

# The Wykeham School Magazine.

*School Founded by Miss Moore, 26th April, 1905.*

## Golden Jubilee



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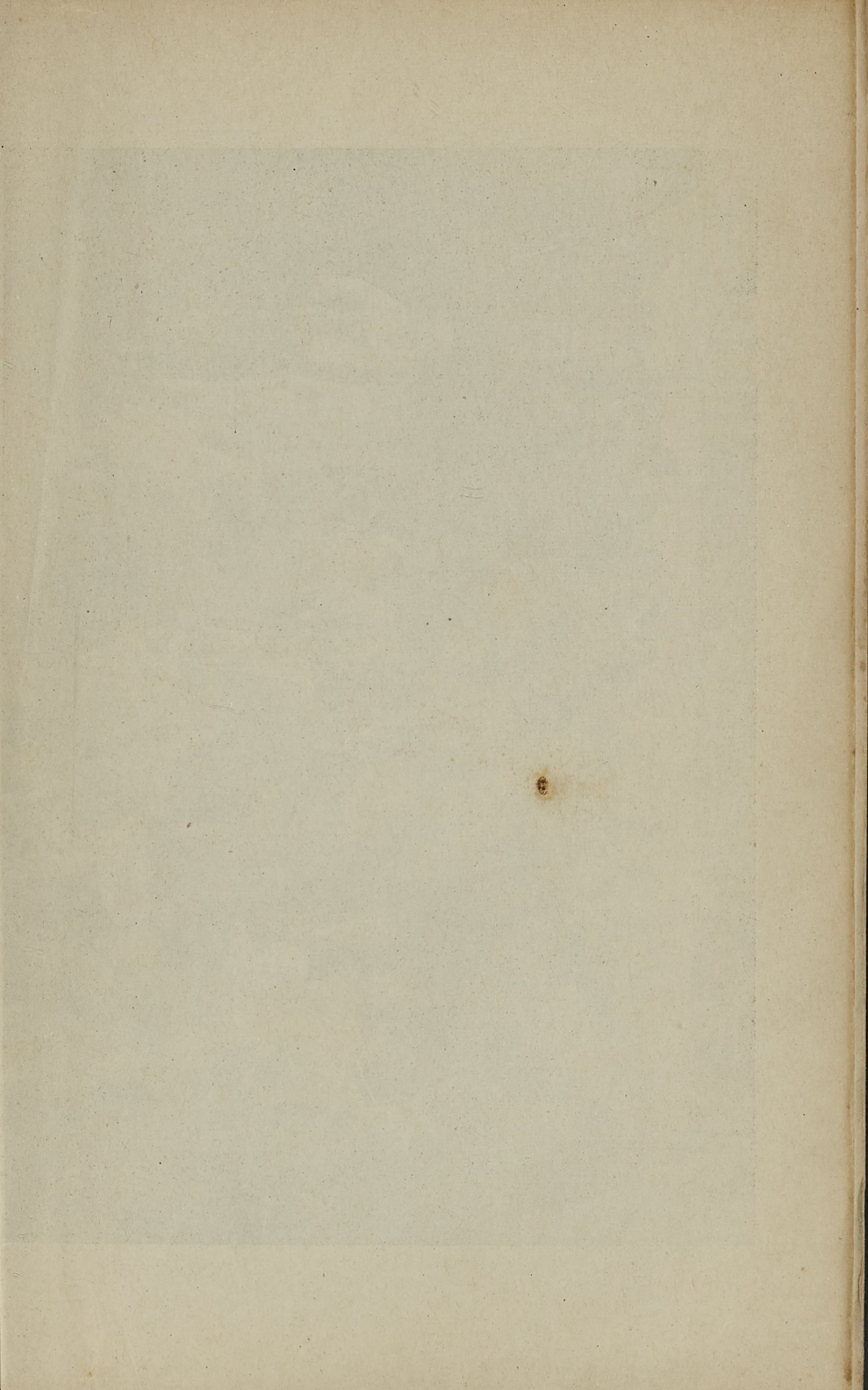
“Alle wille comme riht,  
Habe feith, and siht  
Wyth alle youre miht,  
Onlge xyt tyht,

Quoth William of Wykeham.”

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Old Girls who attended the Annual General Meeting in Jubilee Year



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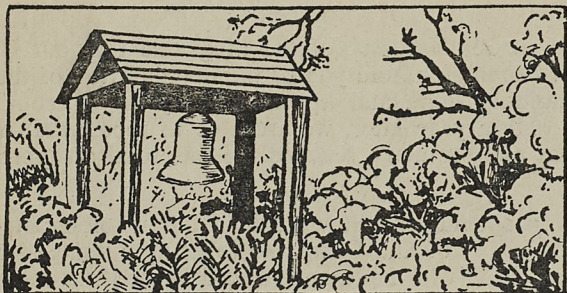
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**MAY 6th — 9th, 1955**

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Wykeham's Golden Jubilee—of which a full account follows in this special issue of the Magazine—was indeed proof, if proof were needed, of the affection in which the school is held by its past and present members, for it brought together a very large number of Old Girls, parents, and friends of Wykeham whom we were delighted to welcome during that eventful week-end.

The Jubilee Fête, held in the City Hall, was an outstanding success, and in thanking all who gave such generous support to this great effort we must especially mention the Old Girls of the Pietermaritzburg and Durban branches who gave so much of their time and energy, in preparations extending over many months, to ensure a result which finally surpassed all our hopes.

The many other events of this commemorative week-end, in which the past and present of the school were so successfully united, brought pleasure and inspiration to all who shared in them, and there was felt everywhere that spirit of friendship and happiness which has always been an outstanding feature of Wykeham.

Many Old Girls who were present that week-end will echo the words of one who later wrote of the inspiring Thanksgiving Service with which our Jubilee closed, "How proud I was, and always have been, to belong to Wykeham."

M.K.B.

## THE GOLDEN JUBILEE BUILDING FUND

It was in our last issue of the Magazine that our Chairman, Mr. K. M. Pennington, told you of the inauguration of the Golden Jubilee Building Fund and appealed for your generous support, and now, only a year later, we are able to report that this Fund has, in gifts and promises, reached the fine total of approximately £10,000.

For this splendid result we extend our whole-hearted thanks to a great number of Old Girls, and to many parents of both past and present girls, who have contributed most generously in both money and effort to the furtherance of the Fund. There are, too, many other friends of the school to whom our sincere thanks are due. Donations have also been received from many business firms in both Maritzburg and Durban, for whose interest and help we are most grateful.

The present girls, as a result of various activities within the school and often by individual enterprise or self-sacrifice, have combined to raise about £280 to date.

Meanwhile detailed plans for Wykeham's new buildings have been prepared by the architect, and we hope that the first additions may be made early in the New Year in the form of an extension to the Winchester building along West Street. This extension will include music rooms, a Domestic Science Room and additional dormitory accommodation. Subsequently a new Dining Hall and kitchens, and further dormitories will be added to the present Waverley building.

It is our earnest hope that as the new buildings begin to rise, even greater support for the Jubilee Building Fund will be forthcoming, whether in large or small donations, so that we may go forward confidently towards the eventual completion of our plans for the re-building and expansion of Wykeham.

M.K.B.







## WYKEHAM SCHOOL STAFF

1st September, 1955

### Headmistress:

Miss M. K. Ball, M.A. (Cantab.)

### Vice-Principal:

Miss M. A. Hosking, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

### Assistant Staff:

Miss F. Collier, B.A.

Mrs. M. E. Dibben, Dom. Sc. Dip. Johannesburg.

Mr. E. V. Evans, B.A. Oxon.

Mrs. T. Grant, A.T.C.L., L.T.C.L.

Miss A. Herbert, R.A.M. Dip., L.R.A.M.

Miss D. Hirst, Dip. C.C.P.E., Lond. Univ. Dip. Ph. Ed.

Miss K. Lindsay, Froebel Cert. (A) Belfast.

Mrs. B. G. Menzies, Wits. School Arts and Crafts.

Mrs. E. B. Oscroft, B.Sc., U.E.D.

Miss J. A. Saunders, B.A., U.E.D.

Mrs. B. K. Stewart, M.Sc., U.E.D.

Mrs. E. R. Tapson (Kindergarten).

Mrs. W. M. Vermeulen, B.A., U.E.D.

Miss B. E. Waddell, B.A.

### Administrative Staff:

Miss C. M. Williams (Bursar); Mrs. K. Drew (Secretary); Mrs.

L. Evans (Senior Matron); Mrs. B. Hylton (Assistant Matron);

Miss A. Ender (Junior Matron); Miss M. Harper (Matron);

Mrs. F. Beal (Housekeeper).

### Visiting Staff:

Miss F. Abraham, F.T.C.L., A.T.D. (London School of Elocution);

Mrs. E. M. Keppel-Jones, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M.; Mr. P. Loney;

Mrs. H. Mills, M.R.A.D., M.S.A.D.T.A.; Mrs. C. L. Palframan,

L.T.C.L.; Miss W. Steere, L.T.C.L.



## WYKEHAM SCHOOL LIST

September, 1955

- Form VI A.—P. Cochrane, M. Dyson, \*M. Gabriel, K. Gordon, C. Hodges, P. Nicol, D. Robinson, D. Stretton, J. Thoms, D. Walker.
- Form VI B.—L. Ardington, J. Bredin, E. Chamberlain, P. Francis, \*W. Fuller, M. Furter, B. Harris, G. Hole, J. Howarth, \*V. Juul, A. Lindley, F. Otto, P. Phelps, S. Pollock, J. Tough, E. van Rooyen, P. Whittaker, R. Whittaker, I. Wilson, P. Wynn.
- Form V A.—\*G. Andrade, A. Burne, M. Burness, E. Davidson, Y. Ganteaume, M. Herd, L. Keel, A. Kemp, J. Lewin, A. Little, J. Lund, J. McCarter, D. Philpott, M. Richardson, D. Stoddart, B. Smith, P. Stanley, W. Taylor, S. Warburton, \*P. Withers.
- Form V B.—C. Burne, L. Cox, C. Cyrus, B. Early, B. Goulding, P. Grant, S. Harvey, D. Holme, L. Kennedy, U. Piccione, G. Poynton, J. Sommerville, J. Stevens, J. Tinker.
- Form IV A.—\*P. Currie, \*E. Dreboldt, A. Grant, J. Gregerson, \*J. Kuttel, B. McGinn, S. Richards, D. Riemer, \*J. Urmson, \*J. von Klemperer, E. Wykeham.
- Form IV B.—\*A. Budd, J. Chappell, C. Coldicott, \*B. Clowes, G. Cope, J. Dey, \*V. Ender, C. Herring, \*Y. Jowett, L. Kent, \*J. Mattison, E. van Riet, R. Williams.
- Form III.—J. Coles, W. Dixon, M. Drummond, D. Gibson, R. Goff, N. Gover, N. Keel, M. Kirby, \*E. Kothe, J. Lund, \*C. Methley, M. Norton, J. Nicholson, C. Otto, A. Stevens, G. Webb, \*Y. Winkworth.
- Form II.—M. Bennett, C. Bryden, M. Cain, S. Dixon, M. Doo, M. Evans, J. Hulett, \*L. Meyrick, J. Myskow, A. Nicol, \*S. O'Sullivan, A. Stone, \*M. Urmson.



Form I.—\*I. Erasmus, J. Evans, L. Greene, L. Keel, E. Kirby,  
 A. Mason, \*M. Graham, V. Walters.  
 Transition.—A. Braby, \*J. Clark, D. Masson, \*S. Winkworth.  
 Kindergarten, Class II.—\*M. Fischer, G. Gemmell, \*S. Juul, \*J.  
 Kothe, J. Lister, \*M. Pearce. †  
 Class I.—E. Arthur, P. Dixon, \*A. Keytel, \*S. Mills, \*P. Nicholls.  
 \* Day Scholars.

## WYKEHAM SCHOOL PREFECTS

### HEADS OF HOUSES AND HEADS OF FORMS

1st September, 1955

**Head Girl:** D. Robinson.

**Vice-Head:** K. Gordon.

#### Prefects:

P. Cochrane, M. Dyson, C. Hodges, P. Nicol, D. Stretton.

#### Sub-Prefects:

J. Thoms, D. Walker, B. Harris, F. Otto, R. Whittaker.

#### Green House:

**Head of House:** D. Walker.

**Vice-Head:** C. Hodges.

#### Mackenzie House:

**Head of House:** P. Nicol.

**Vice-Head:** M. Dyson.

#### Moore House:

**Head of House:** D. Robinson.

**Vice-Head:** K. Gordon.

#### Heads and Vice-Heads of Forms:

VI B.—B. Harris and R. Whittaker.

V A.—J. Lund and J. Lewin.

V B.—P. Grant and J. Sommerville.

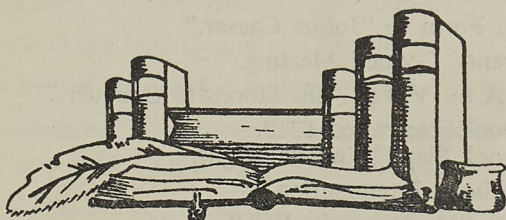
IV A.—J. Gregerson and P. Currie.

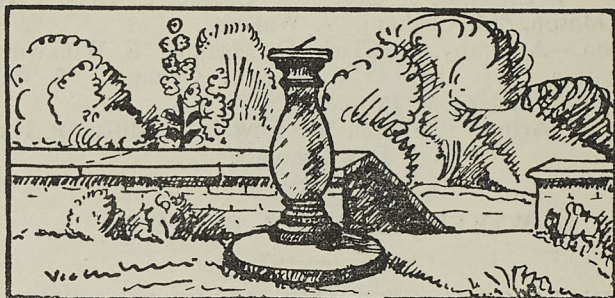
IV B.—C. Herring and G. Cope.

III.—C. Otto and W. Dixon.

II.—M. Evans and A. Nicol.

I.—S. Keel and E. Kirby.





## SCHOOL DIARY

### Michaelmas Quarter, 1st September—30th September, 1954

- Sept. 2—W.O.G.'s Jumble Sale raised £72.  
 „ 9—House Singing Competition, judged by Mr. P. Britton, won by Green House.  
 „ 10—VI A and VI B to final of Hofmeyr Speech Contest. D. Walker played at Maritzburg Youth Concert.  
 „ 11—Inter-House Netball Final, won by Moore House. Juniors' House Hockey Final, won by Mackenzie. Film, "The Queen's Homecoming."  
 „ 13—Matriculation and J.C. Trials began.  
 „ 18—Matriculation Dance.  
 „ 21—Board of Trustees Meeting and Building Committee Meeting.  
 „ 22—Confirmation at St. Peter's. 19 Candidates.  
 „ 23—VI A to IV B to Afrikaans play, "The Frog Prince."  
 „ 25—Old Girls' Dance at Imperial Hotel.  
 „ 30—Inter-House Gym. Competition, judged by Mrs. Stevens, won by Moore House.  
 End of Quarter.

### Christmas Quarter, 13th October—9th December, 1954

- Oct. 12—Boarders returned.  
 „ 13—Classes re-opened.  
 „ 18—J.C. Form to "Julius Caesar."  
 „ 19—Parents' Council Meeting.  
 „ 20—VI A to IV B to "She Stoops to Conquer."  
 „ 23—School Fete raised £210. School Play, "Twelfth Night."  
 „ 29—Taalbond Examination.  
 „ 30—Film, "My Favourite Spy."



- Nov. 5—Slide Lecture by Mr. Evans on his overseas tour.  
„ 6—Fireworks display.  
„ 7—Long Sunday. Remembrance Day.  
„ 8—Shooting for the Imperial Shield.  
„ 9—Afrikaans Oral Examinations.  
„ 13—Piece Playing.  
„ Debate, “Modern progress is progress in the right direction.”  
„ 14—J.C. and Shooting Picnics.  
„ 20—Film, “Lorna Doone.”  
„ 24—Board of Trustees Meeting.  
„ 25—School Examinations began.  
„ 26—Matric and J.C. began.  
Dec. 5—Carol Service at St. George's.  
„ 7—Mark Reading.  
„ 8—Carol Service at Wykeham.  
„ 9—Prize-giving. Prizes presented by Mr. J. O. Smythe.  
„ End of Quarter.

**Easter Quarter, 1st February—31st March, 1955**

- Jan. 31—Boarders returned after postponement due to Polio restrictions.  
Feb. 1—Classes re-opened.  
„ New Staff: Miss Waddell, Mrs. Tapson.  
„ 5—Sports Meeting to elect Committee.  
„ 9—W.O.G.'s Executive Meeting.  
„ 10—Parents' Council Meeting.  
„ 12—Debating Society Meeting to elect Committee.  
„ 19—Film, “Captain Horatio Hornblower.”  
„ 24—W.O.G.s Fête Committee Meeting.  
„ 25—Lenten Services for Juniors began, taken by Rev. P. Hide.  
„ 26—Debate, “It is better to have a complete knowledge of one subject than a general knowledge of many.”  
„ 27—Long Sunday cancelled. Polio restrictions imposed.

- Mar. 2—W.O.G.'s Jumble Sale raised £44.  
 „ 5—Debating Society Meeting. Mr. Bang spoke on "Native Administration."  
 „ 8—Board of Trustees Meeting.  
 „ 11—W.O.G.'s Executive Meeting.  
 „ 12—Debating Society Meeting. Illustrated talk by Mr. Evans.  
 „ 19—Film, "The Card."  
 „ 22—Board of Trustees Meeting followed by Staff Dinner.  
 „ 26—Inter-house Dramatic Competition, judged by Mr. R. Brooks, won by Moore House.  
 „ 27—Polio restrictions lifted.  
 „ 29—Careers Talk. "Nursery Schools," by Mrs. Weinberg and Miss C. Lund.  
 „ 31—End of Quarter.

### Winter Quarter, 14th April—30th June, 1955

- Apr. 13—Boarders returned.  
 „ 14—Classes re-opened.  
 „ 22—V B, IV A, IV B to S.P.C.A. Concert.  
 „ 24—Seniors to St. George's Day Service at St. George's.  
 „ 25—VI A to V A to "Romeo and Juliet" at University.  
 „ 27—W.O.G.'s Executive Meeting.  
 „ 29—VI A to "The Student Prince."  
 „ 30—Debate, "Newspapers have more influence than films."
- May 6—Preparations for Jubilee Week-end.  
 Repeat performance of the House Plays.  
 „ 7—JUBILEE WEEK-END. Old Girls' Fete in the City Hall.  
 Fancy Dress Party and Seniors' Dance at Wykeham.  
 Old Girls' Dance at the Country Club.  
 „ 8— 8 a.m. Corporate Communion Service at St. George's Church.  
 10 a.m. Annual General Meeting of W.O.G.'s. Mr. K. M. Pennington addressed the meeting on behalf of the Trustees.  
 2.45 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter's Church at which the Bishop of Natal was present.  
 „ 9—Whole holiday for the school.  
 „ 11—Confirmation classes began.  
 „ 14—Film, "The Importance of Being Earnest."  
 „ 15—Seniors to Students' Day of Prayer.  
 „ 18—Parents' Council Meeting.  
 „ 22—Maritzburg W.O.G.s to Durban Branch Meeting.  
 „ 26—23 Seniors visited Grey's Hospital for Careers Talk.  
 „ 28—VI A and VI B to "Murder in the Cathedral" at Maritzburg College.  
 „ 29—Long Sunday.



- June 2—Careers talk on "Banking," by Mr. Kelly of Barclay's Bank.
- „ 3—Hofmeyr Speech Contest. Mary Dyson spoke for Wykeham.
- „ 4—IV B to Kindergarten to Puppet Show in City Hall.
- „ 7—VI A to V B to "Twelfth Night" at Michaelhouse.
- „ 9—VI A to IV A to Vienna Boys' Choir.  
W.O.G.'s Executive Meeting.
- „ 10—Film, "Against All Flags."
- „ 14—Examinations for the whole school.
- „ 16—Board of Trustees Meeting and Building Committee Meeting.
- „ 18—Piece Playing.  
VI A to IV A to "Goodnight, Vienna."
- „ 19—Jubilee Anthem sung at Evensong at St. Peter's.
- „ 23—Whole school to Royal Show.
- „ 27—W.O.G.'s Executive Meeting.
- „ 29—Film lecture, "Uplands Orthopaedic Home," given by Mrs. J. Young.
- „ 30—End of Quarter.

### **Michaelmas Quarter, 28th July—31st August, 1955**

- July 27—Boarders returned.
- „ 28—Classes re-opened. New Staff: Miss K. Lindsay, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Collier.
- Aug. 4—Building and Finance Committee Meetings.
- „ 6—Debating Society Meeting. Balloon Debate.
- „ 11—Parents' Council Meeting.
- „ 13—Film, "Casablanca."
- „ 16—Careers Talk, "Training College Courses," by Mr. N. Nuttall.
- „ 18—W.O.G.'s Executive Meeting.
- „ 22—Inter-House Singing Competition, judged by Miss Morris, won by Mackenzie.
- „ 25—Combined Meeting of Stall Holders for 1956 Fête in City Hall.
- „ 26—VI A to IV A to Stainer's "Crucifixion" in the City Hall.
- „ 28—Long Sunday.

## EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

### S.A. Universities Matriculation:

Class I.—F. Foster (Distinction in Botany).

Class II.—N. Boshoff, M. Osborn-Thomson (Distinction in Botany), E. Wright.

Class III.—H. Daniel.

### School Leaving Certificate:

Class II.—V. Schulze.

### Junior Certificate:

Class I.—J. Bredin (Natal Bursary).

Class II.—P. Francis, W. Fuller, M. Furter, G. Hole, J. Howarth, V. Juul, F. Otto, E. van Rooyen, I. Wilson, P. Wynn.

Class III.—L. Ardington, R. Cullen, B. Harris, E. Harris, A. Lindley, S. Pollock, J. Tough, P. Whittaker, R. Whittaker.

**Winnie de Kock Memorial Bursary:** P. Wynn.

### Taalbond (Laer):

J. Bredin, H. Daniel, C. Hodges, G. Hole, Y. Marais, D. Stretton, D. Walker.

### Voorbereidende:

J. McCarter (Higher Grade), A. Burne, W. Fuller, E. Harris, J. Howarth, F. Otto, S. Pollock, P. Whittaker, R. Whittaker, P. Wynn.

### Theory of Music—

#### Trinity College of Music:

Grade VII.—D. Walker (Honours).

Grade III.—A. Oscroft (Honours), G. Poynton (Honours), D. Riemer (Merit).

Grade II.—U. Piccione (Honours), J. Urmson (Honours).

Grade I.—G. Cope (Honours), L. Kent (Honours), A. Thomas (Honours).

### Royal Schools of Music:

Grade V.—E. van Rooyen (Pass), P. Withers (Pass).

### Pianoforte—

#### University of South Africa:

Grade V.—P. Withers (Honours).

Grade IV.—D. Riemer (Merit).

Grade III.—M. Harris (Merit), A. Grant (Pass).

Grade I.—G. Cope (Honours), P. Cramer (Merit).

### Royal Schools of Music:

Grade VI.—P. Withers (Pass).

Grade IV.—U. Piccione (Pass).

Grade III.—U. Piccione (Merit), A. Oscroft (Pass).

### Royal Show Awards:

The School gained 14 awards in the Art, Cookery and Needlework Sections of the Show.



**GRAND-DAUGHTERS AT WYKEHAM, 1955**

Lois Ardington	daughter of	Lynette Shaw.
Mary Bennett	"	Sheila Crookes.
Judy Bredin	"	Terry Allan.
Elizabeth Chamberlain	"	Helen Brownlee.
Gillian Cope	"	Barbara Bennett.
Judith Evans	"	Lorraine Lister.
Margot Evans	"	"
Mary Graham	"	Eleanor Valentine.
Binnie Harris	"	Joyce Walker.
Janice Howarth	"	Jessie Harwin.
Sandra Juul	"	Natalie Fannin.
Valerie Juul	"	"
Andrea Keytel	"	Joyce Emerton.
Jillian Lewin	"	Betty Cooper.
Jeanette Lund	"	Nancy Shaw.
Josephine Lund	"	"
Dorothy Masson	"	Marylee Fanner.
Jennifer McCarter	"	Patience Boast.
Carolyn Otto	"	Memory Woods.
Felicity Otto	"	"
Penelope Phelps	"	Natalie Crompton.
Gillian Poynton	"	Violet Crookes.
Elizabeth van Rooyen	"	Doreen Crookes.

**GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTER**

Gillian Webb	daughter of	Betty Hedley and granddaughter of Margaret Green.
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The Five Crookes Sisters—Rose-Ella, Ivy, Violet, Doreen and Sheila, whose daughters have been or are pupils at Wykeham.





## HOUSE NOTES

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### Green House

House Staff: Miss Herbert, Mrs. Menzies, Mrs. Hansen,  
Miss Waddell, Miss Ender.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Miss Herbert, who replaced Mrs. Bredenkamp as the Head of Green House.

In the first quarter we worked hard for the Dramatic Competition and put on "Scenes from Pride and Prejudice." We tied with Mackenzie for second place.

Unfortunately we lost the Singing Competition owing to our sight-singing.

The Inter-House Tennis has yet to be completed and the Hockey to be played. Early next term there is the Gymnastics Competition, in which we hope to do well.

Last term we had a letter from Mrs. Bredenkamp, who is working at Jan Smuts Aerodrome and finds the work very interesting.

We congratulate Mrs. Hansen on the birth on 18th August of a beautiful baby son, Brian.

Up to date we are leading in work, tidiness and order. Keep up the good work and we will win all three!

DAWN WALKER, House Captain.

### **Mackenzie House**

House Staff: Miss Hosking, Miss Saunders, Mrs. Evans,  
Miss Harper.

For the Dramatic Competition we presented scenes from Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." Although we only came second in this competition we restored our prestige by winning the Singing Competition.

Unfortunately the Swimming Gala was cancelled owing to Polio restrictions at that time. The Tennis, Gym and Hockey Competitions still have to be held.

Mackenzie's work record has been disappointing and we are hoping for a great improvement before the end of the year.

We regretfully said "Good-bye" to Miss Sharp, who left us in June this year.

We would like to thank all the staff, and especially Miss Hosking, for their help and encouragement during the past year.

PAM NICOL, House Captain.

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### **Moore House**

House Staff: Mrs. Oscroft, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Hylton, Mrs. Dibben,  
Mrs. Vermeulen, Miss Lindsay.

In June we said "Good-bye" with many regrets to Mrs. Cousins, who shared so generously in all our interests; in her place we welcome Mrs. Oscroft as head of the House. We also welcome Miss Lindsay as a new member.

We were unfortunately unable to hold the Inter-House Gala on account of the Polio epidemic, and instead we made an excellent beginning to the New Year by winning the Dramatic Cup with "A Room in the Tower," by Hugh Stewart. Patricia Cochrane is especially to be congratulated on a fine performance. We came second in the Singing Competition.

The remaining Inter-House competitions to take place this quarter are hockey, netball, gymnastics and tennis, and I know the House will do its best to retain the cups we won last year.

Our annual party, which took place in June, was in the nature of a farewell to Mrs. Cousins, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

I should like to thank the staff for their help and to wish Moore House the best of luck in the future.

DIANNE ROBINSON, House Captain.





### SPORTS COMMITTEE, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1955

President	...	...	...	...	Miss Ball
Vice-President	...	...	...	...	Miss Hirst
Tennis Captain	...	...	...	...	Lois Ardington
Hockey Captain	...	...	...	...	Peggy Whittaker
Swimming Captain	...	...	...	...	Kathryn Gordon
Shooting Captain	...	...	...	...	Pamela Nicol
Gymnastics Captain	...	...	...	...	Diana Stanley
Secretary	...	...	...	...	Dianne Robinson

### TENNIS

Naida Boshoff, winner of last year's Boyd Varty, played in the Natal Schools Tennis Trials held in Durban on 6th and 7th November, 1954, and was chosen to play No. 3 for Natal Schools.

Owing to Polio restrictions no matches were played during the first quarter. In April the 1st VI played a friendly match against St. John's and lost 58-59 games.

The Under 15 team have played two matches. In June, they lost against Cordwalles by 23-72 games and in their second match against St. Anne's, played in August, they won by 35-15 games.

We have a promising and keen Under 12 team who have won both their matches, against Epworth by 59-40 games and against St. John's by 30-15 games.

Judy Nicholson won the Chandler Cup for Junior Singles; Margaret Drummond was runner-up. The Boyd Varty has not yet been completed.

The following girls were successful in tennis tournaments during the July holidays:— Phyllis Grant was runner-up for the Zululand Open Girls' Singles: she also won the Amatikulu Under 17 Girls' Singles. Jo Lund won the Under 17 Girls' Singles at Howick. Margaret Drummond won the Under 14 Girls' Singles at Matatiele.

We are very grateful to Mr. Pennington for presenting us with a new tennis net.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Boshoff and thank her very much for all her assistance. Mrs. Burger is now helping us in her place.

Last year Green House won the Senior House Tennis. The Junior House Tennis was won by Mackenzie.

LOIS ARDINGTON, Tennis Captain.



## HOCKEY

We have not been as successful this season as we had anticipated. The matches, however, have not been as "one-sided" as the results would seem to indicate. The teams are keen but lack the necessary "push" and determination to score. This is especially applicable to the forwards' circle play.

In the Pietermaritzburg Schools' Trials, held early in September, Jill Lewin and Priscilla Francis were chosen to play for the "B" team in the forthcoming match versus Border.

Colours have been awarded to Peggy Whittaker, Wendy Taylor, Jill Lewin and Priscilla Francis.



Our thanks are due to Miss Hirst and Miss Saunders for their coaching and for the interest they have taken in our hockey. Last season Mackenzie House and Green House tied for first place in the House Matches, with Moore House third

**First XI:** J. Lewin, L. Ardington, B. Harris, R. Whittaker, P. Whittaker (capt.), W. Fuller, M. Richardson, P. Withers, J. Lund, W. Taylor, P. Francis.

**Second XI:** C. Cyrus, E. van Rooyen (capt.), A. Kemp, G. Hole, J. Thoms, P. Grant, J. McCarter, M. Furter, V. Juul, F. Otto, U. Piccione, P. Stanley.

PEGGY WHITTAKER, Hockey Captain.

### Matches

#### First XI:

May 29:	v. St. John's	Lost 1—5
May 21:	v. Epworth	Lost 0—7
June 4:	v. Convent	Drew 1—1
June 17:	v. Voortrekker	Lost 1—5
June 18:	v. Russell High	Lost 0—1
June 25:	v. Collegiate	Won 2—0
Aug. 6:	v. Ixopo	Won 3—2
Aug. 12:	v. St. Anne's	Lost 1—3
Aug. 20:	v. Technical College	Won 3—1

#### Second XI:

May 21:	v. Epworth	Lost 0—5
June 4:	v. Convent	Won 1—0
June 17:	v. Voortrekker	Drew 0—0
June 18:	v. Russell High	Won 2—0
June 25:	v. Collegiate	Won 2—0
Aug. 6:	v. Ixopo	Won 2—1
Aug. 9:	v. St. John's	Lost 1—7
Aug. 13:	v. St. Anne's	Lost 0—1
Aug. 20:	v. Technical College	Won 1—0

### NETBALL, 1955

Moore House won the Junior Netball Cup last year, with Mackenzie House second and Green House third.

As usual our Juniors are keen and enthusiastic and are again busily practising for the House matches. Mrs. Menzies has taken over the Netball coaching from Mrs. Vermeulen.

## SWIMMING

Owing to the Polio restrictions imposed early in the season all swimming was cancelled.

Swimming colours were, however, awarded to Diana Stanley, Winsome Fuller and Valerie Juul on their previous achievements.

We look forward with optimism to the coming season.

K. GORDON, Swimming Captain.

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## SHOOTING

Our membership has increased from 15 to 25 during the past year and there is great enthusiasm for shooting. The Detachment was awarded its Efficiency Badge in this year's Imperial Challenge Competition, and F. Otto, N. Boshoff, A. Kemp and J. Elliott gained their Marksman's Badge. F. Otto and P. Nicol received their colours at the end of the year.

The Becker Cup for the highest average over the year was won by P. Nicol, and N. Boshoff won the Turton Cup as runner-up.

We extend our grateful thanks to Mr. Loney for his advice and encouragement and to Mrs. Oscrift for the help she has given us.

PAMELA NICOL, Shooting Captain.

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## GYMNASTICS

The Gymnastics Competition held in October last year was won by Moore House. Mackenzie House was second and Green House third. Mrs. Ruth Stevens, who judged, commended us on the high standard of Gymnastics in the school. Preparations for the forthcoming competition, to be held early next quarter, are in progress.

Miss Hirst last year introduced a different system for our competitions. Instead of a team of six girls doing three advanced vaults each, all the competitors from each House now take part in two sections of easier vaulting, followed by advanced vaulting by six girls.

At the end of last year Junior Gymnastics prizes were awarded to Jennifer Slevin and Sheila Richards. There was no award in the Senior School.

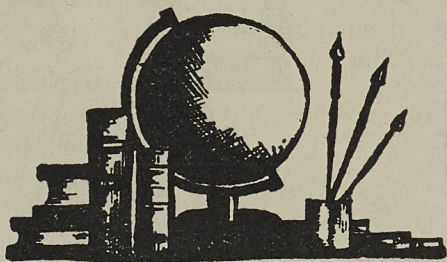
We should like to thank Miss Hirst for all the help she has given us in the weekly extra gym classes.

Girdles have been awarded this year to V. Ender and F. Otto.

Girdles already awarded to present girls: D. Stretton, J. Thoms, L. Ardington, S. Richards, A. Grant.

FELICITY OTTO, Gymnastics Captain.





## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Under the supervision of Mr. Evans the Literary and Debating Society began the year with great enthusiasm, which has been maintained throughout the year. At our Annual General Meeting Mr. Evans suggested that the Chair, and offices of Secretary and Treasurer, should be taken in rotation by the committee members. This has proved most successful.

We have had several debates but the tendency is still to let a certain few always take the active parts and more response from the floor would be welcomed. Apart from debates, Mr. Bang, of the Native Affairs Department in Maritzburg, gave us a most interesting talk on Native Administration in this area, and it has been arranged that he will take a party of Seniors round Sobantu Village. At the fourth meeting Mr. Evans showed us slides that he had taken on a recent tour of England.

Mary Dyson again represented Wykeham in the Hofmeyr Speech Contest. The preliminary round was held at Wykeham, and we must congratulate Mary on being the runner-up. Her subject was "How Can Education Improve Race Relations?" Mary has also earned our thanks for her enthusiasm, which we feel has added greatly to the success of the Society this year.

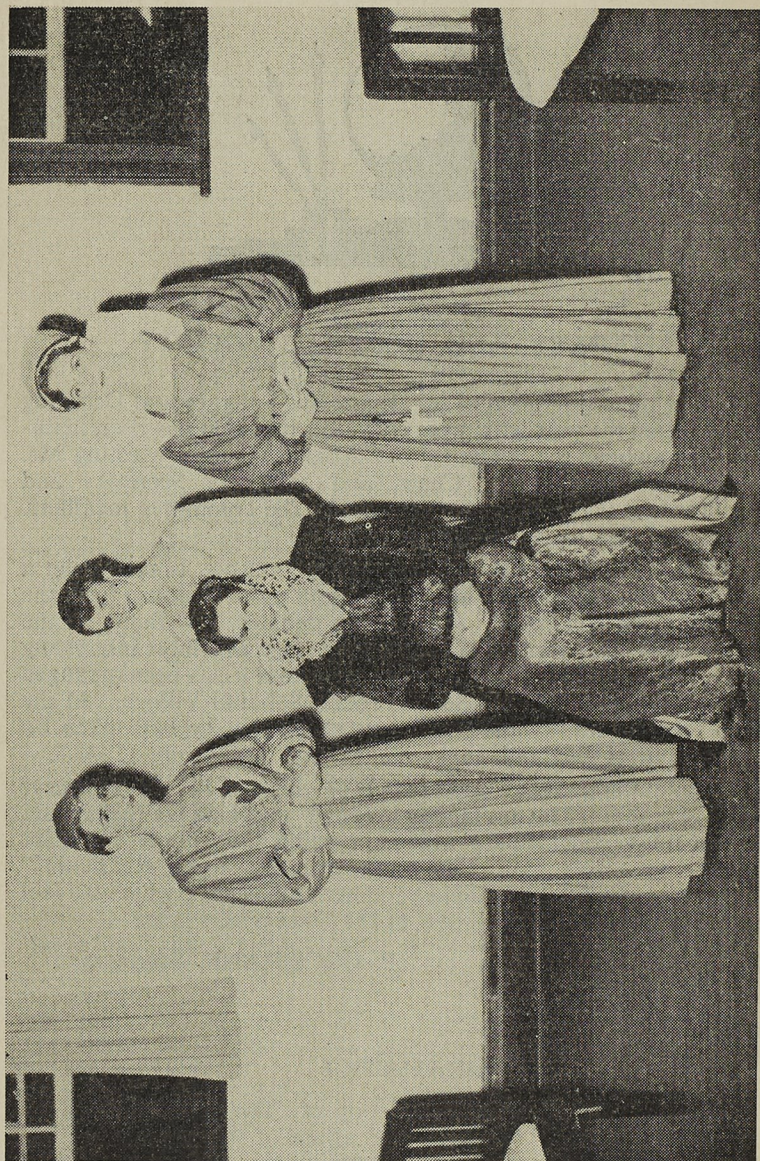
P. COCHRANE, Secretary.

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## DRAMATICS

October, 1954, saw the production of "Twelfth Night" as our Annual School Play. We were well aware of the hugeness of our task and we started to work with determination. The players' chief difficulty was the speaking of blank verse for the first time. Viola, with the success of the play in her hands, approached her task with vigour and we were proud of her achievement. Pat Cochrane's





"A ROOM IN THE TOWER"

Tilney (K. Gordon) Mrs. Ellen (W. Fuller) Lady Jane Gray (P. Cochrane) Mary Tudor (D. Stretton)



Orsino was a pleasure to hear, every word spoken with clarity and sympathetic understanding. The clowns delighted us, the always inebriated, scheming Sir Toby being particularly well played. Special commendation should go to back stage assistants and those with walking-on parts, who worked so hard with little applause; also to Diana Stretton, who played Sebastian at short notice with force and sincerity. The producer was particularly grateful to Dianne Robinson, the Stage Manager, whose calmness and resourcefulness averted many a seeming-calamity.

The Frampton-Pennington Inter-House Dramatic Cup was this year awarded to Moore House by Mr. R. C. Brooks, of Michaelhouse, who very kindly came with Mrs. Brooks to adjudicate. Moore's production of "A Room in the Tower" revealed outstanding ability in Pat Cochrane's Jane Grey, performed with remarkable skill and a deeply moving sincerity. Green House chose "Pride and Prejudice," in which Valerie Juul was an excellent Mr. Collins refusing to be denied the hand of Elizabeth (Felicity Otto). Mackenzie House delighted us with "The Importance of Being Earnest," with Monica Burness as the charming Cecily, and an exceptionally able Algy in Diana Stanley. These performances gave so much pleasure that they were, on request, repeated on the Friday of the Jubilee Week-end.

A.H.

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### SOCIAL STUDY GROUP

Estcourt High School, July 1st—July 6th, 1955.

#### "THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE TUGELA BASIN"

The Orange Express leaving Durban on Friday, 1st July, was filled with representatives from different Natal schools, all travelling to Estcourt for the Annual Studies Group.

On our arrival we were warmly received by our host, Mr. R. O. Pearce, Principal of Estcourt High School, and his wife. We were driven straight to the Boys' Hostel to have a "get-together," with some hot coffee and a discussion about the arrangements for the following day. Then the girls were taken to the new and luxurious girls' hostel, "Sunnyside."

On Saturday morning we were officially welcomed by the Mayor of Estcourt, Mr. Stead, and then Mr. Hosking gave us the opening lecture on "The Geography of the Tugela Basin" showing us, amongst other things, how well situated Estcourt is for industrialisation. Following the lecture, we left in a "ramshackle" old



bus for the Colenso Power Station. Once there, Mr. Groenink, the Assistant Superintendent, gave us a lecture on "Power in the Tugela Basin." He showed us how ideally situated the Power Station is and how it works.

After a picnic at the Barrage we returned to the Power Station to be shown around it. We were all very impressed and surprised at the amount of work a station like that entails. That evening we went to the Scala Theatre to see "Rose Marie."

On Sunday morning we attended the Communion Service at St. Matthew's Church. Later that morning we left for a picnic at Cathkin Peak. The climbing was rather strenuous but the view from the top was magnificent and well worth the climb; we all enjoyed the expedition. That evening Mr. Pearce gave us an illustrated talk on the Natal Drakensberg, and he showed us the most wonderful photographs of these mountains.

On Monday morning Mr. George Forder gave us a talk on "Native Labour Resources for Industrial Estcourt" and, amongst other things, he showed us how Estcourt had the three main essentials for industry—water, power and labour. His offer to take us round the Native township that afternoon was gladly accepted.

After the lecture we were shown round the Masonite factory, which we all found most intriguing. After lunch Mr. Forder and the Health Inspector took us round the township and showed us the layout and plans for the new township. That evening we had a dance at Sunnyside.

On Tuesday—our last day—we drove to the Mudén Citrus Estates, through the badly farmed area of eroded thornveld, which, as Dr. C. M. Cochran pointed out to us in his lecture at Mudén that morning, "would definitely become desert if it were left to deteriorate any further." Later we went on an inspection tour of the Citrus Export Packing factory, which was put into use entirely for our benefit (as it was not the orange season).

That evening we had a farewell dinner. The events of the previous four days were summed up by Graham Sims, of Glenwood High School, and Minette Hodges, of Durban Girls' College. A small "hop," as Mr. Pearce called it, was held afterwards.

It was with much regret that we bade farewell on Wednesday morning to our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, and the matrons who so unselfishly had given up their time to give us such a beneficial, interesting and enjoyable four days as members of this Study Group.

KATHRYN GORDON, VIA





**PRIZE-GIVING**

**Thursday, 9th December, 1954**

Introduction by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees,  
Mr. K. M. Pennington.

Headmistress' Report.

Presentation of Prizes and Address by Mr. J. O. Smythe.

**Prize List**

**Form Prizes:**

Form VI A	.....	Fiona Foster.
VI B	.....	Dawn Walker.
V A	.....	Judy Bredin, Winsome Fuller.
V B	.....	Annabelle Burne.
IV A	.....	Anne Oscroft.
IV B	.....	Jennifer von Klemperer.
III	.....	Vrenelli Ender.
II	.....	Carolyn Otto.
I	.....	Lesley Meyrick.
Transition	.....	Sheila Keel.

**Subject Prizes:**

Scripture (presented by Miss Mellor):

Senior ... N. Boshoff  
Junior ... A. Oscroft

English and History (presented by Mr. Drew) ... .. F. Foster  
Junior English (presented by Mr. Drew) ... .. G. Cope

Afrikaans (presented by Mr. Boshoff):

Senior ..... F. Foster

Junior ..... V. Ender

Improvement in Junior Certificate ... .. I. Wilson

Geography (presented by Mr. Phillips) ... .. N. Boshoff

Botany (presented by Mr. Phillips) ... .. F. Foster

Mathematics (presented by Mr. Pennington):

Senior ..... J. Bredin

Junior ... L. Kennedy

Arithmetic—Improvement in Junior Certificate ... P. Wynn

French (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Somerville) ... J. Bredin

Latin ... .. Not Awarded

Bookkeeping (presented by Mrs. Miller) ... .. V. Schulze

Domestic Science (presented by Mrs. Smythe) ... V. Schulze

Dressmaking (presented by Mrs. Smythe) ... .. P. Wynn

(presented by Mrs. Dibben) ... .. B. Smith

Highly Commended ... .. W. Taylor

Needlework (presented by Mrs. Bryant) ... .. J. Sommerville

Art (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Nicol):

Senior ... M. Gabriel

Junior ..... M. Evans

General Knowledge (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bacon):

Senior ... B. Whaley

Junior ... A. Osocroft

### Music Prizes

Senior Piano & Theory (presented by Mr. & Mrs. Whittaker):

D. Walker

Junior Piano (presented by Miss Streere) ... .. D. Riemer

Improvement in Music (presented by Mrs. Bryant) ... E. Davidson

Improvement in Music (presented by Miss Steere) ... .. G. Cope

Highly Commended ... .. J. Lund, A. Osocroft

Dougall Cup for Music ... .. Moore House

Junior Elocution (presented by Mrs. Bryant) ... .. C. Coldicott

Dramatics Prize (presented by Mr. Drew) ... .. P. Cochrane

Good Fellowship Prize (presented by Mr. & Mrs. Somerville):

M. Osborn-Thomson

William of Wykeham Courtesy Prize (presented by Miss Hime)

V. Schulze

Steere Cup for Work ... .. Moore House



## Sports Awards

### Tennis:

Winner of the Boyd-Varty Trophy for best singles player and  
School Tennis Champion ... .. Naida Boshoff

Winner of the Chandler Cup and Junior Tennis Champion  
—Lorraine Boshoff

### Swimming:

Winner of Shoolbred Cup and School Swimming Champion  
—Diana Stanley

Winner of Mattison Cup and Junior Swimming Champion  
—Jill Mattison

### Gymnastics:

Senior Gymnastics Prize—Not awarded.

Junior Gymnastics Prizes ... Jennifer Slevin, Sheila Richards

### Shooting:

Becker Cup for Best Average and Prize (presented by Mr.  
Loney) ... .. Pamela Nicol

**Best All-Round at Sport** (presented by Mr. Phillips), Naida Boshoff

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## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### THE JUBILEE WEEK-END

Our birthday week-end is always a happy occasion, but this year's birthday week-end was a Jubilee—a week-end of special celebrations and of joyful reunions.

Weeks of preparation went into the Jubilee Fête. The enthusiasm and ceaseless efforts of the Old Girls were magnificent and each present Wykeham girl contributed at least one article to the Fête as well as helping on the stalls.

Some time before the Fête was held, the Dramatic Competition had taken place and as these plays had proved to be of a high standard, they were again presented on the evening before the "Grand Fête."

Saturday morning dawned grey; but confident that the sky would turn blue (as it did) the Old Girls were at the City Hall at 7.30 when the Fête began. Mrs. Shepstone had very kindly consented to make the official opening, and entering through a Guard of Honour formed by girls in their Wykeham hats, she spoke from

the stage of the valuable contribution made by the Private Schools of Maritzburg. There is no doubt that the Fête was a tremendous success, and that the fine quality and reasonable price of the articles displayed contributed much to this. The actual takings in the City Hall reached the magnificent total of £1,287.

The School Dance on Saturday night, to which we welcomed partners from Hilton and Michaelhouse, was great fun, and a very entertaining part of the evening was the first hour when the juniors were there—all of them in fancy dress, ranging from a dainty Miss Dewdrop to Hillary's expedition mounting a sheet-clad Mount Everest.

Between dances we were able to sit outside because the quadrangle was floodlit and the garden strung with fairy lights. The supper prepared by Mrs. Beal and the splendid birthday cake made by the Domestic Science girls were appreciated by everyone.

On Sunday morning there was a large attendance at the usual corporate Communion Service held in St. George's, and what most people considered as the climax of the week-end was yet to come—our Thanksgiving Service in St. Peter's in the afternoon. It was a great honour to us that the Bishop attended our service. The school, led by the choir, sang the anthem, "Except the Lord Build the House" so beautifully that we were requested to sing it again several weeks later at Evensong. At the back of the church, carefully following the service, were our faithful Wykeham servants.

Our fiftieth birthday became another landmark in Wykeham's history.

The dictionary's definition of a Jubilee is "every fiftieth year, at which time slaves were liberated," and indeed Monday was a whole holiday for the school!

DIANNE ROBINSON, VI A.

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### "A TRAFFIC JAM"

"Smelly and sordid" was Papa's description of Zanzibar—he did his best to dispel any romantic school-girlish illusions I might have of Arab dhows drifting in a lagoon fringed by moon-silvered palms!

Sometimes, perhaps, I am a little troublesome to Papa since Mama died—he is a geologist on Dr. Williamson's diamond mine and my governess had filled his mind with strange notions that "life in the Congo is not quite suitable for a girl of a young and impressionable age—you realise my meaning, of course, dear Professor?"

(Miss Blenkins has always reminded me of Oscar Wilde's Miss Prism—my poor father is petrified by her.)



It was his idea that we should return from our holiday in South Africa via the East Coast; we boarded our ship at Cape Town. My revered father snored contentedly in a deck-chair with his handkerchief over his face all the way from Cape Town to Mombasa. I was a delicate but unflattering pea-green until Durban—I was enchanted by Durban, by Dar-es-Salaam even more, but Zanzibar . . .

Bicycle bells always ring in my ears when I think of Zanzibar—narrow alleyways, dark, poky shops with an overflow of curious wares pouring around the doorways—but bicycle bells and scarlet bananas dominate the memory.

Papa and I were threading our way down "Suicide Alley," which is off Portugal Street. He was studying the massive, carved spiked doorways—spiked as protection against elephants, so he told me—and the lintels hung with strings of spicy-smelling leaves to ward off evil spirits. I was dreaming, bewitched by the activity and the squalid quaintness of the alley, when a small donkey-cart came noisily down the street. I whisked out my camera. The wizened old man driving cursed at me, spat, and whipped the donkeys. As they clattered round the corner the black child at his side gazed at me with large eyes. I felt as if I had been prying, ashamed and disconcerted.

Just then Papa caught sight of a tiny African child rounding the corner into Portugal Street with a trayload of copper ornaments. He dashed after it—collecting copper is his hobby.

Portugal Street is curiously East African, yet bustling and busy—a peculiar mixture!

A fruit-stall attracted my attention and I saw, lying amidst the scarlet bananas and the coconuts, an enchantingly-shaped hat.

The African fruit-seller cheated me of fifteen cents but I was elated enough to overlook it. Some African children buying mangoes gaped at me and started to giggle. I put it down to sheer stupidity.

Meanwhile Papa had caused a traffic-jam in Portugal Street—about eight or nine Africans were gathered around watching Papa haggling with the child, who was looking miserable.

Papa spread out all the types of coins he had on his palm to his elbow—Belgian, South African, Portuguese escudos and East African cent pieces. His method of finding the price was one of trial by error.

"This one? No?"—tone of great astonishment!

"Well, this one, then?" Shrieks of laughter from surrounding Africans! The giggling children had joined the group and were pointing at me and laughing. Scared but emphatic shaking of his woolly head by the *toto*!



"Hipana, Sahib, hipana."

Papa started again. "This one, then?" Tears began to well in the toto's eyes. "Hi, hi-pana, Sahib."

"Look here," demanded Papa ferociously, "it can't be more than this, you dirty little haggler."

Murmurs of indignation from the growing crowd! I giggled. Papa was not amused—he takes his copper seriously.

Then the bicycle bells started. Zanzibar has such narrow alleys that bicycles are the main mode of transport. The Sultan alone is the proud possessor of a red Bentley.

"Papa," I begged. "Please move." He did not waste a glance on me.

"Thieving scoundrels," he muttered. "This?"

The petrified toto tried to stutter something. About seven people left their bicycles to enquire what the gathering in mid-road was—that left only about ten to ring bells, I noticed relievedly. But the children dashed for the riderless bicycles and started ringing them again unmercifully. Much swearing and kicking from the owners!

Papa stood adamant, becoming redder by the moment. "This?" he bellowed.

The toto shook his head miserably—a tear started down his cheek and the crowd hooted with mirth. I felt wretched.

Much babbling and complete confusion—everyone grovelling in the road for coins which Papa had dropped; everyone trying to explain something. Much shaking of fists, red bananas being waved by the fruit-seller in agitation!

A young American from the ship emerged from the chaos. "Say, mister," he drawled, stepping forward, "I reckon this here little guy is tryin' to tell you that this ain't his to sell!"

For a moment I thought that Papa was on the verge of an apoplectic fit. For once I forbore to giggle, but the American chuckled and the bicycle bells rang.

The toto dissolved into tears of relief and the American's mother said, "Shame, shame," and glanced indignantly at us. The crowd dispersed and bicycles streamed past—bells still rang.

A red Bentley purred past but Papa was unimpressed. "Impudent thieves," he muttered.

The American informed me that he guessed it was "a real cute idea to have a fruit-basket for a hat!"

We went back to the ship together. The American chuckling and I giggling hysterically—papa cursing, of course, and, I suppose, in Portugal Street the bicycle bells still rang!

MARY DYSON, VI A.



## WHAT WAS THE SPLASH?

It was much too fine a night to think of going to bed. The full moon seemed to look larger than ever before as it sailed through a few soft clouds. I was a town girl and should never have been spending the night on this quiet farm but for the kindness of the owners. They had offered hospitality to one member of the tennis team which was to play in the village the next day.

The farmer's family went to bed early, so I was standing alone on the verandah in front of my bedroom, thinking how cool it was after the rain and how hot it had been that morning.

Not far away, from somewhere below in a little kloof, I seemed to catch an intermittent but often repeated splash; as loud, perhaps, as a dog would make jumping into still water. What could it be? Fish jumping? I thought not. Could it be Native children playing? No, it was too cold. Curiosity got the better of me.

I went on tip-toe; I did not dare upset the stillness of the evening. There as I rounded a little clump of willows, I saw an unusual sight. Three long, thin, agile animals were sliding down a sloping mud-bank, one after the other, for all the world like children on a chute. Little whistling squeaks came from them at short intervals and if the one in front took too long, the ones at the back would give playful nips to urge him along. On the other bank I saw the mother otter, for even I, not very familiar with wild life, recognised the little family.

The mother was as proud of her family as any human parent, and the children were as full of their games as any human youngsters. The fun went on for five minutes, I should think, squeaking, sliding, splashing, and then running up the bank again.

Suddenly I heard another sound, a sort of growling cough. I looked to my right, and there I saw the father otter coming home with a fish in his mouth, but he had seen or smelt me first. In a second all had dived under the surface and there was nothing but an expanding circle of ripples to convince me that the scene had not all been only a figment of my imagination.

PENELOPE PHELPS, VI B.

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### NEVER TROUBLE TROUBLE

Never trouble trouble, till trouble troubles you,  
Remember—every cloud has a silver lining  
And it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good.  
Make hay while the sun shines,  
For it never rains but it pours.

He who hesitates is lost,  
But look before you leap—for  
Still waters run deep.

A fool and his money are soon parted  
So take care of the pennies  
And the pounds will take care of themselves.  
But don't spoil the ship for a ha'pworth of tar,  
For penny wise is pound foolish.

Enough is as good as a feast, and fortunately  
There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip,  
As the broth may be spoiled by too many cooks.  
The proof of the pudding is in the eating,  
For one man's meat is another man's poison.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush  
But why not kill two birds with one stone?  
Be hanged for a sheep as well as a lamb!

One good turn deserves another—  
A friend in need is a friend indeed.  
While there's life there's hope and all is well  
That ends well, so—never trouble trouble.

JUDY BREDIN, VI B.

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### TEDDY

At Xmas time when I was two years old I got a teddy bear. I threw him under the bed for a long time. One day a girl named Joan came to stay with us, and she found the teddy bear under the bed, so she went to sleep with it. The next morning I went to the bedroom and found the teddy bear on the bed, so I snatched it away and from that day I have loved him very much. And now that I have loved him so much he has no tummy. My baby sister found him one day and she pulled his eyes out so we had to use buttons for eyes. He is still very nice and cuddly.

MARY GRAHAM, aged 9.



### MODERN PSYCHOLOGY

When your child scribbles on walls,  
Spits his food out,  
Screams and bawls,  
Just ignore him, mother dear,  
He'll soon grow up, never fear.

If he fights with next-door James,  
Strangles kitty,  
Breaks window-panes,  
Act with firmness, not with force,  
Kindness will reward, of course.

When he fills your hair with gum,  
Is rude to Granny,  
Just for fun,  
Use gentle tones, sweet and kind,  
And don't upset his little mind.

In days gone by it was a fact,  
A naughty child  
Was duly smacked.  
Now the times have changed, I see,  
Psychology states "Just let him be."

But if your child is very trying,  
Swears like Daddy,  
Takes to lying,  
He really needs a spank or two.  
You agree? Yes, I do, too!

ELIZABETH DAVIDSON, V A.

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### OUR SCHOOL JUBILEE

We went down to the City Hall on Saturday. We saw some little white mice, they were so sweet that I nearly bought them to put into my bed. I bought a motor car, a pair of slippers, two little fairy dolls, a girl and a boy, three packets of marbles and a little cake for my mother. We saw some ginin pigs. At the Fancy Dress I went as a blue fairy, and after the fancy dress we went to the little hall and played games. First we played musical arms, and then pass the ring, and last of all was mouse and cat. And then we went to the hall for the Prize-giving.

LYNETTE GREENE, aged 9.

### THE FAIRY RING

One night I dreamt that six fairies came and made a ring and danced about. A little mouse heard the singing and came out of her hole to listen but a big rabbit came and frightened the animals away. When he had gone they all slowly crept back. The Fairy Queen came and made mushrooms for everyone to sit on and they started to dance, but again the rabbit came. This time they did not go. The Fairy Queen turned him into a spider and she said, "You will be a rabbit again when you are good." But the spider did not hear because he had run away. I do not know what happened next, so if you see him turned back into a rabbit, please tell me.

ANN STEVENS, aged 11.

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### MY HORSE

I have a horse  
Which I like of course,  
We went for a ride  
And I rode her with pride.

She's a beautiful brown  
And I ride her to town;  
It's a long way to go  
But she'll never say no.

I went to the shop  
And bought a lollipop,  
I went in again  
And bought her some.

We went home at last  
But this time not fast,  
Now dear little Mabel's  
Asleep in her stable.

MOLLY URMSON, aged 10.

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## *Concerning Old Girls*

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### WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September, 1955

President: Lorna Hime.

Vice-Presidents: Miss M. K. Ball, Phyllis Somerville, Natalie Juul.

Honorary President: Miss D. E. Mellor.

Honorary Vice-President: Miss M. A. Hosking

Honorary Treasurer: Linley Brazier.

Honorary Secretary: Janet Black.

Committee Members: Zoe Boreham, Kathleen Drew, Lorraine Evans, Maureen Fanner, Joyce Keytel, Marylee Masson, Memory Otto.

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### MINUTES OF THE 1955 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association was held in the Little Hall at Wykeham on Sunday, 8th May, 1955, at 10 a.m.

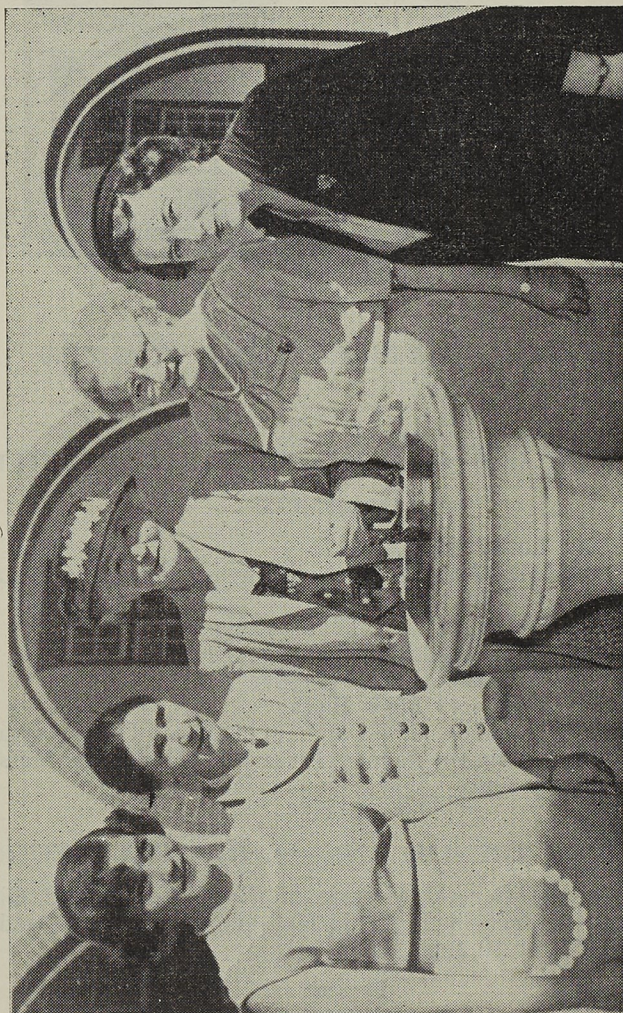
#### **Present**

Amy Young in the chair. All present signed the register in the Minutes Book—a record number attended this meeting.

**Miss Abbott-Smith.**—The President asked the meeting to stand in memory of the late Miss Abbott-Smith.

**Apologies** for absence, and letters and telegrams of good wishes had been received from many Old Girls from far and near.





Some 1954 and 1955 W.O.G. Association Office Bearers: D. Meade, J. Black, A. Young,  
L. Hime and P. Somerville.



### **Minutes**

J. Seymour-Haden proposed that as the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been published in the Magazine, they be taken as read, seconded by J. Fincken. Carried unanimously, and the minutes were then confirmed.

### **Bursary**

Miss Ball read the revised rules for the Old Girls' Bursary, and moved their adoption, seconded by P. Somerville. Carried.

### **Financial Statement**

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement showing an excess of revenue over expenditure of £141 13s. 1d. V. Carter moved its adoption, seconded by L. Purnell. Carried.

The President reminded the meeting that instead of putting flowers on the graves of Miss Moore and Miss Hodges, it had been decided to pay £1 1s. 0d. into one of the School funds in their memory. It was unanimously decided to pay it into the Trust Fund.

The Durban Branch was then asked to present their President's report and Financial Statement. V. Carter moved its adoption, seconded by L. Purnell. Carried.

### **Golden Jubilee Ball**

The Golden Jubilee Ball was a huge success socially and financially, as all available tickets were sold.

### **Collection for Servants**

The usual collection for the school servants was taken. Not only had the servants had extra work at the school, but they had helped on the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to carry heavy goods from cars and lorries into the City Hall for the Fête.

### **Address by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

Mr. Pennington, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, very kindly came to address the meeting. He complimented the Old Girls on their wonderful effort and on the remarkable result of the Golden Jubilee Fete. The Golden Jubilee Fund now stood at approximately £9,000. He went on to explain that the architect had drawn an alternative plan for the new building, which would cost considerably less than the original one, but as this had as yet not been put before the Board of Trustees, he could not make any constructive comments on it.

### **Election of Office-Bearers**

Hon. President: It was agreed that Miss Mellor should be re-elected.

Hon. Vice-President: Owing to the death of Miss Abbott-Smith the position of Hon. Vice-President was left vacant. Two proposals were put forward: (1) That the position should be left vacant; and (2) an amendment that Miss M. Hosking, proposed by L. Purnell and seconded by L. Evans, be elected Hon. Vice-President. The amendment was carried.

The following were elected to the Executive Committee:—

President: L. Hime and N. Juul were proposed, but N. Juul declined nomination. There being no other nominations, L. Hime was declared elected. L. Hime then spoke a few words of appreciation of the outstanding qualities of the outgoing President, Amy Young.

Vice-Presidents: Miss Ball and P. Somerville were unanimously re-elected and N. Juul was proposed and elected third Vice-President.

Hon. Treasurer: L. Brazier.

Hon. Secretary: J. Black.

Committee Members: K. Drew and M. Masson were re-elected and the following were elected to the vacancies on the Committee: L. Evans, M. Fanner, J. Keytel, M. Otto and A. Earle-Smith.

Auditor: Mr. M. Rodwell was re-elected unanimously, and it was proposed that he should be paid the usual honorarium of £2 2s. 0d.

### **Alteration to the Constitution**

Part of Clause 7 reads: "The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Headmistress are the Trustees of the W.O.G. Association investments." It was proposed that this be altered to "The President and Treasurer of the W.O.G. Association to be the Trustees of the Association investments. P. Somerville seconded A. Young's proposal, and the proposed alteration was passed unanimously.

### **Bursary Sub-Committee**

The Bursary Committee to consist of the Headmistress, and the President of the Old Girls' Association as laid down in the rules, plus two other members. C. Turner and P. Somerville were elected to this sub-committee.

### **Magazine**

J. Fincken agreed to write the article "My People Were Pioneers."

N. Juul agreed to again compile the Old Girls' News section.

The School Section.—Miss Ball was asked to be responsible for this and agreed.



Sylvia Battcock consented to write a description of her impressions of the Golden Jubilee Week-end.

### **Cookery Book**

As there had been so many of this type of cookery book on sale it was decided that it might not prove to be profitable, so the matter was left in abeyance.

### **Golden Jubilee Fete**

In the unavoidable absence of the Fete Treasurer, M. Fanner, the cashier, L. Brazier, presented the financial report.

The actual takings in the City Hall on Saturday morning were over £1,200. Over £400 was raised by Maritzburg and districts by cakes sales, etc., held prior to the fete. Money donations brought in after the sale was over brought the total to just about £2,000, but there were still expenses to be paid.

It was agreed that the Fete in 1956 should be held in the City Hall.

### **General**

The President said that W. Reid had been in Grey's Hospital for over a year and asked if she might write to her from the Association. D. Foster reported that A. Cathcart had just undergone an operation in Grey's and asked if a letter could be written to her also.

**Portrait.**—J. Fincken said she prepared to paint a portrait of Miss Moore for Wykeham. She was also taking donations of 5/- and the holder of the winning ticket could have his or her portrait painted.

**Dance.**—It was decided to hold the Old Girls' Dance during the Birthday Week-end in 1956. M. Graham proposed that the Dance Secretary should not *also* be a stall convener at the Fete as it was too heavy a burden. This was carried.

**Jumble Sale.**—As usual, a jumble sale would be held in September. The proceeds from this had in the past been given to the Trust Fund, but as this year all Fete profits had been allocated to the Golden Jubilee Building Fund, some of the Jumble Sale profit might have to go towards the cost of printing the School Magazine. It was left to the Executive Committee to fix the amount.

**Playing Cards.**—A proposal came from Durban that we might have playing cards made with the Wykeham badge on the back. It was suggested that professional advice be obtained from Mr. L. T. Drew on this matter.

**Votes of Thanks.**—L. Hime proposed votes of thanks to: Miss Ball, the Wykeham staff, Canon A. F. Milne, Mrs. Beal and Mr. Fanner. Seconded by P. Somerville.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

## **WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION (DURBAN BRANCH)**

The Quarterly Re-Union of the Durban Branch of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association will be held on the following Sundays in 1956, at 10 a.m.:—

**5th February**—Annual General Meeting.

**13th May.**

**5th August.**

**4th November.**

Any further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Carter, 133 Riley Road, Durban (Phone No. 31673).

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## **WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION BURSARY**

**8th MAY, 1955**

1. The name of the Bursary is The Wykeham Old Girls' Association Bursary, hereinafter termed "the Bursary."
  2. The amount of the Bursary is £20 a year.
  3. The object of the Bursary is to help a Wykeham girl to obtain higher education on leaving school.
  4. In the event of there being no such suitable applicant the Bursary may be awarded to the daughter of a Wykeham Old Girl in Standard Nine to assist her to complete the school course.
  5. In the event of there being no one eligible for the Bursary as laid down in Rules 3 and 4, the Bursary shall accumulate until the Bursary Committee is satisfied that a suitable recipient is at hand. Any interest accruing shall belong to the Wykeham Old Girls' Association.
  6. Application for the Bursary shall be made to the Headmistress before 31st December in each year.
  7. The Bursary shall be tenable for one year with the possibility of renewal.
  8. The Bursary Committee shall consist of the Headmistress, the President of the Old Girls' Association and two other Old Girls.
  9. The Bursary Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association.
  10. The finances of the Bursary shall be administered by the Executive Committee of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association.
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33 St. Mark's Road,  
Windsor, Berks.  
7th August, 1955.

My dear Girls, Past and Present,

What a heartening proof of your affection for your School, and the solidarity of Past and Present Girls, Staff, Parents and Friends behind our energetic Headmistress, and Chairman and Board of Trustees we have had, during the Wykeham Golden Jubilee celebrations this year.

I have appreciated so much the kind thought that prompted some of you to send me newspaper cuttings and descriptions of the Reunion on May 7th and 8th, at which I should so much have liked to be present, had not my College work, etc., and examinations in particular, made it impossible. Well, I am glad to say that the latter hurdle is satisfactorily cleared now, so that I can get on to the research work in which I am interested.

It must have been a very inspiring week-end. I have Lorna Hime to thank for the photograph of the group on the steps coming down from Winchester, and a delightful snap of the five Crookes sisters, and the Wykeham "Croc," wending its way to Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter's on the Sunday afternoon.

I have three people to thank for sending me a copy of the Order of Service on that occasion. It was very heart-warming, for it showed that you knew my thoughts would be with you over that week-end.

And now I must hasten to say how more than glad I am that you have persuaded Lorna Hime to accept the post of President of the Old Girls' Association. I was sad indeed when I heard that Amy Young could no longer continue in that office. She has done a great work for Wykeham all these years, and we shall miss her wise counsel and indefatigable energy. She gave us so generously of her time and wide experience, in matters financial and organisational. Moreover, she was a great oiler of wheels, and solver of problems.

I do congratulate those who have organised the publicity campaign on our behalf, and how generously the Press have treated us; with such full and frequent reports of all our plans and activities, and all those interesting photographs of the girls, Birthday Dance, and the dance at the Country Club, the preparation for the Fete, the architect's design for the New Block, etc.

And I want to congratulate you, Present Girls, too, on your good examination results this year. You have not let all these added activities interfere with the essential work.

I have not had much time this year for going about, so have not much news to tell you of "affairs of State" here in England, but I have enjoyed some very happy days with Wykeham friends



and Old Girls. The many who came to see me at Windsor brought me good news of Wykeham, not least the last two, your Trustee, Mr. Wyn Phillips and his wife—our Doreen Crookes—with whom I spent two such happy half days yesterday and the day before—full of laughter and interest, as you who know them will appreciate; renewing old memories and discussing future plans. Indeed, I postponed the writing of this letter until I should have seen them, for I knew I should get all the latest news about you all from them. We had great fun, exploring Eton College and Windsor Castle and the Queen's lovely woodland garden up in the Forest. I saw them depart with a sad heart. It is increasingly hard to part with friends as you get older, I think, especially those who have stood by you and encouraged you in the difficult passages of life.

During our talks Mr. Phillips, who has in his bones the love of tradition, as he has in his veins the blood of pioneers, asked me how the Wykeham Houses came to be named as they are; and I thought that the information might be of interest to you too, if you do not already know of their origin.

Miss Hodges, the second Headmistress of Wykeham, who in the history of the School was outstanding, amongst other things, for her building and acquisition of property, was a mathematician and a very systematic person, who greatly valued tradition and a definite pattern of thought in all her planning.

She bought 31 Burger Street in 1923, and called it *Windsor*, because William of Wykeham's work for King Edward III in Windsor Castle proved his first stepping stone to fame. In 1924 she bought 45 Burger Street and named it *Westminster*, because Wykeham's highest lay office was that of Chancellor at the King's Palace of Westminster.

The old "Top" House was, of course, *Winchester* for, as Bishop of Winchester, he founded Winchester College in 1382 and in 1394 undertook at his own expense the complete rebuilding in the perpendicular style of the Norman nave of Winchester Cathedral.

When, in 1928, Miss Hodges bought 42 Loop Street, she asked me to search the annals of William of Wykeham's life for another appropriate name for this house.

It is strange that so many of the places and people connected with William of Wykeham had names beginning with "W", so we included this distinguishing feature in our scheme, and called the new acquisition *Waverley*, after Waverley Abbey, the great Cistercian foundation, that gave Wykeham shelter when in 1377, owing to the intrigues of John of Gaunt and the anti-clerical party in the Commons, he fell from power, was impeached and deprived for a short time of his appointments.



The new building of 1928 took over the name Winchester, but meanwhile 31 Burger Street, which was no longer needed as a boarding house, was sold, so that for the time being the Bishop's connection with my birthplace, Windsor, was no longer commemorated at Wykeham. You can imagine that I was delighted when the Trustees decided later that 38 Loop Street should be named "Windsor." To me it is doubly appropriate, for here we have an *Old Windsor* and a *New Windsor*. I live in New Windsor, the Conqueror's "new" town that grew up round his great fortification on the chalk ridge above the river. At the moment archaeologists are busily excavating at Old Windsor, trying to discover the site of the palace of Edward the Confessor and his Anglo-Saxon forebears.

But to return to William of Wykeham, what a remarkable man he was! He was born of yeoman stock at *Wickham* in Hampshire in 1323, and died in his home at *Waltham* on September 27th, 1404. He was then 80 years of age, a *very* old man for those days. His historian writes, "He rose from obscurity to great wealth and power, through his political activities, and is typical of the worldly, rather than the saintly or scholarly prelate of the Middle Ages, but his administrative work, no less than his promotion of architecture and learning, was of great value to the nation, and is characteristic of the services rendered by the Church to society in that age."

Froissart, his contemporary, the famous mediaeval chronicler, writes, "A priest called Sir Willian de Wican reigned in England . . . by him everything was done, and without him they did nothing."

Here at Windsor his first work was to finish in 1356, the interior decoration of the Round Tower, for the habitation of the King and his wife, Philippa of Hainault, including 28 stained glass windows. Then he built the "new great gate with flanking towers" now known as the Norman Gateway, a belfry for St. George's Chapel, and houses in the Lower Bailey, probably the Canons' houses of to-day, besides houses in the Upper Bailey, for the Royal Household, and a small tower in the Middle Bailey, called the Wykeham Tower, but now much altered, and named the Winchester Tower, upon which is inscribed still, "*Hoc fecit Wykeham.*"

He was in complete charge of the work, the planning and payment of wages and costs of materials and transport, but his architect and chief mason was William of *Wynford*, whose portrait you can still see in the East window of the Chapel of Winchester College. This was a lifelong connection. Wykeham retained him as architect when he was created Provost of *Wells*, and henceforward he is always found in the annals as Wykeham's chief mason, whenever he is building.



That they built well is attested by such structures as the Norman Gateway and Winchester Cathedral. Edward III, founder of the Most Honourable Order of the Garter, was so pleased with the work at Windsor that he raised Wykeham's salary in 1357 by 1s. a day.

As you all know, Wykeham went on from strength to strength. "From 1363 to 1376, first as Keeper of the Privy Seal (i.e., Secretary to the King) and later as Chancellor, he was virtually head of the administration of the country, receiving in reward numerous ecclesiastical livings, and eventually (1367) the See of Winchester, the richest benefice in the kingdom, as the Chancellorship was the most lucrative lay office. He had been educated himself at the Great Grammar School at Winchester, at the expense of an unknown patron, probably Sir Ralph Sutton, who heads the list of benefactors for whom the members of his foundations are enjoined always to pray.

"Wykeham was a generous patron of learning and endowed on a grand scale a college (now *New College*) at Oxford (1379), and a Grammar School to feed it at Winchester (1382), which is regarded as containing the germ of the public school system." Indeed, his example was followed not very long after by the saintly Henry IV, who, as a boy of eighteen years, founded, in 1440, King's College, Cambridge, and, to feed it, Eton College. Eton's first headmaster was William Waynflete, who had been Master of Winchester for eleven years when Henry induced him to resign his headship and open "The King's College of Our Lady of Eton beside Windsor," bringing with him five Fellows of Winchester College and 35 scholars.

I am wondering whether it is by chance or of set purpose that you are still referring to your last acquisition as the *New House*?

And now, 600 years later, they are building again at Windsor Castle for another monarch of King Edward's line. Some of you, who were here, saw the high scaffolding up along the Victoria Tower on the East Terrace, whilst the alterations were under weigh, that converted it into a modern "flat" for the Royal Family. The Tower has now a reasonably small, well equipped kitchen below for the Queen's French chef, in which she herself can make a cake if she feels so inclined, living rooms above, and the children's nurseries above that—the sort of house a normal family could enjoy living in, instead of that magnificent great suite of private apartments with its Green, and White, and Crimson, Drawing Rooms and its priceless treasures of paintings and works of art.

Old age drove Queen Victoria to confine her activities largely to this remote corner of the Castle. A common-sense recognition of the vital importance of a happy, normal family life for development of healthy children, has induced the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to do likewise. The new front entrance opens no



longer into the Quadrangle of the Upper Bailey, where every exit and entrance could be observed by all and sundry, but into the Home Park, which is not open to the public. Windsor Great Park's 1,800 acres should guarantee that Prince Charles and Princess Anne can grow up here with the possibility of that modicum of privacy that any child needs if it is to develop a stable and well integrated personality, capable of meeting the crises of life with equanimity, and of inspiring confidence in others.

I am afraid I am notorious for the length of my Magazine letters, so I must not write more now, even upon such a favourite theme!

My very best wishes to you all, and again heartiest congratulations on your achievements in this memorable Golden Jubilee Year.

With much love as always,

Your affectionate ex-School-Mother,

DORIS E. MELLOR.

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### AN OLD GIRL'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE WYKEHAM GOLDEN JUBILEE

It was a lucky day for me when I decided to alter my return passage from Natal to a later date in order to be at the Wykeham Golden Jubilee.

Because, as with everything else, no description can in any way compensate for the actual personal experience, and this one was quite unforgettable.

The last time I'd been at a Wykeham function was at the 1929 Wykeham Dance, when we were on our way to Ceylon. I remember so vividly Miss Moore being there, just as loving and vital, and full of interest and humour as ever. Since my marriage in 1921 I've not lived in South Africa, although I've been back to see my people on six different occasions, and so I approached this week-end with a kind of once-in-a-lifetime feeling.

Friday afternoon, 6th May, the Maritzburg City Hall was a scene of the highest activity, all the different stalls being decorated and arranged, and it is difficult to estimate the enormous amount of work which was contributed by many different people to make a success of such an undertaking. There were about a dozen stalls manned by an unknown number of people, and I've never seen a bazaar so well arranged or the whole looking more attractive.

The Fete was opened on Saturday morning by Mrs. D. G. Shepstone, wife of the Administrator of Natal, who paid tribute to the work of private schools in Natal.



As I was Madam Zodiac, the palmist, I saw little of the morning's activities, being closetted in a curtained alcove in suitable gypsy costume, poring over the lines on the hands of most of "present" Wykeham, who queued up in order to know the future. How I enjoyed meeting all that eager, innocent youth, and I wished I could hand each one a talisman to bring her good fortune.

The Fete was an outstanding success, and I think everyone was astonished and delighted at the grand total.

Blythe and I went to the Cinderella Party at the school in the evening, and before I knew where I was Miss Ball had inveigled me into helping Mrs. van der Poel and Mrs. Griffin (members of the very enthusiastic and alive Durban W.O.G. Branch) to judge the Fancy Dress Parade. How excellent the costumes were, and how difficult our task!

Then the Senior Girls came in looking so attractive in their ballerina evening frocks and dancing with *real partners*! I thoroughly approved of this innovation and wished it had been in force in my school days.

We could hardly tear ourselves away, but the Country Club was the next port of call, and although my dancing days are over, we enjoyed watching and being in the general feeling of jollity, exhilaration and celebration.

### **Sunday morning, 8th May:**

I'd never been in St. George's Church since I left Wykeham and it was extraordinary. The backs of the girls in front of me looking just exactly like the backs of the girls 40 years ago, till you almost felt that you were still there in 1911, and yet conscious in a way (as we are told in drowning) of your whole life, with all its joys and sorrows, in an embracing moment. As we prayed for our founder, Mary Moore, there was a wonderful feeling of great unity that we all belonged to each other and the universe in a deeper way than it is possible to describe.

I feel that no Old Girl should deprive herself of the privilege of going to Corporate Holy Communion. I'd never before seen girls reading the lessons or taking the offertory and it seemed to make the service a family affair, and very intimate.

### **Breakfast at Wykeham**

What a hubbub! The difficulty in trying to follow about half a dozen different conversations at the same time, the enjoyment of an excellent breakfast, the feeling of nostalgia made it quite a unique experience. At my table, amongst others, was Tony Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Seekings), who used to have the bed next to me in the dormitory, and Jane, her sister, who was head girl in my day. Jane claimed that she was already a boarder the day before Wykeham started! Amongst other things Jane pronounced, "I'm



getting old (her youthful appearance making this sound ridiculous), nearly all my contemporaries are dead." When challenged, and various living ones mentioned, unabashed she flashed back, "Well, they're not here on this great day and so they are as good as dead!"

After breakfast, photographs were taken by the Press, who gave the Jubilee great publicity, then the W.O.G. Annual Meeting took place, presided over most graciously by Amy Young.

All kinds of business was discussed. Mr. Kenneth Pennington gave a talk, pointing out that though there were jubilations about the Fete, the future was still full of problems, but it was felt that as soon as the first section of the imposing new building is completed, and the old "Wykeham House" demolished, there is likely to be a steady increase in the number of pupils.

Amy Young was unable to stand again as President of the Old Girls' Association, and Lorna Hime was elected unanimously.

With our morning cup of tea we all enjoyed a piece of the huge and delicious Wykeham birthday cake, and drank and ate to the School's health!

The gist of my message of every Old Girl is, do not miss attending the next Wykeham birthday, because there you will taste your youth again, and enjoy all kinds of subtle joys.

The Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter's in the afternoon, with the whole School, most of the Old Girls and, what I specially noticed with great pleasure, the non-white Staff of Wykeham there, was exactly the right note on which to close this memorable week-end.

Again we gave thanks to God Almighty for all His mercies and "For the wisdom and generous counsels of our Founder, Mary Moore, and her successors."

SYLVIA BATTCOCK.

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**WYKEHAM JUBILEE THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, 8th MAY, 1955, 2.45 p.m.**

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransom'd, heal'd, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us, Well our feeble frame He  
knows;

In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;  
Saints triumphant, bow before Him, Gathered in from every race;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.



**Let us pray:** We are gathered here in the sight of God, and in fellowship with one another, compassed about by a cloud of unseen witnesses, to give thanks to God for the manifold blessings He has vouchsafed unto this school. But first let us confess before Him our sins and our shortcomings.

**Together:** Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed; we have not loved Thee with all our heart, nor our neighbour as ourselves. We beseech Thee, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Thy mercy to direct what we shall be, so that the love of goodness may ever be first in our hearts, and we may follow to the end in the steps of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**AND NOW LET US GIVE THANKS TO GOD ALMIGHTY  
FOR ALL HIS MERCIES.**

For the wisdom and generous counsels of our Founder, Mary Moore, and her successors, may God's holy Name be praised.

For the guidance and help so freely given by the Trustees of this school, may God's holy Name be praised.

For the devoted service of those who have taught in this school, for their wise teaching, their understanding hearts, and their abiding influence, may God's holy Name be praised.

For the loyalty of Africans and Indians who have given faithful service to this school, may God's holy Name be praised.

For the happy comradeship and abiding friendships which had here their beginning, may God's holy Name be praised.

For those who have gone forth from here to serve God and work in the service of mankind; for those who as wives and mothers have created homes in which happiness and the love of God abound, may God's holy Name be praised. Amen.

**Together:** Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

**Let us pray:** O God, the giver of all good gifts, Who didst put into the heart of our founder, Mary Moore, the will to care for Thy children, we yield Thee hearty thanks for all the blessings that Thou hast bestowed upon us through all Thy servants who in times past have laboured for the good of this school. Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that we, beholding their good works, may by the truthfulness of our speech, by the loyalty of our work, and by the sincerity of our lives, show forth our thankfulness for these Thy mercies, and by Thy grace leave a goodly heritage for those that shall come after us; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## The Lord's Prayer.

**Lesson:** Phil. IV: 4-9.

**Anthem:** "Except the Lord Build the House."

**Short Address** by Canon A. F. Mylne.

**Let us pray:** O Almighty God, bless with Thy wisdom the Trustees of this school, and grant that they may direct all according to Thy will, and use the gifts bestowed upon this school to Thy honour and glory and to the good of Thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our Father, we beseech Thee to shield with the protection of Thine everlasting love all those who in days past have worshipped in this place; and we humbly pray that, by Thy grace, they may ever so order their lives as to be worthy of their heritage. We ask this for Christ's sake. Amen.

### Hymn:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation;  
And all ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy heart's wishes have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do, if to the end He befriend thee.

**School Prayer:** O God, by Whose manifold grace all things work together for good to them that love Thee, stablish, we pray Thee, the thing that Thou hast wrought in us and make this school as a field which the Lord hath blessed; that whatsoever things are true, pure, lovely, and of good report, may here forever flourish and abound. Preserve in it an unblemished name, enlarge it with a wider usefulness, and exalt it in the love and reverence of all its members as an instrument of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices;  
 Who from our mother's arms hath bless'd us on our way  
 With countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplex'd  
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,  
 The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven,  
 The One Eternal God, Whom earth and Heaven adore,  
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**Blessing** by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Natal.

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**FIFTY YEARS OF WYKEHAM**

It was on the 26th April, 1905, that Wykeham opened its doors at "The Gables," the double-storeyed house at the corner of Loop and Fleming Streets which is now the home of Constance Giles (Mrs. Turner). In Miss Moore's own words, "With much faith and very little money the school was founded."

Her first choice of a name for her school was Essendene, but she finally decided on Wykeham, after William of Wykeham, the great English ecclesiastic of the 14th Century who founded Winchester College for boys in 1384, because she had the same ideals in mind for her school as did this famous English educationist. Especially she liked the Winchester motto, "Manners Makyth Manne"; and so we Wykeham girls came to share with Old Wykehamists of many generations the glorious traditions and ideals embodied in the name, the school badge and the school motto, all of which were borrowed from Winchester and its famous Bishop. And we may perhaps hope, too, that we have achieved something of what I read of in a book the other day, "Winchester's own particular mark of scholarship and manners."

The first 20 pupils included 19 girls and one boy. The ten boarders were Avice Bennett, Margaret, Florence and Dorothy Green, Mabel and Ida Herbert, Pauline Howden, Elsie Jones, Dorothy Norgate, and Queenie Young; and the ten day scholars were Ruth and Eunice Brereton, Marjorie and Jeanette Pope-Ellis, Irene Egner, Amy Hathorn, Isabel Holgate, Enid Mudie, Madge Pearse and her little brother Vere. The first successful candidates



in any examinations were Margaret Green and Amy Hathorn, who passed a theory examination in their first year at Wykeham. Miss Britten, who is now Mrs. Mason and is still living in Maritzburg, was the first matron and Miss Alice Langley helped Miss Moore with the teaching. Another of Miss Moore's first assistants was Miss Lawrance, who taught French, and who died in London in February of this year. In August, 1905, Miss Hodges came to join the staff.

Soon the school, now expanding steadily, grew too big for its quarters and overflowed into the old St. Anne's building nearby, while classes were also held in the old St. George's Hall.

Then, in February, 1907, Miss Moore moved the school to the larger premises she had acquired at the corner of Loop and West Streets, into the buildings which came to be known to Wykehamites as Top House and Bottom House. Both these houses had seen gay days and nights, for each had been an officers' mess for the use of Imperial Army officers stationed with the 7th Hussars, the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, the 9th Lancers and the Royal Engineers at Fort Napier. My aunt, Miss Kate Fannin, now living in London, told me in a recent letter that she well remembers when she was a pupil at old St. Anne's, how the girls sleeping in the North dormitory used to enjoy listening to the band playing in the old Top House on Mess Nights and how they used to leap out of bed and stand to attention when the evening's jollification ended with the playing of "God Save the Queen." The Top House, I believe, was used by officers of the Royal Engineers, but immediately before it became part of Wykeham it had been a private house occupied by a Mrs. McDonald. Bottom House had been an officers' mess, too, and the band of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers used to play on the lawn where the tennis court now is; but in 1906 it also was a private home known as "The Cedars," the property of Daniel Burton Scott (the founder of the famous old Scott's Theatre), who also owned the Top House. Mr. Pembroke, husband of Dorothy Marwick, very kindly did some research for me in the Deeds Office and gave me this information :

The land from Loop Street to Burger Street which Miss Moore bought in 1906 was first granted by the Government to Wynand Wilhelm Maree on the 8th June, 1846. He sold it to James O'Brien on the 8th October, 1850. Daniel Burton Scott bought half of it on the 21st July, 1851, and the other half on the 17th January, 1856. Mr. Scott kept the property for 50 years and sold it to Miss Moore on the 5th October, 1906.

The years from 1907 to 1911 were years of consolidation and steady growth. With the school well on its feet now there was time to consider such things as school colours and uniform, for instance. The now famous Wykeham hats were introduced in about 1909 and just before or about the same time, the charming navy and white Paisley silk scarves that trimmed the hats for



Sundays were introduced. The hat, at this time, of course, was the fine cream straw that some of us can remember. The school hatband as it is to-day was already in use at this time. Originally, Miss Moore had wanted the hatband to be in the order, navy blue, white, navy blue, because she felt that with the white on the outer side of the blue the band would show the dirt much more; but other schools had colours that would have been confused with Wykeham's, so she had to make hers white, blue, white. There was no special uniform in those days, but girls could wear only navy blue and white, with white dresses for Sundays. The usual everyday dress was a navy blue pleated skirt with a white shirt blouse. The Wykeham brooches were introduced at about the same time as the blue hats and Dorothy Marwick (Mrs. Pembroke) as head girl at the time, received one of the very first brooches. She is still wearing it. It is somewhat smaller than the one that most of us are familiar with.

In 1910 the Little Hall which we all know so well, was built with money lent to Miss Moore by the late Mr. T. M. Mackenzie, after whom Mackenzie House was named. The more elaborate of two plans drawn up was chosen, because Miss Moore wanted something good and substantial for her first school hall.

Surviving Wykeham Old Girls of each year or period since 1905 have their own memories of Wykeham's history; but here at least are some names of staff members that must be a reminder of schooldays to many of you. For instance, do you remember Miss Crichton-Higgs, and Miss Hutchinson, or Miss Stevenson (Stevie)? Miss Hastings, of course, many of you will remember, and Miss Visick and Miss May Mitchell will not have been forgotten by the musical among you. Then there was Miss Wright who died in Durban a few months ago. Other names, not necessarily in their correct chronological order, are Miss Schmidt, Miss Ackerman, Mrs. Molesworth, Miss Scott, Mrs. Gilson, Miss Horwell, Miss Knight, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Chadwick, Miss Rhind, Miss Beale, Miss "Biddy" Hurst, Miss Muir, Miss Merrifield. A special mention, of course, must be made of "Abby," Miss Abbott Smith.

It was in 1920 that Miss Moore retired and Wykeham passed into the ownership of Miss Hodges, the actual date of the transfer as recorded in the Deeds office being the 23rd February, 1920. To bring the school's history up-to-date, it is only necessary to add that in 1937 the Natal Provincial Administration admitted it to the status of a Government-aided school, and in 1944 the Wykeham School Society was founded to buy out the private interest and to set the school up as a public school foundation under a Board of Trustees.

After Miss Hodges' death in 1930, Miss Mellor served it faithfully as Headmistress for 20 years, and she was succeeded in



1950 by Miss Clark. Miss Ball, who is doing so much for the school now, took over from Miss Clark in 1953.

The Wykeham Old Girls' Association was formed on the 11th April, 1916, the year in which the first Magazine was published. Membership fee was 3s. 6d. a year, which included one copy of the magazine. Miss Moore was the first President, the first Secretary and Treasurer was K. Jameson, the Magazine Editors were A. Miller and J. Pope Ellis, the collector of Old Girls' news was I. Herbert, and J. Black, M. Macarthur and A. Pope Ellis, as representatives of the present girls, were responsible for sports notes. The first Wykeham Magazine came out in June, 1916, and present girls could buy it for 1s. 6d. per copy. Margaret Lister was the "humorous Editor," and Aline Miller took over the secretarial work of the Magazine. At the same time an Old Girls' monthly tennis afternoon at Wykeham was inaugurated and the first one was held on the 3rd June, 1916. In April, 1917, the Old Girls put on their first entertainment, a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience," with Ivy Taylor in the title role. This formed part of the 1917 birthday celebrations.

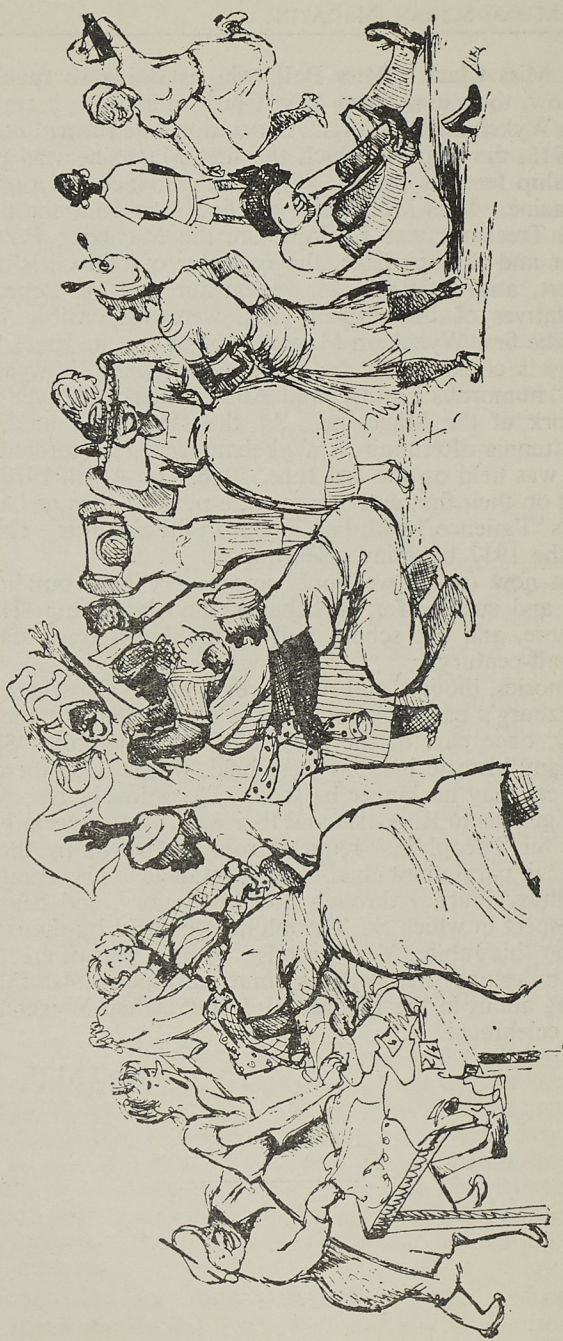
Soon now (or so we hope, since every new building means progress and success for Wykeham), the old Bottom House will be no more, and our school will be making a fresh start in her second half-century.

Memories, though, will still hover over the site where so much of Maritzburg's early history rests. The ground at the back of Waverley, once part of the garden of Sir Theophilus Shepstone, where many historic indabas were held, will still be there, though its old trees may no longer be seen. These lovely trees were said to be indigenous to Rhodesia and their seeds were specially brought down at Sir Theophilus' request from Bulawayo by the indunas of Msiligazi, paramount chief of the Matabele. This errand entailed a six months' journey through hostile territory, and bears witness to the respect in which Sir Theophilus was held by the Natives.

So far this Jubilee Year promises to be a year of great achievement, a milestone that perhaps someone much abler than I will be writing about in the Magazine of 2005, when Wykeham's Centenary is celebrated.

NATALIE JUUL.

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## FETE FEVER

One day when I was still very young, in the autumn of 1952 I think it was, I was sitting on the doorpost of my favourite haunt, The Little Hall, cleaning my pretty little wings and massaging my back legs. It had been a pleasant summer and I congratulated myself on selecting such a good spot to live in, for there was often illicit food about at unauthorised times of the day, and as a result of this I was plump and undisturbed by the horrible sprays that I was told were used in the kitchen.

I was thinking of the approaching winter, my first, but for the reasons already mentioned I was complacent and unworried. Then to my delight some Old Girls came in. These were always special occasions and I wasted no time in following them in. I took up my position at the head table where the tea is always laid, and prepared to wait.

The Old Girl in charge opened a book and thumbed back the pages a long way. It had not been opened so far back for a long time, 1905 I noticed, and then, being interested in such matters, I saw a lot of germs fly out of this page. They were vigorous little fellows and soon spread themselves around without any assistance from me. Apart from a very slight shudder as of a ghost passing over the company the girls were not then conscious of the fever that would develop and take possession of their lives and from which there would be no relief for months to come.

On this particular lovely afternoon they were only vaguely conscious of something impending and the infection did not immediately disrupt the tranquil serenity of their daily round. The victims continued on their way oblivious of the hard work, grind, toil, headaches, backaches, sleepless nights, committee meetings, fun and laughter which was the road they trod for many months and which ultimately led them to success and achievement.

The first attack of the fever came in the form of a cake sale, followed by many, many more, the temperature rising with each attack. The Girls became quite famous for their cooking and supplemented these with a plant section. All were voted a tremendous success.

The Annual Dance was revived in 1952 and repeated in '54 and '55; these were successes financially as well as socially and much written about in the papers. And then the good 'old Jumble Sales! These are best described by my sketch from a vantage point.

The school got busy with its plays, which were now of a very high standard. Silver collections were taken. The districts organised pantry shelf sales and generally there was no end to the ingenious ideas that were put into action. There was not a dull moment in their lives and it took me all my time to keep up with



what was going on, yet all these were as flea bites compared with the great effort that the Girls were being trained and schooled for.

The Great Day was fixed for May 7th and the City Hall booked. Now the fever was at its height. Sewing Bees were organised, committees, sub-committees, stall-holders and helpers, knitters and sewers, until one needed a "Who's Who" to remember what was done where, and who was who. Some of them became so harassed that they were never seen without a pencil in hand. On the phone I would hear this kind of thing:—

"Please tell me what you eventually decided to do about the What-Not Stall."

"My dear, just wait a minute. I remembered that in my bath this morning and wrote it on the wall. I'll go and see."

Silence while she rushed to the bathroom, but it was not amongst the notes there; then she looked at the jottings on the breakfast cloth, then remembered the wall over the sink—

"Sorry I have been so long, old thing, but I found it over the kitchen sink."

Or,

"Hullo, old girl, could you do something for me?"

"My dear, I really don't think I can. My head is in a whirl, and what with flowers arriving here for the dance *and* for the Fete, there isn't an inch to spare in my flat—the bath is packed with them and I haven't had a bath for two days. I was wondering if you could make a child's frock with the material that has just been handed to me?"

"Sorry, my dear, I haven't a minute—I'm behind schedule as it is. Ask So-and-So, I think she could oblige."

"No, she's no good—she is an expert on chutney making and is being inundated with tree tomatoes from the Town Hill—says she has never known such a prolific tree and threatens to go up one night and 'lay an axe to the roots thereof.'"

And then on Friday night—it seemed that my poor dears had barely drawn their weary feet into bed when they were fitting them back into their shoes again in the first glimmerings of dawn on Saturday.

They were all at the City Hall early, looking wonderfully fresh and outwardly showing no signs of strain. Then the fun began and the money started to roll in. Most of those affected with the fever germs were an impecunious lot and took particular delight in devising ways and means of persuading others more fortunate to part with their money for their Golden Fund, and there were some brilliant feats of salesmanship.

And certainly there was a lot to buy. Even I, air-borne, could not get round to see it all.



The guinea pigs at 1s. each, or two for 1s. 11d., and white mice at 6d. or two for 11d., were a great attraction to the small people who gazed at them wistfully until hurried away by parents or teachers.

In spite of the reduction in price some remained unsold and the feelings of an O.G. were deep when she was asked to take care of the remainder over the week-end, but apart from some labial movement nothing was seen or heard — remarkable self-control I thought. One way and another, she had had a good deal of trouble over these things and got the fright of her life when a prominent officer of the law strode in and asked to be shown the poultry stall.

With guinea pigs and mice heavy on her conscience and forebodings of trouble over health regulations on the subject of live-stock in the City Hall, she protested that there was no poultry.

“What, no poultry?”

“Oh no! Definitely not.”

“Most unusual,” said the Arm of the Law,” “I thought all fetes sold poultry.”

“Do you mean *live* poultry?” asked the O.G. cautiously.

“Good gracious, no,” answered the Law. “I promised the wife I would bring home a dressed fowl for to-morrow’s dinner, and she *will* be disappointed.”

The relief on the Old Girl’s face was a pretty sight to see as she quickly accommodated her customer with a nice fat chicken.

And so the week-end went on, details of which I see are being written by girls of all ages for the Magazine. When it was all over they realised how tired they were, but how satisfied. At the service on Sunday afternoon they gratefully gave thanks for a result that they had not dared to hope for; for the abiding friendships that had been put to the test and had stood the strain as they had teamed up and worked together as never before.

A job had been well done.

“FLY-ON-THE-WALL.”

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### LET US TAKE A LOOK AT SPINSTERS

In choosing this subject, my innate modesty does battle with my natural desire to champion a good cause. It may not be thought fitting for me to take up the cudgels for a section of the community to which I belong. However, who but a spinster will speak for spinsters?

Every other section of the community receives some protection or recognition. Widows and orphans get a wealth of sympathy from all and sundry, and funds are raised for their maintenance. Mothers have a special day, with gifts from adoring children. Even Papa gets a day to himself. We have societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals; the Golden Age preaches against vivisection; there are even dogs' and cats' homes. But who ever heard of a society for the prevention of discrimination against spinsters or a fund to help this noble band of women, who battle through life with no one to carry the luggage, or lock the garage door, or who cares even if they get their feet wet?

Far from receiving well-merited protection, a spinster has the dice loaded against her. She is not permitted any foible or eccentricity and even normal behaviour is suspect. If she dresses well, "she is looking for a husband." If she dresses badly, "she is a disgrace to womanhood." If she is kind to animals, "it's frustrated motherhood." If she does not like animals, "you can't expect anything else from a sour old maid."

It is time that spinsters received the appreciation they deserve, for I put it to you that they are the salt of the earth. It is not necessary to point to the famous spinsters of the past, such as Florence Nightingale, the Bronte sisters, Jane Austen or Charlotte Corday, for there are spinster heroines in every community.

Having renounced the world, the flesh and the devil, they live selfless lives, paying Income Tax at a rate that would cripple the average married man. They usually cherish a parent or relative and are often godmothers to numbers of nieces and nephews. This godmotherhood involves them in stupendous expenditure of time and money. But there is more to come.

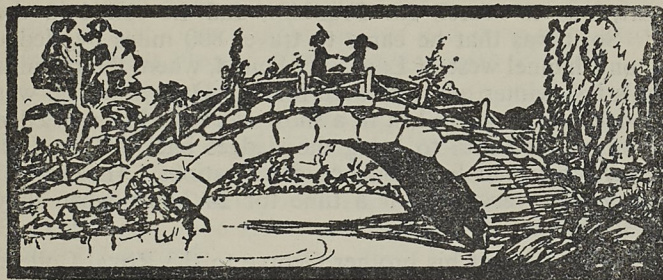
In these days we are constantly being warned that the world population is increasing at such a rate that in the foreseeable future the human race will perish from starvation. The only hope for humanity is to limit natural increase. *Spinsters do not increase the population* and thus they are postponing the hour of our doom.

And finally a fact has emerged which places spinsters in the category of martyrs. Recently I came across some mortality statistics which revealed the fact that married women live longer than spinsters. In other words, our spinsterdom is killing us and we are dying that others might live!

In the light of the foregoing, please take another look at spinsters.

BLYTHE CLARK.





### MY PEOPLE WERE PIONEERS

*"But thy life will I give unto thee as a prey  
in all places whither thou goest."*

—Jeremiah 45, v. 5.

These words are carved into the granite gravestone of Peter Cormac Sutherland, my grandfather, the text being of his own choosing. Did he believe he had permission to hold his life lightly and to risk it in all countries?

Born in Scotland in 1822 he was the son of a doctor who in 1830 emigrated to Nova Scotia. In 1841 the doctor realising the necessity for education decided to take his family back to Scotland. Their ship was wrecked and only Peter Cormac, aged 19, and William George, the youngest, aged 10, were saved. They were all but penniless; but, because of his father and what his father had taught him, Peter Cormac was admitted to the Medical School of King's College, Aberdeen University, in 1843. He managed to do his own work, and by teaching those who knew less than he did, he earned enough money to keep and clothe himself and his young brother. He accepted during one vacation the offer of a paid job aboard a steamer bound for the West Coast of Africa, where he all but died of fever. By writing articles on the uses of guano he earned distinction as well as cash. At a later date for three vacations he signed on as surgeon to a whaling fleet, and there learnt something of navigation. He risked that life of his now often enough since his work as surgeon meant transferring to any whaler that signalled its need. Was it at this period of difficult and dangerous high-sea service that he applied to himself the words, "Your life you may use as a prey; I give it to you freely"? Already he had survived the trans-Atlantic shipwreck; the deadly West African fever; and the constant transshipment from boat to boat with no thought or care for his own life or limb; he was not yet 23 years of age.

In 1850, as volunteer medical officer, natural history observer and geologist, he joined the expedition which, under Captains Penny



and Stewart, was to search for Franklin, and he sailed in the "Sophia." So it was that he came to travel 800 miles by sledge in Wellington Channel west of Lancaster Sound, where the remains of Franklin's last winter quarters were found. Once when he was with the sledges the way was lost in a snow storm. His knowledge of navigation enabled him to bring the sledges back to his ship. For three days they had lived on one day's rations. He ordered that all should eat very little at a time for 24 hours when they arrived on the ship.

In 1850-1851 he sent his brother George to the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh.

In 1851 he was off again with Captain Inglefield, R.N., to explore Baffin's Bay, Jones' Sound and Lancaster Sound. Dredging at 200 fathoms they discovered marine fauna which Professors Edwards, Forbes, Huxley and Miller acclaimed as proving that Terebratulla existed in the Arctic Seas and not only in Temperate Zones. Dr. Sutherland was called on to lecture before the Royal Society of London on "The Salinity of the Atlantic"; before the Royal Geographical Society on "The Geology of Greenland"; and before the Ethnological Society on "The Esquimaux." He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and also of the Ethnographical Society. Three times the Arctic had called him.

Then in July, 1853, at the age of 31 he sailed in the "Ambassador" to South Africa, arriving at Algoa Bay, and continuing his voyage to Port Natal in the "Sir Robert Peel," where he arrived on 12th November, 1853. At first he was appointed doctor to the American Mission, but the Government requested his services for Geological Survey, and in 1856 he was appointed Surveyor-General and thus became a member of the Executive and Legislative Council.

In 1857 he accompanied Sir J. Scott, Lieutenant-Governor, and Sir Theophilus Shepstone, Head of Native Affairs, to fix the boundary between the Transvaal Republic and Natal. Again, later as Commissioner for Natal, he surveyed with Sir Walter Currie of the Cape, the boundary between the Cape Colony and Natal.

He was also the first Medical Officer of the Natal Carbineers, which had been founded in 1855.

Meanwhile, alone and unarmed, he continued his survey to make the map of Natal. Up over the mountains, down in the valleys, oblivious of discomfort, he walked or rode his grey horse, completely alone for weeks, living on what food he could buy from the natives, plotting and measuring his points. He never carried or used a gun, and he entirely abstained from alcohol.

In 1857 the Doctor married Rebecca Urquhart Leask, and built a comfortable house called "The Gables" in Chapel Street, Pietermaritzburg.



In 1859 news came which rewarded him for his years of care and toil. His brother George had been appointed Surgeon-General to the Fleet of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.

At the birth of his second child his wife died. Later he married a second time, Miss Jane Garden Blaikie, sister of his very great friend. He built another home by the river and called it "Garden's Cliff." "Jane Garden" accompanied him on his surveys in the Underberg District, and one mountain he named after her, Garden Castle. She also accompanied him when he surveyed the town of Newcastle.

Like his father, Dr. Sutherland considered education as of the greatest importance and all his children were sent back to Europe to school.

Many are the tales told of Dr. Sutherland in the scattered places and lonely farms. Once when all the country was under flood, a man, who feared for his wife's life, and knowing that Dr. Sutherland was surveying in the district, sent asking for his help. Dr. Sutherland set off without delay and in the dark crossed seven flooded rivers, arriving in time to save his friend's wife and baby. A beautifully carved pear-wood bread-platter bears witness to weeks of devoted nursing of a lonely prospector. The natives had found the man apparently dying in some inaccessible spot and fetched the Doctor to see him. It was years afterwards that the patient brought his gift of appreciation and told the family what had happened.

In the Drakensberg under Champagne Castle there lived an old native who told of how the "little doctor" had walked for a day and part of a night to set his leg, which had been broken. In the same district the natives told of how the "little doctor" had vaccinated them all against small-pox. He is recorded to have vaccinated 1,100 in one day.

Wherever he went his eyes were open, his heart sympathetic and his mind receptive. He found new species of plants, and as opportunity offered forwarded specimens to Kew Gardens, where many were named after him. Geologically he discovered that the Dwyka Conglomerate formation of South Africa was of glacial origin and that this land, now so hot and dry, was once under a mass of ice and snow. His map of Natal was exhibited at both British and French exhibitions of 1862 and 1867, and for this work he was presented with special medals.

In medicine also he was an alert pioneer. When his friend Herbert Rhodes reported that his brother Cecil had consumption, it was Dr. Sutherland who urged that the boy should come out to the warm dry climate of South Africa, and later when the elder brother forbade Cecil to rush off to the Kimberley diggings, it was the Doctor who said, "Open air life and a dry climate will be the



making of him." So off went Cecil Rhodes and all his first savings at Kimberley were sent back for the Doctor to hold and invest on his behalf.

He imported and planted New Zealand flax with Herbert Rhodes, and later they experimented with cotton. He also imported trout for the rivers of Natal, having persuaded the captain of a ship to bring out tanks of trout.

He was chairman of the Natal Medical Board, treasurer to the Legislative Council, and he had a seat on the Council of Education. He was one of the founders of the Botanical Society, and he was president of the Natal Society, and he was mainly responsible for the building of St. George's Church.

Darwin, Plimsol, Wolseley and Rhodes were his friends.

Whilst he was President of the Agricultural Society, in its earliest days, he advocated good cultivation, good irrigation, good fencing and good roads. Once the alteration of eight miles of road at Inchanga was postponed because the estimated cost was £15,000. He went to the spot himself and under his direction the entire improvements were completed at the cost of £1,500.

What is a pioneer? Webster says: "One who goes before as into the wilderness preparing the way for others. Pioneers of civilisation. Pioneers of reform," etc. Thus there can be pioneers to-day, to-morrow or a hundred years ago. An invader need not be a pioneer. An explorer usually does prepare the way for others. Dr. Sutherland appears to have pioneered in every possible way.

R. J. P. FINCKEN

(Granddaughter).

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF MY AIR TRAVELS

On my air flight overseas I found the trip over Kenya the most interesting.

From the air Kenya appeared to be a lovely country. We flew over well-wooded hills, lovely fertile farms, and numerous crystal clear lakes nestling in the Great African Rift Valley. The plane passed very close to the Aberdare Mountains and we could see snow-capped Mounts Kenya and Elgon in the distance. The farms in the highlands are beautifully situated overlooking the Rift Valley, or on the slopes of the Aberdares. They appeared to be most productive and fertile, and well contoured.

We touched down at Juba, a river port on the banks of the Nile. The reception centre was a reed hut with a sandy floor. The officials were Sudanese who scrutinised our yellow fever cer-



tificates, and sprayed us before we left the plane. The countryside from Juba to Khartoum was dry and featureless, but we were interested to see the masses of floating vegetation called Sudd, which blocks the course of the Nile.

After a short stop at Khartoum with its modern international airport, we proceeded to Wadi Halfa where, owing to engine trouble, we were delayed for three days.

On our way to the Nile Hotel we passed villages of sun-baked mud houses with thick walls and flat roofs. The women in their long flowing black robes, and the men riding camels and donkeys fascinated us.

In the East, the donkey is certainly a beast of burden. All those we saw were overloaded with passengers and heavy sacks.

The irrigated fields and the gardens of the Nile Hotel, where Kitchener had his headquarters in World War I, were a great contrast to the desert nearby. The heat was intense, and after the hot drive through the desert it was a great relief to pass through the shady tree-lined avenue and view the fresh green lawns and date palms. It was sunset, and the gardeners were busy bowing towards the East with arms outstretched on the ground.

We had the wonderful experience of sailing up the Nile. The river was in flood, and men were busy building a wall of sandbags to prevent the flood waters from rushing into the hotel. A Sudanese named Abdul navigated the boat. We passed numerous primitive types of irrigation such as the Sagyar, a water wheel worked by buffaloes, and the Shaduf, consisting of a bucket attached to a long pole which is dipped in the Nile and then swung round and tipped into an irrigation furrow. It appeared to be a very slow method, as it required three men to work it, with very little result.

We were taken to a Pharaoh's temple which is famous for the Egyptian lettering and figures in relief, but, unfortunately, Abdum, the caretaker was away, and we were unable to enter. This trip up the Nile was particularly delightful as it was shortly after sunset, and the brilliant colours of the sky were reflected in the water.

Our trip to Wadi Halfa village in a very ancient car was most entertaining. The driver kept his hand on the hooter while driving through the narrow streets lined with colourful bazaars, and filled with humanity and overburdened donkeys. The pedestrians had to jump clear of the oncoming vehicle, and every few minutes the driver leaned out of the window and assisted a donkey on its way!! There was much activity in the streets, but very little work seemed to be done. Men were busy playing cards, gambling, cutting hair, or lazing in the shadow of the buildings, as the heat in the sun was overpowering. Women were conspicuous by their absence. The narrow streets with the painted woodwork of the buildings in pastel shades of green, blue and orange,



and the minarets, were excellent subjects for colour photography. Many buildings lined the water's edge, and men sat on low walls watching the sailing vessels. Life in Wadi Halfa village doesn't appear to have changed very much since Biblical times.

We visited the Museum and saw relics of the Battle of Omdurman, such as chain mail worn by the Sudanese in battle, and armour worn by horses. There were some exquisite exhibits of pottery and beadwork, some of which were 2,000 years old. The museum is sadly neglected and is rapidly falling into disrepair now that the British have left the Sudan. On our way back to the hotel we drove along the railway line, which winds its way through the town, and appears to be a highway for all, and a place where Sudanese sit comfortably on the sleepers and converse! A boy usually stands on a platform in front of the engine so that he can push donkeys out of the way. A more favourite method of transport, however, is the paddle steamer which we were able to view from the hotel as it passed.

### **Venice**

Venice is a city I shall always remember for its dream-like beauty. The houses appear to rise from the canals and overlook the water, creating some lovely reflections. Our first evening there we spent in a gondola travelling down the Grand Canal in a procession of gondolas illuminated by brightly coloured Chinese lanterns. In the centre of this procession a large gondola carried a group of opera singers, who sang excerpts from Italian operas, while the gondoliers joined in the chorus. It was an unforgettable experience. As we travelled slowly along the canal our gondolier pointed out the houses where Robert Browning and Lord Byron lived. Many of the attractively decorated facades were illuminated, and in the soft artificial light the pastel colours appeared more beautiful than in the daylight. As the windows of many houses were open, we were able to obtain a wonderful view of the magnificent reception rooms with their stuccoed ceilings, Venetian glass chandeliers, and alfrescoes.

During the day we visited the Doge's Palace, which is a masterpiece of architectural beauty, with its walls of pink and white marble, and ornate archways. In this lovely building we viewed many art treasures by Tintoretto, Zuccaro, and Bassano. Equally imposing is St. Mark's Church, built in a Byzantine style of architecture. This church contains some of the richest mosaics in the world, consisting largely of 24-carat gold pieces, and brightly coloured marbles. The general effect was extremely colourful.

### **Amsterdam**

In November I flew to Amsterdam by the K.L.M. moonlight service, which enabled me to obtain a spectacular view of the city at night. The reflections of the lights in the numerous canals made it look like an immense fairyland. It was a magnificent



and unforgettable sight. In the morning I went on a tour of the canals in the same motor-boat that had taken Princess Margaret on a tour of the city. This tour was an excellent introduction to Amsterdam, a lovely, clean city, with delightful tree-lined canals, and attractive gabled frontages to the buildings lining the canals. The colour effects and reflections of the trees in their autumn tints, I am sure, are unequalled anywhere. The guide on this tour was a student who was fluent in five languages. He was trying to earn a little money to help him through University.

In Amsterdam I was entertained and shown around by a charming Dutch woman, who had been imprisoned by the Germans for six weeks during the war. During my stay in Holland I came in close proximity with the Dutch. They are pleasant, cheerful, industrious people, with such good manners. Like the British, they adore their Royal Family, and I was able to witness their great loyalty when I had the good fortune to see Queen Juliana driving in state during the visit of Haile Selassie. They drove in an open carriage so it was possible to obtain an excellent view of the Queen, who has very attractive auburn hair, and a wonderfully serene expression. We saw a magnificent display of riding by the Dutch cavalry, who rode behind the coach. Soon afterwards the entire party appeared on the balcony of the Royal Palace. Haile Selassie, who is very short, was dwarfed by Prince Bernhard. Later I was able to get another excellent view of Haile Selassie when he laid a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

As my hotel was near the Palace, I saw Queen Juliana on a number of occasions, as her departure was always preceded by a display of marching by a band which took up its position in front of the Palace.

So numerous are the joys and wonders, both ancient and modern, that lie in store for one on a trip overseas that they would fill a book, so I have limited this article to but a few of the highlights of my trip.

BETH BEHRMANN.

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### "WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN"

During a lecture in our London hospital I developed the urge to nurse on the Continent and was delighted when my friend shared the idea. With Miss Gwen Buttery's help, plans were soon made for us to go to Copenhagen.

We crossed by boat from Harwich to the Hook of Holland and then took the train to Hamburg, travelling all night through Holland and Germany. Darkness fell all too soon and we just had a glimpse of a windmill or two and got an impression of the flatness of the country.

We were in a compartment for six and how we managed to keep it to ourselves was a miracle! We did not get much sleep, and at six o'clock the following morning we arrived in Hamburg. After six or seven hours there, we travelled another full day to Copenhagen, by which time we were very tired and glad to arrive at the hospital.

The Danes are outstanding for their hospitality and courtesy. Apart from the different work, the first two months at the hospital were naturally very strange for us and we had the language difficulty to overcome. In our attempts to learn it many mistakes were made, causing the Danes much amusement. The Danish words for "chicken" and "old woman" are very similar, and on being asked what was for lunch, I replied in my best Danish that I had eaten "an old woman!"

Copenhagen is really as wonderful as the song describes and as fascinating as a fairy tale. Even if one cannot afford to buy all the things of one's fancy, window shopping is a delight and it is not an uncommon experience to bump into members of the Danish Royal Family informally out shopping.

The Danish food! The varieties are endless that the numerous and picturesque restaurants have to offer. Their famous open sandwiches, which are fast becoming a delicacy in England and elsewhere, number over two hundred varieties and the menus are three feet in length.

One cycles everywhere in Denmark, the flat country assisting the cyclist in quick and easy progress.

The most fascinating place of all in Copenhagen is the Tivoli Gardens—a large parkland area of international repute, in the centre of town, where innumerable entertainments include something for every taste. From dusk the gardens and buildings are brightly illuminated with every coloured light and pattern imaginable, and twice a week there are fireworks.

Our stay there was an unforgettable experience—we found it indeed a "Wonderful Copenhagen."

JILL SOMERVILLE.





### 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.

Shirley Anderson to Allan Sullivan.

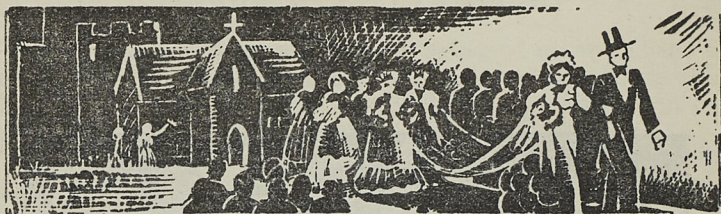
Hazel Batchelor to Frank Bowey.

Beryl Gillatt to Douglas Cook.

Lorna Godbold to Robert Lupton-Smith.

Jill Sykes to Terry Christie.

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### 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.

Hazel Abelman is Mrs. Munitz.

Barbara Acutt is Mrs. Hugh Johnston.

Babette Anderson is Mrs. Martin Fitzgerald.

Leila Beater is Mrs. Leslie Purnell.

Katherine Blackburn is Mrs. O. N. Prout.

Maureen Boast is Mrs. Erich van Rooyen.

Betty Broad is Mrs. Swift.

Gracie Crooks is Mrs. William B. Edgecombe.

Norma Inman is Mrs. Maurice W. P. Hill.

Irene Mann is Mrs. Shandling.

Daphne Meade is Mrs. Carl Coetzee.

Valerie Moorcroft is Mrs. Donald B. Bouttell.

Ann Nicolls is Mrs. Carlyle Grayson.

Anne Pope is Mrs. Arthur W. Sage.

Moray Reid is Mrs. de Wet Vorster.

Sheila Stainbank is Mrs. John Mason.

Rosemary Stewart is Mrs. D. W. Reynolds.

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### DEATHS (R.I.P.)

May Brown (Mrs. D. McKenzie).  
 Peggy Quin.  
 June Winthrop.

It is with regret that we record the death of the following ex-Staff:—

Miss Mary Bennett.  
 Miss E. M. Forster.  
 Miss Lawrence.  
 Miss E. J. Wright.



### RECENT 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.

Mrs. J. Aldred (Joan Tidboald), a daughter.  
 Mrs. B. Aldworth (Rosemary Johnston), a son.  
 Mrs. B. Allan (Barbara Kirkman), a son.  
 Mrs. G. Beghin (Dawn Pennington), a son, Kenneth.  
 Mrs. J. Borrowdale (Mavis Arnott), a son.  
 Mrs. B. Bradfield (Betty Talmage), a daughter.  
 Mrs. N. Brent (Maureen Graham), a son.  
 Mrs. J. A. Devenish (Geraldine Jehu), a son.  
 Mrs. J. Duncan (Barbara von Gerard), a daughter.  
 Mrs. A. Harper (Faith Gray), a son.  
 Mrs. N. Harrison (Zilla Browning), a son.  
 Mrs. R. Inglis (Gwenyth Saville), a son.

- Mrs. F. Jex (Shirley Smeaton), a daughter—Frances.  
Mrs. Kinhead-Weekes (Suzette Cooper), a daughter.  
Mrs. E. Leisegang (Barbara Waller), twins—a boy and a girl—Leslie R.I.P.  
Mrs. N. Maxwell (Joan Henderson), a son.  
Mrs. F. O'Connor (Mabelle Cox), a daughter—Bridget.  
Mrs. E. Pangalo (Kouky Agius), a daughter—Léna.  
Mrs. W. Powell (Rosemary Thorp), a daughter.  
Mrs. P. Reilly (Huguette Rietbergen), a son—Richard.  
Mrs. D. W. Reynolds (Rosemary Stewart), a son — Richard Hugh.  
Mrs. G. Richardson (Mavis Crookes), a daughter — Patricia.  
Mrs. A. Roberson (Ann Perkins), a daughter.  
Mrs. O. Smith (Audrey Garland), a daughter.  
Mrs. A. Stainbank (Jill Wasserfall), a daughter—Gail.  
Mrs. F. Tasker (Beverley Smith), a daughter.  
Mrs. D. Turner (Ann Stainbank), a daughter.  
Mrs. D. White (Una Walker), a son.  
Mrs. D. Young (Pat Black), a daughter.  
Mrs. G. Zingel (Rosemary Rodda), a daughter.
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## STOP PRESS

After the Breaking-up on December 9th, 1954, one very nice marcasite ear-ring was found in the Wykeham Hall. So far no owner has claimed it, but Miss Ball has it should it belong to you.

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## OLD GIRLS' NEWS

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**ABELMAN, Hazel** (Mrs. Munitz) was one of the Old Girls who attended the Cape Town reunion to meet Miss Ball on 17th January. She became a life member. We are glad to have got in touch with her again for we did not know her new address, nor that she was married.

**ABLETT, Enid** (Mrs. Wroughton) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband this year. It was she who arranged the party to meet Miss Ball in Cape Town. It was held at her expense at Kelvin Grove.

**ACUTT, Barbara** (Mrs. Hugh Johnston) was married in January and is now living in Durban. **Zoe** (Mrs. Miller) was ill and threatened with an operation at the time these notes were written. We hope she is well again now.

**ADLAM, Ethne** (Mrs. Cowan) and her little family of two, aged 3 and 1½, had a lovely month's holiday at Southbroom in May and June.

**AGIUS, Kouky** (Mrs. Evangelos Pangalo) is still living in Alexandria, Egypt, and is now the mother of a baby girl. When she sent us her news slip with her subscription for this year and next year, she said she was planning to open a school for backward and abnormal children.

**ALEXANDER, Joyce**, and her sister **Madeline** (Mrs. Morcom) are still sharing a flat in Durban. Joyce is kept busy with her secretarial work and Madeline with her work for the Townswomen's Guild, but both find time to work for our Durban branch. Joyce was very disappointed that a dose of gastric 'flu prevented her coming up for the Golden Jubilee Fete.

**ALLAN, Terry's** (Mrs. Bredin) daughter Judith won a bursary in her J.C. examination at the end of last year. She is still at Wykeham. **Lesley** (Mrs. Faull) was present at the Cape Town W.O.G. meeting in January and since then has lent her lovely home and provided refreshments for O.G. gatherings, even a cake iced with the Wykeham badge!

**ALLISON, Audrey** (Mrs. Eckhoff) appeared in a photograph published in the "Natal Mercury" in June which was taken at a Union Day celebration at South Africa House in London. She was with her husband and looked much as we remember her.

**AMOS, Irene's** (Mrs. van der Poel) husband retired from the public service at the end of July and they were the guests of honour at a civic cocktail party in Durban. Irene lent her garden for the W.O.G. Sale on 18th June which brought in another £120 for the Golden Jubilee Building Fund. **Vera** (Mrs. Morford) has had a very worrying time this year over her young son, who had a serious operation on his leg. However, when last we heard, he was improving all the time.

**ANDERSON, Ivy**, sailed on 7th July on a trip to England and was due back at Kearsney College on 11th October. We were sorry to lose her from the Executive Committee. **Elsie** (Mrs. Chapman) was the hard-working convener of the refreshment stall at the Golden Jubilee Fete and supports all our cake sales. **Shirley** plans to be married about 12th November to Allan Sullivan, and **Babette** (Mrs. Martin Fitzgerald), who was married in Maritzburg on 8th January this year and is now living in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, is to be her matron-of-honour. **Patricia** (Mrs. Walker) was matron-of-honour at Babette's wedding and Shirley was a bridesmaid. Pat is expecting her first baby about Christmas time, her mother tells us. **Mary**, who is a shorthand typist in a Durban firm, had a wonderful two months' trip to South America over last Christmas and New Year. She visited Brazil, Uruguay, the Argentine and Chile, and says that Brazil and South Argentina are the most beautiful places she has ever seen.

**ANDERTON, Patricia**, stayed with Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) over the birthday week-end. She is still a hard worker for the Durban branch. We hear, though, she plans to be married about the end of the year and may go overseas for a long stay soon afterwards.

**ARNOTT, Natalie's** (Mrs. Shewan) son has recently announced his engagement. **Dulcie** (Mrs. Foster) is an enthusiastic member of the Ixopo Garden Club and was photographed as such with Terry Allan (Mrs. Bredin) in the "Natal Witness" recently.

**AUDAS, Peta**, is still at the Natal University in Maritzburg.

**BAARTMAN, Renee**, has our deepest sympathy in the recent loss of her mother.

**BACKHOUSE, Dorothy** (Mrs. Manton) has, we are glad to know, quite recovered now from the attack of polio she had towards the end of last year. She did a lot of work as convener of the white elephant stall at the Golden Jubilee Fete before she was taken ill.



**BAIKIE, Doreen** (Mrs. Evans) helped Dorothy as a co-convenor for this year's fete. Her little son Bruce is now getting on for two and he enjoyed their holiday at Tugela Beach in Zululand this year as much as his parents did, though he was too young to go fishing with his father.

**BAM, Joy**, sat for her nursing finals at Grey's Hospital in July this year.

**BANGLEY, Phyllis's** (Mrs. Goldwater) elder daughter Margaret was a member of a N.U.S.A.S. tour to England and the Continent early this year.

**BANKS, Winnie** (Mrs. Wevill) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother in June this year.

**BASHAGEN, Maureen** and **Sheilagh**, are both in Durban. Sheilagh is working at Addington Hospital as a radiographer with Rona Franklin and Molly Summersgill.

**BATCHELOR, Hazel**, is to be married on 3rd February next year to Frank Bowey, after which her home will be in Ladysmith. At present she is working as a secretary/shorthand typist at Mposa, Zululand.

**BAYNES, Dorothy** (Mrs. Finlay) has been to Maritzburg this year to visit her mother.

**BEATER, Vivienne** (Mrs. Haw) is doing secretarial work in the office at Domboshawa School in Rhodesia, where her husband is an agricultural instructor. This school, she tells us, is a show place in Rhodesia and many visitors go to see the work being done there for Africans. Recently Vivienne had to act as hostess to the Governor-General and Lord Kilmuir, High Chancellor for Great Britain, and Lady Kilmuir. **Leila** (Mrs. Purnell) was married last October and completed the year of teaching to ease the shortage of teachers. She spent a wonderful holiday motoring to Cape Town via the garden route and spending some time at Knysna. Since then she has been busy house-hunting, which she says can be most depressing. Her spare time is fully occupied with W.O.G. activities in Durban and she attends various classes at the Technical College and still maintains her interest in hockey.

**BEHRMANN, Beth**, has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father in November last year. She is still teaching at Eveline High School, Bulawayo. Last year she left for overseas by air and while in London saw Joan Kershaw. She has written an account of her trip for this magazine. Beth was down from Rhodesia on holiday at the beginning of May and so was able to be with us for the Fete.

**BEILES, Doria** (Mrs. Block), when she sent in her news slip, had just returned to Nairobi from long leave spent in England and on the Continent. They visited Rome, then had a month's ski-ing in Switzerland, a week in Paris, and 10 days in Sweden and Copenhagen, followed by two months touring England, Scotland and Ireland.



**BENNETT, Barbara** (Mrs. Cope) is going to be very much missed by the Mooi River Church Ladies' Association. She has been their hard-working secretary for a long time but is due to leave Mooi River to live at Hilton Road. **Joan** (Mrs. Byas) still likes living in Salisbury. She was down in May with her daughter Wendy, and they spent a very enjoyable holiday at the coast and then had a week with Barbara. We were sorry to hear from the latter that Joan had been ill and had to spend a month in hospital recently, but is better again now.

**BENNETT-DAVIS, Erica** (Mrs. Goss) was delighted to be able to attend the Jubilee celebrations and to see so many old friends. She says she and her husband thoroughly enjoyed the Old Girls' dance when they were in a party with Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford), Pat Perkins (Mrs. du Bufanos), Dierdre Johnson (Mrs. Hay), Zoe Browning (Mrs. Boreham) and their respective husbands. **Mollye** (Mrs. Ross Munro) is now the Deputy Mayoress of Uvongo, and she and her husband are kept busy with their business and civic work. They attended the Royal Show in June, the first time Mollye had done so since leaving Wykeham. Mollye's father-in-law, we were sorry to see, died in Johannesburg in August. We offer them our sympathy.

**BERNARD, Grace** (Mrs. Turner) came down with her daughter Lynette, also an Old Girl, for the Jubilee Week-end, making the trip from Johannesburg by car.

**BERRY, Doreen**, sailed at the beginning of February on a visit to Europe.

**BLACK, Janet**, still carries the burden of the secretaryship of the W.O.G. Executive on her slender shoulders and does it most capably and cheerfully. To this work she added the con-venership of the clothing stall at the Jubilee Fete—a mighty task which involved months of work. As soon as the Jubilee Week-end was over Janet returned to Pongola with Rose-Ella Crookes (Mrs. Waring) for a well-earned holiday which she thoroughly enjoyed. She said the change at Pongola in less than two years was unbelievable. **May** (Mrs. Lindsay) works all the year round for Wykeham and for S.A.N.T.A., making marmalade and jams from whatever fruit is in season and selling them, as well as knitting, sewing, etc. Among her other activities she is honorary secretary of the Boston Gymkhana Club, and also of the Boston Horticultural Society. **Pat** (Mrs. Young) now has two lovely little girls, the youngest one having arrived in March this year.

**BLACKBURN, Katherine** (Mrs. Prout) looked charming when she was married last December to Owen Nelson Prout.

**BLACKLOCK, Maisie's** (Mrs. McBride) daughter Lanice announced her engagement in July this year.

**BLACKHURST, Avalon**, came back to Durban at the beginning of June after a visit to England and the Continent.

**BOAST, Gladys**, is always in demand for musical entertain-



ments in the Dalton district. **Patience** (Mrs. McCarter) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband on 15th August last. Two of her children are married now and the younger daughter Jennifer is at Wykeham. **Maureen** (Mrs. van Rooyen) was married in October last year and is working for Hickson, Son & Bircher in Maritzburg.

**BOSHOFF, Naida**, one of our new Old Girls, is studying law at the University of Natal in Maritzburg.

**BRADFIELD, Glenore** (Mrs. Smith) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother in January this year.

**BRASCH, Susan**, who left Wykeham in June, 1954, tells us she is working part-time with her father and studying hard to take her matric at the end of this year.

**BRAZIER, Betty**, has joined our W.O.G. Association and is warmly welcomed. After three years in Margate she is now back in Maritzburg working for Hickson, Son & Bircher, and we are as glad to have her here as her mother, Linley Jones (Mrs. Brazier), is.

**BROAD, Betty** (Mrs. Swift) attended the tea party which Kathleen Frances (Mrs. Drew) had in Salisbury on 14th July to meet W.O.G.s there. Kathleen said Betty was expecting a baby soon. We were glad to get this news of her as we did not even know that she was married.

**BROOME, Anne** (Mrs. Hulett) left with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Duncan Broome, in April to tour the Continent and then visit England, where they met Anne's brother John in London and were later joined by her parents, Mr. Justice Broome and Mrs. Broome. This was Anne's first trip overseas and from all accounts she and her sister-in-law had a wonderful time visiting Italy, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands before crossing the Channel (in an alarming gale) from the Hook of Holland to Harwich. In England they hired a Morris Minor and toured the West of England at the height of its Spring loveliness. **Molly** (Dr. Mary Broome) is still at the Cape, we hear from Audrey Norris (Mrs. Johnston), who sees her occasionally.

**BROWN, May** (Mrs. D. McKenzie) R.I.P. Our deepest sympathy to her husband and family.

**BROWNING, Natalie** (Mrs. Blackburn) and her husband live just next door to Nancy Herring (Mrs. Cullen), so they see a lot of each other. **Zoe** (Mrs. Boreham) is a very welcome new member of the W.O.G. Executive, replacing Audrey Smeaton (Mrs. Smith). She was a helper at the cake sale organised for the Golden Jubilee Fete fund by Amy Hathorn (Mrs. Young) in February, but in the following month had to undergo a serious operation. However, she made a quick recovery and was able to join in the Jubilee celebrations. She has now undertaken to convene the baby stall for next year's Fete and we are very grateful to her.



**BULL, Winnie** (Mrs. Drummond) has done a splendid job as President of the Durban branch. She held a delightful W.O.G. tea party at her lovely home at Durban North on 22nd May, to which she invited the Executive Committees of this year and last year, as well as those of the Durban branch who could not attend the Jubilee celebrations. She came up to Maritzburg, too, from Durban to attend the meeting on 25th August, when arrangements for next year's bazaar were discussed. We are sorry that we shall not have her with us then, however, but hope she will thoroughly enjoy the overseas trip which she and her family are planning for that time next year.

**BURNETT, Margaret** (Mrs. Evans) who is "Bubbles" to her friends, is still at Mazabuka in Northern Rhodesia, where life seems to be very full, and she appears to be on all the local committees. Besides that, she has recently had 400 day-old chicks to cope with, and does most of the cooking for the family. She is also a very keen gardener when she can find the time for it.

**BUTCHER, Mavis** (Mrs. Bovett) and Pamela Hudson (Mrs. Braatvedt) have become great friends, and all as a result of fund-raising efforts in their district for the Wykeham Golden Jubilee Building Fund, for although at school Mavis was only a year ahead of Pamela they hardly knew each other then. Mavis's little girl is the same age as Pamela's so they are good companions, too.

**BUTTON, Hazel** (Mrs. Penry-Roberts) had a visit last December from Penelope Kershaw (Mrs. Gordon), when the latter went to Pretoria with her husband and made a special point of popping over to Parkview, Johannesburg, to see Hazel.

**BYNG, Judy** (Mrs. Duncan) is working at the Rehabilitation Centre in Durban during the day, we are told by Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford), who says she believes Judy is still painting lots of lovely pictures.

**CALVERLEY, Beryl** (Mrs. Paddock) is still living in Cape Town but has been up on a visit to her parents this year. She attended the reunion held to welcome Miss Ball to Cape Town in January. **Doreen** (Mrs. Vivier) is running her father's stores at Nkandhla.

**CAMPBELL, Cherry** (Mrs. Sclater) is one of several W.O.G.s who are enthusiastic members of Garden Clubs in their respective districts. She has a lovely garden overlooking the Hella Hella Pass, and in it are some fine trees, especially a holly grown from a seed brought from England.

**CARBUTT, Trixie** (Mrs. Handley) was one of the Old Girls who attended Toria Peel's (Mrs. Bacon) sewing parties held weekly to work for the Jubilee Fete. **Evelyn** (Mrs. Bromley) unluckily left Cape Town for Hermanus on the very day of the Cape Town reunion in January. She was very disappointed to miss it.



**CHANDLER, Mabel** (Mrs. Davidson) stayed with her parents at Nel's Rust to await the birth of her baby. She often sees Sheilagh Kregeloh (Mrs. Burchell).

**CHAPLIN, Denise** (Mrs. Dorning) is one of our W.O.G. workers in East Griqualand and with Nancy Herring (Mrs. Cullen) has been doing everything she can to raise funds from other Old Girls in that part of the world.

**CLARENCE, Dixie** (Mrs. Kinsey) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father in April.

**CLARK, Sylvia** (Mrs. Battcock) returned to England soon after the birthday week-end, leaving her mark in many ways in Maritzburg. She and **Blythe** were most faithful at all W.O.G. functions while she was here and Sylvia did a wonderful job as Madame Zodiac, the fortune-teller at the Fete. She also did very much appreciated work in running courses in public speaking at the Technical College, out of which grew the Public Speaking Group, which was formed just after she left here. Since returning to England she has attended a Summer School at King's College, Cambridge, going to lectures all the morning and writing essays in the afternoon. When she wrote she was looking forward to a meeting with Doris Pearson (Mrs. Nias), who was in England on a visit from Tobago, and also Miss Mellor, whom she was going to Windsor to see so as to be able to give her first-hand news of Wykeham and Wykeham-ites. When she wrote to Lorna Hime in August she said she was hoping to be a grandmother for the first time in the middle of that month and for the second time the following month! Just to show how Wykeham-minded Sylvia is, she enclosed with her letter a list she had compiled of Wykeham people whom she had met during her extended stay in Maritzburg. There were 37 names on the list!

**CLARK, Miss Winifred**, wrote at the end of August, sending her congratulations on the magnificent effort at the Birthday Sale. She has had a full year this year, starting with a flight to Paris to spend New Year with some French friends. Other highlights she mentions are standing in the pouring rain in Piccadilly Circus to wait for results on Election Night; and various expeditions with Doreen Crookes (Mrs. Phillips) and her husband Wyn, who arrived in England in the middle of the railway strike on 11th June. Miss Clark went with them on a trip to Greenwich by the river, to the ballet and the theatre, and to the second cricket test. They also spent eight very full days together in Paris, after which Doreen and her husband flew back to England and went to Windsor to see Miss Mellor and to travel that way via the West Country up to Scotland and the Edinburgh and Pitlochry Festivals, before returning to London for the month of October and then leaving for home again. Miss Clark stayed on in France with friends in Normandy. After her return to England she was able to see most of the final Test match. Wykehamites whom Miss Clark has seen



in England this year include Jill Somerville, Yvonne Pendock, whom she met at the Middlesex—S.A. cricket match at Lords, and Robin (or is it Veronica?) Esson, with whom she had a chance meeting. Miss Clark left Rosebery School at the end of July and is now teaching at Beal Grammar School at Ilford, Essex, in charge of the Classics there. She plans to visit Greece next Easter and so hopes to learn to speak modern Greek this winter. She has also undertaken the work of “vetting” scripts in English for a member of the Greek section of the B.B.C.

**CLAYTON, Beth** (Mrs. Elliott) has helped with our W.O.G. cake sales and also does a lot of street collecting for various causes in Maritzburg.

**CLEMENTS, Lorna** (Mrs. Clark) has our deep sympathy in the loss of her brother in July.

**CLINE, Alma**, and her Wykeham friend, Marcia Eagle, sailed in June for a five and a half months' trip overseas. Alma intended hitch-hiking through the Continent, while Marcia was going to stay in London to take a beauty course.

**COMINS, Rita's** (Mrs. Baikie) daughter Faye announced her engagement in January this year.

**COSNETT, Jacqueline** (Mrs. Garnet Morgan) is still in East London and often sees Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg).

**COX, Mabelle (Bunt)** (Mrs. O'Connor) had another baby daughter, Bridget, in June this year, and now has three little daughters, the two elder ones, Mabelle and Colleen, being at school. Bunt is still very interested in golf and is the hon. secretary of the Ladies' Section of the Windsor Park Club, Johannesburg.

**CROMPTON, Natalie** (Mrs. Phelps) sent her daughter Penelope to Wykeham as a boarder this year. She had won a bursary on the result of her J.C. exam at the end of last year. Natalie's cake sale for the Fete fund last December was a great success—it raised £42—and she is to help to organise another one for November this year. Natalie is a very willing helper whenever there is work to be done for Wykeham. She is also a keen member of the Natal Anti-Republican League.

**CROOKES, Rose-Ella** (Mrs. Waring), **Violet** (Mrs. Poynton), **Ivy** (Mrs. Gillatt), **Doreen** (Mrs. Phillips) and **Sheila** (Mrs. Bennett) were all with us for the Jubilee Week-end and were photographed together at school before the annual general meeting. They were all working for the Fete on one stall or another. Doreen convened the tombola stall, and Ivy helped Beryl, her daughter, to convene the toys and dolls stall. Rose-Ella came a long way from Pongola. Doreen and her husband are at present overseas having a grand time in England. They have met Miss Clark several times. (See also under Miss Clark.) When staying at Leatherhead in Surrey, they went to see Joan and Peggy Andrews, nieces of Miss Hodges, who were at Wykeham for a time. They also met Dorothy Mackenzie (Mrs. Gibson) in London. Ivy had a holiday with her



family at their farm adjoining the Kruger National Park and came back much refreshed and ready for the preparations for Beryl's wedding in September. **Violet's** eldest daughter, Moira, having gained her M.Sc. degree, is now an assistant research officer at the Sugar Milling Research Institute. **Sheila** is secretary of the Mooi River Women's Institute, though she says she wonders why, since she has more than enough to do at home with sewing, darning and knitting for her family of five. **Elaine** (Mrs. Gordon Watson) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her brother Laurence in July. **Mavis** (Mrs. Richardson) is kept busy with her baby daughter, who is making good progress now, we are glad to hear.

**CROOKS, Grace** (Mrs. Edgecombe) qualified as a nurse last year, gaining honours in the practical, and was married on 10th April in the garden of her parents' home at Mafeteng, Basutoland. Newspaper reports said that the overhanging trees formed a natural chapel, and in a glade under the oaks a small white altar had been set up, decorated with and surrounded by banks of red roses. The Right Rev. J. A. Maund, Bishop of Basutoland, performed the ceremony. During the signing of the register an anthem was sung by a choir of pupils from the local African school; and two piano accordions played the wedding march. Tied to the back of the bridal car when the couple left for their honeymoon was a shoe which had also been tied to the car in which Grace's parents had left for their honeymoon. Truly a wedding with a difference! Grace and her husband are living in Johannesburg, and hopes that W.O.G.s there will call on her.

**CROSS, Mona** (Mrs. Newton) is a member of the Durban Branch and was with us for the Jubilee Week-end. She said what fun it was to meet so many old school friends. She counted up and discovered that she was one of six members of the 1st Hockey XI of 1921 who were present at the celebrations.

**CULLEN, Robbina**, loves her work at Art School and is doing very well. She has our deepest sympathy in her recent loss of her father.

**DALRYMPLE, Gay**, is now working in London, we learn from Mary Anderson, who hears from her regularly. She has travelled all over the Continent and England and doesn't expect to come back to the Union until about October of next year.

**DANIEL, Wendy**, has organised W.O.G. meetings in Cape Town, for which we are very grateful to her. **Hillary** is studying B.A. with special emphasis on broadcasting at Cape Town University. She was chosen to represent U.C.T. in the inter-Varsity tennis tournament held in Pretoria and while there she saw Mary Dely. She is planning to produce a play in November to raise money for our building fund. Good luck to her!



**DAVIDSON, Gladys** (Mrs. Prosser), we hear from Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford), has just been on a six months' trip to Europe and had a wonderful time.

**DE GROOT, Celia** (Mrs. Salmon) is now back at her farm near Harburg after having had a nine months' trip overseas last year.

**DODDS, Shirley**, is still working at the King Edward VIII Hospital laboratory, and is kept busy in her spare time editing "The South African Journal of Medical Laboratory Technology" and lecturing in zoology part-time to pharmacy students at the Technical College in Durban. She sees quite a lot of Phyllis Egner, who is still theatre sister at the hospital.

**DREW, Peggy** (Mrs. Mullany) now has two little sons. **Monica** is a keen member of the Durban Branch and was up for the Jubilee celebrations. She is working at the Union Castle Co.'s offices in Durban now and still keeps in touch with school friends, including Ruth Laurens, Lyrice Hepker, June Harris and Doreene Mattison. **Janet**, who is still living in London, was recently given a part in the film "I Am a Camera," which stars the South African actor Laurence Harvey. In the film she plays a night club siren, wears a knee-length dress, with the waistline at the hip, and very heavy make-up, and her hair is shingled. Before that she had a part in the film "Confession," with Sidney Chaplin. Janet says she seems at last to be getting a break after three years of foot-slogging round the agents and spending all her money on publicity photographs. She began the hard way, in repertory, and never minded what sort of fill-in jobs she was offered, from selling food at exhibitions to part-time work for the National Spastic Association, which she was doing when we heard in May last.

**DUNBAR, Patricia** (Mrs. Groves) is still living in Johannesburg and working for the African Guarantee and Indemnity Co. She is hoping to go overseas on a visit next year.

**EAGLE, Marcia** (see under Alma Cline).

**EARL, Phyllis** (Mrs. Coughlan) was with us for all our Jubilee celebrations. She and her husband were very disappointed at not being able to start on the building of their house when they had hoped to, as the land in question was over-run by the floods in January. However, we believe they will be starting soon. She helped Tony Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Seekings) with the convening and running of the plant stall at the Fete.

**EARLE, Ethne** (Mrs. Wannenber), we were sorry to hear in August, had had her husband ill in Addington Hospital for a month, but he was back at home when she wrote and on a month's sick leave. She had a disappointment earlier, when, having booked to fly overseas with two friends to watch the third, fourth and final cricket Tests in England, she had to cancel the arrangements at



the last minute because her little son Harvey, when diving into the river at Scottburgh, cut his head very badly on a rock. Now she and her husband hope to take long leave in two years' time and take a trip to England and to the United States. Ethne's little daughter Desiree is doing very well with her dancing. She is apparently very gifted.

**EGNER, Phyllis** (See under Dodds, Shirley).

**ELCOMBE, Gladys** (Mrs. Goulding) was in Natal in January of this year and called to see Lorna Hime and found Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant) also there. She also saw Doreen Crookes (Mrs. Phillips) while she was down here. She attended the tea party organised by Kathleen Frances (Mrs. Drew) in Salisbury and was delighted to meet some O.G.s whom she had not seen for 20 years. She did splendid work as leader in her district and wrote dozens of begging letters, as a result of which she and Audrey Radloff (Mrs. Cohen) were able to send a parcel of goods for the bazaar and a handsome collection of donations for the Building Fund.

**ELLIS, Catherine's** (Mrs. Kvalsvig) son Michael was married in Maritzburg on Easter Monday to Miss Shirley Vickers.

**EMERTON, Joyce** (Mrs. Keytel) is now a member of our W.O.G. Executive Committee and also has her little daughter Andrea at Wykeham. She organised a cake sale for the 1956 Building Fund effort at Scottsville in August. She and her husband have given up farming and he now works as an engineer with G. North & Son in Maritzburg. She is interested in Women's Institute work and is music and drama convener for the Bisley Women's Institute.

**FANNER, Marylee** (Mrs. Masson) is one of the hard-working members of our Executive Committee. She convened and made a great success of the cake stall at the Golden Jubilee Fete and has promised to do the same job again next year. She has helped with and contributed to all our Maritzburg cake sales, and to our great joy has now sent her daughter Dorothy to Wykeham.

**FANNIN, Jocelyn** (Mrs. Moultrie) was in Maritzburg earlier this year when she brought her son back to school at Michaelhouse, all the way from Rhodesia. Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford) met her and Maureen says they talked hard for about 15 minutes, despite Maureen being handicapped by having just had a tooth out! **Phyllis** (Mrs. Wheeler) came to Maritzburg with her three little girls at the beginning of this year to be junior matron at St. Lucy's Hostel. In September, however, she left there and is now working for the Natal Education Department. **Natalie** (Mrs. Juul) was unanimously elected Vice-President in Lorna Hime's place at the annual general meeting, and how truly worthy she is of this honour only we know, who have worked with her over a number of years. As our publicity agent she is invaluable, for she



never misses an opportunity of putting any Wykeham School or Old Girls' activities before the public, and I think I can definitely say that the outstanding success of our Golden Jubilee Fete was, in great part, due to her influence with the Press, and her enthusiastic write-ups. Nothing is too much trouble for her, busy woman though she is, and once again we express our warmest thanks to her for compiling this, the Old Girls' News Section of the Magazine, and for her historical article, "Fifty Years of Wykeham," commemorating our School's Golden Jubilee. (Knowing Natalie's innate modesty, I undertook to write this paragraph about her.—Lorna Hime.)

**FARRANT, Dorothy's** (Mrs. Lissaman) son Peter is still adding laurels to his academic crown, and on top of that has become engaged. He gained his M.Sc. degree in aeronautics at the California Institute of Technology and at the end of July his engagement to Nancy Boyd, of Pasadena, California, was announced. In May, Dorothy and her husband and their daughter Judy sailed for England to meet Peter in London and were looking forward to doing a tour of the Continent with him. Dorothy and her husband and Judy will come back to South Africa in October. We heard that **Rosalie** was hoping to do the trip with them, too. She did a wonderful job at the bazaar selling tickets for the type-writer competition—no one could resist her amusing appeal.

**FENTON, Elizabeth** (Mrs. Plummer) has our deepest sympathy in the death of her husband last March.

**FLEMING, Marjorie**, was an assistant convener of the plant stall which did so well at the Fete. Her expert knowledge of horticulture was a great help.

**FLEMING-JOHNSTON, Patricia's** (Mrs. Thole) son announced his engagement in April this year.

**FLOOK, Beryl's** (Mrs. Miller) elder son Michael was married on 4th June this year and is living in Durban, while the younger son David is working in Johannesburg, so the family is rather separated now, but that must be expected, Beryl says, since she and her husband will be celebrating their silver wedding anniversary this year. Beryl was one of the W.O.G.s at the party held in Cape Town in January. **Enid** (Mrs. Steer), who is still at Amanzimtoti, sometimes see Mignon MacLeod (Mrs. Heslop). **Tinkie** (Mrs. Roering) helps us with bazaars, jumble sales and cake sales now that she is living in Maritzburg and has agreed to join with the two Natalies, Juul and Phelps, to organise the next cake sale for the 1956 Fete fund at Scottsville on 5th November.

**FOSTER, Fiona**, one of our new Old Girls, is taking a B.A. course at the Natal University.

**FRAMPTON, Ruth** (Mrs. Pennington), with Nettie Johnston (Mrs. Webster), convened the pantry shelf stall for the Fete, which was an outstanding success. She helped, too, at the cake sale organised by Nancy Shaw (Mrs. Lund) at Howick in March. Ruth



is now President of the Nottingham Road Women's Institute.

**FRANCES, Kathleen** (Mrs. Drew) is still a tower of strength to Wykeham and to the W.O.G. Executive, which means that she is still the school secretary and a member of the Executive. In July this year she went up to Salisbury with her younger daughter Lynda to stay with her elder daughter Elaine (Mrs. Danckwerts). Highlights of her stay in Rhodesia were their one-day trip by air to the Victoria Falls and the gathering of W.O.G.s living in and around Salisbury which she organised. It took the form of a tea party at Meikle's Hotel on Thursday, 14th July, and 10 Old Girls were present. They were: Gladys Elcombe (Mrs. Goulding); Betty Broad (Mrs. Swift); Evelyn Jay-Browne (Mrs. Rimanek); Gwen McIntosh (Mrs. Tuttle); Dorothy Peel (Mrs. Hayter); Audrey Radloff (Mrs. Cohen); Ina Nourse (Mrs. Staples); Dorothy Rudland (Mrs. Cooper); Chrissie Haddow and Rhoda Moodie. Gladys Elcombe was able to supply Kathleen with a list of O.G.s near Salisbury.

**FRANCIS, Beryl** (Mrs. Coates) and her husband celebrated their ruby wedding (which, for the uninitiated, means the 40th wedding anniversary) on 7th July this year. We fear that they and their son and daughter-in-law suffered heavy losses in the disastrous fire near Cramond in August. **Jane**, we hear, is now working on the staff of the "Natal Mercury" in Durban.

**FRANKLIN, Rona** (See under Sheilagh Bashagen).

**FRIDJOHN, June**, and her two sisters, Gillian and Simone, made a very smart trio at the July Handicap meeting and were photographed together by the "Natal Mercury" photographer.

**GABRIEL, Marion**, is one of our new Old Girls. She is taking a commercial course at the Pietermaritzburg Technical College, enjoying it and doing well.

**GADSON, Judy** (Mrs. McHardy) is secretary to the Nursery School at East London where her little girl Marion goes. Her husband, who is a veterinarian, was to visit Australia, and Judy planned to leave East London for the two months that he was away. They were both to be back there, however, in November.

**GARLAND, Norma** (Mrs. Vernon Smith) lives at Cowie's Hill near Rosemary Rodda (Mrs. Zingel) and they quite often meet. **Audrey** (Mrs. Owen Smith) is in Rhodesia now. We saw the announcement of her daughter's birth in April at the Mater Dei Hospital, Bulawayo.

**GEYSER, Yvonne**, has brought distinction of a new kind to Wykeham. She was chosen as Maritzburg's Azalea Queen for 1955 and we like to feel that the characteristics of poise, charm, graciousness, good manners and self-confidence which this position demands and which Yvonne showed in such good measure during her 10 days' "reign," may have been developed, at least in part,



during her school days at Wykeham. She looked lovely and was a very popular choice. **Lilian** is a ledger machinist at Barclay's Bank in Maritzburg.

**GILES, Constance** (Mrs. Turner) is, as ever, one of our stalwarts and never fails to give generous and willing help to all our fund-raising efforts. Her genius with cake-making has been a great help on all our cake sales, and the sweet stall at the Fete which she convened was an outstanding success. What is more, she has offered to convene this same stall again next year. Apart from Wykeham, she works for the S.A.W.A.S. Maritzburg branch, which was resuscitated last year with the express purpose of raising funds for the War Memorial Hall in Leinster Road and for which she organised a series of cake sales. She is also a keen member of the Pietermaritzburg Women's Club.

**GILLATT, Beryl**, who by the time this appears will, we think, be Mrs. Douglas Cook, did a wonderful job in convening the dolls and toys stall at the Fete. Her engagement was announced just before the birthday week-end and we understand her marriage was arranged for September.

**GILSON, Leslie** (Mrs. Hales) wrote to Ruth Frampton (Mrs. Pennington) at the beginning of May and sent her 2 lb. of Kenya tea for her pantry shelf stall at the Fete. She was then expecting Muriel (Mrs. Robinson) to stay with her on her way down to Natal. Leslie is now a proud grandmama, as her elder son has a daughter. He is in the Forestry Department stationed at Thompson's Falls, where fortunately the Mau Mau situation has improved, though there was a lot of trouble there at the beginning of the emergency. Her second son got his release from his Kenya Regiment last December, after having been on service from the start of the Mau Mau trouble, mostly in the Fort Hall and Kumbo areas. He was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours. **Muriel's** two sons, too, are doing well, the younger doing a course in Agriculture at the University of Natal. We were sorry that we were not able to contact Muriel while she was down in Natal on holiday. But we were glad to get news of the Gilsons again. Muriel wrote in June sending her subscription and saying she was very anxious to have a Wykeham magazine again, and then in July we heard from her how much she and Leslie had enjoyed reading it. Ena Wilmot (Mrs. Grist) had dipped into it with pleasure, too. Muriel was pleased to meet Frances Handley (Mrs. Gibbs) again while she was down here on holiday.

**GODBOLD, Helen**, sailed with a friend, another nursing sister, in the middle of August on a trip to England, the Continent and Canada. They planned to work (nursing) in London during the winter months and to take a trip to the Continent in the spring. Helen hoped, too, to nurse in Canada. She and Geraldine Payn



(Mrs. Sparg) have remained great friends since their school days and it was from Geraldine that we got this news. **Lorna** announced her engagement in March this year.

**GODFREY, Dorothy** (Mrs. Erskine Wilson) and her husband and their little son have left Natal to live in Rhodesia, we hear from Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford).

**GOOD, Norah's**, garden is still a show-piece and in February this year she won the Maritzburg Horticultural Society's prize for the best garden featuring dahlias and also the prize for the best cottage garden and the grand prize for the best garden of all in the competition. Norah has recently been on a two months' holiday at the Wild Coast.

**GORDON, Sylvia** (Mrs. Joubert) made dolls' clothes and preserves for the bazaar. She makes a point of making a few bottles of preserves or jams for Wykeham whenever she cooks for her own pantry shelves—a splendid idea!

**GRAHAM, Mary**, did a splendid job organising the O.G. dance which was held at the Country Club during the Jubilee Week-end, and this after having convened and run the flower stall at the Fete on the same day. We were sorry to lose her from our Executive Committee.

**GRANT, Joan** (Mrs. Barnard), with her husband and their two children, came down to Natal from Lusaka over last Christmas and New Year on a holiday and stayed with Joan's parents at their home at Ixopo and at Warner Beach.

**HADDOW, Chrissie**, works in the Lands Department in Salisbury but was on holiday at the time of Kathleen Frances's (Mrs. Drew) tea party in January. She and her brother have one of the show gardens of Salisbury, making a speciality of English flowers. She sees a lot of Rhoda Moodie and kindly fetched her for the reunion and took her back again.

**HADEN, Leonora**, is attending art classes at the Natal University.

**HAMMOND, Enid**, came back last October from a wonderful holiday trip overseas, when she went with a friend via the East Coast and returned West Coast. She told Lorna Hime that she loved the old buildings and churches on the Continent and in England. In London she had a surprise meeting with Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant) on the steps of the Bank. Soon after her return Enid was in Maritzburg for a few days doing a course in librarianship.

**HAMPSON, Ann**, has become a member of the W.O.G. Association—we extend to her a very warm welcome.

**HANDLEY, Myra** (Mrs. Stride) helped Amy Hathorn (Mrs. Young) to organise her very successful cake sale in Commercial Road in February and took part in all our Jubilee celebrations.



**HANSEN, Patsy** (Mrs. Gillespie), who has three sons, apologises for having no daughters for Wykeham! She is very pleased that the new National Road is to pass within two miles of their house and they are looking forward to the possibility of having electric light in their house soon. She is secretary of her local Women's Institute and is thinking of taking up bowls. She and **Stella** (Mrs. Bateson) were able to spend a lot of time together in July, when they and their respective families were holidaying on the North Coast. We were very sorry to lose Stella from the W.O.G. Executive Committee.

**HARKNESS, Ruth** (Mrs. Bryant) and her husband had a long holiday trip to Kenya in July and August. Ruth is one of the very hard-working and enthusiastic members of the Durban Branch and did a lot of work over several days pricing and sorting their goods for their stall at the bazaar. She stayed in Maritzburg during that week and was joined by her husband for the week-end. They attended the Old Girls' Dance. She is, of course, still a member of the Board of Trustees.

**HARRIS, June**, after a wonderful holiday overseas last year, is now busy training as a nurse at Grey's and is loving it. **Velma** (Mrs. Simpson), whom we welcome as a life member, wrote in March saying how much she had enjoyed the last magazine. She wished that she could send her little daughter, who has the unusual name of Wain, to Wykeham, but she and her husband feel it is a little too far away from home. At present she is a weekly boarder at Rhenish in Stellenbosch. Velma hopes to be able to attend any further reunions or meetings of W.O.G.s held in Cape Town, even though she and her husband are kept very busy on their farm, from which they export fruit. She missed the gathering in January because both she and her husband were in quarantine with mumps, which they had both caught from their daughter.

**HARTE, Olive**, we hear, has been on holiday overseas.

**HARTLEY, Maureen** (Mrs. Bursey) is living at East London, we hear from Judy Gadson (Mrs. McHardy), and now has two little girls.

**HARWIN, Elsie's** (Mrs. Byrne) son was married in Maritzburg in September.

**HATHORN, Amy** (Mrs. Young) is sadly missed from our Executive since she had to resign the Presidency at the annual general meeting. She will be very much missed in Maritzburg, too, where she has worked so hard for various causes. She has joined households with her brother, the Hon. Mr. Roy Hathorn, the former Judge President, and they will now live in the summer at his home at Lidgetton and in the winter at Amy's lovely home on the Maritzburg Town Hill. Amy resigned from the Pietermaritzburg African Welfare Society, of which she was Chairman, and also from the Women's Institutes, but she remains a member of



the Wykeham Board of Trustees and will continue to work for us in the country around Lidgetton. She has been immeasurably impressed, she says, by the support that Wykeham Old Girls have given to Wykeham during the past year and adds, "We must all continue to work." Amy organised a very successful cake sale in February which made £44 and kept us all up to scratch for the Jubilee Fete.

**HEDLEY, Betty** (Mrs. Webb) has taken on the job of leader in her district in succession to Nancy Herring (Mrs. Cullen). We are most grateful to both of them. Nancy and Denise Chaplin (Mrs. Dorning) did a splendid job of work as leaders.

**HEPKER, Lyrice**, is now working for a firm of solicitors in Johannesburg and keeping up her hockey. She plays for one of the Wanderers' junior teams and has had one game for the first team. She played in Cape Town for the Transvaal under 21 team on tour.

**HERRING, Nancy** (Mrs. Cullen) has our heartfelt sympathy in the recent loss of her husband.

**HIME, Lorna**, who became our new President at the annual general meeting, in succession to Amy Hathorn (Mrs. Young), is putting the same enthusiasm and energy into this new job that she has put into every one of the many other jobs that she has done for Wykeham and the Wykeham Old Girls in the past. She still looks after the roll of Old Girls' addresses, still collects news of W.O.G.s from every possible source, and still keeps in touch by letter or personal visits with Old Girls from all parts of the country. Now she is doing everything possible to build up enthusiasm for next year's Fete, for so much more money is still needed for our big building project. She is, of course, still a Trustee of the school; and besides Wykeham, she works as hard as ever for her church and takes devoted care of her aunt, who is now very frail.

**HOLLIDAY, Marjorie** (Mrs. Vear) is a member of the Durban Branch and was with us for the Jubilee Week-end. **Ruth** (Mrs. McLaren) says she is just jogging along and leading a most uneventful life. But we do know that she keeps herself fully occupied, for she has a part-time job as well as keeping house, making albs and altar covers for her church, working for Wykeham, and now she and her husband have become keen gardeners—as far as it is possible to be a gardener in a flat! But they seem to have managed it with gay, varied and colourful window boxes, ferns, pot plants, etc.

**HOUSTON, Hilda** (Mrs. Clough) was very much in the news when she won the J. Ellis Brown Trophy awarded to the exhibitor who scored the highest number of points in the annual show held by the Underberg-Himeville Women's Institute, this being the second year in succession that she had won the cup, having carried it off the previous year, when it was awarded for the first time. Her full list of awards at the show was as follows: Special prize



for the most points in the art needlework section; also in the machine-made needlework, plus Topham's special £2 prize; prize for the most points in the knitting section; prize for the most points in the preserves, jams and jellies; and £2 2s. 0d. for the most points on the show, plus one dozen teaspoons, which are presented instead of a miniature each year. She says that even though it was hard work, she enjoyed it. Since the show she has iced at least two wedding or birthday cakes. She did a two-tier 21st birthday cake in July, and in August iced a big wedding cake. Hilda's daughter Adrienne is working in Maritzburg at the office of Natal Real Estate—she is 19; while the two boys, aged 11 and 8½, attend the Underberg Government School at present.

**HUDSON, Marise** (Mrs. Lavoipierre) is still Mayoress of Stanger, and is now President of the Stanger Women's Institute for the fourth successive year. She works extremely hard and convenes most local functions with charm and efficiency, we hear from Shirley Smeaton (Mrs. Jex), who works on bazaars with her fairly frequently. **Pamela** (Mrs. Braatvedt) was down in Natal towards the end of May and was at the party given by Winnie Bull (Mrs. Drummond) in Durban. She said it was lovely to see old friends and to hear all about the Jubilee Week-end. She did a splendid job in raising money for the building fund, and though there are only three really active W.O.G.s in her district, they had organised a jumble sale which raised £13. As a result of this fund-raising she had struck up a friendship with another W.O.G., Mavis Butcher (Mrs. Bovett), who has had a new baby daughter this year, and she has also seen quite a lot of Maureen, Mavis's sister, Beth Behrmann and Jill Williams, as well as Mrs. Thomson, who was Miss Claret and who taught at Wykeham in 1952. Pamela and her family moved into their new house in April; and she played one of the lead parts in a Theatre Club production "Women in Twilight" in Bulawayo in the same month. Recently she has been teaching and thoroughly enjoying the work.

**HULETT, Marie** (Mrs. Bennett) has been the President of the Durban Creche and Children's Home for the past two years. This organisation is responsible for five homes catering for children from birth to 21 years. It is an interesting occupation, she says, but full of worries, and leaves her little time for anything else.

**HUTCHINSON, Ruby** (Mrs. Gray) had an interesting trip to England last year and we read of her giving a talk about it to the Richmond Women's Institute soon after she returned.

**INMAN, Norma** (Mrs. Hill) spent her honeymoon in the Union at the end of March and was sorry that it was not possible to come down from Rhodesia again in May for the Jubilee Week-end. However, she said, Wykeham was in her thoughts that week-end, and she wished she could have been there. She and her



husband are living in a flat in Salisbury but are hoping to have a home of their own soon. She tells us she often sees Denise Richards and also Babette Anderson (Mrs. Fitzgerald), who has gone to live in Salisbury since her marriage.

**JACOBS, Felicity** (Mrs. Thal) is now in Cape Town, but was on a visit to her parents in Durban in June. **Sheila** (Mrs. Frankel) continues to entertain the crippled children of Durban on her birthday every year, but plans to have her own little daughter, Michele Shauna, as hostess at the next party, which takes place each year at Christmas time.

**JAY-BROWNE, Evelyn** (Mrs. Rimanek), and her husband, bought an acre of ground in Salisbury this year and took possession in April. There was much to be done in the garden, but by August, Evelyn had a good vegetable patch and lots of sweet peas, pansies, anemones and cinerarias in full bloom. She attended Kathleen Frances (Mrs. Drew)'s party in Salisbury in July.

**JEROME, Penelope**, has a most interesting job as the Union's first woman sales promotion and publicity executive, and is said to be doing a valuable job for South African industry by providing new and profitable solutions to its marketing problems. She is at present stationed in Durban and is one of the organisers of the "Buy South Africa" campaign in Natal. Her main job in this has been the organising of exhibitions and parades showing locally manufactured goods. Early in September she arranged a display of glamorous South African-made spring gowns which were shown here at a mannequin parade at Saville's.

**JOHNSON, Deirdre** (Mrs. Hay) is one of many W.O.G.s with whom Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford) keeps in touch.

**JOHNSTON, Nettie** (Mrs. Webster) is one of the most faithful and hard-working of our W.O.G.s outside Maritzburg. She was co-convenor with Ruth Frampton (Mrs. Pennington) of the wonderful pantry shelf stall at the Jubilee Fete and also helped Nancy Shaw (Mrs. Lund) at the cake sale held in Howick in March. **Rosemary** (Mrs. Aldworth), married to the chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the Youth Hostel Association, is as keen as he is about youth hostel activities. Did any W.O.G.'s see the picture of her in the "Natal Witness" with her lovely baby son Guy, carried on her back in a novel baby-carrier made from an old rucksack frame with a carry seat such as we usually see in motor cars? With this form of transport, it is no trouble at all to Rosemary and her husband to take young Guy hiking about the country with them, so that he can take part in Youth Hostel activities with the minimum of discomfort!



**JOHNSTONE, Joyce's** (Mrs. Cawood) husband has been transferred to Durban from Port Elizabeth and they are living at Durban North. We hear that Joyce was not too happy about the change, as Port Elizabeth had been her home for a long time and she had many interests there; but we hope she has settled down happily in Durban now.

**JONES, Linley** (Mrs. Brazier), as most W.O.G.s probably know, is the new honorary treasurer of our Association and did a tremendous job as cashier at the Jubilee Fête, nobly assisted by "Topsy" Fanner, husband of Maureen Stainbank. She has made masses of bottles of jam for our various sales as well as for the Fête and lots of delicious cakes and is always ready to allow members of the Executive to use her house for odd meetings for addressing envelopes, etc. Her refreshing sense of humour never deserts her, it seems.

**JOYNER, Betty** (Mrs. Dodds) was one of the W.O.G.s present at the reunion held at Kelvin Grove, Cape Town, in January to meet Miss Ball.

**KEEL, Pamela**, a new Old Girl, is taking a commercial course at the Tech. in Maritzburg and enjoying it.

**KEITH-FRASER, Jean** (Mrs. Leycester) was one of Toria Peel (Mrs. Bacon)'s work party which met weekly to sew for the Jubilee Fête early this year. Jean's stepdaughter, Jennifer, is one of a team of designers and artists working in London that we read about in the "Natal Mercury" in June.

**KERSHAW, Joan**, was able to be with us for the Jubilee Fete, having flown out from London and arrived just in time. She spent a three-months' holiday in Maritzburg. She spent last summer travelling in Italy and was in Venice at the time of the Film Festival. She says she was not impressed with the much-publicised Lido, but Venice proper surpassed her expectations, and she thinks that Italy is, without doubt, the gem of Europe. Before leaving England to fly out here she did another tour of the Cotswolds and spent Easter at Woodstock and inspected the fabulous Blenheim Palace. On her way back to London from Natal, Joan flew to Rome and spent some weeks there making trips to Capri and the other islands. A holiday to remember! **Penelope** (Mrs. Gordon) organised a very successful jumble sale for the white elephant stall at the Fête and did a lot of work for the stall before the Fête, even though she was away at the time of the birthday week-end and couldn't be with us. She has had several trips away from Maritzburg in the last 12 months. In October last year she went to Bloemfontein with her husband, in December she went



with him to Pretoria and from there visited Hazel Button (Mrs. Penry-Roberts) and had a chat with Mary Martienssen on the telephone; and then in April she and her family spent a holiday on the South Coast at Umzumbi. Now they have bought a plot of ground near Anerley, where the fishing is good!

**KIMBER, Joyce** (Mrs. Stevens) became a proud grandmother in October last year when her daughter June (Mrs. Illing) had a daughter. She attended Grace Crooks (Mrs. Edgecombe)'s wedding at Mafeteng in Basutoland.

**KING, Mary** (Mrs. Hansen), who is still living at Piet Retief, has one little girl, we hear from Rosemary Rodda (Mrs. Zingel).

**KNAPP, Coral** (Mrs. Crowe) has her elder son Geoffrey at school at Cowan House in Maritzburg now, and says she wishes they lived near enough to town to be able to send the younger one, Rodney, to a nursery school, for she has such happy memories of her year as a pupil teacher at the Wykeham Nursery School in 1939 under Miss Monica Gilbert. She feels old when she sees pictures in the newspapers sometimes, of those who were the little nursery school pupils then!

**KNUBLEY, Dorothy's** (Mrs. L'Estrange) three daughters, Eileen, Geraldine and Pamela, have all been entered for Wykeham—splendid news! Dorothy is secretary of the women's section of the Dalton and District Farmers' Association and a committee member of the Dalton Women's Institute as well as of the Dalton and District Horticultural Society.

**KOCH, Dagma**, attended the Cape Town meeting with Miss Ball in January. We were glad to get news of her again in this way.

**KREGELOH, Sheilagh** (Mrs. Burchell) is a keen W.O.G. She worked at the Fête, was at the dance that night, and at the annual general meeting, and supports all our cake sales.

**LESLIE, Jill**, is working in Barclay's Bank at Margate and so is able to live at home. **Merlyn** has recently started work at Margate, too.

**LIDDELL, Anne**, loves nursing and is planning with a friend, when they have finished their training, to go to England to nurse there and to have a holiday on the Continent. At the time she wrote she was on theatre work and finding it very interesting. She often sees Shirley Meade and Moyra Tipping.

**LIESCHING, Kathleen** (Mrs. McMagh) and her husband have now left Botha's Hill and are living at Stellenbosch in the Cape.

**LINDSAY, Lillian** (Mrs. Napier), whose husband, Dr. Donald Napier, has gone overseas on a general tour of hospitals in the United Kingdom and on the Continent, is keeping the home fires burning and doing the clinic work while he is away. She took part in May in a three-act play put on by the Camperdown Dramatic and Social Club called "The Wishing Well."



**LISTER, Lorraine** (Mrs. Evans) is a most enthusiastic and valuable W.O.G., in which respect she is still doing a triple job, as senior matron of the school, as parent of two Wykeham girls and as a member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee. She is always a great help. **Margaret** (Mrs. Davis), after two years in England, is back in Maritzburg and is living with her mother, Mrs. A. Lister, in Alexandra Road. Her first grandchild, Sarah Margaret, the daughter of the Rev. Christopher Lambert and Elizabeth, Margaret's daughter, was born in London in December last. Margaret tells us they live in Plumstead in South-East London, where her son-in-law is working in a parish of 23,000. Elizabeth does all the work of their home and looks after baby Sarah single-handed, so she has a very fulltime job.

**LOADER, Yvonne** (Mrs. Ward), who is living at Limbe, Nyasaland, says that apart from being kept very busy sewing for herself and the four children (the middle ones are five-year-old twins) she seems to be always doing something for the Red Cross or the Nyasaland Council of Women. She is also a member of the committee of the Parent Teachers' Association and they have boldly embarked on the building of a boys' school which is very badly needed. Two teachers are expected to arrive from England next January and plans for the building have been accepted, so she and her fellow workers were frantically trying, when she wrote, to raise funds. Yvonne's husband, Paul, left on the 19th August for a five-month business trip to America and she is to fly over to England in January to meet him and to have three months' holiday there.

**LOVE, Gwendy**, is now seeded No. 3 among South Africa's women tennis players and we are very proud of her. She has been described by one writer as probably the most gifted woman tennis player in the country. She is a fine player, he says, with exceptional assets in her strokes, her service and her volleying that are a joy to watch.

**LUND, Tessie** (Mrs. Stanham), in a long letter to Laurel Pennington (Mrs. Hugman), said she was very glad they went to Australia. Life out there is interesting, though she does sometimes long to walk down West Street, Durban, and buy a dress for 45/-. She adds, "Perhaps slimming is the answer." **Clare**, as principal of the Three Oaks Nursery School in Maritzburg, is very much in the public eye now that the Nursery School movement is arousing so much interest here, and she was a member of a Brains Trust panel of six who answered questions about children aged from infancy to five years at a meeting organised here in July.

**LURIE, Monica**, is working with the South African Asbestos Trading Company in Johannesburg and enjoys her work very much, we hear from Susan Brasch.



**LYNN, Esme** (Mrs. Chait) attended the Cape Town meeting of W.O.G.'s in honour of Miss Ball in January.

**MACARTHUR, Babs's** (Mrs. Maclaurin) daughter was married recently, we heard from Kathleen Frances (Mrs. Drew), who met Babs at the tea party she gave in Salisbury in July. **Marian** (Mrs. Chance) was one of the Rhodesian W.O.G.'s who supported Gladys Elcombe (Mrs. Goulding)'s drive for funds for the Jubilee Fête.

**MACAULAY, Kitty's** (Mrs. Atkinson) daughter Betty presented her with a granddaughter in June.

**MACKENZIE, Dorothy** (Mrs. Gibson) came back by air at the end of June from a holiday in England. She bumped into Doreen Crookes (Mrs. Phillips) in London. Her two elder daughters are married, the third one has just left school and is going nursing, and her son is only 11. **Madge** (Mrs. Kincaid-Smith) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband in July.

**MacLEOD, Mignon** (Mrs. Heslop) finds her time fully occupied with a husband and four children to look after and a teaching job at the Warner Beach School as well. She has therefore no time to work for our bazaars but has already sent financial help towards the next effort.

**MANN, Irene** (Mrs. Shandling) was married in July, 1954, and is now living at Malmesbury, Cape.

**MARWICK, Dorothy** (Mrs. Pembroke) is a most helpful Old Girl and was able to give Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) much useful information about Wykeham's early days. **Isobel** (Mrs. Anderson) attended the Cape Town reunion to meet Miss Ball. **Janet** (Mrs. Foster) has a baby granddaughter who was born to her daughter Enid (Mrs. John McKenzie) in January. She and **Marjory** still do lovely handwork and were among the prize-winners in competitions held by the Richmond Women's Institute. Janet won the first prize for the most points gained in competitions throughout the year.

**McCATHIE, Winnie's** (Mrs. Mingay) only daughter was married on 26th May this year and one of her sons was in the cast of the film "Untamed."

**McINTOSH, Gwen** (Mrs. Tuttle) and her husband and small daughter Pamela have been transferred from Salisbury to Nairobi by his firm, African Explosives. She attended Kathleen Drew's party in Salisbury when she told Kathleen she had recently been on a holiday in the Union. **Glorie** (Mrs. Leslie) has also had a move in the past year. She and her husband sold their farm "Sylvan" in the O.F.S. and are now living at Baven-on-Sea, next to Ramsgate on the South Coast. They have a banana farm at Munster and Glorie's husband has started a building business in Durban.



**MATTISON, Doreene**, is still nursing at Grey's and helped to look after Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul's) son Terence when he had to spend a night in hospital recently.

**McLAREN, Eve** (Mrs. Griffin) is a member of the committee of the Durban branch and is hard-working and enthusiastic. Her latest venture is a W.O.G. "Gift Shop." The idea is to keep a stock of suitable wedding and birthday gifts from which Old Girls can buy when they want such things. Her "shop" will stock such things as articles in pewter and leather work, embroidered linen and other table cloths, tray cloths, etc., hand-made handkerchiefs, pottery and so on. So remember if you are wanting anything like this, get in touch with Eve, and so help the Wykeham Building Fund.

**MEADE, Daphne** (Mrs. Coetzee) had a military wedding on 2nd June. She is still living in Maritzburg and working at the United Building Society. On their honeymoon trip to Cape Town, Daphne encountered several W.O.G.s, including Norah Nolte (Mrs. Ballard) and Velma Harris (Mrs. Simpson). **Shirley** was one of Daphne's bridesmaids, having come up from Cape Town to spend a week in Maritzburg for the wedding. She is now in her third year of nursing at Groote Schuur and enjoying it very much, but says she can't wait to finish next year, when she hopes to go overseas to do her midwifery. She attended the W.O.G.'s reunion at Kelvin Grove in January.

**MELLOR, Miss Doris**, says that the last 4½ years at home with her mother (who is now 88 but still very alert and cheery) and her family have been very happy ones. She goes up to Birkbeck College, London, most days of the week to continue with her university course in psychology. Having passed the M.A. Qualifying Examination in June, she is now going on to research work. She writes, "I have had much pleasure this last year from the visit of Old Girls and friends of the school, amongst them: Mrs. M. E. Mason (who was Wykeham's first matron), Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Drew, Janet and Monica Drew, Miss Janet Hathorn, Miss Lorna Badcock, Sheila Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. W. Phillips (i.e., Doreen Phillips, nee Crookes) and others."

**MERRICK, Thelma**, always a keen and enthusiastic Old Girl, travelled with the Maritzburg party to Winnie Bull's (Mrs. Drummond) tea party in Durban after the Jubilee Week-end. She is still a very popular and successful amateur actress in Maritzburg and is always praised by the critics. **Veronique** (Mrs. Carter) works very hard and does an invaluable job as honorary secretary of the Durban branch. She was with us, of course, for all the Jubilee celebrations and with Winnie Drummond and Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant) spent several days here before the Sale sorting and pricing all Durban's and the extra goods that came in for the Fancy Stall.



**METHVEN, Esme** (Mrs. Edwards) attended the Cape Town W.O.G. reunion in January.

**MITCHELL-INNES, Edith** (Mrs. Crowe) has been a liberal supporter of our efforts this year.

**MOBERLEY, Veronica** (Mrs. Rutherford) has our deepest sympathy in the death of her father, the well known Dr. Moberley of Kloof.

**MOODIE, Margaret** (Mrs. Anderson) is still teaching at Gordon Road Girls' School in Durban, but says she is looking forward to being able to retire next year. **Rhoda**, we were sorry to hear from Gladys Elcombe (Mrs. Goulding), is still having a worrying time with her leg, which was broken some time ago. However, Kathleen Frances (Mrs. Drew) says when she met her at the tea party she gave in Salisbury in July she was as cheerful and full of fun as ever and still manages to run her most attractive home in Salisbury where she has a garden beautifully laid out. Margaret spent the summer holidays with her.

**MOORCROFT, Valerie** (Mrs. Bouttell) was married in Maritzburg on June 25th and she and her husband were waiting to move into their new house, which was not quite finished when she wrote.

**MORGAN, Hazel**, is now a final year student at the Pretoria Hospital school of Physiotherapy and enjoys her work very much.

**MUDIE, Enid's** (Mrs. Elliott) mother, whom some of the older W.O.G.s will remember as Lady Watt, widow of Sir Thomas Watt, died in Tangier on November 27th last year and was buried in the little churchyard of St. Andrew's English Church in Tangier near the grave of her husband. They both lived there for many years. We offer Enid our deep sympathy. In a letter written early this year to Amy Hathorn (Mrs. Young) Enid said that her only important contact in Natal was Kitty Vanderplank (Mrs. Morgans), who was her bosom friend at Wykeham and with whom she has never lost touch. She remembers too Pauline Howden, Dorrie Vanderplank and Ruth Frampton and is glad to read of them from time to time. She was interested to know that her old home, 38 Loop Street, more recently known as Badock's, is now a part of Wykeham, and in her news slip Enid told us that her niece Jean Mudie, who has been teaching in Kenya for nearly three years, hoped to have time to visit Maritzburg and possibly Wykeham while passing through on her way home to England at the end of this year. Enid would be very glad to have first-hand news of her old home (38 Loop Street) from where she went to Wykeham to school as a very small girl many years ago. "I shall ask her to give my love to the old school," writes Enid.



**MURRAY, Greta** (Mrs. Wood) is doing an admirable job managing her late husband's firm, Arthur Wood & Son, General Engineering Works, assisted by her two sons, Eric and Neil. Both her daughters are now married and she has one grandchild, little Susan Erica. Greta is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Maritzburg.

**NOLTE, Norah** (Mrs. Ballard) and her husband are running an attractive gift shop called the "Art Nook" in Margate, which several W.O.G.s holidaying down that way have visited.

**NICOLLS, Ann** (Mrs. Grayson) was not able to attend the W.O.G. reunion in Cape Town in January as she was then busy with final arrangements for her wedding, which took place the next day at St. Saviour's Church at Claremont.

**NORRIS, Audrey** (Mrs. Johnston) has been a long time recovering from her frightening accident in July last year, when her nightdress caught fire in an electric radiator and she was badly burned. She spent over three months in hospital and has since been suffering from heart trouble, due to delayed shock. Sylvia Clark (Mrs. Battcock) spent an afternoon with her while in Cape Town on her way back to England. Audrey is a keen social worker but her activities have naturally been very curtailed for the past year. However, she was able to attend the Cape Town reunion to meet Miss Ball in January. She keeps in touch with two W.O.G.s in particular, Molly Broome and Christine Wilkes (Mrs. Colman).

**NOURSE, Ina** (Mrs. Staples) has two very clever children, we hear from Kathleen Frances (Mrs. Drew), who met her at her tea party in Salisbury in July. Ina's daughter has just qualified as an occupational therapist at Wits. University and is now working at Groote Schuur Hospital. Her son is on an advanced course in architecture. His studies took him to Rome, where he met Winsome Reid's brother, and they were working together in Tanganyika for a while. **Miriam** (Mrs. Clarence) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband in April this year.

**OBERLIN-HARRIS, Alison** (Mrs. Hamilton) has our deepest sympathy too in the loss of her mother, who was so well known in Natal as Dr. Mildred Clark. She died in England last November.

**ODDIN-TAYLOR, Diane** (Mrs. Hathorn) is another W.O.G. who has lost her mother and to her, too, we extend our deepest sympathy. Her mother, who was the widow of Dr. G. E. Oddin-Taylor, died in August this year.



**PAYNE, Ivy** (Mrs. Stokes) is still running the Glencoe Hotel and has two sons. **Olive** (Mrs. Lloyd) is a Vice-President of the Dundee Agricultural Society and a member of the Glencoe Women's Institute, while her husband fills the offices of President of the Dundee Agricultural Society, Chairman of the Dundee Stock Sellers and Director of Northern Natal Auctioneers. Olive's daughter Julie, who gained her B.A. degree at the University of Natal this year, is now writing her Diploma, while two of the younger ones, Rosemary and John, achieved distinction at last year's Dundee Agricultural Show. Rosemary won a cup for the most points in the school children's section, while John won a cup for his pigs! **Blossom** (Mrs. Jack) leads a very busy life and has recently taken up pewter work, and when she wrote was busy making mirrors, plates, sprays and tiles, which she finds great fun. Her two children, Allan, aged 12, and Joseen, aged 8, attend Bergvliet School. Blossom thoroughly enjoyed meeting Miss Ball and all the Old Girls present at the gathering held at Kelvin Grove last January.

**PAYN, Geraldine** (Mrs. Sparg) was delighted that her husband was able to take a few days' leave from business at the time of our Jubilee week-end so that she was able to be with us. She thoroughly enjoyed the Old Girls' Dance, but it was sad that she was not well the next day, and so couldn't attend the meeting and the services. She has two sons, but hopes one day to have a daughter to send to Wykeham. She keeps in touch with, and sent us news of, several W.O.G.'s, including Rosemary Stewart (Mrs. Reynolds), Dawn Shaw-Wheeler (Mrs. Fussell), Moray Reid (Mrs. Vorster), Nora Nolte (Mrs. Ballard), Jackie Cosnett (Mrs. Morgan), Joan Allen (Mrs. Kennedy), Huguette Rietbergen (Mrs. Reilly), Pat Anderson, and Helen Godbold.

**PEARSE, Madge**, was hostess at the quarterly reunion of the Durban branch, at which its collecting drive for the Golden Jubilee Building Fund was launched.

**PEARSON, Doris** (Mrs. Nias) (see under Sylvia Clark). **Margaret** is still on the journalistic staff of the "Natal Mercury."

**PEEL, Dorothy** (Mrs. Hayter) and her husband are now living in Salisbury and Dorothy was glad to meet Rhodesian W.O.G.s at Kathleen Frances's (Mrs. Drew) tea party there in July and to hear from Kathleen some first-hand news of **Toria** (Mrs. Bacon), who has been a keen supporter of every Wykeham effort throughout the last year. She had to resign the Presidency of the Durban branch when she came to live in Maritzburg, but she did a splendid job in convening and running the Sacrifice Stall at the Fête and in organising a weekly sewing party at her home for many weeks before the Fête. She is still a keen member of the Women's Institutes, too, and attended the Summer School at Westville in March. In July she and her husband were holidaying in Durban



when he was taken ill with an attack of thrombosis and was taken to Parklands Nursing Home. However, we are delighted to hear that he is making a good recovery and is home again now.

**PENDOCK, Veronica**, gained her teachers' diploma last year, is now teaching at Kingsmead and hopes to go overseas next year. **Yvonne**, we heard from Veronica, has been sharing a flat with Janet Drew and has seen both Miss Mellor and Miss Clark. She started on a new job in March this year and has made no definite plans about returning to South Africa yet. She did a wonderful tour of the Continent, and sent out about 200 photographs taken on the trip.

**PENNINGTON, Laurel** (Mrs. Hugman) didn't manage to get to the Birthday week-end but was delighted to be able to attend Winnie Bull (Mrs. Drummond)'s tea party afterwards and to hear all about the celebrations. She was also glad to have an opportunity of meeting Miss Ball for the first time. We are pleased to know that her husband's health is much better now.

**PENNY, Jean**, is on a visit overseas under the sponsorship of the Chaperoned South African Grand Tour of Europe. We saw a picture of her in the "Natal Mercury" in July with two other South African girls at Hampton Court.

**PENTLAND, Maureen** (Mrs. Rutherford) had a camping and fishing holiday this year in Portuguese territory at Vilanculos and Bazaruka, where Maureen herself caught an 18lb. salmon which, she says, nearly pulled her into the water instead of the reverse process. Maureen's life seems to be full of romantic and unusual experiences, though one of her latest experiences could hardly be called romantic. She worked for three weeks in a butcher shop because, she says, "our butcher was called away. I could hardly believe that it was me, standing hacking great joints. What I knew about an animal was dangerous. If anyone had told me way back in 1937 that I would one day be a butcher I would have told them they were crazy, but it is amazing what one does when one has to. One thing, I'm the right build for a butcher, they say." Still the same old Maureen! It was she who persuaded the Executive Committee to hold the Old Girls' Dance this year during the week-end and it was such an outstanding success that the same thing will be done again next year. We are grateful for the work she has done as one of the leaders in her district. She will continue with the work this year also.

**PERKINS, Ann** (Mrs. Roberson) has a baby daughter, we hear from Grace Crooks (Mrs. Edgecombe), who saw her a while ago in Johannesburg. **Joy** (Mrs. Girdwood) has now been at Mufulira, in Northern Rhodesia, for 6½ years. She and her family of three were down in the Union on leave in February. **Pat** (Mrs. Du Bufanos) flew up last year and stayed with Joy for a while. It was her first visit to Rhodesia. Joy plays tennis and golf. Pat says she thoroughly enjoyed the Old Girls' Dance, the first she



had attended since she left school in 1937. We hear from Monica Smith (Mrs. Kelly), who lives on the next farm to Pat (that, she and her husband have a beautiful new home and, despite its being on a very windswept hilltop, Pat has managed to tame the acres of wilderness (as she calls it) around the house, and has done wonders with the garden. The cheque she handed in for the Building Fund, proceeds of a jumble sale she had held on her farm, was a welcome surprise. **Patricia** was working in Maritzburg at Mason's, the florist's, but on June 18 she sailed on a trip overseas with her mother.

**PITCAIRN, May** (Mrs. Calverley), we were sorry to hear, has been very ill, but when she sent in her news slip was home again and hoping soon to be well. She gave us news of her daughters, Doreen (Mrs. Vivier) and Beryl (Mrs. Paddock).

**PLATT, Doreen** (Mrs. Niven) has now made her home in London in a charming flat which was described at some length in the "Natal Mercury" last January. Doreen apparently had great fun picking up bargains in the way of furnishings in junk shops and sale rooms. **Nan** (Mrs. Bassett) had a trip overseas with her husband last year.

**POPE, Anne** (Mrs. Sage) was married on 27th November at Matatiele and is now living in Durban.

**POPE-ELLIS, Tony** (Mrs. Seekings) did a wonderful job in convening and organising the sale of plants both before and during the Jubilee Fête. It all started because along with other Maritzburg Old Girls she was asked to contribute a cake to one of the earliest of our now popular cake sales. As plants were more in her line, she cast an enquiring eye over the flower-beds in her lovely garden at Hilton Road and decided to lift and "pot" a few plants for the sale instead of cakes. Her plant section at this sale was an immediate success, so she gave the same help at a later sale and also organised one of her own at Hilton Road, which brought in £22. By the time the Birthday week-end arrived the money she had already raised and her collection of plants for sale had reached amazing proportions, and assisted by Marjorie Fleming and Phyllis Earl (Mrs. Coughlan) she had something like 700 plants to offer. Those that were not in bloom were labelled with charming watercolour sketches of what the blooms would be like! And we shall again have her doing the same job next year. Recently she has had a worrying time with her husband ill. **Jeanette** (Mrs. Fincken), as her special contribution to the Golden Jubilee effort, is running a competition, as a result of which she will paint a portrait of Miss Moore for the school. The winner of the competition will also have the privilege of having her own portrait painted by Jeanette.

**POYNTON, Phyllis** (Mrs. Hirst-Simpson) is a tireless worker in her community, we hear from Monica Smith (Mrs. Kelly), who also lives at Empangeni.



**PYE, Eirene** (Mrs. Colville) was in Grey's Hospital, we heard from Hilda Houston (Mrs. Clough) and was visited by Lorna Hime in September. She had then been in hospital since July 18th but was progressing slowly and hoped to be able to go home in about three weeks' time.

**QUIN, Peggy** (Mrs. Nash) passed away at the beginning of this year after a long and painful illness bravely borne. R.I.P.

**RADLOFF, Audrey** (Mrs. Cohen) was delighted to be at the party given by Kathleen Frances (Mrs. Drew) in Salisbury in July, and to get all the latest news of Wykeham. She says she is still enjoying life in Salisbury, is captain of the Salisbury Sports Club Hockey Section again this year and played as goalkeeper for the Mashonaland "A" team. She ends her news slip, "I wish the present staff and pupils a very successful year." Earlier in the year, Audrey and Gladys Elcombe (Mrs. Goulding) got together and collected some cash donations in their district for the building fund and also a parcel of goods for the Fête. Audrey and her husband are hoping to go overseas next year.

**REID, Moray** (Mrs. Vorster) was married at East London on 6th April. Her husband is Dr. de Wet Vorster, an American who qualified as a doctor in South Africa. They had a four months' honeymoon trip to England and the Continent before settling down in Montreal, Canada, where they expect to spend four years while he specialises in psychiatry and neurology, after which they plan to return to South Africa. **Winsome, O.G.s** will be sorry to hear, has had a leg amputated since the last magazine was published. She had an artificial leg fitted and left Grey's Hospital in June to live at Pennington on the South Coast, but in September Lorna met her in Maritzburg when she was on a visit here. She is hoping to go to England next year to see whether she can be fitted with a plastic artificial leg as she finds her present one very heavy and uncomfortable. Her brother, who lives and works in Rome now, is standing her the trip.

**RICHARDS, Denise**, who still lives and works in Salisbury, was down in Natal in June spending a holiday at Bergville with her parents.

**RIETBERGEN, Hugnette's** (Mrs. Reilly) new baby son was born on his elder brother's second birthday—very convenient for parties! Her husband, Pat, is a sugar farmer.

**RODDA, Rosemary** (Mrs. Zingel), who still lives at Westville, contracted polio in January this year while on holiday in Swaziland, and says that although she is much better now, her right leg is still slightly paralysed and she limps badly. However, the doctors seem confident that she will recover completely eventually. She says she is longing to play tennis again! She has three child-



ren now, and keeps busy with all the usual household chores and with working for the Methodists, who have recently built a new church at Westville.

**ROE-SCOTT, June** (Mrs. Hackland) is secretary of the United Party's Mid-Illovo Branch and says she is always busy with local functions—dances, gymkhanas, tennis tournaments, and of course the Wykeham Building Fund.

**ROSS, Norah** (Mrs. Howes) and her husband celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in Durban in April.

**RUDLAND, Dorothy** (Mrs. Cooper) was at the tea party in Salisbury arranged by Kathleen Frances (Mrs. Drew) who tells us that Dorothy's daughter June had then just returned from her Princess Elizabeth Exchange Holiday tour of Great Britain, a two months' trip during which she had the thrill of spending half an hour with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. This holiday tour is the outcome of a scheme arranged when the Royal Family were in Rhodesia in 1947. Two from Rhodesia go on holiday to Great Britain and two come out to Rhodesia from Great Britain. And if this was not enough for one year, June was married on August 11th! Dorothy's other daughter is a qualified secretary and works in Salisbury.

**SCHULZE, Valerie**, a new Old Girl who won the William of Wykeham Courtesy Prize last year, started nursing training at Wentworth Hospital but at the beginning of July was transferred to the Pathology section and is now working as a medical technician at the Medical School. She has decided, though, that next year she will go to Johannesburg and start a Domestic Science Teachers' Course, which she hopes will be her final choice of a career. She has met Sheilagh Bashagen, Rona Franklin and June Harris since being in Durban.

**SCOTT-RIDDELL, Ailsa's** (Mrs. Halle) daughter Jill was married in December and is now the wife of the Headmaster of Clifton Preparatory School, Mr. Geoffrey Jenks. Ailsa's son Roy is engaged. **Mavis** (Mrs. Boyd) came to the meeting held on 25th August to discuss next year's bazaar. We were very glad to see her.

**SHAW, Nancy** (Mrs. Lund), with the help of Ruth Frampton (Mrs. Pennington), Nettie Johnston (Mrs. Webster) and Tony Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Seekings) organised a most successful cake and plant sale at Howick in March, which raised £56.

**SHAW-WHEELER, Dawn** (Mrs. Fussell) spent a short holiday with Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg) before leaving for England where, Geraldine told us, she seemed to be enjoying her holiday very much. Geraldine intended meeting her at East London on her return to this country. Next year, Dawn and her husband hope to be host and hostess to Geraldine and her family on their tobacco farm in Rhodesia.



**SHEPSTONE, Poppy** (Mrs. Raeburn) is living in Surrey and loves England, we hear from Olive Payne (Mrs. Lloyd).

**SHIPPEY, Phyllis** (Mrs. Somerville), with the knitting of very popular striped pullovers for small boys, and fudge-making, occupies every leisure moment and makes a goodly sum of money for the Wykeham Building Fund. She and her husband are greatly looking forward to their trip overseas next year and we wish them a good holiday, but we shall sadly miss her as one of our Vice-presidents at next year's Birthday celebrations. She was, of course, delighted to welcome Jill back from overseas just before this year's Jubilee week-end.

**SIMPSON, Glennis**, has become quite a celebrated shot in this country and "The Outspan" published an article and photographs about her in February this year. It stated that her love of shooting started when she was 12 and used to spend her holidays from Wykeham with a school friend at Darnall where the two of them went off hunting with a sporting .22 rifle and shot at snakes, stones, trees or any other likely target. As her friend was Captain of Shooting at Wykeham it was inevitable that Glennis should take shooting as an "extra." When she left school and went to live in the Cape, Glennis joined the Peninsula Rifle Club and soon became a "shooting star." She was the first woman to win the Mrs. Hawtrey Trophy at a Club competition, beating 31 male competitors. The writer of the article said that she could perhaps count herself among the three foremost women shots in the Western Province, and adds, "I would say that she has a chance of becoming Bisley champion one day." However, since this appeared, Glennis has left South Africa for two or three years, as her father has been transferred to America and she and her mother have of course gone to New York too. They sailed in the "African Endeavour" on March 14th.

**SMEATON, Audrey** (Mrs. Earle Smith) was elected to the W.O.G. Executive at the annual meeting but, to our great regret, had to resign in August as her husband had been transferred to Ladysmith on promotion. She was sad at having to take her two little daughters away from Wykeham. She ran a very profitable cake sale in April. **Shirley** (Mrs. Jex) had a third daughter last October. Wykeham rejoices! See also under Marise Hudson.

**SMITH, Monica** (Mrs. Kelly), when she sent in her news slip, had just returned from a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months' visit to the British Isles and parts of the Continent. She was very sorry to miss the Old Girls' dance. **Pamela D.** (Mrs. Roussel), writing from her home in Guernsey, said she was looking forward to a summer holiday at the Italian lakes. She said that later in the year she was expecting a visit from the son of the people with whom she lived during her evacuation to South Africa during the war. "I shall so enjoy talking over old times," she says.



**SOMERVILLE, Jill**, after just over two years' nursing overseas, had a very delightful trip back via the East Coast, arriving in April in time to help with the Golden Jubilee Fête. She is back at Grey's again now as a Staff Nurse but plans to go to Groote Schuur next year and then, probably the following year, overseas again. She has written an article for this magazine.

**STAINBANK, Sheila** (Mrs. Mason) was married in Maritzburg just before the Birthday week-end. **Maureen** (Mrs. Fanner) did a very fine job as Secretary and Treasurer for the Golden Jubilee Fête, but it was unfortunate for her and for us that she was called away at the time of the Fête because her parents were both ill. Her husband deputised for her most efficiently at the Fête, and we were very grateful to him. She is now a member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee.

**STEERE, Winifred**, who still teaches music at Wykeham, can always be relied on to support all W.O.G. activities. **Joan** (Mrs. Harrington) hopes to come to Natal on holiday from Cyprus, with her two children, early next year.

**STANLEY, Diana**, a new Old Girl, has had a wonderful time this year, having gone overseas on a trip with her grandfather, the well known Mr. G. Heaton Nicholls. She was able to go to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, and we saw a photograph of her and her party on their way to the Palace published in the "Natal Mercury" in July.

**STEWART, Dorothy** (Mrs. Barlow) and her sister **Margaret** (Mrs. Harrison) have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their mother in August. Dorothy acted as liaison in Maritzburg for the pantry shelf stall at the Fete. Margaret is now living at Lusaka in Northern Rhodesia. **Rosemary** (Mrs. Reynolds) is now the wife of the Vicar of Idutywa and has a baby son. She hopes to open a dancing school in Idutywa later on. We hear from Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg), who sees her often.

**STRACHAN, Colleen**, who has completed her nursing training, was one of a party of four nurses from Grey's Hospital who sailed in April for a holiday in England and on the Continent. She is expected back in November.

**STRAFFEN, Biddy** (Mrs. Woods) was at the Old Girls' dance. **Peggy** (Mrs. Gill) is looking forward to a trip overseas next year, and is sorry that she will be away at the time of the birthday celebrations.

**STRAW, Edna's** (Mrs. McMillan) son Duff was married last January.

**SUMMERSGILL, Molly**, is doing radiography at Addington Hospital and enjoying her work very much.

**SYDIE, Helen** (Mrs. Paull) was one of the co-conveners of the very successful white elephant stall at the Fete. **Pat** (Mrs. Hewlitt) did a splendid job of work in her district for the Golden Jubilee Building Fund and the Fête, and, we are told by Pamela Hudson



(Mrs. Braadvedt) sold more raffle tickets than anyone else, besides contributing generously herself in several ways.

**SYKES, Jill**, became engaged to Mr. Terry Christie last year and we hear she is now married.

**TAYLOR, Molly's** (Mrs. Thomson) son Alistair was married in Durban in August.

**TASKER, Diana** (Mrs. Blore), whose baby son was born in September, says she still keeps in touch with quite a number of W.O.G.s and often sees Pat Black (Mrs. Young).

**THOMPSON, Ellen**, was back in Maritzburg again and teaching at Russell High School. We hoped to see something of her but before that could happen she was transferred to Ladysmith we now hear. However, it is good to have news of her again as we had lost touch with her for some time.

**TIBBITT, Aline** (Mrs. Smit), we hear, now lives at Porterville in the Cape. She has three sons. **Isobel** (Mrs. Havemann) and her family are at present at Kenilworth in the Cape, but as her husband is now with the Shell Petrol Co., there is every possibility that they may be transferred to other parts of the world. We are glad to get news of them again after a long lapse of time.

**TITLESTAD, Irene**, is living at Oudeni in Zululand, says Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford), who met her once at an Institute Group Meeting at Monzi.

**TOD, Marjorie** (Mrs. Proudfoot) left in the "Africa" on 25th May on a trip to the Continent. She was to disembark at Venice.

**TOMLINSON, Catherine's** (Mrs. Guy) daughter Margaret is studying physiotherapy in Dublin.

**TOPHAM, Phyllis** (Mrs. Goble), we hear, is now living in King Edward Avenue, Scottsville.

**TRIMMER, Rosa**, who is training at Guy's Hospital in London, passed her preliminary examinations at the end of last year. She will be away from South Africa for at least four years.

**TURNER, Lynette** (see under Grace Bernard).

**VALENTINE, Eleanor** (Mrs. Graham) is back in Maritzburg again we are glad to say; her husband was sent back here soon after having been transferred to Durban. She is a keen supporter of all W.O.G. functions and of course has her little daughter Mary at Wykeham.

**VANDERPLANK, Cynthia** (Mrs. Shewan), we are sorry to hear, has been very unwell and had to undergo an operation, which we hope will soon restore her to health.

**VARTY, Phyllis** (Mrs. Pretorius) tells us simply that she is still farming. They are at Riet Vlei.



**VERNEY, Ellice** (Mrs. Lupton-Smith) was staying with her brother at Hilton Road at the time of the Jubilee Fete and helped Tony Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Seekings) on the plant stall. We were delighted to have an unexpected and extra helper. She wasn't able to come to the annual general meeting but was so impressed by the splendid work and the happy atmosphere at the bazaar that she has become full of enthusiasm for our efforts and she is doing everything she can now, in her own district in East Griqualand, assisting Betty Hedley (Mrs. Webb) and Denise Chaplin (Mrs. Dorning), who are the leaders in that district. As Ellice rightly says, "sustained effort is what is needed." **Hylda** (Mrs. Nattle) is a very keen gardener, we hear from Muriel Gilson (Mrs. Robinson), and sometimes judges at the local shows in Kenya when she does not exhibit.

**WALKER, "Johnnie"** (Mrs. Harris) and her daughter June, another W.O.G., enjoyed every minute of their marvellous holiday overseas last year. She and helpers made a splendid effort for the Golden Jubilee Building Fund and sent in a handsome cheque. **Joan** (Mrs. Antel) has our deepest sympathy in the death of her father in April this year. We are delighted to hear that she is sending her daughter Jeanette to Wykeham next year.

**WALTON, Barbara**, we hear from Miss Mellor, is now with the S.A.B.C. in Johannesburg. W.O.G.s hear her voice on the air from time to time extolling the virtues of soap flakes or some other commodity.

**WEBB, Olga** (Mrs. Logan) is a hard-working member of the Durban Branch and was working on their stall at the Fete.

**WHITTAKER, Edith**, was transferred at Easter from Underberg to the Estcourt Junior School. She likes it there very much, and is able to get home for most week-ends.

**WILLIAMSON, Nancy** (Mrs. Scott) is sending her daughter Jill to Wykeham next year, we are delighted to hear.

**WILKES, Christine** (Mrs. Coleman), on account of her mother's illness, was sorry not to be able to attend the party to meet Miss Ball in Cape Town in January.

**WILMOT, Ena** (Mrs. Grist) has our deepest sympathy in the death of her father in July. Her husband is now manager of the Cable & Wireless Co. in Mombasa. She and Leslie Gilson (Mrs. Hales) often meet, and Muriel Gilson (Mrs. Robinson) tells us that she and Leslie had lunch with Ena while she was staying with Leslie in Kenya. She thinks that Leslie's and Ena's husbands must have felt a bit impatient with "Wykeham news" bursting out so often. If so, however, they concealed it well.

**WILSON, Burd** (Mrs. Gathercole) has our deepest sympathy in the death of her mother in December last year.

**WINTHROP, June**, to our great sorrow, passed away a month or two ago. R.I.P.

**WOOD, Phyllis**, has now retired from the Natal Education Department and has enjoyed a few months of leisure with an occasional spell of work when she has been called upon to deputise for teachers who have been taken ill at different schools. She took part in all the Jubilee celebrations and was delighted to meet her old friend, Grace Bernard (Mrs. Turner) at the annual meeting.

**WOODS, Dulcie** (Mrs. Fraser) helped **Memory** (Mrs. Otto) with the convening of the very successful produce stall at the bazaar, and we are delighted they have offered to do the same job again next year. Dulcie has notified us that she is willing, with Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford) to continue their splendid work for Wykeham as leaders in their district. Memory we welcome as a new member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee. **Ponty** (Mrs. Goodwin) stayed with Dulcie a little while ago on holiday.

**YOUNG, Queenie** (Mrs. Fowler) is now the proud possessor of a granddaughter, who was born to her son Geoffrey and his wife last April.

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"Some have much, and some have more,  
 Some are rich, and some are poor,  
 Some have little, some have less,  
 Some have not a cent to bless  
 Their empty pockets, yet possess  
 True riches in true happiness."

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To some—unclouded skies and sunny days,  
 To some—grey weather and laborious ways,  
 To all—Thy Grace.  
 To those who fall—Thy tenderness.

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