

# The Wykeham School Magazine.

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



**Þe Rede of William :**

“ Alle wille comme riht,  
Habe feith, and ficht  
Wyth alle youre miht,  
Onlpe zyt tyht,

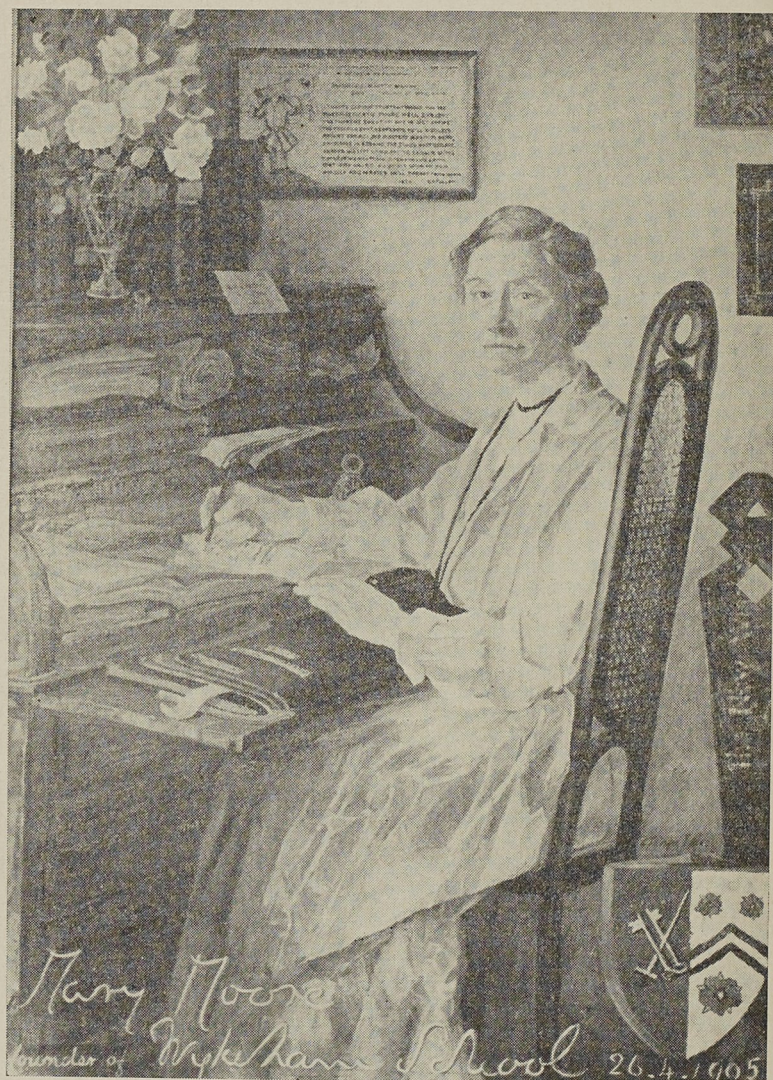
Quoth William of Wykeham.”

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Portrait of Miss Moore by Jeanette Finken.



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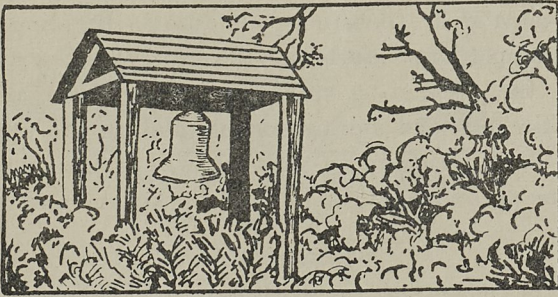
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### OUR JUBILEE BUILDINGS

“There is only one subject on which to write this year, and that is the New Building and its progress.” So wrote ‘Miss Hodges in 1928 in her editorial letter, and now in 1956 there is again no subject more deserving of an editorial than the progress of our Jubilee Buildings.

To the “hammering, carting and shovelling” of which Miss Hodges wrote have been added many new building devices, some simpler, some speedier and all (it would seem) noisier, but all of them of constant and absorbing interest to the Wykehamites who have from day to day watched the steady growth of our buildings since the first bricks were laid in January. And already comparative peace once again reigns in the Quadrangle, for the new Winchester Wing, with its large dormitory, Domestic Science room, and sound-proof Music rooms, was ready for occupation in July and we can now only marvel from a distance at the

balancing feats of the carpenters as they rear the rafters on the impressive building which forms the extension to Waverley.

As we go to press the builders' flag is flying high above Loop Street and by Christmas our Jubilee Buildings will be nearing completion. Early in the New Year we shall be enjoying the use of a spacious Dining Hall, with well-planned kitchens and storage rooms, and on the upper floor four new dormitories and a sick-bay will replace the present inadequate accommodation in Old Wykeham and the Cottage.

This is indeed an eventful year at Wykeham, and as we see our long-cherished plans becoming a reality we again express our gratitude to the many Old Girls, parents and friends who have been so generous in their help, and extend to them a warm invitation to be present when the new buildings are officially opened early next year.

### IN MEMORIAM

ANGELA BUDD, 1943-1955.

It was with sorrow that we heard of Angela's death from polio, early in the Christmas holidays, after only a few days' illness.

Angela entered Wykeham as a day scholar in 1952 and by her gay and unselfish nature she won the affection of us all.

We extend our deep sympathy to her parents, sister and brother in their great loss.





## WYKEHAM SCHOOL STAFF

1st September, 1956.

### Headmistress:

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

### Vice-Principal:

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

### Assistant Staff:

Mrs. V. Braham (Kindergarten).  
 Miss F. Collier, B.A.  
 Mrs. M. E. Dibben, Dom. Sc. Dip. Johannesburg.  
 Miss E. Y. Foster, B.Sc., U.E.D.  
 Mrs. T. Grant, A.T.C.L., L.T.C.L.  
 Miss M. H. Hart, B.A., U.E.D.  
 Miss D. Hirst, Dip. C.C.P.E., Lond. Univ. Dip. Ph. Ed.  
 Miss K. Lindsay, Froebel Cert. (A) Belfast.  
 Mrs. R. E. Roberts, Cert. of Educ., Univ. of Bristol.  
 Mrs. S. M. Ryan, B.A., U.E.D.  
 Mrs. W. M. Vermeulen, B.A., U.E.D.  
 Mrs. M. F. Warren, M.Sc.  
 Miss H. M. Watkins, Nat. Dip. of Design, Birmingham.

### Administrative Staff :

Miss C. M. Williams (Bursar); Mrs. K. Drew (Secretary);  
 Miss M. D. McDonald (Winchester House Matron); Miss  
 V. L. Scott (Wykeham House Matron); Miss B. Blewitt;  
 (New House Matron); Mrs. M. Beal (Housekeeper).

### Visiting Staff :

Mrs. M. B. Dyer, B.A.; Mr. E. V. Evans, B.A.; Mrs.  
 M. A. Hansen, U.T.L.M., U.P.L.M.; Miss A. Herbert,  
 R.A.M. Dip., L.R.A.M.; Mrs. E. M. Keppel-Jones, A.R.C.M.,  
 L.R.A.M.; Mrs. H. Mills, M.R.A.D., M.S.A.D.T.A.; Miss  
 W. Steere, L.T.C.L.; Mrs. P. M. Withey, Dip. Lausanne  
 Univ.



## WYKEHAM SCHOOL LIST

September 1956

- Form VIA.—L. Ardington, J. Bredin, E. Chamberlain, P. Francis, M. Furter, G. Hole, J. Howarth, \*V. Juul, A. Lindley, F. Otto, \*P. Phelps, S. Pollock, E. van Rooyen, P. Whittaker, R. Whittaker, I. Wilson, P. Wynn.
- Form VIB.—J. Bayne, A. Burne, M. Burness, E. Davidson, Y. Ganteaume, M. Herd, L. Keel, A. Kemp, J. Lewin, J. Lund, J. McCarter, M. Richardson, P. Stanley, J. Tough, S. Warburton, \*P. Withers.
- Form VA.—C. Cyrus, B. Early, B. Goulding, P. Grant, S. Harvey, L. Kennedy, U. Piccione, G. Poynton, J. Sommerville, J. Tinker, A. Thomas.
- Form VB.—R. Bayne, C. Burne, \*P. Currie, E. Dreboldt, E. Foster, A. Grant, J. Gregerson, D. Hattenbach, C. Jansens, \*J. Kuttel, A. Lehmann, S. Methley, S. Richards, D. Riemer, J. Scott, A. Shorten, J. Urmson, E. Wykeham.
- Form IVA.—J. Chappell, \*B. Clowes, \*G. Cope, T. Dagleish, J. Dey, \*V. Ender, W. Hauff, C. Herring, \*N. Huntley, \*Y. Jowett, J. McNaught-Davis, C. Smith, P. Tough, E. van Riet, R. Williams.
- Form IVB.—\*M. Bell, W. Dixon, D. Gibson, R. Goff, M. Kirby, E. Kothe, Jtte. Lund, J. Nicholson, C. Otto, A. Stevens, G. Webb, \*Y. Winkworth.
- Form III.—M. Bennett, C. Bryden, M. Cain, M. Doo, M. Drummond, \*I. Erasmus, \*M. Evans, N. Keel, \*C. Methley, \*L. Meyrick, E. Millar, J. Myskow, A. Nicol, A. Stone.



Form II.—\*I. Bell, A. Braby, \*J. Evans, P. Fitchen,  
 \*M. Graham, L. Green, \*P. Hayter, J. Hulett, S. Keel,  
 \*L. Kelly, E. Kirby, E. L'Estrange, E. le Roux, A.  
 Mason, C. Napier, S. O'Sullivan, V. Walters.

Form I.—\*J. Clark, \*L. Inglis, \*D. Masson, \*S. Winkworth.

Transition.—\*S. Juul, G. L'Estrange, J. Kothe, J. Lister,  
 J. Uppink.

Kindergarten, Class II.—M. Fischer, \*S. Mills, \*P. Nicholls, \*J. Sykes.

Class I.—E. Arthur, S. Greene, \*L. Ireland, \*S. Joubert,  
 \*P. Masson, \*P. van Zyl.

\*Day Scholars.

## WYKEHAM SCHOOL PREFECTS

### HEADS OF HOUSES AND HEADS OF FORMS:

**Head Girl:** F. Otto.

**Vice-Head:** R. Whittaker.

#### Prefects:

L. Ardington, J. Bredin, E. Chamberlain, P. Francis, M. Furter, G. Hole, V. Juul, P. Phelps, E. van Rooyen, P. Whittaker, I. Wilson.

#### Green House:

**Head of House:** F. Otto.

**Vice-Head:** J. Bredin.

#### Mackenzie House:

**Head of House:** R. Whittaker.

**Vice-Head:** P. Whittaker.

#### Moore House:

**Head of House:** G. Hole.

**Vice-Head:** M. Furter.

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

VIB.—J. Lund and J. Lewin.

VA.—P. Grant and J. Sommerville.

VB.—J. Scott and E. Dreboldt.

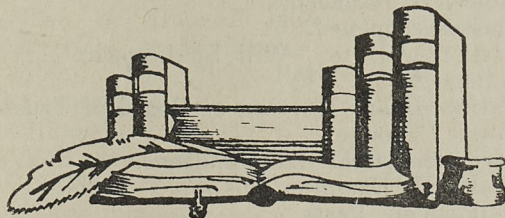
IVA.—G. Cope and C. Herring.

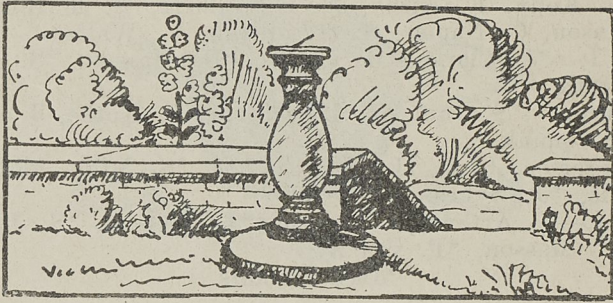
IVB.—G. Webb and W. Dixon.

III.—C. Bryden and M. Drummond.

II.—C. Napier and I. Bell.

I.—S. Winkworth and J. Kothe.





## SCHOOL DIARY

### Michaelmas Quarter, 1st September—29th September, 1955

- Sept. 1—W.O.G.'s Jumble Sale raised £64.  
 „ 2—Film, "The Kidnappers."  
 „ 8—Finance Committee Meeting.  
 „ 9—Films, "Snowdonia" and "Queen's Destiny."  
 „ 10—Natal Schools' Hockey Trials.  
 „ 12—Matriculation and J.C. Trials began.  
 „ 15—Board of Trustees Meeting.  
 „ 17—Literary and Debating Society reading of "St. Joan."  
 „ 22—Confirmation at St. Peter's. 12 Candidates.  
 „ 24—Wykeham's presentation of "The Rivals" for Maritzburg schools.  
 „ 27—VIA to VB to "Die Twis Appel" at the Rowe Theatre.  
 „ 28—Production of "The Rivals."  
 „ 29—End of Quarter.

### Christmas Quarter, 12th October—9th December, 1955

- Oct. 11—Boarders returned.  
 „ 12—Classes reopened.  
 „ 13—VIA to VB to "Will Shakespeare" at Training College.  
 „ 20—Extraordinary Meeting of Board of Trustees.  
 „ 22—Film, "Stooge."  
 „ 25—Afrikaans Oral Examinations.  
 „ 28—Taalbond Examinations.  
 „ 29—Hallowe'en Party.



- Nov. 1—Gymnastics Competition, judged by Mrs. Stevens,  
won by Green House.  
,, 5—Fireworks display.  
,, 6—Long Sunday and Remembrance Day.  
,, 7—Seniors to Piano Recital by Julius Katchen.  
,, 12—Film, "Desert Legion."  
,, 20—J.C. Picnic.  
,, 22—Schools Examinations began.  
,, 25—Matric. and J.C. began.  
,, 26—Members of Debating Society visited Sobantu Vil-  
lage.
- Dec. 2—Nativity Play and Exhibition of Work by Juniors.  
,, 3—VIA to IVB to "The Sleeping Beauty" at Rowe  
Theatre.  
,, 4—Carol Service at St. George's.  
,, 5—Christmas party for Form I, Transition and K.G.  
,, 7—Forms II and III to Matinee of "The Sleeping  
Beauty."  
Mark Reading.  
,, 8—Carol Service at Wykeham.  
,, 9—Prize-Giving. Prizes presented by the Right  
Hon. G. Heaton Nicholls.  
End of Quarter.  
Board of Trustees' Meeting.

**Easter Quarter, 25th January—28th March, 1956.**

- Jan. 24—Boarders returned.  
,, 25—Classes re-opened .  
New Staff: Miss Foster, Miss Hart, Miss Watkins,  
Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Dyer.  
,, 28—Annual Sports Meeting.
- Feb. 10—W.O.G.'s Executive Meeting.  
,, 11—Debating Society. Speaker: Mr. de Burgh-White.  
,, 15—Ash Wednesday. Seniors to Celebration at St.  
Peter's, 7 a.m.  
Juniors to Lenten Services at St. Saviour's.  
,, 16—Parents' Council Meeting.  
,, 17—Rev. Dr. Hogarth began a series of Lenten Ser-  
vices at Wykeham.  
,, 18—Film, "One Piece Bathing Suit."  
,, 20—Inter-House Swimming Gala, won by Green  
House.  
,, 25—VIB presented "Little Women" in aid of the  
Building Fund.  
,, 26—Long Sunday.

- Mar. 3—Seniors to Violin Recital by Miss Eve Gettleson.  
 „ 9—Inter-Schools Gala. Wykeham withdrew as Polio precaution.  
 Film, “Congo Journey.”  
 „ 10—Debating Society Meeting.  
 „ 16—Seniors to Recital by Cor de Groot at City Hall.  
 „ 17—Smythe Trophy Tennis.  
 IVA—K.G. to “The Sleeping Princess” at the Rowe Theatre.  
 Natal Schools’ Gala. Wykeham withdrew as Polio precaution.  
 „ 19—Board of Trustees’ Meeting followed by Staff Dinner.  
 „ 21—W.O.G.’s Executive Meeting to organise 1956 Fete.  
 „ 23—VIA—VB to “Macbeth” at Hilton College.  
 „ 24—Film, “Sun Comes Up.”  
 „ 28—End of Quarter. Miss Ender retired.

### Winter Quarter, 12 April—28th June, 1956.

- Apr. 11—Boarders returned.  
 „ 12—Classes re-opened. New staff: Mrs. Withey and Mrs. Ryan.  
 „ 13—VIA and VIB to “Pride and Prejudice.”  
 „ 22—Seniors to St. George’s Day Service at St. George’s.  
 „ 23—Seniors heard Durban Civic Orchestra.  
 „ 25—W.O.G.’s Executive Meeting.  
 „ 28—Film, “The Yearling.”  
 May 3—E. van Rooyen played in City Hall as semi-finalist for Tabler’s Piano Bursary.  
 „ 4—Inter-House Dramatic Competition judged by Mrs. van der Hooven. Won by Mackenzie House.  
 „ 5—Old Girls’ Fete in the City Hall opened by Mr. Justice Broome.  
 Fancy Dress Party at Wykeham.  
 Old Girls’ Dance at Imperial Hotel.  
 „ 6—Corporate Communion Service at St. George’s.  
 Annual General Meeting of W.O.G.s.  
 „ 18—Parents’ Council Meeting.  
 „ 19—VA produced “Grannie’s a Hundred” in aid of of the Swimming Bath Fund.  
 „ 20—Long Sunday.  
 „ 25—Preliminary round of Hofmeyr Speech Contest. P. Phelps spoke for Wykeham.  
 „ 28—Some girls to Durban String Quartette at Convent High School.



- June 2—Hockey trials to choose Maritzburg Schools' team.  
Film, "Captains Courageous."  
,, 6—W.O.G.'s Executive Meeting.  
,, 7—VIA to VB to "The Tempest" at Michaelhouse.  
,, 8—VIA to VA to Afrikaans play at Training College.  
,, 11—Examinations for the whole school.  
,, 14—Board of Trustees' Meeting preceded by meetings of Finance and Building Committees.  
,, 23—VIA to IVA to Philharmonic production of "No, No, Nanette," at the Rowe Theatre.  
,, 26—VIA to IVB to the Royal Show.  
Talk by Mrs. Wroughton, "The Art of the Cinema."  
,, 27—Mark Reading.  
Juniors' performance of "Snow White" for children from Uplands Orthopaedic Home.  
,, 28—Breaking-up Concert, including performance of "Snow White."  
End of Quarter.

### **Michaelmas Quarter, 26th July—31st August, 1956**

- July 25—Boarders returned.  
,, 26—Classes re-opened. New staff: Miss Blewitt and Mrs. Scott.  
Aug. 4—Matriculation Dance.  
,, 11—Inter-Form Shakespeare Competition. Won by VIA.  
,, 15—Parents' Council Meeting.  
,, 18—Juniors to University production of "The Emperor's New Clothes."  
Film, "When in Rome."  
,, 22—W.O.G.'s Meeting to arrange 1957 Fete.  
,, 24—VIA to VA to G.H.S. production of "Lady Precious Stream."  
,, 26—Long Sunday.

## **EXAMINATION SUCCESSES**

### **S.A. Universities Matriculation:**

Class I.—D. K. Walker.

Class II.—M. Dyson, M. Gabriel, K. Gordon, D. Stretton, J. Thoms.

Class III.—P. Cochrane, \*C. Hodges, \*D. Robinson.

\*Indicates School Leaving Certificate.

**Junior Certificate:**

Class I.—A. Burne (Natal Bursary), S. Warburton (Natal Bursary), P. Withers.

Class II: M. Burness, Y. Ganteaume, M. Herd, L. Keel, J. Lewin, A. Little, J. Lund, J. McCarter, M. Richardson, D. Stoddart.

Class III.—G. Andrade, E. Davidson, A. Kemp, D. Philpott, P. Stanley.

**Awards on the results of Junior Certificate:**

Lawrence Drew Scholarship: A. Burne.

Wykeham Minor Scholarship: S. Warburton.

Winnie de Kock Memorial Bursary: J. Lund.

**Taalbond (Hoer):**

J. Bredin, C. Hodges, P. Phelps, D. Stretton, D Walker.

**Taalbond (Laer):**

A. Burne, E. Chamberlain, M. Dyson, K. Gordon, J. McCarter.

**Voorbereidende:**

E. Davidson, Y. Ganteaume.

**Theory of Music—****Trinity College of Music:**

Grade III.—L. Kennedy (Honours).

Grade II.—G. Cope (Honours); L. Kent (Honours).

Grade I.—C. Bryden (Honours), D. Gibson (Honours), J. Lund (Honours).

**Royal Schools of Music:**

Grade III—U. Piccione (Pass).

**Pianoforte—****Trinity College of Music:**

Grade V.—P. Grant (Merit).

Grade II.—L. Kent (Merit), G. Cope (Pass), J. Urmson (Pass), J. Lund (Pass).

Grade I.—D. Gibson (Merit), C. Bryden ((Pass), S. O'Sullivan (Merit).

Initial.—S. O'Sullivan (Merit).

**Royal Schools of Music:**

Grade II.—E. Wykeham (Pass).

**Royal Show Awards:**

The School gained 17 awards in the Art, Cookery and Needlework sections of the Show.



**GRAND-DAUGHTERS AT WYKEHAM, 1956**

Lois Ardington	daughter of	Lynette Shaw.
Mary Bennett	,,	Sheila Crookes.
Judy Bredin	,,	Terry Allan.
Elizabeth Chamberlain	,,	Helen Brownlee.
Gillian Cope	,,	Barbara Bennett.
Judith Evans	,,	Lorraine Lister.
Margot Evans	,,	Lorraine Lister.
Elizabeth Foster	,,	Dulcie Arnott.
Mary Graham	,,	Eleanor Valentine.
Janice Howarth	,,	Jessie Harwin.
Lynette Inglis	,,	Gwyneth Savile.
Susan Joubert	,,	Sylvia Gordon.
Sandra Juul	,,	Natalie Fannin.
Valerie Juul	,,	Natalie Fannin.
Eileen L'Estrange	,,	Dorothy Knubley.
Geraldine L'Estrange	,,	Dorothy Knubley.
Elizabeth le Roux	,,	Muriel Odendaal.
Jillian Lewin	,,	Betty Cooper.
Jeanette Lund	,,	Nancy Shaw.
Josephine Lund	,,	Nancy Shaw.
Jennifer McCarter	,,	Patience Boast.
Dorothy Masson	,,	Marylee Fanner.
Carolyn Otto	,,	Memory Woods.
Felicity Otto	,,	Memory Woods.
Penelope Phelps	,,	Natalie Crompton.
Gillian Poynton	,,	Violet Crookes.
Jean Scott	,,	Nancy Williamson.
Elizabeth van Rooyen	,,	Doreen Crookes.

**GRAND-SON**

Peter Masson	son of	Marylee Fanner.
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**GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTERS**

Carol Napier	daughter of	Lilian Lindsay and granddaughter of May Black.
Gillian Webb	,,	Betty Hedley and granddaughter of Margaret Green.

## SCHOOL NOTES

We deeply appreciate the wish expressed by Messrs. Shuter and Shooter to present an annual prize in memory of Angela Budd whose father is a director of the firm. This prize, which we shall greatly value, will be called the "Angela Budd Memorial Prize."

We offer our thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Seekings (Tony Pope-Ellis) for her amazing personal effort in potting and selling many thousands of plants and seedlings from her own garden to help our Building Fund. By this effort she has already raised upwards of £400.

Many parents and friends were present at our Breaking-Up Concert on June 28th and will agree that the presentation of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" by the Juniors was a delightful performance. A special word of thanks is due to Miss Hirst for giving so much pleasure to the children (and to their parents!) and also to Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Braham who rehearsed the singing with such successful results.

The Wykeham Shooting Team scored an unusual success in the 1955 Imperial Shield Competition by winning the "Prime Minister's Trophy" with an average score of 89.3. This is the Senior Trophy for which all Natal schools compete.

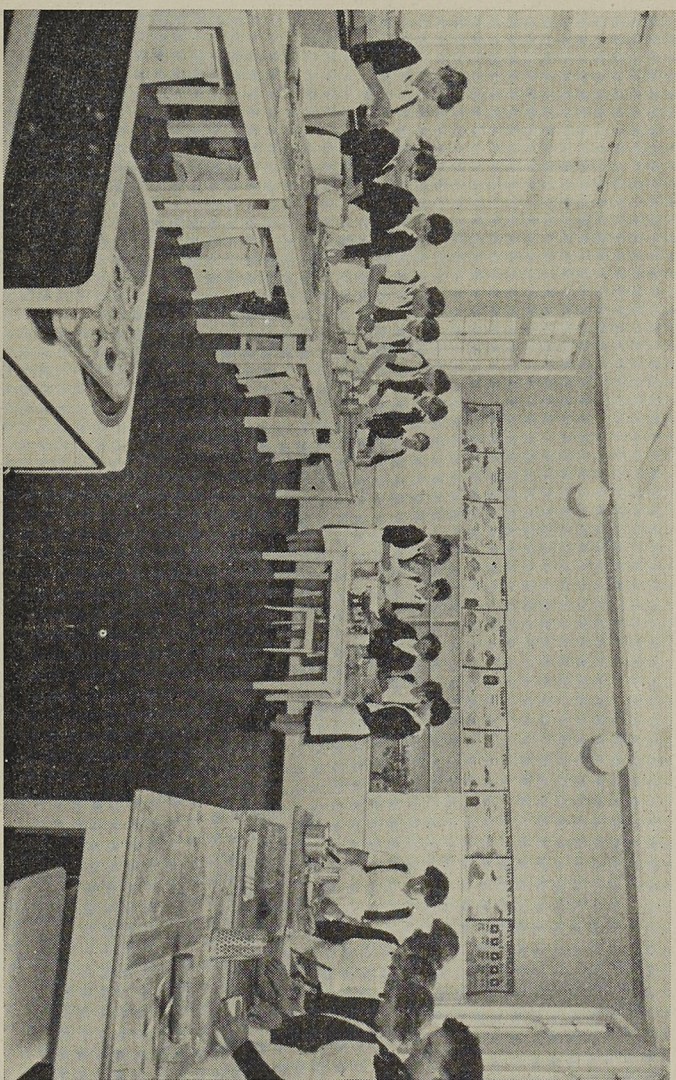
We congratulate Elizabeth van Rooyen, who was chosen to play in the City Hall on May 3rd as a semi-finalist in the Tabler's Pianoforte Bursary Competition, open to all schools in Pietermaritzburg.

**An attractive Christmas card** in the Wykeham colours, designed in our Art Room and printed by the generosity of a parent, is being sold for the Building Fund. These cards are obtainable from the Secretary, Wykeham School, at 12s. per dozen, with envelopes.

## Swimming Bath Fund

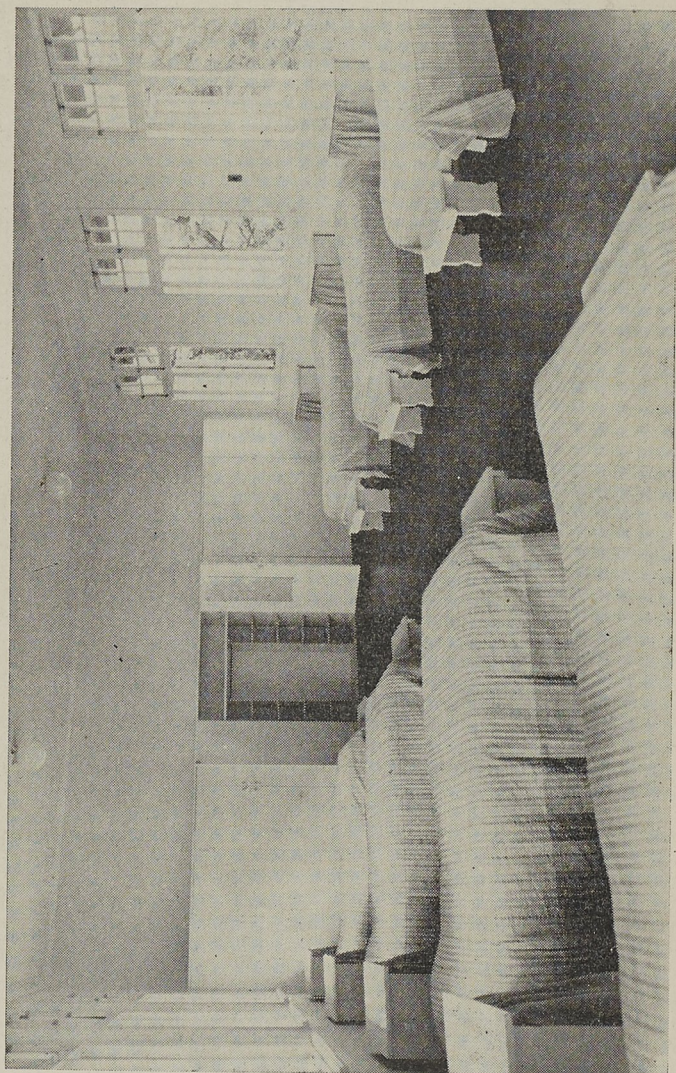
Wykeham's need of her own Swimming Bath has long been apparent and becomes more urgent with each swimming season. The first practical move towards this Fund came in the form of a cheque for £70 from our Johannesburg Old Girls at the Fête Weekend. Next day the grandfather of a present girl offered £50 if twenty others would give the same and eight such promises have reached us. Our Trustees and Old Girls have agreed that the full sum required for the Bath must be raised before any start can be made, but the Fund is well established and we hope that strong support will be forthcoming for this most necessary purpose.





The New Domestic Science Room.





The New Winchester Dormitory.

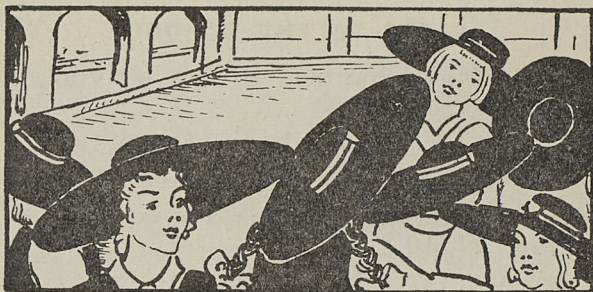


### GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We express our gratitude to the following for their generous gifts to the School:

- To the late Miss Mabel Abbott-Smith, for a legacy of approximately £700.
- To the Executors of the late Mrs. Charlotte Albert, for a legacy of £1,500.
- To Mrs. Fincken (Jeanette Pope-Ellis) for her fine portrait of our Founder, Miss Moore.
- To Mr. H. W. Bull (father of Winnie Drummond) for making us 24 most useful stools for our Senior dormitories.
- To Mr. and Mrs. R. Sommerville, for the printing of 3,000 Wykeham Christmas Cards which are to be sold for our Building Fund.
- To our Johannesburg Old Girls, for inaugurating the Swimming Bath Fund by the gift of a very generous cheque.
- To our Durban Old Girls, for the attractive curtains and bedspreads with which they have equipped our Winchester cubicles, and for a most generous cheque which is to be used for general equipment.
- To Mr. L. T. Drew, for a Scholarship of £20 per annum to be awarded annually on the results of Junior Certificate.
- To the Durban Falkirk Iron Co., for the gift of a stove for the new Domestic Science room.
- To the Midlands W.O.G. Branch, for the gift of a second stove for the Domestic Science room.
- To a number of Past and Present Girls for books given to the School Libraries.





## HOUSE NOTES

### Green House

House Staff: Miss Lindsay, Miss Hart, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Roberts.

Miss Herbert, who was our House Mistress, resigned her position at the end of 1955 when she became non-resident, and we were very sorry to lose her, but we welcomed Miss Lindsay in her place, who had to transfer her loyalties from Moore to Green!

Mrs. Menzies and Miss Waddell left at the end of the year, as did Miss Ender at Easter when she decided to revisit her homeland, Switzerland. She had been with us ten years, and wrote to us when she arrived home.

In the Gymnastics Competition held in September last year Green rose to the occasion and won the Cup!

In February this year we also won the Swimming Gala by a good margin. J. Dey is to be congratulated on being the only one to break a record on this occasion, and V. Juul on winning the Heritage Cup for Breaststroke, and F. Otto the Bennett Diving Cup.

For the Inter-House Dramatic Competition we produced J. B. Shaw's "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets." The cast acted with enthusiasm, and all those behind the scenes worked very hard.

In the Inter-House Tennis our Seniors came third and the Juniors second.

J. Bredin, J. Scott, V. Ender, W. Dixon and C. Otto are to be commended for their high standard of work throughout the year. It is only due to a few juniors that our tidiness and order records are not too good, but otherwise we have had a successful year. House Meetings have been thoroughly enjoyed.



I would like to thank all the staff and especially Miss Lindsay for all the help and encouragement they have given us, and I would like to wish the House the best of luck for the future.

FELICITY OTTO, House Captain.

### **Mackenzie House**

House Staff: Miss Hosking, Miss Watkins, Mrs. Ryan, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Scott.

At the end of last year we were very sorry to say 'Good-bye' to Mrs. Evans, who had been with us for so long. Miss Harper, too, left us and we wish her every happiness in her retirement. We welcome to the House Miss Watkins, Miss McDonald and Mrs. Ryan.

We would like to congratulate Annabelle Burne on winning the Lawrence Drew Scholarship and also a Natal Bursary on her Junior Certificate results, and Jo Lund who was awarded the Winnie de Kock Memorial Bursary. Pamela Withers also gained a First Class in her Junior Certificate. Penelope Phelps, Annabelle Burne and Gillian Poynton have also done good work throughout the year.

Although Mackenzie did not come first in the Swimming Gala, Anne Kemp won the R.N.H. Cup for the House, and was awarded her colours. Jill Hulett won the Junior Diving, and the Senior Relay Team won the Broome-Higgs Memorial Cup.

In the Inter-House Dramatic Competition we presented scenes from "Richard of Bordeaux" by Gordon Daviot. The cast worked well and were successful in winning the Framp-ton-Pennington Cup. Penelope Phelps gave a particularly good performance.

We congratulate Elizabeth van Rooyen, who was chosen to play in the City Hall as a semi-finalist in the Tabler Piano-forte Bursary Competition.

Mackenzie Juniors put up a good fight in the Junior Tennis, but came third. The Seniors played exceptionally well and won the Cup.

We are now busy practising for the Gymnastics Competition, to be held at the end of this quarter.

We would like to thank the staff for their encouragement and especially Miss Hosking for her ever-ready help and interest.

In conclusion I would like to wish Mackenzie the very best of luck in the future.

ROSALIND WHITTAKER, House Captain.

### Moore House

House Staff: Miss Foster, Mrs. Vermeulen, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Dibben, Miss Blewitt.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Oscroft at the beginning of the year—we welcome in her place Miss Foster, as Head of Moore House. We were also sorry to say "Goodbye" to Mrs. Hylton, who has been one of us for so many years, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Moore House presented "Riders to the Sea" by J. M. Synge in the Inter-House Dramatic Competition. Although we were not successful in winning the Cup, the cast worked well and enjoyed every minute of it. Merle Furter is especially to be commended on her fine performance.

Up to date the only other Inter-House Competitions which have been held are the Swimming and Tennis Competitions. In the Swimming Moore did well, and were fortunate in coming second. Our special congratulations go to Patricia Currie for winning both the Earle and Shoolbred Cups, and to Jennifer Chappell for winning the Mattison Cup.

In the Tennis Competitions the Juniors were successful in winning the Junior House Cup, and the Seniors came second in their section. Jennifer McCarter won the Boyd Varty Tennis Singles Championship.

We congratulate Susan Warburton on gaining a Wykeham Minor Scholarship and also a Natal Bursary on her Junior Certificate results last December, and in the Matriculation form Elizabeth Chamberlain deserves mention for her consistently good work. Some of the Moore House Juniors must try to improve their three-weekly grades.

Conduct in the House has improved a great deal, but some girls in the middle school have not yet a sufficiently high standard for themselves.

I would 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.

GILLIAN HOLE House Captain.





### SPORTS COMMITTEE, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1956.

President ... ..	Miss Ball
Vice-President ... ..	Miss Hirst
Tennis Captain ... ..	Lois Ardington
Hockey Captain ... ..	Priscilla Francis
Swimming Captain ... ..	Elizabeth van Rooyen.
Gymnastics Captain ... ..	Felicity Otto
Secretary ... ..	Rosalind Whittaker.

### TENNIS

This year the standard of tennis has proved higher than had been anticipated. A great deal of enthusiasm and improvement has been shown by the Juniors.

Anne Kemp and Jennifer McCarter represented Wykeham in the Smythe Trophy.

The Senior House Tennis was won by Mackenzie and the Junior by Moore.

The Boyd Varty was won by Jennifer McCarter, and the finalists in the Chandler competition are Margaret Drummond and Judy Nicholson.

It is encouraging to note the successes gained by Wykeham girls in holiday tennis events during the year. Phyllis Grant won the Eshowe Plate and the Mixed Doubles Championship, and was runner-up in the Girls' Singles Handicap and the Girls Under 17 Singles. Phyllis Grant and Lois Ardington were runners-up in the Girls' Doubles Championship, and Lois also won the Girls' Doubles Handicap.

In the Howick tournament, Jo Lund was runner-up in the Ladies' Handicap Singles, and Felicity Otto won the Girls' prize as the best Umpire.

In the Southern Districts' Tournament at Kokstad, Margaret Drummond won the Under 12 Girls' Singles and Girls' Doubles Championship, and in the East Griqualand "Cross-roads" Tournament she won the Girls' under 15 Singles Championship, and partnered by Jennifer Chappell won the under 15 Girls' Doubles Championship.

**First Team, 1956.**

1st Couple	...	...	A. Kemp, J. McCarter.	...
2nd Couple	...	...	L. Ardington (Capt.), P. Grant.	
3rd Couple	...	...	E. van Rooyen, Jo Lund.	

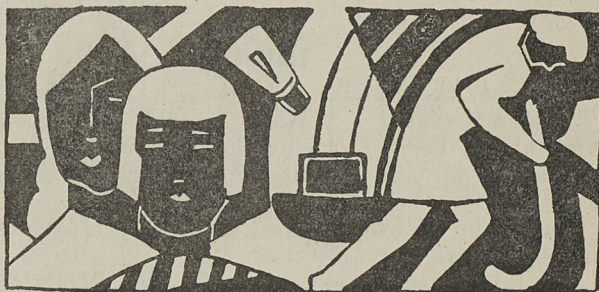
**First Team Matches**

Feb. 21	v.	G.H.S.	...	...	...	Lost	27-90
Feb. 28	v.	Voortrekker	...	...	...	Won	76-41
Mar. 10	v.	Technical College	...	...	...	Won	90-27
Mar. 14	v.	Convent	...	...	...	Won	61-56
Mar. 24	v.	Epworth...	...	...	...	Won	63-46

**Second Team**

1st Couple	...	...	D. Riemer, J. Nicholson.
2nd Couple	...	...	G. Poynton, P. Wynn.
3rd Couple	...	...	F. Otto (Capt.), P. Whittaker.

LOIS ARDINGTON, Tennis Captain.

**HOCKEY**

We began this season with a much stronger team than last year and every one has shown much enthusiasm. We have done reasonably well but the team still lacks force although they have improved towards the end of the term.

We must congratulate Jill Lewin on being chosen to play for the Pietermaritzburg 'B' hockey team for the third year in succession and Jo Lund on being chosen as reserve.

The second team are to be congratulated on doing so well in their matches this season, apart from their fixture played against St. Anne's.

Mackenzie House won the Senior Inter-House Hockey Cup at the end of last season.

Jo Lund received her hockey colours at the end of the second quarter.



FIRST XI: J. Lewin, L. Ardington, A. Kemp, R. Whitaker, J. Howarth, E. van Rooyen, M. Richardson, P. Withers, Jo. Lund, P. Whittaker, P. Francis (Captain).

SECOND XI: C. Cyrus, J. Bredin, G. Hole, S. Warburton, J. Kuttel, F. Otto (Captain), P. Wynn, M. Furter, D. Riemer, J. McCarter, P. Stanley.

PRISCILLA FRANCIS, Hockey Captain.

### 'A' League Matches

May	7:	v.	Epworth ...	...	...	...	Lost	2-7
May	19:	v.	St. John's ...	...	...	...	Lost	2-5
May	26:	v.	Russell High ...	...	...	...	Won	4-0
May	28:	v.	Convent ...	...	...	...	Won	4-2
June	2:	v.	Voortrekker ...	...	...	...	Lost	1-6
Aug.	11:	v.	St. Anne's ...	...	...	...	Lost	3-0
Aug.	18:	v.	Collegiate ...	...	...	...	Won	10-0

### 'B' League Matches

May	7:	v.	Epworth ...	...	...	...	Won	2-1
May	19:	v.	St. John's ...	...	...	...	Drew	1-1
May	26:	v.	Russell High ...	...	...	...	Won	9-0
May	28:	v.	Convent ...	...	...	...	Won	8-1
June	2:	v.	Voortrekker ...	...	...	...	Lost	0-1
Aug.	11:	v.	St. Anne's ...	...	...	...	Lost	0-7
Aug.	18:	v.	Collegiate ...	...	...	...	Won	6-0

## SWIMMING

This last season, though it was greatly hampered by polio restrictions, showed promising talent for the future.

The Inter-House Gala was held on February 20th and was won by Green with 86 points. Moore was second with 73 points and Mackenzie third with 72. The R. H. N. Cup was won by Anne Kemp, and the Heritage Cup by Valerie Juul. Pat Currie won the Shoolbred Cup for the most points and the Earle Cup for 100 yds. Freestyle Open. Felicity Otto won the Bennett Cup for Senior Diving and Jennifer Chapell the Mattison Cup as the Junior Champion.

Unfortunately Wykeham did not take part in the Inter-Schools' Gala because of polio precautions, but in the Penguins' Gala we were represented by an Under 16 Team in the 200 yds. relay race and gained 4th place.

Congratulations to Anne Kemp on gaining her 1st Class Honours certificate and her Colours. And to Pat Currie who not only gained her 1st Class Honours Certificate and her Colours but who was also chosen to swim for Pietermaritzburg in the Under 16 50 yds. Crawl against Durban and Northern Districts.

ELIZABETH VAN ROOYEN, Swimming Captain.

## SHOOTING

As a result of the 1955 Imperial Challenge Shoot the detachment was awarded an Efficiency Badge and in addition to this Wykeham won the Prime Minister's Trophy for the best school shoot in Natal. We were very proud of this achievement!

Marksman's badges were awarded to M. Dyson, K. Gordon, A. Kemp, F. Otto, P. Phelps, S. Warburton, I. Wilson for obtaining 88 and over in the shoot. Colours were awarded to K. Gordon, P. Phelps, S. Warburton and A. Kemp.

The Becker Cup for the highest yearly average, and Mr. Loney's Prize for the highest six months average, were won by F. Otto. The Turton Cup for the Runner-Up was won by P. Nicol. Girls who obtained over 90 per cent. for the six months last year were P. Nicol, K. Gordon, I. Wilson, P. Francis and F. Otto.

Since January shooting has been suspended owing to building operations at the school. As a result Mr. Loney, who has taught shooting at Wykeham since its incorporation, left us at the end of 1955. We were very sorry to see him go but we hope he'll be back again if Shooting is revived at Wykeham.

FELICITY OTTO, Shooting Captain.

## GYMNASTICS REPORT

The Inter-House Gymnastics Competition held last October was won by Green House, with Moore and Mackenzie second and third respectively. Mrs. Stevens was the adjudicator and she commended us on the high standard of our work. Agnes Grant, as the best all-round Gymnast, received her Colours at the end of 1955, being the only girl in the school to hold them.

At Prize-Giving in December the Senior Gymnastics Badge was awarded to Felicity Otto and the Junior Badge to Gillian Cope.

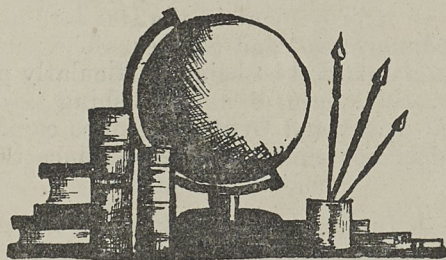
We are now beginning preparations for the next Inter-House Competition at the end of September.

In the course of the year Deportment Girdles have been awarded to the following girls: G. Hole, M. Furter, V. Juul, R. Whittaker, J. Lewin, J. Lund, S. Harvey, G. Poynton, J. Sommerville.

Previous holders: L. Ardington, F. Otto, A. Grant, S. Richards, V. Ender, G. Cope.

FELICITY OTTO, Gymnastics Captain.





## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The annual Hallowe'en Party was held in November and was enjoyed by all. Following the traditional games Miss Herbert read a most terrifying ghost story to all present.

The annual General Meeting was held in February, at which a new Committee was elected. Mr. de Burgh-Whyte then addressed the meeting on the subject of the possible foundation of a Junior City Council in Pietermaritzburg. Unfortunately this has since proved impracticable.

In March the motion, "Invention has done more for the world than Exploration," was debated. M. Furter, J. Howarth and S. Warburton proposed the motion, and P. Phelps, G. Hole, and J. Lund opposed the motion. The motion was carried by 27 votes to 9.

Penelope Phelps represented Wykeham in the Hofmeyr Speech Contest in June. She chose as her subject "Leisure, a blessing or a curse?" Though unsuccessful, she is to be congratulated on her well-prepared speech; many of the Senior girls attended the contest, the finals of which will take place in September.

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 part in Inter-school events such as the Joliffe Cup. We hope to hold several further meetings before the end of the year.

G. HOLE, Secretary.

## DRAMATICS

The production of Sheridan's "The Rivals", in October 1955, showed an improvement in the standard of acting, in a play of stylized movement and manner. The parts were of an even and high standard, two being particularly praiseworthy. Merle Furter, a delightfully languishing Lydia, showed promise of real talent and Cynthia Hodges cajoled, exhorted and astounded in her competent performance as Mrs. Malaprop.

The smooth running of the play, with its quick changes from scene to scene, was due to Peggy Whittaker and her assistants, and special thanks go to Ilva Wilson for her skilful make-up.

At the 1956 Birthday Weekend the three Houses competed for the Frampton-Pennington Dramatic Cup. Green House chose "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets" in which the difficult language and ideas of Bernard Shaw were "put across" intelligently by Valerie Juul and by Felicity Otto who gave us a very dignified Queen Elizabeth. The moving "Riders to the Sea" was Moore House's choice, which was chiefly justified by the performance of Merle Furter as Maurya, fulfilling the promise she had shown the previous year. Mackenzie House performed two scenes from "Richard of Bordeaux," the acting being so uniformly good that it was the prizewinning House.

We much appreciated the amusing and valuable adjudication by Mrs. Liliias van der Hoven and Mrs. D'Vida Beaton who complimented Mackenzie House on its team-work, and Merle Furter on her very good performance.

A.H.

## SCHOOL PLAYS: VIA RECALL SOME DRAMATIC MOMENTS

The prompt had lost her book, and the rod we used for striking the palace clock was nowhere to be found. Shakespeare's beard was falling off, the Dark Lady had not even been made up and was nearly in tears, and the make-up mistress had disappeared. The Beefeater was fairly serene except for trousers too tight and a laddered stocking. I, as Queen Elizabeth, could not fit comfortably between the wall and the



back curtains as my hoop was too big. Pins from my ruff were sticking into me all over and my pearl choker was literally choking me . . . I walked sleeping (or trying to) on to the stage, resplendent as Queen Elizabeth.

Blinded by the bright spotlight, my throat dry with fear, I groped my way along the terrace of Buckingham Palace. Suddenly I was wrenched out of my nervous oblivion when my slipper caught in the hem of my dress. Hoop swaying perilously, slippers clanking and dress straining, I made a feeble attempt at "Out, damned Spot."

F.O.

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In my part as John Worthing in "The Importance of Being Earnest" I felt extremely embarrassed by the affection showered on me. Being a girl and having to make "approaches" myself to Gwendolen, was also not an easy task, for quite frankly I had not the slightest idea of how to begin. And the tight, stiff military trousers I was obliged to wear did not help to make me feel at home or comfortable. I felt that a person like me, with no notion even of "up" and "back" stage, was at a loss behind the footlights. I should have been left to sit and be an appreciative, as well as critical, audience.

E.v.R.

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I waited for my cue, quite white with terror. I walked on and sat beside my three sisters. My embroidery was literally shaking and I was not able to sew it. Then I felt a sharp nudge in the ribs and knew that it was time for me to walk across the stage and say my few words. I took some steps, feeling like a skittle as I was sure that if anyone touched me I would collapse. Suddenly I heard and felt a thud and realised that I had charged straight into the side curtain. By this time the audience was giggling. However, I got to my appointed place and said my words without any further mishaps. But then I heard another muffled giggle from the juniors. I looked down and to my horror saw that my petticoat had completely escaped from the side of my overskirt. I tried my best to conceal it, not altogether successfully, and performed the rest of my part as sensibly as possible.

S.P.



### PRIZE-GIVING

**Friday, 9th December, 1955**

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

Headmistress' Report.

Presentation of Prizes and Address by  
The Right Hon. G. Heaton Nicholls.

#### Prize List

##### Form Prizes :

Form VIA .....	Dawn Walker.
VIB .....	Elizabeth Chamberlain, Judy Bredin.
VA .....	Annabelle Burne.
VB .....	Gillian Poynton.
IVA .....	Brigid McGinn.
IVB .....	Vrenelli Ender.
III .....	Carolyn Otto.
II .....	Leslie Meyrick, Janina Myskow.
I .....	Judith Evans, Mary Graham.
Transition .....	Janet Clark.
Kindergarten:	
Class 2 .....	Sandra Juul.
Class 1 .....	Penelope Nicholls.

##### Subject Prizes:

Scripture (presented by Miss Mellor) : Senior ... M. Dyson.  
Junior, E. Wykeham.  
English (presented by Messrs. Shuter and Shooter) M. Dyson  
History (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Nicol) ... D. Stretton.  
Geography (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Nicol) ... J. Thoms.  
Botany (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant) ... J. Thoms.



Afrikaans (presented by Mr. E. S. de Kock):

Senior ... C. Hodges.

Improvement Junior ... C. Herring.

Latin (presented by Miss Ball) ... D. Walker.

Mathematics (presented by Mr. K. M. Pennington):

Senior ... D. Walker.

Arithmetic (presented by Mr. K. M. Pennington):

Junior ... B. McGinn.

Domestic Science and Dressmaking (presented

by Mrs. Smythe) ... W. Taylor.

Junior Needlework ... L. Kent.

Junior General Knowledge ... J. von Klemperer.

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

Senior ... M. Gabriel.

Junior ... E. Wykeham.

Dramatics (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant):

P. Cochrane, C. Hodges.

Elocution (presented by Miss Abraham) ... S. Richards.

### Music Prizes

Senior—Piano and Theory (presented by Mr. and Mrs.

Bacon) ... D. Walker.

Improvement (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bacon):

Elizabeth van Rooyen.

Junior—(presented by Miss Steere) ... Diana Gibson.

Outstanding progress ... I. Erasmus.

Improvement in Theory (presented by Mrs. Smythe):

G. Cope.

Dougall Cup for Music ... Mackenzie House.

Phillips' Cup for Art and Handicrafts ... Green House.

Steere Cup for Work ... Green House.

William of Wykeham Courtesy Prize (presented by Miss Hime) ... D. Robinson.

Good Fellowship Prize (presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. St. L. Somerville) ... D. Robinson.

### Sports Awards

#### Tennis:

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

Winner of the Chandler Cup and Junior Tennis Champion ... Judy Nicholson.

Cadet Cup for Improvement ... Lois Ardington.

**Swimming:**

1st Class Honours Certificate:

Patricia Currie, Anne Kemp.

**Gymnastics:**

Senior Gymnastics Prize (Brooch presented by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips) ... .. Felicity Otto.

Junior Gymnastics Prize ... .. Gillian Cope.

**Shooting:**

Becker Cup for Best Average and Prize (presented by Mr. Loney) ... .. Felicity Otto.

First Class Marksmen Badges:

Felicity Otto, Anne Kemp.

**Best All-Round at Sport** ... .. Anne Kemp.**ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS****THE END OF THE RIDE**

It had been a hot, gruelling day, and as we all rode home over the hills each one was thinking with relief of the end of the journey.

Repose, my black filly, was playing up badly. I suppose it was the newly cut grass, the crowd of horses and chattering children, and the fact that we were facing home that excited her. She pulled and jumped sideways all the way. Every now and again she gave little bucks on the spot. I was getting desperate and I thought that if she did not stop soon and walk properly I really would lose my temper. Then we came to a flat, just right for a gallop for a high spirited animal.

"Come on, chaps, let's race to the fence," from one of the boys. The fence he spoke of seemed a mere speck in the distance. I knew what was coming.

The next minute Repose wrenched the reins from my hands, and taking the bit in her mouth was off, flat out after the others. There was no controlling her and as the thunder of hooves filled my ears, and the wind whipped my face, making my eyes smart, the fence loomed up closer and longer every minute. The trees and grass slipped past as hazy blurs, but Repose was stretched out, taking long strides, each hoof-beat propelling her forward in a new burst of speed. I pulled at the reins but to no avail, she had racing blood in her and when she was galloping she stopped only when she was ready to drop.



Then I did the stupidest thing I ever did. I swerved her towards the gate, because I thought she would jump the grid alongside. Driving her at it I prayed she would jump it. She pricked her ears, and collected herself, and left the ground with the strong propulsion of her hind-quarters. As she lifted into the air a black hole rushed past underneath her, and in the split second that I saw it my heart turned over and my head swam.

I fell! The earth flew towards me, and I turned in the air, and landed on the ground with a hard thud. After lying a few minutes completely dazed I looked up and a large black shape filled my vision. It was Repose, standing still, sides heaving and flared nostrils, but holding one leg off the ground. She had faltered and lost her balance as I fell, and as she landed her foreleg buckled and broke as she rolled.

I never forgave myself for ruining that horse. She was a thoroughbred, reduced from a high spirited, galloping horse to a poor broken animal.

Of course she was never ridden again. My father said she was useless, and at this the realisation of what I had done broke over me. I had lost my head in a crisis and had ruined a wonderful horse in my folly.

FELICITY OTTO, VIA.

### VIA ACCORDING TO SHAKESPEARE

L—S ARD—NGT—N. "What his heart thinks, his tongue speaks."

J—D—BR—D—N. "Here is a dear and true industrious friend."

—L—Z—B—TH CH—MB—RL—N. "Defer no time, delays have dangerous ends."

PR—SC—LL—FR—NC—S. "She that could think, and ne'er disclose her mind, see suitors following, and not look behind."

M—RL—F—RT—R. "A man of comfort, whose advise hath oft stilled my brawling discontent."

G—LL H—L—. "Give man thine ear, but few thy voice!"

J—N—C—H—W—RTH. "An honest mind, and plain."

V—L J—L. "How weak a thing the heart of woman is."

—NN—L—NDL—Y. "O what may man within him hide, Though angel on the outward side."

F—L—C—T—TT—. "We are such stuff as dreams are made of."

P—N—L—P—PH—LPS. "I charge thee, fling away ambition, by that sin fell the angels."

S—LL— P—LL—CK. "Better a witty fool than a foolish wit."

—L—Z—B—TH v—n R———N. "If music be the food of love, play on."

P—GG— WH—TT—K—R. "To the brightest beams distracted clouds give way."

R—S—L—ND WH—TT—K—R. "The mirror of all courtesy."

—LV— W—LS—N. "Come, give us a taste of your quality."

PR—SC—LL— W—NN. "Experience is by industry achieved."

### ODI ET AMO

My name is Edwin, and I am now an embittered misogynist. I am fairly good looking, I know, but I am not lucky enough to be the proud owner of a motor car.

Stewart Tucker lives in the flat next door, and I have just heard his front door slam. I need not even go out onto the balcony to find out where he is going. I know only too well that he is going to take Jenny out to the cinema, and on to an à la carte dinner at Le Grand Hôtel afterwards.

I really admire Stewart, and he has absolutely amazing qualities. He is the only man in the world who I would like to be, but all the same I loathe the fellow. He is my best friend.

Stewart has a car, and he is exceedingly good-looking. He is continually using my telephone, and while doing so he actually succeeds in making me believe that he is doing me a favour.

Every girl in Little Durrington has gone out with Stewart Tucker at some time or other, and he is the most popular man in the village.

I would love to be Stewart for thousands of reasons. He is a director of Larriby's, and he does not have to count up every penny in order to see whether he will be able to spend a few shillings on an evening's entertainment.

I should really be going out with Jenny tonight, but, would you believe it, Stewart the handy man fixed her radio-gram, and collected her groceries. Now Jenny has become better acquainted with the gentleman who lives at No. 8, Illovo Mansions, than with the gentleman who lives at No. 7.

The other night Mrs. Lourds woke us all up by sounding the fire alarm. I never have found it too easy to rouse myself, but all the same after about ten minutes I entered the



room of disaster. I pushed through a group of people only to discover that Stewart the fireman had just extinguished the sparks which had set the chimney alight.

Stewart has a very kind and generous nature, and all the children adore him. On Tuesday when the children were on their way to school, they all crowded round "Mr. Tucker" leaving poor "Mr. Davidson" to twiddle his thumbs with embarrassment. Katie then proceeded to ask why I was not jolly, like Mr. Tucker. Stewart immediately said that I had a terrible tooth-ache, and all the children murmured in sympathy.

However I think it is about time I went to bed, because I must be up bright and early tomorrow morning to watch old Stewart playing cricket for Little Durrington!

YVONNE GANTEAUME, VIB.

### DESTRUCTION

Down in the glade, away from the heat of the day, stood two deer, drinking water from a crystal-clear stream which bubbled and murmured over its stony bed as it meandered through the forest.

The deer seemed to appreciate the beauty surrounding them, for every now and again they would look up and gaze at the tall trees, the myriads of flowers in all shades of the rainbow, and at the baby deer, whose spotted hide was just discernible through the grass where he lay asleep. Somewhere in the distance a dove cooed and was answered by its mate, there was a whirring of wings and then silence again.

The shadows began to lengthen, and the sky was turning from blue to gold. The air was getting cooler and by these signs the baby deer knew it was time for bed so he arose and ambled after his parents into the shadows.

Night fell quickly. Crickets began to chirp and by the side of the river the frogs began croaking in unison. An owl hooted once or twice and then the last few drowsy chirps of the birds were heard. Soon there was a deep silence except for the occasional hoot of an owl and the croak of a frog.

The next morning, while everything was still wet with dew and the sky was turning from silver to red as the sun rose over the mountains, the little deer was awakened by the chirping of a bird. However he was not the only animal to have heard it, for one by one, as if taking their time from the musical notes dropped into the silence by the first bird, all the other birds joined in, each trying to outsing the others and soon the air was filled with their songs.

The deer went to the glade again that day, and soon the little deer, looking into the sky saw a red glow. It was however still hot, and the little deer, not wanting yet to go to bed, ran off and hid himself.

The red glow grew bigger and bigger and was accompanied by a roar. Soon it reached the forest and leaped up into a tree, where it seemed to pause a minute before springing on to the other trees and spreading like a mantle over the whole forest.

At first the little deer was not alarmed, but was thrilled by the crackle and roar he heard, until he felt the tremor of the earth as the other animals stampeded for safety. A lion's roar was lost in the shrill trumpeting of an elephant. Above him a parrot screeched out a warning at the motionless figure beneath him. Then the deer knew this was "fire", the most dreaded enemy of all forest dwellers and he also ran.

The wall of hot, sizzling, roaring, crackling flames leaped along as if it had all the time in the world to play. Just in front of it ran a little deer, choking for want of pure air and terrified at not being able to find its parents. Suddenly the fire, as if tired of its game, gathered speed and seemed to surge forward in leaps and bounds.

Out in the heat of day, at the source of the stream, at the side of what had been the forest two days previously but was now a smouldering mass, two deer stood gazing at the short dry grass. They looked up every now and again, but this time there were no trees, flowers, or even the baby deer to look at, before they looked down and again resumed their grazing.

LORRAINE KEEL, VIB.

### DEATH IN A PRISON

They were coming to hang him tomorrow. He turned pale at the thought and for a moment felt afraid. But why should I feel afraid, he told himself. I shall feel nothing after I am dead, and hanging takes only a few seconds.

He had laughed when they had sentenced him to death on the morrow and he had sneered when the judge had called him the most notorious highwayman of that time.

Indeed he was so, for those few people who had had any association with him knew that he had a heart of stone and a will of iron:

As he sat on the large square stone in the centre of the cell he looked around him. It was dark but he could just



make out the wooden bench in the corner on which he slept, and the bowl in which the jailer had put his food. He stared at the piece of coarse, brown bread thrown into the bowl and the now cold broth standing in a jug just as the jailer had left it.

As he stared he saw a movement in the corner. Carefully, so as not to make any noise, he looked to see who the intruder was.

It was a little rat, thin from hunger and with a wild, fierce look in its beady black eye. After a cautious look around to make sure that everything was all right he scampered across to the bowl and began gnawing the bread as fast as he could.

At that moment the highwayman realised that he was watching the rat eating all the food he possessed, so he took off his heavy boot and raising it above his head brought it down with deadly force on the rat's body. There was a shrill squeak and the furry ball fell to the floor and lay still.

For the first time the highwayman was affected by the sight of death. He bent over and stared fascinated at the tiny, staring beady eyes, and the sharp teeth glittering in the darkness.

There was a dark red patch on its head mixed with hairs, where he had struck the little animal, and drops of blood formed a pool on the cobbles. Picking the limp body up with two hands he looked at it carefully.

Its life had been like his—a dangerous one. The rat had depended entirely on what it stole to keep him alive—so had the highwayman. And the rat had never known when he would be caught or suddenly killed. The highwayman in his dangerous escapades had run the risk of both capture and death.

Before he had never really thought of death, but now, looking at the rat he shuddered and turned pale. Carefully carrying the dead animal to the corner of his cell he laid it down and began to dig. The ground was hard and the cobbles which covered the entire cell were tightly wedged together.

For an hour he tore at the stones and by the time he had dug a hole big enough for the rat's body his fingernails were broken and bleeding, and perspiration poured down his face.

Gently he laid it down and covered the little grave. With two small pieces of wood and a piece of string he formed a crude cross and wedged it between two stones.

Pressing his bleeding hands to his face he sobbed like a child, for the emotional strain of the last few hours had been too much even for him.

He did not want to die. He wanted to go out into the world to start life again.

Suddenly someone threw open the door and a gruff voice told him to prepare himself for execution. With a last look towards the little grave in the corner he walked towards the door.

There was a loud clang as the gate swung shut and the sound of footsteps dying away in the distance, taking the highwayman to his death.

In the corner the little grave lay quiet and still. There was nothing to tell of the night's happenings, except perhaps for a tiny red stain of blood on one of the cobbles.

ELEANORA WYKEHAM, VB.

### THE BEECH TREE

I like to go there when the spring's in the air,  
And the buds are beginning to break;  
When fresh are the leaves on the branches so brown  
Are blown back by the wind's playful shake;  
When sunshine, still sky, reach down from on high,  
And the primrose begins to awake.

I like to go there when summer is green  
And to choose a wide bough for a nook;  
There the leaves are so thick you cannot be seen,  
Oh, the bliss to be there with a book;  
When the bark to my arm feels so friendly and warm  
And the birds venture closer to look.

I like to go there when the leaves are all brown  
And the weather begins to grow cold,  
To climb up the branches and shake the mast down  
Before it has really grown old.  
When the hills far away are all silver and grey  
And the woods dress in russet and gold.

But I love to go there on a blustery day  
When the leaves twist and writhe on the crest,  
When the branches a-creak as they toss and they sway  
And I have to cling on without rest.  
When ragged clouds fly from the wind in the sky,  
'Tis then that I like my tree best.

GILLIAN COPE, IVA.



### THE LITTLE ELF MAN.

Whilst I was underneath a tree  
A funny sound I heard,  
But when I looked above my head  
I only saw a bird.

Again I heard the funny sound  
Now in the watering can;  
And as I lifted off the lid  
I saw a little man.

At once he flew out happily  
With a merry grin  
"Thank you very much," he said  
I'm glad to be out of the tin."

"I will grant you just one wish  
Tell me what you'd like."  
"Oh! thank you very much," I said  
"I'd love to have a bike."

He waved his wand three times and said  
"Abraca dabra doo."  
And there I saw a bicycle!  
With that away he flew.

LYNNE KELLY. Aged 9.

### MY TOYS

I put my toys away at night  
And tuck my dolls up tight.  
I wonder if they come to life  
And play like girls and boys.  
They have no fights, I'm sure of that  
Because I hear no noise.

SANDRA JUUL. Aged 7.



## ***Concerning Old Girls***

### **WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**September, 1956**

President: Lorna Hime.

Vice-Presidents: Miss M. K. Ball, Natalie Juul, Janet Black.

Honorary President: Miss D. E. Mellor.

Honorary Vice-President: Miss M. A. Hosking.

Honorary Secretary: Bobbie Paull.

Honorary Treasurer: Linley Brazier.

Committee Members: Dorothy Barlow, Zoe Boreham, Kathleen Drew, Beth Elliot, Joyce Keytel, Marylee Masson, Memory Otto.

### **MINUTES OF THE 1956 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association was held in the Little Hall at Wykeham on Sunday, May 6th, 1956, at 9.45 a.m.

**Present:** Lorna Hime in the chair. All present signed the register in the Minutes Book. There was an excellent attendance at the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** As the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been printed in the Magazine, V. Carter proposed that they be taken as read, seconded by M. Masson. Carried unanimously, and the minutes were then confirmed.



### Arising out of the Minutes

**The Golden Jubilee W.O.G. Fete**, as a result of which, the sum of £2,080 was paid into the School Building Fund.

**Bursary Fund:** It has been the custom in the past to transfer £20 of interest accrued on the Association's moneys to the Bursary Fund. A. Young proposed, and N. Juul seconded that this be done again as it was last year and the previous year, but according to our auditor's remark, the resolution regarding this transfer had been inadvertently omitted from the minutes. Carried unanimously.

**The Portrait:** The portrait competition was won by Amy Young. The portrait of Miss Moore, painted by Jeanette Fincken was exhibited at the City Hall during the Fete, and in the Little Hall for the annual meeting. The President thanked Jeanette Fincken for the portrait, and this was seconded by Irene van der Poel. Mrs. Fincken offered to paint a portrait of Miss Hodges, if the Old Girls so desired.

**1956 Fete in the City Hall:** £960 had been realised at Fete, of which £755 was taken in the City Hall on the Saturday morning. Donations, and money that some of the stalls had made before the Fete brought it up to £960. An anonymous donor offered to make it up to £1,000. To this was added £185, which had been made by Maritzburg and Midlands Old Girls at morning sales, making a total of £1,185.

**The President's Report:** The President read her very comprehensive report. R. Waring moved its adoption, seconded by M. Otto. Carried.

**The Financial Statement:** The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association. A. Young moved its adoption, seconded by I. van der Poel. Carried.

**Honorarium for the Auditor:** V. Carter proposed that the usual honorarium of £2 2s. 0d. be paid to the Auditor. Seconded by J. Seymour-Haden. Carried.

**The President of the Durban Branch** presented her annual report, followed by their Treasurer's Financial Statement. R. Bryant moved their adoption, seconded by M. Vear. Carried.

**The President of the newly-formed Midlands Branch** presented her report and their Treasurer, their Financial Statement, the adoption of which was proposed by N. Webster, seconded by R. Pennington, and carried.

### Election of Office-Bearers

President: L. Hime was re-elected unanimously.

Vice-Presidents: Miss Ball, N. Juul, J. Black.

Hon. President: Miss D. E. Mellor.

Hon. Vice-President: Miss M. Hosking.

Hon. Secretary: B. Paull.

Hon. Treasurer: L. Brazier.

The above, were all unanimously elected, as also were the following Committee Members: D. Barlow, Z. Boreham, K. Drew, B. Elliott, J. Keytel, M. Masson, M. Otto.

J. Fincken proposed that Presidents of all W.O.G. Branches be made Hon. Vice-Presidents. When put to the meeting this was not carried.

**Allocation of Fete Funds:** It was pointed out that the Staff and Present Girls had, last year and this, amalgamated with the Old Girls to make the City Hall Fetes a success, and so had not held the usual School sales, thus depriving the School of a Fund hitherto used for urgent necessities such as Library books, sports equipment, etc. The Executive Committee put forward a resolution that a portion of the Fete money be given to the School for these urgent requirements. R. Waring proposed that £1,000 be put into the Building Fund, and that after all expenses had been paid, the balance be given to the School. Seconded by J. Fincken. Carried unanimously.

**The 1957 Fete.** W. Drummond had sent a proposal that no Fete be held next year, but instead, a series of cake and jumble sales be held throughout the year. It was felt that this would bring in so little when compared with the result of this year's bazaar, that M. Masson proposed that a Fete be held in the City Hall on May 4th, 1957. Seconded by N. Juul. Carried.

**Old Girls' Dance.** M. Graham proposed that the holding of the annual dance during the Birthday Week-end be discontinued. It was decided to hold it in September or October 1957, the date to be fixed at the next Annual General Meeting.

**The Chairman of the Board and Trustees then joined the meeting.** The Chairman addressed the meeting and explained what had been done with regard to the New Building. He also told the Old Girls that Miss Abbott-Smith had left the residue of her estate to Wykeham, which it seemed probable would amount to somewhere in the region of £600. He said the Board of Trustees had suggested that this



money might be used as the nucleus of a fund to build a Swimming Bath in the School grounds.

He went on to say that he realised that the Central Executive and all other Branches were up to their limit of money-making activities for the Building Fund, which must always be accepted as their first concern, but he felt that if the Board of Trustees' suggestion was passed at this Annual General Meeting, the Swimming Bath Fund would be recognised as primarily the concern of the Present Girls, their Parents, and their friends, and not of the Old Girls.

Mr. Turner then put forward the proposal that as Miss Abbott-Smith had been a Music Teacher, it might be better to buy much needed pianos for the School. Three propositions were then put forward:

(1) To buy one new piano, and the balance to go towards the Swimming Bath.

(2) To spend all on new pianos.

(3) All the money to be put into the Swimming Bath Fund.

The first proposal was carried by a majority, and it was decided that the new piano should carry a plaque in memory of Miss Abbott-Smith.

A. Young proposed that no start be made on the Swimming Bath until **all** the money required for it had been raised. Carried unanimously.

The Johannesburg Old Girls had held a Jumble Sale, and had sent approximately £70 to the Swimming Bath Fund.

The President then thanked the Chairman and Trustees for attending the meeting.

**In Lieu of flowers for** Miss Moore's and Miss Hodges' graves. M. Stainbank proposed that the usual £1 1s. 0d. be paid from the Association's funds to the Building Fund, seconded by H. Morrison. Carried.

**The School Song.** Phyllis Somerville, noticed with regret that it had been omitted from all recent Wykeham functions and that the Golden Jubilee Year had passed without the School Song being sung. Feeling strongly on the subject, she had raised the question at an Executive meeting, and there was such a diversity of opinion, that it was decided to sound the feelings of the Old Girls at this annual meeting. Miss Ball assured the meeting that she definitely did not ask that the School Song be dropped, but she felt that

the appropriate time for it to be sung was the Reunion Week-end and that it was not a suitable song for the Prize-giving. After much general discussion, during which the Present Girls gave their views, a suggestion was made that as perhaps the School Song was now out of date, it should be either dropped altogether or replaced. Irene van der Poel then proposed that as this was such a big decision to be taken, the School Song should again next year be sung at the cutting of the Birthday cake, on the Saturday evening, and that the matter should be left in abeyance for thought and discussion until the next Annual General Meeting.

**Wykeham Brooches.** We are still unable to get permission to import them from England. In the meantime Jean Black's husband, Mr. Line has made some very nice pewter ones, which were sold for Fete funds.

**Magazine.** Mrs. Davis offered to write the article, "My People were Pioneers" if she could find sufficient data about her family.

Toria Bacon offered to write an account of the Birthday Week-end.

Miss Ball agreed to compile the School section, and Natalie Juul the Old Girls News section.

**Votes of Thanks.** A. Young proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President. Carried with acclamation.

Votes of thanks were also proposed to the following: Miss Ball; The Wykeham Staff, and Mrs. Beal and Miss Harper; The Reverend P. Sykes; Mr. Fanner; Mr. Bull; The Present Girls.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

The Quarterly Re-Union of the Durban Branch of the Wykeham Old Girls' Association will be held on the following Sundays in 1957, at 10 a.m.

**3rd February**—Annual General Meeting.

**28th April.**

**4th August.**

**3rd November.**

Any further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Carter, 133 Riley Road, Durban (Phone 31673).



### REMEMBRANCE CHAIRS

Our new Dining Hall will be ready for occupation early in the New Year, and suitable Mahogany tables and chairs have already been ordered from a firm in the Cape.

It has been suggested that Senior girls as they leave Wykeham, or those who are already Old Girls, may like to present a chair, to be engraved with the donor's name and years at school, so that in time every chair in our Dining Hall will bear the name of an Old Girl of the School.

Any W.O.G. who would like to act on this suggestion should write to Miss Ball, enclosing a cheque for three guineas, and giving her maiden name and the years during which she was at Wykeham.

### WYKEHAM BROOCHES

Wykeham Brooches, similar to the imported ones, but a size smaller, are now obtainable from Wykeham School at £1 1s. 0d. each (Postage extra).

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33 St. Marks Road,  
Windsor, Berks.,  
4th August, 1956.

My dear Girls Past and Present,

You are going through another crucial period in the history of Wykeham, and how wonderfully you have all risen to the occasion, and rallied round those who are bearing "the burden and heat of the day."

I have had news of it all from Miss Ball, Lorna Hime, and Amy Young, and many others, and I know what it is like; my mind goes back to 1928, and the building of the new Winchester House.

The efforts of our Old Girls and Friends, to raise the money for these buildings, is having results that no one, I think, could have anticipated. What a wonderful thing to raise another £1,200 at the Old Girls' Week-end this year!

It pleases me so much too, to see how new branches of the Old Girls' Association are springing up, and adding their quota to the whole. It is good news that we now have a Natal Midlands Branch, as well as the Durban Branch, and many active Old Girls in Johannesburg.

I do congratulate you and the Staff. Present Girls, upon yet another successful academic year, with such good result

in work and sport. All through life we are being tested and our worth to the Community assessed in various ways. You are wise to peg your progress by these good school records, public examination results and certificates.

How delighted I was too with that unlooked for triumph of the Shooting Team in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition. I was so glad for the sake of our old friend Mr. Loney, who year after year has set such a **high standard of achievement** and sportsmanship before generations of Wykeham girls. Miss Moore asked Mr. Loney to take on the shooting at Wykeham, and our teams have competed for the Imperial Challenge Shield since 1926. We always had good results for the little band of shooters were enthusiasts, giving up to it their free time, and Mr. Loney was not satisfied with anything but the best. And now at last, the Wykeham Team finds itself the proud possessor of the Prime Minister's Trophy, in open competition against all Natal Schools.

How very heartening for all of you, who have worked so hard on behalf of the School Building Fund to have had this unexpected, and most generous bequest of £1,500 from the estate of the late Mrs. Charlotte Albert of Johannesburg! How like Miss Abbott-Smith to leave the residue of her estate to the School that she served so faithfully for 33 years. And this means, so Lorna Hime tells me, that you will eventually have your own swimming bath in the grounds.

I know you like me to include in my letter from Windsor bits of news about the Royal Family, if I have happened to catch any interesting glimpses of them, so I will close with a brief account of the first time I went up into the Forest, at Easter time this year, to watch Prince Philip playing polo on Smith's Lawn with the Guards Officers. This polo ground is quite a long way from anywhere, and it was before the newspapers began to write up these polo meetings, with the inevitable result of an enormous influx of population; 15,000 spectators is quite a usual figure at a fine weekend now.

But this time,—on April 15th,—there were only a few people there, and the queen and the rest of the Royal Family were able to move about among the people very freely, without being hemmed in and stared at all the time.

Of course Princess Anne is always the star on these occasions, so interested in everything, and always on the move. When I first caught sight of her, she was being towed round by a rather large pup on a lead, which she explained in a clear pipe to the Queen, who eventually, after some remons-



trances, took it away from her, "She was managing quite well." She then dashed off to play ball with two chums on the grass behind the spectators. where the horse boxes were drawn up.

Prince Charles, who is growing up into a serious, manly little fellow, was intent on his Father's polo activities, and attached himself to him, when he came off from the game, standing around with him chatting to their friends.

I got to the polo rather late, so I only saw the Prince play one chukka but I thought he looked very good, such strong straight shots and clever manoeuvring. Of the three goals shot that chukka he accounted for two.

Incidentally, I was surprised to notice what a lot of the grooms are girls nowadays,—another field opening to women. It was a girl, who took out to the Prince the chestnut on which I saw him play, and got the usual cheery word from him.

Towards the end of the time, Princess Margaret turned up with a bunch of friends. They had evidently walked over from Royal Lodge. The Queen and she were both dressed in their country clothes with silk scarves on their heads looking, as usual, very fresh and lovely.

When he had finished playing Prince Philip had a short confabulation with the Queen (it was about 4 o'clock by then), and evidently said that he would take the children back with him to Windsor Castle, when he went home to change.

I did not realise that the big black car beside which I was standing was his, as he generally flies a pennon, and this one had a heraldic prowling lion on the radiator cap. Along he came with Charles and Anne in tow, and the Queen with the rest of the party set off on foot across the turf towards Royal Lodge, in the direction of which the Queen Mother and two friends had shortly before departed.

The Prince opened the door of the car, and said, "Get in Charles," but Charles said, "Come on Anne," for the young lady was obviously hanging back. She looked very sweet at close quarters with her golden curls and pink and white complexion, green corduroy longs and little fawn wind-breaker jacket. There was a pause, and then the clear little voice rose in protest, "But Grandma said—". I suppose it was hard to see the vision of that delicious afternoon tea at Royal Lodge vanishing into thin air. "Come on, get in," said Father with a twinkle in his eye, "And no arguments!",

and grabbing Anne by the back of her windbreaker he hiked her into the car before there was time for any more back-chat. "Into the back Charles!", he said swiftly propelling that somewhat reluctant young man into the back seat with a well directed shove. He jumped into the driving seat and banged the door as the equerry joined him from the other side, and drove off quickly towards Windsor.

"Excellent!" thought I, "Very effective!" What a fine chance they are giving those two children, seeing to it that they have a real home life all together in their modern flat in the Victoria Tower, and lovely secluded gardens to play in, taking them around with them as much as they possibly can, joking and playing with them, but requiring obedience from them always, and the appropriate behaviour for the occasion. I think they are setting a pattern of family life that may prove very beneficial to the leaders of our society.

I was lucky that afternoon, for on my way home through the lovely Valley Gardens, full of azaleas and other flowering shrubs, I met the Queen Mother and her two friends returning to Royal Lodge. The path through the wood where we met was not very wide, so I slowed down and curtsied to her, and she smiled her radiant smile and said, "Good afternoon," in her clear ringing voice. She looked so beautiful in a long blue coat and tweed hat to match, in one of those lovely pastel shades of which she is so fond. So much for the Royal Family "off duty."

Well, now I must close, but before I do so may I join my "ave atque vale" to yours as I thank those three dear friends of mine who have left, or are leaving Wykeham this year, for all they have done for us during the many years they have been with us,—Mrs. Evans, Miss Harper, and Miss Hosking. I know well how valuable has been the contribution that each of them has made to the life of the School. How lucky I was to have Miss Hosking's advice and help almost the whole of my Headmistress-ship. May they enjoy to the full the next phase of their work in the community, whatever it may be.

My best wishes go with you in all your endeavours. I have had many happy meetings with Old Girls during the last year. Remember how pleased I always am to see any of you who may be visiting Windsor.

With much love as always,

Your affectionate ex-School-Mother,

DORIS E. MELLOR.



## AN OLD GIRL'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE 1956 BIRTHDAY WEEK-END

Time, you old gipsy man,  
Will you not stay?  
Put up your caravan  
Just for one day."

Many of you will be familiar with these charming words written by Ralph Hodgson, and how often do we not echo them! Never more fervently than when we gather together to celebrate Wykeham's founding every year. However, even if our plea were granted, and Father Time by some magic alchemy were to present us with that extra day would it prove sufficient. I fear not.

Wykeham, over the past half century has accumulated a vast family of Old Girls, and many more are expected. Owing to the enthusiasm engendered by the launching of the Golden Jubilee Building Fund last year, more and more members of that family are drifting back into the fold, to the mutual delight of the School, and of their contemporaries. But the problem is, to wrest from the crowded week-end programme, sufficient time in which to renew those friendships of yester year, a golden opportunity only an event such as this affords. The dream remains unattainable, and the gap between meeting and parting narrows until it is often a case of merely "Hail" and "Farewell." Such is the penalty of growth and progress.

Looking back over a long span of years, though not quite to Wykeham's cradle days, it is amusing to recall, that Present Girls turned out of their beds at the Week-end to sleep here, there, or anywhere, to accommodate those divinities of Old Girls whose clothes, looks, and behaviour proved an inexhaustible topic of conversation for weeks to follow, whereas in this less adventurous and more comfort living age, we no longer feel the urge to sleep in school beds, (with all due respect to Wykeham) and as for clothes, any sixth former can beat us in her holiday attire!

This year's programme followed much the same familiar pattern, though an innovation of the past two years, in addition to the Friday night's Interhouse Plays, presented by the Present Girls, has been the Saturday morning Fete in the City Hall, a far cry from its modest predecessor in the School Hall, very much a domestic affair, whereas now we go to town in a big way, and Maritzburg has responded in large-hearted fashion, as the figures testify.

How true it is that "Nothing venture, nothing win!" We have ventured greatly, and are slowly but surely winning our way towards the realisation of the Building Scheme through our own efforts, encouraged and supported by our many friends.

An alternative attraction to the Fancy Dress Party at School on Saturday night was the Old Girls' dance at the Imperial Hotel, excellently organised, but not very well supported, no doubt owing to the volume of energy expended by most of us at the Fete, in fact, the week-end as a whole has been referred to as an endurance test, albeit a very pleasant one.

To me the Fancy Dress Party will always remain the highlight of the celebrations, for there, gathered together in the dear old School itself, and in sheer enjoyment, are Staff, Parents, Past and Presents, as well as many friends, and there is music, colour, light and laughter as the younger generation take the stage for our enchantment.

Holy Communion Service at St. George's on Sunday morning was better attended than ever, its unique quality being that so many of the congregation are intimately known to one another, and this induces a sense of oneness as we remember together in prayer, both absent and departed friends.

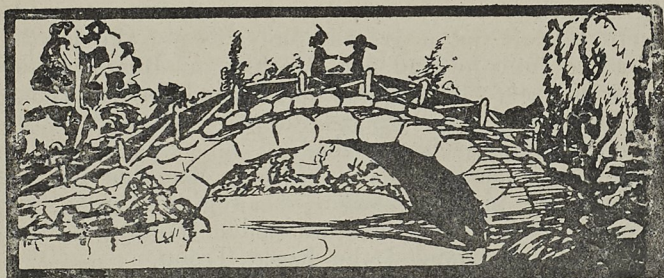
On our return to Wykeham the usual babble broke out as we took our places at breakfast amid the well remembered clatter of chairs, no less deafening than of old, and how lucky to find oneself beside one of one's vintage, and to exchange "Do you remembers?"

Finally came our Annual Meeting, bigger and better than ever before, and straining the capacity of the Little Hall to bursting point. Each successive year there is more to discuss, new voices are heard, new plans are made. It is all very stimulating and companionable, and at tea-time noisy, but what else can one expect from a bunch of girls of all ages?

Before we are aware of it, farewells were being said, and reluctantly, and with many a backward glance and parting word we separated, to resume our normal lives, having once again enjoyed the privileges of being a Wykeham Old Girl.

VICTORIA A. BACON.





### MY PEOPLE WERE PIONEERS

My Grandfather, William Lister, came to Natal after a voyage of eighty-eight days, and landed in Durban in January 1851, with four hundred Golden Sovereigns. He was then a young man of twenty-two years of age. His family home in England was Greenhill Hall, an old 15th century Manor House in Derbyshire. But adventure and sunshine called him to South Africa. He bought land at Red Hill near Durban, and was a pioneer in the planting of coffee.

He married Mary, daughter of the Reverend John Walton, Rector of Pinetown, who was a staunch supporter of Bishop Colenso during those "Church Militant" years. The Waltons were wrecked off Durban in the *Minerva* in 1851. On the third Sunday of Mr. Lister's life in the bush, on the way to Church he overtook Mary Walton and her mother and as he walked behind them he said to himself, "That young lady will one day be my wife"—and she was!

In 1853 my Grandfather went on a visit to Mauritius, and he brought back from there many flowers and plants new to Natal, which he planted on his estate at Red Hill. He grew the first avocado pears and mangoes in this country. At first coffee did extremely well. His crop doubled each year, and in 1863 he sold  $13\frac{1}{2}$  tons at 1s. per lb.! But in 1868 the leaf and bark disease broke out, and soon became rampant in Natal as well as in Ceylon. No remedy could be found for it, and plantations and planters were ruined. The coffee estates had been very beautiful, and had yielded very abundantly, so that their destruction was a great blow.

My Grandfather, after selling up, brought his young family to Maritzburg. Here he at first helped to lay out the Park, and planted many of the trees in it. He was then asked to become a Government Valuator; knowing nothing

about the work of a surveyor, he demurred, but was told, "If you don't take it on, a greater fool will get the job!" So he consented, and he and Mr. Methley of Balgowan set to work. Incidentally his lawyer son, Alfred Lister, remarked many years later, "No wonder there is so much litigation over farm boundaries in Natal!"

William Lister joined the Victoria Mounted Rifles as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1862, when the regiment was formed. Later, as Captain Lister, he commanded the Left Troop and Captain Binns commanded the Right Troop.

William and Mary Lister had six sons and four daughters, all of whom were well known in South Africa. Lorraine Evans, who for many years was Senior Matron at Wykeham, is the daughter of his son Bertie, and her two little girls, Margot and Judith Evans, and Jill Lister, are his great-grand-daughters, and are at present pupils in the School.

William Lister lived to be ninety-four years old: he was active and cheerful and interested to the end.

MARGARET WALTON DAVIS,  
(Grand-daughter).

## LIFE IN CYPRUS

### Extracts from a Press Interview and a Letter from Joan Harrington

**July 1956.** "Mother sent me the papers from home with news of the Old Girls' Week-end, and I was most interested. It does feel very far away over here, especially, I think, as it is a small island, and journeys home to South Africa are extremely complicated. Last time I went with my two babies as far as Rome, Nigeria, and the Congo, before we headed for Johannesburg.

We are now living in Limassol, a port on the south coast, as my husband is stationed at Episkopi, 17 miles away. This is merely a half built camp at the moment, so most of the families live in Limassol, in houses hired by the army from the Greeks, or in an army families' village called after Richard the Lion Heart's Queen, "Berengaria."

Our own house is not in this village, but not far from it, and set in a field all on its own, looking out on to some carob and olive trees, and beyond to the Troodos mountain range.

My only neighbours are a few Greeks and a lot of gypsies. These are Turkish people who roam about and live mostly by their wits. They come and go and sleep in the



open or in tents made of rags, and I have to be very quick in taking in my bread when the van has been. Several times I haven't been quick enough, and have seen my bread being devoured by hoards of little naked toddlers! !

We live a very quiet and peaceful life really, though there are times of course when the present unrest comes very close. My husband has to go out on patrol at night,—all British houses are patrolled every night. He had a bomb thrown very near him in Nicosia, and now I'm never very happy when he's out. Then we do hear the bangs of course, and sometimes they are frequent and quite close, and it is a routine precaution to always see that the shutters are up at the windows to prevent the glass splintering in case of an explosion in the vicinity.

It is not permissible to visit the markets any more, where once one was able to buy all sorts of material by weight and very cheaply. Now the shopping centre is "out of bounds," and we may do our shopping only on certain days, and at certain hours when the troops turn out to protect us.

The curfews are irksome, the biggest effect on our lives I think, is the fact that we can never, or very rarely go out in the evenings. So for families in Limassol there is very little social life. I keep doing piles of embroidery! ! !

Meat is very dear in Cyprus,—beef costs 10s. per lb., and butter is retailed at 8s. per lb., but fruit and vegetables are not expensive.

Although the Greeks are anti-British politically, they do not mind working for the British, but good servants are hard to get, and I have to pay a girl, whose hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., £9 a month, and they resent any attempts to teach them up-to-date methods.

Cyprus is an absolute desert in summer, when the temperature often rises to 114 degrees, and water is always a problem. There is no grass at all as we know it, and the only lawns are of a species of flat clover that people plant in the yellow clay. Crops are grown in the winter, as during the six months summer there is no rain **at all**, and the irrigation of his land is jealously watched by every Cypriot as it drains into the fields, to make sure that his neighbour does not claim more than his just due of the precious fluid. Indeed, murder has been committed by neighbouring farmers on this very point.

The Cypriots make beautiful lace, and are also expert weavers, and the villagers sit outside their cottages working away at their looms. Sometimes one comes across a scene

that might easily serve as an illustration for the Old Testament, so little has Cyprus changed, in some respects, from those days.

One of the main exports from the island is the carob bean, that is the "locust bean" that, with wild honey, sustained St. John the Baptist in the wilderness.

Spring in Cyprus is a sight one never forgets. The whole island is covered in a carpet of flowers. Tulips, narcissus, and anemones grow wild, and the fields are ablaze with scarlet poppies.

We had a fair trip back after our stay in Natal, except that we left South Africa, the day they deported Archbishop Makarios, so got to Athens the day of the riots in Greece. They were most kind to us, and apart from going through all our luggage and strapping it with wire and seals before loading it for Cyprus, we saw nothing unusual except that the name of our hotel (the King George V) had been ripped off.

There was a general strike here when we arrived, but we gradually settled down again for the last two, of our five years stay."

JOAN HARRINGTON.

### MISS MOORE'S GREETINGS TO WYKEHAM'S DAUGHTERS—CHRISTMAS 1920.

I am only one;  
But still I **am** one —  
I cannot do everything;  
But still, I can do something.  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do the Something  
that I can do.

Do not loiter, nor shirk;  
Do not falter, nor shrink;  
But just think out your work.  
And then, work out your think.



## CASH FROM YOUR GARDEN FOR THE WYKEHAM BUILDING FUND

I am writing this article because I hope that it will result in other Wykeham Old Girls turning to their gardens for this end.

My own efforts, started by sheer chance two years ago, when Natalie Phelps asked me to make some cakes for a sale she was organizing at Scottsville. Instead of cakes I took down fifty tins of plants and had the satisfaction of them bringing in £6 10s. 0d.

Those first fifty tins of plants were a most depressing job for me. I took hours to find suitable plants, they were either too large or an impossible shape, or had roots that would not get into any tin, and I took hours more trying to make those plants look attractive when tinned, and I ended in cutting my finger, all of which shows how little I knew about tinning plants in those days. I have learnt a lot since then by trial and error, but one of the most important facts I now realise is, that anyone who produces good strong healthy plants, and collects an interesting selection and displays them well, will always find buyers.

There are various sections that can be developed, seedlings out of the ground or in boxes will always sell, potted plants for verandahs or flats have a big demand in every town. Then there are the flowering shrubs and small trees, always so popular in town or country, and the production of these can become more and more fascinating and absorbing as one collects bits and pieces from everywhere, and it is really exciting when they grow. Then lastly come herbaceous perennials, the section which has been most in demand, and the mainstay of the sales.

Gardening in England made me appreciate and love the real herbaceous border and realize just what it does to a garden, and so, on returning to this country I set about collecting all the herbaceous perennials I could lay hands on, with the result that when I started this tinning of plants for Wykeham I had over fifty varieties.

Where do I start with what I feel might help any of you who are interested? I think with the plants themselves.

The first thing to do is to set aside a section of your garden as a nursery bed. This need not be big, a surprising number of small plants can be set in a strip a yard or so wide, and in this way I use the borders of my vegetable garden where the hedge gives shelter to them. I also have two plots,



and for more delicate plants a split pole shelter, giving protection from both frost and sun. Prepare this ground well, and divide it into strips, and into each section set out the divided plants or cuttings of one variety. Keep the plants as uniform as possible. I also root prune everything, particularly any plant with a tap root or long roots as in acanthus, this will make them ball root, and once you have done this you can tin them with ease, and they will not wilt, though of course, you have to look after them after this pruning.

Herbaceous perennials need about two months in the nursery bed, most shrubs six months to a year, but there are exceptions. (Seedlings I have not dealt with, but Phyllis Coughlan has produced these most successfully for both Fetes, and at the last one she made £15 with them. She is willing to help anyone with advice.)

The tins themselves are important,—they can be had in large numbers from schools, hotels, and hospitals. The following points will be helpful. Avoid any jagged edges by cutting the open end smooth with one of the new type of tin openers. Clean the tins before they dry out, soaking if necessary. Make the holes in the base with a sharp chisel, and then sort the tins into sizes. The most useful size are the 1 lb. and 1½ lb.,—I only use a 2 lb. if necessary, and a larger tin only for some very special plant. There are several reasons for this. A smaller tin takes less soil and fewer stones, and most important, buyers, once interested, will nearly always fill their shopping baskets, and the smaller and lighter the tins, the more they can carry. This applies to transporting them to the sale also. The tinning of herbaceous perennials is obviously only for convenience of transport and sale, and also display, but many buyers find it convenient to have a week or so in which to plant things out.

The actual tinning is far too practical a job to attempt to describe in an article such as this, but the following points are important. Choose the most suitable place to tin (I do mine in our summer house), get a firm low bench or table on which to tin, and chairs of the same level for yourself and helper. Have everything you need to hand, tins and stones, a bucket of river sand, soil in a wheelbarrow conveniently against the bench. Another great help is an empty cement pocket split open and placed across the bench, this prevents the soil from sliding all over the place, then list your plants and lift them from your nursery beds, choosing them as uniform in size as possible. I can with ease now do seventy tins in a morning.



Transport and display come next. I find tomato boxes the most convenient size to pack the tins of plants into, and in packing I put all of one variety together. If they do not fill the box I make up with a variety that contrasts, and they are kept in their boxes for the sale, this simplifies labelling and selling.

The labelling comes in with display. Kind friends have painted delightful small paintings of the flowers, these I have stuck on to cardboard, and so can fasten them to short sticks with a drawing pin. Below each drawing is also a card with the name, description, etc., of the plant, and the price. When the boxes of plants are in position on the table for sale, I place these sticks into a tin at the back of each box, and at the end of the sale they are removed and packed away for the next one. Any plants that are in bloom, I take along the flowers and place them in small bottles alongside the plants.

Prices,—all herbaceous perennials 1s. 6d. a tin, shrubs 1s. 6d. a tin upwards, and potted plants 2s. upwards. Nothing is ever reduced.

It has become a feature of our street sales in Maritzburg and Howick to combine cakes and plants. About 200 tins of plants have proved a practical number to take to these sales, and bring in between £15—£20.

For any of you who are interested "To dig gold" out of your garden for Wykeham in this way, I would be only too glad to show you all I can here, and help to start you with stocks of plants, and if you are too far off to come, I would write full particulars,—and what a lot of cash could be raised for Wykeham, with plant sales all over the country.

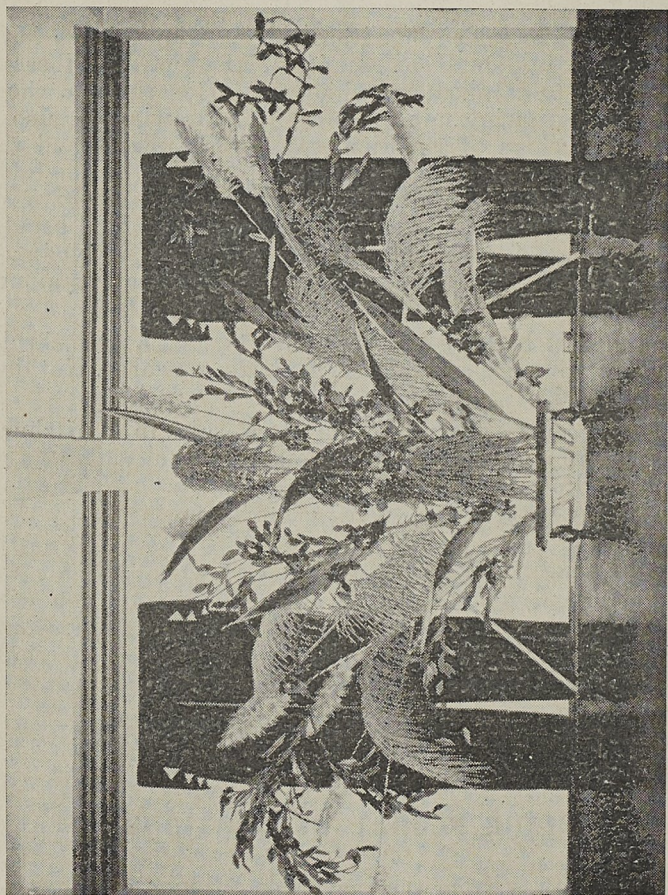
TONY SEEKINGS.

## UNIQUE FLORAL DECORATIONS

To break away from the inevitable "Bunch of Flowers" motif when doing a Hall decoration, one requires imagination, a 3-ton truck, a small army of helpers and a patient husband. (Be undaunted girls, it is only a "patient" husband's version.)

A nearby forest, aloe or succulent park plus a rubbish dump are also valuable assets unless one has the moral courage to refuse to do something unusual. All this explains the eternal popularity of the Bowl of Flowers motif.





Floral Decoration at the Old Girls' Dance by Ailsa Halle.



Let us replay a little drama that begins with an innocent appeal to do something striking for a special function in aid of a popular Charity in the distant future.

One accepts with confidence which "the distant future" always inspires, although confidence is said to be the feeling a man has until he learns better, "when the time comes."

The "distant future" date then approaches unnoticed with startling acceleration and a preview of the Hall to be decorated becomes imperative. This large area often turns out to be some nightmare of architecture which only an atomic bomb could improve and the Committee in charge begin at once to suggest that a bowl of flowers here and there would give a very satisfactory effect to their way of thinking.

This is skirmish No. 1 and the outcome is that either they have their bowls of flowers or the job is to be done to your way of thinking.

Let us assume you win. As telepathy is not in general practice your husband and the sundry helpers begin to perspire when they watch your small sedan loaded with mossy logs, bamboo poles, dead palm leaves, baskets full of dry Magnolia leaves and Frangipani that have to be wired leaf by leaf and flower by flower on to branches of dead trees, plus sundry Aloes, Euphobias, Wild Bananas, Strelitzias, Banana flowers, etc., all being dumped amidst the chaos of tables and chairs in the so-called Festive Hall.

At this stage most of the stuff looks like the wreck of a rubbish dump or a junk yard proprietor's nightmare and the Committee Ladies begin to reiterate their ideas about the bunches of flowers, suggesting that all this trouble is quite unnecessary.

Provided you are sustained by the motto that "faint heart never even baked a cake," skirmish No. 2 goes in your favour. Sundry volunteer carpenters begin to cut pieces off the bamboo poles, dead branches and tips of their fingers, and the frame work is erected against the side of the wall or walls, looking like a jerry builder's scaffolding. Everybody's theme song now becomes: "It can't possibly be ready by tomorrow"! which is a polite way of saying "We can't possibly have that abortion and those ghastly dry branches—I'm sure a bowl of flowers would be quite enough!"

This is where you are absolutely alone. No one has a conception of what is in your mind and there is nothing to do but grit your teeth, sharpen the dagger in your eyes, increase the steel reinforced concrete of your determination

to show up the unsuspected beauty of all God's handiwork, even in the so-called rubbish which, like the oldest human derelict, can reflect a glimpse of beauty in someone's soul.

Up go the palm leaves, the banana and date palm flowers and brown leaves from which the flower came, etc., and the chaos on the floor recedes as an original and striking arrangement of Nature's free gifts of splendour are marshalled into a bold effect, an effect which is essential for the decoration of a hall.

And now you have the satisfaction of knowing that against no other wall in this Universe is there just such another conception of contrasts and matching of the unusual like this product of your imagination that has appealed to your eyes and individual sense of the artistic.

Your prayer has been answered. The murmurs among the Committee begin to change their tone, heads pop out from the kitchen, passages and foyer and remarks such as "Well, I must say—I didn't expect anything like this—it is striking—most unusual!" fill the air.

No one even mentions bowls of flowers.

You are a success for the time being, even to your husband, that is until tomorrow when he has to help to take it all down.

It is great fun and most gratifying teaching children to have "eyes to see." It is quite astonishing how much interest they take in finding odd logs, stones, etc., and doing their own little unusual arrangements, and it can make an outing in the country a greater joy than ever.

MR. AND MRS. C. R. HALLE.

### IMPRESSIONS FROM THE OFFICE

Somewhere far out on the hills a sigh is heard. A finger flicks over the leaves of a calendar. Only too true—the holidays are over. Petrol, oil, water, etc., are checked, a last wistful look at the wide open spaces and then a little grey car is sent steadily up the hills and down the dales to pull up at "Wests" in the afternoon. Dust, leaves, mess and "emptiness" are in possession. The school cats drowsing disconsolately in the coal scuttle, blink—

"Did you see that?" asks Mr. Tibbs.

"Looks like the secretary," replies Lilibet, "but we may only be dreaming; I am wondering if 'they' will ever come back again."



But within a few days "they" are all back and the school quickly transformed to cleanliness and tidiness. Then the first Staff Meeting; the H.M. in very good form, familiar faces missing—new ones to take their places. The new Time Table is expounded, a pep talk on the coming term, and the Train List is out. The next morning the quiet is shattered by alarm clocks going off at 3.30 to waken staff who are meeting the first batch of girls arriving at 4 a.m., and so it continues all day—girls coming in from all directions—Lilibet, completely happy, sits on the front steps watching the familiar navy blue clad figures pouring in and thoroughly approving of all the noisy reunions. This is indeed reality.

The second morning we assemble to the familiar strains of "Col. Bogey" and listen to the H.M.'s admonitions and words of wisdom to her charges. The new term has begun.

The days go by, each begun in the early hours of the dawn when Jantje leads out the house boys and they sleepily clean 100 odd pairs of black shoes. Then the rising bell is heard and girls begin to move about. Miss Hosking appears on the balcony—"So-and-So, you're down to practice on Beethoven, hurry up—you're five minutes late." "What's-her-name, get along to Shubert, you know you missed your practice yesterday. Get that bell rung for Prep . . ." and so on. A member of staff who knows where everybody should be at the right time, and from whose alert eye there is no escape. Excuses are of no avail.

7.30—Breakfast. Navy blue girls all troop down—always talking. After this we get down to the business of the day. The Hall is much in use—jolly folk-dancing, rehearsals for the Junior Play to be performed at the Breaking-up Concert, rope climbing and acrobatics that make our hair stand on end when we see the result at the Gym Competition. The Music, Singing and Dancing—all good to listen to from the office. Nearer at hand are the footsteps to and from the H.M.'s office; some to seek advice, some understanding, and some are sent for reprimand. Ours is no mean Headmistress and they get it all in good measure.

Lunch bell goes, and staff and girls converge on the verandah at "Bottom House," when the opportunity is taken for a little extra checking up, viz:—

"Jane, why did you not learn your three-times tables yesterday?"

"Please, Miss Maths, I **did** learn them, but I have forgotten them. (Brightly) "I promise you I'll learn my four-times tonight.

"Mary, why have you come to lunch with a dirty face "

"Please, Miss On-Charge, I don't know which is the time when we wash our faces!"

After school,—games, dressmaking, dentists, hobbies, relaxing. 5.30, up to the Dorms. to change for supper, and the Choir to practice the hymns for the coming Sunday. The school is blissfully quiet at this hour, and these evening hymns ring sweetly through the cloisters. Then the girls all troop down to supper in traditional white dresses. As they return leisurely to Top House again, the sky is draped in soft evening colours and the egrets, returning to their Sanctuary, pass over like a benediction, for Wykeham is in their main line of flight. A picture to remember. The school is quiet again for one hour's Prep—then half an hour relaxation (not so quiet). At 8.30 a stream of white goes up the stairs and it is not long before the "Silence Bell" goes and the "Lights Out." All is now really quiet and everybody upstairs—Oh, bother, there's that wretched phone again—

"Wykeham School."

"Is that Wykeham School?"

"Yes."

"May I speak to the Headmistress?"

"Well, its a bit late, but I'll see if I can get her."

Ring, ring.

"Yes?" (She sounds a bit short).

"Is that Miss Ball?"

"Yes?" (Still a bit short).

"This is Mr. Newparent. How is Angela?"

"She's very well."

"Not home-sick?"

"No She's as bright as a cricket."

"I wish I could say the same from this end—I'm having a lot of trouble with her mother."

"Oh. bad luck! Tell your wife not to worry, Angela is very well and we will take good care of her."

"Thanks. Please give her our love."

"Certainly."

The school at last settles down to sleep. As you doze off you might hear a step on the gravel, and if you open your eyes, see the flash of a torch—the Night Watchman is on guard.



This then is the pattern of our lives and the year goes by with Lessons, W.O.G. Meetings, Rehearsals for plays, Cake Sales, Gym Competitions, Trustees Meetings, Matches, Jumble Sales, Singing Competitions, Birthday Week-end, Swimming Galas, Dramatic Competitions, Careers Talks, Examinations.

By this time we are all showing signs of attrition—

"She's **never** in time for her diningroom charge."

"My dear, these Registers are all **w r o n g**."

"Why **can't** you remember your early morning Preps."

"This is the **second** time I've had to do it for you."

"Well, why don't you do your Stationery on the **proper** day?"

"Will the staff **please** record their telephone calls."

"**Really**, these **STAFF**!"

Then we suddenly mellow down when we realise that it is the end of the year and all the girls and staff and a number of parents attend the Carol Service at St. George's. A lovely Service when we unite at the Throne of Grace.

The last day of term—6 a.m. S.A.R. van at the door to collect the heavy luggage. Jantje in his element shouting "Line" and he and his understudies run out the boxes like a long crocodile. Secretary standing by to check the lists. A cold job in the winter and in spite of good wrapping she returns from the station half frozen. If you must approach her it is wise to do so with diffidence. Breaking-up Concert or Prize Giving. 12 noon—the girls vanish as if by magic. Clocks are packed away and the bell is silent.

After a few days of tying up the ends and getting reports done, many sighs are heard. Weary? Never mind, holidays are here—"Good-bye, have a good time," "Good-bye." Good-bye."

Petrol, oil, water, etc., are checked and then, with the first flight of egrets, a little grey car pulls out of "Wests" and travels steadily up the hills and down the dales to the wide open spaces.

Mr. Tibbs and Lilibet are left to their dreaming.

K.D.



## BETROTHALS

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

—Mary Ferrars, A.D.1631.

Mary Anderson to John Atkinson.

Peta Audas to John Michael Burton.

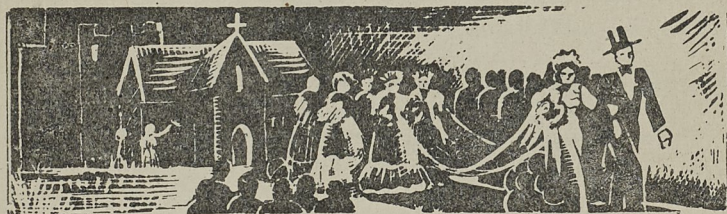
Joy Bam to Derek Olsen.

Penelope Dodds to Barry Stops.

Clare Lund to Jack Teichman.

Jean Penny to Neville Fraser.





## RECENT MARRIAGES

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

This you have promised.

Shirley Anderson is Mrs. Allan Sullivan.

Patricia Anderton is Mrs. Tim Curtis.

Mary Bagnall is Mrs. More.

Hazel Batchelor is Mrs. Frank Bowey.

Lucy Brickdale is Mrs. Alistair Gordon.

Jennifer Calder is Mrs. Desmond Atwell.

Jeanette Carter is Mrs. Jack Higgs.

Heath Cooper is Mrs. Aarons.

Jacqueline Cowen is Mrs. Langbart.

Beryl Gillatt is Mrs. Douglas Cook.

Joan Kershaw is Mrs. Ian Stewart Murray.

Mary Martienssen is Mrs. Scott Stephen.

Thelma Oberstein is Mrs. Sidney Levitan.

Margaret Pearson is Mrs. Trevor Smythe.

Yvonne Pendock is Mrs. Magnus Levy.

Denise Richards is Mrs. Edward William  
Raubenheimer.

Joan Roach is Mrs. Keith Robinson.

Hilary Turner is Mrs. Thomas Edward Cleaver.

## DEATHS (R.I.P.)

Marjorie Chard (Mrs. L. Tarr).  
 Sheila Lowenthal (Mrs. J. Kaye).  
 Irene Watson (Mrs. A. Caister).



## RECENT WYKEHAM GRANDCHILDREN

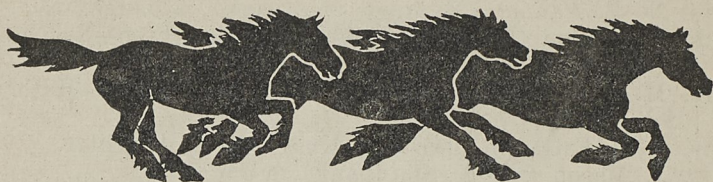
*"For little pattering feet and crooning songs;  
 For children's laughter, and sweet wells of truth;  
 For sweet child faces and the sweet wise tongues;  
 For childhood's faith that lifts us near to Thee  
 And bows us with our own disparity;  
 For childhood's sweet unconscious beauty sleep;  
 For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

—Oxenham.

- Mrs. B. Aldworth (Rosemary Johnston), a daughter.
- Mrs. W. Ashworth (Wendy Foster), a daughter.
- Mrs. A. Ballard (Nora Nolte), a daughter.
- Mrs. R. Blore (Diana Tasker), a son.
- Mrs. B. Bradfield (Betty Talmage), a son.
- Mrs. Brooke-Thompson (Irene Tittlestad), a daughter.
- Mrs. C. Cowan (Ethne Adlam), a son—Stephen Frank.
- Mrs. D. Davidson (Mabel Chandler), a daughter.
- Mrs. R. Elliot (Aldwyn Stretch), a son.
- Mrs. V. Evans (Doreen Baikie), a son—Craig.



- Mrs. N. F. Fanner (Maureen Stainbank), a daughter.  
Mrs. B. Gordon (Penelope Kershaw), a daughter—Rosemary Louise.  
Mrs. M. W. P. Hill (Norma Inman), a daughter—Kathryn Ann.  
Mrs. K. L'Estrange (Dorothy Knubley), a daughter.  
Mrs. J. Mason (Sheila Stainbank), a daughter.  
Mrs. J. A. S. Maxwell (Roma Hyde), a son—Dale Stirling.  
Mrs. N. Maxwell (Joan Henderson), a son.  
Mrs. A. McKenzie (Sheila Graham), a son.  
Mrs. G. Morgan (Jacqueline Cosnett), a son (R.I.P.)  
Mrs. R. Munro (Mollye Bennett-Davis), a daughter (R.I.P.)  
Mrs. R. Phipson (Morelle Lund), a daughter.  
Mrs. G. R. Roussel (Pamela D. Smith), a son—Alvin Dorey.  
Mrs. A. Sage (Anne Pope), a daughter—Wendy Helen.  
Mrs. H. Sandwith (Faye Risely), a son.  
Mrs. I. Scott-Barnes (Anne Harcourt-Baldwin), a son.  
Mrs. N. Shandling (Irene Mann), a daughter—Moira.  
Mrs. V. Smith (Norma Garland), a daughter.  
Mrs. D. Stainbank (Maud Gordon), a daughter.  
Mrs. D. I. Stubbs (Adrienne Smythe), a daughter.  
Mrs. van Breda (Lesley Garland), a daughter—Alma Joy.  
Mrs. E. van Rooyen (Maureen Boast), a son — Thomas Richard.  
Mrs. W. van Rooyen (Priscilla Francis), a daughter.  
Mrs. E. Walker (Patricia Anderson), a son.



## OLD GIRLS' NEWS

**ABLETT, Enid** (Mrs. Wroughton) has spent quite a lot of time in Maritzburg during this year. After holding an exhibition of her paintings at the Association of Arts Gallery in Capetown, at which her picture of proteas was purchased by the Capetown City Council for the Mayoress's Parlour, Enid let her flat for five months and set out on a tour of the Free State branches of the N.C.W. (of which she is now International Standing Committee member for Cinemas), speaking and showing documentary films, and then came to Natal. In Maritzburg she stayed first with Mrs. Phil Davis and then with Marjorie Fleming, who gave a very pleasant farewell tea party for Wykeham Old Girls to say goodbye to her just before she sailed for Zanzibar on a few weeks' painting trip. She is to return to Natal and from Durban will set out by car on a tour through the Transkei, the Eastern Province and the South Western Cape addressing branches of the N.C.W. in 14 towns, finally returning home to Capetown in November.

**ADLAM, Ethne** (Mrs. Cowan) was one of the Johannesburg Old Girls who attended the tea party given by Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin) to meet Miss Ball in April. She has a baby son who was born in August last year, just too late to be mentioned in the Golden Jubilee Magazine. In May, her mother looked after the three children while Ethne and her husband went to St. Michael's-on-Sea for a holiday, and while there she was pleased to see Nora Nolte (Mrs. Ballard) whose baby daughter was born at the beginning of July.

**ALLAN, Terry** (Mrs. Bredin) is still a fairly frequent visitor to Wykeham where Judy is now in her last year. During July the Bredin family did a trip through the Game Reserve (see under FOSTER, Fiona). **Barbara** (Mrs. Earl-Spurr) is mentioned by Pamela Hudson (Mrs. Braatvedt) who says that Barbara's brother Michael, now 10, is at school in Bulawayo where she is now living, and remarks that her Wykeham contemporaries will remember the excitement when he was born in 1946!



**AMOS, Irene** (Mrs. van der Poel) is now President of the Durban Branch of the W.O.G.A., which is doing a splendid job. **Vera** (Mrs. Morford)'s daughter Jane is a prominent Natal Girl Guide.

**ANDERSON, Ivy**, still thinks nothing of driving to Maritzburg from Botha's Hill to attend our meetings, and we are grateful for her interest. **Elsie** (Mrs. Chapman) did a splendid job organising the refreshments again at this year's Fete. **Patricia** (Mrs. Walker)'s baby son was born at Ixopo on January 7 this year. **Shirley** (now Mrs. Allan Sullivan) was married in November last year, and had June Harris as one of her bridesmaids. **Mary** was one of the bridesmaids at Patricia Anderton's wedding in May, both she and Pat having been bridesmaids three months before at the wedding of Miss Judy Marshall to Mr. Graham Taylor. Mary herself will be married in March next year and Gay Dalrymple is going to be her bridesmaid.

**ANDERTON, Patricia** (Mrs. Tim Curtis) see above. A few days after her wedding Pat and her husband flew to London and there they are living, by sheer coincidence, in the very same flat where Pat lived with her mother and brother just after she left Wykeham. She is working at Harrod's and having a wonderful time, we hear from Mary Anderson.

**ARBUCKLE, Daphne** (Mrs. Liebenberg) and her husband are still giving exhibitions of dancing in Maritzburg from time to time to help various charities and funds. She was unlucky to miss the Festival of Ballroom Dancing which was held in the City Hall in July when she had to be rushed to Grey's Hospital for emergency treatment three days before. We are glad to know that she made a good recovery.

**ARNOTT, Natalie** (Mrs. Shewan)'s son Dennis was married in June this year. **Dulcie** (Mrs. Foster)'s younger daughter is now at Wykeham.

**AUDAS, Peta**, announced her engagement to John Burton in February, having been bridesmaid to his sister Katherine two days before. She attended the inaugural meeting of the Midlands Branch.

**BAIKIE, Doreen** (Mrs. Evans) says she often wonders what she did before the advent of her two small sons, the younger of whom was born last November.

**BAM, Joy**, became engaged last July to Derek Olsen.

**BASHACEN, Sheilagh**, is a radiographer at Addington Hospital, with Rona Franklin.



**BATCHELOR, Hazel** (Mrs. Frank Bowey) was married in February at St. Thomas's Church, Durban.

**BAXTER, Beatrice** (Mrs. Turton) and her husband had a trip to George, Knysna and the Wilderness at the beginning of March. Her daughter Denise is a promising tennis player and is in the team at Maris Stella.

**BEATER, Leila** (Mrs. Purnell) was a busy worker on the Durban Stall at this year's Fete and is a member of the W.O.G.A. Durban Committee. She tells us she spends most of her time gardening in her new home. **Vivienne** (Mrs. Haw) and her family have been down from Rhodesia and stayed with Leila. They spent most of their long leave touring through the Cape.

**BEAUMONT, Julie** (Mrs. Woods) was down in Natal from Nairobi this year on a visit to her mother.

**BEILES, DORIA** (Mrs. Block) has our deep sympathy in the loss of her sister Valerie who died suddenly last September just a week before her second baby was due. Valerie spent a few years at Wykeham. Her death came as a great shock, Doria says, as she had always been so healthy and active. Doria looked after her little boy for a while but he is now back with his father who is Doria's brother-in-law twice over, she and her sister having married brothers. Luckily Doria lives near her brother-in-law so she is able to see her little nephew frequently.

**BENNETT, Barbara** (Mrs. Cope) is the Secretary of the new Midlands Branch of the W.O.G.A. She is now living at Hilton Road. **Judy** (Mrs. Lindsay) writes that her long cherished hope of visiting the battlefields was fulfilled when she accompanied the **B.E.S.L. pilgrims in September last** year. She was delighted to meet three or four other W.O.G.s on the trip. "I am everlastingly grateful to the B.E.S.L. for the chance," she writes. Her eldest son Bruce has now left school and entered the printing trade.

**BENNETT-DAVIS, Erica** (Mrs. Goss) with her husband and two eldest sons spent two weeks in Zululand in July where Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford) and her husband and three sons joined them for a few days. "Wherever Maureen is there is always plenty of activity and fun," remarks Erica. She also had a chance meeting with Elaine Shaw (Mrs. Dales). **Mollye** (Mrs. Munro) has our sympathy in the tragic loss of her baby daughter Sally who died in April when only seven hours old. She and her husband flew to England soon afterwards and spent seven weeks there and on the Continent, "to get away from it all," she writes. "We had waited



11 years for this baby and it was a terrible disappointment to lose her." Mollye and her husband are now Mayor and Mayoress of Uvongo Beach and have set up a record, having held a similar position at Margate in 1951, when her husband was only 32.

**BERNARD, Grace** (Mrs. Turner) and **Hilary** (Mrs. Cleaver) and **Lynette** all went to the tea party which was held at Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin)'s home in Johannesburg in April to meet Miss Ball.

**BERRY, Doreen**, figured in a story in the newspaper in June, about her visit to England where, with Jill Garland, she worked as a domestic servant in a small Devonshire inn. Part of their everyday routine work was the killing of 10 lb. crabs! The two girls toured through the Continent before crossing to England where they had a variety of jobs. Doreen was due back in Maritzburg in July.

**BLACK, Janet**, resigned as Secretary of the W.O.G. Association at the annual general meeting and was elected one of the Vice-Presidents, a fitting mark of appreciation of her 8 years as Secretary. However, as her successor, "Bobby Sydie (Mrs. Paull) was going to be away for three months, Janet nobly volunteered to carry on as acting secretary until Bobby's return. Janet went back to Pongola with Rose-Ella Crookes (Mrs. Waring) after the birthday week-end for a well-deserved rest. **May** (Mrs. Lindsay) is very proud to have a grand-daughter (Carol Napier) at Wykeham now, but doubts whether she is quite as proud as Great-aunt Janet! May makes beautiful jam and marmalade all the year round and sells it for Wykeham and SANTA funds, so she well deserved the holiday trip she had to Katberg in July with her husband and Lilian (Mrs. Napier) and Lilian's two children. **Jean** (Mrs. Line) wrote to say she was very busy trying to fit furniture from a large house into a small one and added "I don't think there'll be room for us, we'll have to try a tent."

**BLACKLOCK, Maisie** (Mrs. McBride)'s daughter was married last December.

**BLACKHURST, Dr. Avalon**, was looking charming and youthful at the party given by Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul)'s brother Denis and his wife to celebrate their silver wedding. Avalon's sister Beryl was there, too, having been one of the bridesmaids at the wedding 25 years before.

**BLAINE, Claire**, went to the tea party arranged by Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen) in Johannesburg to meet Miss Ball when she was up there in April.

**BLAKEWAY, Clare** (Mrs. Fannin) was at the inaugural meeting of the Midlands Branch, of which she is now a keen member.

**BOSHOFF, Naida**, is in her second year at the University in Maritzburg and enjoying it very much. In July she captained the S.A. Universities' Tennis team against Natal. She was one of the debutantes at Maritzburg's Spring Presentation Ball in August.

**BRADBURY, Clarice** (Mrs. Lyle) has our deepest sympathy in the death of her mother in July.

**BRASCH, Susan**, is now working as a full-time assistant in her father's business and enjoying it very much. She went to the party at Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen)'s to meet Miss Ball in April.

**BRAZIER, Betty**, is still working in Maritzburg. She has been a big help to her mother (Linley Jones) with the W.O.G. accounts.

**BRICKDALE, Lucy** (Mrs. Gordon) was married in Greytown on August 4 to Alastair Gordon, the eldest son of Ismay Boast (the late Mrs. Jack Gordon).

**BROOME, Mary**, was a delegate to the National Conference of the Christmas Stamp Fund in Durban in August and was entertained in Maritzburg with the other delegates, at the Sunshine Home. We were delighted to see her photograph in the Natal Witness.

**BROWN, Shirley** (Mrs. Taylor) took the opportunity of meeting Miss Ball when she was entertained by W.O.G.s in Johannesburg in April.

**BROWNING, Zoe** (Mrs. Boreham) and her husband have our sympathy in the death of her father-in-law this year. Zoe ran the very successful baby parlour at the Fete in May and will do the same job again next year. A few weeks after the Fete she and her husband left by air for a wonderful 2½-months' trip overseas. They flew to Rome, then travelled through Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France and then flew to England, hired a car and toured through Scotland and Wales and then back to London. Zoe is a member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee.

**BULL, Winnie** (Mrs. Drummond) just missed this year's Fete for in April she sailed for England with her husband and family. She wrote from the Pretoria Castle sending good wishes for the Week-end and the Fete. Winnie's non-agenarian father Mr. George Bull not only makes hundreds



of toys for under-privileged children in Durban institutions, but works hard for Wykeham Fetes too, and as well, he made a number of strong wooden stools for the Winchester cubicles and the new dormitory.

**BUTTON, Hazel** (Mrs. Penry-Roberts) is a very busy housewife with her three young daughters and hasn't much time for outside interests at present. She sometimes sees Dr. Mary Martienssen (Mrs. Stephen) who lives near her.

**BYNG, Judy** (Mrs. Duncan) is doing splendid work supervising the rehabilitation activities of the convalescent patients in the Red Cross Rehabilitation Centre at King George V Hospital in Durban. Each day from 8 o'clock until 4 patients who are either still convalescent in the hospital or are once again living in their own homes, gather at the centre where they are given a meal and the opportunity to earn money quite easily from the work they do.

**CALDER, Jennifer** (Mrs. Atwell), after being a bridesmaid at a Natal Carbineer's wedding in February, was herself the bride at another Carbineer military wedding in Maritzburg in April when she was married to Desmond Atwell. The "Witness" told us that four generations of the bride's family were represented at the wedding—Mr. D. G. Shepstone, the Administrator, who is the uncle of Jennifer's father, then Mr. Calder himself, then Jennifer and the fourth, little Anne Calder, her niece.

**CALVERLEY, Beryl** (Mrs. Paddock)'s little girl and boy, aged 6 and 3, keep her busy, she says. Recently, **Doreen** (Mrs. Vivier) and her small daughter stayed with Beryl in Capetown for a holiday and when she sent her news slip Beryl was preparing for a holiday herself. She and her family were going to visit relatives in Zululand. Doreen is running a store at Nkandhla for her father.

**CAMPBELL, Nancye**, attended Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen)'s tea party for Miss Ball in Johannesburg in April. **Dulcie** (Mrs. Davis)'s daughter was married in July this year in the Michaelhouse Chapel to the Rev. Richard Hughes.

**CARTER, Jeanette** (Mrs. Higgs)'s husband is a geologist at the Williamson Diamond Mine at Nairobi and as he is at present doing field work, he and Jeanette live in tents right out in the East African wilds where they don't see a soul for 3 weeks at a time. But Jeanette is enjoying it, and they go in to the Mine every now and then to see the bright lights.

**CATHERINE, Helene** (Mrs. Hellberg) helped Audrey Smeaton (Mrs. Earl Smith) to buy materials in Ladysmith to be made up for the Fete this year. Audrey says Helene is one of the busiest people she has ever seen.

**CHANDLER, Mabel** (Mrs. Davidson)'s baby daughter, the second of her pigeon pair, is just about a year old now.

**CHAPLIN, Denise** (Mrs. Dorning) attended the Women's Institute Summer School at Kokstad in March. Her husband is now President of the East Griqualand Farmers' Congress. Her two little daughters are at Kokstad Convent and she also has a lovely little son.

**CHARD, Marjorie** (Mrs. Tarr) R.I.P. W.O.G.'s will be sad to hear that Marjorie died on 11th June this year after a long illness. She left her husband and one son, Lawrence who are farming at Umzimkulu.

**CLARK, Sylvia** (Mrs. Battcock)—what a live personality she is! A big event in her life last year was the arrival of her first two grandchildren within three weeks of each other, one the daughter of her son Hilary whose home is at Accra on the Gold Coast, and the other the son of her other son Christopher who lives in London. There was a double christening in the New Year when the Accra family flew to England on 4 months' leave. Sylvia sent us a copy of the news letter which she prepared to take the place of a Christmas and New Year greeting card to her relations and friends. From it we learned that having determined during her visit to Natal last year to take lessons in public speaking, she now attends two classes a week at the City Literary Institute in London, and then on the following evenings she is transformed to tutor-in-charge of a similar class at St. Alban's where she lives. She gave a talk on South Africa to the Workers' Educational Association in December last year. Sylvia says, "I find Life (note the capital 'L') very full and interesting especially the 16 hours a week that I am either teaching or being taught various subjects, but there is never enough time to do all I plan. I would not have missed the fortnight's Summer School at Cambridge or the 8 days' Seminar at the Institute for the Comparative Study of History, Philosophy and The Sciences this year for anything. Blythe's enthusiasm, Sylvia tells us, is divided between the Liberal Party for which she works very hard and reorganising her pretty garden.

**CLARK, Miss Winifred**, who seems to enjoy knitting intricate lacy patterns in 1 and 2-ply wool with tiny needles, sent three beautiful pullovers for the Fete. She met Phyllis Shippey (Mrs. Somerville) and her husband at Waterloo



Station on their arrival in London and gave them what Phyll describes as a delicious supper at her flat that evening. She, in her turn, enjoyed hearing all the Wykeham news from Phyll and Bill. The flat, Miss Clark says, has a spare room with two extra beds and she extends an invitation to all W.O.G.'s visiting England to use her flat as a central London base. She adds, "If they come in term time, I shall have to leave them to get their own breakfast, but can certainly take in their early tea." She was thrilled to hear of the progress of the building scheme. She gives her telephone number for any W.O.G.'s visiting London. It is Gerrard 8259.

**CLAYTON, Beth** (Mrs. Elliot) is now a member of the W.O.G. Executive and worked hard on the refreshment stall at the Fete.

**CLOWES, Dorothy**, is still teaching music at the Girls' High School in Maritzburg. She is always a great help selling tickets for W.O.G. guessing competitions held in conjunction with our cake sales.

**COCHRANE, Shirley**, was elected the 1956 Rag Queen of the Witwatersrand University. She was interviewed "on the air" one evening in May when she said she was taking her B.A. and planned when her course was completed to take up social welfare work in which she is intensely interested.

**COMINS, Doris** (Mrs. Greene) was out here on a visit from Ireland this year and came to the Fete. Her contemporaries were delighted to make contact with her again after many years. **Rita** (Mrs. Baikie)'s two eldest daughters were married recently. Rita has left Amanzimtoti and is now living in Durban with her youngest daughter.

**COOK, Patricia** (Mrs. Coates), we hear from Dorothy Stewart (Mrs. Barlow), who read it in the paper, is modelling in London for Victor Stiebel.

**COOPER, Betty** (Mrs. Lewin) is one of the hardest-working W.O.G.'s in Johannesburg and she and Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen) rallied other O.G.s and parents in Johannesburg to organise a jumble sale which brought in a little short of £70. They also each gave a tea party while Miss Ball was in Johannesburg in April to give her an opportunity to meet other O.G.s and parents. **Heath** (Mrs. Aarons) attended the one held at Betty's (Cooper) house.

**COSNETT, Jacqueline** (Mrs. Morgan) has our deep sympathy in the loss of her three-month-old son a few months ago.

**COWEN, Jacqueline** (Mrs. Langbart) went to Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin)'s party for Miss Ball in April.



**COWLEY, Heather** (Mrs. Mills), who still lives at Kitale, Kenya, was glad to hear first-hand news of Wykeham recently from a very new Old Girl, Mary Dyson.

**COX, Lynette**, a new Old Girl, is studying, or working, in Durban, we understand.

**CROMPTON, Natalie** (Mrs. Phelps) is a tower of strength to all our Wykeham fund-raising efforts in Maritzburg. With Natalie Fannin (Mrs. Juul) she convened a most successful morning cake sale outside the Scottsville Stores in November last year and in August this year she organised another of these now almost famous morning sales for the Fete fund. The two sales together, with the aid of Tony Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Seekings)'s popular plants, raised not far short of £100 a very big help. Natalie is still a very keen bridge player and a bowler, too, and is now looking forward to being something of a farmer, since she and her husband have recently bought a small farm just outside Maritzburg. Natalie's son James is now at Hilton and Penelope is, of course, in her Matric. year at Wykeham and doing very well.

**CROOKES, Doreen** (Mrs. Phillips) again did a good job in organising the tombola stall for this year's Fete. **Elaine** (Mrs. Gordon Watson) and her husband are enthusiastic veteran car owners and are prominent in the Veteran Car Club in South Africa. Last year Elaine was co-driver with her husband of their 1912 Humber in which they drove from Durban to Bloemfontein and from there to Port Elizabeth to take part in a rally. They both looked very much the part, he wearing a "deerstalker" cap and she in a large hat tied under the chin with a scarf. In March he took his 1928 Bentley to Margate for the festival there. **Rose-Ella** (Mrs. Waring) was invited to open a fete held by the Women's Auxiliary of the Methodist Church at Scottsburgh when £400 was raised. She was with us for the birthday week-end. **Violet** (Mrs. Poynton) says her life seems to consist of a series of cake sales, jumble sales, fetes, etc., for church funds and the Durban W.O.G.s.

**CROSS, Mona** (Mrs. Newton) had a worrying time with illness last year with both her husband and herself in the doctor's hands, but this year things have been better for them. They celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on February 4th with a party for a few friends for which Mona made a lovely big cake which she iced in white and silver. She is still working for the S.A. Permanent Building Society. We were sorry that she was not able to get leave to attend the Fete in May, but says she will certainly try and arrange her leave to coincide with the 1957 O.G.'s Week-end.



**CROWE, Mette** (Mrs. Horton) came up for the Fete in May and we were delighted to see her and to have her with us again after a long interval. She and her husband had a lovely trip to England last year. His health is much better now.

**CULLEN, Robbina**, is now a second-year commercial art student at the Natal Technical College in Durban. At the end of the third year she hopes to pass out with the National Diploma in Commercial and Industrial Design.

**DALRYMPLE, Gay** (see under ANDERSON, Mary). Gay was due back from London in October. She has been travelling all over the Continent with a friend on a motor scooter.

**DANIEL, Hillary**, has now left the Capetown University and after completing a commercial course is working for the Southern Life Association where she is very happy. She tells us that she saw Fiona Foster, Valerie Schulze and Elizabeth Wright when they were in Capetown and also bumped into Jill Thoms when she was on her way to England. Hillary is still interested in acting and takes an active part in amateur dramatics, which, in her own words, are "still the big love in her life." **Wendy** was one of the 20 South African girls who were presented to the Queen at Buckingham Palace in July. She wore an oyster brocade dress with mother-of-pearl trimmed hat. She is enjoying herself so much overseas that she has decided to stay, as she says, "until she has had enough." She planned to tour the Continent during August and hoped to get a job at the American Embassy in September.

**DAVIS, Gwen** (Mrs. Corrigan) and her husband have our deep sympathy in the death of his mother in July last.

**DE GROOT, Celia** (Mrs. Salmon)'s daughter, a very attractive girl, came back from a three years' stay overseas towards the end of last year. We saw a photograph in the "Mercury" of the two of them at the docks.

**DODDS, Penelope** and **Shirley** have both figured as bridesmaids at important weddings this year, Penelope in Durban in April and Shirley in Maritzburg on New Year's Eve. Penelope's engagement to Barry Stops was announced in November last year.

**DOLD, Leila**, has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father in November last year.

**DOULL, Eileen**, came back to Durban in August after a 4½-months' trip overseas. **Doreen** (Mrs. Field) see under WEBB, Olga.



**DREW, Janet**, came out from England towards the end of last year on a short visit to her parents. She had acted for 18 months with the Richmond Repertory Company and had then taken part in several films. Filming, she said, was her favourite medium, but she had noticed that men seemed to be in the majority in the casts of all recent English films and shows, and girls sometimes spent months haunting their agents without finding work. **Monica** is still working for the Union Castle Co. in Durban. During her leave this year she stayed first at Drakensberg Gardens and then went on to Johannesburg where she hoped to see Lyrice Hepker, Ruth Laurens and Jeanette Carter (the latter is now married to Jack Higgs). Janet and Monica were both bridesmaids at the wedding of their sister, Cynthia last November.

**DYSON, Mary**, a new Old Girl and a member of Wykeham's victorious shooting team, is at the Kenya High School now preparing to take the Higher Certificate and Cambridge College Entrance examination and has recently been made a full school prefect. She says she loves living in Kenya and has seen several W.O.G.s up there, including Heather Cowley (Mrs. Mills), Gwen McIntosh (Mrs. Tuttle) and Jill and Merlyn Leslie who visited Gwen on their way back to South Africa after their trip. When Mary wrote her news slip she said preparations were in hand to throw a barbecue (braaivleis to us) for Jill and Merlyn. Mary also hoped to have Katherine Gordon there for a few days when she was en route to Constance Spry's in London.

**EAGLE, Marcia**, came back to Durban in November last year after completing a beauty course in London, thus fulfilling an ambition which was born while she was at Wykeham.

**EARL, Phyllis** (Mrs. Coughlan) gave valuable help with the flower stall at the Fete, and did marvellously well with her seedlings which were in great demand.

**ELCOMBE, Gladys** (Mrs. Goulding) writing to Lorna Hime last Christmas said that her daughter Jean was then writing her Matric and if she passed was going to the new Rhodesian Teachers' Training College that was being opened near Bulawayo. Gladys's son John was doing well at school and her husband was fit and playing a lot of golf, but she herself sticks to tennis—"you don't argue so much," she says!

**ELLIS, Catherine** (Mrs. Kvalsvig)'s younger daughter Rosemary's engagement was announced last May.



**ELLIS-BROWN, Pat** (Mrs. D'Oyly Lyon) came out to attend her brother's wedding in April and to spend a holiday with her parents. Her home is at Hindhead in Surrey. At a Red Cross Fete in Durban on the day before the Wykeham Fete was held. Pat made fudge to order non-stop throughout the fete and did very well.

**EMERTON, Joyce** (Mrs. Keytel) is a keen member of the W.O.G. Executive and is also interested in the Women's Institute.

**FANN, Joyce** (Mrs. Marwick) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother in December last year.

**FANNER, Marylee** (Mrs. Masson) is a very live and energetic member of the W.O.G. Executive and also has the distinction of being a mother of a Wykeham grandson, her small son Peter being in the kindergarten! Her daughter Dorothy is also at Wykeham. She ran the cake stall at the Fete this year and is also convening this stall at next year's Fete.

**FANNIN, Natalie** (Mrs. Juul) was one of the convenors of the very successful Cake and Plant Sale held at Scottsville on November 5th, 1955, which brought in just over £50 for the Building Fund, and it was in great part due to her vigilance that we obtained the £1,500 legacy for Wykeham from Mrs. Charlotte Albert's Estate, for she read about the terms of the will, and immediately contacted Members of the Board of Trustees, suggesting that they should put in an application on behalf of Wykeham. When Natalie appears in the Press, as she does from time to time, we know immediately that we have something worth reading, such as her interesting articles on the rift in the Anglican Church caused by Bishop Colenso 100 years ago, and the article that appeared in the Daily News entitled, "A Family Holiday in the Kruger Park," in which she contends, and supports with a list of expenses, that a visit to the Game Reserve offers one of the most delightful and economical holidays for a family, and she should know, having done it three times! We owe much of the financial success of our Fetes to Natalie's energetic and vast reaching publicity. Thank you Natalie. (As she is again compiling this section of the Magazine, I have written this paragraph about her.—Lorna Hime.) **Phyllis** (Mrs. Wheeler) is now settled in her own home at Scottsville, very conveniently situated for her now that she has returned to teaching and is on the staff of the Scottsville Government School. Her two elder little girls are at Scottsville School and the youngest one is at Stepping Stones Nursery for this year.



**FARRANT, Dorothy** (Mrs. Lissaman)'s son Peter was married in Pasadena, California, U.S.A. last September. He had recently gained a Master's degree from the California Institute of Technology and shortly after his marriage he and his bride travelled to England via New York, Capri and Paris and have made their home in London where he is now an aerodynamicist with a large aircraft firm. Dorothy and her husband and daughter Judy had a wonderful overseas holiday last year. **Rosalie** is still as keenly interested as ever in poetry and drama. She has awarded prizes to be competed for at Wykeham for the best poems composed by girls in the senior and junior schools.

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

**FLEMING, Marjorie**, is still growing her beautiful African violets, and her garden this spring has also been full of primroses, daffodils, narcissi, snowdrops, staghorn moss, maidenhair fern, mignonette and lavender, backed by peach blossom and wild dog roses—almost like a bit of England. She still writes, too, and recently had an article accepted by an American gardening publication. Enid Ablett (Mrs. Wroughton) stayed with her in Maritzburg for some weeks, and found lovely subjects for her palette and brush in Marjorie's garden. Marjorie gives valuable help to Tony Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Seekings) in her plant selling at Wykeham Fetes and sales.

**FLEMING-JOHNSTON, Patricia** (Mrs. Thole)'s son, Lyle who is now Resident Roads Engineer at Odendaalsrus, was married at Kloof at Easter time.

**FLOOK, Beryl** (Mrs. Miller) has one married son now—Michael, and the younger one has turned 21 this year—that's how the years fly! Beryl in sending us her news slip said she was very pleased to hear of the good result of the Fete and enclosed a donation to swell the result. **Enid** (Mrs. Steer) is now in Maritzburg and is teaching at the Girls' High School. **Tinkie** (Mrs. Roering) is basking in the reflected glory of her husband whose prize-winning composition "Fanagalo" has soared to the top of the hit parade in South Africa and promises soon to climb to the same dizzy heights overseas. Tinkie and her family had an unlucky spell this year when they all had jaundice and were laid up in turn with sharp attacks and relapses from February until May. Nevertheless, Tinkie never fails to support W.O.G. activities and last November she helped the two Natalies (Juul and Phelps) to organise a most successful cake sale at Scottsville.



**FOSTER, Fiona**, is in her second year B.A. at Natal University in Maritzburg. In January, she and Judy Bredin (Terry Allan's daughter) had a wonderful trip to Capetown by sea. They stayed with Lesley Allan (Mrs. Faull) and saw quite a lot of Hillary Daniel. In July she had an exciting trip through the Game Reserve with the Bredin family, with Wykeham, past and present, well represented.

**FOWLER, Nora**, has recently moved into a new flat and is very thrilled with it, we hear from Leila Beater (Mrs. Purnell).

**FRAMPTON, Ruth** (Mrs. Pennington) still attends and supports every Wykeham activity and is again to convene the pantry shelf stall at the Fete with Nettie Johnston (Mrs. Webser), assisted by members of the Midlands Branch. She has our congratulations on the birth of another grandchild, daughter of her son, Michael.

**FRANCES, Kathleen** (Mrs. Drew) is another W.O.G. who is a tower of strength to our organisation and to the school, where she is still on the staff as Secretary. She was involved in a dramatic news story in April during the Easter holidays when her son-in-law Brian Dankwerth was taken critically ill in Rhodesia and efforts were made to reach his parents who were then touring by car "somewhere in the Union." Kathleen read a news paragraph in the Natal Mercury about this and when she found she could not make telephone contact with her daughter and son-in-law's farm in Rhodesia she enlisted the help of a radio "ham" near the flat where she was staying. He managed to call up a friend in the Belgian Congo (being unable through atmospheric conditions to reach amateurs in Rhodesia), a radio "ham" known to him only as "Frank," and this man managed to get a message through to the Dankwerth farm asking them to telephone through to Kathleen. And so the message which had been radioed from Durban to the Belgian Congo and back to Rhodesia resulted in a call to Kathleen direct from the farm with the reassuring news that her son-in-law was now in hospital and no longer on the critically ill list. In the meantime, radio appeals had resulted in the news reaching her son-in-law's parents in the Cape.

**FRANKLIN, Rona**, is now a second-year student of radiography at Addington Hospital. When she has completed this year she will enter into a two-year contract as a radiographer at Addington. She and Ruth Peddie were photographed together at the Gold Cup meeting in August and the picture appeared in the Natal Mercury.

**FULLER, Winsome**, a new O.G., is doing a commercial course at the Technical College in Maritzburg and is still winning laurels in ballet dancing.

**GABRIEL, Margaret**, is an art student at the Tech. in Durban.

**GARLAND, Lesley** (Mrs. van Breda)'s little son was born just before Christmas at Ladysmith. **Norma** (Mrs. V. Smith)'s little daughter is only about a month older—she was born in Durban in November. In May this year we heard that Norma was going on a trip overseas leaving her family in the care of her mother—lucky Norma!

**GAY, Lorna** (Mrs. Lees-Smith) is now living in Germiston, we hear from Doreen Baikie (Mrs. Evans), who was delighted when Lorna called on her unexpectedly in June. Lorna has three daughters, aged 10, 8 and 6.

**GEDYE, Hazel** (Mrs. Molyneux) and **Laura** (Mrs. van Santen) have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their father in September last year. Hazel went to Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin)'s tea party for Miss Ball in April.

**GEYSER, Lillian**, is still working in the Bank in Maritzburg. She was one of the debutantes presented at the Spring Ball in Maritzburg in August. **Yvonne** was Azalea Queen all over again just before Christmas last year when, wearing her crown, she went with Father Christmas to the treat given by the Maritzburg branch of the Motor Traders' Association to about 200 children, and was almost mobbed. At the Royal Show a photographer found her in the cattle enclosure and photographed her with a beautiful pair of newly-born Jersey calves!

**GILES, Constance** (Mrs. Turner) is gradually picking up after her illness just before the Fete last May. Congratulations to her on the arrival of her third grandson, a second son for Neville and his wife.

**GILLATT, Beryl** (Mrs. Cook) has been married since last year's news was written—it was actually in September last year.

**GILSON, Muriel** (Mrs. Robinson) is still at Eldoret in Kenya, we hear from **Leslie** (Mrs. Hales) who wrote a long letter to Lorna Hime in April, sending her best wishes for the success of the birthday week-end, and giving all sorts of tit-bits about W.O.G.s she had seen, and reminiscences of schooldays! She is another W.O.G. (besides Marjorie Fleming) who grows African violets. She sells them for deserving funds, especially the Sunset Lodge Fund. She



sent some used stamps for the Fete. In the middle of December last year, she and her husband went up country from their home in Mombasa to spend 4 or 5 weeks with their children, but ended up by being away from home for 4 months. This was because her husband was taken ill the day before they were to leave for home and had to undergo an operation, with the result that he spent  $7\frac{1}{2}$  weeks in Nakuru Hospital. Among W.O.G.'s whom she mentioned she had seen in the past year was Ena Wilmot (Mrs. Grist)—“I miss Ena very much since she has left,” says Leslie. “We never seemed to come to the end of Wykeham chatter, something cropping up every time we met.” She doesn't say where Ena has gone, though! Frances Handley (Mrs. Gibbs), she says, stayed a few days with her on her way through en route overseas, and Elsie Harwin (Mrs. Byrne)'s  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -days with her were all too short, Leslie says. Sydney Strachan (Mrs. Button), she says, has not changed one bit except that “we are all a bit greyer than we were! And we all enjoyed the Wykeham buns I made for tea and thought of my dear mother who introduced them.” Leslie ends her letter, “Good luck for the week-end, my love goes to many of the Old Girls. May God be with you all and your wonderful works.” More recent news is that Leslie has had a major operation but has made a satisfactory recovery.

**GODBOLD, Helen**, is back in London after a very interesting trip on the Continent, we hear from Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg).

**GOLD, Phyllis** (Mrs. Dumville) sent no news of herself but just a brief letter enclosing her annual subscription.

**GOOD, Norah**, made a beautiful cake which her aunt iced exquisitely for a guessing competition run at the W.O.G. Cake and Plant Sale organised by Lorna Hime in March. Sheilagh Kregeloh (Mrs. Burchell) was the lucky winner. Norah was again a prizewinner in Maritzburg's garden competition this year.

**GORDON, Maud** (Mrs. Stainback) had a new baby daughter born shortly before Christmas. **Sylvia** (Mrs. Joubert) is a most faithful supporter of W.O.G.'s and Wykeham functions, and works hard for all our cake and outdoor sales. She now has a little daughter at school. She was an energetic helper on the baby parlour stall at the Fete. **Kathryn**, a new Old Girl, is as far as we know, doing a commercial course in Durban. See also under **DYSON, Mary**.

**GRAHAM, Sheila** (Mrs. McKenzie)'s baby son was born at Estcourt in February. **Mary** (Jackie) did a fine job helping with the flower decorations for the Old Girls' dance in May. We are sorry she is no longer a member of the W.O.G. Executive.

**HADEN, Leonora**, is still a fine arts student at the Natal University in Maritzburg.

**HAMPSON, Ann**, is still a keen follower of polo.

**HANDLEY, Frances** (Mrs. Gibbs) is back from her overseas trip with the B.E.S.L. pilgrims and is again taking an interest in W.O.G. fun-raising activities. **Bessie** (Mrs. Carter)'s daughter's engagement was announced towards the end of last year.

**HANSEN, Stella** (Mrs. Bateson) has left Maritzburg to live near Umzinto and we miss her very much. We hope her young son has now made a complete recovery after his nasty accident, when he fell from a tree and injured his spleen, necessitating an operation.

**HARCOURT-BALDWIN, Anne** (Mrs. Scott-Barnes) has a baby son who is now just over a year old.

**HARKNESS, Ruth** (Mrs. Bryant) has just resigned from the Wykeham Board of Trustees after years of conscientious and valuable service. She is, however, still a keen and hard-working member of the Durban Branch of the W.O.G.A. and was a highly efficient compere at the puppet show which they gave in Durban in August. Her son, Anthony was capped as a B.A. of the University of Natal this year and is now serving his articles in Durban and going on to take his LL.B. degree. In September Ruth had a much needed holiday at the Berg after having had a nasty bout of 'flu followed by a bad dose of poisoning from a spider bite.

**HARRIS, Eileen**, had been working at Barclay's bank in Johannesburg for six months when she sent her news slip. She attended Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen)'s tea party for Miss Ball in April. **June** (See under Shirley Anderson). **Binnie** is a new Old Girl, she is studying to pass her Matric. in Johannesburg.

**HARTE, Olive**, took a prominent part in the celebrations of the centenary of Grey's Hospital in Maritzburg towards the end of last year.

**HARWIN, Elsie** (Mrs. Byrne) was one of several W.O.G.s who went on the B.E.S.L.'s pilgrimage to the battlefields last year. The others were Sydney Strachan



(Mrs. Button), Judy Bennett (Mrs. Lindsay), Betty Layman (Mrs. Slatter) and Frances Handley (Mrs. Gibbs) and Ruth Hodges (Mrs. Vanderplank), niece of Miss Hodges, was another on the tour. Elsie's son Michael was married just before she left. **Jessie** (Mrs. Howarth) has joined the Midlands Branch of the W.O.G.'s and is often at Wykeham where her daughter Janice will be matriculating this year. Jessie had Rita Sharland (Mrs. Clark) and her family to stay with her in January. **Madge** (Mrs. Hudson) and her husband and family moved to Westville last year and Madge says she has had a busy year with two moves in six months plus a major operation. They built their new home and have laid out a 3-acre garden from the veld—all heavy going, Madge writes, "but we are now enjoying the benefits, and love it at Westville." Her elder daughter Amanda is overseas on a chaperoned tour and Heather, the younger one, leaves school at the end of this year and will do a similar tour next year. Both girls are going to be private secretaries.

**HATHORN, Amy** (Mrs. Young) had given up much of the active honorary work she used to do and now lives with her semi-invalid brother, spending part of the year in the country and part in town. She has, however, lost none of her enthusiasm for and interest in W.O.G. affairs and she is still a trustee of the school and she is also the President of the new Midlands Branch of the W.O.G.A. Amy was the winner of the portrait competition organised by Jeanette Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Fincken) for the lovely portrait of Miss Moore which she had painted, and which now hangs at the school, but she refused to take advantage of her opportunity to have her own portrait painted as part of her prize, preferring to pass the privilege on to one of her relatives!

**HAW, Doreen** (Mrs. Humphrey) has our deepest sympathy in the death of her father last October. Her husband is still surveying in Rhodesia which involves travelling into the blue a good deal of the time. Her son has gone to England on a trip and her daughter finishes her schooling this year.

**HAYTER, Dawn**, one of our new Old Girls, left Hilton Road in April to spend a three-month holiday with her parents who now live in Salisbury. She travelled to Beira by sea.

**HEDLEY, Betty** (Mrs. Webb) says the greater part of her time seems to be taken up with day-old chicks. She and her family spent Easter at the coast with Dorothy Knubley (Mrs. L'Estrange) and her family.

**HENDERSON, Joan** (Mrs. Maxwell) has a baby son who was born in June.



**HEPKER, Lyrice**, was one of the O.G.s who attended Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen)'s tea party for Miss Ball in April.

**HIME, Lorna**, works incredibly hard for Wykeham, as President of the W.O.G. Association, a member of the Board of Trustees and custodian of the addresses of and compiler of news about Old Girls right through the year. In addition she organised a highly successful cake and plant sale early this year as well as the usual Jumble Sale in September, which this year made over £67. She does what is virtually a full-time job for Wykeham and the Old Girls, and is always on the alert for anything that concerns the school or the Old Girls. Whatever would we do without her!

**HOCH, Angela**, was a member of the party of South African students who did a tour of the United Kingdom over Christmas last year. She was back in time to be capped as a graduate B.A. of the University of Natal in March this year and is now doing a commercial course and working part-time at John Orr's. She was one of the debutantes at Maritzburg's Spring Ball in August.

**HOLLIDAY, Marjorie** (Mrs. Vear) discovered that Mrs. Gibbs, ex-matron at Wykeham was living quite near her at Durban North so invited her to have tea with her to chat about old days at Wykeham. **Ruth** (Mrs. McLaren) is still doing part-time office work and enjoying it, she says, far more than coping with domestic problems.

**HOWDEN, Pauline**, took part in the celebrations of the golden wedding of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Hathorn in Maritzburg in July this year, she having been one of the bridesmaids at the wedding.

**HUDSON, Pamela** (Mrs. Braatvedt) is still leading a busy, active life in Bulawayo where she runs her own school of speech and drama, which she says is most interesting and keeps her extremely busy. The big advantage is, that she does the teaching at home and so is with her children. She doesn't encounter many W.O.G.s these days but sees Mavis Butcher (Mrs. Bovett) and her sister Maureen (Mrs. Lithgow) occasionally.

**HULETT, Marie** (Mrs. Bennett), who was the President of the Durban Creche last year, retired when the golden jubilee annual general meeting of the Creche was held towards the end of the year and was elected a Vice-President. She does a very worthwhile job.



**HYDE, Roma** (Mrs. Maxwell) is another Old Girl who has had a busy time watching and supervising the building of a new home and then carving out a garden from virgin bush. However, she and her husband must have been very successful at the job for their garden has been much admired by friends and passers-by. Roma's second son was born on 25th May.

**INMAN, Norma** (Mrs. Hill)'s first baby, a daughter, was born in January this year. She writes of Denise Richards (Mrs. Raubenheimer)'s wedding in Salisbury in July and says that Denise now lives in a flat just up the road from her. When she wrote her news slip she was hoping to be able to look in at Wykeham during the first half of August when she would be flying down to Durban to take her daughter to visit her great grandparents.

**JACOBS, Sheila** (Mrs. Frankel) was not actually present at her usual birthday party treat for the children of the Open-Air School in Durban last December. but the party went on just the same and Sheila sent a cable of good wishes from England.

**JAY-BROWNE, Evelyn** (Mrs. Rimanek) remembered the Fete in May. In a letter to Lorna Hime she had an amusing tale to tell about the litter of Dachshund pups she had had to look after in between cooking, gardening, mending, sewing and so on. After 10 weeks of it, she was relieved to have at last got rid of the last of the puppies and had given the mother away as well, because she said, "I realize that even if I make a few extra pounds that way, I lose them in weight!"

**JOHNSON, Deirdre** (Mrs. Hay) and Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford) are still good friends and see quite a lot of each other. Maureen tells us that Deirdre had had a worrying time when her child was very ill in Durban, but all was well again when she wrote.

**JOHNSTON, Nettie** (Mrs. Webster) is a tower of strength to the Midlands Branch and is already working hard for the Pantry Shelf for next year's Fete. **Rosemary** (Mrs. Aldworth)'s first daughter was born in May. She already has two little sons.

**JONES, Linley** (Mrs. Brazier) and **Elsie** (Mrs. van Blerk) have our deepest sympathy in the death of their brother on December 27th last year, and of his wife very soon afterwards. Linley is still the hard-working treasurer



of the W.O.G.A. and her practical wisdom and wise judgment are a tower of strength to the O.G. Executive. She helped Stella Hansen (Mrs. Bateson) with the convening of the clothing stall for the Fete and is doing the same job again this year, this time without Stella's help. If anyone is wanting material or wool to make up for next year's Fete or wants money to buy materials for any kind of clothing, just write or telephone to Linley. And you can send all your made-up goods to her as well—her flat seems to be elastic and has limitless space for clothing, preserves, and empty tins by the hundred for Tony's plants, for bottles, for home-made jams, for cake sales and for the pantry shelf stall at the Fete. W.O.G.'s will be interested to know that Linley has just started a home in Maritzburg at 39-45 Alexandra Road, where people of advanced age can live comfortably and be cared for, when they need it, by a trained nurse, who is none other than Sister Grace Pentland, mother of Maureen (Mrs. Rutherford). So if any Old Girls know of elderly people who are forced to live alone and would like to go somewhere where they can be independent and yet be cared for when necessary, just put them or their relatives in touch with Lin.

**JORDAAN, Irene**, was glad to see Miss Ball again at Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen)'s tea party in April.

**KEITH-FRASER, Jean** (Mrs. Leycester) and her husband have been overseas this year, having taken their youngest daughter Josephine over to begin two years of language study, spending part of the time in France, then Germany and Switzerland. Another daughter Jennifer has a most interesting job in England where she has been living for four years, being one of a team of artists and designers responsible for the running of the Old Vic workshops. She works closely with the designers, dyeing or painting flat cutters' pieces before they are made into costumes. The third daughter Julia had a ski-ing holiday in Switzerland this year while Jean and her husband and Josephine were staying in a house in London which belongs to Moira Lister, the actress.

**KERSHAW, Joan** (Mrs. Murray) was married in London on the 30th June to Ian Stewart Murray. They flew to Paris on their honeymoon and from there went on to the French Riviera. They are now living in a newly-built house in Hereford Square, London. **Penelope** (Mrs. Gordon) has a little daughter, Rosemary Louise, who was born on Boxing Day 1955. We hear she is a lovely baby.



**KIRKMAN, Barbara** (Mrs. Allan), we were sorry to hear, had to be rushed to hospital with a burst appendix recently, but latest news is that she was home again and well on the road to recovery after a serious illness.

**KNAPP, Phyllis** (Mrs. Stevens) was one of the W.O.G.s whom Audrey Smeaton (Mrs. Earl-Smith) contacted when she arrived in Ladysmith, and who worked for the Fete.

**KNUBLEY, Dorothy** (Mrs. L'Estrange) has sent two of her daughters, Eileen and Geraldine, to Wykeham. They started there at the end of July. The youngest member of her family, a little daughter, was born last September.

**KOCH, Dagma**, sends us her news slip bearing just the one word under "Activities"—Farming.

**KREGELOH, Sheilagh** (Mrs. Burchell) is always in evidence at our Sales and Fetes either as helper or buyer. She was the winner of the iced cake at the Cake Sale held at Scottsville on March 3rd!

**LAYMAN, Betty** (Mrs. Slatter) see under Elsie Harwin (Mrs. Byrne).

**LESLIE, Jill and Merlyn**, and Mickey Lund were three W.O.G.s who sailed in a party of four (the other girl was Shirley Topham of Margate) on a trip overseas in the Umtali in April. They came back towards the end of August and during their five months overseas they travelled through England and the Continent.

**LINDSAY, Lilian** (Mrs. Napier)'s husband got back from his trip overseas last October. At the beginning of the year their daughter Carol became the second Wykeham great-granddaughter to come to school. During the July holidays Lilian and her two children went with May (nee Black, her mother) and her father to stay at Katberg in the Cape and to visit her mother-in-law Mrs. J. Napier who lives at Fort Beaufort.

**LISTER, Margaret** (Mrs. Davis) is very interested in W.O.G. activities, now that she is living in her old home and taking care of her mother who is 89 years old. Her daughter Elizabeth and her husband are very busy working in the big parish of Plumstead, near Woolwich in S.E. London. Margaret hopes to fly over to see them and their little daughter Sarah and the new baby son next year.

**LITTLE, Annabelle**, a new Old Girl, is taking a Private Secretarial Course at the Natal Technical College in Durban and enjoying it very much. She sees quite a number of



W.O.G.s in Durban including Lynette Cox, Kathryn Gordon and Nancy Cathcart.

**LOVE, Gwendy**, is still a big name in the tennis world and is now seeded No. 2 among the women players in South Africa, having lost to Dora Killian in the finals of the S.A. championships in March this year. Last October she defeated Mrs. Hazel Redick Smith, the then singles champion and became only the second player to have beaten Mrs. Redick Smith in more than four years of tournament tennis.

**LOWENTHAL, Sheila** (Mrs. Kaye) R.I.P. W.O.G.s will be grieved to hear of Sheila's death on the 19th July last. She has left a little son not yet two. Our deepest sympathy goes to **Beryl** (Mrs. Meyer).

**LUND, Tessie** (Mrs. Stanham), we hear from Laurel Pennington (Mrs. Hugman) was well and happy in Australia when she heard from Tessie's husband last Christmas. He said there was a possibility they **might** be back in South Africa by this Christmas. **Morelle** (Mrs. Phipson) now has a little daughter who was born in April. That makes two—a boy and a girl. **Clare** announced her engagement to Jack Teichmann in February shortly before she sailed on a four months' trip overseas, from which she returned to Maritzburg in August.

**MacKENZIE, Dorothy** (Mrs. Gibson) represents an English company and has an interesting travelling job. She is now the proud possessor of a grandson, her daughter's new baby.

**MANN, Irene** (Mrs. Shandling), who lives at Malmesbury in the Cape, has a baby daughter who was born in February this year. She hopes to send her to Wykeham one day. When she wrote her news slip she had just returned home from a motoring trip to Salisbury and Durban and on the way had met Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg) at Idutwya and was delighted to see her again.

**MARTIENSSEN, Dr. Mary** (Mrs. Stephen) was married in October last year to Scott Stephen. She keeps house and gardens, but still works as an anaesthetist to neuro-surgeons in Johannesburg. She went to Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin)'s tea party in April to meet Miss Ball.

**MASELLE, Chita**, a new Old Girl, was at the tea party for Miss Ball at Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen)'s.

**MARWICK, Dorothy** (Mrs. Pembroke) is still a keen and hard worker for W.O.G. fund-raising efforts.

**MASON, Joyce** (Mrs. Fulton) always supports our cake sales at Scottsville, either by cooking or buying.



**McCATHIE, Winnie** (Mrs. Mingay) is now the proud possessor of a grand-daughter, her daughter's baby, born in March.

**McKENZIE, Singie** (Mrs. Dixon)'s daughter was married in London in July.

**MEADE, Daphne** (Mrs. Coetzee) is still working for the United Building Society in Maritzburg.

**MELLOR, Miss D.**, when writing to Lorna Hime and sending her letter for the Magazine, said how thrilled she was to hear of the wonderful results the Old Girls are getting in their fund raising for the School, and also how pleased she was to learn of the two legacies the school had had recently. She enjoyed taking Veronia Pendock to the Garter Ceremony Procession and also showing her and Clare Lund and Jill and Merlyn Leslie round Windsor. Veronica came out very clearly in one of the official photographs taken of the Garter Procession, she said. She herself is kept very busy as she is collecting the data for her thesis for the Diploma in Applied Psychology, and Vocational Guidance.

**MERRICK, Veronique** (Mrs. Carter) is doing a splendid job as Hon. Secretary of the Durban Branch.

**MICHELL, Blanche** (Mrs. van Tonder) and **Carmen** (Mrs. Osbourn) had a happy meeting with Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford) at the Gymkhana at Nqutu in the New Year when they were helping with the catering.

**MOODIE, Margaret** (Mrs. Anderson) is now in Scotland. She retired from teaching in July this year and on August 3 left South Africa by air for Scotland with her husband. Their stay is to be indefinite, probably for 18 months, she says.

**MOORCROFT, Valerie** (Mrs. Bouttell) says she is just a housewife but is trying to be a gardener as well.

**MOORE, Evelyn** (Mrs. Stewart) and her doctor husband had a trip to Rhodesia at the end of last year when they visited their son. **Patricia** (Mrs. Cope) who is now at Howick, says she likes living in that part of the world. She takes a keen interest in the Women's Institute and the Black Sash movement, not to mention the W.O.G. Midlands Branch.

**MORGAN, Hazel**, qualified as a physiotherapist at the end of last year and is now on the staff of the Pretoria General Hospital. **Rosalie** (Mrs. van Broembsen)'s daughter Jill announced her engagement in August.



**NICOL, Pam**, who was one of the victorious shooting team at Wykeham last year which won the Prime Minister's trophy in the Imperial Challenge Shield competition, is welcomed as a new Old Girl. She is an enthusiastic member of the new Midlands Branch.

**NOLTE, Nora** (Mrs. Ballard), see Adlam, Ethne.

**OBERSTEIN, Thelma** (Mrs. Levitan) was married in Johannesburg last December to Sidney Levitan.

**ODDIN-TAYLOR, Diane** (Mrs. Hathorn) has our deep sympathy in the loss of her mother last year. She was proud to see her daughter receive her B.A. degree at the Natal University Graduation Ceremony in March. In June her daughter's engagement to Barry Stephenson was announced.

**OLMESDAHL, Fay**, is working for her B.A. degree at Natal University in Durban.

**PAYNE, Olive** (Mrs. Lloyd) is a Vice-President of the Women's Section of the Dundee Agricultural Society and as such takes a prominent part in the Society's annual show.

**PAYN, Geraldine** (Mrs. Sparg) is a most enthusiastic W.O.G., so enthusiastic in fact, that when she lent her copy of the Jubilee magazine to a friend who unfortunately lost it, she wrote post haste to Lorna Hime enclosing a postal order and asking for another copy! We could do with more of this sort of enthusiasm. She keeps in touch with a number of Old Girls and has given us news of several of them, including Huguette Rietbergen (Mrs. Reilly), Helen Godbold, Pat Anderton (Mrs. Curtis), Jacqueline Cosnett (Mrs. Garnet Morgan) and Mary Anderson, whom she is expecting to spend a few days with her on her honeymoon next March. She and her husband were on holiday in Durban and at Margate in May.

**PEARSON, Margaret** (Mrs. Smythe) was married to Trevor Smythe in Durban in February.

**PEDDIE, Ruth**, was a bridesmaid at a wedding at Mount Frere last November. She is now in Durban and we saw a charming picture of her with Rona Franklin at the Gold Cup meeting at Greyville in August.

**PEEL, Dora** (Mrs. Power)'s eldest daughter Brigid celebrated her 21st birthday with a party at the "Normandie" at Hilton Road in January this year. Her son Edmund, is studying law and is at present an articled clerk in Maritzburg. **Toria** (Mrs. Bacon) has had a worrying year, with her husband in very poor health and her own health too being



far from good. In January and February she had to undergo an intensive course of treatment for amoebic dysentery and she was in Grey's Hospital again for observation and treatment in March. But in spite of all her misfortunes she still takes a keen interest in everything connected with Wykeham and supports all our fund-raising efforts. We are sad that the continued ill-health of her husband has made it necessary for her to resign from the Wykeham Board of Trustees.

**PENDOCK, Yvonne** (Mrs. Levy) is working at the Mental Hospital at Epsom, Miss Mellor tells us, and doing her work calmly, efficiently and with wonderful patience. She is married to Dr. Magnus Levy. **Veronica**, we also hear from Miss Mellor, is at present coping with unruly L.C.C. children in a school near Earl's Court. (See under Miss MEL-LOR). Mrs. Pendock went to England with Veronica to be at Yvonne's wedding.

**PENNEFATHER, Clare** (Mrs. Abbott) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father in April this year. We hear from Natalie Crompton (Mrs. Phelps) that Clare now has a son as well as a very attractive little daughter.

**PENNINGTON, Laurel** (Mrs. Hugman) had a worrying time at the end of last year when her husband had a bad turn, but he made a good recovery. In writing to Lorna Hime she said how much she had enjoyed reading the Golden Jubilee issue of the Magazine. In September she and her husband were in Maritzburg for the Synod and she was delighted to see the new extension to Winchester and the progress in the building of the new Dining Hall block.

**PENNY, Jean**, became engaged to Neville Fraser in November last year.

**PENTLAND, Maureen** (Mrs. Rutherford) writes a news slip as usual packed with bits of information about all the W.O.G.s she has heard of or seen during the past year. Of herself she says they have bought a caravan and now spend a lot of time camping at their stores in the Maputaland area. They were hoping to go to South West Africa in September.

**PITCAIRN, Frances** (Mrs. Fenwick) and **Rena** (Mrs. Webster) have both been on a visit this year to **May** (Mrs. Calverley) who has had a long illness, we were sorry to hear, but is now much better.

**PLATT, Nan** (Mrs. Bassett) and her husband sailed in April on a visit to England and the Continent. In England



they have been staying with Nan's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Compton (of cricket fame) and we heard, via the newspapers, that Nan's husband had suffered a beating at golf at the hands of Douglas Bader, the legless R.A.F. hero of the Second World War!

**POPE, Ann** (Mrs. Sage) now has two little daughters, the second, Wendy, having been born in December last.

**POPE-ELLIS, Antoinette** (Mrs. Seekings), despite far from robust health, has continued throughout the last year with her growing, potting and selling of plants for the Building Fund, and has made a splendid amount of money for us. She has now built up her pot plants scheme into quite a little business and has her plants' stall at all the cake sales which are organised both in town and by the Midlands Branch; and they always bring in a very gratifying sum to add to the takings from the sale of cakes and jams. In addition she has co-opted the help of other Old Girls who are keen gardeners; and she now suggests that any in the various districts who might like to start a similar scheme in their own area can come to her at Hilton Road to obtain the nucleus of plants to start off with and as much advice as they need on how to start and run the scheme. So what about it, W.O.G.s? **Jeanette** (Mrs. Fincken)'s portrait of Miss Moore was on view at the Fete this year and was much admired. It was also exhibited in Durban, before being hung at the school. The winner of the competition for the portrait and also for the privilege of having her own (or some friend or relative's) painted as well, was won, most fittingly, by Amy Hathorn (Mrs. Young). Jeanette's son, Vernon, was married in July.

**POYNTON, Shirley**, is now in her third year at the University in Durban. She is working for her B.Com. degree and also taking shorthand and typing at the Durban Business College.

**RENZOW, Myra** (Mrs. Arnold) has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother in February last.

**RICHARDS, Denise** (Mrs. Raubenheimer) was married on July 7th to Edward Raubenheimer at Salisbury and we are told by Norma Inman (Mrs. Hill), who was at the wedding, that she made a beautiful bride. Her parents went up from the Union for the wedding, and her sister, Sheila, who is still at Wykeham, was her bridesmaid. Denise's husband is a chartered accountant. They had a wonderful two weeks' honeymoon trip touring the Eastern Districts and visiting



Zimbabwe. Denise says she has now settled down to house-keeping and is finding it great fun.

**RIETBERGEN, Huguette** (Mrs. Reilly) and Geraldine Payn (Mrs. Sparg) spent a few days together at Amatikulu recently.

**RISELY, Faye** (Mrs. Sandwith) has a baby son who was born at Port Shepstone in April.

**ROACH, Joan** (Mrs. Keith Robinson) has sent us her news slip from St. Alban's, England, but with no news on it, except her married name and her address. However, we discovered from the newspapers that Joan was married at Dundee, Scotland, on the 31st December, 1955, and that her husband is the son of Mrs. R. A. Holgate of Maritzburg. **Kathleen** (Mrs. Aubrey) was one of the Old Girls who attended the tea party for Miss Ball arranged by Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin) at Easter time.

**RODWELL, Mary**, went to Windsor to see Miss Mellor and to tell her about her work at Harefield Chest Hospital, where such specialised work as lung and heart operations, saving people with diseased lungs, and treating "blue babies" is carried out.

**ROE-SCOTT, June** (Mrs. Hackland) and her husband have our deepest sympathy in the loss of her mother-in-law last December, a day or two before Christmas.

**ROSEVEARE, Margaret** (Mrs. Forstër) writing to Linley Jones (Mrs. Brazier) from Monmouth, England, and enclosing her news slip, says that she is now in England for the education of her small daughter Diana, aged 9. Her husband, Canon Charles Forster, is still in Nigeria, with headquarters at Lagos, but expects to retire next year and hopes to become vicar of an English parish somewhere. At present he is Secretary of the Christian Council of Nigeria, and Education Adviser to the missions, which means that he helps to co-ordinate the work of the different denominations and to represent them to the Government. Margaret says that she has been a missionary in Nigeria for 25 years, the first 14 of them as a doctor, and the rest as a wife and more or less a hotel manageress, as she and her husband had constant visitors. Margaret doubts if she will return to Nigeria again before her husband retires. She recalls that she was in South Africa in 1942 for a few months and had a fortnight in Maritzburg. While there she was asked by Miss Mellor to give the girls at Wykeham a talk on her work in Nigeria. Unfortunately, Margaret says she does not see any prospect of visiting us again.



**ROSS, Norah** (Mrs. Howes) has two of her sons married now, Geoffrey and Leslie. Geoffrey, who is a doctor on the staff of King Edward Hospital in Durban, has a son a few months old. Leslie is a lithographer working for a big firm in Durban. The third son, Michael, is at Howard College and Richard, who is only nine, is, of course, still at school. Quite a family! **Shirley** is working as a shorthand typist in Durban, and came up with a party of young Old Girls to attend the Old Girls dance at the birthday week-end.

**SANGMEISTER, Biddy** (Mrs. Goulding) has done a worth while job as one of the collectors for the Durban Community Chest.

**SCHULZE, Valerie**, is doing the Teachers' Domestic Science Course at the Witwatersrand Technical College and is thoroughly enjoying it in spite of all the work it involves. She lives at the Women's Technical College Residence in Hadfield Road, Johannesburg.

**SCOTT-RIDDELL, Ailsa** (Mrs. Halle) designed and carried out the artistic and effective decorations which were so much admired at the Old Girls' dance in May. Her daughter Jill became the mother of a little daughter in May and at about the same time her husband was honoured by being elected a vice-president of the Road Passenger Transport Association of South Africa—our congratulations on both events!

**SHARLAND, Rita** (Mrs. Clark) attended the tea party at Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin)'s house in April to meet Miss Ball. See also under Harwin, Jessie.

**SHAW, Nancy** (Mrs. Lund), twice a grandmother now, and Tony Pope-Ellis (Mrs. Seekings) helped by the Midlands Branch, convened a cake, produce and plant sale which was held at Howick on March 17th and brought in just over £50. **Lyn** (Mrs. Ardington) helped Dulcie Woods (Mrs. Fraser) with the highly successful produce stall at the Fete this year and will do so again next year. Her daughter Lois is now in her last year at Wykeham.

**SHIPPEY, Phyllis** (Mrs. Somerville) sailed in March on a trip overseas with her husband, who is, of course, still one of Wykeham's Trustees. They are having a wonderful time. After seeing Miss Clark as soon as they arrived they have made the most of every minute in London, going to lovely choral services in Westminster Abbey and in St. Paul's Cathedral and have walked miles, sightseeing. They went to Petticoat Lane and saw the "Pearly King" in all his regalia. He told Phyl that he had a restaurant in Whitechapel and



that the "Pearlys" were supporting a little blind girl who is having treatment at the famous Rudolf Steiner School in Edinburgh. His own little boy had been run over and badly hurt the previous day, so Phyl and Bill went to his restaurant in the East End to enquire after him and there met the "Pearly Queen" and one of his 10 children, and had tea with them. They saw the arrival at Claridge's of Bulgandin and Kruschov—complete silence in the crowd, which Phyl says must have been most demoralising. They have since visited the Continent and are expected back in Maritzburg in November.

**SIMPSON, Glennis**, is still in New York, we hear from Jeanette Carter (Mrs. Higgs) who has heard from her recently. **Thea** (Mrs. Alcock) is very much taken up now with caring for her crippled mother-in-law, who lives with them, and so wrote apologising for not being able to come to the meeting in August to discuss the Fete in 1957, nor could she promise any help, but she was glad to know that the building operations at the school were going so well.

**SLATTER, Rosamund** (Mrs. de Gersigny) still comes to town when polo is being played!

**SMALLIE, Lettie** (Mrs. Deane) and **Florence** (Mrs. Robertson) have our deep sympathy in the loss of their mother towards the end of August, as well as in the tragedy that came to their brother, Clive, when his son was knocked down by a car near Maritzburg College and killed last year.

**SMEATON, Audrey** (Mrs. Earl Smith) has been a big help in contacting the W.O.G.s living in Ladysmith, which she did soon after arriving there to live. Materials were bought and Audrey soon had a party of them sewing for the Fete—a splendid job of work! She says she finds life much busier up there than she did in Maritzburg, which is often the case in a small town. **Shirley** (Mrs. Jex) now has two of her daughters, Diana and Deborah going to school. They have to be taken in and out every day to Stanger which is 12 miles away. Like Audrey she finds life in a small community very busy and says they work all the year round for bazaars in the district, one of which she was convening when she wrote. She has been on holiday to the Drakensberg and Johannesburg and had visited Audrey at Ladysmith en route.

**SMITH, Monica** (Mrs. Kelly), we hear from Maureen Pentland (Mrs. Rutherford), has been overseas and has had another baby, but we are not sure in which order these events occurred. **Pamela D.** (Mrs. Roussel) sent us her news slip from Guernsey in the Channel Islands which is still her home,



and said that she had been leading a quiet life lately as her first baby, a boy, Alvin Dorey, had been born just a fortnight before.

**SMYTHE, Adrienne** (Mrs. Stubbs) had a baby daughter on 19th June last. **Iris** (Mrs. Wood) and her husband have had a trip overseas this year. They sailed in the Pretoria Castle in April and returned in August. They went to Winchester Cathedral and Iris says she was proud to be wearing a Wykeham brooch when looking at William of Wykeham's tomb. Iris is a member of the Black Sash movement.

**SOMERVILLE, Jill**, has booked her passage to sail for England on February 15, 1957, and is busy saving the pennies! In the meantime she is still nursing at Grey's Hospital and is now promoted from Staff Nurse to Sister.

**SPENCE, Kathleen** (Mrs. Parnell)'s family of three sons is just about grown-up now. The eldest, Owen, is in his fourth year of electrical engineering at Witwatersrand University and plans to go overseas to do a post graduate course at Rugby and Anthony is in his second year B.A., and he plans to be a teacher. The youngest, Adrian, is at St. John's College. The two elder boys are putting themselves through University and work at all sorts of odd jobs whenever possible—good luck to them! Mama breeds Siamese cats, says Kathleen, keeps two stud toms and takes in boarder cats while their owners go on holiday. She is also a keen gardener, especially interested in soil deficiencies. "Not noted for her public activities," adds Kathleen! She met Miss Ball at the tea party given by Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin), in April.

**STAINBANK, Maureen** (Mrs. Fanner), has a baby daughter who was born in May just after the birthday weekend. The imminence of the event did not, however, stop her husband "Topsy" from giving invaluable help with the money side of the Fete this year as he did last year. We are most grateful. **Sheila** (Mrs. Mason)'s baby daughter is just a month or two older than Maureen's. **Ann** (Mrs. Turner) helped with the W.O.G.s dance in May.

**STANLEY, Diana**, who came back from her wonderful overseas trip with her grandfather, Mr. G. Heaton Nicholls last September, is now a student at the Durban Art School and helped the Children's Dramatic Society with background work, during their holiday camp "on location" at Botha's Hill, during the July holidays this year. Diana sketched costumes and painted scenery for the Society's next production "The Nightingale." There is a big Wykeham interest



in this venture, for the moving spirit behind it all is Mrs. E. Dreboldt, whose daughter, Elizabeth, is a boarder at Wykeham and several other Wykeham pupils attended the camp, as well as Mrs. Grant of the staff and Mrs. Mills, who teaches dancing at Wykeham and is also in charge of the dancing side of the Society's productions.

**STEERE, JOAN** (Mrs. Harrington) is, as far as we know, still in the big trouble spot, Cyprus, for when she returned there in March she and her husband expected to be stationed there for another two years. She and her two children were in Maritzburg early this year on a visit to her parents and we had hoped to have her at our meeting at school in March, but she flew back to Cyprus on March 9th. **Winifred** is still teaching music at Wykeham and helps us with all our fund-raising efforts.

**STEWART, Dorothy** (Mrs. Barlow) has been a helpful member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee this year, and we are glad of her interest and support.

**STIEBEL, Elaine** (Mrs. Ryan)'s daughter secured the top fashion promotion job in Britain by her appointment in June as administrator and secretary to the Incorporated Society of London Dress designers. Elaine must be very proud of her.

**STODDART, Dawn**, is a new Old Girl who is attending the Durban Business College taking a secretarial course. In August she accompanied her parents on a trip to Rhodesia, visiting the Victoria Falls, and the Wankie Game Reserve.

**STRACHAN, Sydney** (Mrs. Button) was one of several W.O.G.s who went overseas on a B.E.S.L. tour. At Mom-basa she met Leslie Gilson (Mrs. Hales) and her husband, and Sydney was delighted to see that Leslie was wearing her old Wykeham scarf on her hat ("I wonder how many are left," she asks). And Leslie made Wykeham buns for them all for tea! The pilgrims on the tour were introduced to the Queen at Buckingham Palace and Sydney was honoured by having the Queen speak to her. **Jo**, Sydney tells us, is on holiday overseas. **Lucy** (Mrs. Hamond) is very busy running a hotel in Kenya, and now has a son in the British Merchant Navy. **Mabs** (Mrs. Hall) and her husband were hoping to settle in Capetown, when we heard from Sydney. **Hilda** is working in Durban, we heard from **Minnie** (Mrs. Bareds) with whom she stayed over Easter. Minnie and her husband, who is a senior officer in the Permanent Force, have been in Oudtshoorn for just over a year and are very happy there. They are hoping they will not be transferred from there for some time yet. They get plenty of tennis and find the people all very friendly and kind.



**STRAFFEN, Biddy** (Mrs. Woods) is still on the staff at Cordwalles. Her eldest son has now left school and is with her in Maritzburg. **Peggy** (Mrs. Gill) arrived back home in August after a four months' trip to England. They left on April 30 in the new Douglas DC 7B which took them to England in just under 23 hours! They visited relatives in Berkshire and toured England during their stay in the U.K.

**STRAW, Edna** (Mrs. McMillan) is now the proud possessor of a grand-daughter, born to her son and his wife last November.

**STRETCH, Aldwyn** (Mrs. Elliot) now has two children, a girl and a boy. The former, aged 3, we hear from proud Granny, Beth (Mrs. Elliot, née Clayton) is undoubtedly a future quiz kid, and very definitely a character. At her small cousin's christening she announced loudly and emphatically that **she** was not going to have **her** hair washed! Aldwyn and her husband and family recently moved into another house at Vryheid which has lovely big grounds.

**SUMMERSGILL, Molly**, is working at the Provincial Hospital at Ladysmith for six months and likes it there very much. She is to write her finals in November, and hopes afterwards to return to Ladysmith.

**SYDIE, Betty** (Mrs. van der Westhuizen) is one of our keenest W.O.G.s in Johannesburg and she and Betty Cooper (Mrs. Lewin) have done a lot to keep up the interest of other Old Girls up there. In April each of them held a W.O.G.'s tea party which was also attended by a few Wykeham mothers, to meet and entertain Miss Ball while she was in Johannesburg during the Easter holidays; and they also organised between them a jumble sale which brought in nearly £70 and which reached Miss Ball just in time for the Birthday week-end. It was forwarded with a request that it be put towards the building of a swimming bath. Betty called in at Wykeham in April and was glad to see Miss Hosking still there. We are delighted to hear that she hopes to send her daughter to Wykeham in January next year.

**SYKES, Jill**, became a celebrity at the end of last year when she won the title of "The Best Shop Assistant in S.A." in a Union-wide contest, the first prize for which was a trip to the United States as an "ambassador" for South Africa. She had five weeks in New York and all this opened up for her an exciting new career, for she was there offered a posi-



tion with a world famous cosmetic firm, with whom she would be trained as a beauty consultant. Jill came back to the Union for a short while and then sailed again in July for the United States and her new life. We wish her the best of luck.

**TALMAGE, Betty** (Mrs. Bradfield) has a new baby son who was born in January. She has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father in July.

**TASKER, Diana** (Mrs. Blore) too has a small son, who was born in September last year.

**TAYLOR, Marjorie** (Mrs. Calder) is always a willing helper with our Scottsville cake sales. **Wendy**, a new Old Girl, is doing a beauty course in Johannesburg.

**THOMS, Jill**, a new Old Girl, attended the tea party at Betty Sydie (Mrs. van der Westhuizen)'s to welcome Miss Ball in April. See also under **DANIEL**, Hilary.

**TITTLESTAD, Irene** (Mrs. Brook-Thompson)'s new baby daughter was born on the 11th January last.

**TOMLINSON, Catherine** (Mrs. Guy) leads a busy life on the farm at Seven Oaks. Her son Robin, now married, has just left for Leeds University to study further, while her daughter Margaret is a physiotherapist at Grey's Hospital. Catherine says she is involved in Women's Institute play productions, plays the piano for a small ballet class in Greytown and teaches two five-year-olds each morning, as well as keeping an eye on horses and fowls. She never worked so hard in her town days, she says.

**TOPHAM, Phyllis** (Mrs. Goble) and **Vera** (Mrs. Upton) have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their mother and their father within a few days of each other. Jinks (Phyllis)'s daughter Sally's engagement was announced in June and she and her husband celebrated their silver wedding a few days later.

**TROTTER, Joan** (Mrs. Catto) was the matron of honour at **Marjorie** (Mrs. Wheelwright)'s daughter's wedding at Pinetown in August. This was the fourth generation of the Trotter family to be married in the same church—St. John's, Pinetown. Last year, Marjorie and her husband and daughter had a six months' holiday trip to Britain and the Continent.

**TURNER, Hilary**, was married on February 4th last to Thomas Cleaver and is living at Glenhazel in Johannesburg.

**TURTON, Pamela**, is working at C. G. Smith's in Durban and shares a flat in Currie Road with three other girls.

**VALENTINE, Eleanor** (Mrs. Graham) is still teaching at the Girls' High School and helped with the production of their "Lady Precious Stream" recently. She always makes delicious cakes for our Scottsville cake sales.

**VANDERPLANK, Kitty** (Mrs. Morgans)'s son, daughter-in-law and little grandson spent three months with her last year before they sailed for Zanzibar where her son is now Research Officer of the East African Marine Research organisation under the Colonial Office. Kitty and her husband have since visited them at Zanzibar.

**VARTY, Phyllis** (Mrs. Pretorius) is still living at Riet Vlei. Her elder daughter, Heather, celebrated her 21st birthday during the year.

**VERNEY, Ellice** (Mrs. Lupton-Smith) and **Hylde** (Mrs. Nattle) have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their mother in April this year. Ellice wrote on May 3rd regretting that she could not be with us for the Birthday week-end as she had hoped, but she and her son were flying up to Kenya on May 15th to spend a month with Hylde, so she was very busy preparing for the trip. She sent good wishes for the week-end.

**WALKER, Dawn**, who is a new Old Girl, wrote from Salisbury to make sure that she would receive her copy of this Magazine when it was ready.

**WALLER, Barbara** (Mrs. Leisegang)'s parents sailed on a trip overseas last September and we were delighted to hear that as a result of an operation performed by a Harley Street eye surgeon, Mrs. Waller had regained her sight after a year of blindness.

**WATSON, Irene** (Mrs. Caister) R.I.P. We were grieved to read of Irene's death at Newcastle on March 9th this year. She left her husband and three sons, to whom we extend our sympathy.

**WEBB, Olga** (Mrs. Logan) is a very live member of the Durban Branch. She and Doreen Doull (Mrs. Field) were photographed with Olga's brother Rupert and her two small sons, David and Michael admiring some of the puppets which the Durban Marionette Club used in the delightful and very successful show they gave for the Wykeham Building Fund in Durban in August. Rupert Webb is a very keen member of the Club. Ruth Harkness (Mrs. Bryant) was the compere of the show.

**WEST, Gloria** (Mrs. Hean) has helped the Durban Branch with their fund-raising efforts.



**WHITTAKER, Edith**, says she has no news because it is just the same as last year! (Stop Press—She will be joining the Wykeham Staff in January 1957.)

**WILLIAMSON, Nancy** (Mrs. Scott) has her younger daughter Jean still a boarder at Wykeham. Eva, the elder daughter was to start nursing at Grey's in September. Nancy is a loyal supporter of Wykeham, both as an Old Girl and as a parent.

**WILMOT, Ena.** See under Gilson, Leslie.

**WOOD, Phyllis**, still leads a very busy life, even though she has retired from full-time teaching. She is frequently called on to replace teachers who are ill at one or other of the schools in Maritzburg and has recently acted "locum" at the Coloured School in Greyling Street. She is also keenly interested in African Welfare and has helped to start an evening club for African domestic servants at Scottsville. It holds a social and games evening in the Scottsville Presbyterian Hall every Wednesday night. In addition she still keeps up her interest in things musical and is still a member of the St. Peter's Church choir. She helped on the sweet stall at the Fete this year.

**Woods, Dulcie** (Mrs. Fraser) with **Memory** (Mrs. Otto) is again undertaking the produce stall for the 1957 Fete as they did this year, helped by Lyn Shaw (Mrs. Ardington). Memory is kept busy with all sorts of Wykeham activities, for past and present girls. Wykeham is in their blood she says, with her elder daughter, Felicity, as head girl, and Carolyn a little further down the school, while Susan, aged five, is always talking about when she goes to Wykeham. She even declares she is going to teach at Wykeham, so it looks as if Memory will be tied to the old school for the rest of her life! She is a member of the W.O.G. Executive Committee and we find her a tower of strength, always keen and willing to help in all sorts of ways. What should we have done without her and her husband's truck with all the "props" etc., that had to be moved to and from the City Hall for the 1956 Fete!



## WYKEHAM OLD GIRLS' 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."

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