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JUBILEE, 1905 â\200\224 1955

On the eve of Jubilee Year it is natural that we should look back over the fifty â\200\234years which have passed since our founder set Wykeham on the course which was to bring her to her present position among the schools of Natal. To-day, as we consider those years of steady growth, we remember Miss Mary Moore and her successors with gratitude.

And here at Wykeham we look forward, too, for to us falls the honour and responsibility of speeding the school upon another fifty years. It is our great hope, with the help of our Old Girls and friends, to extend our buildings, but we know that it will be for us, within those buildings, to keep alive and strengthen the true spirit of Wykeham.

The Birthday Week-end of 1955 is likely to be a memorable one, for we are planning special celebrations, of which all Old Girls will be notified in due course. We, the Wykeham of Jubilee Year, hope that Old Girls in their hundreds will be with us in May to share in our thanksgiving and rejoicing.

WYKEHAM GOLDEN JUBILEE BUILDING FUND

I have been asked by the Wykeham Old Girls's Association to give a resumé of the Trustees's plans for the immediate improvement of the school buildings and grounds.

For some years this problem has been uppermost in our minds, and each time it has been considered we have come to the same conclusion—not without some regret—that the only practicable scheme is for Wykeham to remain where it has always been. That decision was behind the two recent purchases of adjoining properties that came into the market.

Miss Ball's enthusiasm has tipped the scale in favour of prompt action, and at meetings of the Trustees and the Wykeham School Society, held on May 2nd this year, fateful resolutions were passed. Plans are now being prepared. The buildings will necessarily be costly, compared with earlier additions.

To meet this prospect the Trustees decided to launch the Golden Jubilee Building Fund. We may need a sum approaching £50,000. Much of this will doubtless have to be raised by mortgage bond. Meanwhile the list is open, and any sum will be most welcome from Old Girls or friends of the school. The latest available information is that sundry donations total £717 14s. 10d. and £3,000 has been promised for next year.

The new buildings will permit the demolition of several old ones. The newly-appointed Grounds Committee, backed by two separate gifts of £100, will then tackle their problem of achieving more space for the girls.

As Chairman of your Trustees, I know I am not appealing in vain for your generous support, which can do so much to put Wykeham in the forefront of Natal's educational institutions.

Yours sincerely,

KENNETH PENNINGTON.



WYKEHAM TRUST FUND

Although the Wykeham Golden Jubilee Building Fund has been launched for the erection of a new building to replace old Wykeham House, the Wykeham Trust Fund is running concurrently with this new scheme with the object of reducing the present bonds.

Because of the purchase of two adjacent Loop Street properties Windsor three years ago, and New House in March, 1954 a further loan had to be raised, and the bond, which was down to £9,600 a few months ago, is now up to £12,206. This bond must be reduced as speedily as possible to enable us to raise another loan for the proposed new building, for even with the generous promises and donations we have so far received, it is unlikely that the Golden Jubilee Building Fund will bring in enough to cover the entire cost of the new building.

So we are working hard, not only to raise money for our building scheme, but also to reduce our present liabilities, and we make an earnest appeal to all Old Girls and friends of the school to help us in what may seem an almost impossible task.

Not so long ago I read this statement concerning the world-famous British public schools of Marlborough, Sedbergh, Haileybury and Wellington: Please do not fall into the common error that the so-called public schools are wealthy.

Their financial policy is one of hopefulness tempered by over-drafts.

That may be, to a certain extent, our position at the

moment, but what other public schools have done we too can do, if we have the will. So, on girls, on!

L. M. HIME.

MISS W. G. CLARK 200\224 AN APPRECIATION

: Miss Winifred Clark came to Wykeham as Vice-Principal in January, 1947, and in July, 1950, following six months 200\231 leave spent in England, she returned to us as Principal.

In this position Miss Clark worked whole-heartedly for the welfare of the staff, the girls and the school. She was an excellent organiser, and her energy was unbounded. Her cheerful and friendly spirit, and her sympathy and advice, so generously given to those in need, make us grateful for her presence among us.

Miss Clark returned to England in December, 1953, and is now Senior Mistress at the Rosebery County School for Girls, Epsom. We all, at Wykeham, send her our best wishes for her happiness. M.AH.

IN MEMORIAM. MAY 4th, 1954  
Mabel Abbott-Smith, Wykeham School, 1913-1946.

I was glad when the Old Girls 200\231 Executive Committee sent me the message that they would like me to write the obituary notice in the Magazine for Miss Abbott-Smith. She was my very loyal friend and colleague for 26 years at Wykeham. I want to pay her a tribute of gratitude for all she did for the school and myself during those years of stress and success, hope and anxiety. May I be forgiven if a strain of reminiscence creeps into the account, for as I look back, it is all so very vivid in my memory.

Miss Abbott-Smith was the first Wykehamite to greet me in Pietermaritzburg. I had just stepped out of one of the rear coaches of the Durban-Johannesburg Mail, that sultry evening of March, 1920, and there she was, looking so slim and pretty, with her fresh complexion, bright blue eyes and beautiful, curly hair, shaking me by the hand and calling to Miss Hodges, who had been queuing along the front part of the train for the new staff, that I was found. It was my very first experience of a Wykeham welcome. I can still recall its warmth and friendliness, indeed I can remember clearly much of our conversation as we walked briskly down from the station, the loaded rickshas trailing in the rear.

Miss Abbott-Smith and Miss Hodges were very close friends, and it must have been a terrible blow to her when Miss Hodges died so suddenly in 1930, but she bore it all with that quiet determination and courage that we came to associate with her in times of illness or adversity. When I arrived back from England, recalled from leave a few weeks after I had got home, she agreed without demur, to the Trustees's arrangement that I should take on the Headship and she the Music Department, since we felt that the position of Joint Heads, as left under Miss Hodges's will, was too difficult a proposition for us to tackle. We had had experience of a dual control system during Miss Hodges's illness, and we felt it was too complicated an arrangement to serve the best interests of the school. To me this return to Wykeham was a bleak affair, and the warmth of Miss Abbott-Smith's welcome again at the station put heart into me.

I should like to quote you Miss Moore's words about this crisis in the school's history, written in the School Magazine in May, 1930. She was very wise and always summed things up so well. Miss Abbott-Smith realised that a dual control might not work easily, and with that loyalty to the school which has ever characterised her, and a fine unselfishness that one rarely sees, she told the Trustees that she would work under Miss Mellor, and continue as one of the Staff. For this decision one cannot cease to honour her. In this message to the Old Girls, Miss Moore, I think, put her finger on the outstanding characteristic in Miss Abbott-Smith's life, her devotion to Wykeham. She gave it the best years of her life, and what a lot she put into it!

Music is such an important region of Education. Miss Abbott-Smith helped to build up the sound musical tradition at Wykeham that is such an asset today so artistically, so systematically, never satisfied with anything but the best, always busily gathering new ideas for the more effective organisation of the Department, never sparing herself in the preparation for public examinations or school trials and competitions, and the everlasting readjustment of the practising chart and the supervision of practices. The Musical Appreciation classes were quite a modern innovation in Education when they were introduced at Wykeham, and how many hours of her own free time did she not give up to taking girls to concerts, so that they might learn to recognise a first class performance when they heard it, though I am sure those

concerts were a source of great pleasure to her, for she loved her girls and always safeguarded their interests most jealously; indeed she stood up for their rights very fiercely at times. I can remember a well-merited rebuke that I once received from her for too harsh a criticism of one of her pupils, which she felt did an injustice to the girl. She was all for a firm discipline in the school, but often I think had to force herself to deal out the punishments that she felt must be given, and was, I expect, sometimes teased about the mollifying â\200\230â\200\234â\200\230dearâ\200\235 that she used to tack on the more peremptory â\200\234Take an order mark!â\200\235

When Miss Abbott-Smith left Wykeham to be nearer to her sister in England, she found that she missed her girls sadly, so she took up part-time work at Kingsdene School, Worthing. The Headmistress, who kindly notified me when she died, wrote : I am not sure if you knew that our dear friend, Miss Mabel Abbott-Smith, had been ill for some time, and died very peacefully last Tuesday. A few days before her death she asked me to be sure to let you know, because she thought you might not hear otherwise. She was serene and happy. She had been with us for some years, and we shall miss her very much. She always spoke with such affection of

Wykeham School.â\200\235

Yes, her heart was still at Wykeham, and although it is in London and Windsor that I have been with her most recently, it will always be against the background of Wykeham that I shall remember herâ\200\224the House Mistress of Moore House, rallying her girls at the House Matches, shouting, â\200\234Come on, Moore!â\200\235 and waving the Golden Gosling, just like Miss Hodges, entering into the fun of it all,

" always so sporting; or speeding the â\200\234Brass Bandâ\200\235 on their way to St. Georgeâ\200\231s on Saturday morning, beating up the stragglers (for years and years she did it all on her own) or taking the Early Service Croc. to St. Peterâ\200\231s, or marshalling the girls for a concert in the cloisters; or going through the list of Prizes and Certificates with me in the Office, on the afternoon of the breaking-up, so staunch and reliable and methodical, no matter how great the rush nor how insistent the knockers without, they got short shrift!

Miss Abbott-Smith knew, after her operation two years ago that in all probability she had not long to live. She set her house in order, and cheerfully and courageously resumed the useful round of work she had undertaken, and no one

would have suspected the heavy cloud that hung over her. I think, to bear suspense of that sort so long, with no sign of depression or self, pity, and with such fortitude, demands courage and unselfishness of a very high order. When we were sitting having tea by the river at Windsor last summer, on the terrace of Sir Christopher Wren's old house, we talked about ourselves and our friends and the old days at Wykeham, and got up to date with all our news, but she said nothing to make me suspect that she was never likely to regain her health. On March 7th she wrote telling me that the symptoms that the doctor had anticipated had appeared, and on April 22nd, ten days before her death, she wrote: "Don't come and see me, dear, very kind of you to offer, but talking, reading and writing letters are most tiring, and Doctor wants rest and quiet. Much love, hope all is well with you" so typical, so sensible and independent, and brave, but, of course, she had not walked alone through the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

I think that Wykeham was very fortunate to have come under the influence of Miss Abbott-Smith for 33 years, and I think that she too was fortunate, for she was never without proof before or after she left Wykeham, of how sincerely the girls that she loved so well, reciprocated her affection. I think it was a great strength to her at all times.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

G. M. A. Shepherd, House Mistress of Green House,  
Wykeham School, January, 1940-July, 1951.

On Shrove Tuesday, March 2nd, 1954, I looked out of my window in the morning on a scene of unexpected loveliness. The snow, which had been falling gently all night, lay thick and undisturbed on everything. There was no wind, so that every twig was thick with snow, and on all the glistening scene the sun shone brightly. A memorable day! A lovely - sight! And one which would have rejoiced the eyes of Grace Shepherd, who the night before had passed peacefully to her rest, at Kearsney Healing Home, Natal, 5,000 miles away.

In Grace Shepherd, Wykeham has lost one of its staunchest friends, and one, who, because of her high ideals, and the unusual and outstanding combination of qualities that made up her personality must have left an indelible mark on many generations of school girls all over South Africa.

What an indomitable spirit! It was a great privilege to have worked beside her for 10 years, as I did. Her life, as I knew it, was an unremitting struggle against overwhelming odds of ill-health. Again and again she was put out of action by the sudden onslaughts of a cruel disease that is still baffling the ingenuity of our scientists to master, but always, it was only for a breathing space. She would not accept defeat. She knew that there was no sure cure for it, and that it might end her life suddenly any day, but she treated it always as a matter of secondary importance. Her primary interest was her work, for she was a first class teacher. It makes one feel humble when one considers the undue attention that is given so often to one's own little complaints or temporary physical handicaps.

The really important thing in Grace Shepherd's life was her work, with those girls, to whom she revealed so many wide horizons and before whom she put so many high ideals: such a wealth of new interests—the Pageant of History down the ages, the fascinatingly unfamiliar world of the cosmopolitan culture of France, so many different aspects of the arts of speech, music and drama, and new and diverse human contacts through her work with Green House.

There must be many who will remember gratefully all their lives the introduction they got through her to our great Literary Heritage, to the great figures of fiction and through them, perhaps, to a sounder personal philosophy of life; or even just the glimpses that she took so much pleasure in revealing to them, of

Magic casements opening on the foam

Of perilous seas in faery lands forlorn

She regularly came back early from her holidays to go over, repair and catalogue the books in the School Library, of which for so many years she was a meticulous custodian.

Integrity, Courage and High Endeavour are lovely virtues, and in her life we have a great example of them to help us on our way. Let us never forget too that her religion lay at the core of her being; it helps one to see things in their right perspective.

In her last letter to me written from Addington Hospital, Durban, on the 18th December, in that beautiful handwriting that first made me determined to make her acquaintance, and was indeed so characteristic of her in every way, she told me

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of the pride she felt in the excellent work being done by our Old Girls all over the world.

She was much in hospital during those last few years of her life, and I am glad that they were often made easier for her by the efficient and loving care of the girls who meant so much to her.

In the same letter she wrote very gratefully too of the Senior Girls in Green House, who had kept her posted up with School' and Green House news. It was she, of course especially, who helped to remodel the House System at Wykeham into the effective influence that it is in the School today.

It is hard to part with an old friend, even when one knows it is not for always, but this was the release of a very gallant spirit from an almost intolerable burden, and we must not regret it.

Well done! Good and faithful Servant. Requiescat in pace.

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33 St. Mark's Road,  
Windsor, Berks.  
August 22nd, 1954.  
My dear Girls, Past and Present, -

The year you are recording in this Magazine will always be a memorable one in the annals of Wykeham, for once again the decision has been taken to rebuild one of the main School Buildings, and your Wykeham Golden Jubilee Building Fund is launched with a most promising start, thanks to the generosity of many of the Trustees, Old Girls, Staff and friends of the School.

The target is £50,000, and at this stage it seems a tremendous undertaking, but I am sure you are right. The time has come to reorganise and consolidate your premises. It is as sound a policy as that of buying the two houses recently acquired in Loop Street, making one big Wykeham block. It is much better to pay out money in acquiring property than in paying rents, even as it is in the interests of girls and Staff alike, to be housed in buildings that save time in transit, defy the inclemencies of the weather and reduce Staff supervision duties, to say nothing of providing suitable settings for all your diverse scholastic and domestic activities.

We who knew the original Wykeham cannot help feeling a pang of regret at the thought that we may never again stand

at the same old, welcoming Wykeham front door, or look at the old familiar places, where we gathered for meals or played tennis, or collected the two water biscuits after Evening Service, but the old order changeth, yielding place to new, and so it must always be. You cannot put the clock back.

£50,000 is a lot of money to raise, but you will all try to help us, won't you? This is such a worth while work. This little pioneer School has so much excellent achievement to its credit. already, in one short half-century, and under God's Providence, there is so much more to be done along the same lines in South Africa today.

In May, 1926, Miss Hodges stood at the cross roads. She had to make the decision like you to build or not to build, in the town or out of the town? She had already built two small additions to Wykeham, and, like you, had bought two adjacent houses, but it was the Top House that needed rebuilding now, and it meant an outlay of at least £12,000. In her letter to the Magazine a year later, she said she was starting with £296 in the Building Fund it was very brave, but she was right. She had the courage of her convictions, and although a world depression and another war descended upon us during those critical years of financial stress, the School has won through, and gone on from strength to strength. Just to note one of the more obvious results of the rebuilding of Winchester House in 1928, the total number of girls in 1926 was 144, of whom 75 were boarders, and in 1929 there were 190, with 103 boarders.

So good luck to our great enterprise, and, like Nehemiah of old, let us rise up and build and strengthen our hands for this good work.

How aptly that grand old Seventeenth Century Cleric, George Herbert, encourages us in his immortal poem "The

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"Pitch thy behaviour low, thy projects high;  
So shalt thou humble and magnanimous be :  
Sink not in spirit: who aimeth at the sky  
Shoots higher much than he that means a tree."

But 1954 is not memorable only for the launching of the Golden Jubilee Fund. In January Miss Ball became Headmistress and quickly took a firm grip on the helm.

One of my good friends sent me early in the year a newspaper cutting reporting an interview that Miss Ball had granted



to one of the Natal papers. There was a photo of her sitting at Miss Moore's dear old roll-top desk. You have a beautiful photo of the Foundress writing her letters at it in the Reference Library. It brought back many memories, and when I read the account of the interview how my heart swelled with sympathy and approval of what Miss Ball had said. Indeed, I might have been listening to Miss Moore herself, expressing her views on the education of young ladies that the function of Education is the seeking out of the individuals talents and capacities, and through the reassuring encouragement of success in what she can attain, a leading on to a bolder attack on the inevitable difficulties that confront every scholar that Education should be realistic, a preparation for Life, and the full, useful and satisfying part that a good citizen may hope to play

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Do you remember Miss Moore's wedding presents to Old Girls? The Cookery Book how right she was, how right Miss Ball is. And with the European marriage rate in South Africa so high, the education for housewifery should never be lost sight of, with emphasis on all those aspects that prepare one for that key position domestic science, mothercraft, sewing (and mending), knowledge of flowers and gardens, keeping of accounts, handling of people, etc., etc.

This has been a year of gains for Wykeham, but it has also been one of losses. My mind turns inevitably to those two outstanding women, who served the School so faithfully for so many years, and now have passed on to the Higher Service. I feel that the Obituary Notices that I wrote for the Old Girls in memory of Miss Abbott-Smith and Miss Shepherd are very inadequate tributes, but if they only recall to some of you one or two memories that have enriched your lives they will have served their purpose. \* Yours has always been a friendly, kindly, welcoming School, and you have been blessed in consequence with many wonderful friends. These were two of the most outstanding, for they had much to give and they made the School the focus of their life and interests, after they had joined themselves to it. And so they really need no memorial at Wykeham, âSi memoriam vis, circumspiceâ

It has been a great joy to me this year, as always, to welcome so many of you to Windsor. It touches me very much when my friends, often with little time to spare, pop down to Windsor to renew the old ties, which one can so easily do, even in a few hours of reminiscing.

The highlight of Wykeham Gatherings for me this year was the Garter Ceremony of the 14th of June. There were six of us there to my knowledge. Maybe there were more?

Johnnie Walker (Mrs. Harris) and her daughter June and Sheilagh Bashagen arrived early in the morning, and received a fine coign of vantage and seat on the wall near Henry VIII's Gateway. Incidentally they came out very well in quite a number of the Press photos. Mrs. Dunbar was by the Great West Door, by which the Procession entered and left St. George's Chapel, and Sister Buttery and I were fortunate enough to get seats in the Chapel, having drawn them in the ballot held amongst the Friends of St. George's.

What a wonderful pageant of colour it is, as the double line of Knights, in their gorgeous blue velvet robes, preceded by the Military Knights and the Heralds, in their quartered coats of embroidered cloth of gold, followed by the Sovereign and members of the Royal Family and officials of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, winds its way down the hill from St. George's Hall to St. George's Chapel!

The bells of the Curfew Tower ring out a stirring clash of welcome. The steel-clad Horse Guards stand rigidly to attention, and as the Sovereign enters and leaves the Chapel between the rows of white-plumed Gentlemen-at-Arms and scarlet-clad Beefeaters, the trumpeters of the Horse Guards blow a fanfare from the top of the Organ Screen.

I was fortunate indeed, for my seat was just by the west door, and commanded an unobstructed view of the entrance, at which each unit of the Procession paused a moment or two, after the long ascent of the stone steps up to the Chapel, before proceeding along the centre aisle into the choir, which is the Shrine of the Order, where hang all the Knight's banners.

This year the Garter Ceremony was to mark the Installation of Sir Winston Churchill, whose banner and escutcheon now hang over his stall on the left hand side of the Choir.

It was a moving service, simple and inspiring. The singing was beautiful. St. George's has one of the finest choirs in the country, and what a lovely place it is, one of the most perfect examples of perpendicular architecture in the world. - The fluted columns soar upwards, spreading out into the fan-vaulting of the roof, each like a prayer translated into stone. There were moments when one felt that a far greater band of witnesses were gathered there than were visible to any human eye, to do honour to the man who led Britain so gallantly

through those six dreadful years of war, and inspired her to battle on in the cause of freedom, alone against such incredible

odds. :

The singing died away, and the Queen's incisive young voice rang out clear as a bell. It is our pleasure that the Knight Companion be Installed. The Right Honourable Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, declared the Chancellor. The Garter King at Arms led him to his Stall as all stood around. High up, at the bow window of Queen Catharine of Aragon's pew, the little Duke of Cornwall, sitting on a pile of hassocks, looked down on the solemn scene another who must before very long take his place in the long line of Royalties who have served this country so well.

God is our hope and strength, chanted the choir, and again, Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

The Garter Prelate, the Bishop of Winchester, far down the ages now in succession to the great William of Wykeham, read the lesson from Revelation the vision of the White Horse ridden by Him, whose name was called Faithful and True, who in righteousness did judge and make war.

The Register, Bishop Hamilton, Dean of St. George's, gave thanks before the altar in a most beautiful and ancient prayer for the foundation of the Most Noble Order and thanked God that He had put into the heart of His Servant, King Edward, to found this Order of Christian Chivalry.

And so the lovely and impressive Service rolled on to its conclusion, and the Procession of Celebrities, headed by the newly installed Companion, filed slowly out of the Chapel again.

I have thought many times since of the stout, rather cherubic-looking hero of that occasion, as he stood in the doorway in those gorgeous robes, nearly 80 years old now, but still so fresh-complexioned and alert solemn and intent at that moment, but typically with that merry twinkle in his eye, that jaunty cigar in the corner of his mouth, and the quick acknowledgements, by smile or wave or V sign, of the roars of applause that usually greet his appearance a very human person, whose greatness has never put him out of touch with the common people. As he passed through the Quadrangle at the head of the Procession of Knights, a little girl, mistaking this imposing figure for someone extremely Royal, gave him a

deep curtsey, which the Prime Minister immediately acknowledged with a gracious bow and smile.

There is no doubt about his place amongst the Immortals, the great Statesman, whose inspiring leadership sustained the British in that latter day Thermopylae. Like Leonidas and his three hundred Spartans, against the Persian hordes, they stood in the breach when all other resistance to the Nazi tyranny had collapsed, and it was Churchill's genius that not only prompted the deeds of those heroic days, but also enshrined them in never-to-be-forgotten language. "We have become the sole champions now in arms to defend the World Cause. We shall do our best to be worthy of that high honour." How it echoes the words of the Spartan hero on the sun-scorched plains of Thermopylae: "The Persians are so many that their arrows darken the sun! Then we shall fight in the shade".

Courage is a lovely virtue, never more needed than in the world today, and we need it for our own particular endeavour, with persistence and optimism. May God prosper the work that we are setting our hands to. I trust that 1954 will prove a year as propitious as it is memorable.

My love and best wishes to you all, as always.  
Your loving ex-School-Mother,  
DORIS E. MELLOR.

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SCHOOL NOTES

The outstanding recent event at Wykeham has undoubtedly been the acquisition by the School of No. 34 Loop Street, the large house adjoining â\200\234Windsorâ\200\235, which we converted most successfully for our Middle-School Boarders. We terminated our lease of â\200\234Ottoâ\200\235 at the end of June, and its ex-occupants are now very happily established in this new property. All Domestic Science and Needlework classes also take place in this house, which we have decided shall continue to be known as â\200\234The New Houseâ\200\235 until we know what future additions are to be made to our buildings.

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This year, in place of the usual Breaking-up Play in June, we held an afternoon concert, at which, through the generosity of parents and friends, the sum of Â£24 was raised for the

Golden Jubilee Building Fund.

We plan to hold our School Sale of Work on the morning of Saturday, October 23rd; in the evening there will be a production of â\200\234Twelfth Nightâ\200\235 in the School Hall, for the Building Fund.

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We acknowledge gratefully the gift by Mr. and Mrs. de Kock of a Â£10 Book Bursary, to be called the â\200\234Winnie de Kock Memorial Bursaryâ\200\235, in memory of their only daughter, who was at Wykeham from 1940 to 1950. This Bursary, which is to be awarded annually, has this year been won by Jill Thoms.

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We are most grateful, too, for other gifts:â\200\224

To Mrs. Bacon, for a stove for the Domestic Science Kitchen.

To D. Stretton, E. van Rooyen, J. Kuttel, for books for the Fiction Libraries.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mattison, for a cup for Junior Swimming.

To Mrs. Waring and Mrs. Otto, for clothes for our Acting Cupboard.

WYKEHAM SCHOOL STAFF

1st September, 1954

Headmistress :

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

: Vice-Principal :

Miss M. A. Hosking, LR.AM., AR.CM.

Assistant Mistresses :

Wiles, 18, 18, Okerait, B.5e, UEID.

Mrs. M. A. Bredenkamp, B.A., U.E.D.

Mrs. V. Cousins, B.A. Hons., London T.D.

Mrs. M. E. Dibben, Dom. Sc. Dip. Johannesburg.  
Wibrs, T, G, AINCL,, LTI,

Mrs. M. A. Hansen, U.T.LM., U.P.L.M.

Miss A. Herbert, R.AM. Dip., LR.AM.

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Mrs. B. G. Menzies, Wits. Sch. Arts & Crafts.  
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Miss J. A. Saunders, B.A., U.E.D.

Miss E. C. Sharp, M. of Ed. T.C., Mont. Dip.

Miss W. M. Treurnicht, B.A.

Miss 1. Yeadon, M. of Ed., T.C.

Administrative Staff :

Miss C. M. Williams (Bursar); Mrs. K. Drew (Secretary);  
Mrs. L. Evans (Senior Matron); Mrs. B. Hylton (Assistant  
Matron); Miss A. Ender (Junior Matron); Miss M. Harper  
â\200\224 (Matron); Mrs. F. Beal (Housekeeper).

Visiting Staif:

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WYKEHAM SCHOOL LIST

September, 1954

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M. Osborn-Thompson, V. Schulze, B. Whaley, E. Wright.

Form VI B.â\200\224L. Brickdale, P. Cochrane, M. Dyson, \*M.  
Gabriel, K. Gordon, \*L. Haden, C. Hodges, Y. Marais, P.  
Nicol, D. Robinson, D. Stanley, D. Stretton, J. Thoms,  
D. Walker.

Form V A.â\200\224L. Ardington, J. Bredin, R. Cullen, E. Davidson,  
P. Francis, Â¥\*W. Fuller, M. Furter, \*M. Gabriel, B. Harris,  
E. Harris, G. Hole, J. Howarth, \*V. Juul, P. Keel, L. Keel,  
\*A. Lindley, A. Little, B. McKenzie, F. Otto, S. Pollock,  
S. Ross, J. Tough, E. van Rooyen, P. Whittaker, R  
Whittaker, S. Williams, I. Wilson, P. Withers, P. Wynn.

Form V Bâ\200\224\*G. Andrade, A. Burne, M. Burness, J. Elliott, Y.  
Ganteaume, M. Herd, A. Kemp, J. Lewin, J. Lund, J.  
McCarter, D. Philpott, D. Roberts, B. Smith, P. Stanley,  
J. Stevens, W. Taylor, S. Warburton.

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Tinker.

Form IV B.â\200\224A. Grant, \*D. Gordon, J. Gregerson, \*]. Kuttel,  
S. Richards, D. Rlemer \*P, Sinclair, J. Slevin, \*J. Urmson  
\*J von Klemperer E. Wykeham.

Form III.â\200\224\*A. Budd, J. Chappell, C. Coldicott, \*B. Clowes, G.

Cope, \*V. Ender C. Herring, \*J. Jamieson, L. Kent, \*J.  
Mattison, E. van Rlet R. Williams.



Form II.â\200\224\*M. Carter-Brown, \*P. Cramer, M. Drummond, D. Gibson, \*Val Gordon, \*Viv Gordon, N. Gover, N. Keel, M. Kirby, \*E. Kothe, \*C. Methley, M. Norton, C. Otto, G. Webb, \*Y. Winkworth.

Form I.â\200\224C. Bryden, M. Cain, M. Evans, J. Hulett, \*L. Meyrick, \*S. Oâ\200\231Sullivan, A. Stone, \*M. Urmson.

Transition.â\200\224J. Evans, \*M. Graham, L. Greene, \*A. Jackson, S. Joubert, S. Keel, E. Kirby, \*F. McGarry, A. Mason, \*H. Sutcliffe, \*D. Topham. g

Kindergartenâ\200\224\*H. Barker, P. Craig, L. Craig, \*J. Clark, M. Fischer, \*S. Juul, \*]. Kothe, \*M. Pearce, \*L. Randall, \*G. Smith, \*P. Topham, \*D. Thompson, \*S. Winkworth.

\* Day Scholars.

WYKEHAM SCHOOL PREFECTS  
HEADS OF HOUSES AND HEADS OF FORMS

Ist Sepiember, 1954

Head Girl: N. Cathcart. Vice-Head : B. Whaley.

Prefects :

N. Boshoff, F. Foster, M. Osborn-Thomson, V. Schulze, L. Brickdale, P. Cochrane, H. Daniel.

Sub-Prefects :

K. Gordon, P. Keel, D. Robinson, E. Wright.

Green House:

Head of House : N. Cathcart. Vice-Head : N. Boshoff.

Mackenzie House:

Head of House: H. Daniel. Vice-Head : P. Keel.

Moore House:

Head of House: B. Whaley. Vice-Head : V. Schulze.

Heads and Vice-Heads of Forms:

VI B.â\200\224K. Gordon and P. Cochrane.

V. A.â\200\224Bi Harris and'S: Ross.

V B.â\200\224]J. Lewin and J. Lund.

IV Aâ\200\224P. Grant and M. Harris.

IV B.â\200\224]. Kuttell and D. Riemer.

III.â\200\224C. Herring and G. Cope.

II.â\200\224G. Webb and M. Drummond.

I.â\200\224C. Bryden and A. Stone.

Trans.â\200\224D. Topham and J. Evans.

## SCHOOL DIARY

Michaelmas Quarter, 1st Septemberâ\200\2242nd October, 1953

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3â\200\224W.00.G.S. Jumble Sale raised Â£46.

4â\200\224V B upwards to â\200\234As You Like Itâ\200\235 at St. Johnâ\200\231s.

5â\200\224V A to film â\200\234Gibert and Sullivan.

9â\200\224W.0.G.S. Committee Meeting.

10â\200\224Junior Inter-house Hockey Matches; won by Mackenzie.

15â\200\224Piano â\200\230Recital, Mr. Rosenbloom.

19â\200\224Inter-House Netball, won by Moore.

Film, â\200\234Passport to Pimlicoâ\200\235.

21â\200\224J.C. and Matric. Trials begin

Finance Sub-Committee Meeting.

24â\200\22418 girls confirmed at St. Peterâ\200\231s.

25â\200\224Full Board Meeting. ;

26â\200\224Inter-Schools Hockey Tournament. Wykeham 3rd in their section.

Prefectsâ\200\231 Dance.

28â\200\224V B upwards to â\200\234Pirates of Penzanceâ\204¢.

29â\200\224Senior House Hockey matches completed; won by Mackenzie.

30â\200\224Literary and Debating Society Mock Trial.

2â\200\224Breaking-up Prayers; Inter-House Gym. Competition, won by Mackenzie; judged by Mrs. M. T. Jackson.

Christmas Quarter, 13th Octoberâ\200\224I11th December, 1953  
Oct. 12â\200\224Boarders returned.

,Â» 13â\200\224Classes re-opened.

,, 14â\200\224Seniors to Isobel Baillie Recital.

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,Â» 20â\200\224Parentsâ\200\231 Council Meeting.

Â» 28â\200\224W.O.G.S. Committee Meeting.

Â» 31â\200\224Film: â\200\234Man in a White Suitâ\200\235.

Nov. 1â\200\224Halloweâ\200\231en Party.

% 7â\200\224FÃte. Raised Â£220.

4 8â\200\224Long Sunday.

,, 14â\200\224Film, â\200\234La Traviataâ\200\235.

,Â» 21â\200\224Piece Playing. Moore House Party.

Â» 22â\200\224J.C., Shooting and Handicraft Picnic.

,Â» 23â\200\224School Examinations began.

,Â» 27â\200\224J.C. and Matric. began.

Dec. 5â\200\224Film, â\200\234Monsieur Vincentâ\204ç.

s 7â\200\224Finance Sub-Committee Meeting.

â\200\234Robinson Crusoeâ\200\235 Pantomime.

8 9â\200\224Staff Tea-party for Miss Clark.

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,, 11â\200\224Breaking-up Prayers. 33 Perfect Attendance

Certificates. Prize-giving.

Easter Quarter, January 27thâ\200\224April 7th, 1954

Jan. 26â\200\224Staff Meeting. New Staff: Miss Herbert from  
England, Mr. Nel, Miss Blair, Miss A. Saunders.

Boarders returned.

,Â» 27â\200\224Classes re-opened.

Â»Â» 31â\200\224Sports Meeting.â\200\231

Feb. 6â\200\224Sealsâ\200\231 Gala.

o 9â\200\224Dom. Science girls to hear Mrs. Wood, of N.C.W.,  
Careers Lecture.

,Â» 10â\200\224W.O.G.S. Committee Meeting

,Â» 11â\200\224Parentsâ\200\231 Council Meeting.

Â» 14â\200\224Debating Society Meeting, followed by â\200\234Hat  
Debateâ\204ç.

,Â» 15â\200\224Kindergarten change to Morning Session only.

Â» 17â\200\224W.O.G.S. Committee Meeting

,, 20â\200\224VIAâ\200\224VA to see Mr. Drobny in Exhibition  
Tennis.

V B downwards to Film, â\200\234Hans Andersenâ\200\235.

., 22â\200\224VI A girls to Piano Recital.

,Â» 28â\200\224Long Sunday.

Mar. 1â\200\224Inter-House Swimming Gala. Mrs. Turner pre-

sented cups. Moore and Green Houses tied.

e 3â\200\224Lenten Services began.

% 6â\200\224V A upwards to â\200\234You Never Can Tellâ\200\235.

,Â» 7â\200\224Seniors began attending Evensong at St. Peterâ\200\231s.

2 8â\200\224Meeting of Finance Sub-Committee.

,Â» - 10â\200\224Reception for Miss Ball, given by Trustees and Old Girlsâ\200\235 Executive.

Â» 12, 13â\200\224Smythe Trophy; Wykeham in semi-final of A Section.

,Â» 19â\200\224Inter-Schools Swimming Gala. Seniors 3rd, Juniors 2nd place.

,Â» 24â\200\224Board of Trustees Meeting. Dinner with the Staff. New House acquired to replace â\200\234Ottoâ\200\231sâ\200\235.

o 26â\200\224 VI Bftors @armenti:

,, 27â\200\224Film, â\200\234Never Take No for an Answerâ\200\235.

,Â»Â» 29â\200\224Middle School and Juniors to Hogarth Puppets.

,Â» 30â\200\224Seniors to Hogarth Puppets.

April 3â\200\224Debating Society Meeting.

= 7â\200\224Breaking-up Prayers. Mr. Evans left to take leave overseas.

Winter Quarter, April 21stâ\200\224June 29th, 1954

April 20â\200\224Boarders returned. Mrs. Paton rejoined staff.

,Â» 21â\200\224Classes re-opened.

., 24â\200\224Inter-House Dramatic Competition, judged by Mrs. Fraser, won by Moore.

,Â»Â» 26â\200\224Seniors to Lionel Bowman Piano Recital.

Â» 28â\200\224W.O.G.â\200\231s Committee Meeting.

May 1â\200\224Birthday Week-end. Old Girls Sale, raised Â£325 6s.

5d. (by Durban W.O.G.S. Â£125). Old Girls v.

Present Girls, Tennis. Old Girls won. Fancy Dress Party; prizes presented by Mrs. Bacon.

., 2â\200\224Corporate Communion at St. Georgeâ\200\231s. Rev. Vaughan-Edwards officiated.

Annual General Meeting of W.O.G.S., followed by meeting with Wykeham Society and Board of Trustees. Wykeham Golden Jubilee Building Fund inaugurated.

â\204ç 6â\200\224Parentsâ\200\231 Council Meeting.

8â\200\224Some Sixth Form Girls went to Michaelhouse and College Dances. â\200\230

9â\200\224Miss Ball went to W.O.G.S. Durban Branch

Meeting.

16â\200\224Seniors to Studentsâ\200\231 Day of Prayer.

18â\200\224Domestic Science girls to see NestlÃ©â\200\231s Factory.

22â\200\224Seniors to International Exhibition of Photography.

26â\200\224VI A to â\200\234King Learâ\204¢.

27â\200\224Seniors to Ascension Day Service. Possession of

New House.

29â\200\224 Juniors to Puppet Show.

30â\200\224Long Sunday.

2â\200\224V B upwards to â\200\234Richard III"â\200\235 at Michaelhouse.

4â\200\224Full Board Meeting to appoint Architect.

Hofmeyr Speech Contest.

5â\200\224Inter-Schools Hockey Trials.

6â\200\224Miss Bloomfield left for England.

9â\200\224W.O.G.S. Committee Meeting.

12â\200\224Piece Playing.

14â\200\224School Examinations began.

Meeting of Grounds Committee with Architect.

19â\200\224Film, â\200\234Prince Philipâ\200\235 and â\200\234â\200\234The Royal Tourâ\204¢

21â\200\224Seniors to â\200\234Tolantieâ\200\235.

23â\200\224Piano Recital, Mr. Rosenbloom.

24â\200\224All Girls to Royal Show. .

26â\200\224IV A and IV B to â\200\234Iolantieâ\200\231â\200\235 matinee.

29â\200\224Breaking-up Concert. End of Quarter. Leaving

Staff : Miss Blair, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Pontin.

Michaelmas Quarter, July 28thâ\200\224August 31st, 1954

July

27â\200\224Staff Meeting. Boarders returned. New Staff:

Miss Sharp, Miss Treurnicht, Mrs. Dibben and Mrs.

Manzies. New House opened.

28â\200\224Classes re-opened. Seniors to Hockey, England v.

Natal.

3â\200\224IV A downwards to Austrian Studentsâ\200\231 Concert.

4â\200\224V B upwards to Austrian Studentsâ\200\231 Concert.

6â\200\224-Slide Lecture: â\200\234â\200\230Life Above the Arctic Circle,â\200\235 Rev.

C. Montgomery.

12â\200\224Parentsâ\200\231 Council Meeting.

21-22â\200\224Some Seniors to S.C.A. Conference.

29â\200\224Long Sunday.

30â\200\224Some Seniors to Denis Mathewsâ\200\231 Piano Recital.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

S.A. Universities Matriculation :  
Class .â\200\224R. A. Franklin, S. Poynton.  
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Summersgill.

Class IIT.â\200\224J. Carter, J. M. Harris, J. R. Laurens.

School Leaving Certificate :  
Class III.â\200\224S. R. Peddie.

Junior Certificate :  
Class Iâ\200\224D. K." Walker:

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D. C. Robinson, D. Stretton, J. Thomas.

Class IIL.â\200\224M. M. Acutt, L. E. Brickdale, M. R. Gabriel,  
K. C. Gordon, C. F. Hodges, I. C. W. Jordaan, P. N.  
Nicol.

Taalbond (Laer) :  
P. Audas, S. Bashagen, N. Boshoff, F. Foster, S. Peddie,  
M. Summersgill, E. Wright.

Voorbereidende :

M. Furter, V. Juul, E. van Rooyen, A. Vorster (Higher  
Grade), I. Wilson.

Theory of Musicâ\200\224  
Trinity College of Music:  
Grade VI.â\200\224D. Walker (Hounours).  
Grade IIâ\200\224M. Harris (Honours), A. Oscroft (Honours),  
G. Poynton (Honours), S. Sandler (Honours), S.  
Karpul (Merit), D. Riemer (Merit).  
Grade I.â\200\224J. Urmson (Honours).

Pianoforte :

Grade VIIâ\200\224M. Acutt (Honours), F. Olmesdahl (Merit).

Grade V.â\200\224E. van Rooyen (Honours).

Grade IIL.â\200\224G. Gurney (Honours), S. Sandler (Honours),  
A. Kemp (Merit), D. Riemer (Merit).

Grade IIâ\200\224M. Harris (Honours), M. Burness (Pass), L.  
Kennedy (Pass), J. von Klemperer (Pass).

Grade I.â\200\224V. Whelan (Merit), R. Williams (Merit), J.  
Urmson (Merit).

## HOUSE NOTES

### Green House

House Staff : Mrs. Bredenkamp, Mrs. Hansen, Miss Herbert, Miss Ender and Mrs. Menzies.

Green House greeted the New Year by tying with Moore House in one of the most exciting House competitions ever witnessed at Wykehamâ\200\224the Swimming Gala.

Unfortunately our jubilation was mixed with sorrow, for that evening we heard of Miss Shepherdâ\200\231s death. Those of us who remember her will never forget her courageous fight against ill health. For many years she won our admiration by her boundless knowledge and the inspiration she unselfishly gave to Green. In memory of her we sent a donation to charity.

Our Dramatic Competition took place in April. We put on Shawâ\200\231s prologue to â\200\234Androcles and the Lionâ\200\235. The authorâ\200\231s wit was greatly applauded, and we were awarded second place. The producer is to be congratulated on her attractive forest set; last but not least the actresses themselves.

At the moment we are rehearsing for the House Singing Competition due in September. Shortly forthcoming are the tennis, gym, netball and hockey competitions in which we hope to do well.

At the end of the Winter Quarter we gave ourselves a party. It was an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all who attendedâ\200\224from our most junior member to the staff.

At the end of June we said farewell to Mrs. Pontin, who had been with us for eighteen months. In her place we welcome Mrs. Menzies.

Green House has worked fairly steadily, but there is still room for much improvement.

N. CATHCART, House Captain.

#### Mackenzie House

House Staff: Miss Hosking, Mrs. Evans, Miss Saunders, Mrs. Paton, Miss Sharp.

At the end of 1953 we regretfully said good-bye to Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Hulley. We also said a temporary farewell to Miss Clayton, who returned to us after Easter as Mrs. Paton; the House join me in wishing her every happiness for the future. We also welcome Miss Saunders and Miss Sharp to the House and hope they will be happy with us.

The Annual House Swimming Gala was a most exciting event this year, as the final result depended on the last race. We unfortunately did not win, and Moore and Green are to be congratulated on tying for first place. We congratulate Diana Stanley on winning the Baker Cup for Senior Diving and the Shoolbred Cup for obtaining the most individual points.

On the 24th April in the Inter-House Dramatic Competition we put on a scene from 'The Little Women'. Although we did not win the competition, we enjoyed the production immensely and the cast worked very hard.

On the last Saturday of June we had a House party which we all much enjoyed.

We have a number of competitions ahead of us, and I hope that many more cups will grace our shelf. Good luck to you all.

On behalf of Mackenzie, I must thank Miss Hosking for her keenness in and encouragement of all our House activities.

HILLARY DANIEL, House Captain.

#### Moore House

House Staff: Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Oscroft, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Hylton, Mrs. Dibben, Miss Treurnicht.

Miss Bloomfield left us in June, much to our regret, but we welcome Mrs. Cousins in her place as head of Moore House. We also welcome two new members of staff, Mrs. Dibben and Miss Treurnicht, who joined us after July.

We have been very successful in all our competitions to date, having won the Work, Netball, Swimming (Arbuckle Trophy and Broom Higgs Cup for the Senior Team Race) and Dramatic Cups. For the latter we presented a scene from Oscar Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband'.

Our special congratulations go to Winsome Fuller, who won the R.H.N. Cup for backstroke and the Earle Cup at the Inter-House Gala, setting up new records for both events.



The remaining Inter-House Competitions to take place this quarter, being Singing, Gymnastics, Hockey and Tennis, and I know that the House will do its best to regain some of these trophies.

Our annual party took place in June and was in the nature of a farewell to Miss Bloomfield. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed it, as they have in the past, and this event now seems to be really part of the House activities.

I should like to conclude by thanking all the staff for their help in the House and wishing all the girls the very best of - luck in the future.

BARBARA WHALEY, House Captain.

SPORTS COMMITTEE, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1954

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Vice-Presidents ... .. Miss Hirst and Mrs. Paton  
Tennis Captain and Member ... Naida Boshoff

Hockey Captain and Member Barbara McKenzie  
Swimming Captain and Member Barbara Whaley

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Gymnastics Member ... .. Diana Stanley

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TENNIS

At the commencement of the year, the standard of tennis was higher than was anticipated. There is a lot of enthusiasm and increasing improvement being shown in the Middle School.

At the end of last year Wykeham did very well to come third in the Lyle League, and we were sorry to say â\200\230â\200\230good-byeâ\200\235 to Doreene Mattison, who had captained and strengthened the

team for so many years. This year did not open on a very encouraging note, the results being disappointing. However, we hope to do better next quarter.

Naida Boshoff won the School Racquet last year, with Doreene Mattison as runner-up. The racquet is not being competed for this year. The Boyd Varty and Chandler Cup were completed at the end of June, with Naida Boshoff as winner of Boyd Varty and Barbara McKenzie as runner-up. The Chandler Cup was won by Lorraine Boshoff, with Phyllis Grant as runner-up. The Senior House Tennis was won by Green House and the Junior by Mackenzie.

Naida Boshoff and Barbara McKenzie represented Wykeham in the Smiythe Trophy, which this year was run on different lines. The fourteen schools competing were divided into two sections, Wykeham being runner-up in A. Durban Girls's College was the ultimate winner.

The Old Girls's match was, as always, a much enjoyed event. The Old Girls, however, seemed to have chosen for their team all their former champions and were far too good for us. We hope this match will continue to be an annual event.

Naida Boshoff was chosen to represent Maritzburg at Easter. It was also encouraging to note the successes gained by Wykeham girls during the holidays. Congratulations to Barbara McKenzie for winning the Midlands Junior Tournament, as well as to Pam Keel for reaching the finals of the Junior Handicap. Naida Boshoff won the Women's Handicap and also became Maritzburg Junior Champion. For the interest of Old Girls, this is the third time the title has been held by a Wykehamite, the other two being Margaret Morphew and Maud Gordon. Lorraine Boshoff reached the final of under 16 and Phyllis Grant also did well.

We should like to extend our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Banks and Mr. and Mrs. Turner, as well as to Technical College, for the use of their courts, and last, but not least, we thank Miss Hirst and Mrs. Boshoff for all their help and coaching during the last year.

N. BOSHOFF, Tennis Member.

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First Team, October, 1953

1st Couple D. Mattison (Capt.), M. Leslie.

2nd Couple ... N. Boshoff, B. McKenzie.

3rd Couple ... H. Daniel, J. Cohen.

Second Team

1st Couple ... M. Summersgill (Capt.), L. Haden.

2nd Couple ... V. Schulze, J. Carter.

3rd Couple A. Kemp, M. Dyson.

Under 15 Team

1st Couple ... M. Dyson (Capt.), A. Kemp.

2nd Couple ... . Elliott, W. Taylor.

3rd Couple L.. Ardington, E. van Rooyen.

First Team Matches

Oct. 17th: v. Epworth Won 10 pts.â\200\2242

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Oct. 31st: v. Convent Lost 3 pts.â\200\2249

Nov. 31st: v. St. Anneâ\200\231s Drew 6 pts.â\200\2246

First Team, 1954

1st Couple N. Boshoff (Capt.), B. McKenzie.

2nd Couple ... H. Daniel, V. Schulze.

3rd Couple ... W. Taylor, M. Dyson.

Second Team

1st Couple ... L. Brickdale (Capt.), A. Kemp.

2nd Couple ... J. Elliott, L. Boshoff.

3rd Couple L. Ardington, J. McCarter.

Under 15 Team

1st Couple ... M. Dyson (Capt.), L. Boshoff.

2nd Couple ...J. Elliott, L. Ardington.

3rd Couple P. Grant, J. Cullen.

First Team Matches

Feb. 27th: v. Technical College Won 7 pts.â\200\224S5

Mar. 6th: v. Collegiate lLoste 3 pEâ\200\2247

Mar. 11th: v. Convent Lost 5 pts.â\200\2247

Mar. 27th: v. Epworth Drew 6 pts.â\200\2246

## HOCKEY

We began this season with two almost completely new teams, and everyone has worked well and enthusiastically to try and reach match standard. Miss Hirst has helped us very much, and I am sure all the hockey players are most grateful to her.

We were most fortunate in being allowed to go and watch the English touring team play Natal at the Oval in Maritzburg.

Last term a hockey tournament was held to choose a team to play in the curtain-raiser of the Natal v. England match. Jill Lewin is to be congratulated on being chosen as goalie for the B team.

We thank Mrs. Saunders for her help, and we would like to welcome Miss Saunders, who has taken her place. I am sure she will be a great help to us all.

BARBARA MCKENZIE, Hockey Member.

First XI, 224 MAY, 1954:

J. Lewin, B. McKenzie (Captain), B. Harris, R. Whittaker, P. Whittaker, L. Brickdale, P. Francis, B. Whaley, S. Ross, N. Cathcart, W. Taylor.

Second XI, 224 May 1954 :

A. Kemp, L. Ardington, G. Hole, P. Keel, J. Thoms, J. Lund, D. Stanley, S. Williams, F. Otto, L. Boshoff N. Boshoff (Captain)

## Matches

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SWIMMING

This year has seen a great improvement in the standard of swimming generally, but most particularly among the Juniors.

At the Inter-Schools Gala the Seniors maintained their position, while the Juniors jumped from their fifth position last year to second this year, with two new records and a cup for divingâ\200\224congratulations! The individual results are: â\200\224

Seniors : â\200\224  
50 yards Freestyle, 16 and over: B. Whaley, 3rd.  
100 yards Freestyle, 16 and over: L. Haden, 2nd.  
50 yards Breaststroke, 14 years: V. Juul, 3rd.

50 yards Backstroke, 15 years: W. Fuller, 2nd.  
Backstroke, open : D. Stanley, 1st.

Team Race, 4 x 50, open: Wykeham, 3rd.  
Final result: Wykeham, 3rd, 12 points.

Juniors : 200\224

25 yards Freestyle, 8 years: L. Meyrick, 2nd.  
25 yards Freestyle, 10 years: P. Sinclair, 15.2 (R.).  
25 yards Freestyle, 11 years: J. Mattison, 13.8 (R.).  
25 yards Breastroke, 12 years: J. Kuttel, 2nd.  
25 yards Backstroke, under 12 years: J. Mattison, 2nd.  
50 yards Backstroke, under 14 years: P. Grant, 3rd.  
Diving, under 14 years: P. Sinclair, 1st.  
Team Race, 4 x 25, under 12 years: 1st.  
Final result: Wykeham, 2nd, 22 points.

The Inter-House Gala was held in March, and Moore and Green tied for first place with 74 points, while Mackenzie was third with 71 points.

Winsome Fuller won the Earle and R.H.N. Cups, setting up new records for both. Valerie Juul won the Heritage Cup and Diana Stanley won the Bennett Cup for diving and the Shoolbred Cup for gaining the most points. Mr. and Mrs. Mattison very kindly presented a new trophy bearing their name, to be awarded to the Junior Champion, and this was won by their daughter Jill.

Our special thanks go to Miss Hirst, Mrs. Bredenkamp and Mrs. Saunders for their help in coaching.

BARBARA WHALEY, Swimming Member.

#### SHOOTING

During these last six months our shooting has greatly improved, and has now reached a high standard. We hope to enter for the Imperial Challenge Competition at the end of this year. Naida Boshoff won the Becker Cup and has main-

tained this excellent standard with a total score of 90.9% for the last six months. Jeanette Carter won the Turton Cup, as runner-up.

We extend our special thanks to Mr. Loney, who has been our constant helper.

PAMELA NICOL, Shooting Member. -

#### GYMNASTICS

The gymnastics amongst the juniors and some of the seniors is enthusiastic and good.

A Gym Club has been formed by Miss Hirst in place of the extra Gym Class. This term more members have been invited and Miss Hirst is coaching them, juniors on Wednesday afternoons and seniors on Monday nights, so that by the end of the term a high standard of gym should be attained in the Gymnastics Competition.

Mackenzie House won the Gymnastics Cup last year.

DIANA STANLEY, Gymnastics Member.

Gymnastics, 1953-54

Girdles have been awarded to the following girls :  
F. Olmesdahl, V. Schulze, M. Osborn-Thomson, L. Brickdale, A. Grant.

Previous Awards: N. Boshoff, D. Stretton, J. Thoms, P. Keel, L. Ardington, V. Juul.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

In November of last year an amusing and enjoyable Hallowe'en party was held, with the traditional games and ghost story.

At the end of the year we were very sorry to say good-bye to Miss Clark, our President, whose active support and interest we had so much appreciated.

In February a meeting was held to elect a new Committee, with Miss Ball as President, and later a lively Hat Debate was held, in the course of which most members were called upon to speak.

In April we debated the motion 'The Introduction of Television would be an advantage to South Africa.' P. Cochrane and G. Hole spoke for the motion, and it was opposed by M. Dyson and M. Furter. The motion was won by 19 votes to 18.

In June Mary Dyson spoke for Wykeham in the Hofmeyr Speech Contest and chose as her subject 'Should a politician lead or follow public opinion?' Though unsuccessful, she is to be congratulated on her gallant effort; many of the Senior girls attended the contest, the finals of which will take place in September.

This year we did not enter for the Jolliffe Cup, as our speakers were inexperienced, but we hope to enter next year. We have a number of promising speakers, but much greater initiative and support will be necessary if the Society is to justify its existence and be able to take its part in such Inter-School events. We hope to hold several further meetings before the end of the year.

FIONA FOSTER, Secretary.



SOCIAL STUDY GROUP

Durban Girlsâ\200\231 College, July 2ndâ\200\224July 7th, 1954 :  
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Matriculation representatives from many Natal schools assembled at Durban Girlsâ\200\231 College on the Thursday evening. There were 28 of us, and we were greeted on our arrival by Miss Middletcn and Mr. Hudson, our hostess and host. We were introduced to one another before having films on the Coronations of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II respectively.

On Friday, Dr. E. G. Malherbe gave the opening lecture on Social Welfare. He defined social welfare as the â\200\234shift of emphasis from voluntary and individual effort to organised effortâ\200\235, and he gave us several very interesting examples. In the afternoon we toured the Motor Assemblies and also the Wentworth Oil Refinery, which as a South African industry will be an important instrument of progress. That evening we had another lecture by Mr. E. R. Savage, and we then saw the popular film, â\200\234Roman Holiday,â\200\235 at the Alhambra.

On Saturday morning we had two lectures, the first by Mrs. Mary Asher, who spoke on â\200\234Housingâ\200\235 and told us of the wonderful Centenary Housing Scheme. The second lecture was by Dr. Alan Taylor, who lectured to us on â\200\234Hospitalisation,â\200\235â\200\235 and that afternoon he took us round the McCordâ\200\231s Zulu Hospital. The invaluable work done in it impressed us all greatly. That evening we were taken to the Intimate Theatre to see â\200\234Arms and the Man.â\200\235

On Sunday morning we attended the service at St. Paulâ\200\231s Church. After spending the afternoon on Brighton Beach, we went to a Symphony Concert conducted by Mr. Edward Dunn, in the City Hall.

The next morning we had a lecture by Mr. Edward Dunn on â\200\234â\200\230Leisure,â\200\235 and he told us of the many entertainments arranged for the whole population in and around Durban. Later that morning Mr. Robson told us about the â\200\234Urbanisationâ\200\235 of the African and its effects on family life. His lecture was most interesting, and he explained that the times had changed too rapidly for the African to keep pace. That afternoon we visited Cato Manor and saw the wonderful plans for further improvements, and the hundreds of recently constructed houses in the new townships. On Monday evening we visited the Industrial Fair, which was most instructive.

The following day Mr. Walters, a member of the Durban Transport Department, told us of its many difficulties, and how the buses were operated. Later, Mr. Butcher spoke on Durban as a Port. All his information regarding the port was an eye-opener to everyone, when we realised that Durban handles 61% of the Union's exports. At lunch-time we were the guests of the Rotary Club at the Edward Hotel. That afternoon we spent an enjoyable few hours going round Durban Bay in a tug. On our last evening with the Social Study Group there was a farewell dinner for the lecturers and the students. Two students, Sid Simkins, from Michaelhouse, and Marilyn Black, from Epworth, summed up the events we had enjoyed while we were in Durban.

After breakfast on Wednesday, we regretfully bade our hostess and host and other friends farewell, full of appreciation of the kind and unselfish manner in which Miss Middleton and Mr. Hudson had given up their time to facilitate the holding of the Social Study Group. The majority of the students left Durban with the margins of their knowledge considerably widened !

VALERIE SCHULZE, VI A.

#### STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The S.C.A. group at Wykeham was formed soon after the Day of Prayer for students on May 16th. Miss Helen Anderson, the Travelling Secretary for the S.C.A. in the Union, very kindly came to Wykeham and gave us our initial talk, explaining the purpose and the function of this movement.

Subsequent meetings have been well attended, and the members are interested. Six of us were present at the S.C.A. High Schools' Conference on the 21st and 22nd August at the University.

The opening address was by Professor Nuttall. Then there were lectures by Rev. A. Weston on 'The Bible in History' and its formation and influence and by Miss Kackel-hoffer, who spoke on 'How the Christian belief has arisen from the Old Testament.'

On Saturday night Mr. Cooper organised Scottish dancing for everyone, which we all greatly enjoyed. The following day Miss M. N. Nash spoke on 'The relevance of Christianity today.' After each lecture we had discussion groups and later group findings. The students dispersed after the closing service in the Presbyterian Hall.

VALERIE SCHULZE.

BREAKING-UP CONCERT AND PRIZE-GIVING

Friday, 11th December, 1953

CONCERT

IS Percussion Band - = Soldiers Marched in S. Schuman

Violoncelle and E. Wykeham -

Form I and Transition

2 Extract from "Tom Sawyer" ... SR. S. I. R.

C. Coldicott and E. Wykeham -

3. Voortrekker March - Wandellied - Bl. &

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Song of the Music Makers ... .. Martin Shaw

Junior School

A. Oates, B. Vial, E. I. E. S. Rowley

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Star of God. R. B. Coates

Bless Thou My Heart - "enes

Brother James, A. S. A. Jacobs

Senior School

WYKEHAM SCHOOL SONG

Tea in the Cloisters

PRIZE-GIVING

Introduction by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees,

Mr. K. M. Pennington.

Headmistress's Report.

Presentation of Prizes and Address by Dr. Edgar Brookes.

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Exhibition in Little Hall

Academic Prize List   200\224 December, 1953

2 Form VI A:  
Form Work,

Senior Arithmetic (presented by  
Mr. Pennington),  
History (presented by Mr. R. H.  
W. Phillips) }  
English (presented by Mr. L. T. Drew) } P Audks  
Senior Art (presented by Mr. D. Nicol).  
Good Fellowship (presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. S.  
Somerville) . . . June Harris  
Senior Afrikaans (presented by Mr. E. S. de Kock),  
200\224Fay Olmesdahl  
William of Wykeham Courtesy Prize (presented by Miss  
L. M. Hime) . : . Fay Olmesdahl  
Botany (presented by Mr 9 W  
Pape),  
, Mathematics (presented by Mr.  
r K. M. Pennington)

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. R. Franklin

. Shirley Poynton

Form VI B:  
Form Work,  
Senior Scripture (presented by  
Miss D. E. Mellor) Sl onafEostend

Distinctions in English and History  
in Junior Certificate

Dramatics (presented by Mr. L. T. Drew)...Hillary Daniel  
Domestic Science (presented by Mrs. F. O. Smythe),

Myrna Osborn-Thomson  
Book-keeping (presented by Mrs. B. Miller),

200\224Valerie Schulze

Senior General Knowledge (presented by Mr. and Mrs.

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Mzr. A. Robson)

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Mrs. F. O. Smythe),

Form V B:

Form Work . . Judy Bredin

Improvement in Music (presented by Miss W, Steere),  
â\200\224Elizabeth van Rooyen

Form IVA:

For Work,

Junior Q, crplture (presented by Marianne Burnett  
Miss D. E. Mellor)

Needlework (presented by Mrs. W. Bryant),  
â\200\224Wendy Taylor

Junior Al (presented by Mr. E. S. de Kock),  
â\200\224Alannah Vorster

Junior Arithmetic (presented by Mr. K. M. Pennington),  
â\200\224Susan Warburton

Form IV B:

Form Work,

Junior General Knowledge (pre- |.. ... Anne Oscroft  
sented by Mr. and Mrs. W.  
Harley Bacon)

Music Prize (presented by Miss M. Abbott-Smith),  
â\200\224Marcia Harris.

Form III:

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Junior Music Prize (presented by Mr. A. Robson),  
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Dougall Cup for Music

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Phillips Cup for Art (1952), .- ... Green House  
Kershaw Cup for Tidiness

Sports Awards  
Swimming :

Heritage Cup for Breaststroke ... .. Jeanette Carter

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Bennett Cup for Diving,

Earle Cup for Free Style, :

Shoolbred Cup for Most Points -+ Merlyn Leslie  
for House

Broome-Higgs Cup for Inter-  
House Relay,

Arbuckle Cup for Inter-House - Mackenzie  
Swimming  
Shooting :

Becker Cup for Best Average and Prize (presented by  
Mr. Loney . : e Naida Boshoff  
Turton Cup for Runner- up SiG Jeanette Carter  
Netball :  
Uys Cup for Inter-House Netball ... .. Moore House  
Hockey :

Whittaker Cup for Junior House Hockey,

â\200\224Mackenzie House  
Saville Cup for Senior House Hockey,

â\200\224Mackenzie House

Riding :  
Hampson Cup and Prize ... .. : Susan Brasch  
Prize for Progress (presented by â\200\234Mrs. Hampson)  
â\200\224Merle Furter

Gymnastics :  
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Senior Prize i SREL Merlyn Leslie

Allan Cup for Inter- House Gymnastlcs :  
â\200\224Mackenzie House  
Tennis :  
Boyd-Varty Trophy for Best Senior Singles Player and  
Prize (presented by Mr. A. C. Mitchell),

â\200\224Doreene Mattison  
School Tennis Champion Racquet ... .. Naida Boshoff

Chandler Cup for Junior Singles Player and Prize,  
â\200\224Wendy Taylor

Cadet Cup for Improvement and Prize (presented by Mr.

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Somerville Cup for Junior Inter-House Tennis,

â\200\224Mackenzie House

Smythe Cup for Senior Inter-House Tennis...Green House

Prize for Best All-Round at Sport ... .. Doreene Mattison

#### ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

##### " SUSPENSE

A hushed, expectant silence prevails. A hundred pairs of eyes stare fixedly ahead, faces reflecting every emotion peculiar to the human species: excitement, pathos and amusement. What strange power has this assembly in its grip that it can achieve the unbelievable in reducing them to quiet?

Music is wafted through the air, becoming increasingly dramatic as a tense moment approaches, and as one the spectators move on to the edges of their seats.

Suddenly through the darkness comes a harsh, piercing whisper, â\200\234Give me my rug back, I brought it down and you've taken most of it.â\200\235 T havenâ\200\231t.â\200\235 â\200\234You have.â\200\235 The voices reach a shrill pitch and a hundred persons hiss dire threats unless the

culprits keep quiet. The combatants lapse into an aggrieved silence.

Peace is restored, but the atmosphere is shattered and the company shuffles restlessly before settling down to renewed concentration. Minutes pass by. A look of absorbed interest is stamped on all faces as the music swells. Voices are heard murmuring the immortal love phrases of the Silver Screen. A sob echoes down the Quad as the hero bids farewell to the heroineâ\200\224a hundred pairs of ears strain to hear their parting speech, but instead, to their entranced ears comes the unmistakable and unromantic sound of a lollipop being removed from its paper by a very uninterested Junior.

Exclamations of suppressed fury ripple through the audience, but to no avail. The great moment is over and has been missed.

Lights go on, people scramble to retrieve their possessions, and a procession resembling a Girl Guide Troop after a camping spree straggles up to bed.

Another epic of the Wykeham Cinema is over.

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" MORNING GLORY â\200\234

â\200\234Drowsyâ\200\231d with the fume of poppies, while thy hook spares the next swath and all its twined flowers,â\200\235 writes John Keats in his poem â\200\234To Autumnâ\200\235. How fit this description is to the most looked-for season of the farming year.

: The poppies are replaced in South Africa by the Morning Glory in all its blue splendour, whose stems entwine thousands of acres of maize.

Dong, dong, clong. The togt bell rings out in the cold, frosty morning. Drowsy natives hurriedly finish their breakfast and hasten along to the homestead, where they receive their instructions for the day. On arriving, they are met by the farmer in his characteristic hat. He has a thick, coarse jacket over his clothes and his harvesting knife is in his hand.

The natives guess what they have to do, but nevertheless they are told that they are going to harvest the large field on the â\200\234Madashinaâ\204¢. Sacks are found and flung across bare shoulders for protection against the burrs and black-jacks which infest the field. Each is handed a sickle and a harvesting knife.

This takes only a few minutes, as the natives know their employer is strict about dawdling. He employs no shirker. Every native who works for him knows the meaning of the word â\200\234workâ\200\235, otherwise he does not last long on that farm. However, he is not harsh and treats the natives without cruelty and in return is respected by all.

â\200\234Come on then, letâ\200\231s go,â\200\235 he shouts, and everyone begins to troop up the hill towards the Madashina.

When they arrive there it is about half-past seven and the sun is already warm. For a moment everyone pauses to survey the golden ball of fire poised at an acute angle over the horizon. The eighty-six natives are then allotted their rows and soon fall to, cutting off the cobs from the maize stalks (for almost everything is done by hand). As the cobs are cut off, with the harvesting knife held in the right hand, they are dropped into the sack held beneath by the left. Thus they continue until the end of the row is reached.

This part of the work usually holds a great amount of fun for the reapers, for as they all march along the rows singing, rabbits, guinea-fowl and pheasants are startled. They either, amidst a great deal of flapping of wings, rise into the air, or dart off terrified, as in the case of the little grey rabbits.

The natives rush off after the rabbits with shouts of glee, for a moment forgetting their work. Sometimes a rabbit is overtaken and triumphantly borne back by the victorious catcher, but more often than not he returns empty-handed, and the work is continued with excited enthusiasm.

When a portion of the field has been completed, the tractor moves along, cutting down the barren stalks to store away for the winter, or else they are left and the cattle herded amongst them.

The tractor will soon collect the filled sacks and, with the natives clambering on top, will progress slowly homewards, with the sun just setting behind them.

â\200\234To sink' at last, not weary but effused, with peace amongst the worldâ\200\231s realities.â\200\235

M. OSBORN-THOMSON, VI A.

. THE PROSPECTOR

I followed the track that led me over the hill, down past a glittering snake of water, a river that twisted and curved until it wound round a hill and was gone. The sun, shining on the water, made a necklace of diamonds on the surface. I bent over, and saw my reflection looking back at me, dusty and dishevelled. Drawn once more to the path, I continued walking along it, the sky still its brilliant blue and the sun still shining.

A twist round a bend and there it stood, a round opening of black velvet, the mouth of the cave, my destination. I stood fascinated. The path entered the cave. Hypnotised, I followed, and was enveloped in a mantle of darkness. I was aware that the path branched into a number of turnings. Instinctively I turned to the left, water was trickling down the walls and the cave was cool; but I felt hot excitement surge within me; my goal was near. Around a corner I dropped to my knees, ignoring the pain where the sharp stones jabbed them. Feverishly I tore at the rocks, almost tearing my fingers as I pulled aside the stones. At last my fingers curled around it, the coldness of it burned my hands. Smiling in the dark, I returned, clutching my treasure in my hands.

I came around the corner, and in the distance the opening winked at me. I emerged into the brilliant sunlight and gazed at my findâ\200\224a tin-opener.

WINSOME FULLER, V A

POCKETS

String and bottletops,  
Toads and lollipops,  
A half-sucked jelly-bean too.  
Two bits of sticky-tape,  
A lump off a broken plate,  
A half-dead tadpole, Ugh!

Jam and treacle,

A fly and a beetle,

The tail of a long dead rat.  
Three tops off cocoa tins,  
Five twisted safety-pins,

All in the pocket of a â\200\234Brat.â\200\235

SUSAN Warburton, V B.

VI A ACCORDING TO SHAKESPEARE

INZARIDZER 2SR e We have matched our rackets to  
these balls.

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â\200\234Y'NA O-BO-N T-O-SO- She has a housewifeâ\200\231s hand.

WALAREE BHBEILZ: s000000000- Your patience and your virtue  
well deserves it.

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without a stir.

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Concerning the Old Girls

WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September, 1954

President: Amy Young.

Honorary President: Miss D. E. Mellor.

Vice-Presidents : Miss M. K. Ball, Lorna Hime, Phyllis  
Somerville.

Honorary Treasurer : Daphne Meade.

- Honorary Secretary: Janet Black.

Committee Members: Ivy Anderson, Stella Bateson,  
Linley Brazier, Kathleen Drew, Mary Graham,  
Natalie Juul, Marylee Masson.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for the Bazaar:  
Maureen Fanner.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The Annual Genreal Meeting of the Wykeham Old Girlsâ\200\231  
Association was held in the Little Hall at Wykeham on May  
2nd, 1954, at 9.45 a.m.

Present

A. Young in the chair. All present signed the register in  
the Minutes Book. There were many letters of good wishes  
and apologies. The President offered a warm welcome to Miss  
Ball. Messages were read from Miss Mellor, Miss Clark and  
Miss Abbott-Smith. It was with regret that we heard of the  
illness of Miss Abbott-Smith, for whom prayers had been  
offered at the Communion Service at St. Georgeâ\200\231s Church.

#### Minutes

As the minutes had appeared in the Magazine, the President asked if they might be taken as read, seconded by F. Somerville.

#### President's Report

A. Young read her report and moved its adoption, seconded by L. Hime. The President of the Durban Branch read her report and moved its adoption, seconded by R. Pennington. ;

#### Financial Statement

The Treasurer submitted her report and moved its adoption, seconded by V. Bacon. Carried.

The Treasurer of the Durban Branch read her report and moved its adoption, seconded by P. Goodwin. The Durban Branch had sent a further £100 to Wykeham. L. Brazier proposed that this be given to the Jubilee Fund, seconded by R. Pennington. P. Goodwin proposed as an amendment that it be given to the Fund most in need, seconded by P. Woods. This was put to the vote of the Durban representatives and the amendment was lost.

It was proposed that the honorarium to the auditors be £2 2s; carried.

#### Election of Office-bearers

L. Hime proposed that A. Young be President, seconded by J. Fincken; carried unanimously.

The following were returned en bloc : 224

Vice-Presidents : Miss Ball, L. Hime, P. Somerville.

Hon. President : Miss Mellor.

Hon. Vice-President : Miss Abbott-Smith.

Hon. Treasurer: D. Meade.

Hon. Secretary: J. Black.

Committee Members: I. Anderson, S. Bateson, L. Brazier, K. Drew, M. Graham, N. Juul. It was proposed that Marylee Masson should fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of N. Phelps.

#### Bursary Sub-Committee

The Secretary said that owing to the fact that the bursary had been held by the daughter of an Old Girl since before Miss Mellor's resignation, and as there had been no other applications for the bursary, this Committee had somewhat disintegrated; the only remaining members were L. Hime and C. Turner. The Executive Committee had appointed Miss Ball and A. Young to the Committee, subject to the approval of the Association. This was granted.

### Wykeham Brooches

L. Hime said that the brooches made by the Mint in Pretoria were not a success, and there was still £10 owing to the School for the die. She had three proposals to make: (a) Order another 50 brooches from the Mint; this would cover the cost of the die. (b) Try elsewhere and see if a better article could be obtained. (c) Wait until all control had been lifted and get a really good silver and enamel brooch from England as heretofore. T. Bacon proposed that the Old Girls Association pay the School the £10 covering the cost of the die and order brooches elsewhere. Seconded by W. Drummond. Details to be left to the Executive Committee. C. Turner proposed that we wait until import control had been lifted, then order the brooches. Seconded by L. Hime. V. Bacon's proposal was carried.

### Annual Dance

R. Bryant proposed that the dance be held, as it was one way of bringing Wykeham before the public eye. L. Brazier seconded the motion. The following volunteered to form a committee to organise the dance: K. Drew, M. Graham, L. Brazier, L. Evans, N. Juul, S. Burchell, J. Keytel, D. Meade. It was left to the committee to elect the secretary and to decide the date on which the dance was to be held.

### Magazine

N. Juul was asked to write the Old Girls' news, also the article, 'My People were Pioneers'. B. Clarke and I. van der Poel promised to write articles. Miss Ball was asked to collect the School news and compile the Magazine.

### Jumble Sale

It was decided to hold the jumble sale at the beginning of September. P. Somerville appealed to all Old Girls to send all their jumble, irrespective of condition, to Wykeham.

### Durban Branch Resolution

V. Bacon moved that all girls on leaving school should have the Life Membership fee of £5 5s. added to their last school account; seconded by J. Fincken. Miss Ball said she felt this could not be made compulsory, as many parents had sufficient difficulty in keeping girls at school without this added expense. N. Juul thought that girls would value their Life Membership more if they paid it out of their own earnings. L. Brazier proposed that the Executive Committee draft a strongly appealing letter, to be included with the last account, asking for Life subscriptions. This draft to be submitted to the Durban Branch for their approval. Carried. Miss Ball

was asked to speak to the present girls and stress the desirability of becoming Life Members.

Parcels to ex-Headmistresses overseas. It was decided not to send gift parcels, as Britain was now off the ration.

Votes of Thanks were passed to the following: Rev. Vaughan Edwards, Miss Ball, Wykeham Staff, Domestic Science Staff, Present Girls.

Tennis Match. The tennis match arranged by M. Masson, Old v. Present Girls, was won by the Old Girls.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

#### COMBINED MEETING OF THE WYKEHAM SCHOOL SCHOOL SOCIETY AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the first Combined Meeting of the Wykeham School Society and the Board of Trustees, held at Wykeham in the Little Hall at 11 a.m., 2nd May, 1954.

This meeting followed the Old Girls's 200th Annual Meeting at 9.30. All the Members of the Board were present, the Executive Committee and Old Girls. Mr. Pennington was in the Chair.

Mr. Pennington opened the meeting by saying that this was the first time the Board had called such a meeting. The Board had tried to face up to the many problems that faced Wykeham; salaries had been made comparable to those paid by the Government, a Pension Scheme was in operation, and for the last five or six years they had been considering the necessity of rebuilding.

Before Miss Mellor left, the pros and cons of whether to remain in town or move to the country were discussed. When Miss Clark became Head Mistress this was again discussed, and the same decision to remain in town was reached.

Since then two adjacent houses had been purchased, emphasising the decision to remain in town and to acquire more ground as it became available. He urged the necessity of rebuilding, and said that he, Mr. Turner and Mr. Millar, of Hilton Road, had gone into the matter very carefully and recommended to the Board : (a) a second Quadrangle on similar lines to Winchester to be built along Loop Street to incorporate Waverley. (b) Demolish as soon as possible all the older Wykeham buildings and open up the grounds. (c) Move

the Native Quarters to back of the new buildings so that all the central grounds to Burger Street would be thrown open. These suggestions from the Grounds and Finance Committees had been approved by the Board in principle.

Mr. Pennington quoted figures for rebuilding and said he felt that £60,000 would be required for Wykeham. He had every confidence in Miss Ball, who would see the building scheme through. He said that £3,000 had already been promised, and that they must look to the loyalty of the Old Girls for support of the scheme. He suggested that Committees be formed in various districts. Higher fees would have to be expected as soon as building was in progress.

These plans had called for reconsideration on his return from leave as a result of the generous offer of land for Wykeham from Mrs. Fincken. The Board's decision, rightly or wrongly, had been that Wykeham should remain in Maritzburg, but it was now for the meeting to decide. He pointed out that, in the event of their deciding to move, a minimum of £150,000 would be needed, less what Wykeham would be sold for. He called upon Mrs. Young to express the Old Girls' views and to put it to the meeting to decide.

Mrs. Young moved a resolution that : A Jubilee Fund be opened for the purpose of erecting buildings to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Wykeham School. She continued that, on making enquiries about the fall in numbers at Wykeham, she was told that (1) the climate in Maritzburg was too hot, and (2) that Wykeham had to go outside for its playing fields. She pointed out that conditions of climate and shortage of playing fields applied to other schools in Maritzburg, and that all these schools, in spite of these drawbacks, continued to keep up their numbers. She was forced, therefore, to the conclusion that the poor buildings were responsible for the shortfall in numbers at Wykeham. The answer to the question as to where the money was to come from lay with the Association and the Old Girls generally. She held that the prospect of good buildings soon to rise would arouse interest, and proposed that we aim to lay the foundation stone in a year's time.

Mr. Pennington put the matter to the meeting for discussion.

Miss Hime seconded Mrs. Young's resolution to lay the foundation stone in a year's time, and said that new buildings had resulted in an influx of applications in the past.

Mrs. Young asked for more details of Mrs. Fincken's offer as regards facilities for light, water, railway and other communication.



Mr. Pennington gave details of the offer. He felt, however, that costs were so prohibitive that it was not a feasible scheme.

Mrs. Juul expressed the gratitude of the Association to Mrs. Fincken. She said she had seen the site and it was very beautiful, but the advantages were offset by the many difficulties and by the enormously increased cost of running the school. She visualised a different Wykeham, and regretted that the Society must refuse this most generous and practical offer which Mrs. Fincken had put forward.

Mr. Pennington asked for votes in favour of Wykeham remaining in Maritzburg. There was only one dissentient; Mrs. van der Poel said she wished to be associated with Mrs. Fincken in her plan to move the School to Lidgetton and thanked her for her incredibly generous offer. Mr. Pennington endorsed the proposal of thanks, which was carried unanimously.

He then called for proposals to inaugurate the Jubilee Fund.

Mrs. Young proposed that the target of the Fund be £50,000.

Miss Ball said she had sensed a quickening interest among the parents and girls since they heard of rebuilding plans and emphasized that the plans must be put into action quickly and that the need was for everybody to feel and show a strong sense of optimism and interest. There was a need for localised drives for the Fund in town and further afield. One vigorous organiser in each big area would soon bring about results. She seconded Mrs. Young's proposal of a target of £50,000.

Mrs. Young pointed out that Durban had started their Association with nothing, and in two years had handed Wykeham £300. She suggested that a Central Committee should be formed to direct money raising.

Mr. Pennington said the money raising must be done by the Old Girls and suggested that circulars, signed by the Head Mistress, Chairwoman of the Society and Chairman of the Board be sent to: (1) Old Girls, (2) Parents of present girls, (3) Past parents and prospective parents.

Mrs. Fincken suggested that Mr. Oppenheimer be approached for a loan at low percentage, as he had offered through the Press to help cultural activities in South Africa.

Mrs. Brazier suggested the Nuffield Trust be approached.

Mr. Pennington suggested that the first night's takings of some good film might be donated by Mr. Schlesinger and promised to write.

Mr. Phillips suggested stop orders through the Bank, and that members take out insurance policies and cede them to the school as a means of bringing in an enormous amount of money.

Miss Black said she had received a letter from Mrs. Waring donating £1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips promised £1,000, and Mr. Pennington told the meeting of an anonymous donor through Mr. Drew of £1,000.

Mrs. Phillips undertook to be organising secretary for Umzinto, Mrs. Cope for Mooi River, Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Pennington for Balgowan and Nottingham Road. The Executive Committee would operate in Maritzburg.

Mr. Drew requested that men should not be excluded from these Committees. The need for publicity was urgent and the power of the Press was required.

Mr. Phillips suggested that Miss Ball should visit the Old Girls in Johannesburg. Miss Ball replied that she had such a visit in mind when she went down to Cape Town during the December holidays.

Mrs. P. Woods suggested that a Bumper Fête be organised for next Birthday Week-end in the City Hall.

Miss Ball asked leave to advertise vacancies as a result of increased accommodation through the purchase of the new house.

Miss Hime asked that the circulars be printed and not cyclostyled.

Mr. Drew offered to do this free of charge.

In reply to Mrs. Graham's question, Mr. Pennington said that after the appointment of an architect at the next Board Meeting, tenders would be called for, and that within six months a start on the new buildings might be made.

Mrs. Young asked for a mandate from the meeting to get from Miss Ball what accommodation she needed and then approach an architect. She asked if the Funds were to operate under three different titles, or to be merged into one. At present there was the Trust Fund, the Building Fund and now the Jubilee Fund. Mr. Somerville said that the Building Fund and the Trust Fund were to remain separate. The Trust Fund was specifically for reducing the Bond, and it was finally decided that the Building Fund be known as The Golden Jubilee Building Fund.

At 12.55 Mr. Pennington closed the meeting.

WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS'S ASSOCIATION  
(DURBAN BRANCH)

The Quarterly Re-Union of the Durban Branch of the Wykeham Old Girls's Association will be held on the following Sundays in 1955 at 10 a.m. at the home of Violet Poynton (née Crookes), 554 Essenwood Road, Durban.

February 6th. Annual General Meeting.

May 1st.  
August 7th.  
November 6th.

AN OLD GIRL'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE  
BIRTHDAY WEEK-END

The birthday week-end began on the Friday afternoon, when Ponty Goodwin and I arrived with all our bits and pieces from Durban for the sale on Saturday morning. We were made very welcome by Miss Ball and took possession of the Hall, where the girls were busy with decorations.

Early on Saturday morning the Pietermaritzburg Old Girls arrived and set up their stalls fancy goods, sweets, cakes, flowers and vegetables. The sale was a great success, and all the stalls were kept busy. Ponty and I had a nerve-racking time at the Tombola, which was very popular with the girls. When things got beyond us we handed over to the girls whilst we had tea, which was very well served by the younger girls.

In the evening the fancy dress dance, which the children all enjoyed, was a great success. Ruth Bryant, Veronique Carter and I had a very difficult task judging the costumes, which were all very good. The dowagers's supper which followed was a very happy affair. Phyl Sommerville and I quite forgot our years when we heard from Miss Ball that trifle had been served in the Hall, so we gathered up our skirts and made a dash for it, but arrived too late. The Hall was locked and supper over, so we made another dash this time to the kitchen. Mrs. Beal turned out the frig., and we had a wonderful feast. We both returned to the dowagers's supper looking rather guilty but very well fed.

On Sunday morning after breakfast we were kept busy with two meetings in the dear old Hall, which seems so much smaller than it did when we did our prep. there. During tea we all managed to do our share of talking with old friends, and I hope each year that more Old Girls will join in the

birthday celebrations, which are great fun.  
W. DRUMMOND.

Three small competitors at the 1954 Birthday  
Week-end Fancy Dress.



#### MY PEOPLE WERE PIONEERS

It must have been a shock to my great-grandmother, Eleanor Fannin, when in 1845 her husband Thomas announced his intention of chartering a ship and migrating to South Africa! She had then a family of nine children, the youngest a baby of a few months old!

Great-grandpa must have been a restless soul, for this was not his first emigration. Eleanor Fannin (born Robinson) had married her Irish husband at Clonmel, County Tipperary, in August, 1821, and in 1833, with six children, they left Dublin, where the Fannins had lived for generations, and went to Liverpool.

My grandfather, John Eustace Fannin, later Mr. Justice Fannin of the Natal Native High Court, was the seventh child of Thomas and Eleanor Fannin. He was born in Liverpool and was about 11 years old when he came to South Africa in or about August, 1845.

Thomas Fannin, after deciding to emigrate, realised his assets, which seem to have been fairly considerable, and with the proceeds bought a shipload of merchandise. Then he chartered the Conway Castle and the family sailed for Cape Town. Only three of the children were old enough to look after themselves on that three months' voyage, the ages of the family being 20, 19, 17, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 3 and about 4 months!

On their arrival in Cape Town, Thomas Fannin disposed of his merchandise and then looked round for a way of making a living. Incurably optimistic, he saw visions of vast fortunes awaiting him in the copper country of Namaqualand, so he joined a company formed to exploit this copper and himself became the manager. Wagons and oxen and supplies of machinery were bought and off went Thomas Fannin and all his family except the two eldest, Jane and Thomas William.

Jane stayed with a Wesleyan minister in Cape Town and Thomas took a job as a surveyor.

My father well remembered hearing from his grandmother and his father of the hardships of that journey into the desert wilds of South Africa. Their last link with civilisation was the Wesleyan Mission Station at Khamisberg, where all the girls of the family, except the baby, Marianne Edwardine, were left.

The venture was a sad failure, and Thomas Fannin, optimist as he was, had to admit himself beaten by the primitive conditions of life and work. He loaded up his wagons with copper ore to show the Directors of his company how rich the copper deposits were, and trekked back to Cape Town. In the ore he carried with him was gold as well as copper ore, and he claimed, probably justifiably, to have been the first discoverer of gold in South Africa! I have in my possession at the moment a copy of a memorandum on the subject addressed by him to the then Governor of the Cape, claiming recompense.

By the time he got back to Cape Town, in about June or July of 1847, he had had enough of sand, dust and waterless country. His desert journey had given him nothing but the distinction of having left behind a small river, a tributary of the Orange, which was shown on later maps as the Fannin River!

Now he had to decide on his next move. The Rev. Hodgson, with whom Jane Fannin had stayed during her family's jaunt to Namaqualand, had not long before been in the mission field in Natal and had acquired a 6,000-acre farm called Buffel's Bosch, some 25 miles west of Pietermaritzburg. The Mission Society, however, did not approve of their missionaries becoming large landowners, and Mr. Hodgson was ordered to dispose of his farm. It was offered to my great-grandfather, and he bought the 6,000 acres for £120! We still have the original document signed by Mr. Hodgson disposing of the farm to my great-grandfather. It is written on a half-sheet of notepaper.

And so the family took to the sea again. In a little coastal vessel called the Flora they arrived in Durban on Michaelmas Day, September 29th, 1847, 107 years-ago.

From there they travelled to Pietermaritzburg in wagons hired from Dick King, taking a week on the journey. Another trial for poor Eleanor Fannin, who was now expecting another child's 13th (and 10th surviving). On the way they saw mealie fields which had been trampled and destroyed by

a marauding herd of elephants from the Berea Bush, and they had to keep a sharp look-out for lions too.

Arriving in Pietermaritzburg in December, 1847, they found trouble brewing between Boers and Britons, and the family had to go into laager on the Market Square with the other inhabitants. When the trouble had died down, Thomas Fannin and his four sons, Thomas William, George Fox, John Eustace (my grandfather) and Meredyth went on to take possession of their farm. The only habitation they passed on the way had previously been the home of Andries Pretorius, the Boer leader, and it bore all the signs of having been hurriedly abandoned. A solitary peach tree further north was the only other sign of previous occupation they found; otherwise the whole country was just a wilderness.

The party on reaching their own property were immediately charmed with its setting, and because the stream running through the land reminded him of the Dargle Stream near his old home in Dublin, my great-grandfather named his farm The Dargle, and The Dargle it has remained to this day. It is now in the possession of the Griffin family.

Thomas Fannin selected a site for the homestead at the foot of the bush and then returned to Pietermaritzburg to fetch his family, which had by now been enlarged by the arrival of another daughter.

For six months they lived in tents while father and sons built a sod house in which they settled a little more comfortably until their permanent home was completed. This house still stands at The Dargle, and I have often been there. The solid stone walls are the thickest I have ever seen, and many of the floors and ceilings are the original ones constructed of yellow-wood, sneezewood or stinkwood cut from the bush on the farm.

Lion and leopard still roamed the countryside, and the family had several skirmishes with marauding lions among their cattle. There were herds of buffalo about, too, and on one shooting expedition my grandfather, John Eustace, then about 16, was charged by one of these beasts, which pinned him against a tree and broke his arm before his brother George managed to shoot it. The buffalo's tongue was removed, salted down and formed part of the wedding breakfast when Eleanor,

- the second daughter of the family, married William Robinson Shaw ! :

The family went through many hardships at The Dargle, and not even Great-grandpa's optimism could avert the final



disaster. Before he died on September 17, 1862, he had gone insolvent! Three years later, in December, 1865, his sons, Thomas William and George Fox, died within 24 hours of each other, the former at Heidelberg and the latter at The Dargle. George was one of the pioneer botanists of this country, and at least three plants which grow in The Dargle district were named after him. )

Thomas William had passed on his surveying knowledge to his younger brother, John Eustace, my grandfather, who practised this profession after being admitted in December, 1858.

Later he joined the Government Service and became a clerk and Zulu interpreter and then a magistrate. In the 1870's he tried his luck at diamond digging at Kimberley with his brother Meredyth. The latter was fairly fortunate, but my grandfather did not have much luck. Later he acted during the Zulu War as Special Border Agent at Kranskop and finally became a Judge of the Natal Native High Court.

All this about my grandfather and his family; but what about my grandmother, Mrs. John Eustace Fannin, whom I loved very dearly. She, too, came of old Natal pioneer stock. Her father was Dr. Samuel Gower, M.R.C.S., who arrived in Natal with his family from England in May, 1850, and soon afterwards became Pietermaritzburg's first District Surgeon, an appointment which he held until his death in 1876. His district ran from Botha's Hill to Giant's Castle and from the Umzimkulu to New Hanover. And this when there were no motor cars!

My grandmother had no brothers, but three sisters, all of whom married into pioneer families. Several of my grandfather's sisters, too, married pioneers.

I am afraid it is often overlooked that it was these early pioneers of English stock who laid the foundations of civilisation in Natal and took a big part in the building of our South African nation. My father once wrote that though it was true that the Boers were the first to occupy Natal, most of them cleared out North after the British occupation in 1842, and in any case they never occupied Southern Natal. The Midlands, Coastlands, Southern Natal, Zululand and a large part of Northern Klip River County (around Newcastle chiefly) were all developed by English-speaking South Africans. They did the work here which the 1820 Settlers did in and around Grahamstown. He maintained that English-speaking South Africans gave the lead to South Africa in cattle breeding, sheep breeding, the wattle industry, the sugar industry and in

many other ways. He was very proud of being a Natalian and of the part his pioneer parents and grandparents took in opening up this part of South Africa to civilisation. And so, indeed, am I.

INEASVAETIES /S

#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING

From the depths of an experience-battered mind there emerges a suggestion that present-day girls should be presented with the axioms governing mechanical independence. ~After all, the glamorous, clinging-vine technique is useless on a deserted road when a tyre needs changing, and girlish squawks never fixed a burst pipe. Even in cases where there is a resident handyman, husbands have been known to make an accelerated dive for their golf clubs when the lawn mower springs a defect, leaving the wife to make mechanicalâ\200\224and mentalâ\200\224adjustments.

In these days we hear a great deal about vocational training, and if that embraces mechanical independence, then progress has been made since my young day. We had no such short cut to success. I, for example, with the exacting role of spinster householder ahead of me, instead of being guided towards a study of carpentry, bricklaying, the Black Magic of electricity and, above all, plumbing, was allowed to stray into pleasant paths and to dally with music, art and literature.

It would be unfair to blame my parents for their lack of prescience, but the fact remains that I was as fitted for my role in life as a bewildered song bird. Now, after some years of experience I have learned some basic truths. A sonata, even one of Beethovenâ\200\231s, never cured a fused lighting system. And when the bathroom is awash, all oneâ\200\231s accumulated knowledge of the arts would be gladly exchanged for the plumberâ\200\231s sleight of hand.

As for drains, there is a subject which merits a chapter to itself, especially the French drain I made at the bottom of the garden. Believe me, a sound taste in modern art availed me nothing when the Health Officer had some pretty emphatic comments to make about that French drain.

And in the sphere of carpentry, a proper knowledge of stresses and strains, rather than a nodding acquaintance with Shakespeareâ\200\231s sonnets, would have avoided the cataclysm which woke the neighbourhood at dead of night when my home-made kitchen shelf collapsed.

- No doubt there are lone householders with a mechanical bent who can take all the hazards of their career in their stride.

But there is no such bent in my ancestry. My mother to this day treats telephones, radios and all electrical appliances as dangerous and treacherous enemies, to be avoided at all cost. Another forebear, to the end of his days, handled his car in the fashion of a carriage and pair. He would gather up the steering wheel, and with a murmured "Gee up", he would plunge forward, carefully avoiding anything in his path calculated to frighten a timid horse. Obviously with that kind of background I should have commenced my vocational training way back in the kindergarten.

In addition to the basic schooling envisaged here, a more advanced course should be made available to the student, including such subjects as ju-jitsu, strategy and tactics, and housebreaking.

Happily I have not required skill in self-defence as yet. But I can recommend the science of war in dealing with frogs, spiders, centipedes and particularly snakes. My untutored offensive against a snake, claiming lebensraum in the back verandah, illustrated the danger of untrained soldiering. I made a frontal attack, leaving the left flank unguarded. When an enemy reinforcement, presumably the mate, slithered into the battle from this direction, only a nimble retreat saved me from disaster.

As to the science of "cracking the joint", no woman who has arrived unescorted at her front door at midnight, to find that she has mislaid her key, will need any persuasion to study this subject. Even a worse plight, and I speak with feeling, is to be locked out of one's own home in broad daylight. For then not only is housebreaking skill required, but the ubiquitous passerby must be reckoned with. I found that when I was half in and half out of my bedroom window skill of a high order was needed to prove my bona fides to a suspicious citizen.

Though I still have much to learn, I can claim with all modesty, that I have gone a long way since I was launched on this life of drama and high adventure. (The highest adventure up to the time of going to press was my ascent to the roof to locate a leak, and there was first-rate drama in my descent!) When I recall all the crises with which I have had to cope, untrained and single-handed, I do believe that I am qualified to prepare a hand book for the guidance of those young girls whose vocation in life will require mechanical independence.

And now I must turn on the radio, the symphony concert is on the air!

BLYTHE CLARK.

BETROTHALS

As for matters of Huswifery, When God put them  
upon you, it would be a sin either to refuse them or to perform  
them megligently, and therefore the ignorance of them is a  
great shame and danger for women who intend marriage.  
Mary Ferrars, A.D. 1631.

Babette Anderson to Martin Fitzgerald.  
Patricia Anderton to Timothy Curtis.  
Geraldine Ashfield to Terence Lardner Allen.  
Leila Beater to Leslie Purnell.

Katherine Blackburn to Owen Prout.

Gracie Crooks to William B. Edgecome.  
Valerie Moorcroft to Donald Bertram Bouttell.  
Anne Pope to Arthur Sage.

Sheila Stainbank to John Cheffins Mason.

Rosemary Stewart to Derrick Wilfred Reynolds.

RECENT MARRIAGES

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

This you have promised.

Jacqueline Cosnett is Mrs. Garnet Morgan.  
Ghislaine de Carcenac is Mrs. Henry de Speville.  
Audrey Garland is Mrs. Owen O. Smith.  
Claire Greyling is Mrs. Denis Pope.

Joan Henderson is Mrs. Norman Maxwell.  
June Lakofski is Mrs. Harry Kassel.  
Isobel Leslie is Mrs. Arthur B. West.  
Faye Risely is Mrs. Harry Sandwith.  
Diana Tasker is Mrs. J. Richard Blore.  
Una Walker is Mrs. Donthorn V. White.

DEATHS

Miss Mabel Abott-Smith.

Ingie Bleloch (Mrs. M. L. Conway).  
Kitty Campbell.

Margaret E. Green (Mrs. Hedley).  
Lorna McDonald.

Kitty Smith (Mrs. P. Murray).

RECENT WYKEHAM GRANDCHILDREN

For little pattering feet and crooning songs;  
For children's laughter, and sweet wells of truth;

For sweet child faces and the sweet wise tongues;  
For childhood's faith that lifts us near to Thee  
And bows us with our own disparity;

For childhood's sweet unconscious beauty sleep;  
For all that childhood teaches us of Thee:  
We thank Thee, Lord.

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Oxenham.

- . Aldworth (Rosemary Johnston), a son.
- . Barlow (Joan MacNeillie), a daughter.
- . Beghin (Dawn Pennington), a son
- . Braatvedt (Pamela Hudson), a son
- . Chait (Esme Lynn), a daughter.
- . Cope (Patricia Moore), a son.
- . Corrigall (Gwen Davis), a son.
- . Cowan (Ethne Adlam), a son
- . Cox (Pamela Carter), a son.
- de Bufanos (Patricia Perkins), a daughter.
- . L. de Gersigny (Rosamund Slatton), a son.
- . Earle Smith (Audrey Smeaton), a son

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- . T. Erskine Wilson (Dorothy Godfrey), a daughter.
- . V. Evans (Doreen Baikie), a sonâ\200\224DBruce.
  
- . T. Fanner (Maureen Stainbank), a sonâ\200\224William.
- . J. Foaden (Zoe Martin-Taylor), a son.
  
- . D. Frankel (Sheila Jacobs), a daughter.
  
- . B. Goss (Erica Bennett-Davis), a sonâ\200\224DBryan.
  
- . M. Grant (Doreen Roach), a daughter.
  
- . J. Hellberg (Helene Catherine), a son.
  
- . J. Joubert (Sylvia Gordon), a son.
  
- . H. Kassell (June Lakofski), a daughterâ\200\224Lynne.
  
- . H. Keytel (Joyce Emerton), a sonâ\200\224R.I.P.
  
- Mrs. R. W. Mullany (Peggy Drew), a son.
  
- . R. Phipson (Morelle Lund), a son, Roderick Thorpe.
- . K. Reisdorff (Berenice Kruger), a daughter.
  
- . L. Scott Barnes (Ann Harcourt-Baldwin), a son.
  
- . H. Smith (Glenore Bradfield), a daughter.
  
- . V. D. Smith (Norma Garland), a daughter.
  
- . E. Sparg (Geraldine Payn), a sonâ\200\224Tony Malcolm.
  
- . D. Stubbs (Adrienne Smythe), a daughterâ\200\224Caroline.
- . E. Tasker (Beverley Smith), a son.
  
- . W. van Rooyen (Priscilla Francis), a daughter.
  
- . P. Waterman (Christine Dell), a daughterâ\200\224Jill.
  
- . J. Wilkinson (Dorothy Greaves), a sonâ\200\224Jeremy.
  
- . D. Young (Patricia Black), a daughter.

OLD GIRLSâ\200\231 NEWS

Abbott-Smith Miss, reached the end of her life of unselfish and devoted service on May 4 at Worthing, England. May she rest in peace.

Adlam, Ethne (Mrs. Cowan) now has a pigeon pair and continues to be a busy housewife.

Alexander, Joyce, who was at Wykeham from about 1912 to 1920, sent her news slip in from Durban together with her life subscription. She is a keen and hard-working member of the Durban Branch.

Allan, Terry (Mrs. Bredin) was one of the W.O.G.â\200\231s that Amy Hathorn (Mrs. Young) met at the Womenâ\200\231s Institute Summer School at Ixopo. She is still a Wykeham parent as well as an Old Girl. Lesley (Mrs. Faull) recently moved to a very large house in Rondebosch, and this, with her family of four children, naturally keeps her very busy. She says that she does wish she could meet a few Wykeham Old Girls sometimes. Mary Bredin often stays with her and gets plenty of practical experience for her nursery school teaching career helping Lesley with the children!

Amos, Irene (Mrs. van der Poel) came to the Birthday Week-end. She and her husband had a trip to England, Spain and Portugal at the end of last year.

Anderson, Ivy, is a valuable member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee. She is on the staff of Kearsney College and motors up for all our meetings. Elsie (Mrs. Chapman) made some lovely fruit cakes for the Scottsville Old Girlsâ\200\231 Sale in June. Babette and Shirley are in Salisbury, where Denise Richards often sees them. Babette is engaged.

Anderton, Patricia, who became engaged this year, is a keen worker for the Durban Branch. She was one of the " debutantes at the Durban Centenary Ball in July.

Arbuckle, Daphne, and her husband made a come-back to competitive dancing when they competed last year in the South African Ballroom Dancing Championships. They delighted us with their exhibition at the Old Girlsâ\200\231 Dance in September.

Arnott, Sheila (Mrs. G. W. Peddie), enjoys having Ruth, her daughter, home for week-ends now that she is at the Tech. in Durban. She is looking forward to helping others from her district to work for the Golden Jubilee Birthday Sale next year. Dulcie (Mrs. Foster) and Mavis (Mrs. Borrowdale) have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their mother last July. Dulcie



and her husband and two friends enjoyed an extensive motoring tour of the Rhodesias in June, and before that, in March, Dulcie had Toria Peel (Mrs. Bacon) staying with her for the Women's Institute Summer School, which was held this year at Ixopo, and was attended by a number of W.O.G.s.

Ashfield, Geraldine, has become engaged. When we heard this news from her she was working for the Engineering College of South Africa. She still hears from Jeanette Carter and June Harris and often sees Brenda Ray.

Budas, Peta, is a new Old Girl, who is now at the Natal University in Maritzburg.

Backhouse, Dorothy (Mrs. Manton) two sons, Grenville and David, are doing well at school. Dorothy has had several spells of illness this year, including two operations. She has a part-time job now.

Bangley, Peggy, is still instructing the young idea at Benoni High School.

Banks, Winnie (Mrs. Wevell) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband last May.

Bashagen, Sheila, a new Old Girl and a Life Member, has been to see Miss Mellor while on a visit to England with June Harris and her mother, Johnnie Walker.

Batchelor, Hazel, was one of the bridesmaids at a picturesque wedding at Empangeni, when the two pageboys wore the eighteenth century uniform of the bridegroom's regiment, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Beard, Elizabeth, was with us on Sunday of the Birthday Week-end.

Beater, Leila, who has become engaged this year, is teaching biology at the Girls' High School in Durban. She plays league badminton, but has decided to give up hockey, apart from coaching and watching. She enjoyed a reunion with some of the English players who toured this country in 1950 and again this year. In her spare time Leila attends pottery classes.

Behrmann, Beth, is teaching at Eveline Girls' School, Bulawayo.

Beiles, Doria (Mrs. Block) says that war has certainly returned to Kenya, and Nairobi especially is full of troops. She works three afternoons a week at the new soldiers' canteen there and has been busy taking dressmaking lessons and learning

French as well. She was happy to contact Joy Perkins (Mrs. Girdwood) again after 14 years.

Bennett, Barbara (Mrs. Cope) is a fairly frequent visitor to Wykeham as a parent as well as an Old Girl. She won

second prize for cut flowers at the Mooi River Spring Flower Show.

Bennett-Davis, Erica (Mrs. Goss) has three sons, like Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford), with whom she remains very friendly. They and their husbands, who are also great friends, recently spent a hectic but enjoyable week-end in Durban together. They went to the July Handicap, where Erica says Maureen seemed to be bumping into old Wykehamites wherever they turned! Erica's new baby son has red hair. Mollye (Mrs. Ross Munro) now has a son at school in Maritzburg, at Cordwalles. She and her husband have built a new floor on to their Golf Course Hotel at St. Michael's-on-Sea.

Bernard, Grace (Mrs. Turner) and her daughters, all

W.O.G.'s, sent a lovely parcel of goods for the fancy stall at the W.O.G. Sale.

Black, Janet, is still the faithful and conscientious Hon. Sec. of the W.O.G. Executive. At the end of last year she and Linley Jones (Mrs. Brazier) went on a motoring holiday to the Cape and spent about two weeks in Cape Town. Janet played in the first National Contract Bridge Congress in Port Elizabeth in May, as did Natalie Crompton (Mrs. Phelps). May (Mrs. Lindsay) says that, like Jeanette Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Fincken), her activities are many and varied, but she has two occupations which Jane has not—she is a poultry keeper and a grandmother! The latter, she finds, can be quite a full-time occupation. Donna came back in December last year from a five-month holiday trip to England.

Blackburn, Katherine, we are delighted to know, was discharged from Wentworth Hospital in September, 1953, after nine months spent in hospital, and after treatment at the Durban Clinic was, in May, 1954, passed as completely cured from the early stages of tuberculosis. She is to be married in December of this year. In February she spent a fortnight with Diana Tasker (Mrs. Blore), and she also sees Anne Coombe quite often.

Blakeway, Clare (Mrs. Fannin) underwent an operation in Durban earlier this year to restore her hearing and is delighted with the result. Joan (Mrs. Holder) has returned to

Natal after a trying time in Kenya. Noelle is secretary of the Mount Currie Tennis Club in Kokstad, where she plays frequently. She tells us that Jean Gordon (Mrs. Royden-Turner) has two adorable little girls.

Boast, Gladys, is living with her aunt, Mrs. A. C. Smith, at Dalton, and after having a whale of a time for nearly a year would now like a solid job again, as accompanist or something of the sort. In the meantime she has a few music pupils. May (Mrs. Hamilton) and her husband have left Natal to make their home in Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

Brasch, Susan, is a new Old Girl who is very welcome as a Life Member.

Bredin, Mary, is in her second year at Barkly House, Cape Town, and enjoying her course of nursery school work very much. She is keen to start a Branch of the Wykeham O.G. Association in Cape Town, where there are a number of O.G.s now.

Brown, Peggy (Mrs. Hogan) has our deep sympathy in loss of her mother in August.

Bull, Winnie (Mrs. Drummond) is one of the leading lights of the Durban O.G. Branch and is very faithful in attending as many O.G. functions in Maritzburg as possible.

Burnett, Margaret (Mrs. Evans) now has her eldest son at the Natal University in Maritzburg, we hear from Sheila Crookes (Mrs. Bennett). The second son is at home helping his father with the farming. Margaret has a family of four. She saw Dulcie Arnott (Mrs. Foster) while the latter was in Lusaka this year. -

Butcher, Arlene, wrote to Lorna Hime from Cape Town, where she is studying Commercial Art at the Cape Town University and liking the course very much. Irma is in Johannesburg, where she found herself working for a time in the same office as Ruth Holliday (Mrs. McLaren). She recognised the Wykeham brooch that Ruth was wearing!

Button, Hazel (Mrs. Penry-Roberts) had her mother Sydney (Strachan) staying with her in May when she had both her children ill, one having tonsils and adenoids removed and the other a bad attack of flu.

Byng, Judy (Mrs. Duncan) helps with the work at the Red Cross Rehabilitation Centre at Springfield in Durban.

Calder, Jennifer, is still nursing at Grey's Hospital.

Calverley, Doreen (Mrs. Vivier)â\200\224only news is that Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford) saw her at Richards Bay, where she and her family were on holiday.

Campbell, Dulcie (Mrs. Davis), who is at Michaelhouse, was a helper back-stage when the boys staged â\200\234Richard IIIâ\200\235 recently.

Carbutt, Trixie (Mrs. Handley) and her husband were guests at a special cocktail party in Greytown, when the Umvoti Agricultural Society made them a presentation on the occasion of their leaving the district. Sheila (Mrs. Blyth) was on holiday at the same place at the Coast in July as Stella Hansen (Mrs. Bateson) and her sister Patsy (Mrs. Gillespie).

Carter, Jeanette, is welcomed as a new Old Girl.

Catherine Wyndom, is still in Maritzburg with her mother, and Helene (Mrs. Hellberg) is still at Ladysmith. They spend holidays with each other. Heleneâ\200\231s baby son is nearly a year old now.

Chandler, Mabel (Mrs. Davidson) was back in Natal in

July when she wrote from Nelâ\200\231s Rust enclosing her subscription.

Chaplin, Denise (Mrs. Dorning) does well in Womenâ\200\231s Institute competitions at Franklin. We noted her name as a first and second prize winner in one monthly competition, first for a flower arrangement and second for cheese straws, so her talents run to both art and cookery!

Chiazari, Doonan (Mrs. Gethin-Jones), we were sorry to hear, was in Parklands Nursing Home, Durban, recently for an operation.

Child, Denise, a new Old Girl; was bridesmaid at her sisterâ\200\231s wedding at Eshowe in July.

Clark, Miss, is teaching at Rosebery School, a Grammar School of 630 girls, where she is sharing the Latin, and is responsible for the Greek, teaching up to University Entrance and Scholarship level, that is, one to three years post-Matriculation, and is enjoying it immensely. She had just arranged to take a room in the house next door to Sir Laurence and Lady Olivier, when she was offered a tiny flat in the heart of theatre-land, in Soho, within two minutes of Piccadilly Circus. There she entertains her friends, who even drop in for a cup of coffee after the theatre. Among the W.O.G.â\200\231s who have visited her recently are â\200\234â\200\230Johnnieâ\200\235 Walker (Mrs. Harris), her daughter June, and Sheilagh Bashagen and Jill Somerville. At Easter time she attended the wedding of Tony

Pope-Ellis's (Mrs. Seeking) son, John, and thoroughly enjoyed her visit to the Edinburgh International Festival during her summer holidays.

Clayton, Beth (Mrs. Elliott) was a great help at the Cake Sale held by the Scottsville Old Girls in June. She was glad to meet some of her school contemporaries again.

Clowes, Dorothy, too, gave invaluable help with the Cake Sale.

Cole, Betty (Mrs. King) and Joyce Fann (Mrs. Marwick) played in an exhibition tennis match at Eastwolds in June. The prizes at the tournament were presented by Mrs. E. J. Marwick, an ex-matron of Wykeham.

Cohen, Jill, is welcomed as a new Old Girl.

Comins, Doris (Mrs. D. Greene), we heard from Mette Crowe (Mrs. Horton) was coming out from Ireland to visit her family in June, bringing her only daughter, Marion, with her.

Coombe, Anne, has been working in Durban, but was going overseas in July, we heard from Katherine Blackburn. Anne was one of two W.O.G.s who were bridesmaids at Diana Tasker's (Mrs. Blore) wedding. The other was Edith Whittaker.

Cooper, Suzette (Mrs. Kinkead-Weekes) and her husband and two children came back from England last November after 14 months there, while her husband was studying gunnery at Greenwich and Whale Island. While in England Suzette saw Miss Abbott-Smith several times, and was very distressed to hear of her death. Back in Durban again, she had a spell of house-hunting, but is now comfortably settled, and for the present her mother is living with her.

Cosnett, Jacqueline (Mrs. Garnet Morgan) lives in East London, we hear from Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg), who often sees her.

Crompton, Natalie (Mrs. Phelps) had to resign from the Executive Committee, as she had little spare time, with her son James needing daily medical treatment to help in his recovery from polio. We were sorry to lose her, but find her still very interested and helpful. In March she lost her mother, and we offer her our deep sympathy. She played in the first National Contract Bridge Congress in Port Elizabeth in May and found it a tremendous test of endurance. In July she and her family had a holiday trip to Kruger National Park and were one day chased home by an elephant! x

Crookes, Doreen (Mrs. Phillips) and Rose-Ella (Mrs. Waring) vied with each other in a competition for a flower arrangement at a meeting of their Women's Institute, Doreen winning first prize and Rose-Ella second! Doreen is now President of the Umzinto Women's Institute. Her husband is one of our Trustees, and we see them often at Wykeham, where Elizabeth is still at school. She is looking forward to a trip overseas next year. Rose-Ella and her husband moved to Pongola in July, where he is manager of the Pongola Sugar Milling Co. Two years ago the mill was crushing cane at Esperanza, today it is working at Pongola, 350 miles away, where houses have been built and a village created on what was bare veld in 1952. Violet (Mrs. Poynton) says she is kept very busy with three of her family living at home now, and finds she gets involved in their various activities as well as her own, social and charitable. She can foresee much more work ahead, she says, in helping in the efforts of the Durban W.O.G. Branch to raise money for the Golden Jubilee Building Fund. Sheila (Mrs. Bennett), to add to her other activities, has now taken on the secretaryship of the Mooi River Women's Institute. She describes as a terrifying experience the great veld fire which swept through Mooi River in August. One of their farms (on which, fortunately, they don't live) was three-quarters burnt out, but luckily they were able to save the house, the sheds and the immediate trees, but many other valuable trees and hay, fodder, etc., were burnt. However, they count themselves lucky, as they did not lose any stock or buildings. Sheila spent the afternoon carting water by lorry to where it was most needed, and she says it was horrible going to the village the next day and seeing dead animals by the roadside and burnt trees, sheds and even houses.

Crooks, Grace, who is now engaged, hopes to complete her training as a nurse at Groote Schuur Hospital in the middle of November. She was doing her State Finals examination at the end of July. She may do her midwifery from February next year before getting married. She and the other Old Girls in Cape Town see quite a lot of each other.

Cross, Mona (Mrs. Newton) had an anxious time in February when her husband had a major operation. While he was recuperating at Mooi River, she was able to come in to Maritzburg on the day of the Old Girls' Sale and meet some of her old friends. She has our sympathy in the loss of her brother in March.

Crowe, Mette's (Mrs. Horton) husband is making wonderful progress after his long and serious illness of well over a year's duration. Two other W.O.G.s live near her at Hill Crest, Edna Straw (Mrs. McMillan) and Betty Fenton (Mrs. Plummer).

Daniel, Wendy, came up to Natal from Cape Town on leave in April and spent a few hours one day with Geraldine Jehu (Mrs. Devenish). She also spent a night with June Redman (Mrs. Hartog). She hopes to go overseas next April for four months.

Davidson, Gladys (Mrs. Prosser), who was living in Rhodesia but has now come back to Johannesburg, left in July on a flying trip to England and the Continent, we heard from Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford).

De Carcenac, Ghislaine (Mrs. de Speville) was married in Mauritius in June and is now living on the Island.

Dell, Christine (Mrs. Waterman) now has a son and a daughter. Her public activities having been limited by the arrival of the daughter in June, she writes that she now only finds time to attend their local Y.A.U. meetings, being a member of the committee.

Dodds, Shirley, is still working in the laboratory at King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban. She is the editor of the journal 'Laboratory News and Views' which is the official organ of the Society of Medical Technologists of South Africa; and in her spare time she still keeps up her mountaineering activities and recently had a 10-day walking tour in the Northern Drakensberg.

Dold, Leila, went to England towards the end of last year, and as far as we know is working in London.

Drew, Monica, a new Old Girl, left in June in the Pretoria Castle as one of six Natal girls making a chaperoned tour of Europe, the rest of the party being girls from all over the Union and South Africa a wonderful trip.

Earl, Phyllis (Mrs. Coughlan) was again a winner in the Azalea Week gardens competition, winning first prize in two different sections.

Earle, Ethne (Mrs. Wannenberg) is still in Durban. We hear she backed the winner of the July!

Emerton, Joyce (Mrs. Keytel) was a useful member of the Dance Committee, and is always ready to help with W.O.G. activities. We offer her our sympathy in the loss of her baby son at the end of last year. He lived for one day only.

Fanner, Marylee (Mrs. Masson) became a member of the Executive Committee this year and is proving a great asset. Living out of town does not prevent her attending all the meetings and helping with all O.G. activities. We have her to thank for roping in her sister-in-law, Maureen Stainbank (Mrs. Fanner) as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer for the big Jubilee Building Fund sale in the City Hall next year.

Fann, Joyce (Mrs. Marwick). See under Cole, Betly (Mrs. King).

Fannin, Natalie (Mrs. Juul) is an indefatigable member of the Maritzburg Executive Committee, and was the first of our Maritzburg Old Girls to organise a money-making effort for our Golden Jubilee Building Fund, when she convened a morning cake sale at Scottsville at the beginning of June, which brought in £28 odd. Our hearty congratulations to her, and our warm thanks for compiling this, the Old Girls's News section of the Magazine. She is on our dance committee, and is also our publicity agent for all W.O.G. functions, and particularly for our Golden Jubilee Bazaar to be held in the City Hall on May 7th, 1955. What would we do without her? When she and her husband and family were holidaying in the Kruger National Park in July, they had the unique experience of

. watching a lioness enjoying a tin of condensed milk, into which it had bitten holes in order to get the milk out! (Natalie would naturally never write much of a paragraph about herself, so I took upon myself to do it.â\200\224Lorna Hime.) Phyllis (Mus. Wheeler) has had a very anxious time recently over her little girl, Caroline, the middle one of her three, who has been in Addington Hospital being treated for virus encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), which has affected her leg and other muscles. However, latest news is of an improvement, with good prospects of a complete recovery.

Farrant, Dorothy (Mrs. Lissaman) must be very proud of her son, Peter, who after obtaining his honours degree in pure mathematics at Cambridge University, was awarded a scholarship to read in the graduate school of aero-dynamics at California University, where he will also study for his M.Sc. degree. He came home in July to spend a month's holiday with his parents and sister before going on to America, where he expects to spend about a year. Rosalie is now at Springfield Non-European Training College teaching English. She is still as interested and as gifted as ever in amateur acting and produced â\200\234The Playboy of the Western Worldâ\200\235 with a very Irish cast, she says, at the University Little Theatre early this year. Rosalie is welcomed as a life member.



Fleming, Marjorie, still leads a full and interesting life. It is difficult to say whether her main activities are growing plants and flowers for sale or attending meetings and working for the various societies and organisations to which she belongs. She is Chairman of the Maritzburg Branch of Fellowship or Reconciliation (a peace society) and is on the committees of the African Welfare and the Edendale Welfare Societies and the Indo-European Joint Council and a member of a number of other societies. Her free lance journalism, she says, has been crowded out for some time.

Fletcher, Eileen, is loving her work as a fully trained children's nurse. She is staff nurse in the surgical ward for children of two to eight years old at the Children's Hospital in Johannesburg.

Flett, Mavis (Mrs. McKenzie) had an unfortunate experience when she and her husband woke in the middle of the night to find their house on fire. Fortunately only a portion of the house was burnt, but their daughter, Barbara, who is at Wykeham, had her room burnt out and lost all her clothes. Shortly afterwards Mavis went into the Sanatorium in Maritzburg for an operation.

Flook Enid's (Mrs. Steer) husband has recently been appointed an Inspector of Schools. Enid is teaching at the Government School at Amanzimtoti. Tinkie (Mrs. Roering) has been renewing old Wykeham friendships in Maritzburg this year, and was a contributor to the Scottsville cake sale. During her short holiday in Zululand recently she saw Emily Rayner (Mrs. Short) and Florence, her sister (Mrs. Howard) as well as Dulcie Woods (Mrs. Fraser) and Lynette Shaw (Mrs. Ardington), with whom she played tennis.

Frampton, Ruth (Mrs. Pennington) and her husband, the Chairman of our Board of Trustees, welcomed back home their younger son, Michael, and his American bride just in time for Christmas last year, and the elder son, Rex, and his wife and three children came up from Rondebosch too. Now Rex is teaching at St. John's in Johannesburg. Dawn (Mrs. Beghin) has presented them with another grandchild. Ruth and Nettie Johnston (Mrs. Webster) were both elected to the committee of the Nottingham Road Women's Institute.

Frances, Kathleen (Mrs. Drew) is still a tower of strength on the staff at Wykeham, and in her spare time gets a lot of pleasure out of her little Austin car. She is a proud grandmother now, and her younger daughter gained a first class pass in her Junior Certificate exam. last December. She

was Hon. Secretary of the Dance Committee and did a sterling job, and is also a member now of the Executive Committee.

Franklin, Rona, a new Old Girl, is at Cape Town University.

Fridjohn, June, is now a qualified nursery school teacher. She trained at Barkly House, Cape Town, where a number of other W.O.G.'s are still in training.

Gadson, Judy (Mrs. McHardy), living at East London, is still interested in hockey and was a spectator at the South Africa v. England Hockey Test at East London. She sent us news of Maureen Hartley (now Mrs. Bursey).

Garland, Audrey (Mrs. Owen Smith) was married in March at Watersmeet, Dargle. Lesley (Mrs. Van Breda) husband resigned from his position as organiser of the Natal Agricultural Union to take up an appointment in the Kwambonambi district. He is general manager of a large timber concern.

Geyser, Yvonne, was chosen as one of the attendants to Maritzburg Azalea Queen this year. Congratulations! She carried out her duties very charmingly.

Giles, Constance (Mrs. Turner) unfailingly supports every Wykeham and W.O.G. effort; and presented the trophies at the Inter-House Swimming Gala this year. She has offered to convene the sweet stall at the Jubilee Bazaar next year. Her husband is now one of Wykeham's Board of Trustees.

Gilson, Agnes (Mrs. Cathcart) has the distinction of being the mother of this year's Wykeham Head Girl.

Girdler-Brown, Ruth (Mrs. La Tendresse) has gone back to America after a few years' stay out here. Catherine Tomlinson (Mrs. Guy) saw her in Pretoria one week-end just before she and her husband and small daughter left, and says she was very much the same as she was at school.

Godbold, Helen, is now a nursing sister at the Berea Nursing Home in Durban, we hear from Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg), who saw a good deal of her during a visit to Durban.

Gold, Phyllis (Mrs. Dumville) flew down to Durban from Johannesburg to be at Joan Henderson's (Mrs. Maxwell) wedding in April.

Good, Norah, baked a lovely fruit cake to be iced and offered as a prize in a guessing competition at the Old Girls's Sale and another one for the same purpose at the Scottsville cake sale. She has a real dream house at Prestbury, with a fairyland garden. She and a friend were responsible for the floral decorations at the S.A. Nurses's Trust Fund Ball in Maritzburg.

Gordon, Sylvia (Mrs. Joubert) is a conscientious supporter of Wykeham fund-raising efforts. Jean (Mrs. Royden Turner) had Noelle Blakeway and her mother, Dorrie Vanderplank (Mrs. Blakeway) to spend a few days with her.

Graham, Mary, is a keen member of the Old Girls's Executive and was also a hard-working member of the dance committee this year. Her artistry made a lovely display of the flower decorations at the party given by the Trustees and the Executive at Wykeham to welcome Miss Ball.

Grant, Joan (Mrs. Barnard) is living in Lusaka. She had a spell of illness at the end of last year when her mother flew up from Ixopo to be with her while she was in hospital.

Greaves, Dorothy (Mrs. Wilkinson) has four in her family now, the youngest, Jeremy, being about ten months old. She and the family spent a holiday in July at Uvongo Beach with Anne Harcourt-Baldwin (Mrs. Scott Barnes).

Green, Margaret (Mrs. Hedley), who was one of Wykeham's first pupils, died in March this year. Our sympathy is extended to her daughter, Betty (Mrs. Webb) and to her sisters, all Wykeham Old Girls. R.L.P.

Hammond, Enid, when she wrote to Lorna Hime Jast Christmas time, was getting very excited at the thought of her forthcoming six months's long leave in April, when with a friend she planned to travel up the East Coast to Italy and then to tour through Switzerland, the Austrian Tyrol and up the Rhine and then on to England.

Handley, Frances (Mrs. Gibbs) is the president of the Scottsville Women's Institute. Her second daughter's engagement was announced in February. Bessie (Mrs. Carter), who is on the staff at St. John's School in Maritzburg, gives us news of her family, the youngest of whom, Pauline, is still at school and played for the Northern Natal Schools hockey team. Her son Davis is in Salisbury and her other two daughters, Peggy Anne and Enid, have been on a trip overseas this year. They travelled through Europe and toured the British Isles, seeing all the country, sleeping in haystacks and

sharing camp beds with black beetles. Bessie sends her very best wishes to the old school and says she has yet to find a better. Myra (Mrs. Stride) was again an invaluable helper at the Old Girls Sale.

Hansen, Stella (Mrs. Bateson) is a hardworking and conscientious member of the O.G. Executive and undertook the onerous job this year of convening and running the refreshment stall at the Sale. She also worked hard for the cake sale at Scottsville in June and even roped her husband in to paint a poster advertising the sale. She and her sister, Patsy (Mrs. Gillespie) and their families spent a holiday together at the coast in July, and Sheila Carbutt (Mrs. Blyth) and her family were at the same beach at the same time.

Harcourt-Baldwin, Anne (Mrs. Scott Barnes) is now living at Kloof, we hear from Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford), who had tea with her one day. Patricia (Mrs. Calvin Cook) has come back to South Africa from America (or is it Canada?) and is now living in Pretoria.

Harkness, Ruth (Mrs. Bryant) arrived back at the beginning of September from a trip to England and the Continent. She and her husband toured through Norway, Sweden and Denmark, and while in Copenhagen they contacted Jill Somerville and took her out to tea and lunch, giving her the real thrill of seeing someone from home and hearing first hand news of her parents and of Wykeham.

Harris, June, is a new Old Girl, who was last year's Head Girl at Wykeham and winner of the Good Fellowship prize. She and her mother (\*Johnnie Walker) left by air for England at the beginning of April and Sheilagh Bashagen went with them. They also visited Holland, Belgium, France and Switzerland. The three of them spent some happy days with Miss Mellor at Windsor.

Hart, Helen (Mrs. Kufal) has, we think, now left Estcourt and is living at Warner Beach while her husband works in Durban.

Harte, Olive, was one of two W.O.G.s (the other was Norah Good) who helped with the arrangements for the Nurses' Trust Fund Ball in the City Hall in Maritzburg last year.

Hartley, Maureen (Mrs. Bursey), whom we did not know was married, has two children, we hear from Judy Gadson (Mrs. McHardy), and is farming with her husband near East London. :

Harwin, Jessie (Mrs. Howarth) is a fairly frequent visitor to Wykeham now that her daughter is at school there. They are farming at Mooi River now and suffered severely in the great veld fire in their district in August. They were burnt out except for the house and sheds.

Hathorn, Amy (Mrs. Young) is proving a most capable and enthusiastic President of the Old Girls's Executive and, being also a member of the Board of Trustees, is very much involved in Wykeham affairs now that there is such a big programme ahead of us. In addition, she works unsparingly for the Pietermaritzburg African Welfare Society and for the Women's Institutes, of which she is on the Federation Executive. She attended the Summer School and met several W.O.G.s there. She says wistfully that all these activities leave her no time for looking after her beautiful garden, with its expansive views over Maritzburg.

Hedley, Betty (Mrs. Webb) has our sympathy in the loss of her mother. We were very glad to see her at the breaking-up concert at Wykeham in June, since her daughter is now a boarder at school. Is this Wykeham's first great-grandchild?

Henderson, Joan (Mrs. Maxwell) was married in Durban in April and is now living in a flat in Durban. She still teaches at the Durban Business College. She was glad to have Phyllis Gold at her wedding, especially as she had flown down from Johannesburg for the occasion.

Hepker, Lyrice, is a new Old Girl and is at present attending the Witwatersrand Technical College, where she has as a fellow student another W.O.G., Ruth Laurens.

Heslop, Freda (Mrs. Foster) says she does nothing exciting, but plays bowls at the Silverton Bowling Club in Durban.

Hime, Lorna, still a walking encyclopaedia on Wykeham affairs in general. She is not only Vice-President of the O.G. Association and a member of the Board of Trustees, but is general odd jobs man and information bureau, besides being the convenor of the Jumble Sale, collector of Old Girls's news throughout the year and hard worker for the Old Girls's Sale each year. She was invited by the Durban W.O.G.s to attend their quarterly meeting on November 7th and thoroughly enjoyed the visit, meeting some Old Girls whom she hadn't seen since she or they left school. Of herself she says there isn't much news except that she spends her entire life racing

against time, trying to catch up on all the jobs that should be done, and never succeeding. In fact, she says, with old age creeping, or rushing, on, she seems to get slower and further behind with everything. But then imagine the time it takes to go through every Natal newspaper every day, taking out cuttings big and small and then laboriously labelling them and pasting them into a book, together with written items of news about other Old Girls who don't manage to get their names in news columns or into hatches, matches and dispatches! And then there are the addresses to be kept up to date and prepared for the printer and so on and so on.

Holliday, Ruth (Mrs. McLaren) moved this year into a new and bigger flat in Johannesburg, where they face the Cathedral and are overlooked only by the pigeons! She and her husband were in Maritzburg for a week or so in August and had tea with Lorna Hime, after which Lorna took Ruth up to Wykeham to meet Miss Ball. They spent the rest of their holiday in Durban. Marjorie (Mrs. Vear) and her husband spent a night with Ruth in Johannesburg on their way through to Rhodesia on holiday.

Hosking, Grace (Mrs. Gardner) sent her best wishes with a donation for the Old Girls' Sale, but no news of herself. :

Hudson, Marise (Mrs. Lavoipierre) is now in her eighth year as Mayoress of Stanger, and she and her husband in their official capacity attended several of the Centenary celebrations in Durban and Maritzburg. They had a trip to Cape Town in February and March to attend the annual meeting of the United Municipal Executive of South Africa. This year, too, Marise was re-elected for her third year as President of the Stanger Women's Institute. She convened a school bazaar which made £300 in May and is busy now helping Shirley Smeaton (Mrs. Jex) to convene a big bazaar for charities in December. Recent news is that she had been in the Sanatorium in Durban for four weeks with an attack of virus pneumonia, but was back home when she wrote. Pamela (Mrs. Braatvedt) left the Union to settle in Rhodesia at the beginning of the year and is now living in Bulawayo. Her new baby son arrived in March, a young Rhodesian. They like their new home very much and find the people charming and hospitable, altogether a lovely atmosphere. She was wondering when she wrote what could be done about forming a branch of W.O.G. up there. She had seen Beryl and Sheila Lowenthal but no others. Winnie

(Mrs. Boast) was one of the several W.O.G.'s who attended the Women's Institute Summer School at Ixopo this year.

Hulley, Dorothy (Mrs. Platt) came back about this time last year from a five-month holiday overseas, touring through England, France and Switzerland. Her mother and her seven-year-old daughter Sally went with her, and they were photographed on the docks on their return with her husband, who was there to meet them.

Inman, Norma, was involved in a motor accident during her last holiday. We hope she was not seriously injured. Denise Richards says that she sees quite a lot of her in Salisbury.

~ Jacobs, Sheila (Mrs. Frankel), who now has a baby daughter, gave her usual birthday party for the children of the Open Air School in Durban last November.

Jay-Browne, Evelyn (Mrs. Rimanek) has our sympathy in the loss of her brother last year. She arrived in Natal on holiday towards the end of August, her first return to her old home for nearly 30 years. She went to Durban first to stay with Winnie Bull (Mrs. Drummond) and from there telephoned Lorna Hime to arrange to come to Maritzburg for a day to see her and other friends and to visit Wykeham and meet Miss Ball.

Jehu, Geraldine (Mrs. Devenish) finds looking after her 14-month-old young son a full-time occupation, she says! She and Wendy Daniel found lots to talk about when Wendy spent a few hours with Geraldine when she was up from Cape Town on leave.

Jerome, Penelope, is very happy in Durban, we hear from Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford). She loves her work and has a very nice flat, too.

Johnston, Nettie (Mrs. Webster) is on the Committee of the Nottingham Road Women's Institute and does well in competitions. She is also Librarian of the Nottingham Road Library, which is now a Provincial Library and which entails much hard work, but is very interesting.

Jones, Linley (Mrs. Brazier) is a most energetic and helpful member of the Executive Committee. She is also a member of the dance committee and is always willing to lend a hand or to give her flat for the use of the committee for various odd gatherings to do with Wykeham affairs. Her daughter Jean is now back in Maritzburg. She is the sports mistress at Longmarket Street School.

Joyner, Betty (Mrs. Dodds) and her husband were transferred and are now in Cape Town. They hope one day to get back to Durban. Her two sons go to S.A.C.S. College, Cape Town.

Kershaw, Joan, is still in London and recently telephoned to her sister, Penelope (Mrs. Gordon) in Maritzburg. She enjoyed a visit to Cambridge, when she made a tour of the many beautiful colleges. Penelope writes that they have been building on to their cottage and now have an almost completely new house, It had been rather hectic dodging falling bricks and paint pots,, etc., but they felt that it had been worthwhile!

Kimber, Joyce's (Mrs. Stevens) daughter June was married at Ficksburg last year to Mr. Peter Illing.

King, Mary (Mrs. Hansen) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father last year.

Kirk, Sally, remembered us at the Birthday Week-end.

Kirkman, Barbara (Mrs. Allan) was another of the W.O.G.'s who attended the Women's Institute Summer School at Ixopo.

Knapp, Phyllis (Mrs. Stevens) is back at Ladysmith, where her husband has returned to his position as Borough Electrical Engineer after a spell at Kimberley, where they were not at all happy. We were sorry to hear that her husband had been seriously ill before they returned to Ladysmith. Phyllis's eldest son is now working in Maritzburg.

Kregeloh, Sheilagh (Mrs. Burchell) is living in Maritzburg again, and we warmly congratulate her husband on his new appointment, which meant stepping into his father's shoes as Professor of Law at the Natal University. Natalie Fannin's (Mrs. Juul) son is one of his students. Sheilagh was a member of the dance committee and gave invaluable help with the Scottsville Old Girls' cake sale.

Kruger, Berenice (Mrs. Reisdorff) is still living in the United States and now has a baby daughter.

Lakofski, June (Mrs. Kassel) is now a doctor's wife and has one daughter, but her news slip was distressingly empty. What about a few words next time, June?

Laurens, Ruth, is a new Old Girl who is warmly welcomed as a Life Member. She is studying at the Domestic Science Branch of the Witwatersrand Technical College and taking a teachers' course which extends over three academic



years. She has completed the Laundry and Needlework courses and was doing the Cookery Course when she wrote. Lyrice Hepker is at the same college.

Layman, Betty (Mrs. Slatter) included in her news slip only an offer to give us an article for the Magazine and some news of Margaret (Mrs. Brickdale), but nothing about herself ! Margaret, she told us, had spent an enjoyable holiday visiting friends in S. Rhodesia in June, travelling from the Union to Salisbury by air.

Leslie, Isobel (Mrs. West) has our deepest sympathy in the tragic loss of her brother, Robert, who was killed in a road accident at Kloof only three days after her wedding, which took place on January 20th. Merlyn is a new Old Girl this year. She lives at the Y.W.C.A. in Durban and is attending the Technical College there.

Le Seuer, Estelle, has returned from overseas, where she had a wonderful time. She is living in Cape Town with her mother, working in town, and doing ballet in her spare time with the Cape Town Theatre Ballet, of which she is a member.

Liddell, Anne, still loves her nursing at Groote Schuur, and was on night duty when she sent us her news. Grace Crooks, Shirley Meade, Moyra Tipping, Rona Franklin, Arlene Butcher and Mary Bredin are W.O.G.'s whom she mentions as seeing frequently, and she went to see Miss Clark off at Cape Town Docks when she left South Africa on her return to England in the Jagersfontein.

Liesching, Kathleen (Mrs. McMagh) is a fairly frequent contributor to our newspapers, and we are always glad to recognise her name!

Line, Norah's (Mrs. Bagnall) two attractive children had their photograph in the Natal Daily News last year. She lives quite close to Ponty Woods (Mrs. Goodwin). :

Lister, Lorraine (Mrs. Evans) has our deep sympathy in the recent death of her father. She was on this year's dance committee and is always a most enthusiastic Wykehamite.

Love, Gwendy, is still a big name in the tennis world and played in the championships held in Durban in July this year.

" Lowenthal, Beryl (Mrs. Meyer) and Shiela (Mrs. Kaye) spent a delightful afternoon with Pamela Hudson (Mrs. (Braatvedt) shortly after the latter arrived as a new settler in Rhodesia. Reminiscing and looking at old school photographs

was the order of the afternoon. Beryl has a lovely little boy, Tan, so Pamela tells us.

Lund, Morelle (Mrs. Phipson) presented Nancy (Shaw) and her husband with their first grandchild when she had a little son on July 15th. She says a number of W.O.G.s came to see her when she was in Grey's. Clare is happy in her work as head of The Three Oaks Nursery School in Maritzburg and still plays a lot of tennis.

Mackenzie, Madge (Mrs. Kincaid-Smith) had a wonderful trip overseas early this year. She came to buy at the Scottsville cake sale.

MacLeod, Mignon (Mrs. Heslop) is now teaching at Warner Beach, we hear from Ponty Woods (Mrs. Goodwin), who met her at a wedding.

Marwick, Dorothy (Mrs. Pembroke) and Mrs. Mason, one time matron at Wykeham, went on a holiday trip to the Cape in October last year, and while there they met and had lunch with Audrey Norris (Mrs. Johnston) and Christine Wilkes (Mrs. Coleman) and enjoyed renewing old school friendships. Marjory came to Maritzburg for the Show and stayed with Dorothy, but instead of seeing the Show had to go into hospital to have her appendix removed! She spent a month's convalescence with Dorothy and went home early in August. Janet (Mrs. Foster) is to be congratulated on winning highest marks for competitions in her Women's Institute this year.

Mattison, Doreene, who is one of our new Old Girls, has started her nursing career at Grey's Hospital and sometimes plays tennis at Wykeham. She is gladly welcomed as a Life Member.

McCullough, Yvonne (Mrs. Jackson) serves on two different committees and plays a lot of tennis and badminton in the time she has to spare from home, garden and children, three of them.

McKenzie, Betty (Mrs. Roberts) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother. She writes to say that if there are any Old Girls in her part of the Union (Grahams-town) she would be delighted if they would get in touch with her, especially if they are studying at Rhodes, where her husband is on the staff.

McLeod, Mary (Mrs. Scrimgeour) is doing real estate business in Johannesburg.

Meade, Daphne, has proved this year to be a most efficient hon. treasurer of the Old Girls's Association. She has also been on the dance committee, and as the youngest of our working group of Old Girls in Maritzburg is a real asset to the Association. Shirley expects to be back in Maritzburg in December to continue her training at Grey's Hospital. In the meantime she is still loving nursing at Groote Schuur, Cape Town, where she occasionally meets the other Cape Town

W.O.G.s.

Mellor, Miss, says she is leading a blissfully happy and carefree existence with her mother and two sisters in the old home, still studying psychology part-time at Burbeck College, where Rosemary Thorpe's (Mrs. Powell) brother-in-law is one of the lecturers, and where she recently saw Mr. Albino, formerly of the Natal University here. Miss Mellor thoroughly enjoys her many visits from Wykeham Old Girls at Windsor, and she wrote that she had some particularly happy days with Johnnie Walker (Mrs. Harris) and June, and Sheilagh Sheilagh Bashagen. She wrote to tell of Miss Abbott-Smith's death and very thoughtfully sent a large sheaf of blue and white flowers to her funeral with the message, "In loving and grateful memory, from D. E. Mellor and all her friends at Wykeham School."

Merrick, Thelma, was a helper on the refreshment stall at the Sale again this year. She continues her acting in amateur theatricals and we saw her picture in the paper as Quiz Mistress in the Sunday Tribune's Junior Inter-school quiz! Veronique (Mrs. Carter) is the energetic secretary of the Durban W.O.G. Branch.

Moodie, Margaret (Mrs. Anderson) is still teaching at Gordon Road Girls' School in Durban and looking forward to her long leave from October this year until April next year. Margaret gives us the news we publish about Ena Wilmot (Mrs. Grist) and says that she really must make an effort to be at Wykeham for the Jubilee celebrations. Rhoda, who is still in Southern Rhodesia, recently had to have an operation on the ankle she broke 18 months ago. We hope she has made a complete recovery. :

Moorcroft, Valerie, lives at Whitby Lodge in Maritzburg and does shorthand typing and conveyancing. She announced her engagement at the W.O.G.s dance in September.

Moore, Jeanne (Mrs. Woods) and her husband are looking for a buyer for their farm, as they have decided they would

like to go and settle in New Zealand. We heard this from Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford), who is godmother to Jeanne's eldest daughter. Tony (Mrs. Lindsay) when she wrote, was in the throes of moving to a new farm, and so was very much down to the grind with outside news nil and inside news dull to everyone except themselves. Evelyn (Mrs. Stewart) has our deep sympathy in the recent loss of her father.

Murray, Greta's (Mrs. Wood) daughter Sally announced her engagement towards the end of last year.

Nathan, Wendy, is still studying law at the University in Durban, and thoughtfully sent a donation to the Scottsville Old Girls' cake sale.

Newmarch, Grace (Mrs. Maclean) wrote in November last year, sending her subscription and asking for the Magazine. She is living at the Cape now, at St. James, and we were delighted to hear from her again, as we had lost touch with her since she left Rhodesia. After her official letter to the Secretary of Wykeham School, she added : "I have lost touch with all you good people of my old school, and do not know who is ~ who to-day! I was at Wykeham in Miss Moore's time during the first world war, oh, so long ago. Then I was known as Grace Newmarch." We are glad to be able to take her off our list of "lost, stolen or strayed" Old Girls!

Nicholson, Sally, completed her nursing examinations shortly before she celebrated her 21st birthday and left soon afterwards to study midwifery in London.

Norris, Audrey (Mrs. Johnston) invited Dorothy -Marwick (Mrs. Pembroke) and Mrs. Mason, one time matron at ~ Wykeham, to lunch when they were holidaying at the Cape, and Christine Wilkes (Mrs. Coleman) was there too.

Nourse, Joy (Mrs. Jameson) did a very worthy job when she started the Hilton Road Bantu Women's Institute, but unfortunately had to give it up when she had a severe attack of coronary thrombosis, from which she tells us she is now slowly recovering, but oh, so slowly. Ina (Mrs. Staples), Joy told us, is expected to come to the Natal Coast from Salisbury for a holiday soon. Nellie (Mrs. McKenzie) has had a very anxious time with her husband in Grey's Hospital after an attack of thrombosis and her youngest daughter ill in Wentworth Hos-

-pital, Durban. We hope both are better.

3 Oddin-Taylor, Diane (Mrs. Hathorn) is Vice-President of the Federation of Women's Institutes now. Her son Kenneth was married in May and her daughter is at the University.

Olmesdahl, Fay, is one of our new Old Girls, having left school last December, after being awarded the William of Wykeham Courtesy Prize.

Payn, Geraldine (Mrs. Sparg) wrote to send her news from Salisbury, where she had gone by air on a visit to her parents, taking her two children, Lynn, aged three, and Tony, aged 4 months, with her. She keeps in touch still with several old Wykeham friends.

Payne, Ivy (Mrs. Stokes), another of the legion of W.O.G.s who belong to Women's Institutes all over the country, figured prominently in the prize list of her Institute at Glencoe when she tied with two others for first place in a musical quiz!

Peorson, Margaret, was transferred to the editorial staff of 'The Natal Mercury' after three months on the secretarial staff and is now a social reporter. She says the work is interesting and she loves it.

Peddie, Ruth, one of our new Old Girls and a Life Member, is doing a private secretarial course at the Technical College in Durban and lives at the Y.W.C.A., where Molly Summersgill and Merlyn Leslie are also living. She manages to go home for some week-ends.

Peel, Dorothy (Mrs. Hayter) and her husband paid a visit to their daughter and her husband in Salisbury at the beginning of the year, and again in June, when Dorothy became the proud possessor of a granddaughter. Toria's (Mrs. Bacon) enthusiasm as a W.O.G. is infectious and seems to inspire those she comes in contact with. Her help to the Association has been and still is invaluable, and she now has behind her in Durban a team of real enthusiasts. Long may they continue the good work, and we hope that soon other bigger centres, notably Johannesburg, will be following in their wake. Dora (Mrs. Power) is living at Richmond now.

Pendock, Veronica, is still working towards her Teacher's Diploma and has been doing some teaching at Wykeham this year. She hopes to go overseas when her training is complete to join Yvonne, who is working as an occupational therapist at a hospital in London. Yvonne and Janet

Drew spend a lot of time together and planned to go to Austria for two weeks for the winter sports.

Pennington, Dawn (Mrs. Beghin) lives at Hilton Road and is very happy with her baby son, Jonathan.

Penny, Jean, after having passed her final nursing examination in May this year, was a staff nurse at Grey's Hospital until the beginning of August, when she started her midwifery training at Addington.

Pentland, Maureen (Mrs. Rutherford) has once again been a fount of information about various Old Girls. Her alert mind never misses any scrap of news about a W.O.G. For herself she tells us that life goes on much the same as usual. She and her husband and family had just come back when she wrote from a camping holiday at Kosi Bay, which even the 15-months-old baby Michael had thoroughly enjoyed! Pamela Hudson (Mrs. Braatvedt) describes Maureen as the live wire of Ubombo and tells us that in her three little sons she has one dark, one fair and one redhead! She is still very interested in the Women's Institute, especially in the Drama Section, and travels 240 miles to Empangeni and back once a year for the Festival!

Perkins, Joy (Mrs. Girdwood) renewed acquaintance recently with Doria Beiles (Mrs. Block) in Nairobi. She has a family of three, Doria tells us.

Pitcairn, Frances (Mrs. Fenwick) and her husband were transferred recently from Zululand to Mount Fletcher. May's (Mrs. Calverley) son was married in Durban in July and made news by driving to the reception in a landau. His bride, Miss Shirley Maytom, was a member of the Durban Riding Club.

Platt, Joan's (Mrs. Mackeurtan) two attractive children had their picture in the Natal Daily News in March.

Pope, Anne, became engaged in May and will live in Durban after her marriage. Marie (Mrs. Collins) was photographed in a group with members of her husband's family at the official opening of the Old House Museum in Durban in June.

Pope-Ellis, Jeannette (Mrs. Fincken) made a generous offer to Wykeham of a beautiful country site at Caversham, near Balgowan, a part of their farm. It was regretfully refused because of the tremendous expense and other difficulties involved in moving the school out of town. Jeannette's son

announced his engagement in July. Teny (Mrs. Seekings) and her husband came back from their caravan holiday in England last October.

Poynton, Phyllis (Mrs. Hirst Simpson) and her husband have also come back since the last Magazine appeared after a trip to England. Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford) saw her busy helping to prepare lunches at the Club at Empangeni when the Women's Institute Drama Festival was held. Shirley, another of our new Old Girls, is studying for her B.Com. degree at Howard College, Durban.

Radioff, Audrey (Mrs. Cohen) writes that she does quite a lot of riding, as they have their own horses, and her two children, aged 8 and 5, ride too. She is also still very involved with hockey, being Captain of the Salisbury Sports Club and having captained the Mashonaland team. She thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the English women's hockey team.

Ray. Brenda, is working for the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, we hear from Geraldine Ashfield, who sees her quite often. Barlier she had the thrill of being a Court debutante!

Rayner, Emily (Mrs. Short) has recently had her sister, Florence (Mrs. Howard) staying with her. - Florence has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband. She has recently come back to South Africa from England, and she and her daughter have now managed to get a flat in Durban.

Redman, June (Mrs. Hartog) has a lovely little daughter called Gillian, we are told by Wendy Daniel, who spent a night with her when she was on holiday in the Transvaal in April.

Reid, Winsome, we are sorry to hear, has had to give up teaching owing to ill health and is now living on the South Coast and doing handcrafts. She still does a lot of good work, paying rent, as Miss Moore would have said, for her room on earth, her special interest being in her work as South African Headquarters Commissioner for Extensions of the Girl Guide Association, which means the handicapped girls of all races and colours in the Guide Association. Their handicaps vary from the blind and crippled to the deaf and dumb and even lepers a work to be proud of.

Renzow, Myra (Mrs. Arnold) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father in June.

Richards, Denise, is working for a dentist in Salisbury as receptionist and nurse. She plays first league hockey for the Salisbury Sports Club under the captaincy of Audrey Radloff

(Mrs. Cohen) and sees quite a lot of Norma Inman and Babette and Shirley Anderson. She loves Rhodesia, but is looking forward to a holiday in the Union at the end of the year.

Rietbergen, Huguette (Mrs. Reilly) is now living in Zululand, we hear from Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg), who hopes that they will be able to visit each other some time.

Risely, Faye (Mrs. Sandwith) was a dainty bride, the papers said, when she was married at Mount Frere on Easter Monday this year.

Rodda, Rosemary (Mrs. Zingel) had her little daughter Judy's photograph in the 'Woman's Weekly' in June.

Roe-Scott, June (Mrs. Hackland) was one of the Committee who organised a Halloween Ball at Mid-Illovo last November to raise funds towards the building of a hall.

Roseveare, Margaret (Mrs. Forster) wrote from Nigeria to give us her news. A year ago her husband, Canon C. A. Forster, was appointed Secretary of the Christian Council of Nigeria and Education Adviser to Protestant Missions, which means a liaison job between the different missions and the Government. Their headquarters is in Lagos, and they travel all over Nigeria and the Cameroons. She says there are big changes taking place in Nigeria, with tremendous progress in education for Africans, and her husband's task is to insure that religious education shall have its proper place in it. Their little daughter, Diana, is now seven years old.

Ross, Norah (Mrs. Howes), we learned from The Idler in 'The Natal Mercury', had her first air trip in July when she and others had a flight over Durban in the Sagana II, the aircraft which was used by the Queen when she visited East Africa recently, piloted by Captain Morris, the pilot who flew the Queen. The Idler said that Norah enjoyed every minute of the trip! : .

Scott-Riddell, Ailsa's (Mrs. Halle) attractive daughter, Jill, had a wonderful time overseas, and among many other interesting experiences met the famous conductor, Sir John Barbirolli, who conducts the Halle Orchestra, founded by her great-grandfather. Ailsa was in charge of the flower stall at the Rotary Anniversary Fête in Maritzburg in June.

Shaw, Nancy (Mrs. Lund) is now a proud grandmother since Morelle (Mrs. Phipson) had a son in July. Nancy says she finds domestic life at home on the farm a very busy and full-time job. She still does school trips into Howick every



day, taking her youngest, Jeanette, into school. At week-ends there is always a full programme of tennis, especially during the holidays, as all the family are as keen as Nancy herself always was, and as skilled apparently.

Shaw-Wheeler, Dawn (Mrs. Fussell) and Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg) enjoyed meeting again at Salisbury, when Geraldine was there on a visit to her parents. Dawn has a lovely son a little over a year old, Geraldine tells us.

Shippey, Phyllis (Mrs. Somerville) is another Wykeham enthusiast, and takes her job as Vice-President of the Association very conscientiously. She has become something of an expert on jumble over the years, and insists that nothing is too old, ragged or decrepit to bring in a few pence at the annual jumble sale!

Simmons,, Zia (Mrs. Way) came up from Cape Town to spend a month's holiday with her mother at Mooi River, but that was as long ago as December last.

Simpson, Glennis, writes from Pinelands, Cape, to say that she is working at the Royal Automobile Club, Cape Town, as a shorthand typist. As a spare time job she is assistant secretary of the Peninsula Rifle Club, which she joined in September last year. While at Wykeham she became interested in rifle shooting and has kept it up since, and spends nearly every Saturday afternoon out at the range. She sees quite a few of the other W.O.G.'s who are at the Cape.

Smeaton, Audrey (Mrs. Earle Smith) is a willing helper when called on for Wykeham, and is also a parent now, with her little girl, Gillian, in the kindergarten and another one to come next year when she attains school age. Shirley (Mrs. Jex) had a wonderful holiday overseas last year, by ship to England, where she had six glorious weeks in lovely weather, including a trip to Scotland, and then via Paris, Switzerland, Venice and Florence, to Rome, where they joined the Comet and flew back to Johannesburg. Her only regret, Shirley said, was her unsuccessful attempts to contact Miss Mellor while they were in London.

Smith, Kitty (Mrs. Murray), we are sorry to have to report, has passed away. Our sympathy is extended to her family. R.I.P. Sheila is doing radiography at the General Hospital in Johannesburg. She plays hockey for the University Past Students and does gymnastics at the Wanderers Club.

Smythe, Adrienne (Mrs. Stubbs), we are sorry to know, has not been well since her baby was born last November, and has spent many weeks in hospital during the past year. However, her baby, Caroline, is making splendid progress, and we hope Adrienne's health is gradually improving too. It has been a worrying time for all her family, for both her mother and father have been ill, too.

Somerville, Jill, spent six months doing the first part of her midwifery training at the General Lying-in Hospital in London and duly passed Part I of that examination. Then she and a friend did two months' general nursing at another London Hospital before going to Denmark, where they are nursing at the Frederiksberg Hospital in Copenhagen for six months for the sake of experience. Here Jill was thrilled recently to be visited by Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant) and her husband when they were touring through Denmark. Jill and her friend in their off-duty time have been seeing as much as possible, and have visited Sweden and Norway. Jill had the thrill of seeing Hamlet produced by the Old Vic Company, with Claire Bloom as Ophelia and Richard Burton as Hamlet in its original setting, i.e., at Kronborg Castle, where Hamlet was supposed originally to have lived.

Stainbank, Maureen (Mrs. Fanner) has undertaken the big task of being the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the big Golden Jubilee Sale in the Maritzburg City Hall next May, and we are very grateful. She had a trying time recently when she nursed her husband through a sharp attack of pneumonia. Sheila has just returned from a thrilling holiday overseas, and her great aim in life now is to save up for another lovely trip as soon as possible. Anne (Mrs. Turner) is kept busy with her family of three, but maintains her interest in everything pertaining to Wykeham.

Steere, Winifred, never fails to support all that concerns Wykeham.

Stewart, Rosemary, is still in Cape Town, where she has become engaged.

St. George, Felice, has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother soon after last year's Magazine went to press.

Strachan, Sydney (Mrs. Button) is a prominent member of the Umzimkulu Women's Institute. Her son Denis and his wife presented Sydney with another grandchild, a baby boy, last February. She was hostess to the delegates who attended the Summer School at Ixopo in March, when one of their

outings was to see Sydney's beautiful garden. Colleen is, as far as we know, still nursing at Grey's Hospital in Maritzburg.

Straffen, Biddy (Mrs. Woods) sees a lot of Miss Ball, who has been a great friend of hers since their days together at Michaelhouse during the last war. Peggy (Mrs. Gill) is a faithful supporter of Wykeham's fund-raising efforts.

Straw, Edna (Mrs. McMillan) is always blooming and full of good cheer, we hear from Mette Crowe (Mrs. Horton), who sees her from time to time at Hill Crest. It was with grief that we learnt, at the time of going to press, of her sad loss of her younger son, Barry, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her and her husband.

Sutherland, Helen (Mrs. Morrison) is welcomed as a Life Member. She is a very busy person and still very interested in politics, being Chairman of a branch at Durban North and vice-chairman of the Durban Women's Council of the United Party. She also belongs to the Glorybag Shellhole of the M.O.T.H.s, a women's shellhole run on exactly the same lines as the men's. She belongs, too, to the Church Council and the Women's Guild of St. Columba's Church at Greenwood Park, and in between times she keeps house, gardens and sews! Helen's daughter Felicity is a bank clerk in Ladysmith and a good hockey player and her son Don is a school teacher at Underberg, where he has got to know Edith Whittaker very well. The other son, David, is a paymaster with a big industrial firm at Jacobs and lives at home. "Pax (Mrs. Miles) is still living outside Fast London. She has two granddaughters now, and her daughter, Merle, was expecting to present her with another grandchild in August.

Sydie, Helen (Mrs. Paull) lives at Scottsville now and has been renewing Wykeham friendships.

Sykes, Jill, has had a trip overseas, and came back not long ago after being away for nearly a year. Since then she has announced her engagement.

Summersgill, Molly, is a new Old Girl this year who is studying radiography at Addington Hospital and liking it very much. She was bridesmaid at a big wedding at Matatiele on Easter Monday.

Tasker, Diana (Mrs. Blore) was married on May 1st and had two W.O.G.s as bridesmaids, Edith Whittaker and Anne Coombe. She is busy now trying to lay out a garden, as

they moved into a new house, the site of which was just tall grass a year ago! She is gradually settling into the routine of housework and liking it!

Taylor, Marjorie (Mrs. Calder) was â\200\234behind the counterâ\204¢ at the Scottsville Old Girlsâ\200\231 Cake Sale in June and helped too at the Birthday Week-end Sale.

Tomlinson, Catherine (Mrs. Guy) writes that, after a very pleasant and interesting six months overseas, where she and her husband saw their daughter Margaret, now learning physiotherapy in Dublin, they spent Christmas in the snows of Austria, and have now started beekeeping in the country at Seven Oaks and find the new life quite engrossing.

Tracy, Kathleen (Mrs. Rouse) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother in May. She tells us that she is still \_the chief typist in the Durban City Treasurerâ\200\231s Office, where she has been working since she was widowed two years ago. She finds that office, home and family life take up every bit of her time, and she only regrets not being able to help the Durban North Branch of the Old Girls. Her three children are aged 10, 8 and 6 now.

Trimmer, Rose, went to England with her parents in May and has been travelling about with them, visiting relations and then the Continent. On 14th July she started her nursing training at Guyâ\200\231s Hospital in London and already loves the work. She and her mother went to Windsor to see Miss Mellor in June.

Turner, Hillary, is welcomed as a Life Member of the W.O.G. Association. She is still working at the African Life Assurance Society in Johannesburg, but was coming down to Natal when she wrote at the end of July to spend her annual holiday on the South Coast. She and Lynette and their mother Grace (nee Bernard) are already planning the parcel of fancy goods which they will send, as they do each year, for the fancy stall at the Jubilee Sale next year.

Turton, Charmian (Mrs. Carter) was again a helper at the refreshment stall at the Birthday Sale.

Urmson, Ethne (Mrs. Topham) has two little girls at Wykeham, the youngest, Pamela, being definitely the littlest one in the kindergarten, and, with Sandra Juul (Natalie Fanninâ\200\231s) little daughter, the youngest in years. Her news slip reports domestic activities onlyâ\200\224'â\200\230and I donâ\200\231t even seem able to keep pace with these.â\200\235

Valentine, Eleanor (Mrs. Graham) is another whose small daughter has started her schooling at Wykehamâ\200\224it is always a comfort to see these Wykeham grandchildren coming to the school. She is keenly interested in Wykeham and always willing to help.

Van Zyl, Jennette, is welcomed as one of this yearâ\200\231s new Old Girls.

Varty, Phyllis (Mrs. Pretorius) is very busy on the farm at Riet Vlei. Her two daughters are both working in Barclayâ\200\231s Bank in Maritzburg.

Von Gerard, Barbara (Mrs. Duncan) has two little sons now. She contributed to and came to buy at the Scottsville Old Girlsâ\200\231 cake sale in August.

Walker, Una (Mrs. White) was married in Maritzburg last December. :

Waller, Barbaraâ\200\231s (Mrs. Leisegang) two attractive children had their picture in the paper some time ago.

Webb, Olga (Mrs. Logan) finds her two small sons quite a handful, but she manages to find time to spare to work with Toria Peel (Mrs. Bacon) on Old Girlsâ\200\231 activities. Yvonne (Mrs. Kotze), back in Ottawa, Canada, loves the life there, but found this yearâ\200\231s winter very cold. Her son Robin is now a true Canadian in looks and speech. They recently spent a holiday in a cottage at Gatineau River in Quebec. In spite of all the household chores, she finds time to write regularly and to enjoy a round of social activitiesâ\200\224probably she could teach us South African housewives a thing or two!

West, Gloria (Mrs. Hean) has our deep sympathy in the loss of her father.

Wheelwright, Molly (Mrs. Adkins) and Paddy (Mrs. (Bruce)) have our deepest sympathy in the recent loss of their father.

Whittaker, Edith, is teaching at the Underberg Government School and liking her first year of teaching very much.

Wilkes, Christine (Mrs. Coleman), we have now discovered through Dorothy Marwick (Mrs. Pembroke), is not in England after all, but has been living in Cape Town for some years now. She has an adopted son. Audrey Norris (Mrs. Johnston) and she see a lot of each other.

Wilmot, Ena (Mrs. Grist) was on a visit to Natal from Mombasa a little while ago to see her mother, who was very ill, and whose death occurred shortly after Ena returned home.

We offer her our deepest sympathy. Her husband is with the Eastern Telegraph Co. at Mombasa, but they expect to

return to England next year, we hear from Margaret Moodie (Mrs. Anderson).

Winthrop, June, has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father since the last Magazine was published.

Wood, Phyllis, was again one of the helpers at the refreshment stall at the Old Girls' Sale and came to the Birthday Fancy Dress Party too. She officially retired this year, but was asked by the Education Department to carry on for the time being, so she is still teaching at Merchiston. Next year she plans to take a long holiday before deciding on what to do in her retirement. Her spare time is still filled with church work, musical interests and other social work.

Woods, Audrey (Mrs. Barnby) and her husband have now left South Africa and are living in the Western Highlands of Scotland. Dulcie (Mrs. Fraser) is full of plans for stirring up the Zululand Old Girls into an organisation to work for the Golden Jubilee Building Fund and the big fête in the Maritburg City Hall next May. Memory is a wonderful supporter of Wykeham. Not only has she sent two daughters to school already, but she contributes to every fund-raising effort and attends every function.

: Worrall, Sydney (Mrs. Armitage) and her husband left the Eston district last year after having lived there for 29 years. They were the guests of honour at a big cocktail party given as a farewell to them before they left.

Young, Queenie's (Mrs. Fowler) son Geoffrey was married in the Hilton College Chapel in July.

#### SEFEIPSS P RIE STSH

The Wykeham Old Girls' dance, held on September 25th at the Imperial Hotel, was an outstanding success, socially and financially, despite bad weather! From the profits of approximately £60, the Dance Committee plans to hand £50 to the Golden Jubilee Building Fund and £10 to the Golden Jubilee Fête Fund.

WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS'S ASSOCIATION

CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND ADDRESSES OF  
NEW OLD GIRLS

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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