since the Old Girls poured into Wykeham to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary, yet here we are with the thirty-sixth already behind us. How time flies!

The sale, held on the morning of Saturday, April 26th, raised nearly £45—an increase of over £10 on last year's takings. Many Old Girls were seen together round the tea tables, hobnobbing over days gone by—and even outsiders bought so generously that the sale broke all previous records.

In the evening the Cinderella Dance began at 7.30 with a Parade of Fancy Costumes, judged by Mrs. Fincken, Miss Catherine and Mrs. Stride. The Old Girls, as usual, gave the prizes, which were presented by Mrs. Allison. Particularly noteworthy among the costumes were two prize-winners, who represented "Camouflage," clad from head to foot in khaki, they wore tin helmets and carried rifles swathed in bamboo foliage. Needless to say they were awarded first prize in the Original Section.

The hall, frequently the scene of rather more serious activities, was converted into a gay ball-room, and thronged with happy, laughing couples—both young and old—or not-so-young, perhaps I should say, though not less jolly, for I think everyone bore out unconsciously the maxim, "We are all as young as we feel."

The following morning Old and Present Girls met at St. George's for the Corporate Communion Service, conducted by Mr. Skelton, after which we breakfasted together at school. The Old Girls' Meeting was held in the Common Room from 10 to 12 a.m., which we, attending for the first time, were delighted to find more of an informal gathering than the formidable business meeting I, for one, had half expected!

The weekend would have been perfect, but the sad news which reached us on Sunday evening must have clouded the minds of all of us here who knew him. The Rev. G. E. B. Mort, a devoted friend of Wykeham, died on the School's Birthday. He was buried in Durban on Monday, the 28th April.

S. SMEATON, VIa.

ANAGRAM

With all the rush and bustle here
 You may get sore perplexed.
 Know this, my friend, and never fear,
 Each day will bring its rest.
 Have kindly thoughts
 And gentle ways—for—
 "Maners makyth Manne."

A Souvenir of Crete.

A gift that will be treasured at Wykeham for many years I hope, was presented to us on September 30th by Mr. A. Pitt, R.N., of H.M.S. "York." Mr. Pitt came to Orihi Camp for a little while as a convalescent after the evacuation of our Army from Crete, where the "York" and her sister ships played such a heroic part. She lies now, alas! at the bottom of Suvla Bay, but here at Wykeham, hanging on our old bell from the "Armadale Castle" we have the rope and shackle, with which they used to ring the bell on the "York." Mr. Pitt brought away with him this memento when the German dive bombers frustrated our men's efforts to salvage her, and coming over in waves wrecked and sank her. The rope being light did not handicap him in swimming. It is a lovely rope knotted with nautical skill. You must look at the criss-cross pattern of the coachmaker's weave at the top, and the beautifully executed Turk's Head knots, especially the big one at the bottom.

H.M.S. "York" had a distinguished career in this war. She was a light cruiser of 8,000 tons laid down at Jarrow-on-Tyne in 1928. She took part in the hunt that ended in the cornering of the "Graf Spee" off the River Plate. She helped sink the Bartolommeo Colleme in the Mediterranean, and the Artiglieri, and chased the Italian ships of the battle fleet a time or two into their home waters.

Mr. Churchill said in one of his most inspired utterances that "Never in the history of the world had so many owed so much to so few." The men whose hands have grasped that bell rope were some of those "few." At immense sacrifice to themselves they stood between our democratic way of life and destruction. I think future generations will pronounce their part in this great struggle as decisive of the history of civilisation. It does one good to look at that bell rope.

D. E. MELLOR.

Concerning the Old Girls.



News of the Johannesburg Branch.

The centre of the W.O.G.'s Association in Johannesburg is Grace Bernard's (Mrs. J. Turner) happy home, at 34 Ashford Road, Parkwood. There are three "Old Girls" in the family now, Grace and her daughters Lynette and Sheila. Hilary is head girl this year, so will soon be a fourth to join the band. It will be sad to see the last of the Turner's leave Wykeham.

The Secretary of the Johannesburg Branch is Gladys Davidson (Mrs. Strauss). She and Grace arranged a tennis party on June 28th, 1941, to raise funds for the Association, and give the old Wykehamites a chance to foregather and, as Gladys said, "renew ties of friendship, which so many had formed during their school days." They had a most enjoyable meeting, and the proceeds amounted to £3.

They endorsed the resolution of the W.O.G.'s Annual General Meeting, that the first Tuesday in the month should be a Wykeham lunch day, and seven of them met for the first one at the Belfast Tea Lounge on August 5th.

Those present at the gathering at Grace Turner's were Alma Lauer, Finola Fairall, Mavis Wedderburn, Doreen Calverley, Lorraine Lister, Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin), Mildred Walker, Mabelle Cox, Doris Whittaker (Mrs. Beland), Hazel Gedye (Mrs. Molyneux) and, of course, the hostess and Lynette and Sheila Turner. Norah Byng, Rosemary Thorp and Laura Gedye (Mrs. Van Santen) sent donations.

D. E. MELLOR.

Pre-School Education and the New Order.

I am a Secondary School teacher by training, and that is why I am an absolute convert to Nursery School Education for children between the ages of two and six. During the 23 years I have been teaching, I have seen so many children come into the secondary school with strange kinks and queer habits, emotionally unstable and intellectually retarded, that I have sought diligently to discover what it was in our mode of life that brought about such a state of affairs, and how it could be remedied. There is no doubt at all that modern city life in South Africa bears very hardly upon the little children—the limited family, the flat system and the native maid, but it seems to me that providentially as one door shuts in this world another opens, and the antidote of all this is, firstly, a knowledge of Child Psychology as revealed by the researches of that brilliant band of seekers after truth, of which Freud, Adler and Jung were the pioneers, and secondly, its corollary Nursery School Education for mother and child.

Modern psychology is establishing itself as an exact Science, and out of a mass of experiments and statistics certain facts are emerging that are of vital importance if the children of today are in their generation to make less of a mess of things than we and our fathers did in ours.

The years two to six are the great habit-forming years, in which the pattern of the child's life is laid down; therefore the wise mother, who trains her child herself with a loving discipline, is establishing it for life, making it fearless and independent, friendly and co-operative, tidy and methodical; remembering always that love and a sense of security are the two essentials for healthy growth in the little child; they are what light and air are to a plant. It is always interesting, to my mind, to note how sound psychologically Christianity is. The prayers night and morning and the grace at meals brings to the remembrance of the little child the presence and protection of the Loving Father, and the security of the "everlasting arms."

One of the saddest things to us educationists is the ebb of originality in thought, and initiative in action, in so many children as they grow out of the nursery school stage. If we are to make Democracy a real thing we must not leave a stone unturned to prevent this. Apathy, and ignorance, owing to a lack of curiosity, are evils that may yet ruin this lovely land of ours, so full of opportunity but so gravely menaced by the rapid deterioration of the

Bantu and coloured races, who form three-quarters of the population of South Africa.

Here at Wykeham we are practising what we preach. We have a Nursery School and Kindergarten of over 40 children and from our little band of Nursery School parents, with representatives of the Child Welfare Society, the N.E.F., the N.C.V.V., the Voortrekker School Parents' Group, and the N.U.C. Students' Representative Council, we have built up a Committee that hopes early in 1942 to open the first Nursery School for Indigent Children in Natal. This, however, does not help you young mothers, who are scattered throughout the country, but quite out of reach of any Nursery School. What I wanted to say to you was—remember that you can have the apparatus needed by the little ones in any garden. Remember Froebel's advocacy of the elemental things as educative apparatus—sand and clay, and wood and water. The sand pit (with clean river or sea sand, free of sand worm) is ideal for the child from two to seven to play out its ideas; a paddling pool or water trough or basin with toy ducks, fishes and boats, a swing, the big hollow wooden building bricks, the big wooden beads to thread on bootlaces, the pram to push, the cart to drag, the cakes to cool, the doll's house and the summer house and doll's tea set, the fir cones, shells, toy animals, the hammer toy and drum, the jig-saws, posting-boxes, painting materials, etc., etc.—certain toys for certain ages—apparatus given to the little child with which to play out its fantasies, and so develop imagination and initiative.

There are so many good magazines, pamphlets and books nowadays upon this subject that I expect many of you know as much about this side of it as I do, but for those who may not I would like to recommend the magazines listed below. Also never forget that if you want advice on behaviour problems arising in these precious small people, we will always do what we can to solve them for you. Many of you do write and ask me for advice on various matters. I welcome it, I always want Wykeham to be a centre of usefulness.

With regard to this important matter of preserving originality in the little child, be unwilling to interrupt his play except for some good reason, such as the customary routine demands; for example, the meals, and even then leave his stuff where it is, telling him that he shall return to it to finish off his work. Our morning in the Nursery School begins with one hour's free play, when we put the apparatus before the children and let them get on

with it, merely standing by to advise if asked, or guide if altercations arise. Let the little ones be suitably clad—no one aims primarily to keep clean in the Nursery School any more than the mechanic does in the engineering shop, but, of course, it would be equally inappropriate to come dirty to table, so hands are washed e'er lunch is taken, and the morning rest begun. I could write so much more upon this subject but must not since space is limited. Thus I end with a list of toys appropriate to various ages and a recommendation to you to keep abreast of the latest ideas on this most modern science as presented in the literature named below.

Magazines Recommended to Mothers of Pre-school Children:—

The Parents' Magazine: 9 East 40th Street, New York, U.S.A.; 2 dollars 50 cents per annum.

Home and School: 15 Endsleigh Street, W.C.1; 3/- per annum.

The Nursery World: Bouverie House, Fleet Street, E.C.4; 3/- per annum.

The New Era: 29 Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1; 6/- per annum.

The Child Welfare Magazine: S.A. National Council for Child Welfare, Box 8539, Johannesburg; 3/- per annum.

D. E. MELLOR.

Toys for Pre-School Children.

General Principles:

- (1) More important than any printed list is a close watching of the child's interests in order that we may supply the material wanted at the time.
- (2) The best way of helping a child to develop the habit of concentration is to see that he has sufficient things in which he is so interested that he will work with them with undivided attention.
- (3) It is quite unnecessary to buy children expensive toys. The toys which are educationally valuable to children can usually be made at home. Children prefer a variety of small cheap toys to one or two large expensive objects.

The main rules to be observed in buying toys for children are:—

- (a) Toys should have a variety of uses.
- (b) Toys should be soundly constructed for hard wear.
- (c) Toys should be of convenient size for the child to handle. Contrary to popular belief, *small children do not like large toys* (e.g., large toy animals, balls, etc.). They should also be light, and for the babies, "suck-able."
- (4) Of equal importance to the child's proper development as the toys we give him to play with, is the place we give him to play in. Children of one to three must have a room to play in where they may touch everything and do as they wish without continual "don'ts" due to parental fears for the furniture, walls, curtains, etc.

Furniture should be old, there should be as little of it as possible, and the room should be so placed that the children may make as much noise as they wish without disturbing adults.

Older children should have somewhere of their own where they may keep their possessions, books, etc. Small children should have a corner of the garden where they may play undisturbed and uncorrected.

- (5) For children up to four years, a sandpit and a paddle-pool provide more amusement than many expensive toys.

There are many aspects of children's play, but the most important from the point of view of providing toys are:—

- (A) The Destructive.
- (B) The Manipulatory and Exploratory.
- (C) The Constructive.

Concerning (A) parents should realise that few children are wilfully destructive. They cannot understand the consequences of their acts. Much that is called destructiveness is only so from the adult point of view; e.g., if a child scribbles on a wall, it is destructive; if it draws on a blackboard, it is learning.

Destructive play in the very young child takes place because destruction is easier than construction—it gives the maximum effect with the minimum effort; e.g., knocking over a brick tower.

Destruction also affords relief from construction which is very tiring to a small child.

In older children what looks like destructiveness is often an aspect of construction; i.e., wanting "to see how it works."

These facts mean that we should give children toys which can be broken up and destroyed, and a room to play in where serious destruction is impossible.

Concerning (B)—the stage of manipulation and exploration—this begins in babyhood but goes on indefinitely. Manipulation of objects begins about four months, and at this stage, the child is learning to see, hear, taste and smell.

Before the child can hold an object, things should never be hung above his head, and he should not be overstimulated with noisy rattles, etc. During his short waking hours he will learn much by lying in the garden watching trees, people walking, etc. After he can grasp objects, things of all sizes, colours, shapes and textures should be given to him. All of these should be small, light and colourful.

Toys for six months to one year:

- (a) One or two coloured blocks.
- (b) Light wooden beads on a string.
- (c) A wooden spoon.
- (d) Some short sticks (e.g., four inches long) enamelled in colour.
- (e) A string of old cotton reels.
- (f) A few small tins of different shapes and sizes containing some tiny pebbles to rattle.
- (g) A small enamel mug.
- (h) Small rubber dolls or animals.
- (i) A small bell.
- (j) Tinker toys.
- (k) Some lightly-coloured discs—about three inches in diameter and half an inch thick. These should have a hole in the middle so that the child can learn to slip them on to a stick.
- (l) Some small balls (e.g., enamelled golf balls) or very large single wooden beads.

If all these objects are placed on a light tin tray they can be placed in pram and cot easily, and the tray also serves as something to be beaten, making a pleasant noise.

(C) The Constructive Ages.

Toys for age one to two years:

At this age the child should be given toys which not only appeal to eye, taste and touch, but offer definite constructive possibilities.

- (a) Blocks: The child should now have enough of these to build. Two kinds of blocks are necessary:
 - (1) Small inch-square cubes for fine adjustment;
 - (2) Large light cardboard or plywood blocks—these should, if possible, be of graduated sizes to fit into each other.
- (b) Numerous boxes or tins of objects, such as shells, beads, cotton reels.
- (c) Enamel cups, saucers, and spoons.
- (d) A hammer peg toy with a light wood mallet.
- (e) Peg-boards, with round pegs to fit into holes.
- (f) A set of fitting cups or Easter Eggs.
- (g) Celluloid bath toys.
- (h) Small boats to float in the bath.
- (e) Small rubber and other cars.
- (f) *Toys to push*, e.g., a stick with two wheels and a ball between them.
- (k) At this age the child should be given his first book, which should be of simple objects, and only one or two to a page.

Toys for age two to three years:

The most important playthings for this age are:—

- (a) SAND, and WATER.

The child should have a collection of old mugs, tins, pails, watering cans, a wooden spade, a small trowel, an old flour scoop, etc. Indoors, the same objects can be used to play with a few pounds of dried beans.

- (b) At this age the child really begins to appreciate soft toys—animals, dolls, etc.
- (c) Toys to pull, carts, etc., are now liked.
- (d) A large light ball to kick.
- (e) A small wheelbarrow for carting sand.
- (f) A “soap-box” cart.
- (g) Beads to thread.
- (h) Pencil and paper.

- (i) Small bottles or tubes with screw catches.
- (j) Boxes with lids to fit on.
- (k) The child should also be given a plentiful supply of good simple picture books.

Toys for ages three to six years:

- (a) Balls to throw and catch.
- (b) Home-made cricket bat or small racquet.
- (c) Tricycle or scooter.
- (d) Easel and blackboard: crayons and chalks.
- (e) Simple weaving frames.
- (f) Simple jig-saw puzzles.
- (g) Mosaic blocks or beads for making patterns.
- (h) Clay pipes and soap for blowing bubbles.
- (i) Kindergarten scissors for cutting out.
- (j) Clay or plasticine for modelling.
- (k) Soap for cutting into shapes.
- (l) Finer beadwork (as c.f. the earlier ages).
- (m) Hammer, nails and pieces of wood.
- (n) Bricks and planks for placing and balancing.
- (o) An abacus for counting (or bead frames).
- (p) A Noah's Ark.
- (q) Meccano or any similar toy.
- (r) Again, one of the most important things is a supply of simple story books, rhymes, etc.

For the later ages it will be better to consult a kindergarten expert to learn all the materials available for children at five to seven years; simple games such as Ludo are enjoyed, paint-boxes, finger-painting, "dressing-up clothes"—simple sewing, soap carving, collections of match-boxes for making dolls' furniture, a dartboard—all of these are cheap and will teach the children a great deal.

E. PRATT-YULE.

Nursing Necessities for House Wives.

In this country of ours the Farm house automatically becomes a first aid post for the natives on the estate. In all cases of illness and accident prompt and effective action in the early stages of the case is of primary importance.

Requirements for your First Aid Box: Elastoplast, Roller and Triangular Bandages, Wool, Boracic Lint, Roll of Gauze for dressings, Oilsilk, Antiphlogistine, Condy's Crystals, Eusol, Tincture of Iodine, Friar's Balsam, Pure Cod Liver Oil, Vaseline and Eucalyptus Ointment (for burns), Boracic Powder, Methylated Spirit, Lysol or Dettol, Snake Bite Outfit.

Minor Cuts: Clean and apply either Iodine or Friar's Balsam; dressing may or may not be necessary, if very slight apply Elastoplast direct to wound.

Wounds:—

If Clean: Wash well with disinfectant solution (Lysol or Dettol, strength 1 teaspoonful to 1 pint). Dress with Eusol. Eusol is a colourless liquid obtainable from the chemist made up of Chloride of Lime and Boracic Powder. Soak gauze in cold, undiluted Eusol, wring out and apply to wound twice daily.

If Septic: Clean wound and apply hot Boracic fomentation every 4 hours.

Method of Applying Hot Boracic Foment: Cut pink lint to cover wound adequately; cut oilsilk a little larger than lint, and then wool a little larger than oilsilk. Place lint in a wringer and pour boiling water over same, wring out, shake out steam, and apply smooth, not woolly side, to wound, covering first with oilsilk and then wool. Keep in place with bandage. Renew two or four hourly until sepsis has cleared up, then apply Eusol to heal. Always cut lint double for dressings.

Burns: If serious, apply Pure Cod Liver Oil, treat patient for shock by giving a hot drink and 1 tablespoon Brandy and water, and keep warm. Remove to hospital as soon as possible. If slight, clean and apply gauze soaked in Cod Liver Oil until healed, renew once in 24 hours. If blisters are present, place limb in Bicarbonate of Soda bath (1 teaspoonful to 1 pint) and using sterile scissors clip blisters, dry and then apply Oil dressings, and later Eucalyptus and Vaseline dressings.

Infantile Diarrhoea: Give the child an evacuant (e.g., Castor Oil), starve 8 to 12 hours, giving only Water and Glucose, Orange Juice and Glucose, weak black tea with sugar, and clear soup ad lib. From nine months old give the child grated, raw, sweet apple. Dose from 1 teaspoon to 1 tablespoon (for an adult) every hour for eight doses. If condition does not clear up seek medical advice. Keep patient off all milk and milky foods for 24 hours.

NOTE: Wash hands carefully before doing dressings and keep dry dressings and all instruments scrupulously clean, and away from dust and dirt.

G.B.

Experiences of an A.R.P. Warden.

My official occupation is A.R.P. Warden—you will, of course, know more or less what that entails—it is not a whole-time job in itself, but I am also an active member of the W.V.S. and a Billeting Officer. The latter is not very arduous now—we only have a few evacuees left, but it was rather strenuous and trying at the beginning of hostilities. We are a military area now and are not likely to have more evacuees, unless invasion takes place and people are sent away from the coast. They would be quite a different proposition tho' and not likely to remain here, because we have been warned that we are a danger zone and likely, in event of invasion, to get the brunt of the bombing. The W.V.S. do dozens of odd jobs—mostly house to house calling and arranging and helping. It's quite impossible to give you details, it would take me an age. I think I'll just say that I've done dozens of different jobs, from laying lino to making the tiniest of hospital swabs. As one of my friends remarked to me, while we were busy helping to equip a military hospital not far from here: "One thing about this war anyway is, it's making me horribly efficient!" The job has to be done and it has to be done properly.

I cover an area of roughly $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles square as warden. At the beginning I was entirely on my own. All wardens are, of course, responsible for their own areas, or, rather, we call them sections in the country, and we only have a head warden, not like towns where they have proper wardens' posts, and chief and head and sections wardens to each post. As you may imagine my houses (the same applies, of course, to all country districts) are very scattered, and my total population is just over 400. It's

rather amazing how "relied upon" one becomes, and during our months of blitzes how very grateful people were when one turned up shortly after bombs had fallen to see if they were safe. I've had nearly 50 high explosives in my area—four of which fell in our own garden and one of those only a few yards from me and I didn't even know it was there until my friend discovered it while I was doing a tour of my houses and informed me on my return that our water-main was burst! Goodness! I often wonder if I'll be frightened of mice now? The night after our own bombs, when I went on duty and a few nights following—my knees were literally just knocking together—never have I experienced such stark and indescribable fear. We were terribly lucky, and apart from a few broken panes of glass no damage was done. In fact, the worst damage done by all my bombs has been a burst watermain in the main road not far from the house, that was a lone bomb and it took me a few minutes to find just where it had fallen, and then I had to run like a rabbit to keep clear of a cascade of water! An empty cottage was badly damaged the same night as we got our bombs, other than that, and shattered nerves and lots more broken windows, we have been extraordinarily lucky. The first night I heard our night fighters firing overhead gave me a terrific kick—it hadn't been pleasant, night after night, standing alone watching the skies and listening to the devils coming over continuously—and, of course, I can see the London defences from here and could always tell if they were having a bad time. The night of the ghastly fire blitz was like a great firework display from here, and it was wonderful to think that our lads were really after them. During the day, of course, we watched numerous aerial battles overhead—tiny dots of silver miles up in the sky—but one didn't mind so much when it was light. Still, as you've heard long e'er this, our night fighters have done noble work and one plane was successfully brought down in my area only about a quarter of a mile from the house—it was really rather grim. I was on duty and my sister, who does Red X duty, came outside just before 12 midnight and remarked that things seemed to be hotting up a bit; when all of a sudden we thought that an express train had gone agley and was coming straight for us—it was a filthy noise and then a crash—a whining whistle and another crash—I was completely sunk—I knew it was a crashed plane and the direction, but how far away I just had no idea. After reporting it and telephoning to my adjoining warden to see if he could give me any information, we heard someone

calling and realised it must be a survivor. We ran in the direction we thought the plane to be—not where the voice was coming from—there was a high wind blowing at the time and we soon found the plane, a Heinkel 111, and an injured German lying close to it. I yelled to a man in a house quite close for help and the police—then Babs and I turned our attention to the Hun. Ugh! the plane was making a foul hissing sort of noise and the smell of petrol, etc., was ghastly, but the wretched thing, fortunately for us, didn't explode or burst into flames. We managed to discover that the man had broken his leg and we rendered first aid—I could have hit him on the head with the greatest of ease, but the thought that it might have been one of our lads down in enemy country restrained the longing, and although we cannot talk German we understood that there were three others in the plane, but whether they were at large or dead we just didn't know. The plane was more or less intact, only the engine and one wing being smashed pretty badly. The police and an ambulance arrived after, what seemed to us and, in fact, was, a long time and we got the prisoner away. The police then turned their attention to the three others—two being found in a pond close by—dead, of course—and the third dead in the plane. They really were a nasty sight. It was, I suppose, a thrilling experience but, believe me, I didn't think it was so funny for a few days. We had two more planes down within a few miles of us—one with its full complement of bombs—neither of them in my area, but I was on duty when they both crashed and quite honestly just loathed it. Far worse than any straight-forward bombs! I was presented with the pennant of our Heinkel—a grand souvenir. I only do two nights' duty a week now and, thanks be! we have been having much quieter nights, whether they are due to the Russian business, our increased day and night bombing attacks or our rather hush-hush devices, remains to be seen.

Babs and I both do Canteen work two mornings a week, and work at the salvage depot—a very necessary but unpleasant job. Between times I garden hard. We only have one rather ancient gardener now and as we ploughed up our bowling green last year for vegetables, you can imagine what a lot of extra work there is to be done, and outside help is quite unobtainable. The only consolation is that we are entirely self-supporting in the vegetable line, and I find during the really hot weather we've been having gardening is very good for the figure!

The people of this country are magnificent; I take my hat off to the Londoner and all those in the big towns and cities who really have suffered. We are, I believe, going to win this war sooner than most people appear to think. We've got worse to come before it can be better, but we can take it.

JANE FRENCH.

Recruiting for the S.A.W.A.S.

The past two years have been occupied in building up and establishing the S.A.W.A.S. in Cape Town, who are now 10,000 strong. It was my privilege to be the first Adjutant and, later, Staff Officer for Auxiliary Fire Training. Four hundred women were trained in Watch Room Duties, the manning of Auxiliary Fire Posts and Stirrup Pump operating.

In March this year we made a colour film 2,000 feet long, taking just over an hour to show, which depicts women's war work, by telling the story of three different families. It was my good fortune to write the scenario and choose the actors and actresses. Members of the Royal Navy, visiting troops and airmen from a convoy, and members of the S.A. Defence Forces made a cast of about 3,000 persons in our film.

In April this year I went up with the S.A.W.A.S. Recruiting Crusade from Cape Town to Johannesburg, where we spent a fortnight. It was an unforgettable experience; particularly the days and nights spent on the train. We were 125 women all told, with Captain Jack Stodel in charge—including a contingent of W.A.A.S. There was music all the way, Jimmy Clark and his orchestra on board and a loud speaker as well. Mayors of the towns we passed through, three Commandants of S.A.W.A.S., Recruiting Officers and numbers of well wishers turned out to meet us in our decorated train, as we went on our way. Our carriages were brave with banners and flags, and we sang our S.A.W.A.S. songs as we pulled into every station. Out on the cinders of lonely wayside halts, or on the stone platforms of crowded stations, our crack drill squad turned out, heads held high, arms a'swinging to the tune of the "British Grenadiers."

Our kindly hosts met us with gifts of fruit and flowers, and regaled us with tea and scones whenever the time

allowed it. Shining through all was the spirit of most wonderful fellowship and the common will to stand shoulder to shoulder until the victory is won.

E. V. WROUGHTON.

Propaganda.

Next time you are in Johannesburg walk along the right-hand side of Main Street from Rissik to Loveday Street and you will come upon a window which makes you think you have returned to the past. You will see a number of women sitting at spinning wheels, spinning wool for seamen's jerseys and seaboot stockings. Most of the natural oil remains in this wool, and the garments made from it do not absorb moisture. Continue your journey to Loveday Street, turn right and you will come to the Navy League War Fund tea room and offices. Here is a counter where knitters collect wool and hand in completed garments, looking on to the tea room where voluntary workers cook, prepare and serve delicious teas and renowned luncheons. These activities bring in a substantial sum every month, and lend an air of bustle and gaiety to the whole place. Next come the packers, who sort and label hundreds of knitted garments sent in from Knitting Circles all over the country, and repack them for despatch to the coast and overseas. The sign of the "packer" is an aching back, rough hands and broken fingernails. Another small division houses the wool and those who parcel it up ready to be sent to the country knitters.

Two looms and many desks with typewriters clattering and telephones ringing come into sight and sound. The weavers make warm, light and attractive rugs in navy blue and natural colour from wool not fine enough for knitted garments, and it is fascinating to watch them throwing the shuttle back and forth. In Sweden it used to be the custom for a man to watch his prospective bride weave. If she dropped the shuttle, frowns appeared—but if she dropped it twice, she was a careless body and no fit wife for a good man, and he departed in search of a more efficient woman. Hence "on tenterhooks"—she uses a tenterhook, an iron rod with clawlike ends, to keep the weaving taut.

The office attends to the multifarious issues which crop up daily, and here, apart from the "steadies," there are

women who give up one or more mornings or afternoons a week to type or do any other necessary work.

Upstairs is the "By-products" section, where the odds and ends of sheepskin left over from the manufacture of sheepskin coats are made into toys and warm slippers.

The sheepskin coats and jerkins are the most important items of all. The skins, cured by the farmers, and tanned by the Tanneries, are made up into sheepskin coats, which are sent overseas for the men on ships. The demand for them is so great that it is almost impossible to keep up the supply—wives of farmers please note that every sheepskin helps to keep some sailor warm and dry in the cold north seas.

There is nothing spectacular in this work, not even a uniform to wear, but here women of all ages give up their time so that warm clothing may be supplied to our seamen.

J. SEYMOUR HADEN.

News from War-Time England.

EXTRACTS FROM WYKEHAMITES' LETTERS:

Alison Oberlin-Harris, 17-2-41: I have had a glorious time ever since I arrived here. For the Christmas vacation I went up to London because I wanted to see what they were really going through. I stayed with a friend of mother's who had been blasted out of her own home by a landmine. She was a shelter marshal in the largest shelter in the borough of St. Pancras. All this meant that we had to sleep every night in a large public shelter. We slept on three-tiered canvas and wood bunks, and nobody ever thought of undressing to go to bed. The night before I left London they had the "great fire." It was a magnificent sight. The buildings and leafless trees looked wonderful silhouetted against a fiery red sky. We tried to get down to St. Paul's to see the damage, but there was no time after putting out all the odd fires started by flares.

4-4-41: We have just come up again and I have had a glorious vacation working on a farm as a Land Army Girl, earning 32/- a week and paying out 16/- for board and lodging. The farm I stayed on was about four miles from St. Andrew's along the Crail road, with the result that both the planes from Leuchars and Crail practised over our heads. The Spitfires and Hurricanes seemed to stunt all day long, and before I got used to it I just stood and

watched in amazement. They would climb into the clouds—and there are too many clouds here for my liking—and then simply dive vertically downwards towards the earth. When it seemed as if the nose of the plane was touching the ground the pilot would pull out and start climbing. This was all very well until the Grieve told me that about one plane a week was crashed in this way. I used to hurriedly look round for the nearest ditch when they started any funny business overhead.

The farm buildings were typically Scottish, grey stone walls and grey slate roofs. The Grieve lived in a wee bothy close by the steading. He was born on the shores of Loch Lomond and had a wonderful accent. It is very catching and even now, back in civilisation, I find myself saying "Aye" instead of "yes."

We used to get up at 6.30, and when I went there first the blackout did not end until after 7, so we fed the cattle in the dark. We worked until 9, and then had a break of 15 minutes in which to get a cup of tea. The break for lunch was from 12 to 1.30 and we worked on until 5.30. I do not know whether all the snow that we have had this winter was for my benefit, but I can assure you that I did not appreciate waking up on 31st March to find six inches of snow lying on the ground.

As to the work we did—We "shawed neeps," "stripped the tattie pit," "fed the grumphies," and a heap of other things, but I think the most exciting was sowing beans by hand. I had never seen this done before and was amazed at the straight edge that the sower managed to keep. I was allowed to drive the horses when we sowed the fertiliser. This meant that I had to learn a completely new vocabulary of commands because "Back" meant nothing to them. "Bark" was the way to say it.

I interrupted this letter to rush outside, and at last I have seen what I have been longing to see. The doors and windows rattled with the blast of A.A. fire and when I got outside the searchlights had picked up a jerry. They held him just long enough to let the coastal defences blaze away and he dived away steeply towards the sea. There will probably be a notice in the paper tomorrow saying that an enemy plane was shot down in South East Scotland. This is the first excitement we have had for ages.

Betty Boddam, 11-3-41: Spring is upon us, it is nice to see the warm sun once more and feel the real warmth! We

are all wondering what "That man's" next move will be, whatever it is we are ready!

I have had many exciting experiences too, being snowed up in North Wales, doing long interesting journeys to see people, one to Bristol, or rather, what is left of it. What a lovely old city and how sad to see it all in ruins. I walked one evening about 10 through the streets, it was like a city of the dead, the moonlight made it all look as eerie and not a soul about. Twisted girders and broken masonry everywhere, no shopping centre left at all. The Cathedral has not been touched, though there was a huge crater on the opposite side of the road. Never mind it will all come right in the end, the Spirit of us all will *never* be crushed, let Hitler try on us what he will. I often think of your people at Windsor and wonder if they are all right.

I was in the Manchester Blitz, not very nice at all I can assure you, houses all round us were bombed, but by some mercy of Providence ours remained intact except for windows.

Enid Mountfort (Mrs. Stoll), 10-5-41: Were it not for the censor I could indeed a tale unfold, for I have been alone on my top floor flat through London's worst "blitzes." Now I don't feel I could ever be afraid of anything!

My husband is in the Army—Royal Artillery—and my son, Sebastian, aged two, is living in the country, only an hour's run by bus from here, so that I spend every spare bit of time with him.

For myself, I am *very* busy indeed, especially since the war. Perhaps because I paint miniatures, which have the advantage of being portable. They are much in demand. I work in oil instead of the usual water-colour, and so far seem to be more or less alone in my particular field—which is rather surprising as oil miniatures give great scope in colour and strength.

It's a bit disturbing to go on painting (especially fine work like miniatures!) with bombs shaking the house, but I think it is *so* important that those artists who can, should carry on their work with as much enthusiasm as ever—don't you agree? I often think of you all at Wykeham.

Ethna Buxton (Mrs. Perry-Hoek), 20-5-41: Life in war-time England is certainly an experience which I shall not forget. In spite of the life and death struggle going on not very far away, life goes on very much as usual. Many

goods are rationed but we are not starving at all, in fact at Hillmount here we're healthier for the rationing—because we eat more vegetables and less meat and fattening foods. We grow all our own vegetables and keep a dozen fowls (every one laid an egg for me yesterday). We eat a lot of salads just now. So please don't fear that we are starving because we are not, nor are we likely to do so whilst we have our gardens. A number of people keep rabbits, I believe we did at first, but now we find poultry more useful, because we have the eggs as well as the birds to eat.

Our garden is producing splendid crops this year and I hope the fruit trees do as well. They should do so if the blossom is anything to go by. Just now it is a picture.

Clothing is very dear, I consider. Silk stockings (if you can get them) are at a high price. Knitting wool has gone up in price and this I feel very much because we're all knitting for our menfolk in the services as well as for ourselves. I practically live in jumpers and skirts. I knit for the British Legion, and last winter we fitted up our local Home Guards with warm helmets, gloves and scarves. We also knitted an order for the Red Cross and at present are knitting for the Merchant Navy. We send a parcel off every few weeks or so. I have to keep my husband supplied with woollen goods in either navy or white and turn out socks, sea-boot stockings, scarves, mittens, pullovers by the dozen and still he asks for more. He is a Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. By the way I know from friends of mine how *very* much their menfolk in the Navy have appreciated the woollens you in S.A. have sent from time to time to this country. Tell this to the girls, Miss Mellor, and tell them they're doing a grand job if they are knitting for our men over here. I find my hubby needs most socks and scarves, but pullovers and stockings wear out as well. I believe soldiers appreciate helmets and mittens a lot.

My housework and gardening keeps me busy.

I was in London last September during the early days of the blitz, and went through some of the air raids. It was just one terrific noise and we could not hear ourselves speaking. One minute it was the planes overhead, then bombs dropped, then the guns would roar out. I was glad to get away from it all.

Miss Lowe, 12-5-41: I started working two weeks ago under the Ministry of Supply at a Chemical Defence Research Station about eight miles from here. I'm doing

administration and its quite a good job, but I shouldn't like to be here for good because of the very nature of the research. It doesn't appeal at all. I suppose you can guess what it is by the name of it. All the papers and reports are marked with a large "Seeret" and one feels quite important.

It's strange how all people abroad think we are all brave and marvellous here in England. We don't deserve it—only the blitzed areas should be showered with praise and admiration. The rest of us do very little. We get sirens most nights and German planes go over here for hours it seems. A week ago a bomb was dropped fairly close to this house—a mile—and the house shook, but that is nothing, for afterwards two planes came rushing across (we could only hear them) and one was a German bomber and the other a British fighter chasing it. We heard the rat-tat-tat of the machine gunning and felt very thrilled and hoped the German was shot down. We heard the next day that a plane was brought down the other side of Salisbury, so we think that was the one we heard. Of course, we hear awful things that happen in blitzes. The worst things are due to blast.

One cannot get digs here—the town is literally packed with evacuees from Portsmouth, etc. Everyone must have evacuees or have people to stay like us. It makes the food question bad with such an influx. We have enough to eat but there is little variety. As for fruit—it's rhubarb and more rhubarb. I've had two oranges since Christmas. Still it's amazing what one can do without.

Gwen Boden (Mrs. Hortin): I and my family are safe and sound up to the present. We moved from Ruislip a year ago and took up residence in a house we had built on the land my mother gave us for a wedding present. Providence indeed directed us, for up here we are two and a half miles from the centre of the town. The unfortunate place has suffered greatly in the bombing. Only a few houses retain their original appearance. From our slight eminence here we have heard the bombs wallowing down. We have sat and shivered with fright. We have drunk quantities of tea, smoked ourselves sick and prayed.

It took us some time to get accustomed to bombing. We thought we would surely be the next target. We used to sit listening to the devils overhead, too nervous to talk above a whisper. Then when guns banged everyone would jump. In the early days of September we could see flames

rising from the East End of London. It was a disgusting and terrifying sight.

I stood at my bedroom window this morning watching and speculating on the fate of England. I gained much confidence from the thought that flames could only burn material things and that they could not touch the Spirit of England. That is indestructable. When the barrage was put up over London it gave everyone heart, and badly shook the Germans. It had the effect, however, of drawing the bombers to the outskirts of London. Then we got our dose.

For nights on end we were peppered with bombs. You will be grieved to hear that mother's lovely little home, "Stanfield," was destroyed. It was only one among many. In all that night 90 houses were stripped of roofs, doors and windows. In successive nights the same woeful tale of destruction went round. I spent many more mornings down in the town speaking with people I have known for years. They were all in the same boat—living in conditions not fit for human beings.

The big bang that wrecked "Stanfield" killed my two tenants. It was the last of seven that fell in a straight line in the gardens of the houses in St. Martin's Approach. A later contribution in the fields facing our old home was a huge landmine. The crater would accommodate a large car. That completed the ruin of St. Martin's houses and our old home.

Mickie Packard, 4-8-41: I really don't know what to say about my experiences in London since the war. Everything seems quite normal when we don't have air raids. Our last bad raid was on 10th May, when Oxford Street suffered rather severely. We have had little damage done in this district, and since May 10th, London has only had one short raid. I haven't had any narrow escapes—yet. One night a house opposite but one was hit. I'm not going back to the Academy next term. I've just decided to nurse. In the meantime I'm working for the Licentiate exam. in piano, which I shall be taking about 10th September. This I know will interest you. I spent a few days at A. S. Neill's school, which has moved from Suffolk to Llanfestiniog in Merioneth. I went there with an Academy friend, who is an ex-pupil of Summerhill. It was most interesting. I would love to teach music there. I read Neill's book "That Dreadful School," and the "Problem Teacher" before I went there. I liked the atmosphere of the school.

Torpedoed off French Guinea.

Bathurst, British Gambia, Friday, 18th April: See where I am, the Jerrys torpedoed us on the 16th March and we landed in a lifeboat at Konakri, "French" 23rd, where we were detained—that's putting it mildly. From there we were sent miles inland, and then to Dakar, where we were met by the American Consul and told we were to be free, we were then taken to the border and handed over to the British, poor old Hughie to be interned as he is of military age. The camp is inland—talk about heat! I'm sure it is the nearest to hell anybody could get. I'm quite O.K., except for my nails; they are a terrible sight, and I am as black as a kaffir from sunburn, and oh, so tired; I can't gather myself together yet. We seem to have done nothing but get up at 5 a.m. and catch trains and lorries, and go from one place to another; even to talk is an effort. I am staying with a Mrs. Stow, who is a perfect gem, and so is he; everybody has been ever so kind and sweet. We landed without a thing, and they have provided clothes, etc.—my word, I shall be kind to people after this. Several boats were sunk round about here, and all those between the ages of 18 and 48 are to be interned, those over 48 were released. I was the only woman, so expect they didn't know what to do with me so sent me with the rest. There is a boat leaving here for Freetown in a couple of days. From there I can get one to England, but when I don't know.

On the boat, Monday: I feel better today, having lost a persistent headache which I have had for days; they say it's the sun. Apparently you get sunstroke quite easily here and they put it down to being in the sun all day in the lifeboat. I believe we sail from Freetown in convoy and it will take 27 days.

Now, to start from the beginning.—Arrived at Cape Town, we got on the boat and sailed about 7.30 a.m. A lovely little ship, very comfortable with big cabins. I had one all to myself with lav. and bathroom. All Holland crew. Well, for the first ten days nothing very much happened. I slept all night and day. Well, Sunday 16th came, Hugh and I had decided we'd have a good Sunday afternoon's sleep, and had given instructions we didn't want any tea. I crawled into bed—at least, first I'd put out my fur coat and some things to put into a little bag—I had a feeling we'd be torpedoed at Dakar, and kept asking Hugh when we'd get there. I just put out some undies and

warm clothes ready to put into the bag and my lifebelt, and then went to sleep, and was awakened at about a quarter past three by a terrific explosion, and the whole ship lurched and jerked, wash basins and all glass shattered, didn't know if we'd been hit from above or below, so looked out of the porthole and saw nothing and decided we'd been hit from below and it was time to get on deck, so got out of bed and grabbed the first dress I could find, and was struggling into it when Hugh and the third engineer came in at different doors to see if I was hurt, and said to go on deck, they'd fetch me when they'd got their coats, etc. I continued to dress when there was another explosion, the second torpedo hit us. I felt a terrific crack on the back when something hit me and didn't look—just thought this is where you hurry, my lady, and grabbed my empty bag, coat and lifebelt, and was just going out of my cabin when the third engineer met me and we made for the stairs, Hugh too—Lord, you couldn't move—the crew came flying in from all sides. A table had been pitched in front of the stairs and they all climbed over it, the poor little third engineer doing his best to move it to get me up. In the end he gave a couple a clout and a shove and we managed to get up, but everything I had, had been torn out of my hands, my lifebelt included. Hugh gave me his, bless him. I wasn't a bit scared, thank goodness. When we got on deck, Hugh went down again to get my coat, but couldn't find it, and I stood there with the third engineer—hanging on to the door. The deck was dreadfully slippery and rails had been shattered, and the ship was all lopsided. Then the door gave, and I sat down, and I was sliding gaily down the deck into the blue depths when my little man dragged me back. What a business! He kept on asking me if I wasn't scared. The ship then gave another great lurch and levelled herself, and had sunk so that the lifeboat was almost on a level with the water, and all I had to do was to climb in—just step from the deck into the boat. I was the last to get in, other than the first officer. Well we were all set and the first officer climbed in and told them to loosen the lifeboat, which was done. I was craning my neck looking for Hugh and wishing to goodness he'd leave the coat and come, when I heard a yell and saw the first officer hugging the block which was just about pulling him out of the boat—had he let go it would probably have bumped me on the head and cracked it good and solid—he tore all the skin off his hands holding it. I ducked and he let go and it hit my shoulder and hip, they were bruised for days. Well, that was that, and the

order was given to start the engine—we had a motor engine—and the next thing I knew was a fountain of water and I was soaked, and everybody yelled, “There’s a hole in the boat,” but there wasn’t, there was just a little water and the engine shot it about when she started. Off we went, and had just passed the ship when she sank stern first, and the last we saw of her was “Almakirk” across her front. I’ll never forget that. I was in a panic about Hugh, although they had said not to worry as he was in the other boat. He’d seen me get into ours, and the last I saw of him was his coming on the deck with my kaross. However, we went a few more yards and the engine stopped, as we just drifted a little way until the captain’s boat came towards us, but I couldn’t see Hugh—it was awful—then he stood up to show me he was O.K.—what a relief. We counted all our crew and they counted their’s. We were all there, so the captain shouted orders. “Put up the sails, sail all night and motor by day, and make for Freetown.” We told him our motor was “phut” and he waited until it had been fixed, and told us to put up our sails. Nobody knew how, so we saw how the other boat had done it and eventually all was well, and the captain left us. We have not seen or heard of them since, but hope they have made Freetown. Before they left Hugh swam from his boat to ours to be with me. Then I did scream. He dived from the other boat and I thought he had hit his head at the bottom of ours. I was just about in tears when he came up and was pulled into our boat. He’d lost his pants when he dived and the others didn’t even pass his things over. In consequence all our money and his precious book were in the other boat. They gave him a pair of oilskin trousers and lent him a coat. Some of the crew had been sunbathing when we were torpedoed so just had their trunks on. Everybody was mute, I was longing to speak to Hugh and ask him if he was O.K., but the sea was rough and we were not allowed to move. Then I looked at my watch and got the shock of my life. All this had happened in about half an hour. The ship only took ten minutes to go down. We sailed on and then there was a chance to settle ourselves and look round. It’s funny now, although it wasn’t at the time. We were all perched around the lifeboat, most of us wet, and the Indians all thinking they were dead and not doing a hand’s turn; my hair was wet and hanging in streaks; everybody was ashen and in an hour’s time green; all got seasick the way we pitched about, but by 12 noon the next day everybody was as red as a beetroot from sunburn. I was dreadfully disgusted

and disappointed. I'd been counting the days to reach England and be with Jack again. At six o'clock that evening the first officer dished out biscuits and water, but nobody wanted any, all too seasick, and I wasn't; I was so proud of myself and teased them all for being sailors and being seasick. But oh, the next day I was sick! All day. Well, we settled for the night, we only had three blankets for 32 of us. Gosh, it was cold. I longed for my coat. What a night! We pitched and tossed, and oh, how wet and miserable at that, the waves kept jumping into the boat, and by 2 a.m. I was beginning to get sickest. Oh dear, what a night, I would have given anything to be able to lie down, but there was no room. Hugh was baling nearly all night. The crew just caved in, all but the first officer and two others. The Indians were completely out. I longed for morning and a little sun. By 8 a.m. I didn't care whether there was sun or not, I was so sick. I recovered about 5 p.m. though and had my biscuit and water at 6. By then most of the crew were more alive too. I take my hat off to the first officer, he steered and baled and did everything else. Hugh discovered one of the crew had got my fur coat on and recovered it for me. Next night Hugh did his watch hours and baled out. Then we curled up together in the coat and were a little warmer, but we longed for morning. The seats were so hard. You'd fix yourselves as comfortable as possible, and then about half an hour later there would be a general post and everyone would try another position, and so the general post went on all night. Next day we were all feeling a bit better and a bit hungry. At 6 a.m. the first officer dished out our biscuits, one each—those big "dog biscuits" and four ounces of water. You could have half and half with tinned milk. After the first day you discovered that the milk made your mouth like nothing on earth, so you just had the water; also that the bully beef made you too thirsty. We only had about four ounces of water in the morning and another four at night. It was so hot during the day that you'd long for night, and at night you'd long for morning. I didn't mind being hungry or the lack of sleep, but heavens, how I counted the hours for water time. All our cigarettes gave out about the third day. We were awfully lucky, nobody was badly hurt; a couple of the Indians had their heads cut—just small skin wounds. On the fifth day we saw land—great excitement. The first officer was getting worried that we hadn't seen land. He wanted to sail down the coast and get to Freetown, and not seeing land he thought we'd not gone as he expected and were lost.

However, everybody was thrilled and it put new life into the crew, even the Indians did a spot of work. They were on the verge of mutiny a couple of times. However, we discovered our land was only a little island, but on the map it said we were near the coast, "French." Then we saw scores of reefs. For the next day and night we passed the blessed things; during the day we came in and at night out to sea again for fear we'd hit a reef. On the eighth morning we saw a sailing ship to our joy. Our water had run out. We hailed it and they filled up our tanks and we drank gallons, and asked for a pilot to take us to Freetown, and he said, "Oh, yes, we'll get there tonight," but the first officer thought his calculations were all wrong because he had estimated next day. However, we arrived and in no time the place was packed with people throwing cigarettes, matches and oranges to us. We felt like monkeys at the zoo, but Heavens it was good to have a cigarette. But picture our horror when we discovered we were speaking to the French. They hauled us up and said we'd be fed and have a good night's rest and be allowed to go next day, which we weren't, of course. Did we curse that black savage! We'd landed at Konakri, French Guinea, what a blow. You'd have screamed if you had seen us, filthy; my face was black and my hair like straw and just as black, and the men all hollow-eyed and dirty with eight days' growth of beard.

Well, it was land anyhow, and some Frenchmen came to help us up, "Mademoiselle first," I got out of the boat, and to my utter astonishment and disgust my legs caved in. I turned to Hugh and said, "Hugh, my legs won't hold me." "Nor will mine," said he. We made the top of the steps, blind leading the blind sort of business, and then felt awful. Terra firma came up to a level with your eyes, and you felt yourself going down to it, and tried to decide if it would be better to hit it or it to hit you, and the easiest way was just to sit down, which we did. Then we watched the rest come up. Lord, what a sight. They staggered up the steps and caved in, some of the poor things completely "out." You read of a ship-wrecked crew staggering on land and see them in pictures and think, "What tripe!" But it's true if not worse.

D. BARR.

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual General Meeting

HELD AT WYKEHAM SCHOOL

on Sunday, April 25th, at 10 a.m.

Miss Mellor welcomed all the Old Girls present and said that many apologies had been received from those unable to attend, also numerous letters wishing us a successful week-end.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, published in the 1940 Magazine, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts were read and confirmed. The Association was in a sound financial position. A vote of thanks to Mr. Duncan for his assistance was passed.

Sale.—The sale had been very successful—£43 10s. 9d. had been raised. After a long discussion it was decided to give £10 to the Navy League and £10 to the Air-Raid Victims.

Dance.—The dance on September 7th had to be cancelled owing to the epidemics in the town.

It was decided that an impromptu dance should be held this year in the School Hall (tickets 7s. 6d.); the Old Girls to do the supper and decorations. It was to be on the 17th May unless anything unforeseen took place. Names of those willing to help were taken.

A portion of the money raised from this dance was to be given to the Red Cross and the S.A. Gifts and Comforts. It was left to the Executive Committee to decide the amount.

Magazine.—The cost of paper, etc., had gone up and as the Magazine was growing it was felt that the sub. should be raised to 7s. 6d. This was agreed.

A discussion took place re the condensing of the Magazine, but it was eventually decided to leave it as it was. It was also decided that various Old Girls were to collect news, and so help Miss Mellor. Mrs. Juul, who was very busy editing her own magazine, "Our Women," in Durban, was still willing to write up the Old Girls' news section of our Magazine if all information was collected for her.

Old Girls Present.—The bench had been paid for with a surplus of £1 7s. 1d. in hand. As soon as enough money was collected another bench was to be bought.

Branch Reports.—A letter had been received from L. Lister, the Johannesburg Secretary, saying that the Old Girls were going to have another gathering, as in the previous year, and they hoped to send us a donation.

Miss Mellor reported that she had had a meeting of Old Girls at Matatiele—a most enjoyable gathering, and she hoped other towns would follow their example.

Executive Committee.—Thanks were extended to the Committee for their work. There had been only one change—E. Butt had taken the place of R. Holliday, who was leaving Maritzburg. Thanks were extended to her for her valuable work during the past years. M. Pentland was appointed in her place.

General.—Mrs. Pennington congratulated and thanked Miss Mellor on having been at Wykeham for 21 years, thus attaining her majority as a Member of the Staff.

Miss Mellor thanked her and, in referring to her term of office as Headmistress, said that it was her primary ambition now to see Wykeham set up on a Public School Foundation. She referred to the Trustees' appeals to Old Girls and friends of the School at the June Breaking-up for the last year or two to the same effect. Wykeham at the present time was suffering the disadvantages of being a proprietary concern (i.e., paying income tax, etc.), though no payments were going out to any beneficiaries, nor were likely to do so for many years to come—if ever. It would be much more satisfactory for all concerned if the proprietary interest could be bought out, and the School's status assured as had been done in the similar case of Hilton College. It would cost about £1,800 to do this. The meeting agreed that this aim should be kept in view.

It was proposed by H. Catherine, and seconded by M. Pentland, that S. Smeaton should be asked to write an account of the week-end.

A vote of thanks to the Matrons and Staff for their help was proposed by L. Hime and seconded by P. Gill.

A vote of thanks was also proposed by Mrs. Brazier to Miss Abbott-Smith and another to Rev. H. Skelton for his address.

At 12 o'clock the two minutes' silence for those fighting for their country was observed by all present.

This concluded the business.

Wykeham Plays its Part.

While every woman nowadays, who finds it at all possible, is shouldering a share of the burdens imposed upon us by this cruel war, it does give us a special thrill of pride to know that Wykeham Old Girls all over South Africa and Rhodesia and abroad, either on active service or the home front, are almost 100 per cent. in it.

Wykeham Old Girls, many of them, are holding important positions in various women's war organisations, doing grand voluntary work and giving up their spare time to it. The ranks of the South African Women's Auxiliary Services, which is perhaps the most important women's war organisation in the country, being the one that is officially linked to the Defence Department, are full of our Old Girls, and one of them, at least, is a Commandant—Laurel Pennington (Mrs. Hugman), of Verulam. Diane Oddin-Taylor (Mrs. Hathorn) is Officer Commanding the Women's Voluntary Air Force in Maritzburg. At Admiralty Headquarters, Durban, most of the girls on the switchboard are Wykehamites. For the Navy League War Fund in Johannesburg, Joyce Tilney (Mrs. Haden) is Hon. Assistant Secretary, working in the office every day of the week except Tuesday. Our Old Girls are prominent too in canteen work, and especially in the Y.M.C.A. Canteen in Durban, which is housed in the Elizabeth Crookes' Hall on the Esplanade given by Mr. G. J. Crookes, the father of our Crookes's, in memory of their mother. Ivy, Violet, Rose-Ella, Doreen and Sheila all take duty there. On Thursdays, Sheila is in charge and takes great pleasure in ordering her sisters about, she says.

V.A.D. work has also found many volunteers among the Old Girls in either the Red Cross or the St. John Ambulance Association. They have polished up their brains, passed exams., and signed up for voluntary nursing duty at military and auxiliary military hospitals. Noel Gray (Mrs. Clark) is one of the very highly qualified, both in first aid and home nursing. Apart, too, from voluntary nurses, there are a very large number of Old Girls, who are now in the South African Military Nursing Services caring for South African and Imperial sick and wounded soldiers. Judy Hedges, who is now Mrs. Von Puttkamer, is in East Africa, where she is attached to the 6th casualty clearing station, and others are scattered throughout the hospitals of our country. Astrid Higgs has a less enviable

job as a nurse at the hospital at the Andalusia Internment Camp.

Old Girls who have musical ability are expending it for the happiness and enjoyment of service men. Among these we may mention Peggy Upton, Iris Dowling (Mrs. Anderson) and Barbara Walton. Barbara, by the way, had the amazing experience of walking out unharmed after the house in which she was living had been destroyed by bombs, two people being killed, one the husband of a great friend of hers who was seriously injured. They had only been married two months and Barbara was very much upset. However, she was completely unhurt! Doreen Barr had an exciting experience of another kind. She was torpedoed in mid-ocean while travelling in a Dutch boat on her way to England to get married. She was interned by the Vichy French in French Guinea, but was afterwards released and continued her journey to England where she was safely married!

Jane French, who is an A.R.P. Warden, had the unpleasant duty of giving first aid to a crashed German raider.

Gwen Boden (Mrs. Hortin) is another Old Girl who has had terrible wartime experiences in London; she wrote about them in a most interesting article which was published in the "S.A. Woman's Weekly." Leonie Bredell (Mrs. Darbyshire) has experienced heavy bombing raids and so has Enid Mountfort (Mrs. Stoll), who has been through London's worst "blitzes." She is still a big name in the art world in London; earlier this year she broadcast a talk from Daventry on "Art in Wartime," which some Old Girls heard. Alison Oberlin-Harris, who is studying medicine in Scotland, Betty Boddam, Sylvia Clark (Mrs. Badcock), Jean Keith-Fraser (Mrs. Leycester), Micky Packard, who is still studying at the Royal Academy of Music, Florence Rayner (Mrs. Howard), and Ena Wilmot (Mrs. Grist) are other Old Girls whose daily lives have been affected by the terrible days that England has lived through since the war began. Kitty Vanderplank (Mrs. Morgans) is an officer in the Auxiliary Territorial Service and as such was recently presented to Queen Mary.

Several Old Girls are in Kenya on active service, including Hylda Verney, Julie Beaumont and Heather Cowley, who is now in Addis Ababa as a member of the F.A.N.Y.S., driving for the Occupied Enemy Territory Administration. She was one of a party of six who were

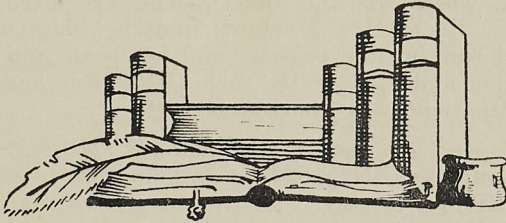
the first British women to enter Ethiopia after the outbreak of war. In the Women's Auxiliary Army Services and the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in the Union several Old Girls hold commissioned rank. Enid Ablett (Mrs. Wroughton) is now taking an officer's course in the W.A.A.F. at Roberts Heights, and Eileen Comins, who is a Second Lieutenant, is Cypher Officer in the W.A.A.S. Mildred Handley, who is in the W.A.A.F., is Sergeant-in-Charge of the Orderly Room at her camp, and Toria Peel (Mrs. Jepson) is also a Sergeant in the W.A.A.S. Sheila Chiazari (Mrs. Featonby-Smith) is in the Motor Transport, and when last we heard of her was hoping soon to go North.

And now we must pause to send out our thoughts and our sincere and warm-hearted sympathy to those of our Old Girls' Guild who are mourning the loss of some loved one in this war. There are several of our girls, both past and present, whose kith and kin have made the Great Sacrifice in the Abyssinian campaign or elsewhere in the war zones. Theirs is a sorrow which is shared and must yet be shared by many thousands of women throughout the world, that the world may be brought back to a sane security in which every man, woman and child may live his or her life as God meant it to be lived.

It seems invidious, when surveying the splendid chronicle of Wykeham Old Girls' lives and activities, to mention any particular cases, more especially when we realise that those who bear the hardest burden are often not those who are finding the satisfaction of active participation in war work, but the women, the wives, mothers and sisters on our farms, who are carrying on in the absence of their menfolk and playing such an important part in maintaining the agriculture of South Africa. Dozens of Wykeham Old Girls can be numbered among them, many of whom still find time to do their share of knitting and sewing and entertaining the troops.

I think, without being self-complacent or smug, when we add to the efforts of the staff and the present girls of Wykeham, the full record of war work which is being done all over the British Empire by the Old Girls we have good cause to feel proud of our school's share in winning this war of Right against Wrong.

NATALIE JUUL.



Old Girls' News.

“Be useful where thou livest that they may
 Both want, and wish thy pleasing presence still,
 Kindness, good parts, great places are the way
 To compass this. Find out man's want and will
 And meet them there. All worldly joys grow less
 To the one joy of doing kindnesses.”

—George Herbert, A.D. 1593—1632.

“Ah, how good it feels,
 The hand of an old friend.”

Ablett, Enid (Mrs. Wroughton), after two years' service in the Cape Town S.A.W.A.S., of which she was one of the founders, has now gone to Roberts Heights to take an Officer's Training Course in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Acutt, Zoe (Mrs. Arbuckle), is still running her tea room at Underberg.

Adams, Gladys (Mrs. Suttie), has a baby daughter, born on August 21st.

Alexander, Madeline (Mrs. Morcom), lost her mother-in-law at the end of 1940. The latter lived opposite Wykeham and used to lend the school her tennis court.

Allan, Terry (Mrs. Bredin), has given up working in the Magistrate's Office at Ixopo. She and her children are sharing a house with Lesley while her husband is on active service in Egypt. *Lesley* is still at the Magistrate's Office, and was bridesmaid with Pam Gold at a wedding last June.

Allison, Audrey (Mrs. Eckhoff), has two children and has moved to a little cottage in Sussex. She has not been well this last year. Her husband is working in one of the largest plastic surgery hospitals in London.

Amos, Irene (Mrs. Van der Poel), is still in Durban doing V.A.D. and canteen work. She helps at the Y.M.C.A.

Canteen, where she and the Crookes' are often on duty together. *Vera* (Mrs. Morford) finds her days more than occupied running the practice and her home and bringing up Rippon and Jane at the same time. Her husband still waits impatiently at Roberts Heights.

Anderson, Ivy, has joined the S.A. Military Nursing Service and is waiting to be called up. She was on leave in Maritzburg in July. *Elsie* (Mrs. Chapman) is now living at Mkondeni, just outside Maritzburg, and is working at Tatham & Wilkes' while her husband is on active service.

Angus, Winnie (Mrs. Hornby), lives in the Bulwer district and takes paying guests. Margaret Moodie had tea with her one day.

Arbuckle, Sheena (Mrs. Munro), writing to apologise for not being able to attend the W.O.G. week-end said: "I certainly did enjoy the last magazine, reading it from cover to cover, it was so marvellous reading it myself." Now that she has recovered her sight she is kept busy knitting socks and jerseys. Recently she won a second prize for a Madeira cake at the Women's Institute. *Daphne* has just announced her engagement to an officer on a Holland ship which calls at Durban from time to time. She was teaching dancing in Durban for Anna Fortescue-Harrison until August, when she came back to Maritzburg and left for a holiday in the Game Reserve.

Arbuthnot, Eileen (Mrs. Chadwick), is working while her husband is on active service with the S.A. Artillery, because, as she says, she cannot live on Army pay. Her little daughter, Peta, is keeping very well and doesn't mind being left at home with the nurse while Eileen is away at work.

Arnott, Natalie (Mrs. Shewan), and the others had a busy time preparing for *Flo's* wedding on January 11th, to Edmund Gray, the uncle of Noel, Bobbie and Faith Gray. They all ran a braaiivleis at Highflats in July and made £50. *Sheila* (Mrs. Peddie) and her husband have moved nearer to Umzinto, which will be all to the good when Ruth goes to school. She sent snaps of Ruth and William for the Wykeham album. *Phemie* (Mrs. B. Peddie) is giving nearly all her spare time to work for war funds, but still finds a little for gardening and tennis. *Dulcie* (Mrs. Foster) sent a handsome donation and good wishes for the week-end and sale. She has been having Nancy Herring (Mrs. Cullen) staying with her. They met Gwen

McIntosh, Jessie Harwin (Mrs. Howarth), Cherry Campbell (Mrs. Sclater) and Terry Allan (Mrs. Bredin) and had a good old gossip about old times. Her husband is in the Western Desert. She sent a lovely photograph of her little son, Roger, for the snap album. Fiona, her little girl, is just four. *Mavis* still helps in her father's store at Highflats; she had German measles in April.

Backhouse, Dorothy, is still in Maritzburg.

Bangley, Phyllis (Mrs. Goldwater), had Peggy staying with her in Durban for the July holidays. The latter is still instructing the young idea at Benoni High School.

Banks, Winnie, teaches music and sings with the Lyric Singers in Maritzburg. She gave tea for the cake sale.

Barns, Sheila (Mrs. Cockburn), has a baby son, born on June 16th. Her husband is Chaplain to the Forces, and she is staying in Maritzburg with her father.

Barr, Norah (Mrs. Southey), is in Rhodesia on a tobacco farm. She has two children and was in the Union on holiday this year. *Doreen* has had an exciting war-time experience. She got engaged and resigned her post as matron at Francistown to go to England. She was the only woman on a Dutch boat which was torpedoed and sunk, and she was interned by the Vichy French in French Guinea, but was afterwards released and was married in England.

Bates, Daphne, still lives in Pinetown and is working in Durban. She and Phyllis Fannin see a lot of one another as they are both members of the Pinetown Bachelor Girls' Club.

Baxter, Beatrice (Mrs. Turton), is Vice-President of the Darnall Women's Institute. She has another daughter, and was in Maritzburg for the Federated Women's Institutes' Conference.

Baynes, Dorothy (Mrs. Finlay), spent two months in Maritzburg with her mother in the middle of the year. She still lives in Salisbury.

Beater, Vivienne (Mrs. Haw), has just started teaching at St. Anne's and is enjoying it, though she finds it quite an undertaking to fit in household duties and looking after a baby as well. Little Julian is now walking about. *Leila* is enjoying herself as a student at N.U.C., taking the B.A. Fine Arts course. She still plays hockey, and has lately rejoined the Maritzburg Municipal Orchestra. She and Thelma Merrick and one other have started an

instrumental trio. She helped to run the sweet stall at the sale in April.

Beattie, Dorothy (Mrs. Rose), still goes to Durban quite frequently. Ivy Payne saw her in West Street.

Beaumont, Julie, is in the W.A.A.F. and is at Nairobi doing clerical work at one of the aerodromes. She is enjoying her work and life generally.

Behrmann, Beth, is in her third year at Rhodes and still enjoying it. Her brother was wounded in action in May, fortunately not seriously. In March at Rhodes swimming gala she broke the women's record for 50 and 100 yards.

Beiles, Dora, is working for the Rand Mines Group in Corner House. In her spare time she does knitting for the Navy League and plays tennis over the week-ends.

Bennett, Avis (Mrs. Henderson), is still living at Hilton Road, where both Ponty Woods (Mrs. Goodwin) and Pauline Howden have stayed with her. She does lots of war work. *Barbara* has just been married (on October 6th) to Bob Cope, of Willow Grange. She took up nursing a little while ago and was at the Military Block at Addington Hospital. *Joan* was married to Harry Byas on April 22nd this year and is now living in Durban. She went to Krugersdorp while her husband was there in the Air Force.

Bennett-Davis, Mollye, was nursing at Addington in May.

Bernard, Grace (Mrs. Turner), had a W.O.G. Reunion at her home in Johannesburg on June 28th. *Dorothy* is still at Witwatersrand University and loves the life. She is doing a massage course. She had a lovely holiday in July in Durban with her parents when they took as many English "Tommies" for drives as they could.

Black, Jean (Mrs. Line), is always entertaining soldiers and sailors at her home at Dargle and knitting for the Navy League. She stayed with *May* for a week. The latter (Mrs. Lindsay) passed a home nursing exam. in June and also has military and naval convalescents to stay with her. She had a holiday at Port St. Johns this year. *Janet* stayed with Rose-Ella Crookes (Mrs. Waring) in March and April. She is still taking care of her mother and playing tennis in her spare time.

Blacklock, Maisie (Mrs. McBride), is a very efficient switchboard operator at Naval Headquarters in Durban,

where, strangely enough, most of the operators are W.O.G.'s. Eileen Doull and Kay and Emily Rayner are there too. Maisie's little daughter, Lanice, has a passion for ships.

Blackhurst, Dr. Avalon, has finished her medical course and has an appointment on the staff of the King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban.

Blakeway, Joan, is doing private nursing in the Kokstad district.

Bleloch, Ikgie (Mrs. Conway), is carrying on her husband's business while he is away in Egypt. She has joined the S.A.W.A.S., and is a drummer in the band.

Boast, May (Mrs. Hamilton), still lives on a wattle estate in the Piet Retief district and finds gardening a joy. She has adopted Robin Moor and she and May's little girl, Constance, go to St. John's in Maritzburg. *Gladys* is kept busy teaching music in Greytown. *Patience* (Mrs. McCarter) has five children, the eldest son and daughter are now boarders in Maritzburg. *Ismay* (Mrs. Gordon) came to Wykeham for the birthday week-end. Her husband is up North.

Boddam, Betty, writing in April this year, was just waiting to take over a two weeks' old baby. She had previously spent some months in the Welsh Mountains and had to cut short her holiday on account of air raids. She commented on the changes since she had left Wykeham and said reading last year's magazine made her feel quite old, since all the girls she had known in the baby class were either engaged or married.

Boden, Gwen (Mrs. Hortin), had an interesting article on the Great Fire of London and her experiences in war-time England in the "S.A. Woman's Weekly" recently. Her mother died two years ago. Her husband is a lawyer in London. She went to stay with her father-in-law in the country, but finding it no safer returned to London. She has a beautiful new home near an aerodrome. Her husband is out every night on A.R.P. work.

Bredell, Leonie (Mrs. Darbyshire), has been staying with friends in Manchester, but is now in Burnley. She has experienced heavy bombing raids and finds difficulty in keeping house because of rationing. Her husband was on his way out to South Africa and looking forward to seeing her home town, but was injured on his way to his ship and sent to hospital. He is now out of hospital and progressing favourably.

Brereton, Ruth (Mrs. Evans James), recently held a very successful garden fête at her home at Scottsville for Navy League War Funds. Her daughter, Audrey, is taking her teaching diploma at the end of the year and Daphne is in the office at Grey's Hospital.

Broome, Dr. Mary, is still Assistant Medical Officer in the Cape Town Health Department. In June she attended the Child Welfare Conference at East London, shortly after which she took a short holiday with Gerald, her adopted son. *Sonia* is in her second year of a massage course at Wits., and enjoys it very much. She is still very keen on swimming, and went with Mrs. Besant and family and Miss Mellor to Grahamstown, where they attended a Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference.

Brown, May (Mrs. McKenzie), is working at the Victoria League Soldiers' Club in Durban, where Pauline Howden and Florence Green (Mrs. Drummond) also help. Her husband, Dr. Duncan McKenzie, is away on active service. *Peggy* is working in her father's office. She is active in collecting comforts for the Carbineers up North. She will be married when her fiance returns from the war.

Browning, Zoe, is still working in Greytown and loves her work. She is a member of the Greytown S.A.W.A.S. Her two brothers left for the North in July. She still hears from Joan Tipper and Ruth Forrester (Mrs. Darby).

Bruyn, Molly (Mrs. Pinchen), is still in Durban and was in Maritzburg at a party at the Imperial Hotel in February.

Burnett, Margaret (Mrs. Evans), is kept busy with her three children and is also a most energetic war worker. She is on numerous committees and has just helped to equip a soldiers' rest room and club in Lusaka besides helping at bazaars, dances, etc., for war funds. Between whiles she is kept busy on the farm with the chickens and the ducks.

Butler, Doris, staged two cabaret turns at Ethne Earle's birthday party in Maritzburg, and was also responsible for organising a children's fancy dress parade at the Merchant Navy Fête in the Durban City Hall on June 4th, which was opened by Mrs. Smuts.

Button, Hazel, is in her second year at the Natal University College. She has done well and is enjoying all the games. She has been a great help in collecting news for the magazine.

Buxton, Eileen and Ethna (Mrs. Perry-Hook), were still at Totnes, Devon, when last we heard.

Byng, Judy, is now Mrs. John Duncan. In March she and her husband called on Mrs. Graham at Matatiele when they were there on business. *Norah* is still enjoying her work immensely at the Johannesburg Public Library. She had 10 days' holiday at Rustenburg in June. She is in the travelling van section of the Library which takes a selection of books every day round the suburbs. They have certain stops where people come and choose new books.

Calverley, Doreen, is working in the Native Pass Office at Springs where she finds her Zulu very useful. Mr. Turner, Lynette and Sheila's father, is one of the heads. She works at shorthand and typing in the evening and is doing V.A.D. work, and teaching in a Sunday School. She has seen several Old Girls and was at the W.O.G.'s Reunion at Mrs. Turner's. She had measles in July.

Campbell, Kitty, is working again at Modder B Hospital.

Carbutt, Bym (Mrs. Bromley), is busy with canteen work and knitting in Cape Town. In June she was staying with *Trixie* (Mrs. Handley), who brought her in to see Miss Mellor at Wykeham. Trixie's husband has gone North with his regiment and she is running the farm. She often comes to Wykeham as Judy is at school there. *Sheila* (Mrs. Blyth) has a little son, Robin, now nearly a year old, who won a first prize at a Baby Show in Ladysmith when he was six months old, so she and her husband are very proud of him. She spent a holiday at Isipingo in June. She sent a snap of Robin at eight months old for the Wykeham album.

Catherine, Hélène, is still teaching at Cordwalles and has had great success with swimming results. On March 14th her little boys won the Junior Swimming Gala again. As usual she helped at the Wykeham Old Girls' dance, as well as helping with the produce stall at the O.G. Cake Sale. In August she had a tea party at which Natalie Crompton (Mrs. Phelps), Ponty Woods (Mrs. Goodwin) were present with their babies, also Marjorie Holliday (Mrs. Vear) and Wyndom. *Wyndom* is keeping house and teaching in Maritzburg. She ran the sweets and cake stall at the sale. She and Hélène are both staunch members of the W.O.G. Executive.

Chandler, Mabel, has been in Johannesburg since July and is working at Mockford, Allen & Co., auditors. She

likes it very much but misses Natal. She is playing hockey and tennis again, and is looking forward to being in Maritzburg at Christmas time. She has seen a number of Old Girls in Johannesburg, including the Turners, Gladys Davidson (Mrs. Strauss) and Alma Lauer, and attended the W.O.G.'s monthly meeting on August 5th. She does a lot of knitting for the forces.

Chaplin, Denise, is doing her first year B.A. at Rhodes; she plays hockey for the second team and has taken part in a dramatic performance. She is interested in social work and is taking a social science course.

Chard, Marjorie (Mrs. Tarr), is running the farm while her husband is on active service in the Air Force, and hopes to come to Natal to live soon. She sent a generous donation for the Cake Sale.

Chiazzari, Sheila (Mrs. Featonby-Smith), has joined the Motor Transport and is hoping to go North. A nephew of hers is engaged to Kathleen Roach, another O.G. *Doonan* (Mrs. Gethin-Jones) often looks in at Wykeham to see Josephine, her daughter, and is a generous supporter of all Wykeham efforts, even to lending property and jewellery for "Lorna Doone." She is doing war work and has a son in Egypt on active service.

Clarence, Eva (Mrs. Butt), has left her job as receptionist to a Maritzburg chiropractor and is now working for Messrs. T. S. Taylor. She is an indefatigable member of the W.O.G.'s Executive, and her little boy, Martin, is doing well at Wykeham's Nursery School. They are living with her mother and father near the Preventorium.

Clark, Sylvia (Mrs. Badcock), recently passed her home nursing exam. Her youngest boy, John Christopher, and a friend were to have left for South Africa under the evacuation scheme just when the authorities had to decide to abandon it. They left home and were away 42 days in Scotland, but did not actually leave Great Britain though they slept on two different boats. They had few opportunities of bathing or getting out of their clothes during that time of disorganisation and were finally sent back home. *Blyth* has a responsible position in the Inland Revenue Head Office in Pretoria, where she is the senior woman on the staff. She gets relaxation in gardening, having her own flat and little garden.

Clayton, Beth (Mrs. Elliott), is still working for Dr. Peters. She has two fine young sons.

Clowes, Dorothy, is kept very busy with her 26 music pupils and is also part-time pianist at Miss Grigson's School of Dancing. She is still taking music lessons with Miss Abbott-Smith and passed her L.T.C.L. in June. She is an energetic member of the Young People's Guild of the Victoria Road Wesleyan Church.

Cole, Betty (Mrs. King), has an adorable baby according to Vivienne Hood-Symons (Mrs. Francis) who saw her not long ago.

Comins, Eileen, is a Second Lieutenant in the W.A.A.S. in Pretoria and looks very smart in her uniform. Her talent for figures and organisation earned her promotion and she is now Cypher Officer and loves her work. *Doris* (Mrs. Green) has left Belfast pro. tem. to avoid the blitz. *Rita* (Mrs. Baikie) spends most of her spare time gardening. Her eldest daughter recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, but is now much better. *Marjorie* (Mrs. Harries) is still living at Seven Oaks.

Connolly, Pat (Mrs. Booysen), was married this year in Maritzburg.

Cooper, Betty (Mrs. Lewin), has two lovely children according to Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant) who saw her recently in Johannesburg. The youngest, a boy, was born last April. Betty called at Wykeham on her way to the Coast with both the children. She was at Grace Bernard's (Mrs. Turner's) reunion for W.O.G.'s in June. *Suzette* is still at Rhodes University and is now completing her second year.

Cowley, Heather, is now in Addis Ababa. She joined the F.A.N.Y. in January and is a driver in the Women's Transport Services. After working for five months in Nairobi, in June she and five other girls were sent up to Addis Ababa to work for the Occupied Enemy Territory Administration. The six of them were the first British women to enter Ethiopia since the war began. They had an exciting trip, first by Free French ship to Berbera, then overland via Harar to Addis. "It was rather exciting," Heather writes, "as the barbed wire entanglements, blown-up bridges and so on that we saw all along the road had been the scene of real action less than two months before. We came through the Marda Pass among other places. We love life in Addis; there are 11 of us now and we have a little mess in the grounds of the British Legation. There are lots of ponies, also duck shooting, snipe shooting and climbing every week-end. Good luck to Wykeham!"

Cox, Betty, is now living at the Ansonia Hotel as they have given up their house on account of her mother's health, so Wykeham has lost a good neighbour. Betty is always helping with some public work and using her car to give other people pleasure. *Buntz* left Mitchell & Eadie's at the end of February and went to Johannesburg to work for the South African Press Association as sub-accountant. She was at the W.O.G.'s Reunion at Grace Bernard's (Mrs. Turner's) on June 28th. She has continued her Red Cross work and joined the Wanderers' Club for hockey and tennis.

Crompton, Natalie (Mrs. Phelps), helped with the Wykeham O.G.'s Dance, and is still living in Maritzburg, sharing a home with another family.

Crookes, Rose-Ella (Mrs. Waring), is Hon. Secretary of the Umzinto Comforts Fund and President of the Scottburgh Church Auxiliary. She is kept busy working for bazaars, and has an attractive home and garden. She and *Sheila* and the Mayoress of Durban are patrons of the Y.M.C.A. Canteen which is housed in the Elizabeth Crookes's Hall on the Esplanade, given by their father in memory of their mother. *Ivy* (Mrs. Gillatt), *Doreen* (Mrs. Van Rooyen) and *Sheila* were all helping with the big fête in Durban for war funds on July 2nd and had several O.G.s helping, including Agnes Gilson (Mrs. Cathcart) and Barbara Bennett. *Sheila* is in charge of the Canteen on Thursday mornings, when she takes great pleasure in ordering all her sisters about. She has two child guests and misses them when the holidays are over. She unveiled her mother's portrait in the new Epworth Gymnasium. She was involved in a motor accident just before, when an Indian ran into her stationary car. *Violet* (Mrs. Poynton) is also very busy with war work, canteen, knitting and sewing. *Doreen* (Mrs. Van Rooyen) lives a quiet life, she says, looking after the house, farm and baby and doing war work. She helps at the Y.M.C.A. Canteen once a week. In April she went for a six weeks' holiday to the Cape, visiting Bushman's River, Knysna and Cradock. She spent a day with Gladys Elcombe (Mrs. Goulding) in Grahamstown and their little daughters enjoyed playing together. At Knysna she stopped to inquire the way to her brother-in-law's house and who should she ask but Winnie Warmback (Mrs. Noordendorp)! *Elaine* is staying in Maritzburg with Mrs. Gordon Watson, her future mother-in-law, and works at the Red Cross Medical Supplies Depot. She helped to run

the produce stall at the Sale and was at the dance. *Mavis* is living in Durban and working at Imperial Airways, where she finds her work very interesting.

Cross, Mona (Mrs. Newton), was very interested to see in last year's magazine that some of the Wykeham girls had taken the life-saving award. She writes: "Did you know that it was my good man who started it in East London. He is the present Chairman of the Pretoria Branch and is also the Chief Life-Saving Instructor in Pretoria. A couple of years ago he was made a life member of the London Society, an honour which he greatly appreciates, so you can imagine how excited he was when he saw that some of the Wykeham girls had gone in for life saving." Mona and her husband are never too busy to give someone a helping hand. Captain Newton is the head of the Air Force Sport Control Board, which entails trips to all the air stations, but he still keeps on his Boys' Clubs at nights. Mona is private secretary to the Command Sports Officer at Roberts Heights. In July she ran the office single-handed and was very busy again recently when her chief was away ill. She is also official sports correspondent for "Nongqai," the service magazine, and has a four-page write-up to do every month on all branches of sport at the Heights. On August 24th, when the Garrison tennis trials were played off, as both her chief and the wife of the C.O. were ill, Mona had to be hostess and present the prizes and make a speech. She finds her Red Cross training useful in dealing with frequent casualties among Rugby players and others.

Crowe, Meta (Mrs. Hortin), as usual put flowers on Miss Moore's grave for Wykeham. She was very ill in August.

Crozier, Joyce (Mrs. McCallum), and her family are still on the same mine in Rhodesia. *Betty* (Mrs. Johnston) is on a long holiday in Grahamstown with her baby. Mrs. Crozier has been ill in the Gatooma Hospital and was hoping when well enough to come to the Union to recuperate.

Davidson, Gladys (Mrs. Strauss), is Secretary of the Johannesburg Branch of the W.O.G. She still plays a lot of tennis and is kept busy with Christopher John, who is at the toddling stage. She also does war work and was expecting to come to Natal early in October.

Davis, Gwen, is engaged to Bob Corrigan, who is in the S.A. Artillery. She works at the Soldiers' Club Canteen in Maritzburg.

De Villiers, Dolly (Mrs. Clark), was one of the lunch party who gathered in October, 1940, at Mrs. Graham's at Matatiele for an Old Girls' Reunion to welcome Miss Mellor to East Griqualand.

Dixon, Sheldine, is still in Maritzburg and is an active member of the W.O.G.'s Executive.

Doull, Eileen, is a switchboard operator at Naval Headquarters in Durban where several other Old Girls work. She and *Sheila* were bridesmaids to *Doreen* when she was married last December to Colin Field. *Sheila* looked in at Wykeham with Elaine Crookes last June.

Dowling, Iris (Mrs. Anderson), is still singing and often goes out to Oribi to entertain convalescents. She recently lost her sister, and we offer her our sympathy.

Downing, Madge (Mrs. Acutt), plays in the Stanger tennis team. Her eldest son is taking his Matric this year. He plays in the first Rugby XV at Glenwood High School.

Drew, Peggy, while holidaying at Warner Beach in August this year, came with her mother to spend an afternoon at Winkle Spruit with a friend with whom Lorna Hime happened to be staying at the time. Lorna and Peggy had a real Wykeham talk. Peggy, who enjoys her work at the Education Department in Maritzburg, says they are kept very busy. She is in the Statistics and General Branch. At present she is busy knitting for air raid victims and devotes a lot of her time to singing and reading.

Earle, Ethne, has recently become engaged to Dr. H. Wannenburg, of Grey's Hospital, where Ethne is still working in the office. In May she celebrated her birthday with a dance, at which Doris Butler staged two cabaret turns. Recently she went on a tour of the Transvaal to Wakkerstroom.

Easterbrook, Marjorie (Mrs. Wallin), has nothing much to report. She is still at the same address and all her family are well. *Dora* (Mrs. McLaren) had a daughter born in March.

Egeland, Sigrid (Mrs. Wootton), has been kept occupied this year with her new baby which was born in November last year.

Elcombe, Phyllis (Mrs. Ade), has a new baby girl who is only a few weeks old. *Gladys* (Mrs. Goulding) spent Christmas with Phyllis at Salisbury. It was a very rushed visit to see her young brother who is now in England

with the R.A.F. Gladys had an unexpected visit at her home in Grahamstown from Rhoda Moodie, and also had Doreen Crookes (Mrs. Van Rooyen) and her baby to spend a day in April. She sees Suzette Cooper at Rhodes occasionally, also Betty Crozier (Mrs. Johnston) who lives at Grahamstown.

Ellis Brown, Pat (Mrs. D'Oyly Lyon), was married in Cape Town last November to Lieut. John Kenneth Lyon, R.N., son of Vice-Admiral Sir George D'Oyly Lyon, who was at one time Commander-in-Chief of the African Station at Simonstown. She is living with her parents in Durban, doing war work and helping her mother in her work as Mayoress.

Emerton, Joyce (Mrs. Keytel), has left Henderson's office and is now in the Army at Oribi.

Earl, Phyllis, left Wykeham last year and is training as a secretary. She is a member of the Maritzburg Nursery Schools Association's Committee, and has done some useful work towards getting a Nursery School for indigent children established.

Fairall, Finola, has been transferred from the Johannesburg G.P.O. to Maritzburg. She is working for the Entertainment Section of the S.A.W.A.S., and in her spare time plays tennis and swims.

Fann, Joyce (Mrs. Marwick), has just had a new baby son. She is running the farm with the help of an assistant while her husband is away on active service.

Fanner, Marylee, is engaged to George Masson, of Albert Falls. She is nursing at Grey's.

Fannin, Natalie (Mrs. Juul), is back at journalism again. As a part-time occupation she is editing and managing the monthly magazine, "Our Women," which records the war activities of Natal women, and of which the profits are to be given to war funds—subscription 3/6 per annum. She has recently been appointed as Westville correspondent of the "Natal Daily News," and has, of course, again edited the Old Girls' news for this year's magazine. She is a member of the Westville War Funds Committee, the Westville C.P.S. (Women's Section) and of a weekly knitting party at Berea West which works for the S.A. Gifts and Comforts Depot. Terence has started school and Valerie-Ann is trying hard to catch up with him. *Phyllis* is still living at Pinetown in a boarding house until her parents' new home is built at Manors. She still works for the East Asiatic Trading Co., in Durban, and

in her spare time is Secretary of the Pinetown Public Committee, Vice-President of the Pinetown Bachelor Girls' Club, a member of the Pinetown Red Cross Detachment, teaches in the Sunday School and is a member of the St. John's Church Council, so she is well occupied. Her first-aid knowledge proved valuable when she was called upon to attend to three convalescent Imperial soldiers who were knocked down by a motor car at Pinetown, one of them being killed. Her's and Natalie's two brothers are now in Egypt. *Jocelyn* (Mrs. Moultrie) left Grey's at the end of April and was married to Lieut. Denys Moultrie, U.M.R., who is now on the 4th Brigade Headquarters Staff. He is away and she is helping her mother at home for the duration of the war. She has joined the Greytown S.A.W.A.S.

Farrant, Dorothy (Mrs. Lissaman), is still in Durban. Her husband is an Officer in the Technical Services. *Rosalie* is still teaching at Durban North and fills her spare time with various activities—V.A.D. work for St. Johns, C.P.S. work and theatricals.

Fenton, Betty, works hard at Wesley Hall Recreation Room in Durban, where Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) often sees her.

Fleming, Marjorie, is Chairman of the Maritzburg section of the War Resisters' International and is helping to run a working party for war victims. Miss Mellor saw her at the Indo-European Council annual meeting.

Fleming-Johnstone, Cecily (Mrs. Pike), was married in November last year to Bill Pike. She was very seriously ill in Grey's Hospital on September 8th, but is better now. She had been nursing there and had looked after two small Wykeham girls in the children's ward at the beginning of the year. Her husband is on active service.

Flett, Mavis (Mrs. McKenzie), had a baby girl on August 18th. She is staying with her mother at Richmond, but before coming down did a lot of war work at E.R.P. Mine at the end of last year.

Forbes, Doreen (Mrs. Hesom), is down from Mufulira, Northern Rhodesia, for a few months' holiday. She is staying with her parents with her two children, a son nearly two years' old and a daughter, two months.

Flook, Beryl (Mrs. Miller), is left with her two small sons, Michael and David, while her husband is up North, where he went nearly a year ago. She is working again,

according to Marjorie Taylor (Mrs. Calder) who saw her while spending a few days in Durban in July. They had some enjoyable chats and went to a matinee together. *Enid* (Mrs. Steere) lives in Durban and still takes a keen interest in hockey.

Forrester, Ruth (Mrs. Darby), was married at Que Que in June this year to John Darby and after 10 days' honeymoon at Beira is now thoroughly enjoying herself house-keeping at Livingstone. When she wrote in August she was busy making curtains preparatory to moving to another house.

Foster, Wendy, is playing a lot of tennis and has joined a band at Ixopo in which she plays the piano accordion.

Frampton, Ruth (Mrs. Pennington), went to the Coast for the July holidays with her family. She brought a party of Old Girls to the dance and came to the Old Girls' Week-end; and is always helping in other ways. *Joan* (Mrs. Slatter) now has a daughter, Rosamond, at Wykeham. Her husband is in Rhodesia on active service, having left the Transvaal where Joan was staying with him.

Frances, Kathleen (Mrs. Drew), lives in Durban and has two little girls at school there.

Francis', Beryl (Mrs. Coates), daughter, Sheila, was married this year. *Priscilla* left Wykeham last year and is now at the N.U.C. as a B.Sc. student. At the beginning of this year she took part in a freshers' play, and in May went on a hockey tour to Wits. University, where she saw Sonia Broome. She helped to run the tea stall at the O.G. Sale and was at the O.G. Week-end.

French, Jane, is one of that gallant body of men and women, the Air Raid Wardens in England, and has to keep watch two or three times a week, besides doing hospital and depot work, sewing and looking after her mother who has been seriously ill lately. She and her sister, Barbara, had to go to a crashed plane in her area and administer first aid to the one surviving German. They had to do everything until the ambulance arrived, and were congratulated on the job.

Fynney, Vera (Mrs. Heenan), has had her second son, Bernard, wounded; he has been in hospital in Cairo. It was a leg wound, but not serious enough for him to be sent home. She belongs to the Maidstone Women's Auxiliary, which, up to March, had made 5,000 garments for soldiers. *Doreen* (Mrs. Pollock) is living with Vera while her husband is up North. She has one child.

Garland, Lesley and Audrey, left Wykeham in June, 1941, to take up secretarial work, Lesley in an office and Audrey in a bank in Durban.

Gedye, Hazel (Mrs. Molyneux), since the magazine came out last year has done her duty nobly by bringing twin girls into the world. Their names are Wendy and Susan and they are now nearly a year old. She was down at the Coast in August with her mother and her three little girls, all under three. In June she attended the Old Girls' Reunion at Grace Bernard's (Mrs. Turner's). When she has any spare time from the three little ones and her garden, she plays tennis. She is fortunate in still having her husband here as he is a key man in the mining industry. *Laura* (Mrs. Van Santen) has had her first baby, *Heather June*, and she and the little one are staying with her mother while her husband is up North. She was hoping that he would soon get leave as he has been away nearly a year now.

Gillam, Jeanette, and *Biddy Saunders* (Mrs. Laughton) was planning a Nursery School at Brakpan when we heard on March 9, and they were only waiting to find a trained superintendent to start it.

Giles, Constance (Mrs. Turner), is still working hard for the S.A.W.A.S., and her husband has been appointed warden in the C.P.S. for the Wykeham area. Her sons are all away on active service, one in England and two in Egypt. She was ill at the beginning of the year, but is well again now and as keen as ever on her garden. Wykeham has to thank her for the loan of her tennis court for the team every Tuesday and Wednesday. *Gwen* has been made Matron of the new Greytown Hospital. *Beryl* (Mrs. McKenzie) is running the farm with the help of her daughter while her husband is on active service.

Gillatt, Beryl, and her mother looked in at school last December. She and the rest of the Crookes's all helped at the Umzinto Sale last year, which made £1,000. She also helps at the Y.M.C.A. Canteen in Durban on Thursdays and had lunch with Joan Trotter in Durban one day.

Gilson, Muriel (Mrs. Robinson), writing to Miss Mellor in August and sending her sub., offered to go on sending out prospectuses for Wykeham in Kenya and asked about the advertisement in the Kenya papers. She had heard that "Lorna Doone," the breaking-up play, was excellent. *Agnes* (Mrs. Cathcart) and her two children stayed with Doreen Crookes (Mrs. Van Rooyen) for two months this

year. They divided their time between Umzinto, Scottburgh and Durban and managed to see quite a few old Wykeham girls. Joy Harris (Mrs. Hay), her niece June Harris, a Wykeham grand-daughter, Joyce Walker (Mrs. Harris) and her two babes were staying at Scottburgh in June, so they all joined up one morning on the beach, quite a collection of W.O.G.'s and Wykeham grandchildren. Agnes's husband has been sent back on sick leave from the North.

Girdler-Brown, Ruth (Mrs. La Tendresse), is still at Minnesota, U.S.A., and longing to get back. Doreen Crookes (Mrs. Van Rooyen) hears from her quite often, also Margaret Moodie.

Godfrey, Dorothy, underwent an operation in the early part of the year. She sang Christmas carols in a quartette at Christmas time for war funds and local charities. After her illness she gave up her job and went to stay with Wendy Scott for a holiday. She has now fully recovered.

Gold, Flossie (Mrs. Johnston), is still living at Ixopo. She has a small son and daughter. *Pamela* has given up her job at the Veterinary Office at Ixopo and is now at home and hoping soon to go nursing.

Good, Norah, is still a Sister at the Joubert Park Nursing Home, where she has been for several years, and is a very successful nurse. Her mother lives in a flat nearby; and Norah spends most of her holidays motoring.

Gordon, Pat, left Grey's Hospital and went private nursing until July, when she went to the Cottage Hospital at Newcastle. While private nursing she attended Sheila Barns (Mrs. Cockburn) and in between cases spent weekends with Mrs. Woods at Mooi River. She is engaged to Theo Woods and is now busy on her trousseau. *Maud* is the Wykeham Bursary holder and is now doing her last year at N.U.C., and still playing hockey and tennis and helping with the tennis coaching at Wykeham. At Varsity she is captain of hockey and played in an inter-Varsity match at Wits. last May when she stayed for four days in Johannesburg and had a very enjoyable time. She helped to run the cake and sweet stall at the sale and raked in other Old Girls at N.U.C. Gardening is her latest hobby.

Graham, Mary, is receptionist to David Calder, the dentist and husband of Marjorie Taylor. She came to the week-end and is a loyal O.G. She is still a keen golfer, and has a niece at Wykeham. *Moir*a has just finished her first year's nursing examination at Addington and is sitting for an anatomy exam. in October. She nurses in the

Military Block and has the distinction of being the youngest pro. She plays tennis frequently with the doctors and nurses and is the only pro. in the team. She met Gina Higgs in a match played at Grey's. For her leave she went to the Hluhluwe Game Reserve, where she stalked a rhino about 200 yards off and saw 12 of them and some buffaloes. *Yvonne* is studying to be a chemist and has passed her preliminary pharmacy exam. She hopes to finish in June, 1942. Her professor wrote congratulating her on passing the exam, considering that she took neither physics, chemistry nor maths. for matric. Her mother gave a delightful O.G. lunch at Matatiele to welcome Miss Mellor to East Griqualand.

Grant, Edith, is in Durban. *Joan* is engaged to Paul Barnard. She works at the Soldiers' Club Canteen; is taking up golf and shares a flat with two other Barclays Bank girls.

Gray, Noel (Mrs. Clark), *Bobbie* (Mrs. Vause) and *Faith* have our sympathy in the loss of their brother, Lathom, who was killed in a flying accident in Pretoria when only one of four pilots escaped. *Noel* is doing a lot of V.A.D. work and is now very highly qualified. *Faith* is working in Barclays Bank, Ixopo—her father is a Major up North. *Bobbie* is staying at Highflats with her mother; her husband, who had leave in August, is away now on active service.

Greaves, Dorothy, is nursing and loves her work. She is at present on night duty and says it teaches one to appreciate one's bed at night. She hopes to get leave in October and intends looking up her friends in Maritzburg.

Green, Margaret (Mrs. Hedley), has her two sons away on active service up North. Keith, the eldest, is now married and is a Lieutenant in the S.A. Artillery, having had to postpone his years at Cambridge which the Elsie Ballot Scholarship gave him. Peter is in the S.A.A.F. in Captain Frost's fighter squadron. Sidney is studying farming at Weston, and John is at school in Durban still. *Florence* (Mrs. Drummond) works very hard at the Victoria League. She is now the proud grandmother of twin granddaughters, the children of her son, Dr. Kelman Drummond, who, when last we heard, was in a hospital at Diredawa. Her daughter, June, is head girl at the Durban Girls' College. *Kay* (Mrs. Bradley) is doing S.A.W.A.S. work in the Postal Section, but still finds time to keep up her lovely garden. *Ebby* (Mrs. Short) is running the sugar farm at Gingindhlovu. She is doing wonders with her knitting machine, turning out 43 pairs a month. Her

eldest son is up North. *Elaine* (Mrs. Van der Post) is in Durban. Her little son, Peter, has just gone to Clifton School. She does a lot of canteen work. *Norah* (Mrs. Pyott) is very busy with war work and puts in many hours at the Victoria League canteen. She has always maintained her interest at Wykeham. Her children have been doing well at tennis, Yvonne, aged 11, came through to the finals of the children's tournament in July.

Greene, Marian (Mrs. Ross), has our deep sympathy in the loss of her mother.

Gurnell, Joy (Mrs. R. Simpson), is living in a nice little house at Springs and has a small son.

Handley, Frances (Mrs. Gibbs), was unable to attend the Birthday Week-end, being very much occupied with evacuees from England (relatives of hers) as well as with her own family. She sent a generous donation, however. *Mary* (Mrs. Menne) is still in Zululand. Her husband is away on active service and her father is with her and is running the farm. *Bessie* (Mrs. Carter) has our sympathy in the loss of her father. She is a keen W.O.G., and writing in August, said she would be willing to take a paying guest who would like a quiet time on a farm. She is a keen member of the Oxford Group Movement and would welcome contact with others amongst W.O.G.s. She has a little boy at Merchiston and two girls at school in Durban. *Ethel* (Mrs. Stone) is still in Rhodesia; her husband has gone North. *Myra* (Mrs. Stride) also has her husband in Egypt in the same unit as Laura Gedye's husband. She now has her small daughter at the Wykeham Nursery School, and comes to the school parties at the end of each quarter. She was one of the judges at the fancy dress dance; and in June visited the school with Barbara Walton who was staying with her after having just returned from London. *Mildred* is in the W.A.A.F. and is Sergeant-in-Charge of the Orderly Room at Zwartkop Aerodrome Photography School. She has seven clerks under her and is very interested in the work. She was on a fortnight's leave when she called to see Miss Mellor on September 3rd. She recently saw Joan Frampton (Mrs. Slatton) at Zwartkop, also Julie Beaumont, who has now gone North. Congratulations to *Mildred* on her 21st birthday in August.

Hansen, Stella (Mrs. Bateson), after living for a year at Margate has now gone to Northern Rhodesia and is living on a copper mine right in the heart of the bush country. They have a good sports club in the town and

so she hopes to continue with her tennis and golf. She and Pat played in a tennis match at Vryheid with Irene Titlestad (Mrs. Brooke-Thompson) against Paulpietersburg in the Northern Districts League last year. *Pat* (Mrs. Gillespie) is living with her parents in Vryheid now as her husband is on active service. She spent four months at Springs to be near him and there met Helen Hart (Mrs. Kufal). She also spent a holiday at Margate with Stella before the latter went to Rhodesia, and Mary Rutherford (Mrs. Leach) and her baby often came to see them.

Harcourt-Baldwin, Ann, left school last year and went to live with her two elder sisters at Potchefstroom where she took up classes for secretarial work. Since then she has been ill, and more recently still has become engaged to Ian Barnes, who is up North with the Artillery. Her brother's name appeared in a recent casualty list as having been injured in an air crash.

Harding, Joan, and her mother passed the St. John Ambulance home nursing and first-aid examinations in January and July respectively, and Joan intended to volunteer for hospital nursing. She is doing grand work with the 1st Northdene Wolf Cub Pack and enjoys it immensely. She took her cubs to the Scouts' Annual Sports on May 22nd, where they did well. She still attends night classes in shorthand and typing, and is now teaching the Northdene Scouts and Cubs first aid. Her mother is head of the Ways and Means Section of the Women's Auxiliary Services at Escombe, and Joan helped her with the Monster Auction Sale and Fair which was held at Escombe in August. Her favourite spare-time pastime is swimming in the beautiful pool which her father has built in their garden; and she often sees Pamela Swanson and June Roe-Scott, and was looking forward to spending her first leave with Lilian Lindsay.

Harkness, Ruth (Mrs. Bryant), has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother in August. Mrs. Harkness was one of Wykeham's best friends and we miss her very much. Ruth is now living in Johannesburg and has recently moved into a house. She was very relieved when her husband was transferred back from Mombasa as the climate did not suit Anthony at all, and she had to bring him down to Maritzburg in January and remained there until July when her husband arrived on his way to Johannesburg. She and her mother and Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) spent a holiday together at "Strathearn," Nottingham Road, "Jinks" Smythe's (Mrs. Wood's) home.

in February this year and the two small boys, Ruth's Anthony and Natalie's Terence, had a great time together.

Harris, Velma (Mrs. Simpson), has left Pretoria and is now living in Durban. *Joy* (Mrs. Hay) was at Scottburgh on holiday in June and was one of a big gathering of W.O.G.s and Wykeham grandchildren that foregathered on the beach one morning. Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) bumped into her one day when she (Joy) and her brother were talking business with Natalie's husband, and there and then Natalie enrolled her as a subscriber to "Our Women."

Hart, Helen (Mrs. Kufal), has a baby daughter, Jillian Ann Mary, who was born at Springs in April. She spent a holiday with Winnie Hudson (Mrs. Boast) at Eshowe; and is expecting soon to return to Natal as her husband is being released from the Mine for active service.

Harte, Olive, was nursing at the Johannesburg Chamber of Mines Hospital when last we heard.

Harwin, Elsie (Mrs. Byrne), and her three children are staying with her mother at Kloof while her husband is in Egypt. *Jessie* (Mrs. Howarth) and her family are also there; fortunately Mrs. Harwin has a large house and grounds and needs it to accommodate six children and adults! Jessie says living in a big crowd like this is rather jolly, and they must all wait for the end of the war to disperse to their own homes again. In the meantime they are all doing canteen and Women's Auxiliary work, rearing and selling ducks and having many amusing experiences. *Madge* (Mrs. Hudson) has been wandering round Natal for six months while their new home, which was a very old house, was being altered. It still has much to be done, but they have moved in as they were so weary of living in suitcases. She saw Veronica Moberley (Mrs. Rutherford) once while she was staying at Kloof.

Hathorn, Amy (Mrs. Young), is honorary treasurer to two war funds—at Mooi River and Nottingham Road. She is always working for the Women's Institutes locally and for the Federated Women's Institutes. Her husband has made three or four spinning wheels to a new pattern which she and others in the district are using with great success to spin wool for knitted comforts. She sent a generous donation to the Sale.

Haw, Doreen (Mrs. Humphrey), has a little daughter who was born the day after Vivienne Beater's (Mrs. Haw). Her husband is on active service with the Engineers. *Molly*

(Mrs. Winship) has no fixed address now as her husband is in the Navy serving in H.M.S. Shropshire.

Hedges, Judy, is married to Eric von Puttkamer, and is nursing in the S.A. Military Nursing Service up North. A photograph of her appeared in a Durban paper in a group of military nurses in Kenya. She is at the 6th casualty clearing station.

Hedley, Betty (Mrs. Webb), has her husband invalided back from the North with a foot wound. She took him away for a holiday early in September, and in between taking him backwards and forwards to doctors is occupied with knitting for the 1st N.M.R. Comforts Fund.

Hemsted, Olive, is teaching at Stanger, where Audrey Smeaton often sees her.

Herbert, Mabel (Mrs. Tilson Barry), has our deep sympathy in the loss of her husband. Ponty Woods nursed him in his last illness. Pauline Howden saw a good deal of Mabel when she was in Durban. *Ida* (Mrs. Harke) has also been in Durban and Pauline saw her a number of times, too.

Herring, Nancy (Mrs. Cullen), is running the farm in her husband's absence on active service. She stayed with Dulcie Arnott (Mrs. Foster) a little while ago and was one of a group of W.O.G.s who met there.

Higgs, Astrid and Gina have suffered a tragic loss in the death of their brother, Peter, who was accidentally shot while home on leave from camp in September. We offer them our sympathy. *Astrid* has moved into her own flat and is doing full-time nursing at the Military Hospital at the Internment Camp at Andalusia. *Gina* is nursing at Grey's Hospital, and plays tennis and hockey for the Grey's staff team. The last we heard was that she had gone down with German measles on September 8th and was admitted to her own ward, the Nathan Ward. She still finds time to enjoy doing handicraft.

Hill, Maisie (Mrs. Levy), is now living with her aunt at her old address. She is better in health and is doing war work. *Thora* (Mrs. Van Rooyen) was married recently and as her husband is up North she is doing floral work in Maritzburg for Verity Duncan, the florist.

Hime, Lorna, is kept busy knitting and doing voluntary war work. She helps at the Baby Air-Raid Victims Depot three times a week and is also a very useful member of the W.O.G.'s Executive.

Hoffmann, Lorraine, is still secretary of the Bellair Nursing Division and still attending lectures and passing exams. in V.A.D. work. She is nursing at a military hospital and took and passed an exam. in A.R.P. work. She helps to entertain visiting servicemen and in between whiles knits and sews.

Hogg, Cynthia (Mrs. Wardlow), had a baby daughter in July. She has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her brother, Guy, who was killed in action in Abyssinia.

Holliday, Marjorie (Mrs. Vear), is still teaching in Durban for the duration and is doing Red Cross work. Her husband is in the S.A.A.F. *Ruth* is living in Johannesburg, is very happy in her work and is doing war work in her spare time. She was a splendid secretary of the W.O.G.s, and when she resigned was presented with an alarm clock for her flat as a token of gratitude.

Hood-Symons, Vivienne (Mrs. Francis), has no special news, but is kept busy housekeeping and knitting socks. *Joan* (Mrs. Godefroy) has another baby boy, now nearly a year old, and he and his bigger brother keep Joan busy.

Houston, Verna, says she is not engaged or married. She is busy with Red Cross work and does V.A.D. work at Addington Hospital once a week. She hopes to go on active service if she passes her exam. Noel Gray (Mrs. Clark) works with her in the same V.A.D. crowd, but is more highly qualified and is sitting for her silver medal exam. shortly. *Joan* paid a visit to Wykeham in October last year.

Howden, Pauline, is spending practically all her time working at the Victoria League Club and often meets other W.O.G.s who work there.

Howells, Blodwyn (Mrs. Craig), is living in a flat in Durban while her husband is away on active service. Her little son, Clive, now goes to a kindergarten school. In her spare time Blodwyn makes toy animals to be sold for war funds.

Hulett, Marie, is now living in Durban and is very busy with war work. She sent a generous donation to the Cake Sale, and looked in at Wykeham at the end of last term with Pat Ellis Brown (Mrs. D'Oyly Lyon), with whom she was hoping shortly to go for a trip round the Union and to Lourenco Marques. She was photographed at the birthday party given by Pat's mother for little Princess Tatiana, the daughter of Princess Eugenie of Greece and Prince Dominique Radziwill.

Hulley, Dorothy (Mrs. Platt), is still living at Westville, where Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) and she often meet. Her husband is now in Egypt, and her little girl is keeping well now. She is a tiny dainty thing, two years old and still wears size two shoes!

Hutchinson, Ruby (Mrs. Gray), has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her only son, Lathom, who was killed in a flying accident in Pretoria.

Hutchinson, Nora (Mrs. Joyner), with her husband and sister spent a few days with Biddy Saunders (Mrs. Laughton) at New Year.

Illing, Olive, made some clever Zulu models, which were exhibited at a fair held in the Durban City Hall in aid of the Seamen's Institute.

Jameson, Biddy (Mrs. Robertson), is to have Joy Nourse for a sister-in-law. She has a beautiful home at Winterskloof with a lovely garden, and a baby girl of three who was ill with scarlet fever recently but is better now.

Jay-Browne, Evelyn, writing to Lorna Hime in November last year, said that she had given up the monotony of teaching for the unknown joys of research and was going to start a laboratory in Kenya. The company hoped to send her out in November or December; she was to spend a short time in Natal to collect apparatus and assistants, and intended to look up old friends and revisit Wykeham. Lorna neither saw her nor heard anything further, so does not know if the plans fell through.

Johnston, Nettie (Mrs. Webster), is a most useful member of the community at Nottingham Road. She is a member of the Women's Institute and the S.A.W.A.S., and is also Librarian. She has our sympathy in the loss of her father at the beginning of April. She is running the farm and paying guest establishment while her husband is at Roberts Heights.

Johnstone, Joyce, is on night duty in charge of the European children's ward at Grey's Hospital and has all the babies to look after. She has played hockey for the hospital, and is looking forward to going home on leave in January. She has quite got over her emergency operation for appendicitis.

Jones, Elsie (Mrs. Van Blerk), has had a busy time nursing her husband who has been ill for some months. Her eldest son, Denis, is now married and is a Captain in the Air Force. He has been in action up North, but is now

stationed at Germiston flying the new twin-engined machines between here and Loanda and sometimes right up as far as Cairo. The younger son, Bill, is a Second Lieutenant in the Heavy Artillery at Potchefstroom. She, *Helma* and *Linley* have our sympathy in the loss of their sister, Irene. *Helma* still lives in the old home, alone now, and when wanted, helps at the Y.M.C.A. Huts. She also helps at the Navy League Depot, and lets rooms and flats, a very trying job. *Linley* was in hospital in August for a thyroid operation—to have her throat cut, as she says! Her daughters, Betty and Jean, are at Wykeham as boarders. She was up for the O.G.s week-end for the first time for 16 years and told how she and Esme Methven (Mrs. Edwards) got into conversation on a Durban bus without knowing each other just because Esme recognised the Wykeham hatbands that *Linley's* daughters were wearing.

Joyner, Betty (Mrs. Dodds), has a baby son, born in November last year.

Keith-Fraser, Mia (Mrs. Woollam), is still at Kearsney and her husband is in Egypt. She is plodding along on the farm with all sorts of people to help her. She attends a weekly party to sew for evacuees and soldiers. *Jean* (Mrs. Leycester) is at Torquay with her three little girls, and is lucky to have her husband, who is in the R.A.F., stationed at Torquay. She has an allotment in which they take great interest.

Kershaw, Penelope, is in the Civil Service in Maritzburg and has been transferred from the Education Department to the Provincial Accountant's Office in the Colonial Buildings. She enjoys her work very much. *Joan* began her training at Grey's in August in the Native babies' ward. Before that she was helping in the Entertainment Section of the S.A.W.A.S., and was modelled for a portrait at the N.U.C. Art School. She helped at the O.G. Sale.

Kimber, Joyce (Mrs. Stevens), is still at Guntree in the Free State and had Eve McLaren (Mrs. Griffin) and her little daughter staying with her at the beginning of the year. Her daughter, June-Ruth, was acting in "Lorna Doone," the breaking-up play, in June. Her son has recovered from scarlet fever. *Eve* (Mrs. Pillinger) is very busy with war work for the Navy League and odd sewing parties. Otherwise she is occupied with looking after Jill and working in the garden.

Kirkman, Barbara (Mrs. Allen) has been at Ixopo. Her husband is a Lieutenant in the Native Corps.

Knapp, Phyllis (Mrs. Stevens), has two of her boys at school now. In the last two years the only thing they haven't had is mumps, so she feels they really should get that and then she could say that they had had everything. *Ethel's* (Mrs. Kerr's) baby son won first prize in the Maritzburg Baby Show in April. She is living with her mother, and sent a snap of Ian Malcolm for the album.

Knubley, Dorothy (Mrs. L'Estrange), is staying on the farm with her mother-in-law while her husband, who is a Lieutenant in the U.M.R., is up North. When seeing him off she had a long chat with Ponty Woods (Mrs. Goodwin), whose husband is also a Lieutenant in the U.M.R. Recently she spent a holiday in Durban with her parents.

Koch, Dagmar, is still living at Moe's Rest and helping on the farm.

Kregeloh, Sheila, was at the O.G. Sale. She taught for the month of February—very useful practice for her Higher Diploma later. She is in her second year for her B.A. Fine Arts.

Kumm, Elaine, was one of those at the luncheon given in October last year by Mrs. Graham to welcome Miss Mellow to East Griqualand. She is still running the home for her father and plays lots of hockey.

Kirk, Judith, left school at the end of last year, having passed her National Commercial exam. with distinction. She had an operation for appendicitis in June, but is now playing tennis and hockey and riding again. She has started poultry farming to help her father who is organising the road-making in the district.

Ladlau, Dulcie (Mrs. Woodrow), is very busy with canteen and other war work; she helps at the Seamen's Institute Canteen.

Layman, Betty (Mrs. Slatter), is helping on the farm. Her husband and son, Milner, are up North on active service. We are glad to hear she is better in health than at the end of 1940 when she was in hospital in Maritzburg. Her son, John, is going into the Navy.

Margaret (Mrs. Brickdale), is still living in Durban and helping at the Navy League Canteen. Her husband is in the Royal Navy and is in charge of the Decoding Station at Naval Headquarters in Durban.

Line, Norah, obtained her diploma in domestic science at Wits. Technical College in December last. She was having a rest at home in January, 1941, when she looked in at Wykeham. She was also down for the W.O.G.'s week-end. In June she was in hospital with appendicitis and was nursed by two Wykeham Old Girls, and in August, when better again went to the Falls for a holiday. During the year she helped at Mrs. Fannin's farm school at "Kilgobbin," Dargle, to fill in a gap. She knits for the Navy League and Air-Raid Victims.

Linscott, Valerie, announced her engagement to Leslie Catherine, Helene's brother, on August 9th, the day on which he was awarded his wings and a commission in the S.A.A.F. She was at the Old Girls' dance.

Lister, Lorraine, was in Maritzburg in March after which she went to Scottburgh. She is now working at the United Building Society in Johannesburg, and still playing tennis. She resigned the secretaryship of the Old Girls' branch in Johannesburg and Gladys Davidson (Mrs. Strauss) took over from her. *Margaret* (Mrs. Davis) is now living in a flat in Pretoria to be near her husband who is on the Inspectorate Staff at Defence Headquarters. She works at the Gifts and Comforts Depot and helps to send off many thousands of glory bags, etc., every week to troops up North.

Loader, Yvonne, is working at Barclays Bank, Natal branch, in Durban.

Lund, Tessie (Mrs. Stanham), had a baby daughter born in June.

Lindsay, Lilian, has passed home nursing and first-aid exams. She is the Secretary of the Boston Amateur Dramatic Society, and also a member of the tennis club and Women's Institute. She and Joan Harding still keep up their school friendship. She was at the Old Girls' dance and called with a donation for the Sale.

Lauer, Alma, started work in April with Messrs. Raymont & Brown in Johannesburg. She knits and does a lot of riding, and was at the Old Girls' Reunion in June at Grace Bernard's.

Macaulay, Kitty (Mrs. Atkinson), works two days a week at the Victoria League Club in Durban and also for bazaars, but was on holiday in September. She sews and looks after the family and house, too. Her son, David, is at Michaelhouse and will take his Matric. next year. Betsy

is at college and will take her J.C. next year, when John will go to Cordwalles.

Mackenzie, Madge (Mrs. Kincaid Smith), has our sympathy in the loss of her father. She entertains a lot of convalescents at her home. *Dorothy* (Mrs. Gibson) sent stacks of lovely flowers for the Old Girls' dance. She is often in Maritzburg. *Betty* is now Mrs. Morris Roberts. She was married at St. Peter's Church last October, when Minnie Strachan was her bridesmaid.

McLeod, Mary, left Wykeham last year to be with her mother in Johannesburg. She is finishing her Matric. by private study and is also working for elocution exams. and at dramatic art. She gained a diploma in the dramatic art section of the Johannesburg Eisteddfod. She and Pam Smith are working together at home, and aim to take up medicine as a career. She presented the school with a set of the History of the World, a most valuable addition to the reference library. She and Pam Smith looked in at Wykeham for supper on September 5th on the way to Durban for a week-end. *Mignon* (Mrs. Heslop) has our deep sympathy in the loss of her brother, Ray, who was a First Lieutenant in the S.A.A.F., and died in Egypt in September from fever.

MacNeillie, Joan, started nursing at Grey's Hospital in March. She has heard from Alison Oberlin-Harris, who is in Scotland.

Mann, Betty and Cathie, have our sympathy in the loss of their mother who died suddenly recently. Betty is still nursing at Scottburgh Hospital and Cathie is now an air-woman at Roberts Heights.

Martienssen, Mary, did very well in her first year B.Sc. degree at Wits. She has decided to become a doctor and is already enjoying the work. In her classes are 15 non-Europeans who, she says, are very popular.

Marwick, Marjorie, still lives in Richmond and is Secretary of the Richmond Women's Institute; she helps at the Navy League centre and supervises an Indian Girls' knitting class. *Dorothy* (Mrs. Pembroke) was at the Sale with Mrs. Mason, helping with the tea. She is Secretary of the Women's Institute in her district, Inhlavini. *Janet* (Mrs. Foster) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband who died in January. Janet had to give up some of her public work to run the farm. Like Marjorie, she is a good friend to the Federated Women's Institute Holiday Home; and she organised a knitting circle for

Indian Social Services, which Marjorie supervises. *Isobel* is married again and is now Mrs. Anderson. She is living at Richmond and is much missed at O.G. Executive Meetings. She helped with the produce and flower stall at the Sale.

Mason, Joyce (Mrs. Fulton), is staying with her parents and helping her father in the business. Her husband has been away on active service with the Carbineers for 14 months; and her baby girl is now 2½. She was at the Wykeham Cake Sale. *Peggy* is working with her father while her brother is on active service. She is still carrying on with her singing and studying with Madame Eastman.

Masson, Edna (Mrs. Bowles), often goes with her husband and little son to play tennis on Sundays at Nancy Shaw's (Mrs. Lund's) home at Merrivale.

McCullough, Sheila, is still working in the Colonial Buildings, and doing Red Cross work. *Yvonne* is also doing Red Cross work.

McDonald, Pat (Mrs. Ward), was working in Durban for a short time for Sister Patterson, the chiropodist, where Lorna Hime met her last March. But when her husband was invalided out of the Army and went back to his former billet Pat went with him to the Transvaal. *Constance* went up to stay with Pat for her leave and is hoping to go again this October. *Laura* is still helping her mother in the tea room at Scottburgh.

McGlew, Consie, is still living with her mother at Illovo.

McIntosh, Glorie (Mrs. Leslie), is carrying on the farm while her husband is up North, and says she has become a real farmer, and has so far managed to keep the home fires burning. Kitty Otto is teaching her two children and keeping her company. *Gwen* was one of the group of O.G.s who met at Dulcie Arnott's when she, Jessie Harwin and Nancy Herring spent a week with Dulcie.

McLaren, Eve (Mrs. Griffin), is still in Bloemfontein and recently spent a week with Joyce Kimber (Mrs. Stevens).

Merrick, Veronique, is still working for Mitchell & Eadie in Maritzburg, and has recently spent a short holiday in Durban where she caught fleeting glimpses of several Durban Old Girls. She helps Miss Mellor twice a year by correcting some of her Scripture papers. *Thelma* has gained her B.Sc. degree and was capped in May. She is doing her Higher Education Diploma this year, and has done some teaching this year at Wykeham.

Methven, Esme (Mrs. Edwards), whose husband is in the Navy, told Linley Jones that she was doing decoding work in the Naval Offices in Durban and finds it most interesting. She is an enthusiastic tennis player.

Mitchell, Blanche, is working in the Court House at Ngutu. She has been there a year and has to travel five miles to work every day. *Carmin* looked in at Wykeham with her father and mother on August 27th. She is helping to run the home. They both belong to the Women's Auxiliary Work Circle. They saw Pat Gordon at Newcastle on August 19th watching the Air Commando.

Millar, May (Mrs. Stiebel), is in the canteen section of the S.A.W.A.S. in Durban, and takes convalescents from the hospital for drives. Her husband went up North with the last convoy.

Mitchell-Innes, Edith (Mrs. Crowe), is still living at Cowie's Hill, and Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) sees her frequently at meetings and war efforts at Westville. Her husband is recruiting Natives in Durban.

Moberley, Veronica (Mrs. Rutherford), was riding in the White River Gymkhana in July held in aid of war funds. Mrs. Dunbar saw her and says she won several prizes. She has been doing V.A.D. work at Barberton Hospital.

Moodie, Margaret, is still teaching at Escombe and feels that she will soon be put in the storeroom as immovable property. She often sees Ivy Payne in Stuttaford's Library, and spent a recent Sunday with Mrs. Fowlie and another with the Crookes's. *Rhoda* is spending a holiday in Salisbury with an old friend. She is better again and putting on weight.

Moor, Sonia (Mrs. Bishop), is busy with war work and is still living at Winterton.

Moore, Jeanne (Mrs. Woods), had a daughter on August 25th and is thus kept busy with the family and garden. *Nan* is Assistant Matron at Weston Farm School at Mooi River. During the July holidays she stayed with Lesley Allen at Ixopo, where she met quite a number of Old Girls, including Faith Gray and Dulcie Arnott. She still keeps up her tennis and does war knitting, and has joined the Young People's Victory Club, which gets up entertainments for war funds.

Morgan, Rosalie (Mrs. Van Broembsen), had her tonsils out in July and shared a room with Matron Sybil Marwick at Port Elizabeth Hospital.

Morphew, Margaret, was on a tennis tour in June to the Transvaal and Rhodesia and is now on the farm with her mother. Her brother was one of the stunt pilots in the Air Commando.

Mountfort, Enid (Mrs. Stoll), wrote in June saying that she had been through London's worst "blitzes" in her top floor flat. Her husband is in the Royal Artillery; and her son is in the country about one hour's run by bus. She is kept very busy as there is a great demand for miniatures, of which she had two in this year's Academy. The last Wykehamite she saw was Toria Jepson. Old Girls may have heard her recent broadcast from Daventry on "Art in Wartime."

Mundy, Barbara (Mrs. Chadwick), has our deep sympathy in the loss of her brother. She has her husband home on leave as he was wounded in the foot in Abyssinia when his tank was hit by an anti-tank shell and put out of action. He is now Captain Chadwick and led the bayonet charge at El Wak. Barbara came to Wykeham recently and brought a photograph of herself and husband and baby, who is now 14 months old.

Murray, Dering, says she has nothing much to reveal; she lives in the same place and is still teaching at Parktown High School. *Greta* (Mrs. Wood) brought a party to the dance, and has recently put her twin sons into the Nursery School. *Queenie* (Mrs. O'Sullivan) has now left Coty's Hairdressing Saloon and since the beginning of August has been working at Robertson's Saloon in Durban as receptionist. She came to the dance and birthday week-end with Greta and party. *Agnes* (Mrs. Royston-Brown) is at Umhlali and works for the Malaria Control Board each morning.

Nel, Eunice (Mrs. Van der Merwe), is now back at her old job in the Public Health Department as her husband is on active service. *Elvine* (Mrs. Ritter) was married in Durban on June 7th and had a most enjoyable honeymoon trip by car to the Falls. During this year she has been doing full-time work as a dental nurse attached to the Army and was first in Durban and later at Oribi.

Nicholls, Mavis (Mrs. Vaughan), is still at Durban North. Her husband is now Headmaster at Greenwood Park.

Norgate, Dorothy (Mrs. Gordon Cumming), is still busy with her war work. Her youngest son, Bruce, is now married and both he and his bride were married in uniform.

Nourse, Miriam (Mrs. Clarence), was at the lunch given by Mrs. Graham at Matatiele in October last year. *Alice* (Mrs. Rogers) was staying at the beach at Christmas time. We are glad to hear she is better in health now. *Nellie* (Mrs. McKenzie) is nobly holding the fort on their farm near Richmond while her husband and sons are on active service. Her two daughters are to be married shortly. *Ina* (Mrs. Staples) was down in the Union recently and has now gone back to Tanganyika after waiting for some time in Durban for a boat. *Joy* is to be married to George Jameson, she hopes in December, and will then live in Maritzburg. Her fiance is a brother of Biddy Jameson. Joy attended the Oxford Group Youth Camp in January at Stanger's Hoek, Mooi River, in the capacity of, as she put it, head cook and bottle-washer. After spending Christmas with her sister at Kokstad, she went back to "Johnny" Walker's (Mrs. Harris's) at the end of February. She looked in at Wykeham before leaving.

Oberlin-Harris, Alison, is studying medicine at St. Andrew's University and is now in her second year. Recently she has been in the Land Army doing her compulsory four weeks' duty, and in a letter which Miss Mellor received on September 20th she said that she had bought a motor-bike, which she called "Horace." This enabled her to get to the farm quickly. She said she had also joined the berry-pickers at Alyth for a week and had to live under most unpleasant conditions. At the end of last year she was visiting South African friends in St. Andrew's, and in February wrote to Miss Mellor of her experiences in the fire of London when she was staying with a friend who was a shelter marshal in the largest shelter in the borough of St. Pancras. She slept in a bunk in the shelter.

Oddin-Taylor, Diane (Mrs. Hathorn), has been ill and is on sick leave at present. She is Officer Commanding the Women's Voluntary Air Force in Maritzburg.

Otto, Helen (Mrs. Maritz), is kept busy with her two babies; Elizabeth and Dinah Louise. *Kitty* has left the Child Welfare Home and is now teaching Glorie McIntosh's two little girls. She does a lot of sewing for her little niece, Felicity, and also helps on the farm. *Dorothy* is still working in Pretoria in a lawyer's office, and also working hard for the Red Cross, doing hospital duty two nights a week at the Johannesburg General. She is also a member of the Blood Transfusion Society and is a universal donor. *Janet* (Mrs. Thompson) is still in charge of a ward in the Lady Dudley Nursing Home in Johannesburg. Her

husband is in the Transvaal Scottish and is away on active service. She has a little stepson six years old.

Packard, Micky, had hoped to finish her L.R.A.M. in September and then come out to South Africa, but has since decided to take up Red Cross work and now hopes by the end of September to be a full-time Auxiliary in a hospital. She had a very upsetting term in the early part of the year, her violin professor was murdered, and her piano and harmony professor called up; her room was bombed and she had to change her lodgings. She met General de Gaulle and Sir Reginald Vansittart at the Broadcasting Studio where she was doing a part-time job with another student.

Payne, Olive (Mrs. Lloyd), has recently had another baby, her fourth. She still enjoys farm life. *Ivy* is secretary to the Manager of Stuttaford's. She comes across quite a number of Old Girls, and was very thrilled at meeting Barbara Walton; she planned to collect a few W.O.G.s and they were all going out to visit Barbara and hear about her exciting experiences in London. Ivy's life is very full, what with war work, Navy League, Thumbs Up Victory Club, etc., etc. She is still hoping that one day some Old Girl who plays either the 'cello or violin will get in touch with her and join the Amateur Orchestral Society. She sent us a valuable sheaf of Old Girls' news. *Blossom* (Mrs. Jack) is still living in the Cape and hopes to make a home out at Pinelands.

Pearse, Madge, is still doing war work at the Y.M.C.A. Canteen and plays golf in her spare time.

Pearson, Doris (Mrs. Nias), is in South America, though we have not heard from her lately.

Peel, Dorothy (Mrs. Hayter), is living at Durban North. Her daughter, Dawn, has had to give up nursing at the Berea Nursing Home for health reasons. *Toria* (Mrs. Jepson) is now a Sergeant in the W.A.A.S. doing clerical work at Impala House, Pretoria. Her title is Registering Clerk, and on August 22nd she and the four women who were the original women in the office celebrated their first birthday in the Army at the flat of their senior sergeant. Altogether there are 11 women and two men, both English and Afrikaans, in the office. Toria met Natalie Browning (Mrs. Blackburn) at a dinner party where they bowed to one another most formally before realising they had been old schoolfellows. She has also met Joan Frampton (Mrs. Slatter) and Blyth Clark. Margaret Lister (Mrs. Davis)

and her husband are living near Toria at the Union Hotel and Toria often sees them. *Dora* (Mrs. Power) is a full-time transport driver, she and her children are living with her mother at Cowie's Hill while her husband is in the Army.

Pennington, Laurel (Mrs. Hugman), is Commandant of the Verulam Branch of the S.A.W.A.S., and recently sent two beautiful bookcases to us, gifts from the Executor of Rev. S. Mort's Estate as a remembrance of him.

Pentland, Maureen, was bridesmaid to Jocelyn Fannin. She is an excellent Secretary for the W.O.G.s, cheerful and capable, and the sales and the dances organised by her rebound to her credit. Everything goes like clockwork. She works in Mr. Hickson's office and is doing responsible work.

Perkins, Pat, is working as a shorthand typist at Mackay Bros. in Durban.

Pitcairn, May (Mrs. Calverley), has been busy with war work and the hundreds of things that a farmer's wife has to turn her hand to, even the extinguishing of the raging fires lately that have threatened the plantations, grazing and homesteads. She spent a week in Durban, looking after Frances, and a month's holiday with the family at Richard's Bay. She intends coming to Maritzburg for her daughter Beryl's confirmation in October. *Rena's* (Mrs. Webster's) husband joined up but soon after was invalided out of the Army with heart trouble and was sent back on promotion to Kokstad from Qumbu. She has met a lot of W.O.G.s, so did not feel strange in her new home. The children are very well. She sees a lot of Phyllis Varty (Mrs. Pretorius) and has also seen Dolly de Villiers (Mrs. Clark) and Ellice Verney. She does a lot of war work and plays tennis for recreation. She hopes that W.O.G.s will call at the Gaol Residency whenever they come to Kokstad—there will always be a welcome for them. *Frances* (Mrs. Fenwick) was staying for two weeks in Durban in June. She has not been well, and went from Nkandhla to Springs, where she was doing a lot of knitting for her husband in Egypt. He has been back lately on leave.

Platt, Nan (Mrs. Bassett), is a V.A.D. working at the General Hospital in Johannesburg. *Doreen* (Mrs. Niven) has been living in Ireland but is now in England with her husband. *Joan* (Mrs. Mackeurtan) was married on September 22nd. Her husband is on active service.

Plowman, Kathleen, does not play much golf nowadays

as she is kept too busy cutting out and sewing at the Victoria League Depot twice a week and also helping at the Victoria League Soldiers' Club.

Pope, Marie, left Rhodes in December to keep her mother company on the farm when her father joined up again with the S.A.A.F. She intends taking a correspondence course to finish her degree. In January she and her mother and sister went to the Cape to spend some time with her father, who was in training there. She tells of a strange experience he had which proves again that truth is stranger than fiction. He was in the R.A.F. in the last war and crashed in Germany and was taken prisoner. He thought that his observer had been killed when he crashed. Imagine his surprise when he met this same observer up at Roberts Heights. He, too, is in the S.A.A.F. as an instructor.

Pope-Ellis, Jeanette (Mrs. Fincken), is running the farm at Ashburton with her brother. She was one of the judges at the fancy dress dance, and it was her suggestion that Old Girls should lunch at Wykeham on the first Tuesday of each month, an arrangement which the Johannesburg girls have now adopted. She has gathered a band of children around her making animals out of bits of sheepskin left over from the Navy League coats for seamen. She still keeps up her interest in all sorts of good works, amongst them Bantu welfare and sculpture. She gets great enjoyment out of teaching her small son. *Tony* (Mrs. Seekings) is living at Howick where her husband, Dr. Seekings, has a practice. Being a qualified doctor herself she is a great help to him in his profession.

Poynton, Phyllis (Mrs. Hirst-Simpson), is carrying on with the farm and doing war work like everyone else while her husband is in Egypt.

Pye, Irene (Mrs. Colville), has a baby, born in October last year.

Quin, Peggy (Mrs. Smithers), is now running her own beauty parlour, "The Pompadour," in Salisbury. She and her son flew down to Natal at the end of August and called in at Wykeham on September 6th with Ruth Frampton (Mrs. Pennington).

Ramsden, Muriel, was helping with the Fête at Wembley at Mr. Drysdale's home. She is working in F. B. Burchell's office, acting as his private secretary.

Raw, Gwen (Mrs. Robinson), sent a donation and best wishes for the Sale. She was at the lunch given to welcome Miss Mellor to East Griqualand last year.

Rayner, Edith (Mrs. Cope), has a son, Trevor, who is very fond of music and is lucky in having Adolf Hallis as his master. *Emily* sends us news of the family and many friends, and writes humorously, as usual. She is a switch-board operator at Naval Headquarters in Durban. *Kay* (Mrs. Moffatt) lives with Emily and they do the house-keeping week and week about. Her little son, Douglas, goes to school and writes the alphabet very nicely on the tablecloth and once he wrote it beautifully on the wall! *Florence* (Mrs. Howard) has had a grim time, but now has a cottage in the country with a large garden and no air raids.

Reid, Winsome, put on a very good show with the Brownies at Mooi River for war funds and made £20. She is still doing handicrafts for a living, principally weaving, and was demonstrating spinning at a conference in Maritzburg. She has taught nine or ten members of the Mooi River War League to spin and they are producing very good wool for stockings and jerseys. She has a Ranger Company and a pack of Brownies, the Rangers are a company of cripples and all are busy doing war work. Winsome is collecting garments for air raid victims. On September 4th she was just off to Johannesburg to a Guide Conference. She is, incidentally, having to use crutches herself to get about.

Renzow, Myra (Mrs. Arnold), is busy working on the farm just outside Maritzburg and is sometimes seen in Maritzburg driving her truck. She has a lovely garden.

Reynard, Eva, is now Mrs. Gray and is living at Newcastle. She has a lovely baby. She was down in Durban recently. *Grace* (Mrs. Dowling) is in the Cape, we think.

Roach, Connie, is another Mrs. Gray, she married Clifton Gray last November and is now living with her sister, Hilda, in Maritzburg while her husband is up North with the Engineers. She is doing temporary secretarial work. *Kathleen* is still employed by the Durban Corporation and attends cooking classes at the Tech. with Linley Jones (Mrs. Brazier). She is engaged to Peter Featonby-Smith, and lives with Doreen at Berea Court. *Doreen* is also working for the Corporation in the Electricity Department.

Robinson, Laura (Mrs. Cowling), is still a nursing sister at the King Edward VIII Hospital where she has been for three years. She hopes to go on leave in January.

Her son, Geoffrey, is in the Royal Navy serving on a destroyer. He was in the evacuation of Crete and had a most exciting time, though his ship came through safely and is now patrolling the Red Sea. He is 16, and is 6 feet 2½ inches tall.

Roe-Scott, June, writes that this has been a full and interesting year for her. She is in Durban and has been doing Customs work relieving a man for active service; and in her spare time has passed both first-aid and home nursing exams. and is now attached to the Edith Cavell Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade doing duty at King's House Hospital.

Roseveare, Dr. Margaret, is still at Iyi Enu Hospital, near Onitsha in Southern Nigeria working hard in a big area. She does six months at each centre, being Second in Command at Onitsha. She much appreciates the news in the magazine.

Ross, Norah (Mrs. Howes), is very busy with war work and is an active hostess under the S.A.W.A.S. Hospitality Scheme. Geoffrey, her eldest son, plays Rugby for his school, Durban Preparatory High School, in the first under eleven XV. Leslie and Geoffrey both learn music, and Leslie goes to the art classes at the Tech. Michael, the youngest, is too young for school but bosses up the others.

Rudd, Constance, is working in a bank in Port Elizabeth.

Rudland, Bobbie (Mrs. Pilcher), has sent out many prospectuses in Rhodesia for Wykeham. Her husband has been away a long time on active service. *Dorothy* (Mrs. Marshall) has a hostel for school children in Marandellas called Wykeham House.

Rutherford, Mary (Mrs. Leach), and her baby son went to see Patsy Hansen when she was staying at Margate. *Margaret* is working in Howden's florist shop in Durban and is busy knitting between whiles. She went to see Doreen Crookes while the latter was staying in Durban.

Radloff, Audrey, sent a donation to the fancy stall at the Sale. She is taking a commercial course at the East London Technical College and also learning physical culture, and is to be leader in a gymnasium display early in October. She plays in the first hockey team; and met Suzette Cooper when the latter came to East London to play hockey in the Rhodes team. She plays badminton and tennis at the week-ends.

Sangmeister, Biddy, was in Maritzburg in November last year, when she saw Adrienne Smythe and Ethne Urmson (Mrs. Topham). In March she went to Johannesburg.

Saunders, Biddy (Mrs. Laughton), wrote on January 3rd asking advice of the Wykeham Nursery School specialist, Mrs. Butler. The school experts are always glad to give any advice they can in that way to Old Girls. Since then we have heard that she is trying to start a Nursery School at Brakpan as Rosemary, her little daughter, now has to go eight miles to school. Her mother, Lady Saunders, is now busy doing war work after having been seven months in hospital with a broken leg.

Saville, Gwyneth, was married to Roy Inglis in April and is travelling round the country with her husband, who is in the S.A.A.F. So far she has been to Bloemfontein and East London, from there to Pretoria and back again to East London, where she has seen Audrey Radloff. She was expecting to move again soon.

Scott, Wendy, having had to give up work for a few months following an operation, has spent five months this year touring Southern Rhodesia. She stayed a month with Pat Sydie (Mrs. Hewlett) at her beautiful home near Fort Victoria.

Scott-Riddell, Mavis's (Mrs. Boyd's) daughter, Dorothea, played for Estcourt against Wykeham in the hockey team that visited the school on August 9th. She and her partner in the Smythe Trophy tour stayed at school again on August 6th. *Ailsa* (Mrs. Halle) has a lovely old-world home and garden in Zwartkop Road, Maritzburg, with a river at the foot of the garden. She held an excellent garden fête on October 12th last year which Wykeham children attended. It was a very big affair, held in her garden and the next-door neighbour's, and they made a considerable sum for war funds in spite of rain. *Jean* is a most useful member of the W.O.G.'s Executive. With Mrs. Mason, Joan Kershaw and Priscilla Francis she ran the teas, ices and cold drinks at the Sale. She is still teaching at Berg Street and is living in Pietermaritz Street.

Shaw, Nancy (Mrs. Lund), is still busy taking and fetching children from school in Howick, doing about 28 miles a day by car. They have started tennis every Sunday there and Edna Masson (Mrs. Bowles) and her husband and little son often go. In July Nancy had a house full, as she was entertaining sailors and had Lyn and family,

so that at times there were 14 in the house. She and Lyn called in to see Miss Mellor and brought Nancy's two little girls to see their future school. *Lyn* is having a hard time carrying on the farm alone while her husband is up North, especially with the recent serious drought. She saw Paddy Wheelwright (Mrs. Bruce) and her young son in Maritzburg in June. *Elaine* (Mrs. Dales) is also feeling the drought and has had to buy water for her home in Pinetown. She does a lot of entertaining of convalescent soldiers.

Shepherd, Alice, wrote wishing success to the birthday week-end. She has our deep sympathy in the loss of her brother, who was in the R.A.F. She is engaged to Robert Fraser.

Shippey, Phyllis (Mrs. St. Leger Somerville), and her daughter, Jill, passed through Maritzburg on August 11th on their way to Uvongo Beach for a month's holiday. Lorna Hime went up to the station at the streak of dawn to see her through and she and Phyllis managed to squeeze in as much conversation as possible in the few minutes available, not forgetting Wykeham news.

Simmons, Joy (Mrs. Taylor), spent July at the beach with her two babies, Paddy and Bridget. On August 24th we heard that her husband was on his way back from the North on agricultural leave, though they hoped he would be allowed to remain permanently as his father is too old to manage the farm.

Smeaton, Audrey, was appointed clerical assistant at Stanger Town Office in February. She sent a cake for the Sale. She is living at the Stanger Hotel, but goes home for the week-ends. She sees quite a lot of Eleanor Valentine and Olive Hemstead, who are both teaching at Stanger, and they all meet at the work parties held on Wednesday evenings for business girls. Audrey plays tennis often and hockey occasionally. She was one of the organisers of a bridge, rummy and beetle drive which the residents of her hotel arranged in July in aid of Crete survivors. They were all very pleased that it brought in the splendid sum of £24.

Smith, Kitty (Mrs. P. Murray), has joined up with the Red Cross and works at Epsom Road and Addington Hospitals. Her small boy is at Cordwalles and a girl is at Gordon Road School. *Pamela* is living with Mary McLeod's family and studying privately for her Matric. She passed her Afrikaans oral for the Matric. recently and

aims at medicine as a career. She sent best wishes for the W.O.G.'s week-end, and she and Joan sent some lovely clothes for the acting cupboard. Pam looked in at Wykeham on September 5th with Mary McLeod. *Joan* is working in an office at Bloemfontein and belongs to a Red Cross detachment. She plays hockey for the W.A.A.F., and is waiting to go to Grey's Hospital to start nursing.

Smythe, Iris (Mrs. Wood), has had her little daughter desperately ill with rheumatic fever this year, but she is better now. *Adrienne* has been laid up as the result of an accident when a motor car ran over her foot, crushing the bones; so she is on sick leave from the W.A.A.S. Motor Transport. She had been stationed at Oribi.

Spence, Kathleen (Mrs. Parnell), has moved from Muizenberg to Kimberley. She saw Molly Wheelwright (Mrs. Adkins) when she was staying at the Queen's Hotel. Ralph, her twin, is up North with the Shaw boys from Karkloof, while her elder brother works in an aircraft repair factory, and the youngest was at Oribi when she wrote in April.

Steere, Winifred, supports most loyally all Wykeham efforts and entertainments and was at the Sale and the breaking-up. *Joan* is nursing at Grey's and spent her leave in May at Umhlanga. She makes an excellent nurse and is now working hard for exams. *Barbara* took up a domestic science course in Durban in April.

St. George, Felice, is still Matron of the Hill Crest Chronic Sick Hospital, where she is immensely popular.

Stiebel, Elaine (Mrs. Ryan), works in the S.A.W.A.S. Postal Section in Durban and also does Women's Institute work and plays for the troops. *Natalie* (Mrs. McMaster) is still in Durban, where she will stay for the duration of the war to escape the raids near her home in England.

Strachan, Sidney (Mrs. Button), has built a beautiful sunken garden at her home at Umzimkulu. She stayed for a few days with Ruth Frampton (Mrs. Pennington) in May, and has had convalescent soldiers to stay with her for a week at a time. *Jo* is busy in her office in Nairobi, and recently spent a pleasant holiday at Mombasa. She sees a lot of Mabs, who is teaching at Nairobi, though at the beginning of September she was having her tonsils out. *Lucy* (Mrs. Westbrook) is still busy running her very successful roadhouse just outside Nairobi. It is very popular. She had Anthony in hospital with poisoning from eating black shoe polish. He seems to have odd tastes,

having got drunk once as a crawler on the dregs that he found in a champagne bottle.

Straffen, Biddy (Mrs. Woods), came into the Old Girls' dance with the Michaelhouse party. *Peggy* (Mrs. Gill) has a lovely house and garden at Sweetwaters, where her mother is staying with her. She helped with the Old Girls' dance, cutting sandwiches and making fruit salad; and she also came to the dance. She often sees Maureen Pentland.

Straw, Edna (Mrs. MacMillan), is hard at it with war work. She is President of the N.M.R. Comforts Fund, and meets W.O.G.s there. She also helps at the Victoria League Club and does knitting for the S.A.W.A.S. She was so busy one day that she found herself in Greenacre's still with her apron on! Her husband is O.C. of the N.M.R. and is up North, having been away nearly a year. On September 3rd she watched Duff parading with the Hilton College cadets and hopes never to see him a real soldier.

Sutherland, Helen (Mrs. Morrison), is in uniform and doing full-time work in the Army Post Office, which she finds interesting though hard on the feet. There are 10 women and 50 men in the department, and she often sees Elaine Stiebel (Mrs. Ryan) and Kay Green (Mrs. Bradley) who do voluntary work there. Her husband is up North, and she is playing hockey again and is official umpire to the A.P.O. hockey team. *Pax* (Mrs. Miles) had Helen staying with her for Easter.

Sydie, Betty, is a lecturer in gymnastics at Graaf-Reinet Training College where her classes are partly in Afrikaans. She was home with her family for July and has her own car. *Pat* (Mrs. Hewlett) has a baby son who was born in August. She is looking forward to a holiday with her family in a few months' time.

Taylor, Ivy (Mrs. Dyer), is still in the same house and her daughters are growing up. She works regularly at the Y.M.C.A. Canteen. Queenie Young (Mrs. Fowler) spent the day with her a little while ago; they had not seen each other for 20 years. *Marjorie* (Mrs. Calder) has a new house. She helped with the O.G. dance cutting sandwiches; and is a member of the S.A.W.A.S., helping to entertain convalescents by taking them for drives. She also does transport work for the Anti-waste Section, and as a member of the Maritzburg Golf Club goes with the other lady members to visit Oribi Camp once a week, taking the

patients cakes, books and cigarettes. All this, with sewing and knitting, keeps her well occupied. *Molly* (Mrs. Davis) has given up her taxi work in Durban, and we hear is now managing an ice-cream factory in Durban with a turnover of £700 a month.

Thomas, Kathleen (Mrs. Esterhuizen), had a lovely holiday in Basutoland in April, despite the fact that after they had been there a week a Native contracted smallpox and they were all put in quarantine for two weeks. Fortunately there were no further cases, and they were allowed to return home a week late. She sent a snap for the album of her two little sons.

Thompson, Ellen, with *Thelma Merriek*, came to Wykeham's rescue in August and took over the Matric. and J.C. geography to safeguard the girls from further change until the end of the year.

Thorp, Rosemary, is enjoying her second year at Wits., especially the psychology course which includes intelligence tests. She intimidates her family and friends by trying them out on them. She was very ill in July with pleurisy, but is better and was hoping to spend 10 days in September at Parys.

Tibbitt, Dr. Aline, is very busy doing surgical work at the King Edward Hospital in Durban. A swimming gala for doctors and nurses provided her with a little relaxation recently. *Isabel* is Assistant Social Science Lecturer at the Cape Town University. She has been lecturing to the members of the S.A.W.A.S. there in the art of interviewing with the intention of providing trained investigators for the Governor-General's Fund. She and Aline both very much enjoyed their respective shares of the Wykeham Birthday Cake which was presented by Mrs. Fitchard, won by Miss Mellor and then bought by Mrs. Tibbitt who sent a share each to Aline and Isabel.

Tidboald, Joan, was on sick leave in July after having had German measles. She is training as a nurse at Addington.

Tilney, Joyce (Mrs. Haden), began working in the office of the Navy League War Fund in Johannesburg in February and has now been "promoted" to the post of Hon. Assistant Secretary. She says that, except on Tuesdays, which are her free days, she would be delighted to see any Old Girl who would like to come in for a cup of tea in the successfully-run tea room at the depot and hear about the work they do—sheepskin coats, toys and slippers

from remnants of sheepskins, knitting circles, spinning and weaving. Will farmers' wives please remember that every sheepskin can be used for making sheepskin coats for the men of the Navy.

Tipper, Joan, is finishing her training in pre-school education and mothercraft at which she had done very well in December, and has now joined the Emergency Nursing Service and is helping to run an emergency nursery school for soldiers' children at Sandown. She is now putting in the last six months of her nursery school training under the Johannesburg Municipality. She gained distinction in her last exam. and was spoken of very highly by Miss Webber, Organiser of Nursery School Training under the Union Education Department. She has been appointed Superintendent of the first Pietermaritzburg Nursery School for Indigent Children to be opened in January, 1942.

Titlestad, Irene (Mrs. Brooke-Thompson), with her husband and little son, Peter, has been staying with her people for a few months as her husband was to have been transferred from Vryheid, but they are still waiting to hear where and when they are to move. She saw Stella and Pat Hansen when in Vryheid.

Tod, Marjorie (Mrs. Proudfoot), is still living at Cowie's Hill and doing war work like everyone else. *Marion* (Mrs. Ollerhead) goes to Durban when she can to see her husband, who is a Lieutenant-Commander in the Navy.

Tomlinson, Catherine (Mrs. Guy), is still living at Rosetta though her family have sold the farm. She misses her farming occupations, the last job she had to do in this connection being to take 16 small pigs on a long journey in the back of her lorry! Her husband, of course, is up North with the Carbineers and hoping soon to get leave. In the meantime she is helping to keep the Nottingham Road Brownies going though she says she doesn't know much about the job. Her children are well and go to the Nottingham Road School. They delight in boating, fishing and swimming in the Mooi River. She came in to the O.G. Sale and brought a whole heap of stuff for sale.

Tooth, Thelma, has taken up shorthand and typing and is working in the Provincial Secretary's office for the duration of the war. She is still keen on ballroom dancing and came second in a competition earlier this year. Maureen Pentland saw her at the Wembley Fête in Maritzburg in August.

Tracey, Kathleen (Mrs. Rouse), had just got settled in their little home at Durban North and had all sorts of plans for the garden when her husband, who was with the British Overseas Airways Corporation, was transferred to Cairo. She spent a few weeks with him in Pretoria before he left.

Trotter, Joan, is still living in Pinetown with her mother and sent a box of jellies for the Sale.

Turner, Lynette and *Sheila*, do canteen work in their spare time at Milner Park at the Soldiers' Club. They have taken St. John's Fir-Aid and Home Nursing exams., and both looked in at Wykeham when on leave in June. Lynette works at the Alliance Building Society and Sheila at the Rand Mutual Assurance Company.

Turton, Charmion, has just had a lovely holiday at Mtunzini with her father. She is teaching at Prestbury and still working hard. Like Peggy Drew, who saw her recently, she spends a lot of her spare time reading and has a lovely library in her room.

Upton, Peggy, is doing a lot of entertaining of the troops and is always playing for concerts at Oribi. She is a member of the Entertainment Section of the S.A.W.A.S.

Urmson, Ethne (Mrs. Topham), has her husband up North and is living with her sister and lending a hand with the babies.

Valentine, Eleanor, has been teaching at Stanger since August.

Vanderplank, Cynthia (Mrs. Shewan), has had a baby daughter recently who has been christened Philippa. *Kitty* (Mrs. Morgans) is an Officer in the A.T.S. in England, and was recently presented to Queen Mary. She has a son, John, at Christ's Hospital.

Varty, Vena (Mrs. Donelly), and her three sons are living with her mother in Maritzburg while her husband is on active service. Her small son, Roy, is one of the leading lights in the Wykeham Kindergarten. Vena and her mother generally manage to get along to the quarterly Wykeham parties. She has recently started work in the S.A.R. and H. offices in Maritzburg. *Phyllis* (Mrs. Pretorius) and her husband and family had an enjoyable unexpected fortnight's holiday in Maritzburg and at the Coast in July. In May she had a surprise meeting with Rena Pitcairn (Mrs. Webster) and since then they have seen a great deal of each other and their respective families

have become quite friendly. Phyllis writes that she heard Enid Mountfort (Mrs. Stoll) broadcasting from Daventry on "Art in Wartime," a most interesting talk.

Verney, Ellice (Mrs. Lupton-Smith), wrote that she was sorry that she could not come to the O.G. week-end and sent a contribution. In December she went to Johannesburg to be with her husband, and her small boy, Lupton, enjoyed his days in the Johannesburg Nursery School. She was one of the party of W.O.G.s who welcomed Miss Mellor to East Griqualand at a lunch at Mrs. Graham's on October 11th. *Hylde* is on active service in Kenya, working a switchboard at the moment. Her hours are longer than the Durban girls and the discipline stricter.

Von Gerard, Barbara, returned from Mauritius in January and is now working at Barclays Bank in Maritzburg. She studies bookkeeping in the evenings and passed her P.P.C. with distinctions in June this year.

Walburgh, Margaret, was working, when we heard in March, with Dr. Coutt Field in Durban.

Walker, Olive (Mrs. Harris), is running the farm while her husband is on active service with the 2nd N.M.R., and Joy Nourse helps her with the poultry. She managed to get up to Piet Retief to see her husband before his regiment was moved from there. *Violet* (Mrs. Stone) had a baby son born last February. She looked in at Wykeham in June while she was in Maritzburg house-hunting. Her husband was in camp there and she wanted somewhere to stay. She finally found a home just opposite Wykeham for a few weeks. *Joyce* (Mrs. Harris) and her two babies stayed at Scottburgh in June and was one of a collection of Old Girls and Wykeham grandchildren who got together on the beach one morning. *Joan* (Mrs. Antel) wrote saying that she leads a lonely life at present as her husband is away on active service. She is living with her father *pro. tem.* and keeps house for him. *Ethne* is studying art at the Durban Art School, having won a bursary. *Mildred* looked in at Wykeham on September 3rd when on her way to the Coast for a holiday. She had been working in the Standard Bank, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg, but when her leave was up was going to South African Explosives. She spent last Christmas in Durban and caught a glimpse of Tinker Ladlau. She went to Mrs. Turner's W.O.G. Reunion. *Valerie* is still living at High-flats and plays a lot of tennis.

Walton, Dorothy, is still doing secretarial work in

Johannesburg. *Barbara* had her photograph in all the South African newspapers in December when they published a letter she had written to her father telling how the house she was living in was bombed. All the people in the shelter were trapped in the debris, two were killed, one seriously injured and two suffered from shock. Barbara herself was the only one who escaped scotfree—the house was in such a state that no one could get any clothes. “I, however, walked out complete. I had the narrowest escape of my life. I must have a guardian angel looking after me,” said Barbara. She is now back from England and stayed with Myra Handley (Mrs. Stride) in July and came to the Wykeham Nursery School farewell party. She had been singing to the troops and seemed none the worse for her terrible experience in London.

Warmback, Winnie (Mrs. Noordendorp), was surprised to be stopped by Doreen Crookes (Mrs. Van Rooyen) in the street at Knysna and asked for directions. Doreen did not know who she was when she stopped her.

Watson, Irene (Mrs. Caister), has been on holiday in Durban with *Nora* (Mrs. Williamson).

Webb, Olga (Mrs. Logan), is still helping Mrs. Smallbones run the “Little Shoppe” in Durban. Her husband was in camp in Maritzburg last year and saw her at weekends when she came up.

Wedderburn, Mavis, is taking a secretarial course at Harvard College, Johannesburg, which she hopes to complete by the end of the year. She wrote in May that she was helping to run a Girl Guide troop and was going to teach them first aid and home nursing. She has joined the St. John Ambulance Association and is looking forward to doing part-time nursing in military convalescent homes. She is still studying music and taking a bookkeeping course, and goes to Guide meetings and choir practice, so is kept very busy. She was at the W.O.G. Reunion in Johannesburg on June 28th.

Wheelwright, Mollie (Mrs. Adkins), met Kathleen Spence (Mrs. Parnell) when she was staying at the Queen’s Hotel, Kimberley. Mollie was just off to Durban where her husband was being transferred. On August 26th she had a baby daughter. *Paddy* (Mrs. Bruce) has a son who was born on June 11th. Lynette Shaw (Mrs. Ardington) saw him with Paddy soon afterwards. Paddy is now living with her sister, Betty, in Maritzburg. Her husband is a Brigade Major and is up North.

White, Valerie (Mrs. W. H. Waterworth), is living on the farm and says the Rhode Island Reds, of which they have over 1,000 are now looking a picture.

Whittaker, Doris, was at Mrs. Turner's reunion in Johannesburg on June 28th.

Williams, Elizabeth, is now married to Michael Burton who is on active service. She is on full-time service in the A.A.S. and is stationed at Oribi Camp attached to the Mobile Laboratory of Bacteriological Research. She and her husband are keen mountain climbers and spent a holiday at the Berg a short while ago.

Wilkes, Christine (Mrs. Coleman), has our deep sympathy in the loss of her father last June.

Wilmot, Ena (Mrs. Grist), and her two sons, Michael and Peter, are now in England after an anxious time travelling back from the Azores. She shares a cottage with her sister-in-law at Wimborne in the New Forest where they have had some nasty experiences with bombs. However, she writes cheerfully to her mother who lives in Durban.

Wilson, Burd, helped with the W.O.G.'s sale and gave a donation. She is very keen on riding and is often seen on horseback during the week-ends. *Aline* is now one of the trained staff at Addington and in August was on 24 hours' notice to go North.

Wolfe, Billy (Mrs. Peate), is still working at Turner's in Maritzburg while her husband is up North.

Wood, Phyllis, is still living in Maritzburg and teaching at Merchiston. She has several other interests, including working at the Soldiers' Club and doing a lot of knitting. She also sings at various concerts and in St. Peter's Church Choir where she is the soloist. She is a member of St. Peter's Young People's Guild which entertains the troops and is treasurer of the church magazine, "St. Peter's Bells."

Woodhouse, Oriol, has joined the W.A.A.F. and is in camp in Pretoria working as medical orderly in the Sick Bay. She intends to take up nursing after the war.

Woods, Dulcie, is nursing at Dundee and in April was on leave. She had been called up by the military but the Provincial Administration would not let her go. When Biddy Saunders (Mrs. Laughton) saw her in January she was full of beans and very enthusiastic about a horse which she had just bought. She works very hard as they are short-staffed at the hospital. *Memory* (Mrs. Otto) sent a beautiful

snap of Felicity, her little girl, for the W.O.G.'s album. She is living with her mother at Estcourt and studying Red Cross work. Felicity's favourite toy is a volume of Shakespeare! *Ponty* (Mrs. Goodwin) came to Maritzburg with her little daughter to see her husband before his departure for Egypt. She had been staying for some time with Mabel Herbert (Mrs. Tilson-Barry).

Worrall, Sidney (Mrs. Armitage), is secretary and treasurer of the Eston Lawn Tennis Club and lady secretary of the Hockey Club. She is also on the War Funds Committee and is kept busy organising entertainments. She is a member of the S.A.W.A.S. as well. Her son John, who is 11 years old, is a boarder at Merchiston and is very keen on sport.

Worthington, Molly (Mrs. Payne), has been ill for a long time. She gave up her guest house and took up a position on a coal mine at Northfield, but her health was not at all good and she is now having a few months' rest at the coast, where Ivy Payne hopes she will remain and find work in Durban. Her three sons are growing into fine lads.

Young, Queenie (Mrs. Fowler), is still sugar farming at Mposa. She belongs to the Women's Institute and does a lot of war work. They had an enjoyable holiday this year. Her daughter, Norah, swam for Maritzburg juniors in a team of four against Durban on April 3rd. They won the race and broke the existing record.



Betrothals.

"As for matters of Huswifery, when God put them upon you it would be a sin either to refuse them or to perform them negligently, and therefore the ignorance of them is a great shame and danger for women who intend marriage."

—*Mary Ferrars, A.D. 1631.*

Daphne Arbuckle to Wessel Gerken.

Barbara Bennett to Bob Cope.

Ethne Earle to Hendrik Wannenburg.

Marylee Fanner to George Masson.

Joan Grant to Paul Barnard.

Anne Harcourt-Baldwin to Ian Scott-Barnes.

Valerie Linscott to Lesley Catherine.

Joy Nourse to George Jameson.

Joan Platt to Malise Mackeurton.

Kathleen Roach to Peter Featonby-Smith.

Alice Shepherd to Robert Fraser.



Recent Marriages.

"For better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part."

This you have promised.

Flo Arnott is Mrs. Edmund Gray.

Joan Bennett is Mrs. Harry Byas.

Judy Byng is Mrs. John Duncan.

Doreen Doull is Mrs. Colin Field.

Pat Ellis-Brown is Mrs. John D'Oyly Lyon.

Joycelyn Fannin is Mrs. Denys Moultrie.

Cecily Fleming-Johnston is Mrs. William Pike.

Ruth Forrester is Mrs. John Darby.

Judy Hedges is Mrs. Eric Von Puttkamer.

Thora Hill is Mrs. Ignatius van Rooyen.

Marjorie Holliday is Mrs. Everard Vear.

Betty Mackenzie is Mrs. Morris Roberts.

Isobel Mills is Mrs. John Robert Anderson.

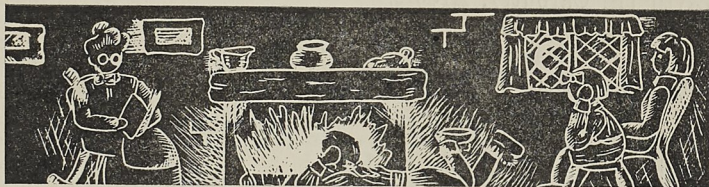
Elvine Nel is Mrs. Bob Ritter.

Eunice Nel is Mrs. Jerry van der Merwe.

Connie Roach is Mrs. Clifton Gray.

Gwenyth Saville is Mrs. Roy Inglis.

Elizabeth Williams is Mrs. Michael Burton.



Wykeham Grandchildren.

“ For little pattering feet and crooning songs ;
 For children's laughter, and sweet wells of truth ;
 For sweet child faces and the sweet wise tongues ;
 For childhood's faith that lifts us near to Thee
 And bows us with our own disparity ;
 For childhood's sweet unconscious beauty sleep ;
 For all that childhood teaches us of Thee :
 We thank Thee, Lord.”

—*Oxenham.*

- Ackhurst (D. Cope), Yvonne, Pamela, Ian.
 Acutt (M. Downing), Denver, Mervyn, Eva.
 Ade (P. Elcombe), Aldyth, Jill, Rosemary, Antony, Irene
 Joan.
 Adkins (M. Wheelwright), a daughter.
 Allan (B. Kirkman), Arthur.
 Anderson (I. Dowling), Annette-Rosemary Felicity-Anne.
 Arbuckle (Z. Acutt), Vivian, Dorette, Jacqueline, Angela.
 Ardington (L. Shaw), Lois, Anthony.
 Armitage (S. Worrall), John.
 Armstrong (G. Hodges), Bryan, Lynette, Athol.
 Arnold (M. Renzow), David Charles, Pauline Myra.
 Atkinson (K. Macauley), David, Elizabeth, John.
 Attwood (J. B. Bennett), Bruce Henry.
 Baikie (R. Comins), Charles Saxon, Fay, Maureen, Rose.
 Barry (M. Herbert), Yvonne, James Michael, Charles,
 Monica.
 Badcock (S. Clark), Hilary, Christopher.
 Beland (D. Whittaker), Annisia, Barbara, Richard Rayns-
 ford.
 Benoy (P. Walker), Cherry.
 Blackburn (N. Browning), Zia, Bill (R.I.P.).
 Blackie (M. Lyle), Billy.
 Blakeway (D. Vanderplank), Joan, Clare, Bruce, Noelle-
 Ruth.

- Blyth (S. Carbutt), Archie.
 Blythe (B. Thorlund, R.I.P.), John.
 Bowles (E. Masson), Malcom Ingram.
 Boyd (M. Scott-Riddell), Josephine, Graham, Heather,
 Dorothy.
 Boyd (M. Raw), Erica, Mavis, Jack, Myrtle, Patrick, Sheila
 Bradley (K. Green), Julia-Mary.
 Brazier (Linley Jones), Betty Griffiths, Molly Jean.
 Bredin (T. Allan), Mary, Judith.
 Brickdale (M. Layman), Margaret, Gyneth, Lucy Elizabeth
 Bromley (E. Carbutt), Thomas.
 Broome, Dr. Mary, Gerald (adopted).
 Bruce (P. Wheelwright), Charles Alexander John.
 Bryant (R. Harkness), Anthony John.
 Butt (E. Clarence), Martin Christopher.
 Button (S. Strachan), Denis, Hazel, Clive Thurston
 (R.I.P.)
 Byrne (E. Harwin), Barbara, Michael, and baby.
 Caister (I. Watson), Graham, Eric, Colin (R.I.P.).
 Calder (Marjorie Taylor), Gowan.
 Calverley (M. Pitcairn), Doreen, Beryl, Wiltshire, Denis.
 Carmichael (N. Heape), James.
 Carr (M. Thompson), Julian, Timothy Charles.
 Carter (E. Handley), David, Peggy-Anne, Enid, Pauline
 Victoria.
 Carter (E. Ellis), Richard.
 Cathcart (A. Gilson), Nancy Louise, David Bruce.
 Chance (M. Macarthur), Martin, Mark.
 Chadwick (B. Mundy), Patricia Herbert.
 Chadwick (E. Arbuthnot), Peta.
 Chapman (E. Anderson), Joan, Eryl (R.I.P.), Jill, Colin,
 Niel.
 Clarence (M. Nourse), Colin, Dixie.
 Clark (R. Sharland), David.
 Clough (H. Houston), Adrienne Cicily.
 Crowe (E. Mitchell-Innes), Elizabeth Christina.
 Cullen (N. Herring), Brigit (R.I.P.), Robbina Mary,
 Judith Helen.
 Dales (E. Shaw) baby.
 Davis (D. Campbell), Barbara, Pamela, Cherry.
 Davis (Molly Taylor), Alison, Alistair.
 Davis (M. Lister), Elizabeth Mary.
 Deane (J. Kevter), Edwin, and daughter.
 Deane (L. Smallie), Patricia Mary (R.I.P.), Patrick and
 another daughter.

- Dixon (S. McKenzie), Margaret McKenzie.
 Dodds (B. Joyner), a son.
 Coates (B. Francis), Sheila, Julian, Peter.
 Cockburn (S. Barns). David Lyndon, St. John Mark
 Lyndon (R.I.P.), Mark Ernest Lyndon.
 Cope (Edith Rayner), Trevor, Helen, Richard.
 Cowling (L. Robinson), Geoffrey.
 Cox (M. Varty), Olive, Douglas.
 Craig (B. Howells), Clive Vivian, Pamela Jill.
 Donelly (V. Varty), Hugh, Niel, Terence.
 Dowling (G. Reynard), Peter.
 Drew (K. Frances), Dorothy, Elaine.
 Drummond (F. Green), Kelman, Lindsay, June.
 Drummond (W. Bull), Patricia Frances.
 Dyer (I. Taylor), Shirley, Marjorie, Joyce.
 Eben-Griffen (E. McLaren), Jill.
 Eckhoff (A. Allison), Peter, Sonia.
 Edmonds (W. Thring, R.I.P.), Lester, Margaret, Peter,
 Jessie, Robert, John, Way, Clifton, Alan, Bruce
 (R.I.P.).
 Elliott (B. Clayton), Peter, Robin.
 Elliott (E. Mudie), Anthony James (adopted).
 Esterhuizen (K. Thomas), Tony and Neill.
 Evans (M. Burnett), Murray, Bernard, Patricia.
 Evans-James (R. Brereton), Audrey, Daphne.
 Featonby-Smith (S. Chiazzari), Peter.
 Fincken (J. Pope-Ellis), Ian (adopted).
 Finlay (D. Baynes), David.
 Fisher (V. Lyle), Henry, Conway, Barry.
 Foster (J. Marwick), Joan, Enid, Anne.
 Foster (D. Arnott), Fiona Ann and Roger Thomas.
 Fowler (Q. Young), John, Richard, Nora, Geoffrey.
 Francis (V. Hood-Symons), Colin Vivian.
 Fulton (J. Mason), Maureen Joyce.
 Gardner (G. Hosking), Helen.
 Gathorne (R. Varty), Lloyd, Roy.
 Gethin-Jones (D. Chiazzari), Josephine, Leslie.
 George (M. Hopley), John Stephen, William Rodney.
 Gibbs (F. Handley), Elizabeth, Patricia.
 Gibson (D. Mackenzie), Diana Patricia, Fiona, Jennifer
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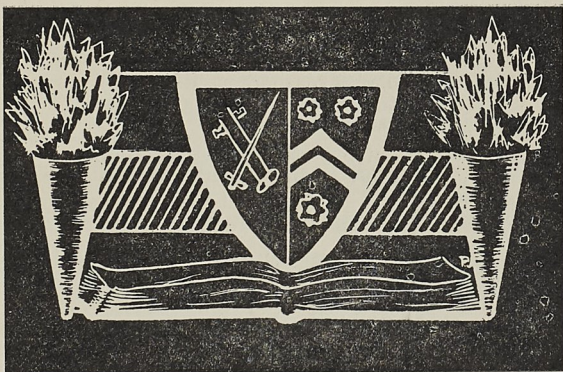
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 Goldwater (Phyllis Bangley), John, Margaret, Joan,
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 Gordon (I. Boast), Jeanne, John, Julian.
 Gordon-Cumming (D. Norgate), Neville, Jack, Bruce.
 Goulding (G. Elcombe), Jean Mary.
 Gray (R. Hutchinson), Noel, Barbara, Faith, Lathom.
 Greene (D. Comins), Marion.
 Grist (E. Wilmot), Richard, Peter.
 Guy (C. Tomlinson), Robert Douglas, Margaret Catherine.
 Halle (A. Scott-Riddell), Martin, Roy, Jill, Peter.
 Hales (L. Gilson), Eric, Noel.
 Hamilton (M. Boast), Constance, Robin More (adopted).
 Handley (B. Carbutt), Pamela, Judith.
 Harke (I. Herbert), Marianne, Loraine.
 Harries (M. Comins), Bobby, Francis, Peter, John.
 Harris (O. Walker), Henry Joe, June.
 Harris (Joyce Walker), Binnie Beatrice.
 Hathorn (D. Oddin-Taylor), Kenneth, Valentine.
 Haw (V. Beater), Julian Richard.
 Hayter (D. Peel), Dawn, Billy, Barbara.
 Heard (T. Hatting), Thomas, Elizabeth.
 Hedley (M. Green), Antony (R.I.P.), Betty, Keith, Peter,
 Sydney, John.
 Heenan (V. Fynney), Jack, Bernard, Charles.
 Henderson (A. Bennett), Naomi.
 Herbert (S. Davis), Ivor, Penelope.
 Heslop (M. MacLeod), Trevor Glen.
 Hesom (D. Forbes), Alan.
 Hewlett (P. Sydie), William Peter.
 Hogg (M. Elcombe, R.I.P.), James Ettrick.
 Hortin (G. Boden), Richard, Wynfred, Judith Rosemary.
 Howard (F. Rayner), Davina, Elizabeth.
 Howarth (J. Harwin), Frederick Digby, Janice Elizabeth.
 Howes (N. Ross), Geoffrey Ross, Anthony Leslie, Michael
 David.
 Hudson (M. Harwin), Amanda Murrell, Heather Murrell.
 Humphrey (D. Haw), Graham Churchill, Beryl Fleetwood.
 Hundley (F. Houston), Kelvin, and a son.
 Jenkins (M. Evans), Rosemary, Priscilla.
 Jepson (T. Peel), Edmund Frederick James.
 Johnston (B. Crozier), Betty Barbara.
 Johnston (F. Gold), Leslie Michael, and a daughter.

- Jones (D. Butler), Ormonde.
 Juul (N. Fannin), Terence Graydon, Valerie Annette.
 Kayser (D. Clarence), Beverley, Thurston.
 Kerr (E. Knapp), Malcolm William (R.I.P.), Ian Malcolm.
 Kincaid-Smith (M. Mackenzie), Elizabeth, Mary Aurel,
 Alison.
 King (B. Cole) Stanley Brian, Jean.
 Kinsey (D. Clarence), Marina.
 Kotze (Y. Webb), Robin Stewart.
 Kufal (H. Hart), Gillian-Ann Mary.
 Kumm (M. Gold, R.I.P.), Elaine.
 Kvalsvig (C. Ellis), Lois, Joan, Michael, Rosemary.
 Laughton (B. Saunders), Rosemary.
 Lavoipierre (M. Hudson), Stanley Alphonse Leo.
 Lazarou (J. Becker), Jack.
 Leach (M. Rutherford), a son.
 Leslie (G. McIntosh), Margaret Jill, Merlyn.
 L'Estrange (G. Jackson), Atholston, Spenser.
 Lewin (B. Cooper), Jillian.
 Lewis (J. Saunders), Joan, Rex, David.
 Leycester (J. Keith-Fraser), Jennifer (stepdaughter),
 Juliana Katherine, Josephine.
 Lindsay (M. Black), Lilian.
 Line (J. Black), Norah, John Leonard.
 Lissaman (D. Farrant), Peter Barry, June.
 Lloyd (O. Payne), Julie, Rosemary, Neville John.
 Lugg (M. Pitchford), Felicity, and a son.
 Lund (N. Shaw), Morelle Agnes, Clare Evelyne, Charles
 Lionel, Josephine Ann.
 Lupton-Smith (E. Verney), Robert.
 Lyle (C. Bradbury), Peter, Pam, Pat, Michael.
 Macaskill (E. Gray), a son.
 Mackenzie (M. Flett), Barbara, Jean Mavis.
 MacLaurin (B. Macarthur), Eric Baird, Jeanne.
 MacLean (G. Newmarch), Iona, Glen.
 MacMagh (K. Liesching), Patricia.
 Maritz (H. Otto), Elizabeth, Dinah Louise.
 Marshall (D. Rudland), June, Diane.
 Marwick (J. Fann), Michael Connaire, Bruce.
 McBride (M. Blacklock), Cynthia Lanice.
 McCarter (P. Boast), Adair, Michael, Peter, Walter,
 Angela, Jennifer.
 McCallum (J. Crozier), Gerald Duncan (R.I.P.), Ronald,
 Kenneth.
 McKenzie (B. Giles), Betty, Audrey, Joy.

- McKenzie (N. Nourse), Francis, Edric, Nancy, Ruth, Antoinette, John, Pamela-Anne.
- McKenzie (M. Brown), Christianne, Duncan, Daphne.
- McLaren (D. Easterbrook), Laura Stella, Alistair Rex, and daughter.
- McMaster (N. Stiebel), Jill, Sara.
- McMillan (E. Straw), Duff, Barry.
- Menne (Mary Handley), Peter, Jane.
- Miles (J. Sutherland), Pamela, Merle, Ray.
- Miller (L. Bredell—Mrs. J. A. Darbyshire), George.
- Miller (B. Flook), Michael, David.
- Mills (I. Marwick—Mrs. J. R. Anderson), Hazel, Denis.
- Mingay (W. McCathie), Martin Sudbury, Margaret Sudbury, James Sudbury.
- Moffat (K. Rayner), Douglas.
- Moller (I. Scobbie), a son.
- Molyneux (H. Gedy), Joy Hazel, Wendy, Susan.
- More (N. Boast, R.I.P.), Jean, Honor Sanctuary.
- Morford (V. Amos), Ripon, Arundell, Jane Elizabeth.
- Morgans (K. Vanderplank), John.
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