

The Wykeham School Magazine.

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



Ye Rede of William:

"Alle wille comme riht,
Habe feith, and siht
Wyth alle youre miht,
Only spt tyht,

Quoth William of Wykeham."

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EDITOR'S LETTER

September, 1950.

Dear Wykeham, Past and Present,

It is with diffidence that I write to you all for the first time, but the kindness shown me on my first arrival at Wykeham in 1947 and the welcome given me on my return this year, whether from Present Girls, Old Girls, Parents or Trustees, encourage me to ask for your indulgence. To those of you whom I know, I hope I am already a friend; the far greater number of you as yet still unknown personally I hope I shall soon count among my friends.

This year has been one of great occasions, both sad and solemn. We have said "Tot Siens" to Miss Mellor, whose service to the school over a period of thirty years can never adequately be measured. It would be difficult to add to the tributes she has already received, but I feel I must say this—our frontispiece photograph hangs in the Reading Room, but Miss Mellor will live in Wykeham hearts without that reminder of her. We wish her a joyous reunion with her family, and fear (with delight) that the Green Line coaches and Southern District trains to Windsor will bear a heavy traffic—of Wykeham Old Girls on their visits to Europe—to their doorstep!

It was fitting that Miss Mellor's last Prize-Giving should provide another milestone in Wykeham history, since the President on that occasion was Amy Young; we congratulate her as the first Old Girl to fill that office and thus to convey to Miss Mellor the public and official thanks of all concerned with Wykeham—from the Chairman of the Board to the smallest Nursery School member. We print elsewhere the speech she made on that occasion. Our Chairman, Mr. Pennington, was unavoidably detained by his band of British Schoolboys on their tour of the Union and Rhodesia; during his absence Amy Young acted as Chairman. The prizes were presented by Ruth Pennington, who filled the double role of Old Girl and her husband's other deputy, so that it was a truly Wykeham occasion.

Leila Beater has added another name to the list of Wykeham Springboks; we were vaingloriously proud of her selection as goalkeeper for the South African Women's Hockey Team and followed her triumphant progress round the Union.

We are grateful to all those who have helped the school so generously this year, and to those who have contributed to the Magazine, more especially to Lorna Hime and Natalie Juul, who have helped me to compile it. I particularly welcome the original contributions and hope that next year there will be more.

Wykeham does not change, except in detail—that is important in the swiftly-changing, troubled world of to-day. It will always be here to welcome you at any time, and I hope you will always feel with the children, old and young, of Christ's Hospital, that you are for ever "a child of this House."

My love to you all.

Yours affectionately,

WINIFRED G. CLARK.

s.s. "Llandoverly Castle,"

The Docks, Durban,

27th August, 1950.

My dear Girls, Past and Present,

The sailing of the "Llandoverly Castle" has been postponed for two days, so I can get this letter to you all written before we leave South Africa's sunny shores.

You can imagine that I am leaving Natal with very mixed feelings. The thought of being with my family again, my mother and my two sisters, is wholly delightful, but the leaving behind of all my precious girls, present and past, and so many good friends and this school which I still think of as a part of my life, is very sad.

How good of you, so many of you, to show that you understand this by sending me these lovely flowers and telegrams and letters to the boat, or by gathering together as you have done in Johannesburg and Durban to wish me good-bye. Miss Lawrie and I went down to the docks yesterday, and put our luggage aboard and found our cabin full of messages of good cheer.

We are looking forward to the trip up the East Coast; it is such an interesting one. I remember how much I enjoyed it when I left Wykeham "for good" in 1924. My last trip home was by the same route, but in 1946 we were only allowed to land at Mombasa—it was an austerity passage, war-time shuttle service.

I cannot see clearly into the future at the moment. I shall be living only 21 miles out of London, and there is a great deal I want to find out about Education there. Maybe I shall need more training before I can be of much use anywhere now. What fun it is to study again after one has been teaching a long time! I comfort myself as the time of my departure draws near with the thought that time and space under the impact of modern science are rapidly shrinking barriers now-a-days between distant friends, also that it is extremely likely that I shall return some day to South Africa, and that these farewells are more in the nature of "au revoir" than "Ave atque vale."

However, "Man proposes and God disposes," and anyhow the whole future of this world is more unpredictable to-day than it has been at most periods of its history, so the best thing we can do is to press on towards some worthy goal, following our talents or doing our obvious duties, helping all and sundry by the way, and strong in the knowledge that even our tiny contribution to God's plan for the world *is* of importance to Him "Who saves by many or by few."

I must not take up more Magazine space, but cannot end without reminding you that Wykeham, in the nature of things, will always be very important to me, and if I can do anything more now for any of her daughters or friends it will be my pleasure and privilege. I hope you will come and see me at Windsor if you are passing through at any time. You know you will all be welcome. Blessings on you and the good work you are doing, your happy heritage of 45 years.

With much love as always and every good wish.

I am,

Yours affectionate Ex-School-Mother,
DORIS E. MELLOR.

(Miss Mellor's English address)
33 St. Mark's Road,
Windsor, Berks,
England.





WYKEHAM SCHOOL STAFF

September 1st, 1950

Headmistress:

Miss W. G. Clark, B.A. Hons., London, London
University T.D.

Vice-Principal:

Miss B. Bowell, B.Sc. Hons., London.

Assistant Mistresses:

Miss L. C. Bealer, B.A., U.E.D.; Miss M. Bennett, London
University and Dartford P.T.Dip.; Mrs. A. E. Bijoux; Mrs.
M. G. Carter, N.E.D. Farm School Certificate; Miss B. Evans,
B.A., U.E.D.; Mrs. E. G. T. Grant, A.T.C.L., L.T.C.L.; Miss
M. A. Hosking, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.; Mrs. H. C. Lea; Miss
H. M. Macleod, T.D. Dom.Sci., London; Miss F. E. McClem-
ents, B.A., Belfast; Miss S. G. McGillewie, Prov. N.T.C. in
N.Ed.; Miss J. Mynhardt, B.A.; Miss G. M. A. Shepherd,
Cambridge T.C.; Miss V. Thomas, B.Sc. Hons. London;
Miss A. Wilberforce, Higher Froebel Cert.

Administrative Staff:

Miss C. M. Jones-Williams (Bursar); Miss C. Workman
(Secretary); Miss A. Ender (Junior Matron); Mrs. L. Evans
(Assistant Matron); Miss M. Harper (Matron); Miss M.
Tulloch, T.D. Dom.Sci., London (Senior Matron); Mrs.
M. F. Beal (Housekeeper).

Visiting Staff:

Miss F. Abraham, F.T.C.L., A.T.D. (London College of Elocution), Mrs. C. Bevenue Miller, N.C.T. Dip., P.T.C., A.F.T.C.; Mrs. G. M. Garnett, A.R.C.M.; Miss H. Hill, M.R.A.D., S.A.D.T.A.; Mrs. E. Hunter; Miss E. Hughes, R.A.D.; Mr. E. S. de Kock, B.A., LL.B.; Mr. P. Loney; Mrs. I. H. MacDonald, L.T.C.L., T.D.; Mrs. C. L. Palframan, L.T.C.L.; Mr. S. W. Pape, M.A., Oxon.; Mrs. S. Simpson, El. T.D. (London College of Elocution); Miss W. Steere, L.T.C.L.; Mrs. M. Sutcliffe; Mrs. E. W. Thibaud.

**WYKEHAM SCHOOL LIST**

September 1st, 1950

Form VIA—M. Bashagen, E. Broad, I. Butcher, G. Crooks, G. de Carcenac, J. Fridghon, J. Leslie, C. Lund, S. Meade*, M. Missing, H. Morgan, M. Pearson, V. Pendock, B. Upfold*.

Form VIB—M. Anderson, K. Blackburn, A. Coombe, G. Dalrymple, N. Innian, D. Richards, S. Smith, D. Tasker, R. Taylor, E. Whittaker.

Form VIB, Commercial—J. Francis, P. Frankish, E. Simons, C. Strachan.

Form VA—C. Blaine, M. Bredin, J. Calder*, S. Cochrane, W. de Kock*, B. Fleetwood, L. Godbold, A. Hoch*, T. Kirk, P. Law, A. Liddell, R. Main, G. Maselle, W. Nathan, G. Simpson, B. Stopford, J. Sykes, R. Trimmer, P. Tutron, J. Williams.

Form VB—G. Ashfield, P. Audas, J. Bam*, S. Bashagen, A. Butcher, Jeanette Carter, N. Cleaver, A. Cline, F. Donen, M. Drew, M. Eagle, V. Esson, R. Franklin, V. Gering, N. Hairman, A. Hampson*, J. Harris, M. Leslie, D. Mattison, R. Peddie, P. Perkins, S. Poynton, B. Ray, R. Rogoff, M. Summersgill.

Form IVA—M. Bagnall, N. Boshoff*, Jean Carter, N. Cathcart, D. Child, F. Foster, W. Lee, S. Maw, M. Osborn-Thomson, H. Ross, S. Shiller, G. Sigourney, H. Stewart*, J. Stuart*, R. Thian, B. Whaley.

Form IVB—J. Cohen, R. Cullen, E. Davidson, S. Fawcett, B. Foreman, W. Fuller*, Margaret Gabriel*, K. Gordon, D. Jacobs, P. Keel, M. Napier, D. Newsom*, P. Nicol, D. Stanley, M. Tanchum, J. Thoms, J. van Zyl.

Form III—L. Ardington, S. Berry-Jennings*, M. Burness, N. Carter, J. Elliott, P. Francis, M. Furter, Marion Gabriel*, E. Haden, B. Harris, J. Hoch*, V. Juul*, L. Keel, A. Kemp, F. Otto, V. Rivers-Moore*, S. Ross, P. Shoobert, D. Stretton, E. van Rooyen, S. Williams.

Form II—G. Andrade*, J. Audas, A. Buckner*, M. Burnett*, L. Faye, M. Fletcher, D. Gillis, P. Grant, G. Gurney, D. Holme, C. Pitt-Kennedy, A. Quigley, B. Smith, J. Sommerville, P. Stanley, A. Vorster*.

Form I—L. Boshoff*, P. Campbell, P. Currie*, J. Dollery, A. Grant, Judy Harris, L. Kennedy, L. Malyon*, A. Oseroff*, A. Rosetta*, M. Solomon, D. Turton, J. Urmson*, M. Vorster.

Transition—E. Borg, J. Chappell, I. Christiannsen*, B. Clowes*, N. Garner, D. Gordon, J. Noel*, P. Sinclair*, J. Slevin, P. Solomon, J. von Klemperer, R. Williams.

Upper Kindergarten—M. Burns*, G. Cope, T. Dalglish, V. Ender*, A. Handley*, G. Jackson*, C. Monzali*, A. Rivers-Moore*, J. Stead*, V. Whelan.

Lower Kindergarten—P. Duveen*, M. Evans, G. Holden*, R. Koekemoer*, E. Kothe*, M. Keep*, M. Maiden*, H. Malyon*, A. Newsom*, C. Otto, P. Rosetta*, L. Schoeman*, A. Stone, Y. Winkworth*.

Nursery School—S. Bateman*, T. Braude*, D. Bruce*, J. Evans, L. Fienberg*, R. Henney*, S. Holden*, L. Kelly*, R. Koekemoer*, L. McCarthy*, R. McCarthy*, E. Magni*, M. Matthews*, D. Merchant*, L. Meyrick*, J. Montgomery*, L. Monzali*, J. Myskou*, S. O'Sullivan*, D. Rice*, J. Rickett*, L. Rowlands*, R. Saville*, A. Schoeman*, I. Sumner*, M. Urmson*, D. van der Berg*, J. Wiles*.

*—Day Scholar.

**WYKEHAM SCHOOL PREFECTS, HEADS OF HOUSES
AND HEADS OF FORMS, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1950**

Head Girl: J. Leslie.**Vice-Head:** C. Lund.**Prefects:** M. Missing, M. Pearson, G. Crooks, V. Pendock,
H. Morgan.**Day Scholar Prefects:** S. Meade, J. Fridjhon.**Green House.—Head of House:** M. Missing.**Vice-Head:** G. Crooks.**Mackenzie House.—Head of House:** J. Leslie.**Vice-Head:** C. Lund.**Moore House.—Head of House:** V. Pendock.**Vice-Head:** S. Meade.**Heads and Vice-Heads of Forms**

VIB—E. Whittaker and D. Tasker.

VIB (Comm.)—C. Strachan and J. Francis.

VA—M. Bredin and T. Kirk.

VB—J. Harris and P. Perkins.

IVA—W. Lee and D. Child.

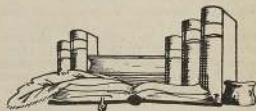
IVB—P. Nicol and Margaret Gabriel.

III—F. Otto and L. Ardington.

II—B. Smith and M. Fletcher.

I—P. Campbell and M. Solomon.

Transition—P. Solomon and J. Slevin.



CONCERNING THE PRESENT GIRLS



WYKEHAM SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING, JUNE, 1950

Certificate List

University of South Africa

Matriculation, December, 1949.

Class I: Mary Rodwell.

Class II (Distinction in History): Jacqueline Cosnett,
Patricia Anderton, Barbara Marks.

School Leaving Certificate.

Class III: Helen Golbold, Shirley Goldberg, Berenice
Kruger, Jean Leigh, Simone Lubner, Jean
Penny.

Junior Certificate, December, 1949.

Class I: Rose Taylor.

Class II: Nadine de Jongh, Sheila Smith, Edith
Whittaker.Class III: Mary Anderson, Kathleen Blackburn, Anne
Coombe, Fay Gordon, Norma Inman, Sally
Nicholson, Diana Tasker.

Lower Taalbond Pass, October, 1949.

Lower Grade: Patricia Anderton, Jacqueline Cosnett,
Shirley Goldberg, Jean Henderson, Jean Leigh,
Simone Lubner, Barbara Marks, Jean Penny,
Mary Rodwell, Una Walker.

National Commercial Examination, June, 1949.**Junior Bookkeeping.**

Distinction: Shirley Meade.

Pass: Grace Crooks, Jill Leslie, Elaine Williams.

Preliminary Bookkeeping.

Distinctions: Ghislaine de Carcenac, Thelma Oberstein,
Margaret Pearson.

Junior Typewriting.

Pass: Thelma Oberstein.

National Commercial Examination, November, 1949**Intermediate Typewriting.**

Pass: Esmé Lynn, Thelma Oberstein.

Junior Typewriting.

Pass: Shirley Baker.

Intermediate Bookkeeping.

Pass: Esmé Lynn, Shirley Meade.

Junior Bookkeeping.

Distinctions: Shirley Baker, Margaret Pearson.

Pass: Betty Broad, Thelma Oberstein.

Preliminary Bookkeeping.

Pass: Claire Greyling.

Pitman's Shorthand Examination, June, 1949**Elementary Theory.**

Pass (Dec., 1949): Thelma Oberstein, Shirley Baker,
Esmé Lynn.

Speed 40: Thelma Oberstein.

**University of South Africa—Qualifying Theory of Music
Examination, June, 1949**

Pass: Rosemary Main.

Trinity College of Music Theoretical, June, 1949**Junior.**

Honours: Molly Summersgill.

Merit: Sheilagh Bashagen, Fay Donen, Shirley
Poynton.

Pass: Alma Cline, June Harris.

Preparatory.

Honours: Gwen Sigournay, Rosemary Thian.

First Steps.

Merit: Jill Cohen, Pamela Keel.

**Trinity College of Music Practical Examination,
October, 1949**

Intermediate.

Merit: Thelma Kirk.

Junior.

Pass: Monica Drew, Fay Donen.

Preparatory.

Merit: Rosemary Thian.

**Trinity College of Music Theoretical Examination,
December, 1949**

Senior.

Merit: Nadine de Jongh.

Advanced Junior.

Pass: Shirley Cochrane, Colleen Strachan.

Junior.

Honours: Mary Bredin.

Merit: Angela Hoch.

Preparatory.

Honours: Betty Foreman.

First Steps.

Honours: Lois Ardington, Felicity Otto, Elizabeth van Rooyen.

Merit: Jennifer Hoch, Pamela Shoobert, Diana Stretton.

Trinity College of Music Practical Examination, June, 1950

Piano Senior.

Merit: Rose Taylor.

Pass: Alma Cline.

Preparatory.

Merit: Phyllis Grant, Jennifer Hoch.

Pass: Pamela Keel.

Trinity College Practical Elocution Examination, 1949 November, 1949

Intermediate.

Merit: Barry Flectwood,
Pass: Ghita Maselle, Iris Valensky.

Junior.

Honours: Peta Audas, Ann Bousfield.
Merit: Rosemary Thian.

Advanced Preparatory.

Honours: Diana Stanley.

Preparatory.

Merit: Winsome Fuller.
Pass: Jennifer Hoch, Myrna Osborn-Thomson.

First Steps.

Honours: Jennifer Short.
Merit: Jillian Dollery, Pamela Stanley, Elizabeth van Rooyen.

Initial.

Pass: Jill Urmson.

Royal Academy of Dancing, June 1950

Grade II.

Merit: Agnes Grant.

Academic Prize List—June, 1950

Form VIA—

Form Work, First Prize: Shirley Meade.
Senior Afrikaans Prize (presented by Mr. E. S. de Kock): Shirley Meade.
Bookkeeping Prize: Shirley Meade.
History Prize (presented by Mr. S. W. Pape): Shirley Meade.
Mathematics Prize (presented by Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Pennington): Moyra Missing.
Form Work, Second Prize: Hazel Morgan.
English Prize (presented by Mr. S. W. Pape): Hazel Morgan.
Domestic Science Prize (presented by Mrs. J. O. Smythe): Jill Leslie.
Good Fellowship Prize (presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Somerville): Jill Leslie.

William of Wykeham Prize for Courtesy (presented by Miss L. M. Hime); Jill Leslie.
Senior General Knowledge Prize (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harley Bacon); Irma Butcher.
Music Prize for Progress (presented by Mrs. T. Grant); Irma Butcher.
Geography Prize; Maureen Bashagen.
French Prize (presented by Mr. E. Barns); Ghislaine de Carcenac.
Botany Prize for Good Progress; Veronica Pendock.
Dressmaking; Elizabeth Broad.
Music Prize amongst Miss Hosking's Pupils; Clare Lund.
Music Prize for Progress (presented by Mrs. J. O. Smythe); Margaret Pearson.

Form VIB—

Form Work, First Prize: Rose Taylor.
Solo Singing (presented by Mrs. E. Hunter); Rose Taylor.
Form Work, Second Prize: Diana Tasker.
Handicraft (presented by Mrs. E. Hunter); Denise Richards.

Form VIB (Commercial).

Form Work Prize: Jane Francis.
Senior Elocution Prize (presented by Miss F. Abraham); Jane Francis.
Typewriting Prize: Colleen Strachan.

Form VA—

Form Work, First Prize: Angela Hoch.
Senior Art Prize (presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Somerville); Pamela Turton.
Form Work, Second Prize: Shirley Cochrane.
Arithmetic Prize (presented by Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Pennington); Shirley Cochrane.

Form VB—

Form Work, First Prize: Shirley Poynton.
Senior Scripture Prize: Shirley Poynton.
Form Work, Second Prize: Sheilagh Bashagen.
Music Prize amongst Mrs. Grant's Pupils: Alma Cline.
Music Prize amongst Miss Steere's Pupils (presented by Miss W. Steere); June Harris.

Form IVA—

Form Work, First Prize: Naida Boshoff.
Junior Scripture Prize: Naida Boshoff.
Theory of Music Prize (presented by Miss W. Steere):
Rosemary Thian.
Form Work, Second Prize: Jane Stuart.
Junior General Knowledge Prize (presented by Mr. and
Mrs. Harley Bacon): Nancy Cathcart.
Junior Art Prize: Nancy Cathcart.

Form IVB—

Form Work, First Prize: Fiona Foster.
Junior Afrikaans Prize (presented by Mr. E. S. de
Kock): Jennette van Zyl.
Form Work, Second Prize: Winsome Fuller.

Form III—

Form Work, First Prize: Diana Stretton.
Music Prize amongst Mrs. McDonald's Pupils: Lois
Ardington.
Sewing Prize (presented by Mrs. W. E. Mason): Lois
Ardington.
Hobbies Group Modelling Prize (presented by Capt. and
Mrs. J. Stanley): Lois Ardington.
Form Work, Second Prize: Valerie Juul.

Form II—

Form Work, First Prize: Marianne Burnett.
Form Work, Second Prize: Alannah Vorster.
Junior Elocution Prize (presented by Miss F. Abraham):
Jennifer Short.
Music Prize amongst Mrs. Palframan's Pupils: Phyllis
Grant.

Form I—

Form Work, First Prize: Anne Oseroft.
Form Work, Second Prize: Angela Rosetta.
Sewing Prize (presented by Mrs. W. E. Mason): Angela
Rosetta.
Music Prize amongst Mrs. Lea's Pupils: Jillian Dollery.

Form Transition—

Form Work, First Prize: Jennifer von Klemperer.
Form Work, Second Prize: Priscilla Sinclair.

Kindergarten, 2nd Class—

Form Work (Progress and Attainment): Gillian Cope.

Kindergarten, 1st Class—

Form Work (Progress and Attainment): Joan Stead.

SPORTS AWARDS

Gymnastics:

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

Winner of the Upper School Gym. Prize: Shirley Meade.

Winner of the Prize for the best all round at sport: Clare Lund, Moyra Missing.

Winner of Junior School Gym. Prize: Rosemary Thian.

Tennis:

Winner of the Senior Inter-House Tennis Cup (presented by Mrs. J. O. Smythe): Green, Mackenzie.

School Champion and Winner of Racquet (awarded by Mr. John Crookes): Clare Lund.

Winner of the Una T. Boyd-Varty Trophy, for best singles player and prize: Clare Lund.

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

Runner-up for the Boyd-Varty Trophy and winner of prize (presented by Mr. A. C. Mitchell): Doreene Mattison.

Junior School Champion and Winner of Prize (presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Chandler): Naida Boshoff.

Runner-up for Junior Championship and Winner of Prize (presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Chandler): Rosemary Thian.

Winner of Cadet Cup for Improvement (presented by the C.W. Candidates of "H.M.S. Assegai") and Prize: Hazel Morgan.

Winner of the Junior Inter-House Tennis Cup (presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Somerville): Green.

Winners of the Inter-School Tournament amongst the best tennis couples in the Natal Girls' Schools and Prizes (presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smythe): Clare Lund and Veronice Pendock.

Hockey:

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

Net Ball:

Winner of the Inter-House Net Ball Cup (presented by Mrs. Uys): Moore.

Swimming:

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

School Champion and Winner of the Earle Cup and Prize: Mary Anderson.

Winner of the Shoolbred Cup for the girl gaining most points for her House in the School Gala and Prize (presented by Mr. E. S. de Kock): Moyra Missing.

Certificates gained in the 24th Annual Inter-Schools' Swimming Gala, March 1950:**Seniors:**

Girls Open Team Race for the Farrant Cup: Moyra Missing. (Record.)

Girls 16 and over, 50 yards back stroke, 2nd place: Moyra Missing.

Girls 16 and over, 50 yards breast stroke, 2nd place: Moyra Missing.

Girls 16 and over, 50 yards free style, 3rd place: Mary Anderson.

Juniors:

Girls under 12 years, 25 yards back stroke, 3rd place: Anne Kemp.

Girls aged 8 years, 25 yards, 2nd place, Pamela Campbell; 3rd place, Jillian Dollery.

Shooting:

Winner of the Becker Cup for the Highest Average for the year and Prize (presented by Mr. P. E. Loney): Grace Crooks.

Inter-House Winners

Winner of the Inter-House Cup for Good Work (presented by Mrs. J. H. Steere): Green, Mackenzie.

Winner of the Inter-House Cup for Good Order (presented by Mrs. M. E. Morphew): Green.

Winner of the Inter-House Cup for Tidiness (presented by Mrs. H. K. Kershaw): Green.

Winner of the Inter-House Cup for Music (presented by Mrs. R. Dougall): Moore.

Winner of the Inter-House Cup for Dramatics (presented by Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Pennington): Moore.

Winner of the Inter-House Cup for Art (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Phillips): Moore.



SPORTS COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1950

President	Miss Clark
Vice-Presidents ...	Miss Beater, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Boshoff
Tennis Captain and Member	Clare Lund
Hockey Captain and Member	Jill Leslie
Swimming Captain and Member	Moya Missing
Shooting Captain and Member	Grace Crooks
Honorary Secretary	Margaret Pearson

TENNIS NOTES

There is a decided improvement in the tennis this year; it is visible in the results of this year's Lyle League, which is to be completed in the last quarter. In the 1949 League, which was won by St. John's, Wykeham gained third place.

We must congratulate Clare Lund and Veronica Pendock on winning the Smythe Trophy this year; they won 77 games to St. John's 73.

The Crookes' Racquet and Boyd-Varty Trophy were again won by Clare Lund, with Veronica Pendock runner-up in the former, and Doreene Mattison in the latter. Naida Boshoff won the Chandler Cup after playing Rosemary Thian in the final. This year's Cadet Cup for the most improvement shown during the year was won by Hazel Morgan.

Clare Lund was again chosen to play for Pietermaritzburg in the Under 18 and also in the Under 21 team. It is pleasing to see so many girls entering in tennis tournaments in the holidays. Naida Boshoff did exceedingly well to be runner-up in the Under 16 Natal Championships. Clare Lund reached the semi-finals of the Under 18 section of the same championships and won the Girls' 16 and Under Singles at Howick.

In the Senior House tennis matches, Green and Mackenzie tied for first place with 109 games; Green House also won the Junior Cup by the large margin of 116 games to Moore's 67. Tennis colours were awarded to Veronica Pendock at the beginning of April, 1950.

We are very grateful to Miss King and Mrs. Boshoff for all their persistent coaching. We are very sorry to have lost Miss King, who left for England in August, 1950, but we welcome Miss Bennett, who, after completing her training in England, has now returned to her home country.

The standard of tennis at Wykeham would be considerably lower were it not for our generous friends, Mr. Banks and Mr. Turner, who lend us their courts; we would also like to thank the Technical College for the loan of theirs.

Tennis Teams

First VI—October, 1949:

1st Couple: C. Lund (Captain) and V. Pendock.

2nd Couple: U. Walker and J. Leslie.

3rd Couple: B. Broad and C. Greyling (D. Mattison).

Second VI:

1st Couple: J. Cosnett (Captain) and S. Kirk.

2nd Couple: D. Mattison and I. Butcher.

3rd Couple: M. Missing and H. Morgan.

First VI Matches, 1949

October 22, v. Collegiate (League)	Won	70—47
October 29, v. St. Anne's (League)	Lost	63—54
November 19, v. Mr. de Klerk's Team	Lost	71—28
November 25, v. Epworth (League)	Won	67—50
November 26, v. St. John's (League)	Lost	67—50

First VI—February, 1950:

1st Couple: C. Lund (Captain) and B. Broad.

2nd Couple: V. Pendock and D. Mattison.

3rd Couple: J. Leslie and H. Morgan.

Second VI:

1st Couple: M. Missing (Captain) and S. Kirk.

2nd Couple: I. Butcher and A. Coombe (W. Nathan).

3rd Couple: M. Leslie and R. Main.

Under 15 VI:

1st Couple: N. Boshoff (Captain) and B. Whaley.

2nd Couple: D. Child and J. Cohen.

3rd Couple: G. Sigournay and S. Fawcett.

First VI Matches, 1950

February 4, v. Mr. de Klerk's Team	Lost	90—27
February 19, v. St. John's (League)	Won	59—58
March 8, v. Epworth (League)	Won	63—54
March 11, v. G.H.S. (League)	Won	61—56
April 1, v. Ixopo	Won	42—39
May 21, v. St. Charles	Lost	73—44

CLARE LUND,

Tennis Member.



HOCKEY

The standard of hockey has improved since last season, and the girls are keener and have been training by running round the block and doing stick-work in the mornings.

The Intertown Hockey Trials were held in May, to which six members of the First XI went; C. Lund was chosen as a reserve and later to play for Natal Schools.

Mackenzie House won the Saville Cup from Moore House in the Inter-House matches. C. Lund and H. Morgan were awarded their Hockey Colours in June.

We would like to thank Miss King for all the hard work she has put into coaching us. We are sorry to have lost her, but are very pleased to welcome Miss Bennett, who has taken over Miss King's work.

We are very proud to have Miss Beater, the South African goalkeeper, on the Staff, and are very grateful for all she has done in coaching us. Mrs. Hackland has been very kind in taking over Miss Beater's coaching while she has been touring with the hockey team.

First Eleven:

G. Dalrymple, J. Francis J. Leslie (Captain), C. Lund, D. Mattison, S. Meade, M. Missing, H. Morgan, V. Pendock, D. Richards, E. Whittaker.

Second Eleven:

B. Broad, D. Child, G. Crooks (Captain), J. Harris, N. Inman, S. Kirk, M. Leslie, W. Nathan, M. Pearson, G. Simpson, D. Tasker.

Matches**First Eleven:**

May 15, v. Convent (League)	Won	5—1
June 10, v. Epworth (League)	Lost	6—0
June 20, v. Voortrekker (League)	Won	1—0
June 26, v. Technical College (League)	Lost	2—1
August 5, v. Collegiate (League)	Won	4—2
August 9, v. G.H.S. (League)	Lost	10—4

Second Eleven:

May 15, v. Convent (League)	Won	5—3
June 10, v. Epworth (League)	Lost	5—2
August 5, v. Collegiate (League)	Won	6—0
August 19, v. G.H.S. (League)	Lost	10—0

NETBALL

Thanks to Mrs. Lea, who coaches the Juniors, the Netball is of a high standard.

Moore House won the Uys Netball Cup, for the first time, from Mackenzie House.

Matches

First Team v. Russell High	Won	10—6
Second Team v. Russell High	Won	7—1
Form IVB v. Form III	IVB won	17—10
Form III v. Form II	III won	10—3

* JILL LESLIE,

Hockey Member.

SWIMMING

The swimming has improved greatly this season. All seem to be much keener and have worked very conscientiously. Our success this year is mainly due to the untiring efforts of Miss Beater, Miss King, Miss Henwood, Mrs. Lea and Mr. Pearce.

In the Inter-School Gala the Seniors came third with eleven points; Girls' High School and Epworth were first and second. Our results were:—

16 and over, 50 yards Crawl: 3, M. Anderson.

16 and over, 50 yards Breaststroke: 2, M. Missing.

16 and over, 50 yards Backstroke: 2, M. Missing.

Open Team Race for Farrant Cup: 1, Wykeham. The team was: M. Anderson, G. Dalrymple, M. Leslie and M. Missing.

The Juniors came seventh with four points; their results were:—

8 years, 25 yards: 2, P. Campbell; 3, J. Dollery.

Under 14 years, 25 yards Backstroke: 2, A. Kemp.

At the Inter-House Gala seven records were broken. Moore House won the Arbuckle Cup from Green with 87 points, Green had 69 points and Mackenzie 40 points. Mary Anderson won the Earle Cup for the second year running, and Moyra Missing the Shoolbred Cup for the fourth year running.

On December 2nd, Moyra Missing came fourth in the 200 yards Natal Championship Breaststroke. On March 25th M. Anderson, G. Dalrymple, M. Leslie and W. Nathan won the Open Team Race at the St. John's Gala, and at the Russell High Gala on March 30th M. Anderson, B. Broad and M. Missing won the Open Medley Team Race. M. Missing was chosen for Pietermaritzburg in the Natal Inter-Districts Schools' Gala held at Vryheid and came second in the 100 yards breaststroke open.

During the season 5 first-class Honours Certificates were won, 8 first-class certificates, 14 second class, 35 third class and 44 fourth class. At the end of the season Mary Anderson was given her Swimming Colours.

MOYRA MISSING,

Swimming Member.

GYMNASTICS

We are very sorry to have lost Miss King in June, as she has helped to raise the standard of gym. in the school and has given her time unsparingly. The present high standard is due in part to the system of points awarded in class for the Inter-Form Gymnastic Pictures. One or two forms, however, must try to work harder.

The Inter-House Gymnastic Competition, held on the 27th October, 1949, was judged by Miss Cookson, the result being:—

- 1st: Mackenzie House, 74 points.
- 2nd: Green House, 69 points
- 3rd: Moore House, 64 points.

Colours were awarded to S. Meade in September, 1949, to B. Broad, G. Dalrymple and J. Williams in December, 1949, and to M. Missing in April, 1950.

We are also lucky in having two new additions to our apparatus—a saddle and a heating board.

We would like to thank Miss King for all she has done. We extend a welcome to Miss Bennett.

The deportment in the school is good; there are fifteen girdles in the Senior School, and the five girdles in the Junior School show that there is an improvement there.

SHIRLEY MEADE,

Gymnastics Member.

SHOOTING

During the past year the number of girls taking shooting has risen to twenty-eight. We are very glad to see everyone becoming so enthusiastic once more.

The standard has risen considerably, and therefore the result of last year's Imperial Challenge Shoot is better than that of the previous year. J. Henderson and J. Carter gaining Marksman Badges, and J. Allan, P. Audas and G. Crooks first-class shot badges. The Union Cadets awarded the following badges for proficiency:—

Marksman: J. Henderson, J. Carter.

First Class Shots: J. Allan, P. Audas, G. Crooks, N. Inman, J. Leigh, J. Leslie, E. Williams.

Second Class Shots: K. Agius, P. Anderson, J. Harris, C. Lund, D. Mattison, H. Morgan.

We are very grateful to Mr. Loney and Miss McClements for their untiring help in keeping Wykeham shooting at its present high level, and hope that when we shoot once more for the Imperial Challenge in October we shall achieve even better results than those of last year.

GRACE CROOKS,

Shooting Member.

BROWNIES

The Brownies this year have been very young, but very keen. Miss Thomas arrived from England in May and helped us a great deal and has now handed over to Miss Wilberforce.

On the 15th August we were honoured by having Miss Nivan, the Provincial Commissioner for Guides, to enrol 17 Brownies; with her were the District Commissioner, Mrs. Williams, and Guide Captain Miss Cundill.

Next year we hope to have many more Brownies enrolled. We should be able to carry on our meetings with just as much fun as we have always had.

JEANETTE CARTER,

Brownie Member.



LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The past year, from August, 1949-August, 1950, has proved to be another very successful one in the life of the Wykeham Literary and Debating Society, and a source of many interesting activities.

The functions for the year have been of wide variety. The first evening's entertainment was a Prose Reading in August, 1949; both girls and staff were willing to take part and altogether twenty-two passages were read. A Literary Games and Puzzles Evening was also held this quarter, in September.

In the last quarter of the year the only Society meeting was a Hallow E'en Party; this was because many members were busy preparing for public examinations. At this meeting a vote of thanks was passed to Miss Birkby for all the good work she had done for the Society during her stay at Wykeham. We also lost Pat Anderton, our helpful Vice-Chairman, at the end of the year, and a Vice-President, Miss Clark, when she went to England for her six-months' leave.

At the General Meeting held in February, 1950, Miss McClements replaced Miss Clark during her absence as Acting Vice-President; Miss Macleod became Chairman, Hazel Morgan was elected as Vice-Chairman, and June Harris as VB Representative.

The next meeting of the Society was a Hat Debate, when many speakers proved themselves capable of taking part in future debates. Shortly afterwards a debate was held in preparation for our Inter-Schools Debate against Russell

High School. The motion, "That Immigration of Europeans into South Africa on a large scale within the next few years is necessary for the progress of the country," was finally defeated by a small majority. From this debate the following girls were selected to take part in the Inter-Schools Debate in March: M. Bashagen, J. Fridjhon, V. Pendock and H. Morgan; unfortunately our team was defeated, but progress in public speaking was noted by the Wykeham judge. This was once again Mr. C. Nathan, to whom we are most grateful.

In May we had an extremely interesting meeting; this was a discussion between the members of the Society and Mr. Hugh Bryan's team of five Rotarians of Pietermaritzburg on "The Intentions of Soviet Russia."

At the end of June we had to say goodbye to Miss Mellor, our President; we were sorry to see her go as she has been a most valuable member.

The Annual General Meeting was held in August, 1950, and the new Committee was elected as follows:—

President: Miss W. G. Clark.

Vice-Presidents: Miss F. McClements and Miss B. Bowell.

Chairman: Miss H. Macleod.

Additional Staff Member: Miss V. Thomas.

Vice-Chairman: Hazel Morgan.

Secretary: Diana Tasker.

Treasurer: Margaret Pearson.

VIB: Edith Whittaker.

VA: Mary Bredin.

VB: June Harris.

VERONICA PENDOCK,

Honorary Secretary.



SCHOOL DIARY

Michaelmas Quarter September 2nd-30th, 1949

- Sept. 2—Inter-Athletics in Alexandra Park.
 " 3—Junior House Tennis, won by Moore; African Concert.
 " 4—Long Visiting Sunday.
 " 5—Hockey: 1st XI v. Tech. Won.
 " 6—Staff Meeting. Old Girls' Jumble Sale made £27.
 " 8—Hockey: 2nd XI v. Tech. Won. Prefects' Meeting.
 " 10—Hockey: 1st and 2nd XI v. Voortrekker. Drawn.
 " 12—Tests for Matric and J.C. began. Lili Kraus Concert.
 " 17—Prefects' Meeting.
 " 19—Senior House Tennis, Green and Mackenzie tied. Board of Trustees' Finance Sub-Committee Meeting. Nancy Graham's Dancing Display. Fire in Miss Clark's room.
 " 20—Historical Society Lecture by Mr. Prestwich, "Time of Richard II as Background to Long Will."
 " 22—University's production of "Tobias and the Angel."
 " 23—Film, "Little Women."
 " 24—House Netball Matches, won by Moore.
 " 25—Literary and Debating Society's Paper Games Evening.
 " 26—Trustees' Meeting. Films at Technical College on "Careers for Women."
 " 27—Film, "Kom Saam Vanaand."
 " 28—Choral Evensong at St. Saviour's.
 " 29—Hockey: 1st XI v. Staff. Won.

- .. 30—Breaking-up Prayers. Deportment Girdles to A. Bousfield, D. Child, J. Harris, M. Pearson. Gymnastic Colours to S. Meade. Hilton College Dance.

Christmas Quarter, October 11th-December 9th, 1949.

- Oct. 10—Boarders returned. Miss Rivers-Moore replaced Miss Liefeldt as Senior Matron.
- .. 11—School began.
- .. 13—Trinity College of Music Examinations: 5 entries, 2 merits, 2 passes, 1 failure.
- .. 14—Matric Afrikaans Orals.
- .. 15—Swimming Meeting: Art Cup won by Moore.
- .. 18—Parents' Council. S.A.B.C. Musicales.
- .. 20—Nursery School Parents' Council, Miss Snell spoke on "Religion and the Pre-School Child."
- .. 22—Tennis v. Collegiate: 1st VI and 2nd VI won.
- .. 27—Gym Competition, judged by Miss Cookson, won by Mackenzie.
- .. 28—Lower Taalbond Examination.
- .. 29—Tennis v. St. Anne's: 1st VI lost.
- .. 30—Literary and Debating Society's All Hallow E'en Party.
- .. 31—Mrs. Cowell spoke about the work and life of the National Theatre.
- Nov. 3—Staff Meeting. Prefects' Meeting. Trinity College Elocution Examinations: 17 entries, 4 honours, 6 merits, 5 passes, 2 failures.
- .. 5—Our Children's Day sale of roses.
- .. 6—Remembrance Sunday; sale of poppies and wreath placed at Memorial Arch.
- .. 10 and 11—Commercial Examinations: 16 entries, 2 distinctions, 11 passes, 3 failures.
- .. 13—Long Visiting Sunday.
- .. 15—Dress Rehearsal of Junior Plays, for Orphans and Cripples.
- .. 16—Confirmation at St. Peter's.
- .. 18 and 19—Performances of Junior Plays, produced by Mrs. Lea; raised £105.
- .. 19—Sale of Work made £63. Tennis v. Mr. de Klerk's team: 1st VI lost.
- .. 21—Matriculation and Junior Certificate began.

- .. 23—Board of Trustees' Finance Sub-Committee Meeting.
- .. 24—School Examinations began. Mr. Albino spoke to Nursery School Parents' Association on "Sex Instruction to the Pre-School Child."
- .. 25—Tennis v. Epworth: 1st VI won.
- .. 26—Tennis v. St. John's: 1st VI lost. Piece Playing began. Fete at St. Peter's.
- Dec. 2—Staff Meeting.
- .. 3—Piece Playing completed. Trinity College of Music Theory Examinations: 13 entries, 5 honours, 6 merits, 1 pass, 1 failure. Mrs. Coston's Pantomime.
- .. 4—Carol Service at St. George's. Pat Anderton read a lesson.
- .. 5, 6, 7 and 8—J.C. Expeditions to Nestle Factory, Brewery, Edendale, Natal Witness Offices, Grand Theatre, Grey's Hospital and Blanket Factory.
- .. 8—Nursery School Party. Carol Singing.
- .. 9—Breaking-up Prayers; 50 Perfect Attendance Certificates; Deportment Girdles to J. Leigh, D. Stretton, E. Whittaker; Gymnastic Colours to B. Broad, G. Dalrymple, J. Williams; Shooting Colours to J. Henderson. "At Home" with Concert and Exhibition of Work.

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- Jan. 19—J.C. Results: 18 entries, 1 first, 3 seconds, 7 thirds, 7 failures.
- .. 20—Matric. Results: 14 entries, 1 First Class Matriculation, 3 Second Class, 6 Third Class School Leaving Certificates, 4 failures.
- National Commercial Examinations: 12 entries, 2 distinctions, 8 passes, 2 failures.

Easter Quarter, January 25th-April 5th, 1950.

- Jan. 24—Boarders returned. Staff Meeting. New Staff: Miss Tulloch replaced Miss Rivers-Moore as Senior Matron; Mr. S. W. Pape, Mrs. Magni and Miss Rivers-Moore replaced Miss Clark for Latin and Scripture, and Miss Shepherd as Acting Vice-Principal; Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Magni for Geography, Miss Rivers-Moore for English, Mrs. Vorwerk for Botany replaced Miss Birkby; Mr. van de Merwe replaced Mr. de Kock for one quarter; Miss S. Garnett came as a student teacher.

- .. 25—School began: Rule Reading. House Meeting.
- .. 26—Librarian's Meeting and Prefects' Meeting; Parents' Council.
- .. 26 and 27—Uniform Parade.
- .. 28—Sports Meeting.
- Feb. 4—Tennis v. Mr. de Klerk's team: 1st VI lost.
- .. 5—Literary and Debating Society Hat Debate.
- .. 11—Play, "Annie Get Your Gun."
- .. 14—Trinity College of Music Examinations: 13 entries, 5 honours, 6 merits, 1 pass, 1 failure.
- .. 18—Tennis v. St. John's—won. Penguin's Gala.
- .. 22—Ash Wednesday. Lenten Services begin for Seniors and Juniors.
- .. 23—Old Girls' Meeting.
- .. 27—School Swimming Gala. Arbuckle Cup won by Moore, Earle Cup by M. Anderson, Shoofbred Cup by M. Missing.
- .. 28—Prefects' Meeting.
- Mar. 2—Old Girls' Meeting. Staff Meeting.
- .. 5—Long Visiting Sunday.
- .. 7—Film on Road Safety.
- .. 8—Tennis v. Epworth: 1st VI won.
- .. 11—Tennis v. Girls' High School: 1st VI won, 2nd and Under 15 teams lost.
- .. 12—Literary and Debating Society's practice debate: "That it is Essential to the Progress of South Africa to have European Immigration on a large Scale within the next few Years."
- .. 17—Inter-School Swimming Gala. Won Farrant Cup. Seniors came 3rd, Juniors came 7th.
- .. 18—Debate against Russell High School—lost.
- .. 21—Old Girls' Social.
- .. 23—Play, "Lady Precious Stream."
- .. 24—Film, "Joan of Arc."
- .. 25—Tennis v. Convent: Std. VI and under—lost. Dramatic Competition won by Moore. Won Relay at St. John's Gala; M. Missing swam for Maritzburg at Vryheid.
- .. 27—Viennese Ballet. Finance Sub-Committee Meeting.
- .. 30—Russell High School Gala: Wykeham won Medley Team Race. "Walrus and the Carpenter" at Epworth.
- .. 31—Films on Tropical Fish at Y.M.C.A.

- April 1—Tennis v. Ixopo: 1st team won; Std. VI and under lost.
 .. 3—Trustees' Meeting. Dr. Disler addressed Nursery School Parents Group.
 .. 5—Breaking-up Prayers; Deportment Girdles to G. Dalrymple and V. Pendock; Imperial Challenge Competition; 2 Marksmen's Proficiency Badges, 6 First Class Shots; Swimming Certificates, 8 first class, 14 second class, 35 third class and 44 fourth class.

Winter Quarter, April 18th-June 29th, 1950

- April 17—Boarders returned.
 .. 18—School begins. Staff Meeting. New Staff: Col. Gifford and Mr. Magni replace Mrs. Magni.
 .. 19—Parents' Council.
 .. 20—Black Watch Band. Old Girls' Meeting.
 .. 22—Old Girls' Week-end; sale realised £120. Mrs. J. O. Smyth presented the prizes at Fancy Dress Parade.
 .. 23—Corporate Holy Communion at St. Peter's. Old Girls' Annual General Meeting. Presentation to Miss Mellor. C. Lund chosen for P.M.B. under 18 Tennis.
 .. 28—Mr. Sidney Rosenbloom and Mme. Frances Hertset gave a musical recital.
 .. 29—C. Lund played for Maritzburg v. S. Districts.
 May 2—Miss Thomas arrives to teach Geography and Botany.
 .. 6—Michaelhouse Dance.
 .. 7—C. Lund played for Maritzburg v. Durban.
 .. 10—Staff Meeting.
 .. 11—Mr. Brodryk lectured to school on Voice Production.
 .. 13—Films, "Rin Tin Tin" and others.
 .. 15—Hockey v. Convent: 1st and 2nd XI's won.
 .. 19—Old Girls in Johannesburg met Miss Mellor.
 .. 21—Tennis v. St. Charles—lost.
 .. 22—Dancing Examination results: 1 2nd class. Miss Beater chosen to play for South Africa as goal-keeper. Nursery School Association Annual General Meeting and Discussion Forum.
 .. 24—Prefects' Meeting.

- .. 25—House Hockey matches begun, which Mackenzie finally won. Netball v. Russell High School—won.
 .. 26—Durban Orchestra—Senior and Junior Concerts.
 .. 27—College Dance.
 .. 28—Long Visiting Sunday.
 .. 31—"Julius Caesar" at Michaelhouse.
- June 3—Canon Badham shows Missionary Film.
 .. 6—Old Girls allocate £50 of sale proceeds to Trust Fund.
 .. 8—Staff Meeting.
 .. 9—Trinity College Practical Examination Results: 3 merits and 2 passes.
 .. 10—Hockey v. Epworth: 1st and 2nd XI's lost.
 .. 11—C. Lund chosen for Maritzburg under 21 tennis.
 .. 12—School Examinations begin.
 .. 15—Piece Playing concluded. Concert by Mr. Rosenbloom.
 .. 16—Visit to Indian Temple. Finance Sub-Committee Meeting.
 .. 17—Rugby at Woodburn: Boland v. Natal.
 .. 19—Miss Webber inspected Nursery School.
 .. 20—Visit to the "Mikado."
 .. 21—Hockey v. Voortrekker: 1st XI won. Dr. Black advised VIA and B girls on Careers.
 .. 22—Nursery School Parents' Council: Mr. Albino spoke on Children's Fears. Visit to Royal Show. Prizes: 4 1st, 3 2nd, 9 3rd, 10 h.c. and 3 c.
 .. 23—C. Lund and V. Pendock won Smythe Trophy.
 .. 26—Hockey v. Technical College—lost.
 .. 27—Singing: Competition judged by Miss Goodwin; won by Moore House.
 .. 27—Presentation to Miss Mellor by Staff and Girls.
 .. 29—Breaking-up Prayers. Prize-giving and presentation of "The Critic." Deportment Girdles to P. Turton, J. Williams, M. Bredin, P. Audas, R. Thian.
- July 1—Miss Clark takes over Headship of Wykeham.
- Holiday Successes:**
 Durban Speech and Drama Festival: 4 1st, 15 2nd, 6 3rd.
 Tennis: L. Ardington won under 12 mixed doubles at Inyoni. C. Lund won singles for 16 and under at Howick.

Ridge: 10 1st, 4 2nd, 4 3rd, while P. Stanley won the cup for the most points at Cato Ridge.

National Commercial Examinations: 2 Distinctions, 11 Passes.

" 25—Miss Mynhardt arrived.

" 29—Miss Mellor left.

Michaelmas Quarter, August 2-September 29, 1950

- Aug. 1—Staff Meeting. Miss Mynhardt replaced Mrs. Newbery for Afrikaans; Miss King takes Gym for Miss Bennett; Col. Gifford and Mr. Pape Latin for Miss Evans; Mrs. Schoeman for Miss Wilberforce; Mrs. Hackland and Mrs. Vorwerk for Miss Beater; Miss Bowell as Vice-Principal. Boarders returned.
- " 2—School opens. House Meeting. Prefects' Meeting.
- " 3—Librarians' Meeting. Parents' Council.
- " 4—Miss King left.
- " 4 and 5—Uniform Parade.
- " 5—Hockey v. Collegiate: 1st and 2nd XI's won.
- " 8—Miss Bennett arrived to take Gym and Games.
- " 11—Mr. and Mrs. Webb visited Nursery School, International Poster Exhibition.
- " 12—VIA went to film "Morning Departure."
- " 16—Enrolment of Brownies (13) by Miss Nivan, District Commissioner. Old Girls' Social Evening.
- " 17—Trinity College Theory Results: 2 honours, 4 merits, 1 pass and 1 failure.
- " 19—Hockey v. G.H.S.: 1st and 2nd XI's lost.
- " 20—Tennis v. Mr. de Klerk's mixed VI. Musical Appreciation Lecture at Collegiate School. C. Lund played tennis for Maritzburg under 21. Annual General Meeting of Literary and Debating Society, followed by 20 questions.
- " 22—Miss Wilberforce arrived to replace Mrs. Schoeman in the Kindergarten. Speech Festival began.
- " 27—Miss Mellor and Miss Lawrie sailed.
- " 29—Miss Evans arrived. Miss Beater returned from Hockey Tour. Dr. Black interviewed VIA girls about Careers.
- " 30—Juniors visit to Children's Art Exhibition. Senior Art girls visited Peernief Exhibition at University.
- " 31—Hockey v. Voortrekker, 2nd drew 3—3. Speech Festival concluded: 63 1st grades, 84 2nd grades and 22 3rd grades.
- Sept. 3—Long Sunday.



HOUSE NOTES

Green House

House Staff: Miss Shepherd, Mrs. Lea, Miss Ender, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Bijoux and Miss Evans.

Green House began the year with the Work, Swimming and both Junior and Senior Tennis Cups.

The House tennis was played off in August and September, 1949; we won the Junior and tied with Mackenzie for first place in the Senior Tennis.

In September, 1949, the Inter-House Netball matches were played, and Green came third with nine goals.

Unfortunately we lost the Gym Cup to Mackenzie, but came second with 69 points. We did not manage to get the Dramatic Cup, which was again won by Moore House. Mackenzie won the Hockey Cup this year and Green came second.

In July, Green House received the Order, the Tidiness and Junior Tennis Cups, and tied with Mackenzie for the Work and Senior Tennis Cups.

In conclusion, I should like to welcome back Miss Shepherd on behalf of the House and to express our thanks to her and all the House Staff, particularly Mrs. Lea, who stepped into the breach when Miss Shepherd was away. We offer a hearty welcome to Miss Evans, who arrived from England at the end of August.

MOYRA MISSING.

House Captain.

Mackenzie House

Mackenzie began the year with the Order, Tidiness, Gymnastic and Senior Tennis Cups, but we lost two of these by June. At the Prize-Giving Mackenzie received the Gymnastic and Hockey Cups and the Senior Tennis and Work Cups, for which we tied with Green.

The first House competition was the Swimming Gala, which Moore House won, Mackenzie coming third. We have some very promising Juniors, who gained all our points for us except those gained by Merlyn Leslie among the Seniors.

The Dramatic Competition was held at the end of March; the girls worked very well and gained second place, Moore House winning the Frampton-Pennington Cup by three points.

We were very pleased to win the Saville Cup for Hockey. All three matches were played with great determination. The Singing Competition was held at the end of June; Moore House won the Music Cup and Mackenzie House was third.

During the fortnightly House Meetings the girls have been sewing and knitting and the parcels are sent overseas. Miss Macleod organises the work and we are most grateful to her.

Mackenzie House wishes to thank Miss Hosking for all she has done for us.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Newbery, but are pleased to welcome Miss Mynhardt in her place.

JILL LESLIE,
House Captain.

Moore House

The past year has been a successful one for Moore House as can be proved by the five cups which we have on our shelf. However, Moore House has been somewhat lacking in good behaviour and work and we hope that in the coming year the girls will win back the Work, Tidiness and Order Cups, for which we gained third place.

During the 1949 August-December Half we gained third place in the Tennis and Gymnastic Competitions. Moore House Juniors are to be heartily congratulated on winning the NetBall Cup from Mackenzie, who have had it on their shelf for the last five years.

At our first meeting of the new year we welcomed Miss Tulloch, the Senior Matron, as one of our Staff members.

We began the year very well indeed by winning the Swimming Cup; this was an unexpected win for us and was certainly due to tremendous determination. Gay Dalrymple and Mary Anderson are to be congratulated on their successes in the Inter-Schools' Gala.

Moore House presented a scene from "Pride and Prejudice" for the Dramatic Competition in March, 1950, and thereby added another cup to our shelf. We got third place in the Inter-House Hockey, but in spite of not having a strong team the girls showed keenness and courage. The other cups won by Moore House were the Music and Art Cups; both of these we have won for three years running.

Moore House feels greatly honoured in having for their House Mistress Miss Beater, who is a Wykeham Old Girl *and* a Springbok Hockey player; we were thrilled when we heard that she had been chosen to play as goalkeeper for the South African team. During Miss Beater's absence Miss Bowell has kindly acted in her place.

We all hope that in the coming year Moore House girls will improve on their previous successes.

VERONICA PENDOCK,

House Captain.

WYKEHAM SCHOOL JUNIOR PLAYS

November 18th and 19th, 1949

The Wykeham School Junior plays were produced by Mrs. H. Lea, and were performed by the children in Forms III to Transition. These plays involved a large cast, a quick change of scenery, and a great many variations in lighting, which were very effectively carried out, giving the plays the right kind of fairy atmosphere. The scenery and costumes throughout the play were excellent, the latter being designed by Miss D. E. Mellor.

In the first play, "Sneezing Powder," by Enid Blyton, there were three outstanding actresses; there were the two pixies, Winsome Fuller and Diana Stanley, and Dame Flap, played by Maureen Meyersohn.

In the second play, "The Wishing Bean," the light and sound effects were especially good, for which we have again to thank Mr. C. F. Stewart and Mr. B. Berriman.

It was in the third play, "The Land of Nursery Rhyme," that the best scenery, for which Miss Beater was responsible, costumes and stage effects were produced. They were really excellent, and all helped to make this last play a first-class performance. The acting of Judy Audas, Jennifer Short and Pamela Stanley was especially noteworthy.

To the first night of the plays, on Tuesday, November 15th, the children of Uplands School, the Salvation Army Home, Toe H Hostel, St. Cross' Orphanage, the Children's Home and St. Mary's Orphanage were invited, and Messrs. Nestle's and Meldrum's and the A.I. Ice Cream Factory provided them each with most welcome refreshments.

At the Friday and Saturday nights' performances on November 18th and 19th, we made £105 15s. 9d., and at the sale on Saturday morning, which was organised by Mrs. Newbery, Mrs. Carter, Miss Bowell and Miss Macleod, we made £62 15s. 0d., enough to complete the stage equipment with blue velvet curtains and contribute about £85 to the Wykeham Trust Fund.

MARGARET PEARSON.

THE BIRTHDAY WEEK-END, 1950

We had jelly and trifle for supper. Jennifer Chappell went as a butterfly. I had a nice dance and fancy dress. I got a little doll from the Sale on Saturday and I got some fudge. Petal Solomon went as Captain Hook. The Hall was very pretty and it had nice picers. Angela went as a murmade. I went as a clown.

NOEL GARNER,

Transition, aged 7½ years.



Clown



On Saturday there was a sale in the morning and there was a fancy dress that night. There were some raffles. Miss Mellor had a birthday present because it was her birthday. The whole school gave her an elekrek kettle. I went as Cinderella at the ball. My Aunty and my Daddy came to the sale, and my Mummy dressed me for the fancy dress. We had a party after the fancy dress. I saw a lovely costume. It was a snow fairy. We had a lovely party.

JENNIFER von KLEMPERER,

Transition, aged 8 years.

Butterfly



There was a sale on Saturday morning.

Mummy and I went to it, mummy bought a cake and some Brinjals and I bought a little black doll and a dog-brooch.

In the evening there was a Fancy Dress. I went as a Robin. Pat Currie went as Sunlight Soap and she got a prize for the best advertisement. Another little girl went as South African Wool Board and she looked sweet.

After the parade a lady came and played the piano until the band came and we danced with our partners. I danced with the Penguin that was Jillian.

After the dance we went down to supper. There were cakes and sweets and ice cream. Jillian took a piece of cake and she could hardly eat it because she had material over her hands.

We all had a lovely time and it was a lovely night.

ANNE OSCROFT.

Aged 8½ years.

I woke up early on Saturday morning, and lay in bed thinking of the Sale and the Fancy Dress in the evening.

I got dressed and when first gong went I went down to

breakfast. After I had made my bed I went down to get my pocket-money out, we were allowed 2/6, then I went and played with my friends till half-past eight, when the Sale was to begin.

We all gathered round the door where the Sale was to be held while Miss Mellor told us why they had it and all about it. When Miss Mellor was finished we all went in. There were lovely little plastic dolls dressed in woollen clothes, there were little dogs made out of pipe-cleaners, and lavender bags and all sorts of things on the fancy stall. There were bags of sweets and tins of fudge, and lovely cakes, and on the vegetable and flower stalls there were also lovely things.

That afternoon we rested until 4 o'clock, then we played till 5 o'clock when we went to get our costumes ready for the Fancy Dress. A bell went and we all got into line in our sections. After the Parade we went into the hall and the band played and we danced.

After two dances the prizes were given, then Form II downwards went to bed. We danced until a quarter-past nine, then the IVB's and III's had supper and went to bed. There were lovely jellies, trifles, sandwiches and cakes for supper.

VIA and B stayed up until twelve o'clock and had their supper before at ten o'clock.

DIANA STRETTON.

Form III, Aged 11 years.

Form VIA

M - R - - N B - SH - G - N: "Spirits of peace, where are ye?"

B - TT - BR - - D: "Tut, I am strong-framed."

- RM - B - T - H - R: "I hope I am not too late!"

G - - C - CR - - K - : "I pray you, tell me."

GH - SL - - N - D - C - RC - N - C: "Is she not a modern
young lady?"

J - N - FR - D - H - N: "Dost thou mock me?"

J - - L L - SL - - : "What sayest thou, noble heart?"

CL - - E L - - D: "Come hither boy!"

SH - - L - Y M - - D - : "Here's goodly work."

- - YR - M - SS - - G: "You have done well by water."

H - Z - L M - - G - N: "They say she's mad."

M - RG - R - T P - - RS - N: "Fetter'd in amorous chains."
 V - R - N - C - P - ND - C - : "What, you egg."
 B - - B - R - - PF - L - : "I speak but idly and you laugh at
 me."
 M - SS B - W - LL: "I hear you are a scholar."

THE PRIZE-GIVING AND BREAKING-UP

The annual prize-giving and breaking-up was held this year on June 29th. It was a specially significant occasion, as it marked the culmination of Miss Mellor's thirty years at Wykeham, and the Hall was crowded to capacity with Parents, Old Girls and friends of the School. In the absence of Mr. K. M. Pennington, Chairman of Trustees, the chair was taken by Mrs. Young, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Pennington. After the singing of the School Song and the presentation of bouquets to Mrs. Young, Mrs. Pennington and Miss Mellor, the Chairman welcomed the guests and paid a glowing tribute to Miss Mellor's untiring and selfless devotion to the interests of Wykeham. At the close of her speech she handed Miss Mellor a cheque as a token of appreciation from the Trustees. Mrs. Pennington, speaking as a parent, also praised Miss Mellor's patience and wisdom in dealing with the children of the School. She then presented the prizes and trophies and congratulated the recipients. Miss Mellor read her Report on the activities of the School during the previous year, prefacing her remarks with a strong plea for the maintenance of a sound Christian spirit in the School, and for faith that all difficulties would be overcome so long as high ideals were maintained. Then followed the performance of Sheridan's burlesque, "The Critic," which was the first play produced by Miss Mellor at Wykeham, and which she wished to be the last also. It was a delightful performance, which actors and audience alike enjoyed. The costumes surpassed even the high standard usually attained in Miss Mellor's productions, and the stage effects and lighting, in the capable hands of Mr. Stewart and Mr. Berriman, were unexpected and thrilling. Hearty applause greeted the fall of the curtain, and when it rose again to reveal the entire cast, Miss Mellor was presented with a bouquet and a book by her talented Company, and presentations were also made to Mr. Stewart and Mr. Berriman. A move was then made to the dining-room for refreshments and the customary "sing-song." Thus ended an evening which will live long in the memory of all who were privileged to take part in it.

Miss G. M. A. SHEPHERD.

**SPEECH GIVEN BY AMY HATHORN (Mrs. W. H. W. YOUNG) AT THE WYKEHAM PRIZE-GIVING,
THURSDAY, JUNE 29th, 1950.**

On behalf of the Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees, and the Head Mistress and Staff of Wykeham, I bid you welcome. It is pleasing that so many have been able to come to this very special function. I welcome Mrs. Pennington, the wife of the Chairman of the Board, who will give away the prizes, and extend a warm welcome to the parents of our girls, our Old Girls and the many good friends of Wykeham.

I regret the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Kenneth Pennington, who is away in East Africa in charge of the first Travel Party for British Youth, sponsored by the South African Help Britain Fund. The Travel Party assembled in Nairobi some four weeks ago, and under Mr. Pennington's guidance will motor through Kenya, Rhodesia and the Union during the next four months. Mr. Pennington owes his seat on the Board largely through his foresight in persuading a Wykeham Old Girl to become his wife. His daughter, too, was at school here. So far as Wykeham is concerned, he has not shown great foresight in his choice of a grandchild—it is a boy! Nevertheless, in spite of this lapse, Mr. Pennington makes an admirable Chairman, and I take his place with diffidence because this is one of our great occasions.

We are here to bid farewell to Miss Doris Mellor, who has been at Wykeham for thirty years. Ten years as assistant Mistress and twenty years as Head Mistress. I may mention that it was by good fortune rather than design that Wykeham gained Miss Mellor. In England thirty years ago she had arranged to join the staff of another school, in the vicinity of Pietermaritzburg, when she discovered that the post was not suitable. She made further enquiries, and was immediately offered a post in a much smaller school right in the town, a little, very good school called Wykeham, of which Miss Mellor had never heard, but she felt it would suit her and she came.

Miss Mellor knew our beloved Founder, Mary Moore, and her able successor, Ruth Hodges. Through association with them she became endowed with their ability to transmit those graces that have always adorned Wykeham. Expert

as she is at teaching, Miss Mellor used ordinary school subjects to enhance the graces of friendliness and homeliness, and to emphasise other virtues that promote harmony.

Art, Drama, Handicrafts, Music, as well as Scholarship and games have been used to teach our girls self-expression, dignity, loyalty and tolerance, qualities of great value to woman in her home, her profession, and in her work for public welfare. All the time Miss Mellor has been at Wykeham she has been showing our girls that it is not only the bookwork, the passing of examinations, the achievement of honours, the winning of trophies, the successful production of plays that are of the first importance, but the spirit that is behind them, the spirit that makes the one work hard for the benefit of many, and makes the group conscious of the endeavour and contribution of the individual.

Like most talented people, Miss Mellor has many sides to her character, and one of these is the business side. After Miss Hodges died and Miss Mellor became the Head Mistress, she realised the difficulties of a school such as Wykeham under private ownership. In her wisdom she set about the formation of the Wykeham School Society, which is composed of the Life Members of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association and other approved people. The Society has been able to acquire the School, and place its management under a Board of Trustees. It is entirely due to Miss Mellor that Wykeham is now on a Public School basis, and I know that the Board will pay respect and regard to her wishes and ideas for future development.

It is due to Miss Mellor, too, that the Nursery School came into being. The Board is proud that it was the first to receive the National Certificate of Efficiency in Natal, and that it is used by students for observation.

Were Miss Moore and Miss Hodges with us now they would be the first to proclaim that Miss Mellor leaves the School better than she found it. The name of Doris Evelyn Mellor will live at Wykeham and her influence remain long after many of us, who know her now, are lost in the mist of time.

The new Headmistress is Miss Winifred Clark, who has been on the Staff for three years. She is at present returning from leave of absence in England. The Board is confident that Miss Clark will worthily carry on the good work of her eminent predecessors, and ever keep before the School our motto, "Manners Makyth Manne."

I must not forget the cheque which the Board of Trustees gives Miss Mellor as a tribute of affection and esteem. It is a totally inadequate expression of admiration for one who has given more than a generation of service to the furtherance of education in Natal. In presenting it I want to tell Miss Mellor that if ever the happy day dawns when she will return to Pietermaritzburg, we shall give her a welcome such as only Wykeham can give.

THE DURBAN SOCIAL STUDY GROUP

This year Norma Inman and I represented Wykeham at the Social Study Group held at Durban Girls' College from the 2nd-7th July. The subject for study was "The Health of the Nation," but we found that the four days we spent there were quite inadequate to cover the vast subject.

We all assembled in the College Dining Hall at 6 p.m. on Sunday where we were welcomed by Miss Middleton and Mr. Acheson, who were in charge of us, and given a light meal. Afterwards Dr. Cluwer, the Deputy Chief Health Officer, gave us a very interesting Bird's-Eye view of the whole subject, dealing in a brief manner with the various types of diseases. After the lecture we all gathered in the Common Room for refreshments and to discuss the various plans that had been made for us.

The following morning we had two very interesting talks: the first was given by Dr. Steere, who talked on "Mothers and Children," and the second, by Dr. Taylor, was about Community Health Services among the Bantu. Dr. Taylor told us about the health, health centres and hospitals for the natives in Durban. In the afternoon we were taken round McCord's Hospital, where we found that a really wonderful work was being carried on for the natives by Dr. Taylor and his staff. That evening we went to the cinema to see "When Willie Comes Marching Home," which we found very light and amusing, to fit our mood.

On Tuesday morning we were given a lecture by Mr. W. Garside on "T.W.I. and Recreation"; T.W.I. means Training With Industry, and in this lecture he showed us just how much is being done for the health and general living conditions of workers in the world to-day. After a break and a lecture by Mr. T. M. Wadley on "Housing and Environment," we were taken down to the Edward Hotel in

cars; there we were entertained to lunch by the Rotarians, each of us being looked after by one member. During lunch two of us were called upon to make speeches and delivered them very well. We were also lucky enough to witness the inauguration of Mr. McGregor as President of the Rotary Club.

After this very enjoyable luncheon we were taken round Lever Brothers' Factory, which we found very interesting, as we saw how the soap, packets and labels were made; we were all very tired when we finally arrived back at school. In the evening Miss Middleton had arranged for Miss Brenda Nicholls to come and tell us about her trip to England, and after that we had an "-Out-of-the-Hat" Debate.

The next morning we were taken up by car to Nagle Dam, where Mr. Smith showed us round and explained everything to us very interestingly. We had morning tea up there and then returned to Durban in time for lunch. After lunch a tennis tournament was arranged which lasted until dinner time. At 7 o'clock Mr. McGregor came to show us some American films and also gave us a talk on "How we do it in the U.S.A.," in which he told us a great deal about the new discoveries recently made in the field of medicine.

On Thursday we heard two lectures. The first, the "Control of Foodstuffs," was by Dr. G. D. English, and the second by Dr. Dormer, the Divisional Chief of Tuberculosis Service, on "The Black Scourge." Dr. Dormer also showed us some very good films about tuberculosis among the natives in South Africa. In the afternoon we were taken to F.O.S.A.—Friends of the Sick Association—which we found most interesting. I had never realised until that week spent with the Study Group what an excellent work was being done, especially for the non-Europeans in and around Durban. Institutions such as F.O.S.A. and McCord's Hospital should really be given all the help that is possible in order that they may flourish and continue to help the poorer people of this country in the best manner possible.

In the evening we entertained all our lecturers at a farewell dinner party, at which two of our members again made excellent speeches; afterwards we went to a City Hall concert of classical music.

The next morning Mr. Acheson summed up and asked us to make suggestions for the benefit of future Study Groups.

After the summing-up we all dispersed, some of us to meet later on in the morning. I am quite sure we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, for it was with very long faces that we said good-bye.

MARGARET PEARSON.

THE REGIMENTS SALUTE THE "BRASS BAND"

It is strange how often in life one pegs away at some inconspicuous and humble task, and little realises how, like the coral insect, one is constructing something of real value and significance.

The "Brass Band" of St. George's, as you all know, is the little group of 12 Middle School children, who, with Miss Abbott-Smith, or Mrs. Grant, or some other member of the staff during the last 35 years, since the British Forces left Fort Napier in 1914, has so faithfully sallied forth to clean the brasses at St. George's Church at 8 a.m. every Saturday during the term. Now they have brought honour and praise to their school in the form of letters of warm appreciation from the Colonels of the Regiments, whose memorial tablets they have kept bright.

St. George's Garrison Church is, of course, very dear to us all, enshrining as it does also our tablets to the memory of Miss M. Moore, our Founder, and Miss R. M. Hodges, her successor. They are commemorated amongst a goodly company—the gallant men of those famous Regiments which defended the young Colony of Natal during its difficult early days. St. George's has recently been declared a National Monument, so that there is no doubt about the future safety of its stirring and historic records.

When such an honour has been done to a school, as this to us at Wykeham, it is right to incorporate a record of it in the School archives. The letters from the Colonels, therefore, are printed below, and are a moving tribute from these distinguished and no doubt extremely busy men.

Wykeham has always been blessed in its many good friends. That the Regiments ever heard of us is due to the interest taken in us by Colonel Cockshott, of Cheltenham,

who was stationed at Fort Napier in 1908. His sister-in-law, Miss Janet Hathorn, who has always been a good friend of ours, told him of the work of the Brass Band, and sent to him the list of the memorial tablets that we clean each week, and he, in his turn, wrote to the Colonels of the Regiments. It was indeed a kind and gracious act, which has given pleasure to a great many people.

The Correspondence With the Regiments

From Major-General C. W. Norman,

The Street House, George Lane, Hayes, Kent.

Telephone: Hurstway 2542.

12th December, 1949.

Miss D. E. Mellor, B.A.,
Headmistress, Wykeham School,
Pietermaritzburg.

Dear Madam,

I have heard from Colonel Cockshott that you and the girls of your school are looking after the Regimental Memorials in the Garrison Church at Fort Napier.

As Colonel of the 9th Lancers I should like to say on behalf of the Regiment and myself that we are deeply grateful for this help and kindness, and that I hope you will convey our appreciation and gratitude to the members of your school who are taking part in this work.

It occurs to me that the school must be incurring some expense in respect of cleaning materials and I feel it would be wrong that you should be out of pocket in carrying out such a good work, and if you will kindly let me know I should be most glad to remit to you from Regimental funds whatever you consider necessary for the purpose.

Once more, please accept our very warm appreciation and thanks.

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. W. NORMAN,

Colonel, 9th Lancers.

Colonels Commandant's Office,
The Green Jaackets,
The Barracks, Winchester.
Tel.: Winchester 2321, Ext. 33.

9th December, 1949.

From Major-General H. O. Curtis, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
1st The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

To the Headmistress and Girls of Wykeham School,
Pietermaritzburg.

"The Brief History of the King's Royal Rifle Corps" is presented to Wykeham School by the Regiment as a small token of their deep appreciation of the love and devotion in cherishing the memorial to 32 Officers and 497 N.C.O.'s and Riflemen, in the Garrison Church.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps will not forget Wykeham School, and wishes it every prosperity, individually and collectively.

(Signed) H. O. CURTIS.

From W. H. Lowe,
Secretary, Durham Light Infantry Regiment Fund,
13 Elvet Bridge, Durham City. 18th December, 1949.

To the Headmistress, Wykeham School,
Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg,
Natal, South Africa.

Dear Madam,

Re: Memorials—The Durham Light Infantry.

The Colonel of the Durham Light Infantry, Brigadier J. A. Churchill, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., has been informed by Lieut.-Col. A. M. Cockshott of the very keen interest you and your pupils take in the Durham Light Infantry Memorial situated in the Church at Fort Napier.

Brigadier Churchill instructs me to convey to you and your pupils the keen appreciation of our Committee for the service you have rendered our Regiment in keeping alive the memory of those who fell in the South African War, 1899-1902. As an old soldier of the Regiment, may I, too, add my own personal thanks.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) W. H. LOWE.

From Colonel J. A. Thornton,
Brockhall, Northampton.
Station Weedon. Tel.: Weedon 14.

December 8th, 1949.

Dear Madam,

I have heard from Colonel Cockshott, of Cheltenham, that the 7th Hussars' Memorial in the Garrison Church, Fort Napier, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, is attended to and kept in order by girls of Wykeham School. On behalf of the Regiment I wish to thank you and your girls very much indeed for such a remarkable gesture of loyalty and goodwill. We are indeed grateful to you. When I next see Her Majesty the Queen, who is our Colonel-in-Chief, I will tell her about it, and I am sure she will greatly appreciate what is being done.

Again very many thanks, and wishing you and your school every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. A. THORNTON,

Col. 7th Hussars.

From Miss D. E. Mellor,
Principal, Wykeham School,
Pietermaritzburg.

January 24th, 1950.

To Major-General C. W. Norman,
The Street House,
George Lane, Hayes, Kent.

Dear Major-General Norman,

I cannot tell you how pleased and how honoured my girls were by your letter of December 12th, which I read to them when they returned to school from the Christmas holidays.

St. George's Church has sacred associations for us both. It not only enshrines the memorial tablets which commemorate the sacrifices of those gallant men who died defending our young Colony of Natal in those difficult early days of our history, but also our two school memorials erected to the memory of Miss Mary Moore, the founder of Wykeham, and her successor, Miss Ruth Mary Hodges.

As you may imagine, we were proud that we were allowed to commemorate them too, amongst so goodly a company.

It has been our pleasure and privilege all these years to clean the brasses at St. George's. The work is carried out on Saturday mornings by members of the Middle School Forms under the supervision of a Staff. So in turn practically all the girls for the last thirty-five years have had the opportunity of doing this work for the community. They are beautiful brasses at St. George's, such as one does not often see nowadays, not only the memorial tablets, but also the candlesticks in the Sanctuary and the fine Altar brasses, nearly all given in memory of those who died or were killed in the early wars.

It is very kind of you to offer to reimburse us for the money we have expended, but we should not like you to do that. It does not amount to anything very much anyway, and we are glad to do this cleaning and polishing, and so be able to associate ourselves, even in this lowly way, with those of whom we must all feel justly proud.

You will be glad to know, I am sure, that St. George's Church has recently been proclaimed a National Monument, so that there is no doubt about the safety of these stirring and historic records.

With many thanks for your kind appreciation of the very little we have done for your Regiment.

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Yours sincerely,

DORIS E. MELLOR,
Principal.

REMINISCENCES OF THE REGIMENTS STATIONED AT FORT NAPIER

The 7th Hussars built St. George's Church, but had to leave before they could build the tower, though they did not apparently build the brick wall between Grey's Hospital and the Cemetery as has sometimes been stated.

A Memorial Service for Queen Victoria was held in St. George's Church, and it was also used as a hospital for the soldiers at one time. St. George's was the Garrison Church, but the side seats were kept for civilians at military services—a big sergeant used to show visitors into seats.

The Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the 7th Hussars were here at the same time, and the 7th Hussars were followed by the 9th Lancers. *

The military occupied the Wykeham building facing West Street. It was known as Scott's Building; also the building occupied by the Royal Engineers—the Royal Engineers Officers' Mess.

Then there is the house now occupied by Mrs. C. Turner, which was Chief Staff Office and the D.A.Q.M.G. (Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General) occupied this building. We knew him as the Brigade Officer. When the military gave it up I don't know, but when Wykeham was first opened it started in this building.

When I first came to Pietermaritzburg in 1898, the Royal Dublin Fusiliers had for the Officers' Mess Room the building in Pine Street now used as the Jewish Church. They left that and later went to Wykeham (West Street). I understand that building was already in the possession of the Army. The Royal Dublin Fusiliers went to the Front when the Boer War broke out, and did not return. During the Boer War, Wykeham (West Street) was used as the Brigade Office.

You know, of course, that the Earl of Athlone was in the 7th Hussars—Captain, Prince Alexander of Teck. Mr. Runcie, the former caretaker of the Town Hall, was also in the 7th Hussars. I am told that the Earl of Athlone had a great meeting when the Earl was here. Incidentally, the Earl of Athlone lived in the red brick house in West Street, between Loop and Longmarket Streets, with cypresses cut into figures of peacocks, etc. It is on the right hand side of the street going towards Church Street.

The uniform of the 7th Hussars was navy blue with gold coloured braid. They wore helmets and the Regiment had a beautiful drum horse, white with a long tail and mane, and a tiger skin across his shoulders for the drums.

In our hospital in Richmond, Surrey, was a patient who had been in the 7th Hussars. He was so pleased when I spoke of their beautiful drum horse. Also in the hospital was a Royal Dublin Fusilier; he was delighted, I remember, when I praised their fine band. He was the cornet player in the band.

No cavalry regiments were at Fort Napier after the Boer War; the last regiment here was the Staffords. Of all the regiments to cross over to France, they were said to have made the most efficient crossing. They were, alas, cut up, and did not re-form as a regiment in that war.

Miss C. E. HILL.

22.6.50.



WYKEHAM TRUST FUND

The last year has seen a further reduction of the Bond, which now stands at £7,500; it would have been greater, but because of our hope that one day not too far distant we shall need money for rebuilding, we have continued to save money from school funds, but have not paid it in to reduce our capital sum, but set it aside elsewhere. This has been done for the last six months. I explain this to show that we have not been idle or slackening in our efforts.

Our friends and Old Girls have continued their generous contributions throughout the year. Once again the Old Girls gave us part of their takings at their Sale of Work at the Birthday Week-End, and A. Young, P. Somerville, L. Hime and J. Black once again this year, with N. Juul, have run a most successful Jumble Sale, and other friends have helped us too.

Inspired by their example, we are doing our best to show this year that "Charity begins at home," and the whole school is uniting in an effort to raise a bumper sum of money at the Fete we are planning for November 4th. We hope that we can buy some equipment with the proceeds, but that

there will be enough also for a really worthwhile contribution to the Trust Fund. We are confident that our friends will turn up in large numbers to support us, either on the day or by sending us material before then. The Juniors will give us slighter dramatic efforts than in recent years, with puppet plays and dancing as well, since we cannot have their plays on the usual scale this year. Each form is to have its own stall, there will be teas and light refreshments; we plan numerous sideshows to entice away our visitors' money, and hope that they will spare "a penny for the Guy," as we shall anticipate Guy Fawkes' Day, and consume him that evening, with a show of fireworks as well. If the experiment is successful we shall try to repeat it next year.

We acknowledge gratefully the following donations received since September, 1949: Mrs. H. Hamilton Short (5s. 6d.), Miss Abraham's Concert (£2 14s. 6d.), Mrs. Kruger (£10), Junior Plays and Sale (£8 18s. 5d.), and the Wykeham Old Girls' Association (£50).

STOP PRESS. Since going to press, as many of you know, the Trustees have purchased 38 Loop Street (next door to Waverley) for the school. This will give us more living and recreation space, but to do this we have had to increase the Bond, so that any efforts on your part will be even more greatly appreciated now. We ourselves hope to contribute at least £75 from the Fête, which was a great success.





CONCERNING THE OLD GIRLS

Wykeham Old Girls' Executive Committee:

President:

Miss W. G. Clark.

Vice-President:

Lorna Hime.

Honorary Vice-Presidents:

Miss D. E. Mellor and Miss M. Abbott-Smith.

Honorary Secretary:

Janet Black.

Honorary Treasurer:

Amy Young.

Committee Members:

Doreen Baikie.

Beth Behrmann.

Natalie Juul.

Daphne Meade.

Joyce Seymour Haden.

Phyllis Somerville.

Anne Turner.

MINUTES of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association, held at Wykeham School on Sunday, April 23rd, 1950, at 9.45 a.m.

Present: Miss Mellor in the Chair, and all present signed the Minutes Book.

Apologies for absence were received from many Old Girls who were unable to attend the meeting, but had sent letters and telegrams of good wishes, and contributions in cash and kind to the Sale. A letter from the Hon. Vice-President, Miss Abbott-Smith, was read.

Minutes: Joyce Seymour Haden proposed that as the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been printed in the Magazine, they should be taken as read, seconded by Ruth Bryant, and passed unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers: Amy Young asked Miss Mellor to accept nomination as President; this was passed unanimously and with acclamation. Ponty Goodwin proposed that the Committee be re-elected en bloc, seconded by Laurel Hugman, and carried:—

Vice-Presidents: Miss W. G. Clark and Lorna Hime.

Hon. Vice-President: Miss M. Abbott-Smith.

Hon. Treasurer: Amy Young.

Hon. Secretary: Janet Black.

Committee Members: Doreen Baikie, Beth Behrmann, Natalie Juul, Daphne Meade, Joyce Seymour Haden, Phyllis Somerville and Anne Turner.

Financial Statement for 1949-1950 was read by Amy Young, who formally moved the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Victoria Bacon. Ruth Bryant proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, which was passed unanimously.

President's Report: The President read her report on the activities of the past year, in which she said that the Old Girls' Social Evenings were a distinct improvement on the former lunches. Lorraine Evans proposed the adoption of the Report, seconded by Natalie Phelps, and carried.

Proceeds of Sale: Lorna Hime proposed that the proceeds of the sale, amounting to about £116, should be allocated by the Executive Committee, seconded by Joy Jameson. Ailsa Halle, who was unable to be at the meeting, asked Natalie Phelps to propose that part of the proceeds be taken to buy two dozen small tea-pots and jugs. Rosella Waring proposed that Old Girls be asked to present them to the Association. Maureen Rutherford offered to get them wholesale so that they would be uniform; a collection for the purpose was taken during the interval.

Presentation: Lorna Hime made a short speech in which she eulogised what Miss Mellor had done for Wyke-

ham. Amy Young also said a few words, and then, on behalf of the Wykeham Old Girls, presented Miss Mellor with a gold wrist watch, a leather handbag and a cheque. Miss Mellor, in thanking everybody, said that although she felt deeply her parting with Wykeham, she felt it her duty now to join her mother and her two sisters in England and must not much longer delay her departure.

General: Flowers were placed on Miss Moore's grave at Easter by Mrs. Giles, and for the Birthday Week-End, by Betty Slatter. The Reverend Mother of the Irene Convent put flowers on Miss Hodges' grave from the Old Girls' Association.

Magazine: As the Editor, Miss Mellor, would no longer be at Wykeham when the Magazine was printed, Miss Clark, the new Headmistress, had consented to edit it. Ruth Bryant, seconded by Lorraine Evans, proposed that Natalie Judd sub-edit the Old Girls' News. Winifred Stree proposed that Joyce Seymour-Haden should write up the second Social Evening. Edith Wroughton spoke on new features for the Magazine. Lorna Hime asked her to start the ball rolling by writing an article on Early Settlers in South Africa; she also appealed to all Old Girls to give prompt notification of changes of address.

A special mention was made of the Johannesburg branch of the Old Girls' Association, who sent a wonderful contribution to the sale. It was proposed that the Association should again send a parcel to Miss Abbott-Smith; Victoria Bacon offered to order a parcel of sweets from Cadbury's. Marylee Masson undertook to arrange a tennis team of Old Girls to play against present girls on Saturday afternoon of the Birthday Week-End, or alternatively, to arrange social tennis among the Old Girls to be played on Saturday morning.

Votes of Thanks: Olive Harris proposed votes of thanks to the following: Rev. A. Mylne, Miss Mellor, Wykeham Staff, Prefects, Executive Committee, Sisters Strachan and Buttery, and all who helped to make the Birthday Week-End a success.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

ODE TO A "TRUSTY SERVANT"—DOOR-KNOCKER

For three years now when guests arrived,
They shouted loud and long;
Else walked straight in and caught me out
In state and clothes all wrong.

No warning had I when they came
My hair in curlers clad,
My feet in slippers and myself—
Déshabillée—most sad.

Now I no longer must rely
On dogs that do not bark
I need not cook with half an eye
On where a car might park.

My children twain my husband too
Join in my gratitude.
To say my front door looks plain grand
Would be a platitude.

SHEILA TURNER (Mrs. Connely).

1850 — MY PEOPLE WERE PIONEERS

By ENID ABLETT (Mrs. Wroughton)

One hundred years ago the sailing ship "Amazon" was tossing at the end of her four months' voyage to Port Natal. She was bound for what her settler passengers believed to be a land of perpetual sunshine where the broad acres they would purchase would be cultivated by energetic Zulu farm hands. The Emigrants' Guide Book had assured them of it, and although the cabin accommodation and the food might not have come up to expectations, there was no reason to doubt that Natal might not be all they had hoped for.

Sarah Ablett, gentle and sweet-tempered as an angel, looked up at the cross-trees where her younger son, James Potter, on his fifteenth birthday, was learning his catechism. They were making history in South Africa, but neither of them knew it. At that moment a great commotion arose around her for the look-out man had signalled that the Bluff

lay ahead of them. Mr. W. H. Ablett, bushy of whisker and ruddy of countenance, was talking to a group of other settlers; Dr. Coventry, the Reverend Gaskin, Mr. Pybus, Mr. C. Lee, Dr. Bromwich and the brothers John and Joseph Meek.

Mrs. Bromwich and Mrs. Pybus exclaimed together: "Look, Mrs. Ablett, our new home will be somewhere over there!"

On the morrow the little "Amazon" crossed the bar and it took all day to land the passengers, who were transhipped into surf boats and finally carried ashore on the backs of sturdy Zulus. The landing of the settlers' possessions, including their farming equipment and tents, followed next, it was a protracted business, and the women and children drew away to sit in the shade of the trees, heavy with hanging creepers, thankful to avoid the rays of the December sun.

During the weeks of waiting in Durban, Sarah Ablett would think longingly of her old home in Kent, and of her husband's birthplace, Libton Hall, in Suffolk.

Not lightly had they bade farewell to British soil, but the "hungry forties," the potato disease, the repeal of the corn laws and general trade depression had worried her hot-tempered, thrustful husband, and he, like so many others, welcomed the thought of better conditions in a British Colony. Of course it required enterprise and courage, but he had that, danger and hardship must be faced, together with whatever tribulations the Almighty saw fit to visit them. At length their land was surveyed, their possessions assembled and they set out with their family from Durban bound for Verulam and Nonoti.

The early Natal pioneers, Sydney and Lawrence Platt, who had made sugar grow after cotton failed, set the example for the 1850 settlers. There at Nonoti for many years old W. H. Ablett ramped over his plantations, the terror of his native employees, by whom he was known for miles around as "Idumapezula N'Tabeni," which, being translated, means "The Thunderer of the Hills." His eldest son, William (always a bachelor) entered one of the first banks in Maritzburg, and to that city later the pioneer and his wife retired to live.

The only other surviving son, James Potter Ablett, continued to farm at Nonoti, where he was known as "Ukutsula," "The Silent One." However, his loneliness was relieved by the arrival of an attractive young lady, Rosa Winn, on a health visit to her planter brother, at the wish of her father, a well-known London doctor. In due course Miss Winn was wooed and won and became the wife of J. P. Ablett. She seems to

have taken kindly to life in Natal and soon learned to accomplish the ride from Durban to Maritzburg in a day, despite the fact that a lion, or a leopard, might have been encountered on the way. On the lonely sugar estate Rosario Ablett raised a family of five, whilst her enterprising husband, in between the seasons, traded for ivory up and down the coast in company with Reuben Beningfield.

Then came the news that fabulous fortunes were being made on the diamond fields of Kimberley, and the planter-trader, James, decided to seek his fortune too. The Nonoti estate was sold, the two eldest children, Amy and Arthur, sent to junior school in Maritzburg with their grandmother to keep an eye on them.

When at length her husband wrote from Kimberley saying that he had established himself in business and had taken a house, Rosario Ablett took her best pieces of furniture, her linen, her silver, her French novels and her three youngest children, Edith, Frank and Kate, and set forth by ox-wagon for the diamond diggings.

Long tedious and adventurous was the route over the Drakensberg and across the Free State, for company she had the transport wagons and the riders who went with them, and at last arrived at the red, dusty settlement where fortune and friends abounded and where her husband was later to be elected Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. She knew Cecil Rhodes and Jameson, Lionel Phillips, and on Zeederberg's Stage Coach she and her daughters travelled with the Barnato brothers, who were always the life and soul of any party.

They were the "restless eighties," and Rosario Ablett made voyages to England, France and Belgium for her children's education. James Ablett became restive too, for there were fairer fields and fortunes calling with the discovery of gold on the Rand. He trekked northwards to Johannesburg about 1892. There came his musical daughters, one of them a Royal Academy gold medallist, to charm people with her singing. In Johannesburg Arthur and Edith died, and there some of the family returned after the Boer War.

But it was to Durban that the aged couple retired to spend the twilight of their days, and after fifty-four years of married life they passed away within a few hours of each other. Now a hundred years after the first Ablett entered Natal there remains only the writer, daughter of the eldest

daughter of James and Rosario Ablett, to record the dying out of a British family which, along with countless others, brought its enterprise, industry, integrity and faith in God's purpose to the founding of Natal.



1950—SOME IMPRESSIONS OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

I was lucky enough to be a member of this large gathering of hockey players and officials representing eleven countries, which toured South Africa for ten weeks. It was for me an experience which I shall never forget. Those two and a half months gave us opportunities which none of us would ever have had without the help of a hockey stick. The public went out of their way to entertain us wherever we went, and it was interesting to meet many Old Girls whom I had not seen since I left school. With all the thrills of being a Springbok, there are few snags, as you have to be prepared for a great deal of publicity, but this is of minor importance.

Until now, the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations did not really mean anything to us, but now we know what a wonderful work it has done and is doing, in fostering and improving the game and in creating a better understanding between nations. We have all made friends from other countries and have found how easy it is to learn to see another person's point of view, because, after all, we are alike. Politics never entered into anything—a striking example of this was that the International Wander-

ers team, consisting of players from five countries who were not necessarily internationals, could mould together to form quite a formidable team and show that it was only the game that was important. The Conference itself showed how this Federation was willing to move with the times, and the advice of the player was always required on new suggestions.

Wherever the teams went, tribute has been paid to them for the spirit in which the game was played. Sitting amongst supporters of their respective teams, it was noticeable how good play on both sides was applauded and no one really minded who won.

On of the nicest parts of the whole Tour was the fact that we had our own special train, which took us over the 7,500 miles we had to travel through the Union and Rhodesia. It became known as "The League of Nations train." The railways, in conjunction with the All-South Africa and Rhodesia Women's Hockey Association, are to be congratulated on their efficient organisation, which was largely responsible for the success of the tour. The numerous journeys afforded us many opportunities for meeting the other teams, and many happy hours were spent in the Observation Car, indulging in hilarious "sing-songs" and in the exchange of ideas.

As far as the game is concerned, we have learnt a tremendous amount about it, thanks to the English coach, Miss Eileen Taylor, who was lent to us during the tour. When she started coaching us we all felt like beginners, but she made our stickwork practices so interesting, that we did not mind turning out for hours on end, day after day. It was then that I realised the true meaning of Michelangelo's famous words, "Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle." Of the actual games themselves, no one will ever forget the game in which we beat England, and we are very proud of being only the third team to do so in over forty years and also the first South African team. No other game could reach the heights of that one.

We were also privileged to meet the important people who have done so much for the game of hockey—Miss Light and Miss Armfield, from England—who are two of the nicest and most charming women I have ever met. It is no wonder that England has led in hockey for so long, and with such people to guide us we need never worry about the future.

LEILA BEATER.

OUR SECOND OLD GIRLS' SOCIAL EVENING

At the Wykeham Old Girls' Social Evening on March 21st, 1950, Miss Mellor asked Janet Black and me to write an account of the experiences of Barbara Walton and Blythe Clark, who gave short talks on what had befallen them during World War II. These evenings are full of interest, and apart from meeting friends, we have the opportunity of hearing plans of the year's work of the school and of getting to know those who were not at school in our time.

Barbara Walton wrote of her war-time experiences in the 1949 Magazine, and Janet and I thought it would be a good idea if Blythe Clark sent in an article on her shipwreck, which she has done. She has given us a very bare account of what happened, and has left to our imagination the agony of mind, the weakness of the body, and the suffering stoically endured by this handful of people.

JOYCE TILNEY (Mrs. Seymour Haden).

THIRTEEN DAYS IN A LIFEBOAT

By BLYTHE CLARK

In February, 1942, I sailed from South Africa for the U.S.A. in the "City of New York." On March 29, Palm Sunday, we were just off Cape Hatteras and within twenty-four hours of New York. It was a cold, grey day and the sea was very rough. The lunch bell had just gone when there was a sickening jolt. At once the General Alarm was sounded and, being well schooled, after five weeks of daily boat drill, we all quietly fetched our lifebelts and emergency bags and took our places at the lifeboats. There was no panic. Two lifeboats had been destroyed by the torpedo, and passengers and crew had to be re-assigned to the remaining boats.

As we were being launched a second torpedo struck the ship and the men in our boat had to pull away hard from the fast-sinking "City of New York." A lifeboat had been overturned by the second torpedo and we saw many people struggling in the water. We picked up "Sparks," the radio man, a sailor and the chief engineer. We were now twenty in the lifeboat, six passengers, one a little girl of four, two

officers and twelve of the crew.

The sea was rough beyond description. Mountainous waves crashed upon us from every side and the crew rowed desperately to keep the boat afloat. In no time we were all soaked to the skin and, without exception, hideously sea sick. When night came ten blankets were handed out and we settled ourselves for the night, sitting huddled together, wet and shudderingly cold.

The next day was calm, the sun came out and there was an optimistic feeling amongst the company. We took stock of the provisions. Two kegs of water, a limited supply of canned tomatoes and peas, about a dozen cans of condensed milk and plenty of ship's biscuits. Our meals consisted of a mug of water and a ship's biscuit with condensed milk. We collected all the soggy cigarettes and dried out the tobacco, which thereafter was kept in a bottle. An occasional cigarette was made from the pages of my dictionary and each smoker was allowed one pull.

The next day we sighted a plane. While it was still a speck on the horizon we stood up and shouted and waved our blankets. It came towards us and then, making a wide circle, disappeared. We learned afterwards that all the other lifeboats had been picked up and this plane was actually searching for us.

It was soon found that the compass was faulty and we had to depend on the sun and the stars for our direction. When it was not too rough we put up the sail. In rough seas the sea anchor was thrown out and then we simply went with the current.

On the fourth day three of the company died. Jimmy, the steward, Bert, a sailor, and Aletta Jacobs, a South African missionary. On this day it was decided to reduce the water ration, and thereafter we were given only a medicine glass of water three times a day. Our hands and feet swelled painfully from the intense cold, and we could think of little else but our next water ration. The sun was never warm enough to dry out our blankets and clothes and the nights were a hideous misery.

On Easter Sunday we gave Easter greetings, and my friend Anna and I sang an Easter hymn. "Sparks" died that night. On Easter Monday the sea was like glass and we rowed from four o'clock in the morning, each taking twenty-minute shifts. Flies were around the boat and sea-gulls too, and the sailors declared that land could not be far off. But though we watched the horizon all day, no land

appeared. Anna and I made a balaclava for Mr. Lea, the chief engineer, from an extra skirt Anna had with her. We sewed it with a sack needle and string.

On Tuesday the Jugo-slav General was delirious and all through that night he cried "Aqua! Aqua!" The next day he died. It rained heavily that day and we tried to collect water in the sail, but it was a tantalizing business and what was collected was brackish from the sail.

Bob, the electrician, died on Thursday. That night the sea was frightful, the waves crashing into the boat all through the night. No one had the strength to bail and the water was up to the slats at the bottom of the boat. In the night Ferreira, a Portuguese sailor, was washed overboard and was hauled back with the greatest difficulty. He was dead the next morning. We sat huddled together all day, too weary to move.

On Friday night Mrs. Etta, a Lithuanian Jewess, and mother of the little girl, became delirious and sang a Yiddish lament. It had in it the misery of all ages. She died in the morning and Anna and I, now the only women survivors, took little Mickey and kept her entertained.

Then suddenly there was a plane circling above. Parcels of food and drink were thrown from the plane and landed in the sea. No one was strong enough to salvage them. The plane flew off and presently a blimp arrived, more parcels were thrown and they, too, missed their mark. The men in the blimp shouted that a coast guard cutter was coming to our rescue.

We waited all through that day for the cutter. A young Ensign lay at my feet sleeping. When next I looked at him he was dead. At five that afternoon the rescue boat appeared. We scrambled aboard, bringing with us the bodies of Mrs. Etta and the Ensign. On the cutter was an unlimited supply of hot coffee and hot soup. That did taste good to us!

At five the next morning we reached Lewes, Delaware, where ambulances were waiting to take the eleven survivors to hospital. I shall never forget the exquisite comfort of that warm, dry hospital bed.

"FRENCH BEANS WITHOUT TEARS"

For "French Beans" read any vegetables or flowers according to season, and for "Tears" read "Toil, Sweat and Lumbago."

After several years of experimenting with compost heaps, surface mulching and "No deep digging" method, I have found the following to be the most labour-saving and yet highest yielding system:—

Make approximately one-fifth of available organic trash into the usual compost heap, the remaining four-fifths trash compost direct on the planting site. To do this, mark off the ground to be planted in 3ft. wide parallel sections right across and following any natural contour of the ground. In alternate sections build up long mounds of the organic trash to a height of 12 inches to 18 inches, as material comes to hand, planting a crop in the intervening section. As soon as a crop (or portion) is reaped, fork along the adjoining compost mound, and shake out any undecayed trash into this bare section; this will then be the foundation of the next trash mound. The compost bed from which this has been removed is now forked lightly over and will be found to consist of moist friable soil, with developing earthworms, and containing all the juices that have leaked out of the organic trash and in this you plant the next crop.

The advantages are obvious, the ground receives alternating periods of rest and production, and at no time is any part left uncovered, thus avoiding erosion by wind or rain and evaporation of moisture, and above all, encouraging the growth and multiplication of the common earthworm, which is essential to the fertility of the soil. There is now no need for deep digging, the earthworm will do it for you, which no doubt will be an attraction to many.

In our district the cycle is about 3-4 months, but this varies with material used in the trash and the season of the year, and it will naturally vary with district and climate. I have also noticed a great saving of water in any ground so treated; some watering in dry spells is, of course, necessary, but this is far less than by any other method.

As for the trash, almost anything organic can be composted, and besides the usual garden waste of weeds, grass cuttings, leaves, etc., such matter as newspaper, woodwool, sawdust, straw, etc., can all go in, but these must be well

saturated with water (rain for choice), and assisted by an activator and manure. Their breaking up will take longer and require heat, so they are best in the heap, which is built up in layers of different materials and protected with an earth covering and sacking if available.

Kitchen garbage is best dealt with separately in something such as a 40-gallon drum. Everything can be used except grease, but it must not go in too wet, and needs a sprinkling of earth on the daily contribution and protection from rain, otherwise a most unpleasant smell results.

There is a great variety of books and pamphlets on compost-making and surface mulching, etc., but of these I have found "Common Sense Compost Making," by M. Bruce, by far the most useful, and a great help also with general garden work; her OR activator has the advantage that with it first-class compost can be produced without manure (though this should never be wasted). "Ploughman's Folly," by Falkener, is a good exposition of the "no digging" theory combined with surface mulching. My own experience is only on a small area, but I have followed and seen this method applied by friends over 3 years on 10 acres with admirable results, though this method is only suitable under certain conditions.

My non-European staff have taken a deep interest in my methods, and at least two of them are now applying it in their own grounds. I very much hope that their own results will stimulate others to follow their example, and lead to greater production of vegetables in the locations and native townships, which is at the moment sadly lacking, and so contribute better nutrition to their race and also help with the conservation of soil in the Reserves; at present it is being eroded away at an alarming pace.

TONY POPE-ELLIS (Mrs. Seekings).

WESTVILLE W.I. MEMBER WRITES ABOUT SUMMER SCHOOL

The letter by Victoria Peel (Mrs. H. Bacon) that won the first prize in the Women's Institute Competition.

Eywood, Cowie's Hill,
Natal,

April 3, 1950.

My dear Frances,

You will remember that in a recent letter, in which I referred to Women's Institute activities, mention was made

of my hope of attending Summer School at Scottburgh, details of which you read in the February issue of "Home and Country" and now amplified by the enclosed programme.

This hope having been fulfilled, let us plunge headlong into school, marvelling at the aptness of its name, since this is the hottest March we have had for eight years!

Fortunately, this contingency was foreseen by our hostess, Institute, who provided charming fans, in addition to regaling us twice a day with delicious refreshments in collaboration with neighbouring Institutes, and for this material aspect of the week we were very grateful.

Now, since it is an invidious matter, to my mind, to single out any one lecturer for special mention, owing to the excellence of them all, let me touch briefly on each one in the order in which they appealed to me.

Professor Durrant's exposition on modern life as it affects our leisure hours, followed by an absorbing talk on books delivered in forthright style, undoubtedly set a high standard from which subsequent lecturers did not fall. He deplored this age of mass production, comparing it with the days prior to the French Revolution when real music, games and skills existed in the home, of which the advent of cheap entertainment had robbed us. Averring that contemporary education which left no time for the cultivation of the gentle arts was producing a race of "skilled barbarians," he urged mothers to foster in their children the love of nature and art, pointing out that education must not be confused with culture.

Books he classified as Mineral Waters, Hard Tack, and Slosh, likening the reading of good books to mountaineering, as distinct from the mineral water variety comparable to a ride on an escalator.

Exposing modern methods of publishing and book-selling, he advised us to place less faith in reviewers than in our own judgment, since all were in a conspiracy to sell their wares irrespective of worth.

Elegant in a pastel-tinted frock with dolman sleeves, Mrs. Winifred Curtin next took the stage and demonstrated with pregnant gestures and colourful wording the complicated magic of stage-craft.

Most striking was her emphasis on the necessity of both producer and players knowing the entire play by heart before coming to the first rehearsal, of which, she said, there must be at least thirty before risking it before an audience, adding

that a good test of its acceptability was to invite a foreigner to the dress rehearsal. Stress was laid on the importance of an efficient prompter and carefully-prepared prompt copy of the play in order to ensure perfect co-ordination between producer, stage manager, lights man and cast. For increased vocal resonance she suggested yawning and repetition of the word "one," and to go singing about the house. The salutary lesson we learned from this lecture was to renounce acting unless we were prepared to sink our individuality in the character of the part we were to play.

Mr. How, whom you know, spoke on Handicrafts and was very diverting. We were carried away by his superabundant vitality and gay sallies. A happy choice for a Saturday morning lecture, and in this connection a tribute must be paid to the organisers of Summer School for the clever balance achieved in the programme, obviating any sense of monotony.

Design was Mr. How's theme song, and he returned to this word unceasingly, pointing out that all we wore and used originated in the mind of a designer. He was impatient of our limited ideas on house decoration, urging us to try the effects of pastel-tinted walls and dramatic exteriors in exchange for our pedestrian cream and brown. He warned us, however, against rushing home and painting the front door crimson in deference to our even more conservative husbands.

Children, he said, were the best appreciators of art and should be given quantities of plain drawing books, crayons and pencils to distract them from adorning our walls.

Our only evening lecture was given by Mr. Leyden, who spoke with great power and sincerity, urging on us the importance of cultivating a quiet mind in the noisy restless age in which we live. He referred to great men and women of the past who, through adversity, achieved peace of mind, from Abraham Lincoln down to our own Murrough Nesbitt.

This talk was notable for its rich phrasing and apt quotations and was extremely popular.

To Mr. Stirling Robins we owe a special debt of gratitude, not only for his delightfully informal talk on music, which he personally illustrated on the fiddle, but for bringing his clever quartette of pupils down with him to charm our ears.

Mrs. Margery Santry's enthusiasm for choir work and

community singing was infectious, and soon we were all joining in singing dear old "Annie Laurie" and "John Peel," led by her.

Finally, mention must be made of the audience which was of such a receptive nature that it was a privilege and delight to form part of it. Throughout one could have heard the proverbial pin drop.

Surely those responsible for the great success of this School need no higher tribute paid them than this, particularly in view of the aforementioned weather, to say nothing of the unyielding nature of the chairs!

And so, on a tide of melody and leave-takings, 1950 Summer School came to an end, my one regret being that you had not been with me to share in so memorable and enriching an experience.



OLD GIRLS' NEWS

ABBOTT-SMITH (Miss) is back in a school. She started in May on afternoon work at Kingsdene School at Worthing. She takes preps. and supervision duties from 2 to 7 p.m. on week-days. The school has a staff of 15, and 150 pupils, chiefly day scholars, with about 50 boarders. She finds them all very friendly, but says she still prefers South African children. She sent best wishes for the Birthday Week-End and a very generous donation for the Old Girls' Sale in April. Since this time last year she has seen several

Old Girls, including Joan MacNeillie (Mrs. Barlow), Margaret Moodie and Sheila Barns (Mrs. Cockburn) and her husband.

ABLETT, ENID (Mrs. Wroughton) is still adding laurels to her name. She is now President of the Cape Town Branch of the National Council of Women of South Africa, and as an artist is earning golden opinions. She was described by one art critic as "a painter of great courage and colour appreciation." The Biennial Conference of the N.C.W.S.A. in Maritzburg in April made it possible for her to be present at this year's Wykeham Birthday celebrations and to meet many old school friends. She hopes that the Interim Conference of the N.C.W., which is to be held in Greytown next April, will give her another chance of seeing old Wykehamites. She writes: "As I am particularly interested in broadcasting, I would like to take this opportunity of asking Old Girls to write to the local Advisory Councils of the S.A.B.C. asking for better music on the 'A' transmission and for cultural programmes. I should be very glad to welcome any visitors to Cape Town at my studio in Wynberg, and would ask them to let me know by 'phone or letter if they are coming." You will enjoy reading her article in this Magazine.

ACUTT, BARBARA, is still working for Messrs. Mitchell & Eadie, Accountants, in Maritzburg. She often gives us a hand with the cutting of stencils for Old Girls' notices, for which we are most grateful.

ADLAM, ETHNE (Mrs. Cowan) was married on May 20th this year, and three Old Girls who were at her wedding were Kathleen and Moyra Tipping and Phyllis Gold. She is still working as a shorthand-typist in a Johannesburg office.

AGIUS, KOUKY, failed Matric. last year, but is going to study medicine in Paris. She sailed from Durban a few days after the end of term in December and wrote in April this year from Alexandria, Egypt, after having spent two months in London, enjoying every minute of the time.

ALEXANDER, MARJORIE, left Durban for, we think, Cape Town some time last year. She is still employed as a mothercraft adviser by the makers of "Nutrine," and Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) was given some useful advice by her on

one of her visits to the Nutrine Clinic in Durban with her baby, Sandra.

ALLAN, TERRY (Mrs. Bredin) was at the Old Girls' Week-End, and also came into Maritzburg for the Royal Show. Her name was prominent during the filming of "Cry the Beloved Country." BARBARA and JOAN are living with their family at Lusaka, where they are both working for the Public Works Department of the Northern Rhodesian Government. Barbara and her mother travelled up from the Union in October last year to join her father, and Joan joined them in December after taking her Matric. In January Joan started her nursing training at the Johannesburg General Hospital, but was suddenly taken ill with meningitis. She made a good recovery but is not allowed by the doctor to return to nursing for a couple of years. Barbara played for Northern Rhodesia in the Women's Hockey Tournament at Bulawayo. She had lunch with Beryl and Sheila Lowenthal while there. Latest news is that she has announced her engagement to Joe Earl-Spurr. LESLEY (Mrs. Faull) wrote saying she was sorry she could not be at the Old Girls' Week-End and also wired her good wishes. Joan MacNeillie wanted Lesley's little daughter Alicia to be flower girl at her wedding at Empangeni in June, but the distance made it impossible. Lesley, of course, is still at Rondebosch.

ALLISON, AUDREY (Mrs. Eckhoff) was one of those with whom Sheila Barns (Mrs. Cockburn) got into touch after arriving in England. Sheila wrote in April that she would be seeing Audrey after the Easter holidays.

AMOS, IRENE (Mrs. van der Poel) was in Durban on a visit from Cape Town in May this year. VERA (Mrs. Morford) appeared in a photograph in "The Natal Mercury" with Miss Mellor and Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant) at the farewell party in Durban for Miss Mellor.

ANDERSON, IVY and ELSIE (Mrs. Chapman) have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their mother in November, 1949. JUANITA (Mrs. Evans) had an enjoyable six months' leave in England and wrote from Staffordshire saying that she was returning to Rhodesia about the middle of February. PATRICIA announced her engagement to Ed-

ward Walker, of Highflats, in July this year. SHIRLEY and Monica Smith had a pleasant surprise meeting at Richards Bay. BABETTE came up for the Old Girls' Week-End. She is still doing very well at the Technical College School of Art in Durban, and is one of the leading lights of the College Arts Group.

ANDERTON, PATRICIA, ex-Head Girl of 1949, sailed for England in the "City of Canterbury" on August 16th with her mother and brother, having spent the waiting time after leaving school working in a solicitor's office in Durban. She is to study dramatic art at the Central School, London, and will share a room with Berenice Kruger at the Students' Hostel when the school term begins in October. She expects to be away for at least three years.

ARNOTT, NATALIE (Mrs. Shewan), FLO (Mrs. Gray), PHEMY (Mrs. E. W. Peddie) and SHEILA (Mrs. G. Peddie) suffered the sad loss of their mother in December last year. DULCIE (Mrs. Foster) has a new baby daughter now just over a year old. Her daughter Fiona started at Wykeham this year and Dulcie was one of the big crowd of Old Girls who came to the Birthday Week-End.

ASHFIELD, ALOYS, has recently become engaged to Warren (Cappy) Sinclair, of Johannesburg, where she is now living. She was chosen as "Miss South Coast" in the Wool Queen contest which was held earlier this year. Her fiancé was last season's captain of the Wanderers' Rugby section, Johannesburg.

BAARTMAN, RENEE, successfully completed her midwifery course at Krugersdorp and is now doing private nursing in Johannesburg. She has had tea several times with Ruth Mendelsohn (Mrs. Potter).

BACKHOUSE, DOROTHY (Mrs. Manton), who now has two sons, Grenville and David, is looking forward to moving into her new house at Scottsville when the builders have finished the job. She writes that she is now the proud possessor of a "jalopy."

BAIKIE, DOREEN, had a sad time last year when her

mother died in November. She is now engaged to Vaughan Evans, of Maritzburg, and is working as a radiographer at the X-ray Laboratory at the Maritzburg Sanatorium. She had a spell in Grey's Hospital this year, where she was nursed by a fellow Old Girl, Dawn Leather. Edna Bowles (Masson) often pops in to see her with her three children.

BAKER, CAROLINE (Mrs. Harvey) went up early this year to Uganda with her husband, who took up the post of Junior Geologist on the Kilembe Copper Mine, which is situated 57 miles from the nearest village and right in the heart of the "Mountains of the Moon." They are there on a year's contract. SHIRLEY left Wykeham at the end of last year, having gained distinction in the National Commercial Junior Bookkeeping and Elementary Pitman's and a pass in Junior Typing. She intended taking up secretarial work.

BANGLEY, PHYLLIS (Mrs. Goldwater) has won distinction in an unusual direction. Old Girls may have seen her photograph in "The Natal Mercury" of June 9, 1950, beside an article describing how white ants have been beaten in Durban by a mixture of chemicals which Phyllis has discovered. She made the discovery accidentally when experimenting with water culture solutions. She threw the chemicals on her lawn as she finished each experiment and found that there was one patch which the white ants shunned. It took her two years though to find out which mixture it was that the little pests disliked! Now her mixture is being used with success at Kingsmead in Durban. PEGGY has just returned from an interesting trip up the East Coast and through Rhodesia. She is still at Benoni High School.

BARNS, SHEILA (Mrs. Cockburn), wrote wishing success to the Birthday Week-End. She and her husband are now living at Loughton, in Essex, where Mr. Cockburn is Warden of the Loughton Youth Centre. He is responsible for organising their educational and recreational pursuits; and he and Sheila have been fortunate enough to get a flat. They are only 45 minutes from Oxford Circus and two minutes from Loughton Station. It is fortunate, too, that Sheila has two cousins living in Loughton.

BATCHELOR, HAZEL, when she sent us her news, said that she would be leaving the Training College at Grahamstown in September to continue her musical studies in Durban. She is still playing hockey and was chosen for Albany to play against Scotland in the Women's Interna-

tional Hockey Tournament recently. She had been seeing Heath Cooper frequently and was looking forward to seeing much more of Wykeham girls, past and present now that she was moving nearer home.

BEATER, LEILA, has brought honour to Wykeham by being selected as goalkeeper for South Africa in the Women's International Hockey Tournament. She played well in all the matches and says she had a most interesting and enjoyable time making friends from many countries and learning a lot about hockey, especially from the All England coach who was with them. In the course of her travels she also re-met many Wykeham Old Girls. VIVIENNE (Mrs. Haw) went to Salisbury to see Leila when the teams were there. She and her husband, who is reading for his B.A. (Hons.) this year, are hoping soon to move into their new house at Wedza, Southern Rhodesia.

BEARD, ELIZABETH, is still enjoying her work at W. M. Smythe's office in Maritzburg, and continuing her studies in shorthand in the evenings. She was on holiday at South Broom in August.

BEAUMONT, JULIE (Mrs. Woods), came to the Old Girls' Sale in April. She and Lorna Hime met one day at the car testing ground, both being there for the purpose of having their cars tested.

BEHRMANN, BETH, with Memory Woods (Mrs. Otto) and Dulcie Woods (Mrs. Fraser), ran the successful produce stall at the Old Girls' Sale in April.

BEILES, DORIA (Mrs. Block), wrote in April sending a generous donation for the Old Girls' Sale. She has had a new baby and says that her daughter Lynda is very proud of her baby brother, Jonathan David.

BENNETT, AVICE (Mrs. Henderson), died at the beginning of June. We extend our sympathy to her family. R.I.P. To BARBARA, too (Mrs. Cope), goes our deepest sympathy in the tragic loss of her husband, Bob, who was killed in a tractor accident on his farm at Mooi River. She is left with two young children, the little girl, Gillian, being at Wykeham. JOAN (Mrs. Byas) has been to England on three months' holiday and had a glorious time. She left her daughter Wendy with Barbara while she was away.

BENNETT-DAVIS, ERICA (Mrs. Goss), says she is kept extremely busy looking after her 2½-year-old son and travelling backwards and forwards between her husband's farm in East Griqualand and his trading station in Pondo-land. MOLLYE (Mrs. Ross-Munro) had a lovely cruise to

Mombasa, but unfortunately both she and her husband contracted malaria up there.

BERRY, DOREEN, is now back after her trip to England.

BLACK, JANET, of course, is still the busy Hon. Secretary of the Wykeham Old Girls' Executive and is never too busy to do any job for Wykeham. She helped with preparations for the Jumble Sale in September, and was the convener of the very successful Fancy Stall at the Old Girls' Sale. We congratulate her and her helpers on the marvellous result—£68 odd. DONNA is doing secretarial work in Kokstad, but is planning to join PAT, who is still training in Durban.

BLACKLOCK, MAISIE ((Mrs. McBride), went to Ruth Bryant's tea party at the Victoria League in Durban to say farewell to Miss Mellor a few days before she sailed for England.

BLACKHURST, AVALON, has our sympathy in the loss of her mother in May this year.

BLAKEWAY, CLARE (Mrs. Fannin), has another little son, Christopher, who was born early in the New Year. She has a charming home and a lovely garden and is visited quite often by Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul), whose cousin she married. Her father-in-law, Natalie's uncle, died recently. NOELLE is working as receptionist for Drs. Rivers-Moore and Tibbit in Maritzburg. She shared a flat with another Wykeham Old Girl, Florence Smallie (Mrs. Robertson) for a while and is now living with yet another W.O.G., Buntj Boast. Noelle says she saw Yvonne van der Hoven in June.

BLELOCH, INGIE (Mrs. Conway), missed the Old Girls' party for Miss Mellor in Johannesburg on May 20th as she was away, but she sent apologies and best wishes.

BOAST, GLADYS, is now teaching piano in Port Elizabeth, where she finds more scope than in Greytown, and where she is doing senior work which she prefers to junior work. She was staying with MAY (Mrs. Hamilton) at the latter's new home at Harding recently when they had a visit from Dorrie Vanderplank (Mrs. Blakeway). Miss Mellor met May at Highlats, too. MAUREEN is still working in Mr. Leslie Smith's office and, as recorded above, is living with Noelle Blakeway.

BRADFIELD, Glenore, was married in Maritzburg in July to Henry Smith.

BREDIN, ZILLAH, is now Mrs. Kenneth Schofield. She was married in Maritzburg on December 22nd last year.

BRERETON, RUTH (Mrs. Evans James) died at the

beginning of August this year. Our sympathy goes to her two daughters. R.I.P.

BROOME, ANN (Mrs. Leighton Hulett), has a baby daughter, Dina, who was born in February. She has a lovely garden and still retains her interest in arts and swimming.

BROWNING, EILEEN (Mrs. Speyer), has had six months' holiday, five of them at their cottage at Plettenberg Bay and the other in Rhodesia. They let their house in Johannesburg and she says they seem to have found unusual tenants, for their house and garden were beautifully looked after in their absence. Eileen, despite being away from home, did not miss sending a contribution to the Sale in April, with her best wishes for the Week-End. **ZOE** (Mrs. Boreham) had a daughter on September 4th.

BULL, WINIFRED (Mrs. Drummond), spent July in Durban. They have bought a house there and hope soon to live in it.

BURNETT, MARGARET (Mrs. Evans), is as busy as ever on the farm, but took a few days off to attend the Kafue Show. Her husband is the Vice-President and in the absence of the President's wife, Margaret had to act in her place at the various functions. Her two sons go to Grahamstown to school and her daughter to Bulawayo. Her baby is five years old.

BUTCHER, MAUREEN, has become engaged to Tommy Lithgow, who is a Veterinary Surgeon in Government employ. She is still keen on shooting and managed to get second place in the general aggregate in the inter-club competitions held in Bulawayo in April last. She plans to get married in January, 1951. Miss Mellor found a photograph of her in a Bulawayo newspaper displaying the latest in "betboo" hats! **MAVIS** married William Bovett in Bulawayo on April 15th this year and had Maureen as one of her bridesmaids. Last year she went to England to study singing and soon after her return was chosen to take the part of Cinderella in a Christmas pantomime which Mr. Frank Rogaly, of Johannesburg, was producing in Bulawayo. Since her marriage she has joined several choirs and has been spending a lot of time rehearsing for shows. She was busy working for "Patience," which was to be produced in August and for operas which were to go on in September or October.

BUTTON, HAZEL (Mrs. Penry-Roberts) has been very ill and lost her little son, David, a few days after he was born. Our sympathy to her. She is better now and is working and

liking her job very much. Her little daughter, Anne, aged two, has been staying with Granny, i.e., Sydney Strachan (Mrs. Button), another Wykeham Old Girl.

BYNG, JUDY (Mrs. Duncan) had three beautiful pictures for children on the Natal Society of Artists' Exhibition in Durban in July, and we are told that the work in them was exquisite.

CALVERLEY, BERYL (Mrs. Paddock) had a baby daughter on March 28th this year.

CARBUTT, TRIXIE (Mrs. Handley), gave a farewell party for Frances Handley (Mrs. Gibbs) before she left Greytown to live in Maritzburg.

CARTER, PAMELA (Mrs. Cox), had a baby daughter born at Grey's Hospital on February 17th. She now has a beautiful home recently built at Montrose, Maritzburg's new Town Hill suburb. In August she had the bad luck to be laid low with the prevailing flu. Her baby is growing apace, as babies do!

CHAPLIN, DENISE (Mrs. Dornig), has also had a baby daughter, who was born at Matatiele on June 6th. Her husband, who is one of East Griqualand's star cricketers, had the bad luck to break his arm after he had been selected to play for Natal against the Australians.

CHARD, MARJORIE (Mrs. Tarr), says she is one of those hard-working farmers' wives who can seldom get away from the ties of housekeeping and farming so regretted that she could not be with us for the Birthday Week-End. Her son is now at Kearsney College.

CHILVERS, JANET (Mrs. Amos), called in to see Miss Mellor at Wykeham in November last year. Her small son, Hedley, was flourishing and she hardly looked a day older than when she swam so successfully for Wykeham. She was going up to Rhodesia with a view to doing journalistic work up there.

CLARK, BLYTHE, told the gathering of Maritzburg Wykeham Old Girls on March 21st the grim story of her experiences in an open boat in the North Atlantic after her ship had been torpedoed during the war, and has written the same story for this year's Magazine. It is a most inspiring story of courage and endurance, and it was a wonderful experience to hear her tell it and to be able to ask her questions afterwards. Blythe is now living in Maritzburg with her mother. SYLVIA (Mrs. Battecock) was out from England on a visit last year.

CLEMENTS, LORNA (Mrs. Clark), now has three daughters, the youngest being just about a year old. She is waiting to build a house in Johannesburg, we hear from Ann Nicolls, who sees her occasionally, as does Mary McLeod (Mrs. Scrimgeour).

COOPER, BETTY (Mrs. Lewin), will be sending her daughter Jillian to Wykeham next year. She gave a very successful and enjoyable party at her home in Johannesburg in May to give Old Girls living there an opportunity of saying good-bye to Miss Mellor. SUZETTE (Mrs. Kinkead-Weekes) is living in Durban now. HEATH loves her work at Rhodes University. As part of her study course she went to work for three weeks at the Jewish Orphanage in Johannesburg during the summer vacation. Hazel Batchelor, who was at the Training College at Grahamstown saw a lot of her. PAT is taking a Librarian's course at Cape Town University.

COSNETT, JACQUELINE left Wykeham at the end of 1949 after having spent 10 years there during which she brought much credit to the school academically. She is taking her B.A. degree in Social Science at Rhodes University College and having a very good time there, she says. Heath Cooper, of course, is a fellow-student taking the same course.

COX, MABELLE (Bunt) (Mrs. O'Connor), enjoyed the tea party at Betty Cooper's (Mrs. Lewin's) house in May, and said it was lovely seeing Miss Mellor and so many Old Girls. She sees a lot of Sheila Kregeloh (Mrs. Burchell) and also hears from Joan Tipper (Richards). She also saw Penelope Kershaw (Mrs. Gordon) when she was up for the Voortrekker celebrations. Bunt still plays tennis and golf.

CROMPTON, NATALIE (Mrs. Phelps), was one of the two Natalies helping with the refreshment stall at the Sale in April—the other was Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul). Natalie's (Crompton's) father has been ill for some time and she has had a worrying time.

CROOKES, ROSE-ELLA (Mrs. Waring), left Durban with her husband by air on a short holiday visit to Europe in mid-August. They were going to see the Passion Play at Oberammagan and intended to pay flying visits to Switzerland, Austria and Italy, returning to South Africa via Sicily. Rose-Ella sent sugar and 300 lovely cellophane bags for the sweet stall at the Sale which made all the difference to the appearance of the stall. Everyone was glad to see her at the Birthday festivities. VIOLET (Mrs. Poynton) was not so

fortunate—she wrote saying how sorry she was not to be able to attend the Birthday Week-End. IVY (Mrs. Gillatt) wrote in May saying that she had just got settled in at Gledhow, Chaka's Kraal, and was looking forward to having Rose-Ella, Vi, and Doreen on May 24th. DOREEN (Mrs. Phillips) had Miss Hodges's niece, Joan Andrews (Mrs. Chandler) staying with her on a trip from England and brought her to the Old Girls' Week-End. The boat on which she returned to England sailed on April 28th, so the dates just fitted in. Those of us who were at school with her for the year that she spent at Wykeham were delighted to see her again. Doreen, of course, is often at Wykeham, where her daughter Elizabeth is doing very well. SHEILA (Mrs. Bennett) and her four children stayed with Doreen at Scottburgh at their beach cottage in the Easter holidays, but got back home to realise that not only the four children but she as well had whooping cough! Luckily, they all had it only slightly. Since then she and her husband have had their share of sorrow, for first her husband's aunt, Mrs. Henderson, who was Avice Bennett, a Wykeham Old Girl, died, and then Barbara Bennett's husband, Bob Cope, died tragically in a tractor accident. ELAINE (Mrs. Gordon Watson), with Lorna Hime and Phyllis Shippey (Mrs. Somerville) ran the cake and sweet stall at the Old Girls' Sale.

CROSS, MONA (Mrs. Newton) sent a generous donation for the Old Girls' Sale and wished she could be with us for the Birthday Week-End. She and her husband had recently had the house in which they had lived for many years sold over their heads and had been unable to get another, so were in a hotel when she wrote. She has our sympathy in the sudden loss of her mother in March and the equally sudden loss of her brother-in-law at the beginning of May. As her sister has been an invalid for eight years, most of the burden and business arrangements resulting from these tragic family losses have fallen on Mona. She is still secretary to the Board of Management of the Government Villages for ex-volunteers.

CROWE, METTE (Mrs. Horton), sent Lorna Hime a generous donation for the cake and sweet stall at the W.O.G. Sale, and good wishes for the success of the Sale. She said they were very busy gardening and beautifying their home, but her husband had had an unfortunate accident in January when he dislocated and broke his right shoulder. When she wrote in March they had almost finished their swimming

bath, and when the fowlhouse was completed they hoped to say good-bye to bricks, cement and sand!

DANIEL, WENDY, is living at the Cape now, her father being in command there. She works for the American Consul in Cape Town doing a secretarial job. We often see attractive pictures of her in the newspapers, including one which appeared in the "Natal Mercury" while she was visiting Natal. She stayed with Geraldine Jehu in Maritzburg for a few days at the end of June.

DAVIDSON, GLADYS (Mrs. Strauss), is engaged to be married to Charles Prosser, who is the Financial Secretary to the United Party in the Transvaal. Christopher, her son, is now 10 and is at boarding school.

DAVIS, GWEN, sent a lovely box of chocolates as a donation to the cake and sweet stall at the Sale. So attractive was it that it was offered as a prize in a "beans in the bottle" competition. SYBIL (Mrs. Herbert), in a newsy letter from Loughborough, England, to Amy Hathorn (Mrs. Young), said that in the autumn she would be going to the United States unless the Korean situation interfered! She is a very busy person, her particular interest being the Women's Institutes. She had just had a lovely week at the Women's Institute Denman College taking the chair at a Country Housewives' Course—quite fascinating, she says. Some members had never been away from their homes before. They had talks on music, books and reading, architecture, flower decoration, and cooking, as well as two lovely visits to Oxford. She has now taken on the Notts County Old People's Welfare work, so has said good-bye to leisure time altogether, apparently. We are sorry that Sybil does not wish to subscribe to the Magazine. Even though, as she says, she is "completely snowed under by literature of all kinds which *ought* to be read," we would suggest that the time she would spend on studying the Wykeham news would be amply repaid by the pleasure we are sure she would get out of reading news of the friends of her schooldays; and, of course, the annual subscription covers membership of the Association as well as the cost of the Magazine. She sends her love to all who remember her.

DEDEKIND, VERA (Mrs. Ceck), is still in Maritzburg, but has moved from Burger Street to Stott Road.

DODDS, PENELOPE, is studying at the University of Cape Town for a Diploma in Librarianship, and in the first half of this year was sharing a room with Pat Thornton Archer at the Women's Residence. SHIRLEY received her

degree of B.Sc. Honours in Zoology at the graduation ceremony of the University of Natal in Maritzburg last March. She was awarded a scholarship by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, and is now going on to do M.Sc. Zoology at the University of Natal.

DOULL, EILEEN, sailed for England with her parents in March this year. SHEILA (Mrs. Crookes) was at the party in Durban to say good-bye to Miss Mellor, at which Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant) was hostess. DOREEN (Mrs. Field) now has her small son at Cordwalles, so comes up to Maritzburg from time to time to see him. On one of these visits she and Lorna Hime and Ruth Bryant met by chance.

DOWLING, IRIS (Mrs. Anderson), and her brothers and sisters have our deep sympathy in the loss of their father, the Rev. Frank Dowling, who died in Durban at the beginning of August at the wonderful age of 92. He is sadly missed by hundreds of friends in Natal to whom he was affectionately known as "The Little Minister." At the age of 90 he christened Natalie Fannin's (Mrs. Juul's) baby daughter Sandra.

DREW, JANET, is doing well in the second year of her B.A. Degree in English and Drama in Durban, having passed all her subjects for the first year. She is also making her mark in Durban as an amateur stage and radio actress, having played the part of the Virgin Mary in the Dorothy Sayers' play, "He That Should Come," which was broadcast from the Durban studios on December 23rd, and taken part also in a Lord Byron play broadcast in April. She has also played in more than one N.U.C. production, and was singing in "Let's Make An Opera," by Benjamin Britten, which was staged in Durban at the end of August.

EARL, PHYLLIS (Mrs. Coughlan), not only gave as generously as usual to the Old Girls' Sale in April, but came to buy as well and was also at the annual meeting. And only her husband's being not too well that night prevented her from coming to the Old Girls' Social Evening in March. She had a spell in the Sanatorium towards the end of last year, and has twice figured photographically in the newspapers, once in her garden, which was judged the best cottage garden during last year's Azalea Week, and once with her lovely little son Christopher.

EARLE, ETHNE (Mrs. Wannenburg), at the time of writing was a patient in Grey's Hospital. She was very sorry to miss Ruth Harkness's (Mrs. Bryant's) farewell party to Miss Mellor, but it was on the very day that she was

brought up to Maritzburg to hospital. Her husband was one of the doctors chosen to tour South and East Africa inspecting hospitals—a great honour, as he was the youngest doctor on the Commission. He travelled thousands of miles by air and by car, and found it all intensely interesting.

EGNER, IRENE (Mrs. Schwikkard), died in September of last year. Our sympathy to her family. R.I.P. PHYLLIS had finished her nursing training and was nursing in Cape Town when last we heard of her.

EMERTON, JOYCE (Mrs. Keytel), sent a splendid donation of vegetables for the produce stall at the Old Girls' Sale and came to the annual meeting. She told us what an anxious time she had had with her small daughter, who had had to undergo several eye operations. However, we are glad to say that she is now much better.

FANNIN, NATALIE (Mrs. Juul), came back to Maritzburg to live in January this year after 20 years in Durban, and her daughter Valerie started at Wykeham on the very day after their arrival! Natalie is delighted to be able to take an active part in Wykeham activities again and has been elected a member of the Old Girls' Executive. She undertook to run the refreshment stall at the Sale in April, but a dose of 'flu laid her low for the three or four days before the Sale and Ailsa Scott-Riddell (Mrs. Halle) very nobly stepped into the breach and took over the final arrangements for her. Luckily she was well in time to be at the Sale and the rest of the Birthday celebrations. She also helped with the Jumble Sale in September—(and has accomplished the arduous task of compiling the Old Girls' News.—Editor's Note.) Her little daughter Sandra, just two years old, is a Wykeham recruit, while Terence, the eldest of her family, is now at Hilton College. PHYLLIS (Mrs. Wheeler) finds her time well occupied with looking after her two baby girls, one not quite three and the other a little over eighteen months. After this was written Phyllis lost her husband very suddenly. She has our deepest sympathy.

FARRANT, DOROTHY (Mrs. Lissaman), and ROSALIE are still in Durban, and Dorothy was going to Ruth Harkness's (Mrs. Bryant's) farewell tea party for Miss Mellor, but was laid low with 'flu. She and family are going to England in December.

FENTON, BETTY (Mrs. Plummer), is now living at Gillitts.

FLEMING, MARJORIE, returned last January from a trip to Britain, where she stayed with friends in England and

Scotland and had a wonderful week at the Edinburgh Festival. She intends returning to her house at Wembley at the end of the year. She still continues her work for peace, the welfare of the non-Europeans and animal welfare, in all of which spheres her interest is well known.

FLETCHER, EILEEN, has completed her general nursing training and is well into her midwifery training at Addington Hospital in Durban.

FLETT, MAVIS (Mrs. McKenzie), has, we hear, returned to Richmond from the Transvaal, so we hope to hear more news of her soon.

FLOOK, BERYL (Mrs. Miller), says her family is growing up fast, her eldest son, Michael, who is 17, is now over six feet tall, and David, aged 14, runs him a close second. Both, like their parents, are very keen on sport. Beryl and her husband still play tennis regularly, but Beryl says they are a bit past playing in matches! ENID (Mrs. Steer) is playing an excellent game of golf these days—her handicap is now eleven; while TINKIE (Mrs. Roering) is doing well at tennis and is a member of the Gingindlovu team.

FOSTER, WENDY (Mrs. Ashworth), has our deep sympathy in the loss of her only child, Nigel, who died suddenly in England on January 2nd this year at the age of 20 months.

FRAMPTON, RUTH (Mrs. Pennington), is now a proud Grandmother—and what a young-looking one! She looked charming at the breaking-up in June when she distributed the prizes. The grandson was born to her son, Rex and his wife at Oklahoma, U.S.A., on April 24th, and Ruth says she understands he cries with an American accent! She has now retired from the Presidency of the Nottingham Road Women's Institute and looks forward to sitting in peace in the back row.

FRANCIS, PRISCILLA (Mrs. van Rooyen), had a baby daughter, born at the War Memorial Hospital, Empangeni, on June 22nd.

GADSON, JUDY, who is now Mrs. McHardy, has been living in East London since last October. Her small daughter, who was born on June 28th, naturally takes up all her spare time. She tells us she hears sometimes from Dawn Pennington in England.

GARLAND, LESLEY (Mrs. van Breda), presented her two small sons, Piet and Fred, with a bonny baby sister on June 19th. NORMA (Mrs. Vernon Smith) went to live in Port Elizabeth, her husband having been transferred there on

promotion as operating manager of Messrs. Caltex, but after six weeks they were re-transferred back to Durban! They were naturally pleased to be back again in their home town and with their respective families.

GAY, LORNA (Mrs. Lees-Smith), now has three little girls, the baby, Judy, having been born on June 24th this year. She recently had a holiday trip to the Cape, and while there visited Ann Nicolls and her parents in their beautiful home.

GILES, CONSTANCE (Mrs. Turner), has, through her youngest son Neville, forged yet another link with Wykeham. Himself a Wykeham grandchild he has become engaged to another Wykeham grandchild, Annette Foster, daughter of Janet Marwick (Mrs. Foster). GWEN is living in Greytown with her mother.

GODBOLD, HELEN, who left Wykeham at the end of 1949, started her nursing training in May. She was at Wentworth for two months and then came to Maritzburg to Grey's Hospital. She is enjoying her work very much.

GODFREY, DOROTHY (Mrs. Erskine-Wilson), was married in December last year in Durban.

GOLD, PHYLLIS, could not manage to get to Betty Cooper's (Mrs. Lewin's) party for Miss Mellor in Johannesburg in May, but instead went to the station to see Miss Mellor off on her return to Maritzburg a few days later.

GOLDBERG, SHIRLEY, who left Wykeham at the end of last year, is thoroughly enjoying her training in Nursery School Teaching at the Lady Buxton College in Cape Town.

GOOD, NORAH, has, we are sorry to say, sold her lovely home at Prestbury and is now building at the new suburb, "Lynwood."

GORDON, JEANNE (Mrs. Royden-Turner), already has quite a record of public-spiritedness behind her. She was Secretary to the Unvoti Horticultural Society's Spring Flower Show in Greytown last year, and also Secretary of the Greytown Child Welfare Society and Agricultural Convener of the Women's Institute. MAUD'S (Mrs. Stainbank's) baby was christened at the old Stainbank home, "Dering," Eston, on Sunday, March 26th. PAT (Mrs. Woods) and her husband are farming at Hluhluwe—they moved there at the end of last year. Although she was sorry to leave Mooi River, she is finding the coast suits her much better and is feeling much more energetic. During July she went on a trip to Kruger National Park, passing through Swaziland and had a grand time. Now she is trying to make a garden—gardening being

her favourite hobby. SYLVIA (Mrs. Joubert) had a baby daughter on January 16th.

GRAHAM, MARY, is always a keen supporter of Wykeham Old Girls' activities, and helped with the Fancy Stall at the Sale. She is kept very busy with upholstery work, etc., and was the judge of the Leatherwork Section of the Women's Crafts and Home Industries Section of the Royal Agricultural Show in June. She was in Grey's Hospital in August with appendicitis, but made a good recovery. MAUR-EEN is now Mrs. Norman Brent, having been married in Durban on March 21st this year. Her twin, SHEILA, was married to Archie, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McKenzie, of Durban, on April 5th. MOIRA (Mrs. Schefermann) is kept busy with the making of a garden in her new home, and is enjoying the job immensely after having waited a whole year for the builders to finish the house.

GRAY, FAITH, became engaged in July to Allen Harper, also of Highflats.

GREAVES, DOROTHY (Mrs. Wilkinson), had a new baby daughter, Sandra, who was born in July—that makes three, a son, Christopher, and another daughter, Dierdre.

GREYLING, CLAIRE, left Wykeham last year, intending to take up secretarial work and also to keep up her piano and singing.

HAINING, SYLVIA, was married to George Shriver in November last year.

HAMMOND, ENID, had to undergo an operation in March this year and was very ill, but we are glad to know she is better again now and is back at work. She was in Johannesburg on sick leave in May and so was able to be at the party at Betty Cooper's (Lewin's) for Miss Mellor.

HANDLEY, FRANCES (Mrs. Gibbs), is now living in Maritzburg, having left Greytown towards the end of last year. She and the girls had a holiday in England early this year. Her elder daughter is now engaged. BESSIE (Mrs. Carter) is now Junior Matron at St. John's. Her children are all doing well, Enid carried off the Good Fellowship Prize and the Senior Tennis Championship at Estcourt High School last December. MARY (Mrs. Menne) now has her son helping in the management of her sugar farm. MYRA (Mrs. Stride) helped Janet Black (convener) and Marjorie Taylor (Mrs. Calder) on the Fancy Stall at the Old Girls' Sale, the most successful of all the stalls. MILDRED was married in February to James Cunningham, of Durban.

HANSEN, STELLA (Mrs. Bateson), still plays tennis

and enjoys a bit of gardening too. She had a lovely beach holiday a little while ago and met Sheila Carbutt (Mrs. Blyth) there.

HARDING, JOAN, is a nursing sister at the Government Hospital at Hlatikulu, Swaziland, and says she is still enjoying life there.

HARKNESS, RUTH (Mrs. Bryant) now has Anthony at Hilton College. She stayed at Wykeham for the Birthday Week-End this year and said she thoroughly enjoyed herself. She leads a very busy life in Durban these days, but found time to organise a very successful party just before Miss Mellor sailed to give the Durban Old Girls a chance to say au revoir to her. She is, of course, one of Wykeham's Board of Trustees. At the time of handing these notes in comes the news that Ruth has just undergone an operation, but latest reports are that she is doing well and hopes to be home from the Berea Nursing Home soon.

HARTE, OLIVE, is still Home Sister at Grey's Hospital. Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) had a chance meeting with her at the Norfolk Hotel early this year which led to several other meetings.

HATHORN, AMY (Mrs. Young), is still a tower of strength to Wykeham. As Hon. Treasurer she has the financial affairs of the Old Girls' Association always at her fingertips; and at the last prize-giving at Wykeham in June she deputised for the Chairman of the Board of Trustees when, as a foundation member of the School, she presided and made a masterly speech of farewell to Miss Mellor. She said everything that we would have liked said and expressed it all beautifully. She helped, too, with the Jumble Sale in September. She has many other interests besides Wykeham, too, notably the Women's Institutes, and is altogether a really valuable member of the community in which she lives.

HEDLEY, BETTY (Mrs. Webb), is planning to send her Gillian to Wykeham in 1953. She and her mother had hoped to call at Wykeham to say good-bye to Miss Mellor when she was in Maritzburg visiting the dentist in April, but she had such a bad time in the dentist's chair that she had to go straight home to bed!

HEMPEL, UNA, when last we heard of her was enjoying her work in the bank at Johannesburg.

HENDERSON, JOAN, is a new Old Girl, who left Wykeham last year. She was unlucky to have her mother very ill early this year, but it was fortunate that she was at home and able to nurse her and to take over the running of

the house. This misfortune prevented Joan from attending the Birthday celebrations, though by that time her mother was very much better. She intends taking a commercial course next year.

HERRING, NANCY (Mrs. Cullen), will have her two daughters at Wykeham next year, for the younger one, Judith, will join her sister Robbina there in January. Nancy was present at the Birthday Week-End celebrations.

HESLOP, FREDA, now Mrs. Foster, has come back into our news pages after many years' silence—much rejoicing! She was married in March this year at Dundee to Albert Foster, of Durban, and is now living in Durban. Before her marriage she had been running a poultry farm near Dundee for nearly ten years, having changed to this work after some years of office work. She says she has lost touch with other Old Girls, but would be interested to hear from any who remember her.

HIGGS, ASTRID, wrote to say that she would not be able to come to the Birthday Week-End, as she was nursing again, but she sent her love and wished the celebrations every success.

HIME, LORNA, never flags in her enthusiasm and hard work for everything that concerns Wykeham and the Wykeham Old Girls' Association. It is impossible to imagine what we should do without her. She is, of course, still Vice-President of the W.O.G.A., and her numerous activities during the last year have included running the cake and sweet stall at the Old Girls' Sale, with Phyllis Shippey (Mrs. Somerville) and helped by Elaine Crookes (Mrs. Gordon Watson), collecting and jotting down news of dozens of Old Girls, and laboriously writing down for the Magazine the complete list of Old Girls' names and addresses, organising and running the Jumble Sale in September, and altogether being the general factotum of all things connected in any way with Wykeham and its well-being. She is, of course, a Wykeham Trustee, too. She spends the rest of her time doing Church work and giving a helping hand in all sorts of ways to any who need it. Recently, with lots of Wykeham work on hand, she had her aunt ill in hospital and found time to spare to visit her regularly.

HODGES, GRACE (Mrs. Armstrong), has come to live in Maritzburg now, and we were glad to have her with us again at the Birthday Dance. She has our sympathy in the loss of her father in September.

HOFFMAN, LORRAINE, wrote sending best wishes

for the Week-End, and was sorry not to be able to attend. She and Miss Mellor had a chance meeting at a bus stop in Durban shortly before this.

HOLLIDAY, MARJORIE (Mrs. Vear), filled in all the required particulars on the news slip, but under the heading of "Latest News, etc.," simply wrote: "Sorry—no news!" RUTH (Mrs. McLaren) was in Maritzburg in June this year, and called at Wykeham to see Miss Mellor and say au revoir. She had to undergo a serious operation last November, but had quite got over it when she was in Maritzburg.

HUDSON, MARICE (Mrs. Lavoipierre), is now Mayoress of Stanger. She and her husband were elected the first Mayor and Mayoress of Stanger after it was granted borough status in October last year. Since then we have often seen Marice's photograph in the paper. She and her husband spent a holiday at Cathkin Park in July. PAMELA played the part of Kate in a production of Barrie's "The Twelve Pound Look," which was part of the F.A.T.S.S.A. Provincial One-Act Play Festival held at The Y Club in Durban in July.

HULETT, MARIE (Mrs. Bennett) had a baby daughter in February, her name being Sheena.

HULLEY, DOROTHY (Mrs. Platt), made a stitch-perfect petticoat which gained 100% of marks and was acclaimed an outstanding exhibit at the Pinetown Show last year. It was part of the Westville Women's Institute's exhibit which carried off the silver cup for handicraft and needlework. Dorothy's petticoat was also awarded 100% at the Maritzburg Show. Congratulations!

JACKSON, GWEN (Mrs. L'Estrange) is the 1950 President of the Women's Section of the Dalton and District Agricultural Show, and her daughter-in-law, who was Dorothy Knubley, another Wykeham Old Girl, is the Hon. Secretary—quite a family affair!

JACOBS, FELICIA, was married in December last year to Dr. Alan Thal. SHEILA was her bridesmaid.

JAY-BROWNE, EVELYN (Mrs. Rimanek), when she wrote to Lorna Hime at the end of May, was thrilled at the thought of moving into a tiny house on the 1st June for six months, after 15 months of boarding-house life. She had seen the Redlands, Bobbie (Mrs. Pilcher) and Dorothy (Mrs. Marshall) and Phyllis Topham's husband, Philip Goble, went to see them when he was in Salisbury for the All Blacks match. Evelyn's son, Johnny, is now 3½ and very sturdy, with lovely pink cheeks which call forth comments from

strangers in shops and on the buses!

JEHU, GERALDINE, is now in her final year B.A. at the Natal University, and is looking forward to sailing in April next year for a six months' holiday in England.

JELF-TAYLOR, BETTY, was very helpful last December when she came in to Wykeham several times while her mother was in hospital in Maritzburg and took Brownie meetings to help out Joan Allan, the Pack Leader, during Matric.

JEROME, PENELOPE, came back in mid-September from an adventurous and fascinating 18 months overseas. According to the "Natal Mercury," with only £100 in her pocket, no contacts, no accommodation and no job, she landed in England and set about making a living. It took her several months to find the right niche, but she was eventually taken on by Peter Robinson's in London, where she designed and constructed window displays. This entailed drawing, carpentry, plastic work, spray painting, arrangement of lighting, working with fluorescent paint and numerous other mediums, and painting murals. She took a course of exhibition designing at the London School of Arts and Crafts and was a member of the British Display Association. For two months last year she hitch-hiked through France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland with two other ex-Natal University girls. Now, after a short holiday with her parents at Underberg, she will be looking for a position in this country.

JOHNSON, ANNE, was married at Empangeni on April 22nd to George Kirby. DEIRDRE was married just a week before to Ian Hay, who is a Lieutenant in the R.D.L.I. It was a military wedding, and they left the church under an archway of swords.

JOHNSTON, ROSEMARY, was transferred from Addington to Grey's Hospital, and is doing her nursing training in Maritzburg now. NETTIE (Mrs. Webster) recently paid a visit to Rhodesia, and when in Salisbury got in touch with Peggy Quin (Mrs. Nash). Nettie and Ruth Frampton (Mrs. Pennington) still work on the same committees.

JOHNSTONE, JOYCE (Mrs. Cawood), wrote that she was sorry not to have managed to get to Wykeham while they were on leave in Natal, but her mother had not been at all well and they did not like to leave her.

JOYNER, BETTY (Mrs. Dodds), works in a florist's shop in Durban from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.—fascinating work. She spent a night at Joan Walker's (Mrs. Antel's) farm in

July when she and her family were on their way to East Griqualand on holiday.

KEITH-FRASER, MIA'S (Mrs. Woollam's), adopted daughter Anne announced her engagement in April this year.

KERSHAW, JOAN, is having a most interesting time in England, where she has been for nearly two years now, sharing a flat in London with two friends. It is in Chelsea, and from it she can see the house where Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh live. When she first went over she enjoyed the experience of earning her living as a mannequin to a small exclusive fashion house. She took a course, came top, and after visiting Switzerland, France and Belgium decided to make use of her newly-acquired qualification. Now, however, she is working in connection with the Emergency Bed Scheme, which comes under the Nationalisation of Hospitals. She writes that she attended a wedding recently and saw a Wykeham Old Girl, Rosemary Trail. PENELOPE (Mrs. Gordon) is a very busy worker for the United Party in Maritzburg, her husband being Secretary of the Scottsville Branch. She was co-convenor of the Fancy Stall at the United Party Fete held in August. She missed the Birthday celebrations because she and her husband were away on holiday at the National Park. But she sent donations to the cake and sweet stall and the produce stall at the Sale and her best wishes as well.

KIRK, JUDY, announced her engagement last December to Neville Cunningham, of Maritzburg.

KIRKMAN, BARBARA (Mrs. Allan), was photographed in a group at the Ixopo Ball, which was attended by all the celebrities of "Cry the Beloved Country."

KNAPP, PHYLLIS (Mrs. Stevens), stayed in Maritzburg when her husband was here attending the Electrical Engineers' Convention.

KNUBLEY, DOROTHY (Mrs. L'Estrange), is Secretary of the 1950 Women's Section of the Dalton and District Agricultural Show. She has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father in July.

KREGELOH, SHEILAGH (Mrs. Burchell), arranged a party for Leila Beater when the latter passed through Johannesburg with the South African team during the International Hockey Tournament. She is one of a group of Johannesburg Old Girls who see a lot of each other, the others being Mabel Chandler (Mrs. Davidson), Yvonne McCullough (Mrs. Jackson), Buntie Cox (Mrs. O'Connor), and Hazel Button (Mrs. Penry-Roberts). Sheilagh now has two boys, the youngest

being just over a year old.

KRUGER, ELAINE, is away in England on a seven months' sight-seeing trip with her mother. They both accompanied BERENICE, who left Wykeham at the end of December and was well on the way to making a name for herself in the dramatic world before she left in June for London and an Old Vic audition. After spending a few months seeing England, Scotland and the Continent, Berenice planned to start her training at the Central School, where she will be a room-mate of Patricia Anderton. Durban papers were writing of her as an "up and coming young miss," and she appears to sing, dance and act equally well. At 13, 14 and 15, while she was at Wykeham, she won the trophy for the "most outstanding pupil under 16" at the S.A. Society of Music Teachers' Eisteddfod, and having won it three times in succession, kept it. We shall wait to hear more of Berenice before long. STOP PRESS: And here it is—Berenice has been successful in her Old Vic audition and will now train with that famous theatre company.

LAKOFSKI, JUNE, was working at the Public Library in Johannesburg in December. She described her first year at Wits. University as a wonderful experience—an education in more senses than one.

LEATHER, DAWN, is still at Grey's Hospital and helped to nurse Doreen Baikie when she was a patient there in the early part of the year.

LEE, VALERIE, left Wykeham at the end of 1949 to take up secretarial work with her stepfather, Mr. Rethman, at Nottingham Road.

LEIGH, JEAN, who left Wykeham at the end of 1949, is taking social studies (B.Arts.) at Witwatersrand University, and says she is thoroughly enjoying her course as there is a great deal of practical work involved.

LESLIE, ISOBEL, was in England at the same time as Dawn Pennington, Pat Harcourt-Baldwin, Ishbel McNaughton and Penelope Jerome, five who were all together in the same form at Wykeham—a curious coincidence. Isobel arrived back in May with the very latest in hair styles, the Napoleon short-cut, which she had done by Raymond, in Paris.

LE SUEUR, ESTELLE, came to Maritzburg with the Cape Town Ballet Club. She is a very lovely dancer, and in the course of her tour with the Ballet she met several Wykeham Old Girls again, including Dawn Shaw-Wheeler, whom she saw in Salisbury.

LINDSAY, LILIAN (Mrs. Napier), has had a very trying time during this year, for her husband met with a very serious motor accident in Maritzburg only a day or so after their baby son was born in May. He was very badly injured, but after many months in hospital is out and about again.

LISTER, LORRAINE (Mrs. Evans), is on the staff at Wykeham now as Assistant Matron, and has her two small girls, Margot and Judith there too. Margot is now a fully fledged boarder of five years old, the youngest in the school, but Judith, at three, is still with her mother. MARGARET (Mrs. Davis) came back to Maritzburg from a six months' visit to England last November, and left her daughter Elizabeth in London, where she attends the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts. Before Christmas, Elizabeth and Dawn Pennington were together at Susan Randolph's, in Holland Park, London, and the two of them, with 14 others, went off to Austria in January for winter sports.

LOADER, YVONNE (Mrs. Ward), whose elder son was born on the same day as Prince Charles, had twins, a son and daughter, born just 13 days before the baby Princess Anne!

LOWENTHAL, SHIRLEY, is now Mrs. Jack Kaye, and is living at Port Elizabeth. She and her husband called at Wykeham while in Maritzburg on their honeymoon in June, but were unlucky to miss Miss Mellor. They had had a lovely visit to the Falls. BERYL was expecting to go to Port Elizabeth and hoped to be able to call in at Wykeham en route.

LUBNER, SIMONE, is a new Wykeham Old Girl. She left school at the end of last year with a school leaving certificate, but set to work afterwards to bring her Afrikaans up to Matric. standard so as to be able to pass into Wits. University, where she was keen to take up physiotherapy.

LUND, TESSIE (Mrs. Stanham), drove up from Verulam with Laurel Pennington (Mrs. Hugman) on the morning of Sunday, April 23rd, arriving in time for the Old Girls' Corporate Communion and staying on for the breakfast, annual meeting and presentation to Miss Mellor. This was Tessie's first visit to Wykeham for many years. MORELLE will finish her training as a Nursery School Teacher in December this year, and plans to take a post in Natal. She called in at Wykeham at Easter time.

LYNN, ESME, left Wykeham at the end of 1949, having passed her intermediate examinations in typing, shorthand and bookkeeping. She went to Cape Town to take a

dressmaking course.

MACAULAY, KITTY (Mrs. Atkinson), took her younger son on a trip overseas at the end of 1949. She returned in April this year by flying boat. In the following month her elder son, David, was married.

MACKENZIE, DOROTHY'S (Mrs. Gibson's) eldest daughter, Diana, announced her engagement in March this year.

MACLEOD, MIGNON (Mrs. Heslop), is kept very pondeuse with Margaret Burnett (Mrs. Evans).

MacNEILLIE, JOAN (Mrs. Denis Barlow), after a cycling tour through Denmark, Holland and Sweden, was in England last year and spent an enjoyable day with Miss Abbott-Smith in London on November 30th. They went to see Robertson Hare in "One Wild Oat"—a perfect scream, according to Miss Abbott-Smith. Joan sailed for South Africa the next day on the same boat as Miss Burns, and Miss Foster, whom some of us remember well as art teacher at Wykeham. In March Joan announced her engagement to Capt. Denis Barlow of the S.A.A.F., and on June 17th they were married at Empangeni—a military wedding. Christine Paterson was one of her bridesmaids.

MANN, CATHIE, was one of the Wykeham Old Girls whom Margaret Moodie met during her visit to England last year. **IRENE** sent a generous donation for the W.O.G. Sale, with her best wishes for its success.

MARKS, BARBARA, who left Wykeham at the end of 1949 after passing her Matric., was hoping when last we heard from her to be accepted for a physiotherapy course at Wits. University.

MARTIN-TAYLOR, LESLEY, is now Mrs. Thomas Whitehead. Her wedding, a very picturesque one, took place in Durban in February, and **THELMA** was one of her two bridesmaids. **ZOE** (Mrs. Foaden) had a baby daughter at about the beginning of May.

MARWICK, JANET'S (Mrs. Foster's) daughter Enid announced her engagement to John McKenzie, in December last. This is an engagement of Wykeham grandchildren, for John McKenzie is the son of Mrs. R. E. McKenzie, who was Nellie Nourse, a W.O.G. And as if this were not enough, in July, Janet's youngest daughter Annette became engaged to Neville Turner, the youngest son of Constance Giles (Mrs. Turner)! Quite obviously, the Wykeham tradition will never die in this family!

MASSON, EDNA (Mrs. Bowles), has three children

now, her youngest, Barbara Ann, is not far off a year old and is a lovely baby, according to Doreen Baikie.

McCATHIE, WINNIE (Mrs. Mingay), has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother, who died in December last.

McCULLOUGH, YVONNE (Mrs. Jackson), now has two children, her baby boy, David Roy, having arrived in July. When we heard from her she was looking forward to moving into her new house in September. She sees quite a lot of Sheila Kregeloh (Mrs. Burchell), and was present at the tea party given by Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin) for Miss Mellor in May.

McINTOSH, GLORIE (Mrs. Leslie), has this year had the pleasure of seeing her daughter, Jill, not only head girl of Wykeham, but also the winner of the Good Fellowship, Courtesy and Domestic Science prizes. It must have been a proud moment for Glorie when she watched Jill come up and take her prizes at the breaking-up last June.

McLEOD, MARY (Mrs. Scrimgeour), is doing a course of dress-designing and playing a good deal of squash and tennis. She has also been on the fund-raising committee for Children's Day in Johannesburg.

McNAUGHTON, ISHBEL, returned to Johannesburg in February after a six months' trip to England.

MEADE, DAPHNE, is working in Maritzburg as a typist at the Division of Soil Conservation. She was a bridesmaid at Tony Moore's (Mrs. Lindsay's) wedding at Mooi River in February.

MERRICK, THELMA, won golden opinions for her acting in the play "Ten Little Niggers," which was produced in Maritzburg in August this year. She also played the leading part in "Dear Evelyn" at the end of 1949. VERNIQUE (Mrs. Carter) now has a daughter at Wykeham. She was one of those at Ruth Harkness's (Mrs. Bryant's) party for Miss Mellor in August.

MILLAR, MAY (Mrs. Stiebel), became a grandmother in December last when her daughter, June, had a son.

MILLER, ALINE, has our deep sympathy in the recent loss of her mother.

MITCHELL-INNES, EDITH (Mrs. Crowe), has sent her son to Cordwalles now. She has a lovely and very artistic home, we are told by Mette Crowe (Mrs. Horton).

MOODIE, MARGARET, flew back from England last December in time to spend Christmas with RHODA at Marandellas, Southern Rhodesia. While in England, Mar-

garet spent a day with Miss Abbott-Smith at Worthing. MOOR, MARJORIE, is becoming a quite a celebrity in London, where, after 21 years' experience of running a private hotel, she is now looked upon as a leader among British hotel proprietors. This year she was the only woman member of a British Hotel Proprietors' Delegation which went to America to investigate the United States travel market, under the aegis of the E.C.A., Washington. She says they had a marvellous tour and enjoyed immense hospitality, though they all worked harder than they had ever before done in their lives! In London, she was wildly cheered when she led protests against the new catering wages rules. British landladies, she said, were housewives, not actuaries, and they could not even begin to memorise and understand the intricacies of spread-over, overtime, late entrants, grades of workers, compilation of remuneration, double-time, time and a quarter, time and a half, times and wages records, and the next, "What must we use for sleep?" she asked.

MOORE, NAN (Mrs. Croudace), had a baby daughter born at Eshowe on August 28th. TONY was married to Billy Lindsay at Mooi River in February and is now busy being a farmer's wife.

MOUNTFORT, ENID (Mrs. Stoll), who is professionally known as Lisa de Montfort, is now the leading miniaturist in England. She sent a delightful little black and white drawing for the magazine last year, together with charming snapshots of herself and her son, Sebastian, who is 10 years old now. Enid is one of the few modern miniature painters who work in oils. During the war she painted a miniature of the author, Clifford Bax, which was nearly lost in the blitz. She was working in her Soho home when a rocket bomb fell and the miniature disappeared as the ceiling came down. It was found in the debris, and was later hung in the Academy. She is very attractive to look at, for she wears her red hair shoulder-length and with a "Trilby" fringe. Her husband, Juan Stoll, is also an artist, and Enid sometimes works with him on film studio work.

MURRAY, GRETA (Mrs. Wood), has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband, who died at sea while on a recuperative voyage after having been ill with heart trouble.

NICOLLS, ANN, finished her dramatic art course at the beginning of 1949, taught elocution for a while, and then decided to take a commercial course. Since then she has been working in her father's office in Cape Town. She

teaches English to Natives in a night school once a week; and in her spare time does a lot of amateur theatricals with various repertory companies. She says she would be so glad to see any old Wykeham form-mates if they would care to look her up in Cape Town.

NICHOLSON, SALLY, left Wykeham at the end of 1949 and began her nursing training at Entabeni Hospital in Durban in January.

NOURSE, JOY (Mrs. Jameson), helped with the fancy stall at the Old Girls' Sale in April and did some charming Christmas cards with South African designs on them for sale on the stall. They were similar to the ones she sends out to her friends at Christmas time, and, incidentally, she takes orders for them. She also sells strawberries. In August she had to go to Grey's Hospital, and had been there for a month when Lorna Hime saw her there at the beginning of September, but she was better then and hoped to leave within the next few days. In the meantime, her children had gone down with measles, so she was realising the truth of the old saying that troubles never come singly! MIRIAM (Mrs. Clarence) had Dixie Clarence (Mrs. Kinsey) and the two children with her during the Christmas holidays. NELLIE'S (Mrs. McKenzie's) son, John, has become engaged to another Wykeham grandchild, Janet Marwick's (Mrs. Foster's) daughter. INA (Mrs. Staples) is still in Rhodesia.

OBERLIN-HARRIS, ALISON, joined the Government Health Centre Scheme on April 1st and was posted to the Training Institute for Health Personnel for a preliminary six months' training. This training was due to end in August, and she expected then to be posted to any Health Centre in the Union which had a vacancy for a medical officer. Unfortunately at the last minute she was prevented from coming up for the Birthday Dance, but she looked in and had lunch at Wykeham on the Sunday, and then spent a night at school shortly afterwards on her way up to the 'Berg.

OBERSTEIN, THELMA, left Wykeham at the end of last year after gaining certificates in typing, bookkeeping and shorthand, and took up commercial work in Durban. She has our deepest sympathy in the sad loss of her mother, who died suddenly in June.

ODDIN-TAYLOR, DIANE (Mrs. Hathorn), in sending in her news slip said she would like to suggest that newer Old Girls should be put in the news and "some of us very old ones left out for a bit." But our policy is to include news of *any* Old Girls who keep in touch with us, or of whom

we are able to glean any news at all. Next year we hope to hear from or of many more than we have this year.

OTTO, KITTY, is running a nursery school at Kloof now. She still keeps up her correspondence with Margaret Burnett (Mrs. Evans).

PATERSON, CHRISTINE, made a lovely bridesmaid to Joan MacNeillie (Mrs. Barlow). We were very grieved to learn that Christine had passed away on September 29th. R.I.P.

PAYNE, BLOSSOM (Mrs. Jack), still lives in the Cape and has recently had another baby. OLIVE (Mrs. Lloyd) and IVY (Mrs. Stokes) are both at Glencoe. GERALDINE became engaged in March to Eugene Sparg.

PEARSE, MADGE, had a sad time in November last when her sister died in London. Our sympathy to her.

PEEL, DORA (Mrs. Power), now has two lovely small babies, a little daughter who is getting on for two and a little son, who was born on July 10th. We hear they are lovely babies and a great joy to the rest of the family, including their elder brother and sister. Dora has not been too well, but is better now. TORIA (Mrs. Bacon), who describes herself on the news slip as a housewife ("very poor, I fear!") keeps up her keen interest in Wykeham and does many other things besides. She is now President of the Westville Women's Institute and went up to Congress as their delegate in September. In July she played one of the leading parts in a three-act comedy thriller which was put on by the drama section of her Institute in the Arthur Smith Hall in Durban. It was called "Murder Without Men," and it got very good reports in the Durban newspapers. A gruesome picture of Toria in the throes of being strangled appeared in the "Natal Mercury"! At the Institute's Summer School, held at Scottburgh in March, a letter written by Toria won first prize. You will see it elsewhere in this Magazine. Toria came to the Old Girls' Week-End and was also up for the breaking-up when Wykeham said good-bye to Miss Mellor. DOROTHY'S (Mrs. Hayter's) daughter Barbara announced her engagement in February this year.

PENDOCK, YVONNE, is to be congratulated on having passed all her first year subjects in the physiotherapy course at Wits. University at the end of last year. Now she is doing second year medicine, which includes anatomy and physiology, and loves her work. She is Secretary of the Arts Society which was recently formed, and organised a very successful

Art Exhibition just before Easter for medical students, post-graduates and medical practitioners in Johannesburg. She plays tennis and got into the quarter finals of the mixed doubles in the University Championships.

PENNINGTON, DAWN, was due to return to Natal in October to take up a post as a teacher of mathematics at the Girls' Collegiate in Maritzburg. Soon after her arrival in England last year she went to see Audrey Woods (Mrs. Barnby), who was on a six months' visit to England. In the 12 months she spent overseas, Dawn managed to fit in four visits to Europe, including the time she spent in Denmark working as a domestic help—very enterprising, since she spoke not one word of Danish! After this she cycled round Jutland, Fyn and Moen and then flew to Sweden. Next she motored through France and Switzerland to Italy with her brother and her two cousins, Rosamund and Rachel Slatter. Also included in Dawn's experiences was ski-ing in Switzerland, a visit to Innsbruck, teaching as a relief teacher for the London County Council, working in slum play centres, and, finally, teaching at Badminton School, Bristol, for a term. Then all that remained was a quick trip to Ireland, Scotland and Wales before coming back home! What a twelve months! LAUREL (Mrs. Hugman) came up for the Birthday Week-End with Tessie Lund (Mrs. Stanham).

PENTLAND, MAUREEN (Mrs. Rutherford), came to the Birthday Week-End and rendered yeoman service on the refreshment stall at the Sale. More recently she has been very busy doing secretarial work for a Native show—the only Europeans concerned in it were the Magistrate and herself with an all-Native committee. The Natives, she said, were all from Tongoland and were mostly uncivilised; but there were over 1,000 exhibits and the programme also included tribal dancing and children's drill and sports. She also worked for various other shows and is now the convener of the Drama Section of her Women's Institute, work that she loves. She had a camping holiday in May when they took a party of 12 down to Maputa, near the Portuguese border; but she must need a rest like this sometimes, for her news slip tells us that she has been playing in quite a few tennis matches lately, and that in her "spare time" she is doing typing, shorthand and bookkeeping for various stores, the hospital and other local concerns up there! In addition, of course, there are her two small boys to look after.

PENNY, JEAN, left Wykeham at the end of last year and after doing a Home Science course at the Technical Col-

lege in Durban started on her nursing career at Grey's Hospital on September 1st.

PERKINS, PAT (Mrs. du Bufanos), has a lovely little son, Michael, we hear from Monica Smith.

PLATT, NAN (Mrs. Bassett), DOREEN (Mrs. Niven) and JOAN (Mrs. Mackeurtan), have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their father. Nan and Doreen sent generous cash donations to the Sale. Doreen is very happy in her home at Kloof.

POPE-ELLIS, TONY (Mrs. Seekings), is something of an authority on compost and has written an article on the subject for this year's Magazine. Old Girls who are gardeners, and there are many, should find it helpful. Miss Clark is always a welcome visitor to Tony's and her husband's home.

QUIN, PEGGY (Mrs. Nash), has given up her hair-dressing saloon in Salisbury, we hear from Nettie Johnston (Mrs. Webster), who got in touch with her while on a visit to Rhodesia. She still does anyone's hair if they ask her to, so Nettie got her to set her hair, and at the same time they had a good chat over old times.

RADLOFF, AUDREY (Mrs. Cohen), moved last March to their farm, "Sea View," near East London. She played hockey this season, and when she wrote was looking forward to going to Durban to see the hockey test match between England and South Africa, when she expected also to see Suzette Cooper (Mrs. Kinkead-Weekes). From Durban she was to journey to Bloemfontein for the men's inter-provincial hockey tournament, her husband being the Border delegate and coach.

RAYNER, EDITH'S (Mrs. Cope's) son and daughter are both in England, studying anthropology and violin respectively. EMILY and KAY (Mrs. Moffatt) were spending a week-end at Mount Edgecombe when Miss Mellor saw them there in August. Emily is helping Elaine Green (Mrs. van der Post) with her condiments factory, which turns out the most delicious mayonnaise, mustard, sauces, etc. KAY said she saw Joy Harris (Mrs. Hay) from time to time at Pottery and Art classes at the Tech. in Durban.

REDMAN, JUNE, is doing clerical work for the Transvaal Chamber of Mines and getting on very well. Two Old Girls whom she has seen this year were Maureen Butcher and Dierdre Johnson (Mrs. Ian Hay). She had a trip round the coast by boat, travelling in the "Winchester Castle." More recently she has become a very keen golfer.

REID, MORAY, is working and studying hard at radio-logy in East London, and wrote her first year's exam. in June.

RIETBERGEN, HUGUETTE, was living with her mother in Durban at the end of 1949 and doing secretarial work.

RISELY, FAYE, is a clerk in the Standard Bank at Kokstad. She saw quite a lot of Rosemary Stewart when she was at Kokstad, and says that Rosemary's beautiful singing in "The Pirates of Penzance" impressed the Kokstad audiences.

ROACH, CONNIE (Mrs. Gray), and her husband were holidaying at Umzumbi and then at Umhlanga Rocks just before Easter. DOREEN became engaged in June to Maynard Grant. She is playing a lot of sport these days. JOAN is also in Durban now, doing nursing. KATHLEEN (Mrs. Aubrey) lives in Johannesburg with her husband and two children, a boy and a girl. They were transferred there at the beginning of this year.

RODDA, ROSEMARY, is now Mrs. Graham Zingel. She made a very pretty bride when she was married in Durban at the end of May.

RODWELL, MARY, left Wykeham with a first-class Mtric. at the end of 1949 and is now taking a course of physiotherapy at Wits. University, and says she is enjoying it very much. Jean Ogg is doing the same course and stays in residence at the University. All the Wits. girls went to the party for Miss Mellor at Betty Cooper's (Mrs. Lewin's) to wish her all the best and to catch up on all the school news.

ROE-SCOTT, JUNE (Mrs. Hackland), is kept busy with her poultry and her two small sons, the baby being just about a year old now. She often sees the Stainbank family and Sydney Worrall (Mrs. Armitage).

ROGERS, VALERIE, is working as a telephonist and giving pleasure with her singing at concerts in Richmond. She still keeps up her hockey and plays a lot of badminton.

ROSEVEARE, MARGARET (Mrs. Forster), is probably back in Nigeria now after a prolonged visit to England. She took her little daughter home to England in the spring last year as the climate in Nigeria makes it unwise to keep children there too long. Her husband, who was appointed an Archdeacon last year, joined them in the New Year and they expected to go back together in July. Margaret has our sympathy in the sad loss of both her father and her mother. The latter died rather suddenly after five weeks' illness soon after Margaret arrived in England. Her father

had died not very long before. Archdeacon Forster has many jobs, Secretary of the C.M.S. Niger Mission, Education Secretary, Synod Secretary, and what not. It means a continuous flow of people into their house and his office, which are in the same building, and, says Margaret, it makes life busy, though interesting.

SANGMEISTER, BIDDY (Mrs. Golding), had a baby daughter on April 1st.

SCOTT-RIDDELL, ALISA (Mrs. Halle), has a very busy time working for various organisations in Maritzburg, but still found time to step nobly into the breach to help with the final arrangements for the refreshment stall at the Sale when Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) went down with 'flu a few days before the Week-end. She worked hard at the Sale, too. Her son celebrated his 21st birthday this year. GEORGINA (Mrs. de Necker) came to the Sale to buy. MAVIS'S (Mrs. Boyd's) second daughter, Heather, announced her engagement in April. JEAN (Mrs. Wakefield) plans to go back to teaching when her little girls are older—she was Principal of the Wentworth Government Village School.

SHAW, NANCY (Mrs. Lund), flew to England with LYN (Mrs. Ardington) early this year for an operation on her eyes. This has been completely successful, we are glad to say, so that she can see again quite clearly.

SHAW-WHEELER, DAWN, is doing a secretarial course in the mornings and working in her father's office for experience in the afternoons. She hopes to be going to England on holiday in March next year.

SHIPPEY, PHYLLIS (Mrs. St. Leger Somerville), is a really hard-working and enthusiastic Old Girl. She is a member of the Executive Committee as well as the wife of one of the school's Trustees, and it is rare for her to miss a meeting or a function of any kind connected with Wykeham. She worked hard for the Jumble Sale in September, which produced a very gratifying result for the Trust Fund; and, with Lorna Hime, she organised and helped to run the cake and sweet stall at the Sale. She is also President of the Blackridge Women's Institute.

SIMMONS, ZIA (Mrs. Way), is now at Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, her husband having been appointed assistant manager of Meikle's branch there towards the end of last year. Her little Susan is an adorable baby, and Zia is looking forward to bringing her to Wykeham one day.

SIMPSON, THEA (Mrs. Alcock), has a small daughter, Denise Joy, now about 15 months old.

SLATTER, ROSAMUND, and Rachel, came back from a grand overseas tour at the end of last year, and Rosamund's engagement to Peter Nel, of Greytown, was announced a month or two afterwards. The two girls were prominent during the Natal polo championships in Maritzburg, when they both played for the Noodsberg women's team.

SMEATON, AUDREY (Mrs. Earle Smith), says her news consists of the same old round—sewing and knitting for children, of whom she now has two, the younger one just over a year old. She saw quite a number of Wykeham Old Girls at the Royal Show this year, including Carmen Michel, Gwenth Saville and Faith Gray. SHIRLEY (Mrs. Jex) spent a lovely holiday at the Cape in April, going down by ship and returning by car. Her husband is one of the South African delegates to the International Sugar Technologists' Congress in Queensland, Australia. He flew over in August. Shirley called to see Toria Peel (Mrs. Bacon), and though Toria was not at home, Shirley discovered the Trusty Servant door-knocker, an unobtrusive symbol of fraternity!

SMITH, BEVERLEY, announced her engagement in August to Frank Tasker, who hails from England. Her brother's engagement was announced on the same day—her mother's birthday. JOAN is now in Chipinga, Southern Rhodesia, nursing. She intends going to England next year with one of her nursing friends. MONICA is engaged to Paddy Kelly and works at Empangeni as a bookkeeper and auditor. She says she spends many happy evenings with Pat Perkins (Mrs. du Bufanos). She went to Anne Johnson's and Joan MacNeillie's wedding. PAM (PAMELA D., that is) is still teaching overseas in Kent, but expects to return to South Africa later under the Teachers' Exchange system.

SMYTHE, ADRIENNE, was ill for nine or ten weeks recently with rheumatic fever, which started soon after she boarded the ship in England to return to South Africa. What bad luck! Happily, she is recovering well now. JINKS (Mrs. Wood) is looking very well these days and comes into Maritzburg for Provincial Council functions now that her husband is an M.P.C.

SOMERVILLE, JILL, is thoroughly enjoying her nursing training at Grey's Hospital. She had the bad luck to get measles a few months ago!

SPENCE, KATHLEEN (Mrs. Parnell), was one of those who saw Miss Mellor at the party at Betty Cooper's (Mrs. Lewin's) in Johannesburg in May. She is becoming quite

a prominent journalist, and writing to Miss Mellor said how much correspondence courses in journalism had helped her to forget her handicap of bad health. One of her short stories was broadcast in the Cape Town Children's Hour. Another great incentive to writing and study has been her membership of the S.O.N.A. (Society of New Authors). She previously took a correspondence course in commercial art. Nancy Lund and Lyn Ardington stayed with her when they were in Johannesburg en route to England in April.

STAINBANK, ANNE (Mrs. Turner), and MAUREEN (Mrs. Fanner), had their babies within two days of each other! Maureen's was a son and Anne's a daughter. Anne had moved into her new home at Scottsville just before her baby Bridget's birth. Caroline Baker (Mrs. Harvey) and her husband visited Anne in July. SHEILA is working in an accountant's office in Maritzburg—Mr. Alan Mitchell's.

STEERE, WINIFRED, brought her sewing to the Wykeham Old Girls' social evening on August 16th, when Miss Clark told us of her holiday in England and her experiences on a trip to France. JOAN announced her engagement in December last to Richard Harrington, of Nanyuki, Kenya, who is in the Royal Engineers.

STEWART, ROSEMARY, is another Wykeham Old Girl who is doing well on the stage in South Africa. After successes in solo work and in Harold Dyer's choir at the Durban Eisteddfod last year, she was this year chosen to take the part in the National Theatre's lavish production of "Hassan." Rosemary was dancing in this show, but Mr. Basil Dean, the famous British producer, was delighted with her singing too and offered to introduce her to several well-known musical show producers in London, when she goes over next year to study dramatics.

ST. GEORGE, FELICE, was a most valuable helper with the Jumble Sale in September. Although she has officially retired, she does a little nursing when her services are urgently required.

STRACHAN, SYDNEY (Mrs. Button) has had charge of Hazel's little daughter Anne, and enjoyed her role of Granny immensely.

STRAFFEN, BIDDY (Mrs. Woods) and PEGGY (Mrs. Gill) have our deep sympathy in the loss of their mother in February this year. Biddy has our deepest sympathy also in her recent sudden loss of her husband.

STRAW, EDNA (Mrs. MacMillan), whose husband is now United Party Member of Parliament for Durban Cen-

tral, sailed with him and their younger son Barry for an extended European tour on July 7th. They were to meet their elder son, Duff, who is at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London. She has our sympathy on the death of her mother in September.

SURGEON, WENDY, stayed at Wykeham on May 25th. She was Secretary of the Ladies' Branch of the Dundee Agricultural Society and had helped to raise the money for their new hall.

SUTHERLAND, HELEN (Mrs. Morrison), wrote to say how sorry she was to miss the O.G. Week-end. Her family is now more or less grown-up and she has taken up politics and loves it. She is Secretary of the Women's Branch of the United Party in Durban, and on the Executive Committee, and was elected as their representative on a Committee of Information. To keep in touch with all that was taking place in Parliament, she was attending lectures. She also belongs to the M.O.T.H.'s, and in her spare time coaches the Parkhill women's hockey team! **PAX** (Mrs. Miles) was up for a flying visit in April and brought her second daughter, Merle, with her to take up radiography at Addington Hospital. Her eldest daughter, Pamela, was getting married on July 1st. They both have the family flair for hockey, and both played in the Border team, while their younger sister, Ray, was a reserve for Border Schools.

SYDIE, BETTY (Mrs. van der Westhuizen), says she finds housekeeping, gardening and looking after three young children more strenuous than teaching! She plans to send her daughter, now six years old, to Wykeham in 1956. She enjoyed the Old Girls' reunion in May at Betty Cooper's (Mrs. Lewin's).

TALMAGE, BETTY, announced her engagement in July to Barry Bradfield.

TAYLOR, MARJORIE (Mrs. Calder), was one of the helpers who ran the very successful fancy stall at the Sale. She has now become a life member of the W.O.G. Association. **IVY** (Mrs. Elton Dyer) wrote to Amy Hathorn (Mrs. Young) in June and said that over the years she had always been interested in anything concerning Wykeham, though she had not always found it possible to keep contact. Her daughter announced her engagement in August.

THORP, ROSEMARY (Mrs. Powell), and her brother and sister made a handsome presentation to Wykeham of £250 to start a building fund, in memory of their mother, Mrs. I. G. Thorpe, who died in July, 1949, and who was

Secretary at Wykeham in 1930 and 1931. She had, until her death, maintained her interest in and love for the school. Rosemary's daughter, Philippa, is getting on for two years old now.

TIDBOALD, JOAN, is now Mrs. James Aldred; she was married in Durban in May.

TILNEY, JOYCE (Mrs. Seymour Haden), is a keen Wykeham Old Girl, and is still on the Executive. Her husband had one of his Wykeham etchings exhibited at the Natal Society of Artists' Exhibition in Durban in July, where it attracted favourable comment.

TIPPER, JOAN (Mrs. Richards), returned to work in June as Supervisor of the Northcliff Nursery School. Her twins are attending a nursery school in Florida, and Ian, aged two, was to go with her to Northcliff.

TIPPING, MOYRA, is working in an office in Johannesburg.

TOOTH, THELMA, has our sympathy in the loss of her father, Mr. E. C. Tooth, a former Deputy-Mayor of Maritzburg, in June.

TROTTER, JOAN (Mrs. Catto), has a little daughter who is just about a year old now.

TURNER, HILARY, is working with the African Life Assurance Society and enjoying the work very much, especially as it has something to do with the medical side of insurance. LYNETTE and SHEILA (Mrs. Connely) fetched Miss Mellor from her cousin's house where she was staying in Johannesburg, to take her by car to Betty Cooper's (Mrs. Lewin's) for the farewell party to her in May. Sheila was moved to compose an ode, which adorns the present Magazine, on the receipt of a Wykeham Trusty Servant door-knocker. Her second baby girl is now nearing 18 months old.

TURTON, CHARMION, has become engaged to John Carter and expects to be married in December. She is still at Uplands Government School and was an energetic helper on the refreshment stall at the Sale.

VAN DER HOVEN, YVONNE, is teaching in Salisbury, we hear from Noelle Blakeway, who saw her in June.

VALENTINE, ELEANOR, came and helped to teach Botany at Wykeham while Leila Beater was away with the South African team during the hockey tournament. She runs a little nursery school of her own at Scottsville.

VANDERPLANK, DORRIE (Mrs. Blakeway), sent a welcome parcel for the Jumble Sale. She now has six grandchildren, who give their grandmother plenty to think about

and do, she says. Recently, travelling to the coast with two carloads of grandchildren, she called in on May Boast (Hamilton) and Gladys, whom Dorrie had not seen for 40 and 22 years respectively. "We have all aged in appearance, of course, but I don't think any of us feel very much older than when we left school," writes Dorrie.

VARTY, MAUD (Mrs. Cox), looked after her grandchild, Pamela Carter's (Mrs. Douglas Cox's) baby while Pamela was ill with flu recently. PHYLLIS (Mrs. Pretorius) had a worrying time in June when she had to nurse her husband with bronchitis and pneumonia. We are glad that he is well again now.

VON GERARD, BARBARA (Mrs. Duncan), had a son on July 27th.

WALKER, OLIVE (Mrs. Harris), is often at Wykeham to see her daughter June there, so is JOYCE (Mrs. N. Harris), whose daughter Binnie is a keen little horsewoman and did well in the riding classes at the Royal Show. UNA, who left Wykeham in December, 1949, after having been Vice-Head of the school for that year, was planning to be a nurse.

WALLER, BARBARA, is now Mrs. Eric Leisegang, and at their wedding at Umzinto in July, Mr. Harry Evans sang songs which he had sung at the wedding of Barbara's parents! The previous month Barbara was bridesmaid at her brother's wedding in the same church.

WALTON, BARBARA is still with us as an S.A.B.C. broadcaster, and her beautiful, rich voice with what Miss Mellor describes as "the latent ripple of laughter in it," is very familiar to us all. She helped to make the W.O.G.'s social evening in March the success it was by telling us something about her experiences during the blitz in London. She made light of her hardships in her inimitable way, but had some hair-raising narrow escapes from extinction, especially when the building she was in received a direct hit. She added tales of her experiences in the Entertainment Unit up North and in Italy, and then as a broadcaster, first in Rome, then with the B.B.C. in London and latterly in Durban. Shortly after this evening she had an enjoyable holiday trip up the East Coast to Mombasa and Nairobi, from where she flew back to the Union.

WASSERFALL, JILL (Mrs. Stainbank), had a son on July 15th.

WHEELWRIGHT, MOLLIE (Mrs. Adkins), was looking extremely well and very attractive, we heard from Marjorie Taylor (Mrs. Calder), who saw her in August. "PADDY

(Mrs. Bruce) is nursing at King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban now. She was in Maritzburg a few weeks ago nursing her father, who was very ill, but who, we are glad to hear, is better again now.

WHITAKER, DORIS (Mrs. Beland), wrote wishing us happiness at the Birthday Week-End. Her two daughters were members of the chorus of "Annie Get Your Gun," and called at Wykeham while the company was in Maritzburg.

WILSON, BURD (Mrs. Gathercole), sent a whole trayful of cakes to the cake and sweet stall at the Sale.

WOOD, PHYLLIS, helped Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) who, of course, is her niece, to run the refreshment stall at the Sale. She keeps up a keen interest in many activities in Maritzburg, notably St. Peter's Church and Native welfare, and as recreation finds a lot of happiness in her garden at Thanet.

WOODS, AUDREY (Mrs. Barnby), and her husband spent six months in England last year, and while there took a cookery course at the Cordon Bleu. She saw Dawn Pennington in London and with her husband had a motor trip to Scotland, visiting factories of all kinds on the way. For the greater part of the time her husband was working in the London office of his firm, but they first managed to have a wonderful three weeks' holiday in Switzerland. DULCIE (Mrs. Fraser), with MEMORY (Mrs. Otto) and Beth Behrmann ran the very successful produce stall at the Sale; and were there for all the Week-end festivities. Dulcie and Memory also sent parcels of jumble for the highly successful Trust Fund Jumble Sale in September.

YOUNG, QUEENIE (Mrs. Fowler), sent a generous cash donation to the cake and sweet stall at the Old Girls' Sale with her best wishes for a successful week-end.

NEWS FROM JOHANNESBURG

The Johannesburg Branch of the Old Girls' Association sent a wonderful contribution to the annual Sale in the form of articles for the fancy stall; those who helped in this effort being Shirley Brown (Mrs. Taylor), Kathleen Roach (Mrs. Aubrey), Sheila Kregeloh (Mrs. Burchell), Yvonne McCullough (Mrs. Jackson), Sheila Turner (Mrs. Connely), Grace Bernard (Mrs. Turner), Mildred Walker, Mabel Chandler

(Mrs. Davidson), Betty Sydie (Mrs. van, der Westhuizen) Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin), Kathleen Spence (Mrs. Parnell), Hilary Turner, Lynette Turner, Eileen Fletcher, Eileen Browning (Mrs. Speyer) and Aloys Ashfield.

On May 20th, while Miss Mellor was in Johannesburg on a few days visit, Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin) got together a gathering of Old Girls at her house to say farewell to Miss Mellor on this her last visit to Johannesburg before her departure for England. It was a most enjoyable affair and everyone was glad of the opportunity of seeing Miss Mellor again and at the same time seeing many of their old Wykeham friends and talking over school days. There were 34 Old Girls present, and apologies came from many more.

A W.O.G. Party in Maritzburg.

When Enid Ablett (Mrs. Wroughton) was in Maritzburg attending the N.C.W. Congress, she stayed with Mrs. Phil Davis, who gave a delightful party at the Country Club to give Enid the opportunity of meeting Wykeham Old Girls who were her school contemporaries. Among them were Biddy Jameson (Mrs. Robertson), Lorna Hime, Jeanette Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Fincken), Joyce Tilney (Mrs. Seymour Haden), Margaret Lister (Mrs. Davis) and Janet Black. Marjorie Fleming, who was unwell, was not able to go.





WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

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

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

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 * Arnott, N. (Mrs. W. G. Shewan), "Corrs," Highflats, Natal.
 * Arnott, F. (Mrs. E. Gray), "Chatwell," Highflats, Natal.
 * Arnott, P. (Mrs. E. W. Peddie), "Rydal Mount," Esperanza.
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