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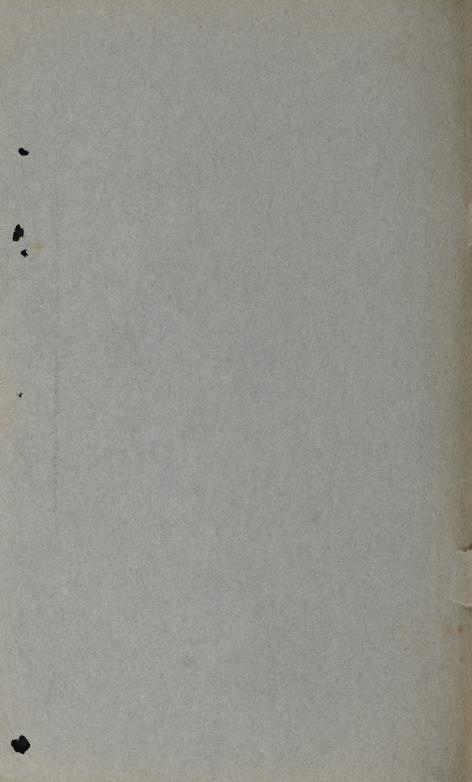


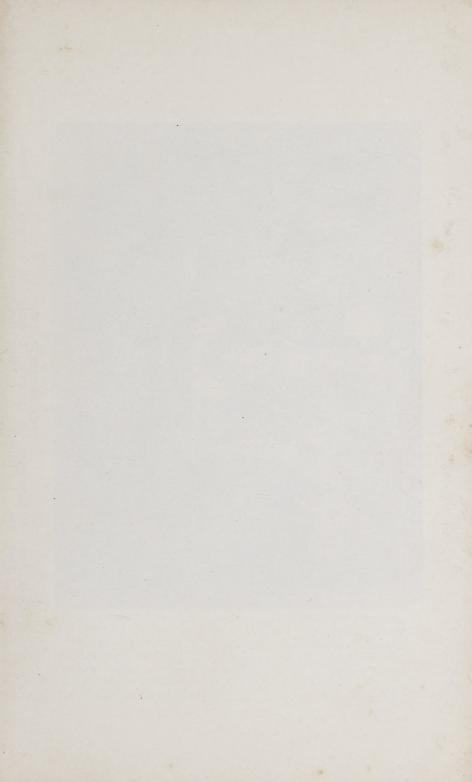
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"Alle wille comme riht, Hahe feith, and fiht Myth alle youre miht. Onlye syt tyht,

Quoth William of Wykeham."

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Back Row: A. Scrimgeour, G. Curlewis, L. Inglis, M. Hamman, J. Dorning. Front Row: L. Hellberg, E. A. Milne (Headmistress), S. Jennings.

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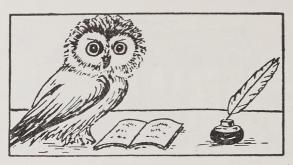
### PRINCIPAL'S GREETINGS

A year has passed since last I, as a "new girl" wrote my greetings to you all. The year has added to our knowledge, and what is still more important to our experience. By knowledge I do not mean only what our teachers and our textbooks have taught us; but we have learned to know each other. I hope we have all made steady progress in learning the rules of living together as we needs must do in the world today. At no time in the world's history has this art been so essential. So we must gather together our tools for building a harmonious community—a sense of value that does not judge only on appearances; consideration for others, tolerance which recognises that the "other fellow" is quite often right, and courage to perservere in our ideals.

If our experiences teach us to avoid the things which weaken our personality, then we are well on the way to becoming that kind of person which Mary Moore held as the ideal for the girls of Wykeham when she laid the spiritual foundations of this school 59 years ago. It is possible that you did not read the school prospectus before you came—it was, you thought, your parents' affair; but your personality is indeed your asset. What do you think of the second paragraph in our brochure? Next year will see many of the foundation members back at their old school for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It lies in your hands to show them that the Wykeham girls of today have not let them down.

The coming quarter is very short, but there is much both of pleasure and work to be crowded into it—and for all, the examinations which should gather together the threads we have been weaving during the year. Have you read William's advice on the cover of this magazine? So I say with him "Syt Thyt"—don't give in, and may every success attend you both now and in the future.

EUNICE A. MILNE.



## WYKEHAM SCHOOL STAFF

## September, 1964

### **Headmistress:**

Miss E. A. Milne, B.A., U.E.D. (University of Natal)

Mrs. D. Beghin, B.A.

Mrs. V. Braham (Kindergarten).

Miss P. Rorich, B.A., U.E.D.

Mrs. J. Dely, Dip. Domestic Sc. (Edinburgh).

Mrs. P. Fletcher, B.A. (Hons.).

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

Miss C. Hodges, N.T.D.

Mrs. E. Liefman (Member) S.A.M.T.A.

Miss P. Lister, C.S.T.D.

Mrs. Oliver (Froebel T.D.).

Miss C. Manion, B.Sc.

Mrs. B. Leisegang, N.T.D. Mrs. A. Seed, B.A., U.E.D.

Miss A. Seed, B.A., U.E.D. Miss A. Simpson, B.A., U.E.D.

Miss P. Silverthorne, B.A., U.E.D.

Miss D. Temple, N.A.T.C.

Mrs. Viljoen.

Mrs. E. Towner-Coston (Member) S.A.M.T.A.

Miss Pattenden, N.T.D.

### **Administrative Staff:**

Mrs. G. E. Hanington (Secretary); Mrs. A. E. Smith (Acting Secretary); Miss E. Munton (Bursar); Mrs. M. Morris (Warden).

Matrons: Mrs. J. Tippets (Winchester); Sister A. M. Robinson (Waverley); Mrs. M. MacMillan (New House).

Housekeeper: Mrs. Heggie.

**Visiting Staff:** 

Mrs. Rodell (Speech); Mrs. H. Mills (M.R.A.D.).



### WYKEHAM SCHOOL LIST

### September, 1964

- Form VI: S. Ablett, E. Cloete, G. Curlewis, J. Dorning, C. Elderton, B. Green, M. Hamman, \*E. Hellberg, L. Inglis, S. Jennings, \*R. Jowett, M. Lawrence, A. Scrimgeour, P. Shorten, \*G. Smith, A. Viljoen.
- Form V (M): P. Behrens, C. Bullimore, J. Catchpole, J. Dickinson, C. Douglas, A. Hubbart, S-A. Jackson, \*S. Juul, M. le Roux, G. L'Estrange, H. Phillips, P. Riemer, M. Scott.
- Form V (G): A. Braby, J. Cope, P. Croudace, B. Davey, J. Fraser, V. Fyfe, \*J. Hean, G. Herd, J. Ibbotson, J. Lister, \*J. Smyth, R. Stainbank, \*R. Stradling.
- Form IV: V. Baldwin, E. Davey, L. Davis, \*G. Ferguson, \*J. Frame, L. Gold, A. Hamilton, \*S. Mills, \*P. Nicholls, \*A. Pratt, L. Schaefer, \*H. Sclater, A. Schonau, \*M. Smith, B. Turner, M. Volek, C. Malherbe.
- Form III: L. Bank, K. Benson, \*P. Boreham, A. Bowles, S. Catto, S. Dickinson, J. Doveton, D. Foster, S. Greene, S. Harrison, A. Johnson, \*S. Joubert, D. Knight, H. Potter, A. Powell, L. Sheinuk, M. Stainbank, B. Sternheim, P. Swinbourn, G. Watermeyer, \*S. Webster, V. Wicks.
- Form II: S. Antel, \*M. Berriman, \*E. Bonsall, \*A. Borrowdale, F. Brown, L. Campbell, W. Croudace, J. Dixon-Smith, J. Dunckley, \*A. Frame, \*J. Gordon, \*J. Gray, V. Gundelfinger, S. James, \*V. Joubert, G. Lee, \*J. Leisegang, P. L'Estrange, \*C. Olivier, I. Rankin, B. Scott, T. Scott-Barnes, \*N. Sharpe, \*L. Smyth, R. Stainbank.



M. Lawrence, S. Ablett, P. Shorten. FORM VI, 1964 Back Row: E. Middle Row: R. Jowett,

mistress), S. Jennings, Mrs. J. Dely

Form Mistress), L. Hellberg.

Front Row: G. Curlewis,

- Standard 5: J. Bennett, J. Burke, T. Cramb, J. Crookes, \*P. Edkins, J. Harrison, \*G. Haynes, \*P. Kerr, S. McDonald, I. McLean, \*M. Muggeridge, S. Otto, J. Scrimgeour, S. Smith, \*L. Turnbull, J. Wright.
- **Standard 4:** D. Briggs, E. Cloete, \*B. Edkins, Y. Greene, \*F. Henwood, \*A. McKenzie, \*A. Smythe, J. Sutton, \*S. Walters, M. Malherbe.
- Standard 3: \*K. Clarke, \*J. Cook, J. Green, F. Haysom, \*J. Hoggart, \*B-L, Leisegang, M. Ryan, \*V. Wilde.
- Standard 2: \*L. Bentham, \*J. Cosnett, \*G. Davidson, \*E. Mobbs, \*B. Norris, R. Pool, G. Stainbank, E. Sutton, L. Leisegang.
- Standard 1: \*C. Bosman, A. Davies, \*J. Hearn, \*S. Hindle, \*D. Jenks, J. Johnson, S. L'Estrange, \*L. McKenzie, \*N. Ogilvie, \*J. Staniland, \*S. Thornton-Dibb.

### Kindergarten: Class II:

\*R. Armstrong, \*P. Baxter, \*C. Cook, \*G. Cosnett, \*. Evans, \*A. Jenks, \*M. Markham, \*P. Newman, \*M. Seed, \*J. Slinger, \*I. Gordon.

### Kindergarten: Class I:

J. Mulock-Bentley, \*D. Hearn, \*C. Killerby, \*S. Laurens, \*D. Balfour, \*G. Alexander.

\*Denotes Day Scholars.

### **EXAMINATION SUCCESSES AND ACADEMIC HONOURS**

The Senior Certificate results were satisfactory, but not as good as they should have been, and it was disappointing to see no distinctions. There were eight passes with Matriculation Exemption, four of these with Merit, Helen Fitch, Lynn Kelly, Janet MacKenzie, Heather Potter; and seven who gained Senior Certificate passes.

In the Junior Certificate, those who entered on the "A" level gained 100% passes. Out of 28 candidates, 13 gained Merit passes, and 15 passed.

Those who gained Merit passes were:

\*C. Bullimore, S. Canny, J. Catchpole, B. Davey, J. Ibbotson, S. Jackson, \*S. Juul, \*G. L'Estrange, M. le Roux, \*I. Lewin, \*P. Riemer, J. Scott, S. Stewart. \*Gained Provincial Bursaries. In addition J. Catchpole was awarded the L. T. Drew Bursary and J. Scott, the W. de Kock Bursary.

There were 15 distinctions among them. Two girls gained "O" level passes.

### **Taalbond Examinations:**

Hoër Taaleksamen	9 passes (4 with Merit)
Laer Taaleksamen	16 passes (1 with Merit)
Voorbereidende Taaleksamen	12 passes (4 with Merit)

### Speech and Drama Festival:

97 first class awards were made in the English Section, and included a wide range of items such as Scripture, Lyric, Sight Reading, and Public Speaking.

In the Afrikaans Section, 22 first class awards were given, and in the French, 14.

Anne Scrimgeour gained prizes, firstly for the best speaker at the Junior Chamber of Commerce Debate, and secondly, for the best acting in the Inter-Schools Dramatics.

### **Academic Honours:**

This is an innovation at Wykeham. It is felt that the time has come to give some recognition to outstanding progress in the field of Academics. Hitherto only sporting activities have been recognized. It was agreed by the Staff that all girls achieving an "A" or "B" aggregate in Form IV or V should qualify for this award which is a scroll in white on navy bearing the word "Academics". The present holders are:

Gail Curlewis
Caroline Elderton
Muriel Hamman
Sally Jennings

Caroline Bullimore Judy Catchpole Sandra Juul Geraldine L'Estrange Patricia Riemer.

### Music:

Our Congratulations go to:

**Helen Potter** for gaining the Reid Memorial for obtaining highest marks in Pietermaritzburg in the Royal Academy examinations.

Sandra Juul — Honours in Grade VII and her excellent skill as an accompanist.

Geraldine L'Estrange and Judy Catchpole for gaining honours in their duet playing.

Our Congratulations go also to:

Angela Braby for gaining the first prize in Natal in the Wool Board's recent competition.

Our Standard Five quiz team for obtaining the prize in the Sunday Tribune competition.



### PRIZE GIVING

### Tuesday, 10th December, 1963

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

### Headmistress' Report

Presentation of Prizes and Address by Miss M. Martin, B.A.

Form Prizes: Standard 3	Prize List Jennifer Sutton
Standard 4	Penelope Edkins
Standard 5	Jeanette Leisegang
Standard 6, also Junior Arithmetic and Junior Scripture	Janine Sola
Standard 7	Edith Davey
Standard 8, also J.C. Arithmetic (presented by Mr. K. Pennington) and Maths	Geraldine L'Estrange
Standard 9  Standard 10, Senior Latin (presented by Miss M. K. Ball), Senior Maths (presented by Mr. K. Pennington), Botany	Sally Jennings and Muriel Hamman
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Subject Prizes:		
Junior English and Afrikaans	Helen Potter	
Junior Sewing	Ann Johnson	
Junior Art	Louise Sheinuk	
Progress in Arithmetic	Averill MacKenzie	
Domestic Science (presented by Miss J. Black)	Eugene Hamman	
Senior Scripture (presented by Miss Mellor)	Rosemary Barnes	
Senior Art (presented by Mrs. V. Bacon)	Connie Burness	
Senior Geography	Eileen L'Estrange	
Senior History and Dramatics	Helen Fitch	
Senior Afrikaans	Lynne Kelly	
Senior English (presented by Miss Farrant)	Janet McKenzie	
Music Prizes: Senior (presented by Mrs. Smythe, snr.)	Pamela Forbes	
Junior, for progress (presented by Mrs. Liefman)	Helen Potter	
School Cups:		
Form Efficiency Shield Phillips Cup for Art and Handi-	Standard 9	
crafts	Moore House	
Steere Cup for Work	Mackenzie House	
House Order Cup	Mackenzie House	
School Awards:  Angela Budd Memorial Prize (presented by Messrs. Shuter and Shuter)	Ann Johnson	
Good Fellowship Prize (presented by Mrs. Cope)	Marlene Haines	
William of Wykeham Courtesy Prize (presented by Miss L. Hime)	Rosemary Scott-Barnes	

# THE ADDRESS GIVEN BY THE HEAD-GIRL, ROSEMARY SCOTT-BARNES AT THE PRIZE-GIVING, DECEMBER, 1963

Miss Martin, Miss Milne, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the fiirls of Wykeham to extend a very sincere vote of thanks to Miss Martin for coming here this morning as our Guest of Honour. We feel very privileged at having with us so distinguished a guest, who has contributed so greatly through her years of teaching to our education in Natal. Miss Martin we do thank you, and have so enjoyed having you with us today.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Miss Milne as our new Principal and with her, innumerable new members of Staff and Scholars. Glancing back over the year, I realize that 1963 has been a busy, yet on the whole a happy year. A year during which a considerable number of changes have taken place, dealing with both the progressive and discipline side of school life. It has been interesting to see how these changes have been accepted by some and not by others. I say interesting, because many of us are quite content to accept the usual old school routine, and when changes do occur, are apt to take an offensive attitude, resulting in disloyalty and unrest.

Loyal support to one's school and Staff, and an attentive attitude to school etiquette, will enable us as schoolgirls to get far more out of our school days than will adverse and uninformed criticism. Loyalty to the community is surely one loyalty in which we should be trained from our earliest days, whether the community be the home, the school or anything else.

Unrest on the other hand can upset the daily routine, upsetting on one side the educational studies, and on the other the general atmosphere of the school. Wykeham has always been a happy, friendly school, a school free from any kind of class bar, and one fortunately lacking the superiority of any one girl over another. Let us hope it will continue as it always has — one happy family. But to do this we girls must pull together, accepting discipline and the advantages offered to us, whether wanted or not.

In concluding, I should like to take this opportunity firstly in thanking the Prefects for the support which they have given me throughout the year. Not always have they agreed with what I have done or even suggested, but that is to be expected. However we have always managed to come to some decision, hoping, of course, that it will be the right one!

We thank also the girls for the way in which they have co-operated, and wish them every luck in their remaining years at this our school.

And now the third and most important person — Miss Milne. I feel I cannot express my true gratitude for all the help and encouragement she has given me. I feel I have at all times been able to go and express my point of view without the fear of being turned away. She has listened, and prompted where wrong, but never discouraged, and I know that with the support of the Board of Trustees, the Old Girls, the Parents, Staff, and the girls she'll keep Wykeham at the top, as her predecessors have. Miss Milne, I can only say a "simple" thank you.

And so another chapter closes in the history of Wykeham, but before the final word is written, the line drawn, and the book closed, let us remember the words of the late President J. Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your Country can do for you, ask what you can do for your Country", and so "Wykehamites", "ask not what this your school can do for you, ask what you can do for this your school.

### I thank you.



### GRAND-DAUGHTERS AT WYKEHAM, 1964

Antel, Shirley daughter of Joan Walker Bennett, Jane .. Sheila Crookes (deceased) Boreham, Peta "Zoë Browning Borrowdale, Anne · Mavis Arnott Bowles, Anne Edna Mason Catto. Sheldine " Joan Trotter Cope, Jeanette .. Patricia Moore Cook. Jesse Patricia Harcourt-Baldwin

Patricia Harcourt-Baldwin Cook. Celene Croudace, Priscilla Nan Moore Nan Moore Croudace, Wendy Mabel Chandler Davidson, Gillian Denise Chaplin Dorning, Julia Dulcie Arnott Foster, Diana Dulcie Woods (deceased) Fraser, Jessica Gladys Mitchell Harrison, Judith Gladys Mitchell Harrison, Sally Helen Catherine Hellberg, Elisabeth Gwynneth Saville Inglis, Lynette Yvonne McCullough Jackson, Sally-Ann Sylvia Gordon Joubert, Susan Sylvia Gordon Joubert, Veronica Natalie Fannin Juul, Sandra Barbara Waller Leisegang, Jeanette Barbara Waller Leisegang, B. Lynn Pamela Gold Le Roux, Mary Dorothy Knubley L'Estrange, Geraldine Dorothy Knubley L'Estrange, Pamela Dorothy Knubley L'Estrange, Sheena Memory Woods Otto. Susan Rosemary Thorp Powell, Anne Anne Harcourt-Baldwin Scott-Barnes, Tessa Sclater, Hazel Cherry Campbell Mary McLeod Scrimgeour, Anne Mary McLeod Scrimgeour, Jayne Audrey Smeaton Smith, Gillian Audrey Smeaton Smith, Marion Maud Gordon Stainbank, Rosemary Stainbank, Meryl Maud Gordon Stainbank, Robyn Jill Wasserfall Jill Wasserfall Stainbank, Gail Ann Stainbank Turner, Bridget

### **GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTERS**

Hearn, Jennifer Henwood, Felicity Grand-daughter of Gretta Murray daughter of Sheila Coates and Grand-daughter of Beryl Francis.



HOUSE NOTES Green House

House Staff: Miss Hodges, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Hannington, Mrs. Tippits, Miss Lister, Miss Rorich, Miss Temple. House Captain: P. Shorten. Vice-Captain: J. Catchpole.

Miss Hodges has continued as our house mistress, and we thank her for all the advice and encouragement she has given to us over the past year. We would also like to welcome Miss

Rorich, who joined us at the beginning of the year.

Although Green lost the Work Cup at the end of last year, the standard is steadily improving, and our chances of once again winning it are very promising. Special congratulations go to H. Fitch for gaining a first class Matriculation pass; to J. Catchpole, J. Ibbotson and M. le Roux, for obtaining merit passes in the Junior Certificate examination, and to I. Lewin and S. Juul, on being awarded Natal Bursaries. S. Jennings, A. Powell, D. Briggs and F. Henwood are to be commended on their high standard of work maintained throughout the year. Due to a few irresponsible girls, our order record is unfortunately not very good.

After a keen tussle in the Inter-House Swimming Gala, Moore emerged victorious, followed by Mackenzie, with Green third. J. Catchpole is to be congratulated on being chosen to represent Pietermaritzburg at the Natal Schools Gala held in Ladysmith.

An innovation this year was the Junior Inter-House dramatics. competition, held over the birthday weekend. The standard was very high, and we were just beaten into second place with our performance of "The Burglar". Our thanks go to the cast, to Miss Lister and Miss Temple for their assistance, and to S. Jennings for all the untiring work she put into producing the

It was decided this year to run an Inter-House competition for the greatest number of articles produced for the school stall at the fete. This proved to be a great success, and although Green was unplaced, it was on the quantity, not quality, that we lost. S. Catto was awarded the prize for the best individual article, and

so has helped gain points for the Arts and Crafts Cup.

With the hockey season at a close, the Inter-House hockey matches have provided much competition and excitement. Our Junior team came third, but played with much enthusiasm and determination, while the Senior team was more successful than in previous years, and managed to win. Practices for the Gym competition, which is to be held this term are now well under way, and we hope to prove our worth this time!

In conclusion I should like to take this opportunity of thanking P. Shorten for all the advice she has given in helping to promote interest in the House, and wish the House the best

of luck for the coming years.

JUDY CATCHPOLE (Vice-Captain).

### Mackenzie House

House Staff: Mrs. Beghin, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Towner-Coston, Sister Robinson, Miss Manion, Mrs. Leisegang.

**House Captain:** G. Curlewis. **Vice-Captain:** J. Scott. We extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Leisegang and Miss

Manion who joined Mackenzie at the beginning of the year.

Unfortunately, Mackenzie did not win the Inter-House Gala this year, but was placed second by a very narrow margin. J. Cope, P. Edkins and A. Hubbart, whose achievements have been mentioned elsewhere, were among those to win valuable points for the House.

The standard of work has dropped this year. After winning the Work Cup last year, we are, at the time of going to print, running second, Green having a comfortable lead. However, congratulations to J. Leisegang, P. Edkins, J. Sutton and J. Cosnett on maintaining A's throughout the year. Congratulations also go to J. MacKenzie, H. Potter and J. Evans on gaining first class Matriculations; P. Riemer, who won a Natal Bursary on her Junior Certificate results and to J. Scott, who passed with merit.

It is pleasing to see that we are following in last year's footsteps by being well in the lead for the Order Cup — keep it up!

Green and Moore unfortunately proved too good for us

Green and Moore unfortunately proved too good for us in the Senior Inter-House hockey matches but it was an enjoyable event. The Juniors were also defeated but showed good team spirit.

It is disappointing to see that no one in Mackenzie has obtained her white girdle this year. At present J. Scott, P. Riemer, B. Turner and A. Hamilton are the only holders of this

distinction.

In conclusion I should like to wish Mackenzie the best of luck in the future and I hope to see an all round improvement next year.

JANE SCOTT (Vice-Captain).

### Moore House

**House Staff:** Mrs. Dely, Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Morris, Miss Simpson, Miss Silverthorne.

House Captain: Ann Scrimgeour. Vice-Captain: C. Bullimore.

At the beginning of the year, Moore House welcomed two newcomers to the staff, Miss Simpson and Miss Silverthorne. We also welcomed Miss Dickerson back as Mrs. Dely and we sincerely hope that her future will be all that she could wish for.

Much hard work went into making articles for the school fete this year. To increase the school's contribution an Inter-House competition was held and Moore House girls enthusiastically put time and energy into making Moore the winner and so gaining valuable points towards the Work Cup.

During the birthday weekend, our Juniors put on a most commendable performance of "Cinderella's Slippers", which won the Inter-House Dramatic's Cup. Our grateful thanks go to the cast and the producer, Ann Scrimgeour.

Although Moore has not reached the top in the Academic field or in general tidiness and order, the standard has been raised considerably and the girls are making a greater effort. Geraldine L'Estrange, Edith Davey, Tessa Scott-Barnes and Sudé Walters maintained A's throughout the year. Several distinctions were obtained by Moore House girls in the December Public Examinations: Lynne Kelly obtained a first class Matric, Geraldine L'Estrange and Caroline Bullimore won Natal Bursaries on the results of their Junior Certificate Examination and Sally-Anne Jackson, Sandra Canny and Blanche Davey gained Merit passes.

A few entries were submitted for the Royal Show this year; Lyn Inglis and Angela Braby were successful in the Art and Needlework Sections respectively. Our very special congratulations, however, go to Angela for her Success in the Wool Board Competition, where her knitted shawl was judged first in Natal.

In the Senior Inter-House hockey matches Moore House was very narrowly beaten into 2nd place by Green House. The Juniors, however, were more successful and won the Junior Inter-House hockey.

In concluding I should like to take this opportunity of thanking our House Captain, Ann Scrimgeour, on behalf of the House, for all the advice and encouragement she has given us during the year. We wish her all of the very best for her future.

CAROLINE BULLIMORE (Vice-Captain).



### **TENNIS**

Rosemary Stainbank and Ann Hubbart represented Wykeham at the Smythe Trophy held earlier this year, and although Wykeham did not win in its section, the girls felt they had benefited considerably from the Tennis.

Our congratulations go to Ann Hubbart who was chosen to play for the Pietermaritzburg "B" Team, and who has been

awarded her tennis colours at school.

There have been frequent changes in the tennis teams this year because we have introduced a new method of selection. Each couple has to prove its worth in the team by continually playing other challengers, and there is always the possibility of being knocked out.

The standard of tennis has improved this year I think, and I hope we will be more successful with our three remaining

matches to be played in October.

First Team:

1st Couple:
2nd Couple:
3rd Couple:
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4. Hubbart and R. Stainbard and C. Catto.
J. Scott and J. Ibbottson. A. Hubbart and R. Stainbank.

Second Team:

1st Couple:
2nd Couple:
3rd Couple:
C. Bullimore and S-A. Jackson.

Matches Played: They We Russell High School ..... 75 42 Home 53 Collegiate ..... ..... 64 Away Voortrekker 64 53 Home 50 67 St. Johns ..... ..... ..... Home 15 St. Anne's ..... ..... ..... 102 Away 47 Technical College ..... 70 Away

> Wykeham has won three matches. Wykeham has lost three matches.

Remaining three matches:

Girls' High School; Epworth; Convent.

LISA HELLBERG (Tennis Captain).



### HOCKEY

We were very sorry to lose Miss Wayland at the end of last year, who left Wykeham to become Mrs. le Roux. We welcomed in her place as Gym Mistress, Miss Pattenden.

At the same time the 1st team was unfortunately deprived of some of its members and much hard practising went into bringing the team up to a satisfactory standard.

Judy Catchpole and Blanche Davey were chosen to play in the trials for the Pietermaritzburg School's Hockey Team, but unfortunately they were not picked for the team itself.

During the second term the annual staff hockey match was played, in which the present Matric girls opposed the Staff. This was most amusing and from what we could gather, the Staff won the match!

The Inter-House hockey matches were played, in which there was strong competition for the hockey trophies. Green House emerged victorious in the Senior Section, followed closely by Moore. In the Junior Section, Moore was the winner and Mackenzie was placed second.

### 1st XI

B. Davey

G. Curlewis

M. Lawrence A. Hubbart

J. Catchpole

C. Bullimore (Capt.)

A. Scrimgeour

J. Scott

J. Dorning S. Jennings

L. Sheinuk

### 2nd XI

P. Behrens

L. Inglis (Vice-Capt.)

R. Stradling G. L'Estrange

A. Bowles

A. Bowles S-A. Jackson

R. Stainbank (J. Cope)

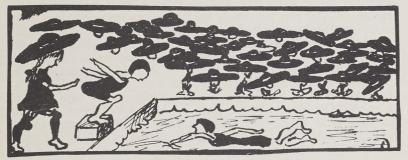
J. Dickinson

A. Viljoen P. Shorten

P. Riemer

Reserves: L. Hellberg, J. Lister.

Hockey Matches, 1964				
		1st		2nd XI
18th April	Epworth	Lost	0 - 4	Lost 1 - 6
25th April	Voortrekker	Lost	0 - 6	Lost 0 - 1
9th May	St. Anne's	Lost	0 - 8	Lost 0 - 3
23rd May	Collegiate	Won	1 - 0	Won 3 - 1
6th June	Russell High	Won	5 - 0	
25th July	Epworth	Lost	0 - 6	Lost 0 - 5
30th July	Commercial High	Lost	1 - 4	Drew 3 - 3
1st Aug.	Greytown	Lost	1 - 4	Lost 3 - 4
4th Aug.	Convent	Won	3 - 2	Drew 0 - 0
15th Aug.	St. Johns'	Lost	1 - 5	Drew 2 - 2
22nd Aug.	Girls' High	Lost	0 - 2	Lost 0 - 1
29th Aug.	Wartburg	Drew	0 - 0	Drew 0 - 0
CAROLINE BULLIMORE (Hockey Captain).				



### **SWIMMING**

### Wykeham Inter-House Gala:

Wykeham's Galas are always exciting, no matter what happens. As everyone must remember well, last year the Gala ended in a downpour and so very wisely Miss Milne decided to hold it in the morning this year, although I must admit it had been most exciting running about in the rain.

Tea was served on the terrace for the visitors, while the Wykeham Old Girls were preparing their stalls of eats to be sold during and after the Gala. In addition to the usual cakes the Old Girls sold hot dogs, alias W.O.G. dogs, which were greatly

appreciated by all.

The weather this year was perfect, although I think most of the non-swimmers and parents found it extremely hot. There was a good deal of competition especially amongst the Middle School swimmers and Wykeham seems to have acquired a number of new girls who can swim "like the wind". In general Wykeham's swimming standard has improved. The diving and style events had been judged beforehand and the respective winners each gave us an exhibition. "Chookie" Cope proved her worth by coming

first in the Senior Diving. Merilyn Volek gave great satisfaction to her House by winning the Middle School Diving and Penny Edkins won the Junior School Diving. The diving was very kindly judged by Mr. Shuttleworth and Mrs. le Roux, whom all Wykeham girls remember as "Miss Wayland, our Gym Teacher".

The swimming events were all very close and the girls showed tremendous House Spirit. Wykeham's best all round swimmer, Judy Catchpole, proved herself by winning all of her three races and coming second in her diving section. She was presented with three cups and the cup for the Senior with the most points, which as everyone will agree, she fully deserved. Jill Dunckley, a new girl to Wykeham, broke the records for the under fourteen 50 yards freestyle and the under fourteen 25 yards butterfly. The cup, presented by Ann Nicol just over a year ago, was won again this year by Ann Hubbart, and Penny Edkins was awarded the cup for the junior with the most points for her House.

After interval a team of eight girls gave the audience a short, but enjoyable exhibition of water ballet. Next year it

is hoped that this will become an Inter-House event.

Moore House won the Gala by quite a big margin with Mackenzie and Green, second and third respectively. Our guest of honour, Mrs. Pennington, kindly presented the cups to the winners. Our special thanks must go to Miss Pattenden, but it is impossible to make individual mention of all the people who helped to make the gala such a great success, so I shall end with a general "thank you", which extends to the Wykeham Old Girls for the great amount of work they put in to make the eats that finished off a most enjoyable day.

### The Inter-Schools Gala:

Following close upon our own gala was this second major event of the swimming year. Although Wykeham is a small school we came fifth, thanks to the brave efforts of our swimming teams.

Penny Edkins won the Junior Diving and Jeanette Cope the Senior, plain and fancy diving. The only cup awarded to

Wykeham was won by Jeanette for the fancy diving.

Four girls from Wykeham were chosen to represent Pieter-maritzburg in the Inter-District Gala held this year at Ladysmith. Jill Dunckley and Judy Catchpole for swimming; Penny Edkins and Jeanette Cope for diving. Penny won in her section and Jeanette came second in hers, missing first place by a very narrow margin. Penny Edkins was also chosen to represent the Natal Schools in Johannesburg. She gained second place for her diving.

CAROLINE BULLIMORE (Form V).

### **GYMNASTICS**

The second junior gymnastics competition between Collegiate, St. Anne's and Wykeham was held at Collegiate.

The result was:

1st	St. Anne's	 	 1341
2nd	Wykeham	 	 126
3rd	Collegiate	 	 $120\frac{1}{2}$

Eight of our juniors took part:

12 and over: Penny Edkins, Susan MacDonald, Ingrid McLean, Jennifer Burke.

11 and under: Felicity Henwood, Dinah Briggs, Avril Mackenzie. Belinda Edkins.

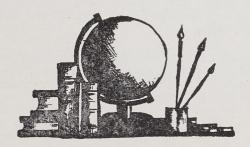
Our annual Inter-House Gymnastic competition was held in the third quarter. This consisted of an entrance, free movement and an exit, which were worked out by the House Captains; then followed the apparatus work. Modern gym was introduced into the apparatus work by Miss Pattenden. Each House had three modern gymnasts plus three orthodox gymnasts. Miss Swart of the Collegiate kindly acted as judge.

The result was:

1st Moore House 2nd Green House 3rd Mackenzie House.

I should like to give special thanks to Miss Pattenden on behalf of all the competitors for all her help and guidance in our training, and for all she has done throughout the year to improve the standard of our gymnastics.

ANN JOHNSON.



### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

At our Annual Debating Meeting at the beginning of this year, Sally Jennings was elected Chairman, and Anne Scrimgeour, Vice-Chairman.

We have been fortunate in having meetings more regularly this year. We have had two hat debates and a tape-recording on "Why Shakespeare in 1963?" by Margaret Webster. Miss Milne also read us a very humorous article from the "Sunday Times" called "Willemst Skutdieassegai", which explained why William Shakespeare was surely South African!

At the end of last year, Wykeham participated in the Junior Chamber of Commerce debates for the first time. We lost to Michaelhouse by a very narrow margin, but Genevieve Weight was chosen as the best speaker of the evening. In this year's Junior Chamber of Commerce debate, we opposed Alexandra High. Although we weren't successful in winning this year either, Anne Scrimgeour must be congratulated on being chosen as the best speaker.

The Jan Hofmeyer Speech Contest was held at Maritzburg College on 22nd May this year, and Ann Hubbart represented Wykeham. She spoke on "Why not Television?" and although she did not get placed, she must be commended for her attempt.

In addition, we have had the following debates:

Wykeham vs. St. Charles (Newspapers are detrimental to Modern Civilisation).

Wykeham vs. G.H.S. (Junior) (The City/Country offers more opportunity for the development of resource-fulness).

Wykeham vs. G.H.S. (Senior) (The Monarchy is an Outworn Institution).

An internal debate was held in April and the more junior members had an opportunity to air their views. Some speakers were very promising.

I am pleased to say there has been increased enthusiasm in debating this year and we should like to thank Miss Milne and the staff concerned for their help and encouragement. I hope this progress will continue.

GERALDINE L'ESTRANGE (Secretary).

### MUSIC CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting, held in August, 1963, Janet McKenzie came to the end of her term of office as secretary, and a new committee was elected. A vote of thanks was passed in appreciation of the out-going committee's enthusiastic work for the Club.

The numbers of the club have increased considerably, as Standard 8 have been allowed to join as probationary members,

this year.

We have had a very full and interesting programme of musical events this year. As one of our privileges, we attended the film "Born to Sing" and on another occasion went to the

Marion Friedman recital.

The 1963 Christmas Music Club Show — with the script written by Mrs. Towner-Coston — was a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The programme included a sketch "Around the World" and a "Requiem" in which the new Standard 8 members mourned the departure of the Standard 10 members from our midst. Guest artist was Athol Gray, whose songs were very well received. A party completed a very happy evening.

The School Year closed with our annual Carol Service.

In February of this year, a new idea was proposed and put into action by Mrs. Towner-Coston, when the Music Club learned to dance the Veleta, the Military Two-Step and the Palais Glide. The members in turn taught the rest of the school. This was in preparation for the birthday weekend, which reached its climax with a display of these dances in old-fashioned costume, by members of the Music Club.

During the term we were able to listen to the tape-recordings of the "Mikado" and the 1963 Carol Service, to select the numbers that are to be used for the School Record. These evenings all yielded amounts towards our fund-raising scheme. A funfair was held in the school grounds in March, and this resulted in a very happy day for everyone concerned and R36.00 profit.

The money collected on these occasions, enabled us to donate a sum of R10.00 towards the library fund to buy several new music hymn books, and contribute six floodlights, at a cost of R72.00, towards the new school stage lighting.

I should like to wish the Music Club members success in their future activities, and thank Mrs. Grant, Miss Pattenden and Mrs. Leisegang for their help at our many functions.

Finally, our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Towner-Coston who has worked with such enthusiasm and made it such fun to be a Music Club member.

LISA HELLBERG (Secretary).



Back Row: F. Brown, J. Scrimgeour, J. Dunckley, G. Lee, T. Scott-Barnes, L. Campbell.

Front Row: I. McLean, V. Gundelfinger, S. MacDonald.

#### **CHOIR**

By the time we read this, the 1964 Wykeham Choir will be carrying out its final duties, and 9 of our 32 members will leave

the ranks.

Choir duties do not carry many privileges, there is much hard work and the proverbial raspberry (drop) but the reward is in the result and the serving of the community. When the descant soars above the body of the singing, and the Lord's Prayer is reverently sung, an atmosphere is created that is beyond price.

The Carol Service of 1963 will always live in my memory. The Adeste Fideles, with its lighted candles and the two lovely descants, the recitatives—the first ones attempted—with Anne Carter and Liza Hellberg, the dedication that I felt was there, particularly in our "Christmas Fantasy" (Gustav Holst)—these

feelings were shared by others.

Looking back over the year's work, I think we can safely say that our standard has improved and feel assured that future programmes can carry a wider choice, as the Choir can now hold two or three parts, as illustrated by our Easter Carol Service and the songs at the last concert. I quote the adjudication report. "The tone colour and graduation was beautiful. Musically, you produced something beyond the score and its indications."

Thanks, Choir. You have been, and are my pride and joy, and I sincerely thank you all for your efforts and co-operation. I especially commend the probationary Standard 8 members, for their keen interest and faithful attendance. I hope that those who leave us will visit us again and re-live some of the music we made together. To those we say, like Nellie Melba, not "Goodbye" but

"Farewell".

ELIZABETH TOWNER-COSTON.

### **DRAMATICS**

During the last ten months the school Dramatic Society has been most active. At the end of last year, Mrs. Towner-Coston scored a tremendous success with the "Mikado" which ran for three nights and gave great pleasure to performers and public alike.

This was followed by standard nine's production of "The Winslow Boy". Unfortunately it was not open to the public, but the school really seemed to enjoy the show. Special mention must also be made of the junior play. "The Whistling Brownies", produced by Miss Hodges. This play revealed that Wykeham possesses a number of talented young actresses.

Much hard work went into the production of the House Plays, staged this year by the juniors. The Inter-House Drama competi-

tion was held during the birthday weekend and after an entertaining evening Moore House was awarded the coveted trophy for their presentation of "Slippers for Cinderella". The young girls from every House gave most creditable performances and Mrs. Slinger, the adjudicator, remarked upon the extremely high standard of acting.

"Twelfth Night", produced by Miss Hodges in the second quarter, was the first complete Shakespeare play attempted by Wykeham for many years, and in spite of bad weather which rather limited attendance, the play was a success. Our grateful thanks go to Miss Hodges and to all those who gave valuable help backstage.

It was gratifying to note that there were far more entries for the Speech and Drama Festival this year. The results on the whole were good, a number of girls obtaining "A" grades.

Wykeham entered a junior and a senior play for the Inter-Schools Drama competition this year. It will be remembered that Wykeham won the Senior Trophy four years ago. We were not so fortunate this time, but our juniors entered the finals but lost to Merchiston's polished performance of the "Friendly Dragon". Even so, hard work and enthusiasm bring their own rewards and satisfaction.

ANNE SCRIMGEOUR (Secretary).

P.S. Congratulations, Anne for winning the prize for the best individual performance, and for producing "Slippers for Cinderella".

E.A.M.

### S.C.A.

At the beginning of this year the S.C.A. members elected Geraldine L'Estrange and Jessica Fraser as Chairman and Secretary respectively. We are very glad to have Miss Simpson, Miss Silverthorne and iMss de Villiers to help us this year.

We have divided the S.C.A. into two groups — Senior and Junior — and this arrangement has proved most satisfactory. Meetings are held twice a week.

We have been fortunate in having outside speakers to address some of our meetings. The Rev. Jonnson from the Baptist Church spoke to us on "The Resurrection" and Rev. Phillips from the Anglican Church, chose the topic "Where do Faith and Science Meet?".

This term we hope to have a picnic for those members who have attended a certain number of meetings.

JESSICA FRASER (Secretary).



### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

My last entry in the 1963 diary was October 3rd: "School closed for Michaelmas" and records would be incomplete if the joyful occasions of the 4th Quarter were omitted.

October 19th:

All the boarders and some of the day girls spent a delightful evening at Queen Elizabeth Park as guests of the Parks Board. A ramble through the peaceful grounds in the cool of the

late afternoon was a happy prelude to a snack supper followed by several interesting nature

films.

October 26th: Our congraulations to Anne Scrimgeour and

her standard nine team, for the fine production of "The Winslow Boy" and our thanks for the R10 towards the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

November 9th: The Music Club enjoyed hearing themselves

in a "taped" version of "The Mikado".

**November 30th:** The school relaxed to the hilarious entertainment provided by the Music Club.

December 2nd: Miss Hodges' delightful production of the

"Whistling Brownie" was greatly enjoyed by school, parents and friends, and the proceeds have provided us with improved stage lighting.

December 4th:

(and after)

The School has accepted the piece of feminine philosophy that "you can't get a man with a gun" for we heard it (to music) from the Seniors who attended "Annie Get Your Gun".

December 5th: The edge was taken off the "Matrics'" last days at school by a very cheerful farewell

dinner. We were pleased to have Mr. and

Mrs. Pennington with us. Our Chairman kept us on our toes by his now established habit of calling for impromptu speeches. We were very pleased to have Mrs. L. Brazier and Miss Hime, the W.O.G. representatives with us, and all resident staff. Thank you standard nine for our dessert and a special vote of thanks to Mrs. Rich and "Hezzie's" band of stalwarts.

December 6th:

The Kindergarten Nativity play had all its usual charm and spontaneity, indeed these attributes infused themselves into the prize giving which followed, for Gabriel, Joseph and Mary, not to mention our red-headed angel, obviously expected love and kisses to go with the prize. The Bantu Creche benefited by R13.25 which was collected that evening. We thank all parents and friends for their support.

December 8th:

House parties proved as joyous and wellorganised as ever. It was my first experience of being so swiftly transported from the thudding drums of the African jungle to the swaying palms of the South Sea Islands — with appropriate fare! The non-European Staff showed their appreciation for the Christmas gifts by singing and dancing for us.

December 9th:

Our carol evening was a delight to all who heard the lovely singing. It was an occasion which will linger in my memory for its serene and gracious atmosphere. We are most grateful for the help Mr. Harper of Kearsney College gave us in being our accompanist, and we thank Mrs. Towner-Coston for her untiring efforts in training the girls. The proceeds, R27, were equally divided among the Cripple Care, the Sunshine Home and the Homes for the Aged.

December 10th:

Our hall was filled to capacity with interested parents and friends. Miss M. Martin presented the prizes and the function made a happy ending to 1963.

1964:

January 28th:

School re-opened with all the excitement of holiday events, meeting new girls and new staff. We welcomed Miss Dickerson back as Mrs. Dely. Our congratulations went to our 19

girls who achieved merit passes and distinctions in Matric and J.C., and also to Mrs. P. Fletcher on obtaining her M.A. in English. Among our six new members of Staff is Mrs. B. Leisegang, herself a W.O.G., with two daughters in the school. The Misses Manion, Pattenden, Rorich, Silverthorne and Simpson have all joined the Staff and we hope they will be happy with us. Lastly the first appearance of "Trudi", successor to "Rory", whose perpetual frown declares that "life is real, life is earnest" — at present.

February 12th:

Miss Rudman, a student teacher from Natal University came to have teaching practice. We hope that her experience here will persuade her that teaching is for her.

February 15th:

We were much concerned to see Mrs. MacMillan confined to her bed in Greys. This evening the Music Club tasted the delights of Old Fashioned Dancing—it was a very lighthearted and happy occasion—by common consent to be repeated. R10 was raised for needs for our music department.

February 18th:

First meeting of the School Council which consists of Prefects, Miss Hodges and the Headmistress, plus representatives from Forms III to VI.

February 21st:

An innovation! With last year's thunderstorm still vividly fresh in mind, we decided to have a morning Gala. Tea on the lawn at 9.30, followed by a most successful Gala. Mrs. Pennington kindly presented the prizes. Despite the summer heat, the School looked fresh and cooler in their new uniforms and voted the dresses a success. We were delighted to have so many parents in spite of the change of time.

February 22nd:

An anxious evening when Miss McDowall and I negotiated the Boston Road in dense mist in an endeavour to find two girls who had not returned to school. Fortunately the following day found all to be well.

February 25th:

Members of the Music Club saw "Born to Sing" a delightful film on the Vienna Boys' Choir.

February 28th:

Debate against Indian Girls' High won by our visitors whose team was excellently prepared and trained. The Indian girls were so delighted

to be invited.

March 10th:

School Council Meeting asked for place mats on the tables and discussed ways and means of obtaining these.

March 20th:

A pleasant interlude was provided by the Kindergarten and Juniors' Gala.

March 21st:

Fun was fast and furious at the Fun Fair organised by the Village Parson (Mrs. Towner-Coston) and his gang (the Music Club). R42 was raised for additions to our music equipment.

March 24th:

Once again Wykeham demonstrated its ability to sing. A lovely programme of Easter Carols and music delighted parents and friends. We thank Misses Lister and Temple for their solos. R9.50 was handed over to the Uplands Cot (Cripple Care).

April 9th:

School re-opened after the Easter holidays. With the prospect of our new venture in the "school" stall at the fete, House Dorcas Meetings were instituted. This innovation paid great dividends for the stall added R202 to fete funds. "Thank you" to Mrs. Leisegang, Miss Hodges and the "team" for their splendid organisation.

Four U.E.D. student teachers reported for

"duty".

April 21st:

Thanks to the efforts of the Principal of G.H.S., twelve of the Wykeham cast were "squeezed" in to see the University's production of Twelfth Night.

April 22nd:

An extraordinary meeting of the Board of Trustees discussed matters of great moment to the future of Wykeham.

April 29th:

A number of seniors attended the performance of Hamlet produced by the Drama Students of the University. We were rather disappointed to find our seating and the accoustics to be against our fully enjoying the play.

May 1st/2nd:

As grand a success as usual — socially and financially. The Old Girls "did it again" at the fete, and increased their takings by three hundred rand. The "school' 'stall, which

catered only for school children's pockets, spread the interest widely. The birthday party was as gay as ever, and this year the visitors were entertained by the Juniors in three delightful plays, judged for the Inter-House trophy. Moore was the winner by one point. After the "cake cutting ceremony", we all enjoyed a Wykeham family social organised by the Music Club. Scottish dancers trained by Miss Pettenden and an exhibition of the "Valeta" in costume (dancers trained by Mrs. T-C.) whetted everybody's appetite, and it was a real thrill to see Dads and daughters tripping the light-fantastic as we sang the "Blue Danube" The function closed with lusty singing of some old-time favourites which, we hope, rolled back the years for Mum and Dad!

Many were disappointed that the Communion had to be held in St. Peters, but our new Vicar was unable to make the necessary changes among his Staff for us to have the usual service in St. Georges. Some 44 W.O.G's joined us at breakfast.

The afternoon's tennis arrangements were of a more social nature — an experiment destined to be repeated.

May 5th:

The Clarke prize was shared among S. Catto, G. L'Estrange, J. Leisegang, V. Joubert. Moore House lead in the value of articles contributed to the school stall.

May 21st:

Sixth Form travelled to Durban to attend the T.C. production of Anthony and Cleopatra. We are grateful to G.H.S. for making our journey possible by sharing a pullman with them.

May 22nd:

A red letter day! Nine girls received our first awards for academics—a scroll to be worn on the pocket of an honours blazer. A "B" aggregate obtained in Form IV or V entitles a girl to wear this honour. Ann Hubbart represented Wykeham at the Jan Hofmeyer Memorial Speech Contest.

May 27th:

Our Debating team lost to Alexandra High in the first round of the league run by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. May 29th:

Another highlight when we were privileged to enjoy "The Rose and the Crown", an Elizabethan Panorama presented by the University Drama Group trained by Joan Little. It held us all enthralled — despite the bitter cold.

School closed at 2 p.m. for the mid-term weekend.

June 4th/5th:

Adjudication of Afrikaans and English candidates for the Speech and Drama Festival. 115 first class awards were made to our delight.

June 6th:

Our Junior Gymnasts enjoyed the Inter-School competition at Collegiate, but did not return

with the trophy.

June 8th:

A lovely collection of new books arrived for our library. Thank you W.O.G's for your generous donation, and also parents for your response to our appeal

response to our appeal.

June 11th:

Forms IV and V enjoyed the production of Henry Vth staged at Michaelhouse—rugs and even eiderdowns were much in demand by the time the sun began to dip behind the hill.

June 12th —

June 18th: Silence during exams!

June 19th:

Silence dispelled by an expedition by train to Durban — thoroughly enjoyed — despite rain and cold; and an evening at the "Mikado".

June 23rd:

The senior school enjoyed a talk on, and an exhibition of ceramics by Mr. Reinders.

June 24th/25th:

Our first full-length Shakespeare production for many years. Twelfth Night was an excellent production, unanimously acclaimed by all who braved the biting cold, as a triumph.

June 26th:

School Closed.

August 1st: The School Dance was a happy function — as some prolonged "good-nights" testified.

August 11th — August 15th:

I attended the Conference in Johannesburg and found Pietermaritzburg white with frost as the train drew in at 6 a.m.

August 20th:

By request, we held our parents' meeting at 7.30 p.m. It was not as well attended as we had hoped. Our congratulations to the fathers (two) who supported the venture.

August 25th and August 27th:

Our junior and senior plays were presented at the Rowe Theatre on these evenings. Our juniors reached the finals with their presentation of "Slippers for Cinderella" Hanington's collapse during prayers caused us all great distress.

September 4th –

Mid-term weekend. September 7th:

September 11th.

September 18th: Pray, silence for "trials"!

September 14th: Congratulations to our "quiz-kids" in standard five for winning the Sunday Tribune Shield!

September 15th: More congratulations to Mrs. Towner-Coston, Helen Potter and Sandra Juul for merit passes

in music examinations.

The senior school enjoyed Haydn's "Creation" September 18th:

presented by combined choirs of St. Anne's and

Hilton College.

Forms V and VI were entertained by Indian Girls' High in return for hospitality received from Wykeham. It was a typical Indian afternoon featuring Indian customs in dress, dance and cookery.

September 20th: A meeting of the Wykeham Society to confirm

the revised constitution.

September 21st: A delightful evening of music. Mrs. Kahn, the adjudicator, awarded the singing trophy to the Vth and VIth Form choir. A variety of items, many by junior instrumentalists, gave evidence of the advance made in this school

activity.

Confirmation Service at St. Peters. September 23rd:

September 29th: A second concert featuring all facets of our music, speech and dancing activities was most successful. The singing of several song hits of the past with costume and actions ended

the programme on a happy, family note.

September 30th: End of Third Quarter.

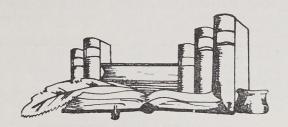
Mr. Hose, Acting Editor of the Sunday Tribune, presented the Quiz Shield, a most welcome set of beautifully bound classics, and prizes to the members of the team. He remained with us for part of our closing assembly.

#### Mrs. HANINGTON

As the magazine goes to press comes the sad news of Mrs. Hanington's passing. She joined the Staff as our Secretary in June, 1958, and has been a kindly guide and friend to a great number of Wykeham girls — and Staff. In this I include myself, for she was a tower of strength to me when I took over the reins in January, 1963; and how she was missed when the first signs of her illness reared its ugly head in August last year.

Mrs. Hanington was not "Just a Secretary". She was loyally devoted to Wykeham and to the very end her interest in the school remained as a bright flame in the darkness of her suffering, which she bore with such courage. We mourn our loss but we are grateful for the mercy of her release. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Mr. Hanington and her son, Roger.

EUNICE A. MILNE.



#### **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### Floral Art Lecture

It was my good fortune recently to accompany a leading Pietermaritzburg florist to Durban to attend a lecture given by Mr. Bill Kistler, the principal of the American Floral Art School of Chicago. It was also my privilege to meet him in person.

The Durban Girls' College Hall , where the lecture was held, was quite transformed by having an eleven-foot arrangement of tropical leaves, as a background to many other varieties of

flowers.

With his delightfully fascinating American accent, Mr. Kistler appealed instantly to an enthusiastic audience. He explained in detail what is meant by the mechanics of, and the basic needs for, flower arrangements. He went on to give the professional florists his latest ideas on this subject.

The lecturer enlivened this part of the lecture by giving reminiscences of highlights in his career, which held the audience enthralled. One of his anecdotes concerned the decorations for which he was responsible at the "coming out" party of the daughter of Mr. Henry Ford, which included a wall of 50,000 fresh red roses. Another example was a decoration in the White House banqueting room where only fruit, amounting to 4,000 lb. was used.

His floral arrangements at the lecture itself were magnificent. He dealt with the everyday problems of floral decoration, which normally confront a wife or hostess.

Mr. Kistler used many unusual articles and media, one being a loaf of Italian bread and groups of spaghetti, used to fine effect with flowers to decorate a braaivleis table. A second effective arrangement was a toy drum as the centre piece at a small boy's birthday party and here he used ice cream cones held by green foliage in the drum. The cones he filled with pink tipped carnations to give the effect of ice cream.

The artist regretted that South African woman do not wear flowers more often, for he said South Africa abounds in

flowers that would flatter our clothes.

In America, he told us, the wearing of flowers is very popular and is almost an established custom. He raised a laugh when he told us that on Mother's Day, even fathers succumbed to this gay fashion.

He concluded his lecture with a beautiful arrangement of

proteas, as a tribute to South Africa.

GERALDINE FERGUSON (Form IV).

## **OUR TRIP TO DURBAN**

Early on a wet Friday morning in June, we were wakened to dress and have breakfast before we left for the station. The train was scheduled to depart from Pietermaritzburg just after seven. We shared a train with Girls' High School, and we had a wonderful time singing all through the journey down to Durban.

Durban welcomed us with grey, miserable skies, and we were bundled into buses and taken to Lever Brothers' Factory. The rain had eased off for the morning and we all enjoyed our tour of the famous soap factory, where we saw the different stages in soap-making. After the tour, we were each given an ice cream and we then left Lever Brothers' for the Bay. Unfortunately, we were unable to see much from the ferry boat as it was raining too hard. Luckily we had our raincoats with us or we would have been soaked to the skin.

We had a lunch of pies and buns in the buses at the Sunkist Restaurant. This was to have been a picnic lunch on the beach, but unfortunately the weather was so unpleasant that it was impossible for us to sit anywhere outside. After our lunch we bought sweets and cool drinks in the restaurant and then we travelled to the Aquarium. A small group of senior girls, who are interested in science, were taken into the Research Laboratory at the Oceanarium attached to the Aquarium and were shown research projects that are being carried out by the scientists. We saw the diver feeding the fish, and were amused by the greediness of the turtles.

On the return journey many of us slept, despite the enthusiastic singing of some girls, and we were all very thankful to go to bed that night. Most of us felt that, although it had been a very enjoyable day, too much had been attempted in too short a time with the result that our impressions were rather confused.

EDITH DAVEY (Form IV).

#### THE BIOLOGY EXPEDITION TO ISIPINGO

On Friday, the 7th August, the standards nine and ten were taken to Isipingo by bus on a biology expedition. We made the trip in order to study the marine life of the sea at spring tide and were fortunate in having lovely weather. On our arrival at Isipingo we immediately embarked on our absorbing task of studying the sea creatures. It was most interesting to see these creatures in their natural surrounding, and certainly brought our previous biology lessons to life.

There was much exci ement when a large catfish was caught with the aid of several fishermen who were fishing in the vicinity. After an interesting morning, when no one had accidentally managed to fall into a rock pool, we all enjoyed a delicious cold lunch that had awaited us at the Island View Hotel where we

were welcomed by Mrs. Breeze-Carr.

After lunch we were taken to some mangrove swamps in the lagoon near the hotel, where we studied these strange trees in their natural habitat. It was extremely intriguing to see the large aerial roots, and at once we realized the importance of them.

When everyone had studied the mangroves carefully, we returned to Pietermaritzburg, satisfied that we had seen enough

to pass the coming exams!

Our grateful thanks go to those who made all the arrangements for us, and to Miss Manion, Miss Lister and the student teachers, Miss Cross and her friend, who gave up their day to make our expedition so worthwhile.

PATRICIA RIEMER (Form V).

# 1964 FESTIVAL OF YOUTH

During the July holidays, Janis Frame and I attended the annual Festival of Youth in Durban. My interest was centred mainly on the Drama sections, while Janis attended the Art

course, for she is very interested in painting.

Each morning the delegates assembled in the hall of Port Natal High School, where we had a short devotional period, and then the programme for the day was announced. We were then given the opportunity of attending any lecture or demonstration which we felt was of interest to us.

In the drama class, we were divided into three groups, each under one of the actors whom we had seen in "The Rose and the Crown" at Wykeham. We mimed certain situations and enacted scenes from various plays. I enjoyed being in Fred Hageman's group, for I found him full of novel and exciting ideas which inspired us.

We had a number of interesting lectures given to all delegates. I found one most attractive that was given by Mr. K. E. Msinga on Zulu Customs and folklore. Although I am a Natalian by birth, he gave me many interesting things to ponder

in the days ahead.

On one occasion we attended a rehearsal of the National Youth Orchestra which was conducted by Pierino Gamba. Gamba, although a very young man to have reached such a high position in the musical world, struck me as being a very unassuming and sincere young person, and this was evident in his quiet but assured conducting.

On July 16th a representative from the S.A.B.C. held a public interview with four members of the Festival who volunteered to answer his questions. He asked, for example, what of value they had gained from attending; and he asked for any improvements which could be made in the organization. The chief point was the lack of punctuality which caused some irritation among the delegates, who felt they were losing precious time. This discussion was later broadcast.

A most enjoyable variety concert to wind up the Festival was held on July 15th. The artists were drawn from all sections of the Festival. I took part with my group in an item of choral verse, The Rain Chant. This was very interesting because we combined movement with the verse-speaking.

Everybody was extremely sorry when the Festival ended. It was an experience which I shall certainly not soon forget.

ANNE POWELL (Form III).

### TWELFTH NIGHT

First of all I must congratulate the actresses on their amazing skill in improvising Shakespeare. As I was a member of the cast, I happen to know that the prompt was there, but that she was inclined to laughter at the most critical times. This factor, however, seemed to give the actresses a certain somewhat hysterical bravado, with which they swept the stage. This was illustrated very clearly by a dissipated, old gentleman of uncertain morals, who with great dexterity swept over a tree (in a pot) and at another time, with an unforeseen dramatic gesture, sent the dignified steward's candle to a melting nest in the footlights.

When the actresses did quote Shakespeare it seemed that they found much difficulty in saying his words. Shakespeare would have leapt right out of his grave if he had heard such things as — and I quote the steward, carried away by his egoistic monologue, "Let thy tang tongue arguments of state".

Befuddled Sir Toby Belch seemed truly befuddled (with coke!) when he astonished Viola by revealing Sir Andrew Aguecheek's valorous achievements — one of them being "Sophie to the fencer" (he was "fencer to the Sophie", according to Shakespeare!) The Coke, however, can't have been the sole cause of befuddlement, as one of the officers, who was forced to abstain from it, managed to sprawl into the footlights and reveal modern pants and a good deal of thigh under Shakesperian costume. The same officer dashed magnificently onto the stage to announce: "The mad grows man". Dead silence!

To the audience many of the actresses seemed quite abnormal at times. The Countess, for instance, had an extraordinary gift of hearing something no one else heard (The clock did not chime backstage according to plan). The count seemed to have X-ray eves when he looked at a blank door and said, "Here comes the

countess". (The countess arrived some time later.)

May I take this opportunity of telling those who may have been in the audience that the quaking figures they saw on the stage were not suffering from stage fright, but from the cold. The hurried exits were only to get back as fast as possible to the heaters.

This production of Twelfth Night was comedy. For the audience as Shakespeare intended and for the actresses as they made it. I hope as much enjoyment is found in the future in any further Shakespearian plays that may be produced.

BRIGID GREEN (Form V).

# OUR SHAKESPEARIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE SECOND QUARTER

In celebration and commemoration of the 400th birthday of one of the greatest literary figures the world has known, many works and plays have been produced and staged throughout South Africa—those of William Shakespeare. We, at Wykeham, have been privileged to attend a number of these performances, some very good and others which the majority of girls found disappointing Wykeham, to share these Shakespearian celebrations, decided to stage "Twelfth Night" and on the 22nd April, most of the girls in the cast went to the Natal University production of this play. A slightly medieval flavour was given to the play by the simple but effective style of the costumes and stage set, in a theatre resembling a small "Globe" which ensured that every word was heard by the audience— a necessity in any play.

It was, in fact, this point that made me so disappointed in Norman Marshall's "Hamlet" presented by the Natal Performing



TWELFTH NIGHT
Ibbotson, G. Curlewis, A. Hubbard, S. Jennings, B. Davey. een, A. Scrimgeour, S. Mills, J. Dorning. Front Row: C. Bullimore, C. Douglas, B. Back Row: P. Behrens, J.

Arts Council and attended by standards 7 to 10 on the 29th April. It was held at the Grand, and unfortunately Wykeham was at the back of the Theatre and a large part of the play was inaudible. "Hamlet" is one of Shakespeare's most brilliant plays and thus not to hear the words was to miss his genius, as well as the actual theme of the play. Poor acoustics may be partly blamed for the lack of audibility in most cases, nevertheless, the voices of Gertrude, the Gravedigger and the player King were perfectly distinct. Queen Ger rude was more impressive than any other principal. Regal and poised, with a beautifully clear voice, she portrayed the part extremely well. enjoyed her famous bedroom scene more than any other in the play. Here too, Hamlet, receiving her good dramatic support, acted well. In this scene clever use of lighting made an eerie ghost appear as if from nowhere. It was a pity that similar lighting was not used in the first act of the play, when a too solid ghost strode onto the battlements.

I felt Claudius was neither forceful nor evil enough; without his evil intentions, Hamlet's actions and indeed the whole play became ludicrous. The costumes in "Hamlet" were quite outstanding, and the well-designed stage-set enabled the play to move quickly and effortlessly.

On the 21st May, the Sixth Form attended the Durban Training College's production of "Anthony and Cleopatra". Rather controversial reports have come from our form on the subject of this play — some enjoyed it, while others were very disappointed. I am afraid that I cannot agree with a newspaper criticism in which Cleopatra was described as being "captivating" and "commanding". I fe't she lacked the essential regal poise and her hysterical portrayal in certain parts can hardly be called "commanding". She should have portrayed more subtly the many facets of the intriguing personality offered by Shakespeare's "Cleopatra". In Antony too, I was rather disappointed. He was too restrained for the great Mark Antony and insufficiently versatile to portray the latters' change from the depths of despondency to elation. I liked him best in his convincing death scene where his agony was indeed realistic, and he died as the great Antony should.

On the 29th May, Joan Little very kindly brought her Elizabethan Panorama, "The Rose and the Crown", to Wykeham. It was enacted by a small group of players — only six, excerpts being taken from famous Elizabethan writers. Simply costumed in black and white, the four men and two women showed brilliant versatility and acting ability as they changed from one part to the next. Their "rehearsal scene" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" had the girls almost rolling with laughter while the tragic "Plague" scene was most effectively done with the actors pro-

viding a most realistic imitation of the tolling bells, behind the curtains.

On the 11th June, a number of girls went to Michaelhouse to see "Henry V". I was considerably impressed by the hight standard of acting, staging, direction and costumes. King Henry was very good indeed, and every one of his words was clearly audible. Many of his speeches were very long, but he presented them fluently and sincerely, and I felt, he really lived the part of Shakespeare's ideal King. Enhancing the atmosphere created by the play was the wonderful setting in the amphitheatre.

From this impressive "Henry V", I come to our performance of "Twelfth Night". It was our first Shakespearian play for many years, and I hope that in years to come, Wykeham will show increasing dramatic activity, and enable us once again to enjoy the works of the immortal literary genius — William

Shakespeare.

SALLY JENNINGS (Form VI).



# SHAKESPEARE APPLIED AND MISAPPLIED

Matric Motto (Exams.) (Macbeth)

"Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in this petty pace from day to day."

"Oh, 'tis sweating labour to bear such idleness."

(Antony and Cleopatra).

Senior Teaching Staff and Matrons E.A.M.

"This above all — to thine ownself be true And it must follow, as night the day Thou canst not then be false to any man."

(Hamlet).

Sister R.

"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety."
(Antony and Cleopatra).

M.M.

"To be or not to be, that is the question."

(Hamlet).

A.S.

"To sleep — perchance to dream."

(Hamlet).

E.T-C.

"If music be the food of love, play on." (Twelfth Night).

P.L. "Oh, well-divided disposition." (Antony and Cleopatra).

P.R.

"I am sure care's an enemy to life."

(Twelfth Night).

"Come, stir, stir! The second cock hath crowed,
The curfew bell has rung, 'tis three o'clock."
(Romeo and Juliet).

"How noble in reason, how infinite in faculties." (Hamlet).

Oh that this too too solid flesh would melt."

(Hamlet).

Beauty, truth and rarity, grace in all simplicity,
Here inclosed . . . lie."

(The Phoenix and the Turtle).

P.F.

"And thy commandment all alone shall live within the book and volume of my brain, unmixed with baser matter."

(Hamlet).

P.S. "She bore a mind that envy could not but call fair." (Twelfth Night).

**H.V.**"Why look you how you storm."

(Merchant of Venice).

A.S.

"You may do it extempore, for it is nothing but roaring."

(A Midsummer Night's Dream).

G.H.

"Now good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both." (Macbeth).

**C.M.** (Definition of science).

"Why it appears no other thing to me, than a foul and pestilent congregation of vapours."

(Hamlet).

"Why dost thou not go to church in a galliard and come home in a coranto? Thy very walk should be a jig!"

(Twelfth Night).

(Your) comment:

"you have spoken truer than you purposed."

(Our) reply:

"you have taken it wiselier than 'we' meant you should."

Matrics:

"Our revels now are ended."

#### MISS SILVER AND MISS TEMPLETHORNE

with apologies to Lewis Carroll's "The Walrus and the Carpenter"

Miss Silver and Miss Themplethorne, Were walking side by each; They wept like anything to see So many girls to teach. "If there were but a hundred less, The Problem we could reach."

"If seven girls and several more Learnt for half a year, Do you suppose", Miss Silver said, "Were we to persevere, They might imbibe at least an ounce Of knowledge in a year?" "I doubt it," said Miss Templethorne, And shed a bitter tear.

"Oh children, come and walk with us!"
The teacher did remark.
"A pleasant walk, a pleasant talk,
Along the shady park.
We cannot go for very long
As it is getting dark."

"The time has come," Miss Silver said
"To talk of many things.
Of Maths — and French — and Botany —
Of History — and Kings —
And why the bell is always late —
And whether brains have wings."

"Oh children," said Miss Templethorne,
"You've had a pleasant run!
Shall we be turning back again?"
But answer came there none—
And this was scarcely odd, because
They'd scooted every one.

LISA HELLBERG (Form VI).

#### MAROONED ON A DESERT ISLAND

How else could I have landed myself in this predicament? You guessed it. Shipwrecked! It wasn't exactly my wish to board that ancient crate in the first place, but Mother thought it would be an excellent idea for me to take a vacation so that I could recuperate from my illness. I suppose she meant well, but I had that feeling of foreboding and I was right; the first light storm at sea and the ship keeled right over and now here I sit, marooned on a desert island, surrounded by blue sea and more sea.

I have always before found myself splitting my sides with mirth when perusing those cartoons of lonely figures, stranded on an island approximately one mile square of terra firma, with sea on all sides and one lone palm tree in the centre and now that I find myself in that very same situation, strangely enough it doesn't seem all that amusing.

However, just as in all stories one reads, there must be an oasis or some other source of fresh water somewhere. After all man cannot live by bread alone not that there is any bread around. All I've seen so far in the way of food are a couple of coconuts on the top of what must be the tallest palm tree in the Pacific (that's where I should be).

Well, it's no good sitting; I might as well take a look around. Who knows I might even find a monkey to talk to, but

then whoever heard of a monkey called Friday?

There in the distance on the opposite shore are several more palm trees. Maybe that's the oasis. Perhaps I'll find a sheik and his harem who would be willing to transport me back to civilization or perhaps he would have other ideas but then I'd draw the line at becoming a member of a harem.

Surely, that is a man in the distance? It can't be a mirage because they are merely imaginary. Yes, it's that god-like structure who was also on the boat. Now he'll have to notice me because I don't see anyone else about. This isn't so bad at all!

If this story seems incredible I won't argue — dreams usually are!

SANDRA JUUL (Form V).

#### AUNT GERTRUDE

Anna-Marie was only eight when it first happened. While sitting in the classroom one morning, in a brown-study as usual, she suddenly stiffened and turned white.

"She says that Mummy's ill!" she shouted "and she's not. I saw her myself this morning!"

It was with some difficulty that the teacher calmed the startled pupils, and after the lesson she spoke to the small child, who was still trembling with emotion. The mistress enquired who "she" was, and in reply came a description of the husky voice of an old woman.

"She spoke to me with a rusty old voice," Anna-Marie explained, "but I couldn't see where she was hiding."

Somewhat puzzled, the teacher consoled her and the day

apparently went on as usual.

By the time the dismissal bell rang at 2.30 Anna-Marie had almost forgotten about her strange experience. She ran home happily, but Mother was not at the gate! Inside the house, everything was still. Her favourite lunch was not on the table. Her mother was at that moment in the operating theatre of the local

hospital. So the Voice had been right!

This was only the first of many similar experiences and although specialists spent hours at a time with the child, they did not get any further. As she grew older, the voice to which she now referred as "Aunt Gertrude", spoke more frequently. Anne-Marie became a prima donna, but the brilliance of some of her performances was at times dimmed by "Aunt Gertrude's" sinister warnings.

By the time she was married, she had grown more or less accustomed to hearing "Aunt Gertrude's" voice, but the dread, none-the-less, did not diminish. Every message that she received proved to be perfectly true. "Aun Gertrude" was infallible.

Then came the day of her eightieth birthday. As she sat with her children and grandchildren around her, "Aunt Gertrude"

gave her yet another message.

"She says I shall live until I'm a hundred!" she cried triumphantly, and indeed, it looked as though she would, for her cheeks were firm and her eyes, bright.

The next morning was dark, cold and misty. A small dog lingered restlessly on the steps of the house, but no-one else

was about.

The soft breeze gently blew the leaves of the trees outside Number 148, and sadly whispered, "Fallible, fallible."

GERALDINE L'ESTRANGE (Form V).

#### WANDERING CHIDLREN OF THE KALAHARI

Our trio, Bill Rodseth, Dick Tarbutt and I had been sent by our Rhodesian firm to make a film on the few remaining Bushmen in the Kalahari Desert. Each had been chosen for some particular aptitude, Bill for his prowess with the camera, Dick for his skill in choosing lyrics and music, and I for my knowledge of the strange clicking dialect of this quaint race. Our filming had been relatively successful, but was cut short because the Bushmen, with their keen intuition, sensed a drought, and felt the need to move.

Our dusty landrover had jolted and bumped us on our homeward way for a week, and we had reached the monotonous area of undulating veld surrounding the great desert. Here we decided to pitch camp.

I was sent out to gather dry wood and as I was wandering on my way I noticed two vultures circling and croaking half a

mile ahead.

As I approached the area I beheld a little Bushman lying over his wife and two babies. His skin was cracked and yellow, and his glazed eyes stared un-seeing into the vault of the blue sky above. I thought they were dead and was about to move on, when the dwarf-like creature jumped up, his eyes took on the expression of a helpless little animal and he shrank in fear against his family who did not stir.

I spoke to him, and eventually he answered saying that his people had been driven from the desert by the terrible drought. They had been making their way to the Great Bear plateau where they believed water would be found, when their last supply

of the precious element had been exhausted.

I told them to follow me and we all trooped back to camp.

The Bushmen drank just enough to quench their thirst. Dumb but touching gratitude shone from their eyes, as, like desert flowers after rain, they revived. Then the wife, leaping up and clicking excitedly went to her little skin bag and brought out three empty ostrich eggs, each with a small hole bored in it. These she filled with water and ran off into the distance, the faint echo of her excited chatter falling on our ears.

Eventually she returned, leading two of the oldest people I have ever seen. The old man had coarse grey hair and his sunken eyes glowed with new hope. His wife, as old, was blind in one eye, but she still carried her grubbing stick.

These two old people had been left to die, being unable to

continue with the journey.

We gave the Bushmen three small buck which we had shot that morning and they filled their ten ostrich eggs with the lifegiving water

At dusk they made their camp, about a hundred yards from ours, and as we sat round our camp fire talking about the events of the day, we heard their chatter with its note of contentment as they were seated around their fire.

Day at last submissively gave way to Night, and they blended together like two different coloured pieces of chiffon. Then the first star twinkled gently and a thin sliver of the moon was visible.

Day withdrew with silent steps, and Night with his magnificent

splnedour, was our companion once more.

The next morning I looked towards the spot where the Bushmen had camped, but the place was empty. With something akin to admiration for the fortitude of this simple race I walked towards their sleeping place. As I looked down on the shallow dustbowls which had been their beds, I saw a beautifully docorated bow and a painted ostrich egg—"Thanks" for our hospitality. LYNNE DAVIS (Form IV).

#### DRAMA IN A HARBOUR CAFE

It was eight o'clock on a bleak winter's evening. In a small, shabby, dimly-lit cafe at the harbour a weary old stevedore sat at his usual place near the window, picking at his food. Outside, a cold wind whirled up spirals of dust, ships sirens wailed spasmodically, and the cranes were making their usual noisy clatter. The old man, pre-occupied with his thoughts did not notice the scarred hand part the curtains at the window near him.

A cruel face leered through the parted curtain, and with a quick furtive movement, the intruder slipped through the window. Noiselessley he crept along the wall, and as a floorboard creaked under his feet, he looked about him cautiously, almost anxiously. However, dockside noises drowned what would otherwise have been a warning to the stevedore.

As he neared the old man he caught his foot against the skirting board with a dull thud. With anxious eyes the old habitue looked up, and his knuckles whitened as he clutched his

knife and fork.

The dark-faced man limped closer and closer.

The pensioner's attention was arrested by a cat and with a sigh of relief — for he thought it must have caused the dull thud — he bent to stroke the animal.

Still closer, with menacing step, crept the intruder. Still the pensioner toyed with the food on his plate. Now the formidable creature was almost above him. From an inside pocket of his overcoat he drew a knife, a long glittering knife, with a razor-sharp edge.

Momentarily he held it poised over the old man's head, then, with a dextrous movement plunged it in, up to the hilt, between

the shoulder blades.

A low gurgle escaped the victim's throat and he slumped over his food.

The intruder looked up, evil triumph mirrored in his

groating race.

"Cut!" came the voice of the film director from the corner of the room.

MARION SMITH (Form IV).

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAPE TOUR

When I arrived at Durban station on that memorable evening of January the third, I felt quite lost, for there were so many strange faces, that when I did see one person I knew I was very relieved. The train stopped at several centres in Natal to pick up more tour members. We travelled throughout the whole of the next day and at six o'clock that evening we reached Bloemfontein, where we spent an hour wandering around the city.

The whole of the next twenty-four hours was spent travelling through the Karroo. After the rolling green hills of Natal, I found the flatness of the Karroo unbearably monotonous. One can imagine the excitement when we finally reached Oudtshoorn just before breakfast. We appreciated our first meal off the

train at a local tea-room.

Our visit to the Cango Caves was most enjoyable and we were interested to hear from our guide of the courage of the Van Zyl family, who discovered the caves. Our guide turned the lights out in one of the chambers and the darkness was so intense that I couldn't see an inch in front of my face. The lighting

effects on the various formations were very beautiful.

After our visit we had lunch with the Mayor and then a very different, but equally interesting, excursion around Highgate Ostrich Farm. Ostriches, relics of primitive times, are unique, the only other bird bearing resemblance to it being the emu of Australia. I was very interested to hear that film star's false eyelashes are made of ostrich eyelashes, which are fantastically long. Ostriches do not stick their heads in the sand when danger

approaches, as is commonly believed.

We travelled to George via the Mantague Pass over the Outeniqua Mountains. We stopped at the highest point in the Pass and looked back into the Little Karroo. In front of us we could see the sea in the distance. Apparently, on a clear day one can see as far as Mossel Bay from this point. The following morning we travelled through the Wilderness and Lake District to Knysna. The Wilderness was such a contrast to the Karroo, and we stopped at the Forestry College in the Wilderness. Boys are taught Forestry Conservation at the College and they certainly have wonderful opportunities in the naturally-forested belt. After a lunch on the rocks at Knysna Heads we had a very enjoyable swim in the lake, free from the fear of bilharzia.

Our next halt was Mossel Bay. When I pulled up my blind that morning I looked out on to the very calm harbour with all the picturesque little fishing boats at their moorings. That morning, we visited Seal Island, a very enjoyable trip apart from the smell emanating from the deposits of guano. The beach at Mossel Bay is very similar to Mediterranean beaches, as are most of the beaches in this part of South Africa.

Soon we were on our way to Paarl, where we spent two full and pleasant days. We visited the Huguenot Memorial at Franschoek and were told a little of what the Memorial represents. The figure standing on the globe represents Hope, she is carrying a broken chain, symbolising freedom from persecution, and a Bible, symbolising their religious faith. It was erected as a tribute to the early French settlers, many of whom are buried a little way from the Memorial. Next we were taken to the city hall and given beautiful juicy peaches, grapes and watermelon.

Later that afternoon we were taken for a bus trip up Du Toits Kloof Pass. I think that was one of the most beautiful drives on the whole trip. The mountains around Paarl are so blue and contrast strongly with the yellow wheat in the Paarl Valley. The colouring reminded me of a Van Gogh picture. That night we dined as the guests of the Mayor and Mayoress of Paarl. Paarl is rightly named because the three big white rocks on the hill behind it glisten like pearls in the rain.

On the second day we paid a visit to Bien Donne Fruit Research farm, where agriculturalists try to develop better fruit trees and thus improve the standards of the fruit farming industry in South Africa. They also deal, to a certain extent, with flowers which are exported from South Africa.

That afternoon we went on a tour of the K.W.V. wine cellars and, of course we sampled a glass of delicious grape juice. We saw the five largest vats under one roof in the world. These vats are made of French oak and each holds many thousands of

gallons of wine.

The following morning we very excitedly packed our clothes, because we were to arrive in Cape Town. I was very impressed

with Cape Town's lovely setting against Table Mountain.

Our seven days in Cape Town provided us with many thrills. Imagine our excitement when we saw, from the very top of Samlam Building, the Windsor Castle in the docks. While in Cape Town we visited the corner-stone of South African history, the Castle. We saw the names and dates carved in the doors of the dungeons and enjoyed the luxury of Lady Anne Barnard's apartments. The graciousness of Groot Constantia was appreciated by all, but it contrasted strongly with the very modern Sanlam Building, tallest in Africa. We saw how broadcasting is operated at the S.A.B.C. studios, and we were amazed at the number of records in the record library.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Cape Town gave us a scenic drive to Cape Point, via Chapman's Peak on the way there, and Simonstown on the way back. We stopped at Chapman's Peak and, of course, the bays tried to throw stones into the sea from the road. This is impossible, however hard one throws, as the force of gravity influences the flight. We had a picnic lunch

at Simonstown beach with the Mayor and Mayoress. That night we had a fancy dress dance, the winners of the competition being two boys who provided us with a very realistic

"Antony and Cleopatra".

The next day, amid great excitement, we were all taken down to the docks and embarked on the Windsor Castle. For most of us it was the first time that we had ever travelled by ship. To my disgust, I was seasick on my first night at sea. We were delayed outside Port Elizabeth for a day because the sea was too rough, but we managed a trip to the Addo Elephant Park at Port Elizabeth and the Grand Prix Race Track at East London. The elephants were very obliging and stood quite still for us to photograph them.

Very early on the morning of our arrival in Durban I dressed and went up on deck. I wanted to see my home village on the coast, but after a few minutes on deck, decided to abandon the idea and returned to bed. We were all very glad to get back to Durban, although sorry to say goodbye to our friends. We met again at the prize-giving for Tour Diaries a few months later. I preserve many happy memories of my tour of the Cape.

EDITH DAVEY (Form IV).

#### THE BOOK-FOLK'S PARTY

The party took place in a castle in an enchanted forest, in Never-Never Land. From the brightly lit castle, there came a stream of voices, some high an some low. Music seemed to break through the speech.

It was the book-folk's party, Suddenly:

"Open Sesame!" and in walked the forty thieves, with Ali Baba in front.

"Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum," and a smiling Captain Hook entered. After a quick glance around, his eye fell upon pretty Juliet. He asked her for a dance, but as he stretched out his menacing hook to her, he heard an ominous tick-tock behind him. Juliet scurried away, and so did Captain Hook—one could guess why!

Juliet walked out onto the balcony and her voice could be

heard above the noise of the crowd, calling:

"Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou . . . . . . "

Suddenly there was a shout of laughter, and what should it be, but Tarzan displaying his strength by holding Billy Bunter

high in the air, while Billy stuffed himself with tarts.

"O-oh!" squealed Pollyanna to the three blind mice. "Do look where you are going. I nearly trod on you." Just then the Pied Piper came up to Pollyanna, and started playing a tune on his pipe, and immediately the mice turned and chattered to him for the rest of the night.

As Ole King Cole and his merry band struck up a tune, everyone commenced dancing. It was nearing twelve o'clock.

While the two ugly sisters were talking, the white rabbit walked past and said "Oh! my gloves and whiskers! I shall be late for the dance. It is twelve o'clock!"

Cinderella, on hearing this stood up aghast, and flew out of the castle, runing as fast as she could.

Soon a "toot toot" was heard, and everyone ran to see who it was.

"Hello everyone!" said Noddy, alighting from the car.

"Good Evening, I would say," corrected Big Ears.

"Off with Noddy's head!" shouted the Queen of Hearts, and everyone laughed.

Tinkerbell, Nanna, Peter Pan, Wendy and Alice were all

talking when Alice said,

"I am going to drink out of this bottle". No sooner had she done so, than her neck grew until it nearly touched the roof.

"O-oh!" screamed Snow White, holding Dopey. "How exciting!" But Alice soon shrank to her normal size. Meanwhile the Little Match girl continued to play with the Cheshire cat, even though it kept on disappearing! Suddenly the Emperor walked past.

"Where are his clothes?" the owl asked the pussy cat.

"They must be invisible," said Goldilocks, overhearing the question. At that moment the Emperor blushed scarlet.

Soon it was time to go home and there were "goodbyes" everywhere. One by one the lights went out, and the castle was left with an eternal memory, and if one walks past, one may still hear the sound of laughter, music and voices.

LOUISE SHEINUK (Form III).

#### THE DOG NEXT DOOR

Let me introduce myself. I am Yvonne-Realette of London—an admirer of Mozart's works—pedigreed as far back as Victoria's reign and resident in the more select area of Mayfair (during the summer only). As for my appearance, I am an exquisite Blue Persian Cat.

During the cold winter months, my pet, Lord Winterburry-Whatsit, accompanies me in a private aeroplane to the sunny South of France, to spend a glorious holiday, stretched out on the private verandah of my luxury hotel suite devouring crayfish cocktails — my favourite dish. A satin couch is placed on the verandah for me every morning so that I may rest my feline limbs and wash my much envied long whiskers and tail, beneath the warm, soothing French sun.

For the past few years this "winter trip to the south" arrangement has met with my approval, but lately the trip has become rather a strain and very tiring and to make matters worse, the hotel suite next to mine is now occupied by a most ungracious monster. In fact, she is positively grotesque. She is chaperoned by her pet, Lady Swindermere (a famous tennis champion). That bitch who owns her Ladyship has the audacity to wear a ribbon identical to my own and I find it highly infuriating. Her coat is the most vile colour, dyed of course. It clashes most horribly with my genuine fur. She spends her days on the verandah next to mine. What an insult! She is most unfeline and the perfume she uses is far too strong. She is extremely clumsy.

Twice a week she visits the "Royal Poodles' Beauty Salon" to have her coat shampooed, dyed, and cut and perfumed and her nails manicured. But quite honestly, I consider going to those places very degrading; even if one is only a bitch, making a public spectacle of oneself is not my idea of gracious living. My personal furdresser and manicurist travel with me to attend to me in private each morning. However, I will not tolerate it anymore, I shall insist on spending my holiday elsewhere in

future.

V. WICKS (Form III).

# THE LAST FIVE HUNDRED FEET TO THE SUMMIT

Three of us, my father, Jim, the hotel skiing instructor, and I, left camp as soon as the sun dawned, leaving most of our supplies behind. Now began the hazardous climb to the summit. It was only five hundred feet but it was a sheer cliff rising

perpendicularly above us.

We were clothed warmly in windproof garb, gloves, balaklava, goggles, and other necessities to keep out the biting cold. We also had crampons to prevent slipping on the hard snow. We carried oxygen, for as the top is neared the air becomes thin. Ropes were slung over our shoulders and we carried ice-axes in our gloved hands.

The weather looked threatening as we cut steps in the ice, frequently changing leaders. Jim was leading, cutting his steps carefully in the hard snow when a shout broke the silence. I braced myself for the weight of the fall. "Oh no! Not now." The thoughts raced through my mind as my father hurtled downwards. He landed on a ledge and Jim and I raced down.

"Don't let it be, please," I prayed as we knelt over the motionless figure. He stirred and sat up. With overwhelming

relief we heard him say,

"I'm fine. Help me up, please."

We had continued up the snow-covered sides, uneventfully, for an hour when suddenly a rumbling noise made us look up, startled. An avalanche! Fear struck my heart as we crept under a ledge pressing our bodies against the side. The snow and ice thundered down upon us making such a noise that the ledge was vibraling with the impact. The silence which followed this rush was almost uncanny.

The sky suddenly clouded and snow began to fall, leisurely at first then coming down with such force that we could not see our hands in front of us. I prayed for the wind not to rise but in vain, for a hurricane swept upon us, trying to rip us from the sides of the mountain and lashing the snow unmercifully against our feeble frames. A fatal numbness started to creep through me and I fought to prevent it. Frost-bite would mean the end of my mointaineering. The wind died as swiftly as it had risen.

Only twenty feet more. We pulled the oxygen masks over our faces and began our climb once more. Suddenly I saw the summit and would have shouted for seeer joy and relief, but my lips were so stiff with cold that no sound came.

I placed my flag in the snow and looked down at the magnificent view spread for miles below us. We had conquered!

JEANETTE LEISEGANG (Form II).

# HOW RAT, FLEA AND GERM GOT THEIR REVENGE

One day, in the heart of the jungle, Germ said to his friends, "It is not fair. The witch doctor tells the village people to spray us and we die. Yet Elephant and Lion say that being shot with arrows is worse."

Later on they held a council. It was about which of them

should take revenge on the little village of Cigaga.

"Right", said the Elephant, "I will go and try tomorrow,
Lion the next day and Rat, Flea and Germ the day after. If Lion or I win, then we will roast and skin them, then we will put butter on and eat them."

The next day Elephant went to Cigaga. He tore out trees and broke down the houses, but he had to go back to the jungle and lie down, because he had been wounded by arrows.

On the second day Lion went to Cigaga. He chewed people to pieces. As everybody ran away, a native girl kicked over a paraffin bottle near a fire. Lion ran into the hut and burned his paws, so he had to go and join Elephant in the heart of the jungle.

The third day, Rat, Flea and Germ went to the village with

Flea on Rat's back and Germ on Flea's tail.

Rat carried them and Flea hopped from one person to another, with Germ giving diseases. By the time they got to the witchdoctor's hut, he was already very ill as the disease had spread very quickly. Rat, Flea and Germ had their revenge.

ELSIE CLOETE (Std. 4).

### MUSIC

Paragraphs written immediately after listening to J. S. Bach's Concerto in D minor for harpsichord and strings.

It sounded so smooth at the beginning. It was just as if you were floating down a stream. Then it was gay. I felt like getting up and dancing. It dodged from note to note. Then the sound rose higher and higher and it seemed very fast. It was then definite, strong and solemn, and it ended.

JENNIFER SUTTON (Std. 4).

As I listen, I imagine dancers, dancing slowly, quietly, beautifully waving their long costumes gently. Then everything changes. Everybody is leaping, flashing, and then again all is still.

DINAH BRIGGS (Std. 4).

It makes me think I am walking about the desert with a donkey, I am holding on to its reins. Then I suddenly come into a busy town with the cars rushing past, and, as night comes, it is quiet and calm.

YVONNE GREENE (Std. 4).

#### MY SIAMESE CAT

Her name is Ming and we love her dearly. I don't suppose she is so beautiful, but we think she is.

Somedays she is very superior. She sits and gazes at the world or walks slowly up and down the passage. She does not even care to stalk the bantams or the pigeons.

But on other days she goes quite crazy.

She darts round the bed, under the table and on the chairs.

This is when the dogs must beware.

Ming does not like being laughed at. If someone does laugh at her, she turns away and washes herself as though she had not heard him.

Of cours she sleeps in my bed. Mother calls her my hotwater bottle.

B. LYNN LEISEGANG (Std. 3).

#### THE WITCH AND THE MAGICIAN

An old magician with a long beard lived in a house made out of sweets and candy floss. A witch lived nearby in a house that was almost broken down.

The old magician was good and when the witch turned fairies into frogs he would turn them back into fairies again.

One day, there was a great storm and the magician's house fell down.

"Ha! ha!" laughed the witch. "He is very foolish indeed. I'll cut off his beard". So the witch cut off the magician's long bear, which was full of magic.

The fairies soon got to know of this and made magic to put on their fingers. They pulled the magician's whiskers so hard that his beard grew longer than before.

The magician was so angry with the witch that he turned her into a piece of weed and that's why people pull weeds out of gardens.

JANE COSNETT (Std. 2).

# "QUINQUE PARVI PORCI"

"Five Little Pigs"

Hic porcus parvus ad forum ivit;

Hic porcus parvus domi mansit;

Hic porcus parvus bubulam devoravit;

Hic porcus parvus nihil habuit;

Hic porcus parvus 'honkus, honkus, honkus' totam viam domum concurrit.

GERALDINE L'ESTRANGE (Form V).

## "TRES CAECI MURES"

"Three Blind Mice"

Tres caeci mures,
Tres caeci mures,
Ecce! quam currunt!
Ecce! quam currunt!
Currunt post uxorem agricolae,
Quae caudas rescidit cultere;
Vidistine tale in tua vita
Qual' tres caeci mures?

LATIN CLASS (Form V).

#### FRIENDSHIP

Friendship has unsought, unavoidable barriers, Brought by undispatched carriers From one's innermost being. And once seeing The torment and despair, They do not retreat to their lair, But play havoc, And completely lock The gates to mutual assent, So that feelings become bent, And crooked directions and views, Make us forget the old familiar cues Of affection, intimacy, and acceptance; Our replies prance Like untamed animals at their own kind, Afraid of their new find. Mutilating close bonds and feelings No further mutual dealings Seem to reach a conclusion. We resign ourselves to disillusion.

ANN HUBBART (Form V).

#### **EXAM TIME**

When we start the month of June; We know alas, exams come soon, It's time to swot, to play's a crime, How I do fear this dreadful time.

So each day at half past five, Out of bed I have to dive, Woken up from dreams so sweet, By the alarm clock's nasty bleat.

It's cold and dark but swot I must,
Geography, Nature, dry as dust,
Spelling and Tables, History too,
Lest I fail with marks too few.
FELICITY HENWOOD (Std. 4).

I saw a little mole
A little mole was he,
He ran along his tunnels.
He was black as black can be.

LEONIE McKENZIE (Std. 1).

#### MY FIRST PARACHUTE JUMP

I'm first. I've got to jump. I can't! My heart's beating so fast I feel ill. I close my eyes and grit my teeth. I'm out. Too fast! I'm going too fast! The rip cord! It's open! Oh, it's open.

I can see the country spread out below me, Oh, isn't it wonderful. How could I have been afraid.

The lakes look so quiet and peaceful from up here.

There is a farmhouse, how small it is. Oh, this is wonderful. I could go on floating like this.

How do I land? I am sure I'm going too fast again. Who will be down there? The earth rushes towards me so quickly I must try, I must.

I've done it! I've done it! JUDITH HARRISON (Std. 5).

#### THE SEA

The sea is calm, as calm can be, The gulls swoop overhead. The storm comes fast, The gulls all flee, The sun hides, no longer red.

Waves once calm now are cross, The water splashes o'er rock and sand, While upon the wave a ship's a'toss. The rain is pouring o'er the land.

The wind roars across the sea. As the clouds grow black and thick, The waves seem to dance in glee, And upon the roaring, swirling sea, Floats a lone stick. MOIRA MALHERBE (Std. 4).

I had a little cat, cat, cat, She was very fat, fat, fat, All day long
She sang a song,
This is what she said,
mew, mew,
purr, purr,
mew, mew,
purr.

SALLY HINDLE (Std. 1).

#### DIE LAASTE DAG

Dis die elfde Desember — die laaste dag van die skooljaar! Met 'n rilling van opgewondenheid onthou ek dit! Ek spring uit die bed uit en dan, ewe treurig, kyk ek weer na die smal bed met sy vaal komberse — ja, dit was die laaste keer dat ek ooit daarin sou slaap. Laggende stemme verwek my uit my mymering en ek begin aantrek.

Met 'n gevoel wat grens aan liefde kyk ek na die donkerblou springjurk en gordel wat ek nou vir die laaste keer aantrek. Dit is darem snaaks dat ek nou so voel want drie jaar lank het ek hierdie klere gehaat! Maar daar is geen tyd om aan die dae wat nou vir goed verby is, te dink nie. Ek moet

in die hede lewe en nie in die verlede nie.

Die eetklok lui. In die eetsaal sit die martiekklas bymekaar by een tafel. Die hele saal is in rep en roer. Almal, of liewer amper almal, is vrolik en gelukkig. By ons tafel heers doodse stilte. Iemand sê: "Hoe wonderlik is dit tog nie dat dit ons laaste ontbyt is nie!" Maar snaaks, hierop word geen kommentaar gelewer nie.

Na ete word tasse klaar gepak, die klaskamers aan die kant gemaak, en boeke word verkoop of stukkend geskeur — van laas-

genoemde taak kwyt ons ons met groot geesdrif!

Die tyd vir die prysuitdeling het aangebreek. Ons stap na die groot ou saal. Op die verhoog sit die prinsipale, ander belangrike persone en die personeel. Toesprake word gelewer en dank betuig. Daarna staan almal op en sing "Die Stem" saam. My trane kan ek nou nie langer bedwing nie en hulle rol oor my wange. Rondom my, weet ek, gebeur dieselfde, te oordeel na snikke en neuse wat uitgesnuit word.

Almal stroom na buite. In die gange is dit net 'n woelende massa van mense — ouers, kinders en onderwyseresse. Orals staan groepies dogters — sommige snikkend en snuiwend, die

ander laggend!

Stadig beweeg ek tussen hulle om al my maats te groet. Snaaks, ek voel glad nie soos ek altyd gedink het ek sal voel nie — in plaas van uitbundige vreugde en verligting, is daar hartseer en heimwee. Ek wonder wat hul sal sê as my afskeidsgroet vir hul is: Moet nooit jul skoollewe om wens nie. Dis die beste tyd van jul lewe!

MURIEL HAMMAN (Vorm VI).

#### **MISVERSTAND**

Daar is 'n storie van die boswagter en sy vrou wat ver van die beskawing af gewoon het. Om dié rede het die vrou besluit om 'n eetmaal te gee sodat sy haar vriende kon sien. Die gaste is uitgenooi en omdat hulle so ver moes reis, het sy gedink dat hul iets besonders sou verwag, daarom het sy 'n speenvark met allerhande speserye voorberei.

Ver in die bos in is dit baie moeilik om beskaafde bediendes te kry sodat sy die onbeskaafde naturelle van die wildtuin moes gebruik om haar te help. Toe het sy gaan aantrek maar die gaste het te vroeg aangekom en dus het sy nie tyd gehad om die speenvark te garneer nie, maar sy het vir die twee bediendes gesê: "As jul die kos bedien moet jul nie die appel in die mond en die pieterselie agter die ore vergeet nie."

Die bediendes het natuurlik nie mooi verstaan nie, maar alles het goed afgeloop totdat almal aan tafel gesit het. Die bediendes het te voorskyn gekom, met die speenvark, elkeen met 'n appel in sy mond en 'n stukkie pieterselie agter die ore!

SANDRA JUUL (Vorm V).

#### NOU WEET EK

"Ek kon my werk nie klaarmaak nie, Mevrou. Daar was nie genoeg tyd nie!"

Hierdie woorde hoor 'n mens so gereeld soos klokslag. Ek

wonder waarom?

My oë dwaal deur die saal waar huiswerk gedoen word. Ek sien al die bekende gesigte, die meeste toonbeelde van verveling! Andere sit met tydskrifte of biblioteekboeke op hul skote en maak of hul baie hard leer. 'n Klomp sit diep in gedagte, seker met drome oor die naderende skooldans — hul rokke, hare, en belangrikste van alles, hul maats. Hier sit iemand en brei, daar iemand en naels klip. 'n Paar sit met die pen in die mond en droom oor die genotvolle vakansie wat pas ten einde geloop het — ai, dié tyd verlede week! Andere skryf briefies aan mekaar — snaaks, ek dog dis huiswerk tyd.

As ek nogmaals rondkyk sien ek uiters vyftien leerlinge wat studeer waarvan slegs 'n derde volle aandag skenk. Snaaks, dis

mos hul wat altyd uitblink!

Meteens word die einde van huiswerk aangekondig en O wee! Myne is nie klaar nie!

Nou wonder ek nie meer nie!!

BLANCHE DAVEY (Vorm V).

#### KERKSTRAAT

Aan weerskante van beide die bo- en onderpunt van Kerkstraat is rye winkels waarvan Indiërs die eienaars is.

Die goedere is sonder veel beplanning in die vertoonvensters gepak en 'n winkelier staan verveeld buite sy winkel en kyk op en af in die straat. Hy sien hoe 'n seuntjie oor die straat hardloop terwyl 'n motor gevaarlik swenk nadat dit hom net-net mis. Hier en daar staan klompies seuns en gesels, terwyl ander lui-lui die straat af slenter. Die welbekende ou mannetjie, Mahuraj, met 'n fes op sy spierwit kop, loop stadig met sy krom kierie die straat af.

In die blanke buurt van Kerkstraat is die prentjie heeltemal anders. Mense loop vinnig heen en weer en verdwyn af en toe in die groot winkels in. 'n Verskeidenheid artikels is in die groot vensters mooi uitgestal: hier staan 'n ou dame voor die skoenwinkel en kyk verlangend na die bloedrooi pantoffels in die venster; verderaf druk 'n ou krulkop dogtertjie haar neus plat teen die ruit van 'n speelgoedwinkel waaruit 'n beeldskone pop haar toelag.

Mnr. van Joost, 'n besige klerk, wend 'n desperate poging aan om sy weg deur die geselsende mense te baan. Hy is reeds laat vir sy werk! 'n Huisvrou, haastig om haar kruideniersware te gaan koop, word opgehou deur haar kindjie wat graag 'n stokkielekker wil hê en derhalwe die teekamer nie wil verlaat nie. Buite raad gee die moeder in en dan is albei tevrede!

Op die hoeke van sommige van die strate staan koerantverkopers wat allerhande toertjies uithaal om die aandag van die verbygangers op hul koerante en tydskrifte te vestig. Verbeel jou kaalvoet Jorrie se verrukking toe iemand hom 'n fooitjie van een sent gee!

'n Hulpelose bedelaar slenter deur die strate en klou vas aan die paar muntstukke wat hy die dag ontvang het. Vir hom is môre nog 'n dag.

In die teekamer sit Rieta en Jamie, geklee volgens die nuutste tiener-mode, langs mekaar op die hoë stoele langs die toonbank. Hul suig met klein teugies aan 'n "Coke" deur 'n drinkstrootjie terwyl hulle oor die aand se rolprente praat. 'n Klein oumatjie,

wat haar "bull's eyes" kom koop, kyk afkeurend na hul kleredrag, en dink seker: "O, die tienderjariges van vandag! Die wêreld is definitief nie wat dit was nie!" Die assistente gooi haar kleingled kletterernd op die toonbank neer sodat sy skielik uit haar gedagtes opskrik.

So lewe dit heeldag in Kerkstraat tot omtrent halfvyf in die namiddag, wanneer almal weer huis toe gaan — huis toe na hul wonings, soos miere na miershope, om te rus totdat die donker kombers van die nag weer opgelig word om 'n nuwe dag te verwelkom.

GERALDINE L'ESTRANGE (Vorm V).

# 'N BESOEK AAN DIE HERTZOG TORING

Daar was 'n lang ry voor ons. Terwyl ons gewag het, het ons rondgekyk. Die toring was massief. Daar het dit gestaan, sy volle vyfhonderd drie-en-vyftig voet hoog.

Die toring was wyd na onder, maar hoe hoër dit gegaan het, hoe nouer het dit geword. Orals in die mure was langwerpige klein venstertjies. Die toring self was rond. Bo-op die toring was nog 'n toring van drade wat omtrent honderd voet hoog gestrek het. Die drade was daar om die verskillende stasies van die radio op te vang, waar dit dan by die S.A.U.K. gebou in Johannesburg uitgesaai word.

Op daardie oomblik was dit ons beurt om kaartjies te koop. Agter ons was nog baie mense alhoewel dit reeds vieruur in die namiddag was. Ons het aangestap na 'n glasdeur waaragter mens die hysbak kon sien. Die deur word toe oopgemaak en ons het by die hysbak ingegaan. Daar kon gemiddeld nege mense ingaan. Die hysbak het begin beweeg, en 'n stem het eers in Afrikaans en toe in Engels gesê dat ons binne sewe-en-veertig en 'n half sekondes die top van die toring sal bereik.

Van bo-af het ons 'n asemberowende uitsig oor die hele Johannesburg geniet. Alles het baie klein gelyk. Selfs die hoë geboue in die verte het soos speelgoed gelyk.

Daar was nog 'n stel trappe waarmee mens hoër kon opgaan. Vandaar het alles nog kleiner gelyk.

Na 'n rukkie het ons weer met die hysbak afgegaan en 'n koeldrank in die groot kafee onder geniet. Dit was reeds laat. Ons het huis toe vertrek, en selfs toe ons al omtrent vyf myl weg was, kon ons nog altyd die Hertzog Toring in die verte sien.

SUDÉ WALTERS (St. 4).

### IN DIE WILDTUIN

Douvoordag het ons per motor na die wildtuin vertrek. Dit het die hele dag geneem om daar te kom. Toe ons daar gekom het, het ons in 'n klein hut geslaap.

In die môre het ons vroeg opgestaan. Ons het in ons motor geklim en ons het baie impalas, kameelperde, olifante en leeus gesien. Toe het ons na die kamp toe gegaan. Ons het ons kos op 'n oop vuur gekook en ons het dit in die hut geëet. Ons het twee hutte gehad en myne was baie ver van my Pa se hut af.

Die volgende dag het ons vroeg opgestaan en in die motor geklim. Ons het ontbyt in een van die ander kampe geëet. Dit was baie aangenaam. Die kamp was groot. Daar was groot bome en 'n baie mooi tuin.

Toe ons klaar geëet het, het ons in die motor geklim en ons het weer gery. Ons het om die hoek gekom en daar het ons 'n groot olifant gesien. Hy het water uit 'n poel gedrink. Hy het sy slurp eers in die water en dan in sy bek gesit en al die water het uitgespuit. Sy pote was baie groot en sy stert was baie kort. Aan die ent van sy slurp het hy 'n hand gehad en hy gebruik dit om water te suip en om blare van die bome af te pluk.

Ons het ook baba hiënas gesien. Hulle het in 'n groot miershoop gewoon. Daar was 'n groot gat in die middel van die hoop. Hulle het klein oortjies en ook klein stertjies gehad. Hulle het soos honde gelyk, en hul bene was kort. Hulle het swart en geel vlekke en swart neuse gehad.

Verder het ons vyf leeus gesien. Hulle het in die gras gelê. Een van die leeu mannetjies het opgestaan. Hy het 'n baie groot kop gehad. Op sy kop was dik bruin hare. Sy stert was lank, sy bene was ook lank, en sy pote was plat. Hy het 'n bokkie, wat hy gevang het, gevreet.

Die kameelperde het bo aan die bome gevreet. Hulle het baie lang nekke en ook kort sterte gehad. Hulle bene was baie lank en as hulle drink dan moet hulle hul bene weerskante van hul koppe sit want hul nekke is so lank. Hulle het ook swart en geel vlekke gehad.

Die bobbejane was baie snaaks. Die babas het op die rugge van hul ma's gesit. Een van die ma's het op ons motor gesit. Ons het vir haar 'n appel gegee. Hulle is baie groot.

Die volgende dag het ons huis toe gegaan. Ek het meeste van die leeus gehou, maar ek het my hele vakansie baie geniet.

JENNIFER SUTTON (St. 4).

#### WILDTUINE IN OOS-AFRIKA

Vroeg in die môre het ons vertrek na die Tsavo Wildtuin. Laat in die namiddag het ons daar aangekom en twee leeus gesien.

By die woonplek kyk al die stoepe uit oor 'n gat vol water. Daar was 'n lig in die boom by die gat en ons kon sien hoe al die diere — olifante, waterbokke, rooibokke, gemsbokke, buffels en renosters — water drink. Teen vieruur daardie nag het ons opgestaan en by die vensters uitgekyk en tiere en leeus naby ons stoep gesien.

Toe het ons na die Manyara meer toe gegaan en weer volop diere gesien. 'n Paar keer moes ons van die pad af ry want daar was soveel olifante in die pad. In die "soda" meer het ons vasgeval en van eenuur tot elfuur die nag het ons gesit en wag vir die wildbewaarder om ons te kom uitsleep met 'n "landrover".

Hiervandaan het ons reguit na Ngorrogorro krater gegaan en dit was oggend voordat ons ons kamer gevind het. Toe het ons nie gaan slaap nie maar in die krater ingegaan.

Pappie het ons ook na die Serengetie en Koningin Elizabeth wildtuine geneem en daar het 'n olifant ons gestorm maar ons het gou genoeg weggekom! Ons het baie diere gesien.

My suster het Treetops toe gegaan. Dit is 'n klein hotelletjie in 'n groot boom gebou, en as 'n mens eet, is daar klein treintjies op die tafel waarin daar kos is. Die treintjies kom met die spoor af na die mense en hulle help dan hulself. Die spoortjie is in die middel van die tafel. Mense van alle plekke in die wêreld gaan daarnatoe.

ELSIE CLOETE (St. 4).



# CONCERNING THE OLD GIRLS

# WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE September, 1964

President: Linley Brazier.

Vice-President: Miss E. A. Milne, Barbara Cope and Marylee Masson.

Honorary President: Miss D. E. Mellor.

**Honorary Vice-President:** Miss M. K. Ball, Miss M. A. Hosking and Amy Young.

Honorary Secretary: Audrey Smith.

Honorary Treasurer: Barbara Leisegang.

Honorary Fete Treasurer: Maureen Fanner.

Committee Members: Mabel Davidson, Lorna Hime, Natalie Juul, Memory Otto, Phyllis Somerville, Ann Turner.

# MINUTES OF THE 1964 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fifty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association was held in the Hall at Wykeham on Sunday, 3rd May, 1964, at 9.45 a.m.

**Present:** Linley Brazier in the chair. All present signed the Minutes Book. Apologies for absence were received from P. Goodwin, J. Seymour Haden, S. Joubert, M. Wheeler, V. Lockyer, and others by post, and a letter of good wishes from Miss Mellor was read.

Minutes: D. Beghin proposed, that as the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been printed in the Magazine, they be taken as read. This proposal was seconded by B. Cope and carried.

**President's Report:** The President read her report, the adoption of which was proposed by L. Hime, seconded by M. Masson and carried unanimously. Amy Young, on behalf of all present thanked the President for the splendid work she had done for the Association throughout the year. The warm applause proved that these sentiments were shared by one and all.

**Financial Statement:** The Treasurer, M. Fanner presented the Financial Satement of the Association, the adoption of which was proposed by A. Young, seconded by B. Leisegang and carried.

She then announced **the result of the 1964 Fete** which amounted to R3,324.73. R2,003.44 (including cash donations) was taken in the City Hall. The balance of R1,321.29 being the proceeds of the year's work of Pietermaritzburg, and our Durban branch, making the grand total R3,324.73.

**Durban Branch** — **Annual Report:** Eileen Doull read her President's Report, the adoption of which was proposed by M. Newton, seconded by N. Juul and carried. V. Carter then presented the Financial Statement of the Durban Branch. Ruth Bryant moved its adoption, seconded by W. Drummond. Carried.

Midlands Branch: The President, N. Webster, expressed regret that owing to unforseen circumstances and illness it had not been possible to organize any fund raising efforts through the year, but said she hoped to be more successful in the coming year. J. Fincken proposed a vote of sympathy with N. Webster in view of the illness in her family. Carried.

**Honorarium for the Auditor:** L. Brazier proposed that the honorarium to the Auditor, Mr. Turner be R4.20 as previously, seconded by M. Fanner and carried.

In Memory of Miss Moore and Hodges: T. Bacon proposed that the R2.10 usually given in lieu of flowers in memory of Miss Moore and Miss Hodges be donated to the Building Fund as previously, seconded by L. Hime and carried.

# **ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS**

**President:** B. Cope proposed L. Brazier and was seconded by M. Masson. Carried unanimously.

**Honorary President:** V. Bacon proposed that Miss Mellor be re-elected, seconded by D. Beghin and carried.

**Vice-President:** As Headmistress, Miss Milne is ex-officio a Vice-President of the Old Girls' Association. B. Cope and M. Masson were proposed by N. Juul, seconded by M. Davidson and re-elected unanimously.

Honorary Vice-Presidents: Miss Ball, Miss Hosking and A. Young were re-elected en bloc.

Honorary Secretary: A. Smith, proposed by L. Brazier and seconded by B. Leisegang was unanimously elected.

**Honorary Treasurer:** B. Leisegang, proposed by L. Brazier, seconded by M. Fanner — carried unanimously.

Honorary Fete Treasurer: The President explained that it had been found that being Treasurer of the Association as well as the Fete had become rather onerous, so after some discussion the Executive Committee had recommended that the two offices be separated, and M. Fanner, proposed by M. Masson and seconded by N. Phelps was unanimously elected Fete Treasurer.

Committee Members: The standing members, M. Davidson, L. Hime, N. Juul, M. Otto, P. Somerville, and A. Turner agreed to continue in office and were all unanimously re-elected en bloc,

on the proposal of J. Fincken, seconded by V. Bacon.

Allocation of 1964 Fete Funds: D. Beghin proposed that a round sum be handed to the Board of Trustees to be used in the best interests of the school, which proposal was seconded by J. Fincken and carried. M. Fanner proposed, seconded by A. Turner that R50 be kept in the Fete Fund to meet early expenses in connection with the 1965 Fete, and the balance over and above the sum handed to the Board of Trustees be given to Miss Milne to use as she thinks best. Miss Milne expressed her thanks and said how much she would welcome some cash to spend on the Library. The motion was carried unanimously.

Microphone: Mrs. Brazier informed the meeting that the school was considering buying a microphone through Mr. Dold which would not only be suitable for film shows, but could also be adapted for use at school functions, and at the City Hall for the Fete. Since this would save us hiring one each year she felt that the cost of it should be equally divided between the School and the Old Girls, our portion to be paid out of Fete Funds.

motion was seconded by B. Cope and carried.

The Old Girls' Bursary: As no one had applied for the Bursary this year the meeting decided that the amount be left in abeyance until an application was received — any decision with regard to an applicant to be made by the Bursary Committee.

**Old Girls' Dance:** M. Masson proposed that as the Cocktail Party last year was such a success and so enjoyable, it be repeated this year instead of a dance, which motion was seconded by C. Hodges and carried. A. Smith offered to convene it, assisted by A. Turner, P. Coughlan, C. Hodges, B. Leisegang, Z. Boreham, E. L'Estrange, and M. Haines.

1965 Fete: The President stated that the City Hall had been booked for 1st May next year for the Diamond Jubilee Fete. She thanked M. Fanner and Mr. McFarlane for the trouble they had

taken, as there had been some difficulty over the booking.

Souvenirs: W. Drummond suggested that as 1965 will be the School's Diamond Jubilee year a souvenir in some form be available for purchase. J. Stainbank proposed that there be a choice of articles at two prices, seconded by P. Cope and carried. D. Phillips promised to get quotations from Drostdy Ceramics Factory in Grahamstown, and the Executive Committee was asked to make enquiries re medallions, miniature Wykeham hats, etc.

Magazine: Miss Milne said that she had appointed a school committee to deal with the school part of the magazine. Amy Young's offer to compile the Old Girls' News was warmly received as also was L. Hime's offer to edit the Old Girls' section. As advertisements in the magazine are of financial assistance in meeting the cost of printing, it was agreed that they be continued.

The Careers Article: At a request from V. Bacon, Miss

Milne promised to write an article on Careers for Girls.

One of Miss Moore's Diaries: R. Pennington told the meeting of an extraordinary find by a man who bought some old books at a sale—among them was a diary of Miss Moore's written before her Wykeham days, excerpts from which might prove of interest if published in the magazine. R. Pennington and A. Young promised to find out the name of the gentleman in possession of this diary.

Addresses of Old Girls: It was proposed by L. Hime, seconded by P. Somerville, that the full list of addresses of Old Girls be printed in the magazine every five years starting with the 1965 edition. The adresses of new Old Girls and changes of

address to be published as usual each year. Carried.

#### GENERAL

Financial Statements and the Constitution: L. Purnell proposed that the Wykeham Society members be permitted to see the Financial Statements of the School, and that the Society be correctly registered as a non-profit making company under the Companies Act. L. Brazier spoke to the effect that as the Constitution of the Society is to be published in this year's magazine, and is to come up for discussion at the next Annual General Meeting, the above matter would be included in that discussion. This proposal was seconded by D. Beghin and carried.

**New Old Girls:** N. Juul asked that girls leaving school be encouraged to join the Old Girls' Association. Discussion on this matter led to the conclusion that the success of the annual fetes proved that attachment to their school is there, and that many girls become members of the Old Girls' Association in time.

Holidays: W. Drummond asked that Wykeham holiday dates should coincide with those of other private schools for

the convenience of parents. Miss Milne explained the difficulties, and said that she did try to fit in with private and government school holidays as far as possible.

Science Block: Miss Milne informed the meeting of the Industrial Council's generous grant to the school to promote and encourage the study of Science. One of their stipulations in giving the grant was the building of a Science Block to their specifications. She pointed out how difficult it was proving to find a site for such a block in our present limited grounds, with recreation space already at a minimum. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to leave the entire matter to the Board of Trustees to do whatever they considered most advantageous for the school in order to provide education comparable to that of other private schools.

Collection for the Servants: The collection taken for the school servants brought in R10.60.

**A Fine:** The fine for those who were not wearing their Wykeham brooches brought in 75c for the Fete Fund.

Votes of Thanks were recorded to Miss Milne, Mr. L'Estrange, the Reverend Phillips, Mr. Fanner, Mr. Jelynsky, the Staff, Mrs. Dely, the Present Girls for their help and their success with their Stall, and the Parents for the delicious refreshments served at the Fete. Also to Mrs. Rich, to whom a gift token of appreciation was to be sent.

This concluded the business of the meeting which ended at 12.45 p.m.

# A SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION AND OF OUR DURBAN BRANCH.

In her annual report, Linley Brazier, the President of the Old Girls' Association commented, that no school would run true to type if it did not have its petty little troubles, and she regretted to state that Miss Milne had had more than her fair share of these during the past year, but things had greatly improved this year, and she thought we could all feel a warm glow of gratitude for work well done, and a bright future for the school just around the corner. In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Milne she remarked that many of those present would be surprised if they knew how much of her own free time Miss Milne gives up for the good of the school.

During the year the Executive Committe had held ten meetings—five business and five working ones.

The Cocktail party last year, in place of the usual Old Girls' Dance was a great success both socially and financially. The Jumble Sale convened by Lorna Hime and Phyllis Somerville netted R68.55, and we were delighted that more of our members were able to accept the kind invitation of our Durban Branch to their morning sale in Irene van der Poel's lovely garden in October, when the proceeds of the Pietermaritzburg stall amounted to R63.41.

The combined cake sale proper with the sale of refreshments to the Present Girls at the Inter-House Swimming Gala in

February, resulted in a profit of R94.

She expressed gratitude to Marylee Masson for again convening the Refreshment Stall at the Otto's Bluff Gymkhana which added a further R34.64 to the Fete Fund.

In thanking her Executive Committee for their hard work and assistance throughout the year, Linley stressed the fact that it will be necessary to work even harder in the next few years if we are to compete favourably with, and offer the same educational

facilities as other private schools in Natal.

She reminded all present that we planned to have Miss Mellor with us for the School's Diamond Jubilee next year, but that the fund to fly her out was still a long way short of the minimum target set. She hoped as many Old Girls as possible would be present for this auspicious occasion.

She regretfully announced the resignation of Mr. Ken Pennington, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and paid tribute to him for his twenty years of service to the school. She said a letter of appreciation had been sent to him from the Executive Committee

on behalf of all the Old Girls.

She mentioned that the Board of Trustees had last year appointed a housekeeping sub-committee consisting of herself and Barbara Cope, to assist the Housekeeper in sorting out some of the troubles and difficulties in the catering and house-keeping in the school.

Eileen Doull, President of the Durban Branch, reported that they had held their quarterly meetings as usual, plus two extra ones to discuss the Fete and hand in the finished goods.

Their garden Fete in October had again proved very successful, the amount raised being R320.77, and she warmly thanked the Pietermaritzburg Old Girls who went down, for their support.

The Durban Cocktail Party in December brought in R35.30, and the proceeds of two Jumble Sales at Sparks Estate had

been used to buy materials.

She and Linley Brazier concluded their reports by expressing gratitude for the work of the past year, and best wishes for an even more successful 1964-65, culminating in our School's Diamond Jubilee.



#### WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

At the 1964 A.G.M., it was decided that the constitution of the Wykeham Society should be revised in order to give the W.O.Gs a greater control, and generally to place membership on a more realistic basis. In order to give members some grounds for comparison when the proposed amendments were put forward, the old constitution was to have been printed in this issue. It is not. The Wykeham Society met on 20th September to approve the new constitution, which is at present in the process of being registered. There has been much activitiy, of which you are all aware in W.O.G.A. and Board circles.

Why the rush? You may ask! Briefly, because in the competitive world today, no school may stand still, either for its own sake, or for the sake of its pupils. Many Old Girls, and particularly those in close contact with the School, realise this. Our efforts to provide more up-to-date facilities for science teaching have made it apparent that similar improvements in other spheres are imperative, if our School is to keep up with modern educational practice. In the past, Wykeham was in the forefront, because it offered a standard of education well ahead of other institutions. We are now in danger of losing our position. Provincial schools are well-equipped, and move steadily forward to meet the challenge of changing times. Other private schools, both here and in Durban, already are ahead of us in the educational and sporting facilities they offer.

Why the suggested move? Our ground space is limited. The building of a science block alone on these premises would leave us with the terrace, and the sloping area between Waverley and Winchester for playing space. It must be borne in mind that tennis courts and swimming bath cater for a maximum of 48 pupils, if filled to capacity. What of unsupervised play for

both seniors and juniors?

Nor can our development end at the building of a science block. Our library holds 12 to 15 girls at one time — and it is essential that we train our girls to help themselves, so that Wykehamites do not figure in "first year failures", when that time comes. Common rooms are woefully inadequate — barely enough for the Fifth and Sixth forms. These conditions put a

strain on the loyalty of W.O.Gs who wish to support their school. What of those who owe no allegiance to Wykeham—and we cannot discount them? Obviously other private, or even provincial schools become their choice.

Commercially this centre-city site is valuable. We cannot afford to purchase further adjacent sites (valued at R40,000 per acre).

In answer to the question, "Can we afford to go?" I put another question, "Can we afford to stay?"

EUNICE A. MILNE, Headmistress.

33 St. Mark's Road, Windsor, Berks. 12th September, 1964.

My dear Old Girls,

As I sit down to write you this letter the central thought in my mind is the joyous reflection that in less than six months time I shall be making personal contact with so many of you again in South Africa, and now that the decision is taken I cannot tell how delighted I am to think that on 1st May. 1965, I shall be at Wykeham once more to enjoy with you the Diamond Jubilee and Fete.

I shall not write at length this time for we shall have a much better chance then of getting up to date with all our news, but I cannot refrain from commenting again with great satisfaction upon the good work that is going on in the School and upon the set determination of the Old Girls, the heirs of Miss Moore's precious heritage, to place Wykeham upon a sound financial basis and maintain its cultural and altruistic traditions.

It seems to me that like Family traits and characteristics that one glimpses with such delight in one's children, as their personalities develop, this is another aspect of everlasting life, that the good work that has been done continues to bear fruit so long afterwards. Miss Moore built her School on good foundations of sincerity, friendliness and commonsense, and you are following in her footsteps.

All this was a comforting thought to me as I stood in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on 1st December, 1963, amidst a motley throng of American Services personnel in every kind of uniform, of many creeds and colours, about 350 of them gathered for the Special Memorial Service appointed by the Queen as her tribute to the late President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. The Royal Party and most of the civilian congregation were in mourning and the Guards Officers and the Military Knights wore black armbands on their uniforms.

The Dean, the Very Reverend Robin Woods, took the Service and it was a very beautiful and impressive one, ending with the two National Anthems and that great American hymn "Mine, eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

In his address the Dean spoke of President Kennedy's three great qualities; the first his vision, which enabled him to visualise a future Community of the U.S.A. with a United Europe, and the momentous step towards it, for which he will always be remembered, the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

The second his firmness, with gentleness, the first and basic As I expect you know President Kennedy's sister, Rosemary, is mentally handicapped. Another of his sisters, Mrs. Eunice characteristic of all personal relationships, demonstrated in his Family life, his handling of the great issues of race relations in his visits to the Southern States, and his resolution and moderation in his dealings with Cuba.

The third his quality of identification and concern for the rights of every American citizen, regardless of race or status, for their education and medical care, for the old and needy and mentally bandisanneed.

mentally handicapped.

Kennedy Shriver, who with her husband has taken over the direction of her father's Kennedy Foundation, which aims to find how to prevent Mental Retardation, came over to England recently and at a lunch at the Mansion House, on 15th July, launched an appeal to the public from our National Society for £1,000,000 to pursue our many urgently needed research projects on behalf of the Mentally Handicapped. As you know I have been working for the Windsor Society for Mentally Handicapped Children for the last four years so am very interested in the work's sudden forward surge.

Here in Windsor we are delighted to hear that the Berkshire County Council has at last appointed the Trained Superintendent for the Adult Training Centre and Sheltered Workshop that we have been collecting money to help set up. She arrives on 5th October, and will be interviewing industrialists for about a fortnight, collecting suitable work for the Centre. Then they will be able to open it from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. five days a week for about 20 trainees. They are looking to our Society to help provide voluntary untrained assistants to help teach the trainees the jobs and to scrutinise the finished articles which must be perfect, of course, if we are to get orders again from the factories co-operating with us. It is realised by so few, I find, that on a job wi hin his capacity the mentally handicapped person turns out work just as quickly and just as accurately as the normal when he has once learnt it. Of course such trainees are slower in acquiring skills, but once they have achieved the goal, the memory seems to help them retain that skill indefinitely.

Our Society has recently paid for the heating plant required for an industrial unit of this type by the Ministry of Labour. It has cost £700. The owners of the Hall did all the repairs and redecoration and additions to the building but they did not need for their evening Meetings, etc., the type of heating required for an industrial group of this sort under the Factories Acts.

Thus we have to keep on collecting funds all the time and I am now organising the selling of the tickets by our Society for the Round Tablers of Windsor and Eton's Annual Fireworks Display and Draw, from which they have again voted us the profits this year, for the fourth time running. On 22nd August I was organising the Street Collection kindly allotted to us by the Municipality, which made £175. "It never rains but it pours", but it is wonderful how much goodwill is shown to this cause now that the public has been awakened to the fact that very little has been done so far to meet the needs of this truly underprivileged group.

I have been occupied too just lately in trying to get together an Advisory Architectural Sub-Committee of the Windsor and Eton Society, which is the cultural association here specially concerned "To endeavour to preserve and extend the present amenities of the two towns, including the preservation of ancient and historic buildings". There is a tremendous spate of building at the moment and a great lack of accommodation still, and it is generally so much more profitable to the developer to demolish and build anew than to try to convert a picturesque old building. This is, of course, a national problem which should be tackled at Governmental level but as yet this has not been done at all effectively, and here we have seen one "scheduled" house after another, even on the route of the famous "Face Lift" altered out of recognition. Hence our Advisory Architectural Sub-Committee, which we hope will be able to act in a vigilante as well as an advisory capacity for the protection of the old houses that are worth preserving and the erection of modern buildings that will harmonise with their environment and be worthy of a place in this ancient borough.

The Windsor of my childhood was an interesting and picturesque little town but few of the old houses remain today. It has two buildings only that have been scheduled Grade I under the Town and Country Planning Act of 1947, and are therefore quite safe from the developer's inroads — the Castle and Christopher Wren's Guildhall. Grade II on the Schedule only requires that the Minister's consent be obtained for demolition or extensive alteration, and in practice this often means the postponement of its doom only for two months or so. You no doubt followed in the papers the great controversy with regard to the

obliteration of the view of St. Paul's from Ludgate Hill. It was abviously the wish of a large section of the public that the view should be preserved, but the vested interests were too strong and the office block went up. If this can happen to St. Paul's the future does not look too bright for the hundreds of lovely but commercially unremunerative, little, old private houses that stand on valuable land in our smaller towns and villages.

However, we should be wrong to adopt a defeatist attitude about all this. The Richmond Society has managed, during the last nine years to prevent the disfigurement of various parts of their old and historic town, including the erection of a sky scraper which would have ruined the sky line of the famous Richmond Hill, and their traffic and housing problems, so much nearer

London than Windsor, must be greater than ours.

I cannot end this letter without a reference to our lovely old fashioned summer, which many of you have been able to enjoy with us over here. We have had nothing like it for about six years. I have had such happy contacts again this year with Old Girls and friends. It is such a pleasure to me when you look in and post me up with the latest news from South Africa. At my age, of course, I cannot expect all the news to be good and there are more gaps in the ranks of my friends than there were last year. I was sad indeed to hear of the sudden death of my Induna, George Ngcongo, who looked after me and our guests so well all those years at Westminster, and faithfully served so many generations of Wykeham Girls. Requiescat in pace.

Au revoir then till 1st May, 1965, and much love and every

good wish to you all,

Yours affectionately.

DORIS E. MELLOR.

## A W.O.G. GOES EAST

If you have a dear old brother who says "We are going to the Far East, come with us. I'll pay half your fare" and if, when you see your man of business about borrowing the rest of the money, he says "Yes, and never mind if you spend the rest of your life paying it back" and if, later on, he asks you to call again and tells you those worthless shares you have held for fifty years have suddenly become saleable and will provide enough money for the tour without accepting your kind brother's offer, why then, there's nothing to prevent you from going to the Far East with a small party of congenial people, conducted by a lady courier who sees you in and out of airports and hotels, provides motor cars for excursions, tickets for entertainments and everything else you can think of, and who tells you not to give tips because everything is inclusive.

On this wonderful tour we went east by air, flying only by day. Our second night was spent at Karachi in Pakistan and, being South Africans, we were not allowed out of the airport. We slept in the hostel, which is very well appointed. The next night found us at New Delhi where our South African citizenship occasioned no special treatment. New Delhi is on and around the sites of many towns of which the earlist were prehistoric. The architects of this great modern city were Sir Herbert Baker of South African fame and Sir Edwin Lutyens. A general impression recalls wide streets lined with trees and behind the trees handsome buildings far apart, each in its garden, while on the horizon a mile or more away, the silhouette of a well proportioned new building, or a mosque or a tomb, or best of all an ancient ruin, carefully preserved as a reminder of past dignity.

Agra is over a hundred miles south of New Delhi and we motored there and back in a day, alongside the flooded Jumna River, to see the Tai Mahal, the tomb of Muntaz Mahal, Shah Jehan's favourite wife who died giving birth to their fourteenth child. The proportions of the building, its whiteness, its inlay of flowers in semi-precious stones, the water, bordered by small cypresses, the lawns, shaded by flowering trees, the two biers (for he is buried there too) surrounded by the pierced marble screen that looks like lace, the priest who blesses you as you pass, the grief of the bereaved husband mourning his gentle wife, all these join in creating an atmosphere experienced nowhere else. And we were there during mid-afternoon. Seen by moonlight it must be as a dream.

It was on Lake Dal in Kashmir near Srinagar that the lotus flowers resembled big pink loose-petalled dahlias, standing three feet above the water. Mr. Sultan, our host, directed the man propelling with heart-shaped paddle our flimsy shikara, to draw close and pick us some flowers. I smelled them and found myself inhaling that curious smell of the East. It was not new. I had been smelling it for days. It is like garlic and onions and spice, and though all-pervading I never expected it in the lotus flowers. We lived in a houseboat on Lake Dal. It was like camping in luxury, feasting on Indian foods, waited on hand and foot by white-clad servants.

We walked in the garden of Shalimar in the shade of chenar trees below the mountains bordering the lake. In Srinagar we visited a factory where Persian carpets are made by hand, one family to a loom, the father calling to his sons the colour of the thread and the number of knots. There were shops, scintillating with jewels, and there were narrow streets where men plied their trade on doorsteps, and food for sale was cooked almost in the street.

In Japan we made Tokyo our base, the largest city in the world and joined to the port of Yokohama. They are modern cities of skyscrapers, concrete, and European dress. The arcades of shops in the hotels are indeed imposing. Tourists are expected to be wealthy and these elegant little shops contain everything beautiful, both useful and of no use, that may part a tourist from his money. We made a ten day tour of Japan by road and rail. It was the wrong time of the year for cherry blossom, chrysanthemums and autumn colour, but even so, we found the countryside very attractive. Every piece of flat land is planted with rice and sometimes valleys are terraced so that rice lands are stepped up into the hills. Hillsides are covered with trees, indigenous and exotic, and everything is well cared for. Land is so precious there is no room for weeds or hedges, nor even new cemeteries. The old ones remain, but cremation is compulsory except for Roman Catholics.

The main religions are Shintoism and Buddhism. Shinto shrines are built of wood, renewed every twenty or thirty years, so they are always in good order. Only priests may enter the buildings which are surrounded by park-like grounds containing cedar trees, great giants of trees, centuries old, which shelter the shrines from sun and wind and add reverence to a religion based on nature worship. The well known "gate" made of two high poles with a cross beam, usually painted red, is a Shinto symbol and is said to have originated as a perch for birds. Sometimes in the grounds are fish ponds and once we saw bantam fowls and, another time, a horse belonging to a shrine and therefore sacred.

Buddhist temples are built to last and always there is a figure of Buddha usually in a sitting position. Out of respect shoes must be removed before entering a temple (and also before entering any building with a floor that shoes might damage). These two religions have merged to a great extent. Young children are brought to a Shinto shrine and matrimony is solemnised there, but funerals are usually Buddhist.

Apart from the big cedar trees surrounding the Shinto shrines, the Japanese like their trees clipped. Pines in Japan are naturally inclined to grow in layers, while shrubs and other trees that normally grow tall are controlled by clipping. Trees in streets, for instance, are all pruned, while in public gardens even azaleas are not allowed to grow as they will, but are shaped to follow the contour of the bank behind or the stone beside them. In the gardens that we saw there were no beds of brightly coloured flowers, while lawns as we know them do not exist. The grass is short, but not mown, and frequently there is moss between stepping stones on garden paths. Always there is water crossed by little bridges.

During the tour we left the mainland now and then and sailed on the Inland Sea which is dotted with enchanting islands, and on one of these we saw the cultured pearls. A boy, a hundred years ago, invented the process of inserting a piece of grit into an oyster to induce it to cover the grit with a solution to ease its pain and so form a pearl. Cultured pearls are now measured by the ton and only the best are used. Those of poor quality are ground up for use in other ways. Even so it is possible to buy baroque or uneven pearls, and very pretty they are. On this island, in addition to the made-up jewellery, one may buy for a few shillings an unopened oyster and chance getting a pearl, or even two. In one of mine there were three. Tourists file past the work tables, watching girls sort and grade the pearls and bore and thread them.

We tore ourselves away from Japan to travel by air to Hong Kong, that curious outpost of Britain situated on an island and also on a few square miles of the mainland bordering Red China. From the dining room on the eleventh floor of our hotel, we looked across the harbour as we sat at dinner, and never has fairyland seemed closer. The lights in the streets and on the hills—for there are houses on all the hill tops—mingle with the stars and are reflected in the water. There were ships of the American Navy lighted up, and other ships too. Each night we gloried in this scene. Hong Kong is a free port and as we were about to board our homeward-bound liner we were not limited to a certain weight of luggage as when flying, so we shopped light-heartedly.

Our ship called at Singapore and Penang, tropical and rich with beauty, then at Mauritius where sugar cane fields made us feel at home, but never had we seen such mountains of odd shape, with boulders poised in balance which we felt sure was uneven. Then Lourenco Marques, very near home, and the next day, Durban. Good to be back in Natal, but what memories!

AMY YOUNG.

# DEATHS (R.I.P.)

Grace Bernard (Mrs. Turner).
Sheila Chiazzari (Mrs. Featonby Smith).
Ruby Hutchinson (Mrs. Gray).
Joy Nourse (Mrs. Jameson).
Hilda Strachan.
Peggy Upton.



#### 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.

Jeanette Antel to Bart Kuipers.
Hillary Daniel to Robert Visser.
Barbara Early to Raymond Shrosbree.
Jane Francis to Dr. John (Pierre) Buckle.
Jeanette Lund to Beverley Hill.
Judy Nicholson to Tony Gold.
Jean Scott to Reginald Clague.
Adrienne Shorten to Bruce Tucker.
Rosa Trimmer to Thomas James Hodnett.



#### 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.

Naida Boshoff is Mrs. Ernest Matthis. Susan Brasch is Mrs. Bernstein. Elizabeth Chamberlain is Mrs. Rutz. June Fridjohn is Mrs. Ivan Barnat. Wendy Hauff is Mrs. Wilfred Guy Thring. Nola Keel is Mrs. Neville Ireland. Ruth Laurens is Mrs. Chris Labuschagne. Josephine Lund is Mrs. Peter Evennett. Doreene Mattison is Mrs. Tim Nangle.
Jill Mattison is Mrs. Monty English.
Sally Pollock is Mrs. David Shone.
Gillian Poynton is Mrs. Jeremy Bellengere.
Margaret Richardson is Mrs. Graeme Hart.
Jessie Skene is Mrs. Blow.
Jane Somerville is Mrs. Murray Drew.
Rosalind Whittaker is Mrs. Patrick Hawkins.



#### 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. A. Bidgood (Monica Drew), a daughter.

Mrs. D. Bouttell (Valerie Moorcroft), a son.

Mrs. A. Bryant (Shirley Poynton), a daughter — Shelley.

Mrs. T. Fell (Rona Franklin), a daughter. Mrs. B. Geldart (Janice Howarth), a son.

Mrs. D. Israel (Marcia Eagle), a daughter. Mrs. R. D. Lees-Smith (Anne Kemp), a son.

Mrs. R. Lupton-Smith (Lorna Godbold), a son.

Mrs. R. Nicholson (Elizabeth Davidson), a daughter — Monica Jane.

Mrs. W. Paterson (Felicity Otto), a son — Vaughan.

Mrs. R. Phipson (Morelle Lund), a son. Mrs. C. Radloff (Wendy Daniel), a son.

Mrs. E. W. Raubenheimer (Denise Richards), a son.

Mrs. L. Reynolds (June Harris), a son.

Mrs. A. Stainbank (Jill Wasserfall), a daughter — —Sally Dering.

Mrs. D. Stone (Judy Bredin), a son.

Mrs. D. Yolland (Elizabeth van Rooyen), a son — David Stewart.



# OLD GIRLS' NEWS - 1964

ABLETT, Enid, (Mrs. Wroughton) is the International Standing Committee Member for cinema of the South African National Council of Women. She has recently returned from Europe. England she attended the Summer School of the British Film Institute. She would like to see Summer Schools on films started in South Africa to give cinema-goers an opportunity of learning to appreciate good films. South Africa with its wonderful climate is an excellent country in which to make films. She has wide views on the subject and no time for a Mother Grundy with a birch rod.

ACUTT, Barbara's (Mrs. Johnston) home was the venue for a meeting of wives of the Gunners' Association to discuss plans for the charity premiere of the film, "Seven Against the Sun" to be shown in Durban in September. This premiere was part of a National appeal for funds for the care, welfare, and education of the children of gunners killed during the war.

ADAMS, Gladys (Mrs. Suttie) has had an anxious and worrying time lately with her husband ill in Mariannhill Hospital, but we are glad to learn from Toria Peel (Mrs. Bacon) that he is home again

glad to learn from Toria Peel (Mrs. Bacon) that he is home again now, and that their two daughters are back from overseas.

ALLAN, Lesley (Mrs. Faull) is renovating the old coach house at her home Silwood in the Cape. When finished it will be a kitchen. Her large collection of antique cooking utensils will be displayed on dressers, specially designed and, at a respectful distance, she will have the most modern electrical equipment. She will invite friends to share her hobby and she hopes to arrange lectures by visiting cookery experts. She does much for charity and devises recipes for well known firms. She has a large house filled with valuable furniture, five children and a busy husband. Terry (Mrs. Bredin) has four grandsons one of whom won the Terry (Mrs. Bredin) has four grandsons one of whom won the Women's Weekly competition for the Baby of the Month. With Ray and Dulcie Arnott (Mrs. Foster) she and her husband have gone on the Moth Tour of the Continent and the British Isles this year. In Cape Town they all met and had a chat with Rita Sharland (Mrs. Clark). Barbara (Mrs. Earl-Spurr) lives near the Congo border where her husband is security officer to a mine. She has two children. Pam Hudson (Mrs. Braatvedt) has been to visit her and another W.O.G. with whom she corresponds, is Pat Cooper (Mrs. Jeffery) who lives in Cape Town.

AMOS, Irene (Mrs. van der Poel) and her husband were caught by the cameramen as they left by air for France, Holland and Jersey last Christmas. They looked well and happy. Vera (Mrs. L. R. Morford) has our sympathy in the sudden loss of her husband

in June.

ANTEL, Jeanette is we hear, to be married early in the coming year.

ARNOTT, Dulcie (Mrs. Foster) is pleased that her youngest daughter, Diana, is now at Wykeham. She and her husband have gone on a tour overseas this year and they hope to see Miss Mellor. Flo (Mrs. Gray) and her son frequently attend Wykeham entertainments, and he delighted the audience by singing two solos at one of them.

BAIKIE, Doreen (Mrs. Evans) has, we are glad to hear, recovered from an emergency operation in May. From her bed in the Sanatorium she could see Lorna Hime's and Miss Cope's flat across the street and carefully watched their movements, wickedly hoping she might have occasion to report misdemeanours to the W.O.G. Association!

BALL, Miss Mary has been teaching Latin at St. Anne's while their own teacher was away. She went up and down every day and enjoyed it. She keeps in close touch with Wykeham and her former pupils find a warm welcome in her flat at Scottsville. She hopes

to take a holiday in the Cape soon.

BAXTER, Beatrice (Mrs. Turton) when she and her husband retire from the sugar farm, after twenty-seven years, they hope to live in their new house at Ballito Bay. They have three little grandsons. When shopping in Durban she often used to see Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant). We offer Beatrice and her sisters our sympathy on

the death of their father.

BEATER, Leila (Mrs. Purnell) threw open her house for a W.O.G. meeting in Durban to discuss the new constitution for our Wykeham School Society. Her offer to put up for the night, Miss Milne and other representatives, was much appreciated. Her son, John, is a pupil at Clifton. Vivienne (Mrs. Haw) now lives in Salisbury where she works in the Inspectorate Branch of the Education Department. Her husband, in the Information Department of Southern Rhodesia, writes articles on many subjects and has the responsibility of correcting false stories about the country. daughter attends the Teacher Training College in Bulawayo.

BEHRMANN, Beth has our deep sympathy in the loss of her mother at the end of last year.

BENNETT, Barbara (Mrs. Cope) is on the Wykeham Housekeeping Committee with Linley Jones (Mrs. Brazier). This is a new committee appointed by the Board of Trustees and already is proving its worth. Barbara is one of our W.O.G. Association Vice-Presidents and we are proud of her. Mary is taking a Commercial Course in Durban this year.

BENNETT-DAVIS, Erica (Mrs. Goss) and Mollye (Mrs. Munro) have our deep sympathy on the loss of their father in February. Erica's husband has had a serious operation but is better. She and her mother are now spending a few months in England.

BERNARD, Grace (Mrs. Turner). Her daughter Hilary had told us she was very ill and we are grieved now to learn of her

death in August.

BLACK, May's (Mrs. Lindsay) heart is in the country and she is still secretary to the Boston Horticultural Society even though she now lives in Pietermaritzburg. She and Jean (Mrs. Line) have been making jam and marmalade for sales and fetes including the Wykeham one, and Janet's and their beautiful needlework and knitting too, help to swell the funds considerably. May and Janet spent a delightful week with Rose-Ella Crookes (Mrs. Waring) at Umzinto in August.

BLAKEWAY, Joan (Mrs. Holder) is nursing in the Kynoch

Hospital at Umbogintwini.

BODDAM, Betty works in the North London Regional Office at Wembley, which is part of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance. In this office are several Nigerians who she finds amiable.

She is well and likes her work.

BRAZIER, Betty (Mrs. Hansmeyer) and her husband we are sorry to hear, have not been too well lately so were greatly looking forward to a three weeks holiday at the coast early in October.

BREDIN, Judy (Mrs. Stone). Craig, her elder son, was the Baby of the Month in January last in the Women's Weekly competition. He is a beautiful child with rosy cheeks, fair hair and brown eyes. Mary (Mrs. Paul Wijnberg) with her husband and sons, has been for a year in England. Her husband is one of the naval officers sent there to bring back the new Pretorius frigate.

BRICKDALE, Lucy (Mrs. Gordon) and her mother "Jugie" Layman (Mrs. Brickdale) were very disappointed that their plans went awry and they could not be with us on the Sunday of the Birthday Weekend. We hope to have them with us for the Diamond

Jubilee next year.

BROOME, Ann (Mrs. Hulett) tells us that the Township they are developing at Cape St. Francis is growing rapidly. There are now thirty-four seaside and riverside cottages, a shop, and an allweather tennis court, and they plan to start building an hotel next year.

BROWNING, Zoe (Mrs. Boreham) says they are still very busy on their little farm but love the life. She of course helps whenever she can at any Wykeham function, her daughter, Peta, being a

Present Girl.

BRYDEN, Cicely works in Durban as a dental nurse and plans

to go overseas in 1965

BULL, Winnie (Mrs. Drummond) finds herself very busy playing with her first grandson. She trusts the novelty will wear off in time to allow her to work for our Golden Jubilee fete! — and so do we Winnie!

BURNESS, Connie is doing a teacher's training course at the

Pietermaritzburg Training College.

BUTTON, Hazel (Mrs. Penry-Roberts) and her husband and family have moved from Johannesburg to Pretoria..

BYAS, Wendy is working for Messrs. Smythe & Co., in Pieter-

maritzburg and enjoying it.
CALDER, Jennifer (Mrs. Atwell) has been doing relief nursing at Kynoch Hospital at Umbogintwini. Joan Blakeway (Mrs. Holder) nurses there too.

CARBUTT, Sheila (Mrs. A. Blyth) and her husband celebrated

their Silver Wedding this year. We offer our congratulations.

CARTER, Anne, whom we were delighted to see at our Birthday

Weekend is living at home, studying for the Commercial Matric. CATHERINE, Helénè (Mrs. Hellberg) has a son David who is

Chairman of Festival '64 at the University of Natal. Her daughter is Vice-Head Girl at Wykeham. Our heartfelt sympathy is with Helénè and her family in her sad and sudden loss of her husband and their father.

CHANDLER, Mabel (Mrs. Davidson) is an enthusiastic member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee. She was convener of the ever popular Baby Parlour at our fete, and is a keen bowls player. Her son damaged his hand very badly but we are glad to learn that he has now recovered the use of it. Her daughter Gillian is in Standard 2 at Wykeham.

CHAPLIN, Denise (Mrs. Dorning) has a son at Cordwalles to whom a farmer gave a handful of Canadian wheat. Planted in the school garden it has flourished and is taller than its owner. There was a picture in the Natal Witness of Warwick Dorning and his wheat, and the farmer now wants some of the seed! Denise and her husband were in Pietermaritzburg recently when their daughter Julia, who is a prefect and takes her Matric this year, had to undergo a minor operation. She called in to see Lorna Hime and they had a good laugh over many Wykeham memories.

CLARK Shirley, we hear from her mother, is happy doing

clerical work and generally enjoys life.

COOPER, Pat (Mrs. Jeffery) keeps in touch with Barbara Allen (Mrs. Earl Spurr). One lives in Cape Town, the other near the Congo.

COPE, Gillian, at the end of 1964 completes three years at the Natal Training College having specialized in Art. She announced her engagement recently but plans to take a teaching post for at least a year while her fiancé does his military training.

CROMPTON, Natalie (Mrs. Phelps) and her husband started on their world tour early in October, flying to New York. After seeing the sights there they plan to travel anywhere they please by Greyhound Bus, on the famous 99 Tourist ticket. From San Francisco they travel down the West Coast (visiting among other places, Disneyland) to Los Angeles and Mexico, and back along the Southern States via the Grand Canyon. Their next flight will be to Canada to stay with their friends, the Keppel-Jones (of "When Smuts Goes" fame) and other friends in Novo Scotia. Thence by air to Ireland (her husband's birth place), England, and Europe and eventually home again after four thrilling and hectic months. After all this we definitely expect an article from you for the 1965 edition of

the magazine, Natalie!

CROOKES, Rose-Ella (Mrs. Waring) and her husband celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 19th November last yearour heartiest congratulations to them both. As President of the Umzinto Women's Institute and Women's Section of the Agricultural Society, Rose-Ella is kept busy, not to mention all her work for charity and Wykeham, but in July she managed to attend the christening of David, son of Elizabeth van Rooyen (Mrs. Yolland) who is daughter of Doreen (Mrs. Phillips). Doreen and her husband are looking forward to a trip overseas in 1965 soon after Wykeham's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Ivy (Mrs. Gillatt) whose only son was married last year in Durban, has left Stanger and is building a house at Gillitts, near her daughter Beryl (Mrs. Cook). Violet's family are all married and have homes of their own now, so she is by herself in her lovely flat in Durban, but has bought a cottage at Pennington, where she frequently spends holidays with them and their families.

CROSS, Mona (Mrs. Newton) had a trip by sea to Cape Town when on her annual leave. She played bowls at the Mowbray Club and hoped to meet some of these Cape Town players at the championships in Durban. She got into touch with Beryl Flook (Mrs. Miller) and they had tea together at Stuttaford's where they nattered to their

hearts' content.

DAVIDSON, Gladys (Mrs. Prosser) is doing beauty culture in

Johannesburg for Helena Rubenstein.

DE GROOT, Celia (Mrs. Salmon). We offer her sincere

sympathy on the death of her mother last March.

DEY, Jennifer, we were grieved to learn from Miss Ball, was critically injured in a motor accident a few months ago. We hope and pray that she has made a complete recovery ere this.

**DIXON, Sheldine** (Mrs. Gafney) brought her daughter Dorothy to the Pietermaritzburg University last February. They stayed a night with Sheilagh Kregeloh (Mrs. Burchell) and we have a shrewd idea that their exchange of news took up quite a part of that night as Norah Vaughan (Mrs. James) was there too.

**DOULL, Doreen** (Mrs. Field) and **Eileen** with their mother have given up their house and moved into a flat. They are gradually settling down but feel very confined after their spacious home. Their sister, **Sheila** (Mrs. North-Jones), and her daughter from Salisbury have been staying with them. Sheila was pleased she could attend our last fete where she met many old friends.

**DOWNING, Madge** (Mrs. Acutt) has our sympathy on the death of her brother last year. Madge is one of our very reliable workers at the annual fete and W.O.G. functions organized throughout the year.

**DUNBAR, Patricia** (Mrs. Groves) and her husband returned to Johannesburg at the beginning of August where he has been appointed Principal of the Rossmore English Medium Primary School. They have been six months at Naboomspruit.

**EARLE, Ethne** (Mrs. Wannenburg) and her husband had an anxious time in August when their son Harvey, who is doing his second year Social Science at Rhodes University, was injured in a motor accident. We trust that he is making a good recovery. Their younger daughter Vanessa aged seven, played the part of Gretel in "The Sound of Music" at the Lyric Theatre in Durban last March, when her big brother Harvey, flew up from Port Elizabeth to see her perform.

**ELCOMBE, Gladys** (Mrs. Goulding) has sold her house and is moving into a flat. After twenty years she has an accumulation of treasures for which there is no space in the flat. She has sent us a cutting of Miss Moore's greetings to her daughters of Wykeham and has offered us Miss Moore's Christmas greeting cards from 1921 to 1932. All these we accept with pleasure for the school archives

which we plan to start.

**ELLIS-BROWN, Pat's** (Mrs. Lyon) parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Ellis-Brown celebrated their golden wedding last year. Mr. Ellis-Brown was made a Freeman of Durban in 1951.

**EMERTON, Joyce** (Mrs. Keytel) and her husband celebrated their silver wedding earlier this year. We offer hearty congratulations. We are pleased their daughter Andrea is to be a Wykeham girl next year.

ENDER, Vrennelli enjoys teaching at Athlone School in Pieter-

maritzburg.

FANNER, Marylee (Mrs. Masson) is another of our W.O.Gs who cannot speak highly enough of the care and attention bestowed on patients by Linley Brazier and her staff at Linley Nursing Home and relatives are not overlooked either, for when Marylee and her family were sitting at their mother's death bed, Linley came back specially to provide them with supper. We are grateful to Marylee for convening the refreshment stall at the Otto's Bluff Gymkhana for the benefit of fete funds and are delighted that she and her husband had such a splendid holiday at the Cape. It was the first time they had been away together for sixteen years. Their son Michael looked after the farm. Their daughter Dorothy left Wykeham last year and is taking a business course. Marylee serves on our Executive Committee as second Vice-President and is generally regarded as a tower of strength and one of our particularly valuable W.O.G's.

FANNIN, Natalie (Mrs. Juul) is one of the busy people in the newspaper world and in this capacity she accompanied the Women's Institute students of the Summer School to Cape Town and back in May. They went by sea and were entertained at every port of call both officially and by members of the Cape Province Women's Agricultural Association. Natalie, a grandmother twice over, is a member of our Wo.G. Executive and convener of our fete stall for woollies. No one quite knows how she finds time for all her good work. Phyllis (Mrs. Wheeler) helped at the cut flower stall at the fete, and her two daughters helped too. She had a great thrill when the elder one gained a merit pass and Provincial Bursary at the beginning of this year, as also did Natalie's Sandra. Our hearty congratulations to both mothers and daughters!

FARRANT, Dorothy (Mrs. Lissaman) is the proud possessor of another grandson. His name is Jeremy Edgar. Dorothy and her husband went to Rhodesia to see him and his big sister Susan, nearly two years old. They are now visiting their son and his wife and three grandsons in America.

FITCH, Helen, is studying for a B.A. degree at Wits University.

She sees other W.O.Gs particularly Joan Kalk.

FLEMING, Marjorie. Every now and then there appears in the daily press one of Marjorie's logical and thought provoking letters championing the cause of the underdog.

FLOOK, Enid (Mrs. Steer) has now achieved the status of grandmother. Tinkie (Mrs. Roering) has a son of twenty-one who announced his engagement in August. He is at the University of Natal and leads a well-known dance band. Her husband has composed some of the lyrics for the modern Cinderella Pantomime that will appear in Pietremaritzburg soon. Hence it was a great shock to all Tinkie's friends to learn of his sudden passing last month. Our heartfelt sympathy to her and her family.

FOSTER Fiona's (Mrs. Armstrong) husband is improving in health after a long time in hospital, we are delighted to learn.

FRAMPTON, Ruth (Mrs. Kenneth Pennington). Her husband has retired from the Wykeham Board of Trustees after serving with distinction since its inception twenty years ago. For many of those years he was the chairman. All connected with Wykeham are appreciative of his devotion, his enthusiasm and his splendid qualities of leadership. Ruth invited some of the W.O.Gs to spend the day and enjoy her lovely garden. Lately she and Ken went on one of their caravan holidays, this time to the Cape. While in Cape Town she attended one of three cooking demonstrations given a day by Lesley Allan (Mrs. Faull), one for housewives, one for businesswomen and one for brides. In spite of all this Lesley manages to look like a pretty young bride herself, Ruth tells us.

FRANCES, Kathleen (Mrs. Drew) reads the Wykeham magazine with keen enjoyment and if ever she wins a football pool (particularly in the Diamond Jubilee year) she will come and see us. When the Van der Poels were in England, Irene and Kathleen and Kathryn Gordon had lunch together and exchanged Wykeham news. Kay, as she is sometimes called, was rejoicing in the English spring.

FRANCIS, Jane is to be married to Dr. John Buckle on 3rd October in London where they intend to make their home. Her husband to be, is undertaking research in Diabetis at Guy's Hospital. They hope to be able to come out to South Africa for Priscilla's wedding in July, 1965.

FRENKEL, Lee spent a successful year in Europe culminating in a hitch-hike tour of Belgium, Germany, France and Spain lasting two months. She is now at Cape Town University doing a B.Sc. (Social Science) degree.

FRY, Della's (Mrs. Hemming) son is head boy of Kearsney

College.

GEYSER, Yvonne (Mrs. Arbuthnot) works in Messrs. Randles Davis and Wood's legal office in Pietermaritzburg.

GILES, Constance (Mrs. Turner) gave up her flat in Loop Street. Pietermaritzburg and, after visiting her sons, set out with her friend Mrs. Martin, on a tour of South America. On her return, Constance intended to take another flat but instead had to spend some time in hospital. Her sister Gwen, whose home is in Greytown, where she is a keen player of bowls, came to help Constance who is now better, and comfortably settled in her new flat.

GILLATT, Beryl (Mrs. Cook) and her husband are altering and enlarging their house at Gillitts.

**GODBOLD, Lorna** (Mrs. Lupton-Smith). Most of the farm on which Lorna's husband worked became submerged in the Midmar Dam, and the rest of it was sold. He now has a post in Pietermaritzburg.

GORDON, Jean (Mrs. Royden-Turner) plans to send her twin daughters to Wykeham in 1966. She attended the Mayoress' At Home in Greytown when she wore a charcoal suit with a blue hat. Maud (Mrs. Stainbank) receives our congratulations on the election of her husband to the Natal Provincial Council, Sylvia (Mrs. Joubert) breeds rabbits. There was a newspaper picture of her holding two with unusual spotted marking on their fur, at the Royal Show. Her silver fox rabbit won a second prize. It was the ancestor of the spotted rabbits, called Jemima Puddleduck, who cost only forty cents at a market stall three years ago that started Sylvia off on the hobby of rabbit breeding.

**GRAHAM, Mary** (Mrs. Wheeler) has moved to a new flat which is in the same block as Natalie Crompton's (Mrs. Phelps). Mary spent a holiday in Rhodesia last May.

**GRANT, Agnes** (Mrs. Scott) has a busy husband and three little sons aged one, two and three years. **Phyllis** passed her midwifery examinations and has now completed her nursing training. We offer congratulations. We were pleased she was able to come to the birthday celebrations. Now she is on a working holiday overseas.

GRAY, Noel (Mrs. Clark), Barbara (Mrs. Vause) and Faith (Mrs. Harper) have our sincere sympathy in the recent sad loss of their mother (née Ruby Hutchinson) also a W.O.G.

GUNDELFINGER, Brenda and Winnie (Mrs. Freed). Winnie is a nursery school teacher in England and is devoted to the children. She plans to tour the continent next year before returning to South Africa. Brenda works for an attorney in Johannesburg. Last Christmas, having six weeks leave, she visited her sister and brother-in-law, went skiing at St. Moritz and then to Rome and Zurich. Their little sister is very happy at Wykeham.

**HAINES, Marlene** is doing a Teacher's training course at the Natal Training College in Pietermaritzburg.

**HAMMAN, Eugene.** In the domestic science class at Wykeham, Eugene, just before she left school, made herself a beautiful theatre coat and a cocktail frock. Her picture, showing these fashionable clothes, appeared in the newspaper.

HAMPSON, Anne (Mrs. Upton) is a trainer of race horses and has charge of a stud at Hilton Road, as well as stables in Pietermaritzburg, and has a number of wins to her credit. It is hard work she says, but she does not mind that because she loves horses.

HANDLEY, Frances (Mrs. Gibbs). Being the member representing the Pietermaritzburg Group on the Executive Committee of the Federation of Women's Institutes, her interests are widely spread. Recently she attended meetings of the South African Wool Board in Pietremaritzburg, to promote the use of wool. Mildred (Mrs. Barnes), has our deep sympathy in the loss of her father in May.

HARCOURT-BALDWIN, Anne (Mrs. Scott-Barnes) and her husband enjoy living at Heatonville in Zululand where they are engaged in farming. As their younger daughter is at Wykeham, to our delight, they come up for as many school functions as possible, where they meet Pat (Mrs. Cook) and her husband and family whose daughters are also Wykehamites.

**HARKNESS, Ruth** (Mrs. Bryant) has another grand-daughter whom, one day, we hope will come to Wykeham. The Bryants came to our Birthday Weekend and how glad we were to have them with us again after a lapse of many years. They are now busy settling into a new flat.

**HARRIS**, June (Mrs. Reynolds) and her husband and family of three very active young sons are happily settled on their new farm "Cromwell", in the Umzimkulu district.

HARVEY, Susan came from Rhodesia to spend Christmas with her mother at Mbabane in Swaziland and decided to remain there. She found a good billet with the Swaziland Government and is very happy in her work. She bought herself a beautiful horse and has been playing polo all the winter season, and has thoroughly enjoyed learning a new sport in spite of a nasty fall or two.

**HARVEY-WILLIAMS, Felicity** attends the Maritzburg Business College.

HATHORN, Amy (Mrs. Young) has our very grateful thanks for compiling this Old Girls' news section of the magazine, and for some helpful suggestions she has made in connection with it. She takes an active part in the Pietermaritzburg African Welfare Society which has recently built a creche at Sobantu Village, and no appeal on behalf of Wykeham ever falls on deaf ears with her. An interesting account of her Far East tour appears in this issue.

**HAYTER**, **Dawn** spent some months in Southern Rhodesia recently.

**HENDERSON**, Joan (Mrs. Maxwell) and her family have lived in Pinetown for eight years and are happy there. She has three sons respectively eight, seven and two years old. Phyllis Gold (Mrs. Wade) and her son Rodney spent a day with them when on holiday in Durban.

HIME, Lorna. There is no one who does more for the W.O.Gs and our association than Lorna and shamelessly do we take advantage of her willingness. We fling responsibility on her shoulders and cheerfully does she accept it, turning it this way and that and moulding it to fit the circumstances. She knows more about our Old Girls than anyone else and can disentangle the complexes caused by surnames that change on marriage. In order to make the Old Girls' News as complete as possible she keeps a newspaper cuttings

book throughout the year. It is she who corresponds with Old Girls, learns what they are doing, and keeps up to date the lists of their names and addresses. When her arm troubled her, and pained her when writing, she learnt to use a typewriter. It is she who from her wide experience of Wykeham and W.O.Gs can always give advice that is good. She is our main spring. And what did this useful and valuable main spring do recently, but fall down some steps and hurt herself? She could not come to one of our W.O.G. meetings about the Diamond Jubilee fete. Lorna was not at the meeting. During the meeting when Linley, the President, asked for some information about one or other of our W.O.Gs there was silence. "Oh" she cried in distress. "Lorna would know. How I do miss her." That is how we all felt. Looked after by her devoted friend Miss Cope, with whom she shares the flat, Lorna is slowly recovering from quite a severe injury. Sincerely do we wish her well for quite apart from our admiration for her work for Wykeham, we have a deep affection for her.

**HODGES**, Cynthia was helping with the school stall at the last fete. This stall created great interest, was the subject of favourable comment, and certainly helped to swell the Fete fund considerably.

HOFFMAN, Lorraine (Mrs. Nurse). We are pleased to learn, has completely recovered from her illness. She presented the school library with a book about ostriches by Faye Goldie of Durban. She herself has written and illustrated a book which she hopes will be published soon. In the meantime she is busy with articles and short stories. Two of her stories for children have been accepted by the Southern Rhodesia General Service for Broadcasting. She and her husband derived great pleasure from a visit to Queen Elizabeth Park at Pietermaritzburg when he took photographs and she made notes for an article which has been accepted by the Farmers' Digest, an annual magazine printed about Christmas time. They paid a delightful surprise visit to Lorna Hime one Sunday morning a few months ago.

**HOGG, Cynthia's** (Mrs. Wardlow) son we read has become engaged to be married.

**HOLLIDAY, Marjorie** (Mrs. Vear) was not with us for the Birthday Weekend this year as she and her husband were enjoying a vacation overseas. We missed her. **Ruth** (Mrs. McLaren) after a long and trying illness, is we are very pleased to learn, in better health again—long may she continue so.

HOSKING, Miss had the great joy of a visit from her brotherin-law and her sister. They live in England and while on a world tour they spent some months in Natal. They had sent Miss Hosking interesting descriptions of the different countries they had visited.

**HOUSTON, Hilda** (Mrs. Clough). She made a miniature wedding cake with a miniature bride and bridegroom in icing and this little set was exhibited at the Royal Show. It was a masterpiece of daintiness.

**HUDSON, Pam** (Mrs. Braatvedt) spent six months in Kitwe and while there she visited Barbara Allen (Mrs. Earl-Spurr) who lives at Bancroft.

JAY-BROWNE, Evelyn (Mrs. Rimanek) has a son of seventeen who is so much taller than his mother that he "looks down on her". She and her family are distressed at the break-up of the Rhodesian Federation. In spite of lack of rain she has a good vegetable garden and so much fruit that her pantry shelves are laden with bottled fruit and jam she has made.

**JEROME**, **Penelope** has our deep sympathy in the sudden death of her father while he was a delegate at a Congress. After his funeral she took her mother to stay with her in Johannesburg and now has an extra bed in her flat so that she can visit her whenever she likes.

JOHNSTON, Nettie (Mrs. Webster). As it never rains but it pours, Nettie, suffering from athritis and rheumatism with her husband quite ill in hospital, entertained two cousins from England for two weeks. Naturally some of the excursions were curtailed but Nettie managed so well that a good time was had by all. The Midlands Branch of the W.O.G. Association, Nettie being the President, held a successful sale in Howick in aid of Diamond Jubilee Fete funds. Ruth Frampton (Mrs. Pennington) helped with this sale.

JONES, Linley (Mrs. Brazier). Indefatigable is a fairly accurate description of Linley for her activities are many and her energy great. In addition to work at her nursing home and the unending care of her patients and staff, she is President of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association and a Member of the Board of Trustees. Too, she has been a tower of strength to Miss Milne and she serves, with Barbara Bennett (Mrs. Cope) on the House-keeping Committee appointed by the Board. We have the greatest confidence in Linley and are proud and happy to have her as our leading W.O.G.

JOWETT, Vyvienne is at the Cape Town University in her second year of a three year diploma course in ballet. She toured South Africa with the Cape Town University Ballet and visited Pietermaritzburg in June. In April she had been bridesmaid to her sister.

JUUL, Valerie's (Mrs. Lockyer) little daughter is called Sandra after her aunt who is still at Wykeham. They now live at Scottsville not far from her mother, Natalie (née Fannin).

KERSHAW, Penelope (Mrs. Gordon) and her husband sold their house at Clarendon and moved right into Pietermaritzburg. They are pleased with their old-fashioned house in Loop Street, but Penelope says the children find it dull to walk everywhere instead of going by bus or motor car.

KNUBLEY, Dorothy (Mrs. L'Estrange). Her husband was unanimously elected Chairman of our Wykeham Board of Trustees in place of Mr. Kenneth Pennington who retired recently after many years of good service. We are proud to have Mr. Ken L'Estrange in this leading position and assure him of our goodwill. The L'Estrange's eldest daughter Eileen passed her Senior Certificate and their second daughter Geraldine gained four distinctions in the Junior Certificate and was one of five Wykeham girls awarded Provincial Bursaries. Dorothy must be very gratified that three members of her family have so enhanced Wykeham's good name. She herself too, has done well by Wykeham, for she and her husband took charge of the Father's stall at the last Fete. Although we are sufficiently out of date to deplore the general use of modern slang we feel, on this occasion, justified in letting our hair down, in honour of the L'Estrange family, and calling for a big hand!

KREGELOH, Sheilagh (Mrs. Burchell) entertained Norah Vaughan (Mrs. James) and her baby daughter on their way through Pietermaritzburg and at the same time had Sheldine Dixon (Mrs. Gafney) for the night. The three W.O.Gs lived their school days over again.

LAURENS, Rnth (Mrs. Labuschagne) says if any W.O.Gs live nearby or are visiting in South West Africa she will be glad to see them. She would like to show them some of the unusual geological formations on their farm, the name of which means Stone Baths, so called from the curious rocks with big holes in them. There are also interesting paintings in caves.

LAYMAN Betty (Mrs. Slatter) comments on what a great pleasure it was to be present at the Birthday Weekend Corporate Communion Service, — so reverent that it gave one a feeling of mutual communion and fellowship which carries on throughout the years of the School's life and that of the Old Girls. She always finds the breakfast an enjoyable occasion too, for renewing old acquaintances, and seeing the new generation of Present Girls. We regret to hear that Betty's husband had to undergo an operation in May, but trust that he has made a good recovery.

**L'ESTRANGE, Eileen** is at the Natal Training College and plans to specialize in the teaching of infants. She is thoroughly enjoying life and attends most of our Wykeham and Old Girls' functions.

LINDSAY, Lilian (Mrs. Napier) with her daughter Carol, has been on a three month's holiday overseas. They went to the United Kingdom, Holland, France, Switzerland, Italy and Greece. They liked Greece best of all the Continental countries, and hope to return there some day.

LISTER, Lorraine's (Mrs. Evans) daughter Margot began training at Grey's Hospital earlier this year. There was a newspaper picture in which she appeared among a group of girls signing on.

Margaret (Mrs. Davis) has gone to Europe for four months.

LUND, Jo (Mrs. Evennett) was married at Howick in October, 1963, and judging by the newspaper photos it was a very pretty wedding. Jeanette was one of her bridesmaids, and her three flowergirls were Morelle's (Mrs. Phipson) daughter Veronica, and Clare's (Mrs. Teichmann), two, Robyn and Lindsay. A month before the wedding, Jeanette took the part of Prudence Pym in the "Quaker Girl" produced by the Natal Training College. Since then she has announced her engagement.

MACAULAY, Kitty (Mrs. Atkinson) has our deep sympathy in

her recent sad loss of her husband.

MACKENZIE, Dorothy (Mrs. Gibson) recently returned from a business trip to Australia, in time to join in the celebration of her Great-Aunt's — Lady Leuchars — hundredth birthday.

MACNEILLIE, Joan (Mrs. Barlow) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother. She and her husband are thinking of sending their eldest daughter to Wykeham next year. We hope their plan materializes, as we would like to number Heather among the grand-daughters at Wykeham. Joan spent a week with Denise Chaplin (Mrs. Dorning) towards the end of last year.

MANN, Betty and Cathie. We offer them both our sympathy on the death of their father. When sorting his papers, Cathie found a letter from Miss Moore dated June, 1918, telling him and her mother of her and Betty's progress at school. It was quite entertaining. During March of this year, with her sister Helen, she had a leisurely holiday in Natal seeing old friends. In Pietermaritzburg they lunched with Lorna Hime and at Elandskop stayed at Dorothy Mackenzie's (Mrs. Gibson) farm. She was in Australia but her husband and son proved themselves most excellent hosts. From there they continued their travels into Northern Natal returning home through Zululand.

MARWICK, Dorothy (Mrs. Pembrooke) and Betty Layman (Mrs. Slatter) met outside St. Georges Church whither they had gone for the Birthday Weekend Corporate Communion Service not having heard that, owing to a shortage of clergy, it had to be at St. Peter's. As they drove down to St. Peter's they had a great talk of old school friends and their happy days at Wykeham with Miss Moore.

MASSON, Dorothy is studying typing, shorthand and book-keeping at the Maritzburg Business College.

MATTISON, Doreene's (Mrs. Nangle) husband works for R.S.T. in Rhodesia but since they were married on 1st February of this year they have lived in Bechuanaland at the salt pans, where their nearest town is Francistown, 120 miles away over some terrible roads. Her husband is exploring the salt possibilities, and fortunately she thoroughly enjoys life in the bush. In the newspaper photo of Jill's (Mrs. English) wedding she and her bridal retinue looked very attractive. One of her bridesmaids was her cousin Jean Scott.

McCarter, Jennifer has gained her midwifery certificate and has completed her nursing training. We offer congratulations.

McCATHIE, Winnie (Mrs. Mingay) has our deep sympathy in

the loss of her husband.

Mckenzie, Janet, who passed her matric last December is, so far as we know, the first Wykeham girl to be awarded a Provincial Bursary which will enable her to take a course at the Natal University leading to a B.Sc. nursing degree. Our warmest congratulations on a great achievement. Betty's (Mrs. Roberts) daughter who is a student at Rhodes University, did her teaching practice at Wykeham at the beginning of this year. We were glad to get news of her mother through her.

McLEOD, Mary (Mrs. Scott) must feel proud of her daughter Anne, who earned high praise for her performance as Sir Toby Belch in scenes from "Twelfth Night" in the Senior Inter-Schools Drama Competition in August, when she was awarded "The Natal Witness" book token for the best actress in the senior section. She was also congratulated for her production of the play staged by the Wykeham Junior School, the runners-up in the junior section.

MEADE, Shirley (Mrs. Downes). She and her husband and two active young sons live on a farm in the Cape in a brand new house just under the snow line. They grow mainly seed potatoes and have numbers of fruit trees. Shirley is busy making a garden. Daphne (Mrs. Coetzee) and her husband recently moved out to Scottsville where they have a house with a big piece of ground that their two young sons are enjoying to the uttermost.

MELLOR, Miss is as busy as ever with social work, particularly for mentally handicapped children, as you will read in her letter, but she is as greatly looking forward to being with us for our School's Diamond Jubilee, as we are to having her, and she is assured of a warm welcome.

MERRICK, Veronique (Mrs. Carter). Her daughter Anne is at home after years at boarding school and Veronique is enjoying her company. A full time post, a house to look after and the responsibility of being secretary and treasurer of our Durban W.O.G. Association would, one might think, be enough for one person, but most beautiful clothes for dolls are also made by Veronique every year for the popular doll and toy stall at our fete. Thelma has been concerned for her mother who injured her ankle but has now recovered. Thelma always responds at once when a W.O.G. appeal for help goes out from the Executive Committee.

MITCHELL-INNES, Edith's (Mrs. Crowe) daughter was married last October. The bride's embroidered veil is an heirloom. It was first worn by her grandmother.

MOOR, Marjorie has our sympathy in the loss of her brother last

May.

MOORE, Nan's (Mrs. Croudace) and Pat's (Mrs. Cope) father was ill in St. Anne's Hospital in September at the same time as Pat's daughter, Jeanette, who had her tonsils removed, but we are glad to learn that they have both made a good recovery. Nan's daughter Wendy, who is also a keen swimmer was in the Wykeham team in the medley relay race at the Inter-Schools' Swimming Gala. **Evelyn** (Mrs. Stewart) and her husband, after living for many years at Merrivale, have now moved to Hilton

MORGAN, Hazel (Mrs. Hills) writes that she finds life in England very hard. She looks after hundreds of hens and several pigs, a husband and family and she does all the housework herself. The sows have learnt how to break through the electric fence and wander down to the village. If her husband is not at hand, it is Hazel who fetches them back. When there is a difficult farrowing it always happens at night. In spite of all these trials and the awful climate she would not change places with anyone. She is very happy and her little daughter Frances is a beautiful and delightful child.

MORPHEW, Margaret has our deep sympathy on the death of mother. We welcome her as one of our new Life Members. her mother.

MURRAY, Gretta (Mrs. Wood). Her son became engaged to be married last December.

NAPIER, Carol and her mother set forth on a three months holiday overseas, travelling by the Orange Express to the Cape where they boarded the Transvaal Castle on which four stowaways were discovered. Carol is now working in a bank in Durban and enjoying it.

NOURSE, Ina (Mrs. Staples). We sympathise with her in her loss of her sister Joy (Mrs. Jameson) who set us all an example of fortitude and patience in her misfortunes and ill health.

OTTO, Felicity (Mrs. Paterson) flew from Port Elizabeth with her baby, who is called Vaughan, to stay with her parents at Saxony. Carolyn enjoyed her term of student teaching earlier this year.

PAYN, Geraldine (Mrs. Sparg) with her husband passed through Pietermaritzburg but they were too rushed to stop. She did, however, persuade him to deviate sufficiently to drive past Wykeham. She tells us that for the past six years she has led a very busy life living in two houses, one at Idutywa, and the other at East London, but at the end of this year they hope to be settled in the latter place. They have just had staying with them a most interesting and charming American Surgeon Specialist from Chicago, whose wife they met when they were overseas two years ago. She plans to visit them in May. Geraldine says how much she is looking forward to seeing Miss Mellor next year.

PAYNE, Olive (Mrs. Lloyd). Both daughters were married this year. She and her husband went on a trip to South America and when in Cape Town spent a few doys with Blossom (Mrs. Jack) whose son, Allan, is now of age. Ivy (Mrs. Stokes) suffers from her hand and arm injured in a motor accident and will have to undergo an operation. Even so, she is very cheerful. While in Durban, Olive saw Eve Kimber (Mrs. Pillinger) and of course they talked of school days.

PEARSE, Madge. Ever since she came back to live in Pietermaritzburg she has had bad luck. A thief broke into the flat she first had and took most of her clothes and the day after she had moved to Ansonia Court, she fell and broke her wrist badly. Through these misfortunes she has shown courage which commends our admiration and we are glad to hear she has made a good recovery.

PEEL, Victoria (Mrs. Bacon) hopes to spend a month at the Cape motoring there with a friend by the Garden Route. While on this holiday Toria looks forward to picking up threads with some of her Wykeham contemporaries. Unfortunately this trip had to be postponed because the day before she was to leave her sister Dora's husband passed away very suddenly. Our loving thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are with Dora and her family in their sad loss.

PENNINGTON, Dawn (Mrs. Beghin) has four sons at Athlone School. She continues doing valuable work on the staff at Wykeham, teaching maths, and she helped with the school stall at the last fete. Laurel (Mrs. Hugman) has had an anxious time since June when her husband had to undergo an eye operation, but although they were not able to pay their annual visit to Pietermaritzburg in September for Synod, Lorna Hime was glad to learn when she had two delightful telephone chats with Laurel recently, that he had made a good recovery.

PENTLAND, Maureen (Mrs. Rutherfoord). We are pleased to

PENTLAND, Maureen (Mrs. Rutherfoord). We are pleased to learn that her husband has recovered from a heart attack. Their eldest son was chosen to play for Natal in the Schools Rugger Team so they went to East London for Craven Week. They saw Pat Perkins (Mrs. du Bufanos) and her husband who were on their way to Lourenco Marques. Lyn Shaw (Mrs. Ardington) and her husband spent a weekend with the Rutherfoords. They have mutual

friends.

**PLATT, Doreen** (Mrs. Niven) whose brother-in-law is the film star, David Niven, flew from London to see her mother at Isipingo and has now gone to Johannesburg to Joan (Mrs. Mackeurtan). The

two sisters hope to tour South America.

POPE-ELLIS, Jeanette (Mrs. Fincken) walks wonderfully well with her two sticks and was at our last W.O.G. annual meeting full of the joy of spring. Joyce Tilney (Mrs. Haden) spent a weekend with the Finckens not long ago. Tony (Mrs. Seekings) still takes a keen interest in everything to do with Wykeham and as always,

sent a generous donation for the fete.

POYNTON, Phyllis (Mrs. Hirst Simpson) went to Southern Rhodesia for the opening of the Triangle Sugar Estates which was an impressive ceremony performed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Ian Smith. She was favourably impressed with Southern Rhodesia generally and noticed particularly the courtesy and good manners of the African Community. She often sees Della Fry (Mrs. Hemming). Gillian (Mrs. Bellengere) was married this year. She made a charming bride. Shirley (Mrs. Bryant) and her husband and their two small daughters moved into their new home a few months ago and are now comfortably settled.

RADLOFF, Audrey (Mrs. Cohen). She and her family have left Salisbury to make their home in Johannesburg, where her husband has a very good post. She is occupied with a new house and garden and though she misses her friends she hopes soon to get used to the mad rush of the Golden City. Their daughter is at school in Johannesburg but they left their son in Salisbury to finish his last year at school. To their great satisfaction (they are a sporting family) he was made captain of the Rhodesian Schools' Hockey Team which toured the Free State, Natal and the Transvaal

during the winter holidays. They came to watch him and his team play against Natal in September and paid a flying surprise visit to Lorna Hime who was at the time laid up with a bad leg, but delighted to see them.

**REID, Moray** (Mrs. Vorster) and her husband who live in Johannesburg, very kindly meet Geraldine Payn's (Mrs. Sparg) overseas friends who arrive by air and give them a royal time before they fly on to East London where she and her husband are waiting to welcome them.

RICHARDSON, Margaret (Mrs. Hart). We are very proud of In the South African Nursing Council final examination she passed with honours and was presented with the Silver Badge Merit Award for the student nurse of the year, and the Matron's Prize for personality and leadership. She is now nursing in Johannesburg, having married recently.

RIETBERGEN, Huguette (Mrs. Reilly) drove to Durban in July to spend a day with Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg) who was on holiday there. We can well imagine that a great deal of news changed hands that day! With a husband and five sons Huguette is kept

pretty busy.

SAVILLE, Gwenyth (Mrs. Inglis) makes a little pin money by selling seedlings to W.O.Gs who are keen gardeners. Her daughter Lynette, one of our present girls, takes her matric this year.

SCHULZE, Valerie, (Mrs. Birkhead) has our deep sympathy on the loss of her father last March.

SCOTT, Jean who was a bridesmaid to her cousin Jill Mattison (Mrs. English) in June, is now engaged herself and is to be married early in the new year, we hear.

SCOTT-BARNES, Rosemary was photographed wearing the "after-five" frock and the blue satin theatre coat which she had made at the domestic science classes. Too, she was awarded the William of Wykeham prize for courtesy. As head girl she made a very good speech at the breaking-up which we are happy to publish in this issue. She is now taking a secretarial course at the Durban Tech., and lives at the Natal Anglican Women's Residence where Mary Bennett also stays. Regretably Rosemary missed the Birthday Weekend through illness, but hopes to help with the Diamond

Jubilee fete next year.

SCOTT-RIDDELL, Mavis (Mrs. Boyd) with Phyllis Earl (Mrs. She Coughlan) convened the stall for plants in pots at the fete. She comes to our conveners' meetings which pleases us and is always willing to fit in and help in every way possible with our fund raising efforts.

SHARLAND, Rita (Mrs. Clark) is still very interested in Wykeham, though her daughter has left school. She would like to receive Miss Milne's quarterly review as well as this magazine. She had heard from Geraldine L'Estrange about the Birthday especially the Old Fashioned and Scottish dancing, and the community singing on the Saturday evening. She approved of the school stall at the fete and considered it an excellent idea. us, here in Pietermaritzburg, who, so to speak, keep the home fires burning, it is encouraging that a W.O.G. so far away as Cape Town is in sympathy with our arrangements for the school anniversary.

SHAW, Nancy (Mrs. Lund) has moved to another part of the Howick district because their farm was expropriated by the Government. We owe her and Lyn (Mrs. Ardington) and Memory Woods (Mrs. Otto) a debt of gratitude for their work at the produce stall,

at the fete. All three were conveners.

SHIPPEY, Phyllis (Mrs. Somerville) is busy with her vegetable and flower gardens. Every day she visits Uplands Cripples Home across the road where the children greet her lovingly. She is Treasurer of the Blackridge Women's Guild and a member of our W.O.G. Executive Committee. At the Fete she, Barbara Bennett (Mrs. Cope), and Lorna Hime had the sweet stall for which they made huge quantities of fudge. Her husband has retired from the Wykeham Board of Trustees but still takes an active interest in our affairs. In April they had the pleasure of a visit from their daughter Jill (Mrs. Laing) and her husband.

SKENE, Jessie (Mrs. Blow) is now married and lives in Rhodesia, but before she left Durban she and Wendy Daniel (Mrs. Radloff) used to see quite a bit of each other. We are pleased to learn that Jessie's younger sister is coming to Wykeham as a boarder

next year.

SMEATON, Audrey (Mrs. Smith). We salute her as the hard working secretary of our W.O.G. Association and record that she was one of the conveners of the very successful cocktail party on August 14th. Now we all owe her a further debt of gratitude for stepping into the breach when Mrs. Hanington, the School Secretary was taken ill. She acted for several months until the new secretary was free to take over. Our warm thanks Audrey. Her elder daughter takes the Matric this year. Shirley (Mrs. Jex) and her husband went on holiday to the eastern Transvaal and Rhodesia in June, during which time her two younger daughters Frances and Nicola stayed with Audrey. Miss Milne very kindly allowed them to enrol as day-scholars for those six weeks, an experience they thoroughly enjoyed. We were delighted to have Shirley with us at the Fete this year.

SOMERVILLE, Jill (Mrs. Laing). She and her husband came from Rhodesia to see her parents at Blackridge, but being Rhodesians, they had a longing for the sea, so went to the coast for part of their holiday. Jill called on Lorna Hime who was delighted to see her. Jane (Mrs. Drew) left for her wedding from the same block of flats that Susan Harvey lives in, in Mbabane. Susan tells us she made a lovely bride. She had made her beautiful gown herself, as well as the charming daffodil coloured dresses worn by the bridesmaids and flower girls.

STAINBANK, Ann (Mrs. Turner) is an active member of the W.O.G executive committee and she helps with the tennis coaching w.O.G executive committee and she helps with the tennis coaching at the School. She was one of the conveners of the successful cocktail party in August. She and her husband took Miss Milne and our president Linley Brazier to an emergency meeting called by our Durban Branch to consider the proposed new constitution of the Wykeham School Society. We find it difficult to express our thanks to Mr. Turner, Mr. Smythe and Mr. L'Estrange for the time and work put into the drafting of this constitution, and what is more Mr. Turner had it duplicated for us Maurean (Mrs. what is more Mr. Turner had it duplicated for us. Maureen (Mrs. Fanner), we are thankful to say, remains on our executive committee. She is no longer treasurer of the W.O.G. Association, but of the Fete Fund. (Do our W.O.Gs realise that through all of us working together our annual fête has become so important that its finances warrant a separate set of books?) It was Maureen who mentioned a piece of land that might suit the school if ever we thought of moving. That remark, taken seriously by the Board, might result in great developments.

STEERE, Winifred and her brother left on an overseas holiday

in April. They looked forward to seeing Joan (Mrs. Harrington)

and her husband and family with whom they would stay for part of the time. Joan writes that there is often news of South Africa on the television, much of it unbalanced, which leaves her feeling frustrated. She and her father toured the Highlands of Scotland and in spite of the grand scenery, when her father showed her the picture of the Drakensberg he had brought from Natal for her, she felt homesick. He and Winifred, who are back home again now, contacted and saw Miss Mellor before they left. Barbara after some years in Pietermaritzburg, has returned to a billet in Pretoria.

STEWART, Rosemary (Mrs. Reynolds) finds that being the wife of a vicar is not too demanding and she has time to produce play readings for the local Women's Institute and to keep up her singing. Their elder son has just gone to boarding school. They have been in England for two and a half years and are happily settled in one of tae loveliest parts, namely Devonshire.

STRACHAN, Minnie (Mrs. Barends) has our sympathy on the death of her sister Hilda last July. Jo is one of our Durban Branch's hard workers for the fete, and her sister Sydney (Mrs. Button) always comes up from Umzimkulu for it too, bringing contributions for several of the stalls.

SUTHERLAND, Helen (Mrs. Morrison) takes a keen interest in everything to do with Wykeham and was not only with us for our annual general meeting, but also came up for the Sunday morning meeting to pass the new Constitution of the Wykeham School

Society.

SYDIE, Betty (Mrs. van de Westhuizen) and her husband sold their home in Johannesburg and have moved to the Free State where they have a guest house as well as a farm. It is hard work but enjoyable. Their daughter Lynette is at Rhodes University taking her B.A. degree. Pat (Mrs. Hewlett) is still at Fort Victoria, but Helen (Mrs. Paull) has just moved to a new farm north of Salisbury.

**TALMAGE, Betty** (Mrs. Bradfield) was convener of the flower stall which contributed to the pleasing atmosphere of our fete and brought in a welcome sum of money.

**THORP, Rosemary** (Mrs. Powell) now has a daughter at Wykeham and came to our Birthday Weekend. Lorna Hime was particularly pleased to have a chat with her after so many years.

TILNEY, Joyce (Mrs. Seymour Haden). This year they celebrated the forty-second anniversary of their marriage. They know the fortieth was the Ruby Wedding, but all they know about the forty-second is that it's a long time. That's what they say. We know it is not a day too long.

**TOPHAM, Phyllis** (Mrs. Goble) has our deep sympathy on the death of her husband in June. Her daughter has returned home after three and a half years overseas.

TROTTER, Marjorie's (Mrs. Wheelwright) son was married this year. Joan (Mrs. Catto) was with us for the Birthday Weekend and too, we are pleased that her daughter is another Wykeham grand-daughter among the Present Girls. (For the benefit of the uninitiated we point out that the School, our own Wykeham, is the grandmother of Present Girls whose mothers are W.O.Gs).

TURNER, Hilary (Mrs. Cleaver). We are distressed to learn of the death of her husband and offer our heartfelt sympathy. She has decided to return to Natal, and when she came down to Durban on a short holiday recently, she came up to see Miss Milne and has

booked her two daughters in at Wykeham as day-scholars next year. She also called to see Lorna Hime who was disappointed at missing her, due to the fact that she was at an Old Girls' Executive Meeting. A further sorrow befell Hilary, Lynette and Sheila when their mother (also a W.O.G.) passed away after her return from hospital. She had been seriously ill, but they hoped she was making a good recovery. Our loving thoughts are with them all in their sad bereavements. They all hope to see Miss Mellor when she flies out for our school's Diamond Jubilee in 1965.

TURTON, Charmion (Mrs. Rogers). We offer our sympathy on the loss of her husband at the end of last year. Charmion returned home recently after a three month's trip overseas, during which she visited Miss Mellor who took her over Windsor Castle which Miss Mellor knows so well that she is the perfect cicerone. Pamela (Mrs. Whittaker) now lives in Rhodesia. Her mother, Beatrice Baxter (Mrs. Turton) says they are lucky if they see her and her husband even once a year.

VALENTINE, Eleanor (Mrs. Graham) was with us for the fete. We were very pleased to see her again.

VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, Lynette hopes to complete her B.A. degree at Rhodes University at the end of this year.

VAN ROOYEN, Elizabeth (Mrs. Yolland) and her husband have returned from England to live in South Africa. He had to go back to sea so she stayed with her mother, Doreen Crookes (Mrs. Phillips) till David Stewart was born. They now have a flat in Durban. During the time of waiting Elizabeth and her mother made the layette and hunted for a flat. Having found it they got it ready for occupation. The time passed very pleasantly and mother and daughter had lots of fun together. The arrival of the baby has, of course, transformed them into mamma and grandmamma so we offer congratulations.

VARTY, Phyllis (Mrs. Pretorius) with her husband and two daughters stayed at Drakensberg Gardens Hotel. They spent one whole day going up the Sani Pass and down again through most wonderful scenery. Their son is building two more rooms on to their house which has become too small for them. A young Native on their farm, attempting to rob a bee hive, started a fire that burnt down their Native quarters and destroyed a number of trees.

VAUGHAN, Collette (Mrs. Bowden Long) and Norah (Mrs. James) have our sympathy in the loss of their father last January. When in Pietermaritzburg the following month, Norah wanted to call at Wykeham to see the improvements made during the last few years but time was short and she could only drive past. She and her little baby girl stayed a few days with Sheilagh Kregeloh (Mrs. Burchell). Another guest was Sheldine Dixon (Mrs. Gafney) and they all three talked about Wykeham days. Norah took her mother home with her to Rhodesia for a holiday.

VERNEY, Ellice (Mrs. Lupton Smith) wrote in March saying

she was going overseas to further her studies of Scientology.

VINJEVOLD, Maeve is a student at the University of Natal. There was a picture of her in the newspaper, selling programmes at a symphony concert. She was one of the ten beautiful girls from whom the Rag Queen was chosen. They were photographed together and called the "Pick of the Campus".

WALKER, Olive ("Johnnie") (Mrs. Harris) has our deep sympathy on the death of her brother. Just before this bereavement she and her two sisters had an overseas holiday when they joined the Women's Institute tour and went to the Scandinavian countries. Later they toured Great Britain and Ireland. Recently she spent an evening with Lorna Hime catching up on all the Wykeham news in which she is intensely interested. After a lapse of some years, Joan (Mrs. Antel), to our delight, again has a daughter at Wykeham, so we see her more frequently, though she is busy at present preparing for Jeanette's wedding early in the new year.

WALLER, Barbara (Mrs. Leisegang). Wykeham to the backbone would be an apt description of Barbara we think, for not only is she a parent (having two daughters at Wykeham), a member of the School Staff, a member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee, but she is now also the Treasurer of the W.O.G. Association. She helped with the School stall at the Fete too. We all thank you most

sincerely Barbara.

WASSERFALL, Jill (Mrs. A. Stainbank) has two daughters at Wykeham, a son at Michaelhouse, another at Highbury and yet another at home in company with a new baby daughter. Her poultry venture has grown into a large concern of three thousand birds. We do indeed offer congratulations.

**WEBB**, Gillian is a student of the Natal Teachers' Training College in Pietermaritzburg. She has received her notice of appoint-

ment and will teach at Mtubatuba.

WHITTAKER, Rosalind (Mrs. P. Hawkins) was married recently. Her twin sister Peggy (Mrs. Bullock) was matron-of honour and Edith was a bridesmaid. Susan Harvey tells us how surprised and pleased she was to meet Peggy again when she attended a Moth Ball at Big Bend in the south of Swaziland.

WILLIAMS-WYNN, Priscilla (Mrs. Rubidge) was thrilled to hear from her mother and father that when they were in Natal in September they had visited Wykeham and had a chat with Miss Milne, so were able to give her the latest news of our school. Priscilla was very pleased that she and her husband were able to attend Elizabeth Chamberlain's (Mrs. Rutz) wedding and reception

in Pretoria recently.

WILSON, Ilva (Mrs. Francis) and her husband were in Malta for a short time in June and hope to go to Scotland again soon. Engaged on a Flight Survey Course in London he took Ilva with him for the week and they spent the evenings at shows and cinemas. She plays a lot of tennis and enjoys it. Her husband's tour will be over soon and they may be sent to another part of the United Kingdom or to another part of the world altogether, which they always hope will be somewhere hot!

WOOD, Phyllis helped Phyllis Earl (Mrs. Coughlan) on the pot

plant stall, which did so well at the fete.

WOODS, Ponty (Mrs. Goodwin) has our sympathy on the death of her step-mother. Memory (Mrs. Otto) after many years, has resigned as Secretary of the W.O.G. Association but we are glad to say, remains a member of the Executive Committee, and continues to help run the produce stall at the fete. She is another W.O.G. on whom we can call at any time for anything that needs attention. Her husband Peter, helped to convey members of the Hilton College rugby team to Grahamstown (her son John being in the team). They were away a week. Memory says next year they will have only two children at school. She can hardly believe it. We find it equally hard to believe that she and Peter have reached the status of grandparents, and offer congratulations on this achievement.

YOUNG, Queenie (Mrs. Fowler) has we hear, gone on holiday

overseas.



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