

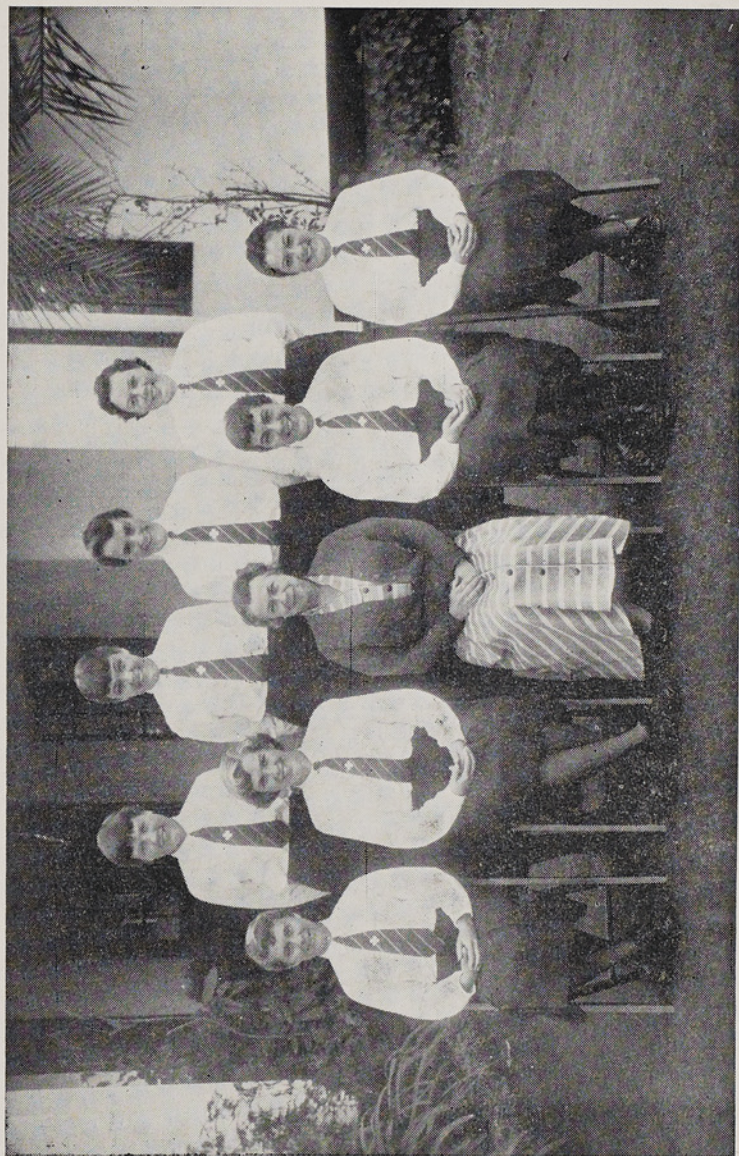


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BACK ROW: Jean Rattray, Mary-Joy Mildenhall, June Wood, Phoebe Butcher.
 FRONT ROW: Pat Geekie, Diana Kanar (Head Girl), Mrs. Evans, Alison Lyle, Elizabeth Griffiths.



Joy Allenbrook

EXTRACTS FROM S.S.J.D. RECORDS COMPILED FROM MOTHER ANNA'S MEMORIES

(This record covers the period 1894-1931)

"The foundation stone of St. John's School (the present St. Lucy's Hostel in Burger Street) was laid on April 12, 1894, on my fiftieth birthday. It was a great day, and presents were given me in the morning. There was a large gathering of friends in the afternoon, and the Military Band played for the laying of the foundation stone. The school opened in 1897 with Miss Scottson-Clark as Headmistress, and Miss Smart and Miss Cubitt as her assistants.

"The classes were held in two wood and iron rooms which had been erected on the site of the present Burger Street School, and which still stand at the South end of the building.

"The first name in the St. John's Admission Register is Katie Lake, an intelligent St. Cross girl, who continued her schooling at St. John's. In August, 1900, Miss Beloe came from England to be Headmistress. She did very good work in organising the school, and raising its standard. It is also due to her efforts that St. John's was the first school in Maritzburg to play hockey.

"There were at the time no desks in the school, but the girls sat round a large table. These were later cut into desks. After the Boer War, wooden army lockers were bought. Most of them were stamped in black with a broad arrow and the word "Ladysmith." These were for many years used as music lockers. There were more than 100 pupils in the school during the Boer War, the majority being day girls; this was owing to the number of refugees who came to Maritzburg.

"Mother Margaret's ideal was to provide a religious training and a good education for girls who would not ordinarily be able to obtain such advantages. During the years 1900 to 1910, quiet steady progress was being made both in the school and in the building up of 'esprit de corps.' The girls began to take Oxford and Cambridge Junior and Preliminary Examinations. Blanche de Carry was the first at St. John's to obtain the certificate. The music was improving

too, and certificates were obtained in the Cape Music Examinations. Besides having daily physical exercise in school, the girls attended the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium weekly. Their tunics were of thick blue serge with scarlet blouses with very short puffed sleeves. The original colours were green and gold, but soon after Miss Beloe's arrival, they were changed to the present black and gold. In the afternoons the girls wore white blouses with blue skirts; they were well turned out, and a great pride was taken in their appearance.

"One hot summer morning Mother Margaret sent one or two of us to look at the site she had already chosen for a new school on the outskirts of Maritzburg, in Scottsville. We got off the tram at the Racecourse, and walked up a little native path over the veld to the top of the ridge on which St. John's has now been built. It seemed impossible that there should ever be a school there belonging to us! The only houses near were old Mr. Phipson's house, the McCrystal's house and the Gillespie's house where the Wrights live now, on the way to the tram shelter.

"In 1912 Mother Margaret went to England and worked very hard there to obtain funds for building the new St. John's. Lady Methuen, wife of the last Governor of Natal, became interested and collected £215 for us. The Home Association also contributed, and Mother Margaret obtained £250 from the Wernher Bequest. In 1913 Sister Edith went to England to interview new mistresses not only for St. John's, Maritzburg, but for our schools at Dundee, Frere and Kranskloof. Her place was temporarily filled by Miss Nellie Bertram, who worked with us almost continuously till 1936.

[Efforts to raise money continued, eight acres of land were purchased for £500, and Mr. Paton, the architect, estimated the probable cost of the building at £7,000.—Ed.]

"In the last months of 1914 the first buildings were put up on the new land. Mr. H. V. Marsh built the wood and iron house which had originally four divisions; a small kitchen, now called Egypt, a dining room for the girls (the present sorting room) and a large room divided into three, the first portion being a Community Room and the other two parts the Sisters' cells. The small room adjoining was a tiny chapel.

"The Day School was built in 1914, and consisted of the hall (the present K.G.—Ed.), four classrooms, the office and a cloak-room. (Mother Anna and one of the Sisters went to live at Scottsville.—Ed.) Mother Margaret worked very hard making the garden and planting trees. As there was no boarding accommodation, the girls lived in two houses in the neighbourhood, generally known as the "Pepper House" and the "Yellow House." They came every morning to school in their two parties, with their afternoon blouses and other things they would need in a 'clothes basket.'

"On 24th June, 1915, the Governor-General, Lord Buxton, laid the foundation stone of the boarding school. It was a beautiful winter's day, with snow on Zwartkop and the other hills round Maritzburg. In his address to the girls, the Governor-General remarked on the beauty of the school.

"By December, 1915, the dining-room wing and the central part of the new house were approaching completion. Twenty of the girls slept in St. Margaret's dormitory, and the little ones with Sister Kate in the wood and iron house. The Staff rooms were upstairs in the central block. For the first few days the flooring of that passage was not completed, and there were only two planks in the centre of it. Our Chapel was in the 'Six-room,' and the Sisters had recreation on the upstairs landing. All the walls were left unpainted till the July holidays, and looked grey and cool, but rather sombre. It had been impossible to obtain the fastenings which the architect had ordered from England for the doors and windows; on nights when the wind rose, and they began to bang, the effect was that of a bombardment! They arrived in July.

"There was considerable alarm felt at the project of putting up dwelling houses on the land in front of St. John's, and though we could ill afford it, we bought an acre of ground. As we were obliged to use it at once, we turned it into a hockey ground and tennis courts. Our first hockey field was where the Chapel is now.

"During these days Father Alston came out regularly on Saturdays to say Mass and in course of time stayed to breakfast as well and got to know the children.

"1920 was a difficult year for the school, as the conditions were still those of war-time, and although we had more pupils than ever before, both books and stationery were very scarce, and teachers almost unobtainable. Three University students came to teach for a few hours daily, and Miss Holman worked splendidly. Every evening seating for a preparation of 70 girls had to be carried into the Hall and carried out again before school began next day. The school made progress, and two new classrooms were built.

"At the beginning of the previous year, 1919, the increase in the number of boarders made it necessary to build accommodation for the resident staff in the grounds. It seems a pity that our architect, Mr. Paton, was not consulted, as although the staff rooms are comfortable, they quite deserve their nickname of 'Railway Row'.

"In 1920 the marshy land at the bottom of our grounds was drained. Two springs were cleared to feed what was ultimately the swimming bath. This was opened on 8th September, and one must own it looked distinctly muddy. Opinion is divided as to whether Miss Maud (now Mrs. Blake) or Mrs. A. Lloyd nobly took the first plunge. Later on it was bricked and became a favourite diversion

for the girls. They had early dips occasionally before 6.30 preparation. The cost of the bath was £18. [This bath has now quite disappeared.—Ed.]

"In January, 1920, Miss Judson became Headmistress. She introduced physical science as a new subject. Norah Blackmore was the first girl at St. John's to obtain the Matriculation Certificate.

"In May, 1922, plans were made for the new chapel by Mr. Paton and Father Alston. The architect estimated the cost at £2,000, and the money in hand was £750 from the Memorial Fund to Mother Margaret and her father, Canon Lucas, and £750 from another source. The stone was laid by Bishop Baines on St. Mary Magdalene's Day, July 22, 1922. Father Andrews was present, and the whole Society of St. John the Divine, as the annual Retreat had ended that morning. The inscription was put into Latin by Dr. Darragh, and cut by Mr. McCauslin. Sister Ruth's Profession Wreath was built into the wall. The Chapel was consecrated on the 25th June, 1923, and the Mass said in it the next day. Bishop Baines consecrated the Chapel, and Father Alston was the preacher. The carved teak reredos, costing £200, was designed by Father Alston and carved by Mr. Reim, as was the beautiful Altar, which had been given to us by the Old Girls. The Crucifix and Candles, of Renaissance style, were bought by us with money given to us by the boarders' parents as a thank-offering for their children having escaped the dreaded influenza epidemic.

"The new St. Joseph's wing, to house the younger boarders, was built in 1925. In December, 1926, the school numbered 100 boarders and 51 day girls, and two new classrooms were added to the school.

"In 1929 the building of the new School Hall was taken in hand. The hall was planned to be in a marked classical style in keeping with the late Renaissance style of the Chapel. The Governor-General, Lord Clarendon, was good enough to come and open the hall in 1931. The Sixth Form formed a guard of honour for him on his arrival.

"This was Sister Mabel's last work as Sister-in-charge; she left St. John's in July, 1931. The beautiful Chalice and Paten used at Mass on Sundays was given to the school by the sisterhood in memory of Sister Mabel's mother."

REVEREND MOTHER'S LETTER

Convent of St. John the Divine,
342 Loop Street,
Pietermaritzburg.

My dear Past and Present Girls,

Not long ago a jet plane screamed over the Convent, and we felt as if all the roofs were being ripped off. That is modern progress. Some of its ingredients are noise, speed, instability, distrust, licence, "rock 'n roll", nervous and mental illness. I do not think that, in writing this, my opinion is due to being ten years older than in 1947. Every decade sees decadence in the succeeding one. But facts are facts. True progress and growth must be spiritual as well as physical and material, and true happiness is in that development for which alone we are created, "to know, love and serve God on earth and to be with Him for ever in Heaven." Therefore all progress and growth, to be true and fruitful, must be obedient to the perfect Will of God.

In the sixty years of its life, St. John's School has been growing and building steadily, both in academic achievements and in bricks and mortar, and alongside of this, or more truly at the heart of it all, is the steadfast striving to keep first things first, all the life, work, activities of the school "begun, continued and ended in Thee." As long as this is being done, St. John's may safely continue along the path of true progress.

During these sixty years a steady flow of girls passes each year from the school to be citizens of South Africa. They have all been brought into touch with our Lord through the sacrament and teaching of His Church. It is their responsibility to bear witness to Him and to the teaching they have received. Thank God, many of them do, and one can be truly thankful for the wives and mothers of S.J.H.S. who have, and are making Christian homes and bringing up their children in the "fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of His holy Name."

Two years after the Golden Jubilee at the end of 1949 when the sad decision was forced upon us that the sisters must withdraw from staffing the Boarding school, the problem was how to provide for it? At this time Mrs. Brown had come to our aid, as she had many times before, to help in some housekeeping crisis. This gave me the inspiration to ask her to undertake the new post of Housemistress and run the Boarding department under the direction of

Mrs. Evans. Mrs. Brown consented to do so because of her love for St. John's and her deep affection for the sisters. Now the time has come when she feels she must resign and return to her own home. Her going will be a great personal loss to the Sisters, and St. John's will miss her. What we owe her cannot be expressed in words; she has guarded, cherished and kept bright all those ideals and traditions that are so dear to us, and so essential to the life and spirit of St. John's. May she have great happiness in her new home, and be a frequent visitor to the school.

Looking back over the ten years since the Golden Jubilee, I am reminded of words I quoted then. "The Great Providence of God is abroad in the earth. I look to this people as a blessing of the Lord. They will continue to live by reason of the immortal seed which hath been and still is amongst them. The Great Hand of God is in this business." The Great Hand of God has surely been in this business. He has raised up those needed at every time to lead and help the school. Were I to mention all, this letter would have no end, but a few must be mentioned. In November 1949, Father Alston's sudden death removed a great lover of S.J.H.S. from the visible, earthly scene, but there is no doubt about the continuance of that love. In the second half of 1949, Mrs. Russell set aside all her many duties and public work to assume the headship of the school for two quarters. This act of altruistic service restored the wavering public confidence in the school. Now, since 1950, under the care of Mrs. Evans, such steady progress has been made that in this Diamond Jubilee year we can proudly feel our school is second to none. In the members of the Advisory Council, in the splendid band of the Old Girls' Association who work so tirelessly for the school, one sees the Great Hand of God supplying our needs.

At the end of 1956, Canon Cranswick left us to return to parish work in Johannesburg. His deep spirituality, unfailing kindness and wise experience made his three years' chaplaincy a blessing to the school. He told me that during his ministry he had had associations with twelve schools either on the board of Governors or as a Chaplain or Parish Priest, and he ranked St. John's first because "religion comes first." Mr. Durose succeeds Canon Cranswick and begins his chaplaincy auspiciously in the Diamond Jubilee year.

One feels where so much is given in disinterested service by so many, the Great Hand of God is guiding St. John's to its great purpose. It is for us all to see that the "immortal seed" is tended and nourished into flowering witness to the things of the Kingdom of God.

For those who read this letter to the end, I would like to mention that the centenary falls in 1997 and I am afraid I shall not be attending the celebrations!

So far neither sixty nor six young women have arrived asking to join the Sisterhood. Please continue to pray for us and our increase, if God wills.

I have not heard whether the O.G.A. has been re-inforced by sixty new members, but perhaps they are waiting to join at the general meeting on May 12th.

With affectionate greetings to you all,

† MARY RICHMAL, S.S.J.D.,
Mother Superior.

LOOKING FORWARD

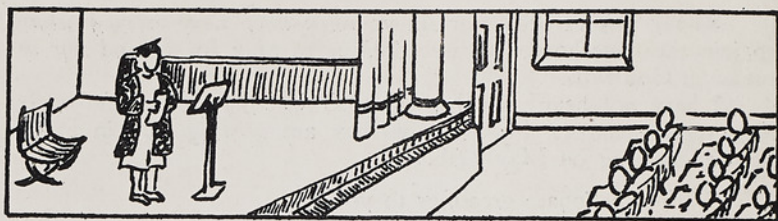
All Old Girls, as well as present ones, will have read with great interest and enjoyment the extract from the early records of the history of St. John's. It is always fun to look back and remember, and to be reminded of people and incidents connected with our own school-days, and even those farther back than our memories will take us. Somehow or other, there is a bond which binds all those of many generations who have once been St. John's girls, and have helped to build the history of the school in the last sixty years.

One thing cannot fail to impress all of us; changes are always taking place, there has never been a time of standing still, and I hope there never will be. There is always something waiting to be striven for, always something that seems to be just out of reach.

Many girls who are at school now will, as Old Girls, be celebrating St. John's centenary in forty years' time. What changes will they see and point out to their children and grandchildren? No doubt there will be new buildings, new playing fields and other practical improvements. I dare say the "tin house" will have disappeared! School uniforms will have undergone changes, and by that time it may be as normal for girls to come to school by aeroplane as it is now for them to arrive by car. If the present shortage of teachers continues, they may be taught by means of radio and television lessons.

But the girls themselves—the real people of the school—will not, I think, have changed. There will still be those who are planning their careers, who want to lead useful lives, and who are interested in doing what they can for all sections of the community. To them, as to all their predecessors, their life and training at school will be a preparation for the wider life that follows. St. John's motto, "Laborare est Orare," has given inspiration to hundreds of girls through the years—we pray that it may always do so.

E. R. EVANS.



REPORT OF THE HEADMISTRESS

My Lord, Reverend Mother, Mr. Paton, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a great pleasure to us to welcome you all here to-day, and to try to give you some idea of the school's progress and activities since the last Prize-Giving Day.

As always, we have been in constant touch with the Reverend Mother and Sisters of the Society of St. John the Divine. The Society owns this school, as you know, and to its members, past and present, we owe the firm foundations of Christian teaching and fellowship on which we do our best to build. In looking forward to our Diamond Jubilee next year, we also look back, with gratitude, upon the devoted service of all those who have given so much to St. John's.

We opened this year without Mrs. Nel and some of the Senior girls, who were still overseas. On their return they entertained us all with a description of the tour, which had proved most successful and enjoyable, besides being of great educational value. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Nel and Miss Hayes, who were in charge of the party. A full account appeared in the 1956 magazine.

Examination results this year were very pleasing, in that we had no failures in any public examination. Of the 13 Matriculation and School-leaving candidates, 6 gained second and 7 third class passes. In the Junior Certificate, there were 7 first class passes, 14 second and 4 third and one girl, Jennifer Gardner, gained a Natal Education Department bursary.

In art, some very good work has been done during the year, as I hope you will see for yourselves, when you visit the exhibition. Our girls gained a pleasing number of awards, both at the Royal Show and in the Azalea Week Competition, but it was not possible this year to submit entries for the Payne Bros. Competition.

Since writing this report I have had news of the award of a Scholarship in Fine Arts at the Natal University to Gail Driver. There were competitors from all over the Union and Rhodesia, and the first three places were gained by three girls whom Mrs. Nel entered.

The Music pupils have done well in examinations, as they generally do, and we had a pleasing number of entries in the Speech and Drama Eisteddfod in May. Some of the dancing and elocution pupils were able to entertain parents at a concert during June.

Tennis, netball and hockey have been played with enthusiasm, and friendly matches with other schools are always much enjoyed. One of our girls, G. Youngleson, was chosen to play in the Maritzburg Schools' hockey team. The Swimming bath has been kept in excellent order this term with the help of a good friend of the school, Mr. L. Tomlinson, and it has been used whenever the weather permitted.

The Guides and Brownies have held regular meetings, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Chamberlain and Miss Stead, who take charge of these activities.

St. John's Week-end was celebrated as usual in May, with a record number of Old Girls attending Mass and the Annual Meeting. We are always delighted to welcome them back, and to hear their comments on such improvements as they have not seen before. I hope those who have not already seen the new infirmary and cloak-room will do so to-day. Both are a great joy to us. The Old Girls take a very practical interest in the school, and are organising a Fête to be held next May, to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee. To this end, we at school have been engaged in a variety of fund-raising activities, into which, I am quite sure, many of you have also been drawn. The last quarter of the year is always one of many calls on pocket-money, as this is the time for most of our usual Charities. There are times when people find themselves without even the price of a Saturday ice-cream!

During the year there have been various activities: In April the V and VI Form dance, which was a great success, and a credit to the organisers; In September the presentation of scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Forms II A and B—for this, the weather was so atrocious that we were driven from the garden into the Hall; and in June the Hofmeyr Memorial Speech Contest, in which Jill Collier represented us.

On 13th June, the Bishop confirmed 20 candidates in the School chapel. They were all prepared for Confirmation by the Rev. Canon Cranswick, the chaplain, who has now left us to return to parish work in Johannesburg. We shall miss him sadly, with his ever-ready interest in all of us and our doings, and we thank him most sincerely for all that he has done for St. John's in his three years here. To his successor, the Rev. Mr. Durose, we extend a cordial welcome and good wishes for much happiness in his ministry here.

The members of the School Council and Finance Committee have continued to administer our affairs, and our grateful thanks are due to all of them, especially to Mr. A. B. Jackson, who, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, gives a great deal of time and interest to the school. We appreciate very much his gift of new entrance gates, as we do that of Mr. Butcher, who has given a number of trees for the garden.

At the close of each year there are members of the Staff to whom we must say "goodbye." To all those who are leaving now we should like to give our very good wishes, together with our grateful thanks for all they have done for the School. There is one name that must be mentioned, that of Miss Stidworthy, our Vice-principal, who, after altogether nine years at St. John's, is now going to live and teach in her home town, East London. We shall all miss her in a very real way. To the girls she has been an excellent teacher and an understanding friend; the staff have known her as a congenial, always helpful and unselfish colleague; to me, she has been all I could ever wish a vice-principal to be. We cannot adequately thank her for the great contribution she has made to the life of St. John's, but she should like her to know that she takes with her the very good wishes and affectionate regard of all of us.

As her successor, we are all glad to welcome Miss Vine, who has been a member of the staff for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, and who has identified herself with all its interests and affairs. Besides being already one of the St. John's "family," Miss Vine has had a wide experience, and we look forward with complete confidence to her term of office as Vice-Principal.

In previous reports I have frequently stressed the necessity for co-operation between school and home. All too frequently the parents hand over the child to the care of the school and feel that they have done their duty and that it is now, in their own words, "up to the school." I agree that parents must have confidence in the school of their choice, but their support should also be forthcoming whenever the need arises.

One of the ways in which school and parents can most efficiently co-operate is by means of school reports. Indeed, this is the purpose of the report. There is the perfectly true story of the parent who received her son's report for the first part of the year, in which it was said "His work could not possibly be worse." Imagine the consternation of the parent when the next report said, "He has gone back in his work since last term." This could not possibly happen at St. John's, for two reasons: (1) A record is kept of each term's remarks, and (2) the general remark is the result of discussion at a conference of all the members of the staff who teach the child. These conferences take a great deal of time, but they are of great value in enabling us to arrive at a balanced judgement. One member of the

staff, who has children of her own, remarked recently that it would surprise most parents to know how much trouble is taken to assess each child as an individual, and to offer constructive advice.

Thus the report is not a thing to be taken lightly. It is the product of a great deal of research and thought by all those of the staff in contact with the pupil, and so informs the parents better than anything else could do of the progress their child has made both academically and as a member of a community. It thus merits the closest attention and, if necessary, action.

One comment which appears rather too frequently, I have noticed, is "could do beter," with variations. This I regard as one of the worst, because it implies waste — waste of time, waste of ability and waste of opportunity.

You parents give your children the opportunity to fit themselves to lead useful lives. Do make it your business to see that that opportunity is not wasted.

My Lord, Reverend Mother, Mr. Paton, Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you.

E. R. EVANS.

SPEECH DAY

MR. ALAN PATON'S ADDRESS

You should all have pity on a speaker who has to deliver an address at the very end of the Speech Day season. Everything has been said. The terrible evil of examinations, the importance of good manners, the decay of the English language, the shocking influence of the comics, all have been dealt with. Some speakers have, in my opinion, actually encouraged non-prizewinners in their determination not to win prizes, and such persons should be black-listed and not invited to any Speech Days in future. Speaking at the end of this Speech Day season is like hunting at the end of the hunting season — all the slow stuff has been shot down. Only the swiftest, strongest, and most beautiful creatures are left. Let us see whether we shall have the fortune not to shoot down, but merely to glimpse, one of these elusive creatures of the wilds.

(At this point Mr. Paton gave a brief account of his experiences as principal of the Diepkloof Reformatory, emphasising the fact that many of the children in such institutions were the victims of disharmony in their homes, or of a harsh and unloving discipline. From this introduction the speaker developed the main theme of his address: that discipline, freedom and a sense of security are essential to harmony in the home, in the state and in world relations. He dealt first with the kind of home that parents should try to give their children.—Ed.)

What kind of home should it be? There will firstly be two things in it, both important, both intimately connected, both absolutely inseparable one from the other. They are called discipline and freedom. Discipline without freedom is what is called totalitarianism, and every true person should rebel against it. Freedom without discipline is what is called licence, or chaos, or anarchy, and every true person should rebel against that also. But these two things are not equal. For discipline exists for the sake of freedom — it is not freedom that exists for the sake of discipline. This is a Christian school, and it ought to know this truth. For its Lord said, the truth shall make you free. The Christian teaching is that we are made in the image of our Creator and that in us is the Divine manifestation, that the purpose of God in making us is that we should be free. Therefore you will understand me if I first talk about freedom.

(Here Mr. Paton spoke of the harsh discipline of the Victorian tradition, and the tyrannical domination of parents over children. This, he said, was discipline without freedom.—Ed.)

There was a great swing-back from this Victorian tradition. There was a great deal of talk of free expression. Discipline suffered great blows, but freedom suffered greater ones. For the children who grew up under free expression were not really free. They could do what they liked, but they did not know what was worth doing. They were left without guidance, and felt, as the French psychologist Mannoni puts it, "abandoned." They were so free that they were lost. They could go where they wished, but they could not find the way. They did not even know where to go. They are the ducktail boys of this generation.

I think there are already many signs that this doctrine of free expression for children is seen to be irresponsible, almost careless, almost loveless. Once it is practised, the parent can almost never recover the ground that is lost. But I think there are signs that we are swinging back, not to authoritarianism, but to a realisation that freedom without discipline is a terrible gift to give to a child, who asks bread and is given a stone.

The correct balance between discipline and freedom calls for the third attribute of the good home, that it gives to a child security. And security is only another name for love, for love will not allow a child so much freedom that it feels abandoned, nor impose on it so much discipline that it feels thwarted in its natural desire to express itself and its own personality. It is true love, true unselfish love, and that alone, that can solve this extraordinarily difficult problem of balancing discipline and freedom. The child is made to feel that he is, not merely wanted, but needed in his home.

Now I have been talking to you about the home, but I have also been talking to you about something just as important, something

that is built upon the home, something that only reaches its best when it shows forth all the noblest attributes of the true home, discipline, freedom, and security. I have been talking to you about democracy. For the relationship of the parent to the child is the relationship of the State towards its citizens. Lord Acton, the great Catholic political philosopher, said that the supreme function of the State was to make it possible for all its citizens to lead the good life. Just as the parent is not the God of the child, so is the State not the God of its citizens. It is the high God alone, the Creator of Heaven and earth, the Judge of all Mankind, the Lover of our souls, that can claim of man the supreme obedience. There is no authority on earth, or above the earth, or under the earth, that can make any such claim upon man. And it is the duty of any Christian school, and of every Christian parent, to teach that Christian doctrine to a child. And above all we may rightly fear any State that believes itself to be the supreme instrument of God, and that believes itself to know the will of God, and that will force this upon its citizens, seeking to regulate their thoughts and their deeds, and seeking to demand from them that supreme obedience which God alone may demand.

It may be said that this view of human freedom, where every person regards himself as responsible only to God, can only lead to anarchy. But God Himself has protected us from this danger, in the home as well as in the State. For man lives in community, and it is only in community that he can find his true freedom. As a child in the home cannot enjoy freedom except as he learns to respect the freedom of others, so a citizen of the State cannot enjoy freedom except as he learns to respect the freedom of his fellows. No man can enjoy freedom unless his fellows are free. No man can have justice unless others have it also. And Our Lord taught us this, when He commanded us to love our neighbours as ourselves. And He taught us very clearly who our neighbour was, in his parable of the Good Samaritan.

Service to the community is one of the ways, it is in fact THE way, of leading the good life. You will remember that our Lord rose from supper, and laid aside His garments, and took a towel and girded Himself, and poured water into a basin, and began to wash His disciples' feet. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet." There is a great lesson there, for all of us who live in South Africa, whether we be rich or poor, masters or servants, white or black. Therefore be not afraid if there is implanted in you this desire to serve others; it is a gift of God, and not lightly to be rejected because of the opinion of other men.

This trinity of freedom, discipline and security is not only essential to the happiness of the child, it is also essential to the happiness of nations. There has never been such a mess in the world.

If I were a teacher in this school, I would zealously speak of the United Nations. It may often be weak, it may often be ineffectual, but it is the first attempt that mankind has ever made to realise that unity of man that must be the ideal of every Christian. There is no other hope for us. The hope of the world is not to seek to be on the winning side. If there is another war there will be no winning side. All of us will be destroyed.

There can be no such thing as absolute sovereignty of any nation. Nations are also members of a community. But the United Nations can have no strength other than the strength of the ideals that exist in the hearts and minds of individual men and women. Therefore cherish these ideals in your own minds and hearts. It is the only hope for the peace of the world.

And it is the only hope for South Africa. There is no hope for us while we continue to think in terms of race, and not in terms of mankind. It is not I who say this. It is our Lord Himself, who in the words of St. Paul is the Lord of us all.

PRIZE LIST

Std. 1 :

V. Hood
S. Blackmore

Std. 2 :

J. Markham
G. Schouten
C. Hawkes

Std. 3 :

S. Seymour
Z. Tabachnik
D. James
P. Stewart

Std. 4 :

J. Pistorius
C. Bassett

F. I (b) :

J. Eweg

F. I (a) :

R. Linscott
J. Heath
J. Corrigan

F. II (b) :

J. Eustace.

F. II (a) :

G. Croft
M. B. Smith
E. McFarlane
E. Mayo

F. III (a) :

I. Elliot
D. Turner
J. Abbott
R. Davies
E. Stewart
L. Peattie
R. Gower
E. Buchan
V. Lund
C. Hyams

F. IV :

E. Gray.
N. Stewart
J. Scott
A. Meter

F. V :

J. Gardner
B. Shaw

F. VI:

G. Driver

J. Clowes

A. Lyle

J. Coller

Divinity (S.S.J.D.):

Senior: G. Driver

Junior: M. B.-Smith

English:

A. Lyle

Classics (Mrs. Nuttall):

J. Coller

Domestic Science

(Mrs. Henwood):

Senior: A. Lyle

Junior: M. Muir

Biology (Mrs. Franklin):

V. Gace

Music:

Senior: J. Rattray

Junior: M. Grice

Musical Appreciation:

D. Turner

Art (Mrs. Russell):

Senior: G. Driver

Junior: P. Taylor

Special (Prof. Heath):

A. Meter.

Progress (Old Girls):

Senior: B. Evennett

Junior: G. Taylor

Elocution (Miss Abraham):

Senior: R. Wilson

Junior: G. Schouten

Riding (Mrs. Chamberlain):

Senior: D. Jacobsen

M. Whitsitt

Junior: J. Kalley

Most Improvement:

Senior: S. Butcher

M. Catchpole

Junior: S. Wattam

P. Baragwanath

Form VI:

R. Jackson

CUPS

English (Mr. Berry-Jennings): A. Lyle.

Tennis Singles: Senior, R. Jackson.

Junior, M. Brafield-Smith.

Goodman Cup (Sport): J. Rattray.

Progress in Swimming: S. Loeser.

Adlam Cup (Deportment): J. Wood.

Senior Gym (Dukes Cup): P. Geekie.

Junior Gym (presented by Miss Miller): L. Rodick.

Dux Cup (Head Girl): Diana Kanaar.

Interhouse TENNIS: Rhodes.

SWIMMING: Connaught.

HOCKEY: Rhodes.

GYM (Junior): Athlone.

GYM (Senior): Rhodes.

Aggregate Cup: Connaught.



P. MACE
(St. John's, 1948—1953)

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1956**Matriculation and School Leaving Certificates :**

1st Class :	(M)	J. Collier.
2nd Class :	(M)	I. Caminsky.
	(M)	J. Clowes.
	(M)	G. Driver.
	(M)	B. Evennett.
	(SL)	E. Griffiths.
	(M)	A. Lyle.
	(M)	G. Youngleson.
3rd Class :	(SL)	J. Allenbrook.
	(SL)	W. Bastard.
	(M)	H. Fletcher.
	(SL)	F. Garrett.
	(SL)	P. Geekie.
	(M)	R. Jackson.
	(SL)	C. Joyner.
	(SL)	E. Lynch.
	(SL)	W. Maling.
	(SL)	M. J. Mildenhall.
	(SL)	J. Miller.
	(SL)	M. Nilsen.
	(SL)	J. Rattray.
	(SL)	P. Stacey.
	(SL)	R. Wallis.
	(SL)	J. Wood.

Junior Certificate :

1st Class, 1st Division, University and Provincial Bursaries :

	E. Gray.
1st Class :	A. Meter.
	J. Scott.
	N. Stewart.
	S. Wilkinson.
2nd Class :	A. Braby.
	W. Clarke.
	M. Crookes.
	V. Gace.
	G. Illing.
	C. Jamieson.
	P. Thompson.
	L. Steyn.
3rd Class :	J. Ivins.
	E. Mann.
	J. Raw.

Voorbereidende Taaleksamen :

<i>Hoër Graad :</i>	D. Camp (<i>met lof</i>).
	R. Gower.
	D. Turner.
<i>Laer Graad :</i>	R. Allenbrook.
	G. Croft.
	H. Jackson.
	V. Lund.
	L. McKenzie.
	L. Peattie.
	P. Ridgway.
	M. Richards.
	E. Stewart.
	D. Wood.

PREFECTS, 1957

R. Chapman (*Head Girl*).
 J. Buchanan-Clarke.
 M. Dinkelman.
 J. Gardner.
 C. McKenzie.
 R. Wilson.
 M. Logan.
 B. Shaw.

THE CHAPEL

It is a very comforting thought to all the girls at St. John's to know that we have our own Chapel, where we can go for peace and for comfort from God at any time. We all feel the urgent necessity, at some time or another, to go somewhere where we can be completely alone, and can meditate in peace.

It would be symbolic if the Chapel were built in the very centre of the school grounds, for the whole school is centred on the Chapel, while, our lives at school rotate around it. Even our school motto: "Laborare est Orare," shows this: To work is to pray . . . I do not think we all realise how true this is, for it is only through prayer that we obtain the strength to work and also to play.

The Chapel also provides our strongest link with the Sisters, for, although they are not still at St. John's, we still keep in close contact with them, and appreciate any visits from them. The Sisters founded

the Chapel, and the traditions we now carry on are those which were formed by them as the years passed.

The most notable occasion of the year in the Chapel is the St. John's Day service, which commemorates the founding of the school, and is attended by the Old Girls. It is, I think, the most beautiful service I have ever attended, as the choir is trained for weeks beforehand, and the girls always give their best on St. John's Day. There is also a Confirmation Service conducted by the Bishop every June, and at the beginning of the year the Prefects are blessed and given their badges in a short but beautiful service.

The Chapel has a beautiful, peaceful atmosphere, and, although it is built simply, great beauty lies in the simplicity. The Virgin Altar, which is more elaborate, the picture of the Virgin and Child, which hangs on the Sanctuary wall near the altar, and the flowers which are on the altar lend colour to the Chapel.

Girls will continue to work and to pray at St. John's for many years yet, and I am sure they will all appreciate as much as we do now, the great part the Chapel plays in our life.

EVELYN GRAY, *Form V.*



THE SCHOOL DIARY

APRIL, 1956

- 10 School re-opened. Mrs. Bynoe returned to school after her sick leave.
- 14 Professor Heath gave the senior school a very interesting talk on Fine Arts. A Youth Club meeting was held after the talk.
- 25 A number of girls in the senior school attended a musical performance given by the Durban Civic Orchestra.
- 25 A tennis match was played against Epworth, the result being a win to us by 73 games to 44.
- 28 A most successful fifth and sixth form dance was held in the school hall.

M A Y

- 1 The first and second hockey teams played their first match of the season against Epworth. The first team played here at St. John's and the second team played away. The first team score was 4—3 to Epworth and the second team lost 3—1.
- 5 A tennis match was played against the Old Girls. The result was a win to the Old Girls by 90 games to 84.
Six girls attended the Michaelhouse dance.
- 6 St. John's Day was celebrated. A beautiful service was held in the Chapel and breakfast was attended by about 62 Old Girls.
- 10 "Union Day," a free day for the school.
- 12 Mr. Coubrough showed us some films on travel.
Eleven girls attended the College dance.
- 14 A number of senior school girls attended a musical performance by Walter Klein.
- 19 A friendly hockey match was played against Wykeham. The first team won 5—2 and it was a draw in the second team match 1—1.
Eleven girls attended the Marist dance.
- 21 The half-yearly exams. started.
- 25 Jill Collier represented St. John's in the Jan Hofmeyr contest and did very well.
- 27 A junior tennis team played a friendly match against Cordwalles, the score being 116—60 to Cordwalles.
- 29 A friendly hockey match was played against Tech. The first team score was 4—0 to us and the second team score was 5—0 to us.
Sixth Form attended a play at Training College called "St. Joan".
- 30 School closed at the usual time, but the boarders all went away, as we were given a free week-end till Sunday, 3rd June.

J U N E

- 4 School started again after the free week-end.
- 7 Form II upwards went to a production of "The Tempest" at the open-air theatre at Michaelhouse.
- 8 Form IV upwards went to an Afrikaans play at Training College.
- 9 A film was shown here at school called "Lorna Doone".
- 13 Twenty girls were confirmed in our Chapel by the Bishop.
- 15 The junior inter-house gym competition was held, Athlone winning by 78 points, Connaught being second with 64 points and Rhodes third with 62 points.

- 16 A friendly hockey match was played against Ixopo by our first and second teams. The first team won 6—1 and the second team won 5—1.
A most successful concert was held in the school hall in the evening, which was a display of dancing and elocution.
- 19 Mr. Henry Miles gave us a presentation of Shakespearean works.
- 20 The senior inter-house gym competition was held, the result being Rhodes first, followed by Connaught and Athlone.
- 23 The first hockey team played a match against St. Anne's, and the result was a draw 2—2.
- 25 From Form I upwards went to see the musical production of "No, No, Nanette."
- 26 Form I went to see "The Tempest" at Epworth.
The inter-house hockey matches were played, with Rhodes coming first, then Connaught, then Athlone.
- 27 School closed at 12 noon for those who wished to go to the Show.
- 29 School closed at twelve o'clock for the July holidays.

J U L Y

- 25 School re-opened.

A U G U S T

- 4 Mr. Cornell showed us some beautiful pictures of his winter tour overseas.
- 11 Our first hockey team played a friendly hockey match here at school against Voortrekker. We lost 3—2.
A number of senior girls attended an Afrikaans Cantata at the Town Hall.
- 12 Our A tennis team played a friendly tennis match against Cordwalles and lost. Our under fifteen team also played Cordwalles here at St. John's, and they also lost.
- 17 Some of the juniors went to a University play called "The Emperor's New Clothes".
- 18 A few of the girls went to a dancing display given by Mrs. Graham.
Two friendly hockey matches were played against Russell High. The first team won 6—0 and the second team won 5—0.
A most successful fancy dress party was held in the evening in aid of Connaught funds for the fête.
- 21 The school photographs were taken. A friendly hockey match was played between our first team and a team from Marist's. The score was 8—1 to Marist's.



J. WHITELAW

- 23 A friendly hockey match was played between our second team and a team from Voortrekker High School here at St. John's. We won 3—0.
- 24 A most successful sports afternoon was held in aid of Rhodes funds.
A few seniors went to see a play produced by Girls' High School called "Lady Precious Stream".
- 25 Boarders' free Saturday.
- 28 A hockey match was played here at St. John's by our first team and the first team from Collegiate. St. John's won 11—0.
- 30 Our second hockey team played a friendly hockey match against Collegiate and won 6—0.

S E P T E M B E R

- 1 Three hockey matches were played here against Durban Girls' College. Our first team won 5—1, second team won 3—0, third team won 3—0.
A film called "Conquest of Everest" was held here in the evening.
- 3 "Settlers' Day". A school holiday.
- 5 The first and second hockey teams went to watch a match against Rhodesia and Maritzburg A.
A few of the seniors went to listen to the world-famous 'cellist in the Town Hall.
- 6 A number of seniors went to see "Julius Caesar" produced by the University.
- 7 Form Five and two girls from Form Six went to hear the finals of the Jan Hofmeyr speech contest held in the Convent Hall.
- 13 A friendly hockey match was played here at St. John's between our first team and a team from G.H.S., the score being 3—0 to G.H.S.
- 14 Trial examinations started.
- 15 Two hockey matches were played against Convent. Our first team won 3—2 and our second team won 5—1.
Two films, which were ordered by Mrs. Franklin, were shown in the evening.
- 19 Two friendly netball matches were played here against Longmarket Street School. The Std. 4's lost 14—2 and Std. 5 lost 8—6.
- 21 A friendly hockey match was played between our second hockey team against G.H.S. at G.H.S. The result was a win to G.H.S. 3—0.
- 23 Std. 6's put on a very successful production of scenes from "Midsummer Night's Dream".

- 25 The finals of the junior and senior tennis championships were played. G. Youngleson and R. Jackson played the senior finals, R. Jackson winning. M. Brafield-Smith and C. Braham played the junior finals, M. Brafield-Smith winning.
- 26 An afternoon of music was presented by the music pupils.
- 27 A singer and a pianist from Rhodes University gave a very successful concert here in the hall.
- 28 School broke up for the Michaelmas holidays.

O C T O B E R

- 11 School re-opened.
- 13 A friendly tennis match was played here between our first team and a team from Wykeham, St. John's winning 80—37.
- 16 Mr. Henry Miles gave us a lecture on speech and poetry.
- 18 The first rounds of the inter-house tennis competition were played.
- 19 A Doll Show was held in aid of funds for the fête.
- 20 A friendly tennis match was played between our first and second teams and teams from Russell High. The first team won 105—34 and the second team won 97—20.
- 26 Some Form III girls wrote the Taalbond exams.
The juniors were taken to see the film "African Lion".
Some girls belonging to the Arts League of Youth attended a sports meeting.
A party was given by the Old Girls for the Sixth Form and the girls in Fifth Form who are leaving.
- 27 The senior girls were taken to see the film "African Lion".
- 29 The Fifth Form took over the prefects' duties.

N O V E M B E R

- 2 The inter-house gala was held, Connaught coming first, then Rhodes, then Athlone.
- 3 A number of Form V and Form VI went to Training College to see "The Black Eye".
- 10 Our first tennis team played against G.H.S., the result being a win to G.H.S.
A film was shown in the hall in the evening called "Wizard of Oz".
- 12 The school examinations commenced.
- 16 The Sixth Form left for their free week-end.
- 17 Boarders' free Saturday.
- 22 J.C. picnic.
- 23 The J.C.'s and Matrics started their exams.
The Fifth Form gave the Sixth Form a farewell party.

- 24 Mr. Coubrough showed us some very interesting travel films.
- 30 A braaivleis was organised by the Old Girls for the Sixth Form.

DECEMBER

- 2 The Christmas dinner, enjoyed by all.
- 6 Annual Carol Service was well attended, arranged by Mrs. Bynoe, and the Nativity Play was performed by Fifth Form.
- 7 The Annual Prize Giving was held and school broke up for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Alan Paton presented the prizes.

JANUARY, 1957

- 29 School re-opened. Mrs. Stewart unable to return on account of illness.

FEBRUARY

- 6 Blessing of prefects in the Chapel.
- 9 Doll Show organised by Old Girls in school hall in aid of fête funds.
- 14 First meeting of the Debating Society.

MARCH

- 2 Talent Contest organised by Connaught for school fête.
- 4 Athlone cake sale in aid of school fête.
- 9 The film "Little Women" came to the school.
- 14 Cake sale organised by the Old Girls in aid of the school fête.

MUSIC NOTES

Work during the year has gone steadily forward—entries for and results in public examinations have been very satisfactory, and the number of pianoforte pupils continues to increase.

Just at this particular time, with Diamond Jubilee celebrations almost upon us, it seems a pity to have regrets, but, paradoxically, the reason points to advancements: briefly, that practising facilities have failed to keep pace with the demand.

Looking back on past difficulties which have in some way or another been surmounted, we have high hopes for the future.

With few exceptions, music plays a major or minor part in the life of the school—in the daily routine and in a fuller sense at public functions. One can only assess progress by keeping pace with the

fast-moving pattern and the passing of each milestone satisfactorily. Our young musicians keep abreast of the stream and, I believe, realise that their efforts are very worthwhile.

In the appreciation and musical literature section we have consolidated definite aims, enabling each class to hear, appreciate and to learn about all branches of music making. Only by carefully directed listening can one learn to discriminate and appreciate the best—be it in the field of the classics, the modern school or Jazz. "An appetite for good music grows by feeding" (Percy Scholes). We strive to provide the "feeding" by creating a desire for music of good quality, so helping towards the development of a cultured taste and background.

Mrs. Evans has most kindly donated a prize for this subject, and we thank her for her interest and encouragement.

We were sorry to say "goodbye" to Miss Dittrich and Miss Shaw at the end of the year—the latter to take up residence in England. Both carry with them our very good wishes for the future and our thanks for their work at St. John's.

Miss Rosemary Brookes, Licentiate of Capetown University, and herself an ex-St. John's pupil, has joined the music staff and will take over the Senior Singing Classes and Pianoforte.

Mrs. Deeble, L.R.A.M., will assist with Junior Singing Classes and Pianoforte and Mr. Max Herman is taking care of the string section. We extend a sincere welcome to them all and hope they will be happy in their work at St. John's.

During the year the Senior Students have attended several celebrity recitals and orchestral performances in the City Hall—notably the Mozart Commemoration Concert during May, at which the famous Austrian pianist, Walter Klein, was the soloist.

On September 5 the renowned 'cellist Pi  rre Fournier charmed us all with his exquisite artistry. The visit of the Durban Orchestra under the able baton of Frits Schuurman, as always, provided an exciting evening's entertainment.

To many who attended an Afrikaans sacred cantata for the first time the performance given by the combined Voortrekker Ho  rskool en die Eeufees-Kerk Koor in "Dawid die Herderseun," proved most enjoyable and impressive.

During September Mr. Norman Bailey (baritone) and Dr. Rupert Meyer (pianoforte), both of Rhodes University, visited the school and gave a most delightful joint recital to an appreciative audience.

To celebrate the bi-centenary of Mozart's birth, the first half of students' recital this year was devoted to works by this composer.

The stage was set in the style of a drawing room in Sch  nbrunn Palace near Vienna, where Mozart entertained the Royal Family as a child. A narrative, outlining briefly Mozart's all too short life was

read, during which various Minuets, vocal melodies and Sonatas were performed sympathetically by the students as a tribute to this great musician with a loving heart.

The second half of the recital was more varied, and all performers from Percussion Band members to soloists, duettists, groups playing two piano works and Senior Choir members gave a large gathering of parents and friends an interesting and enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

On December 6 Laurence Housman's Nativity play, "Bethlehem" was enacted by the Fifth Form, and it was evident that the deep meaning and beauty of the text was appreciated by both players and audience alike. This two-act play, written in free verse, left a deep impression on all. Suitable Carols and Christmas melodies woven into the story were sung by the Senior Choir. The hall was beautifully decorated with white arum lilies and soft candle-light created an atmosphere of quiet beauty suited to this joyous season.



Music Examination Results

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Practical Examinations:—

- Grade I: Pass: C. Bassett.
- Grade II: Pass: D. Medway, C. Smither.
- Grade IV: Pass: G. Croft, M. Muir.
- Grade V: Merit: H. Jackson.
- Pass: M. Grice, A. Ireland, A. Radmore.

Trinity College of Music—

Practical Examination—

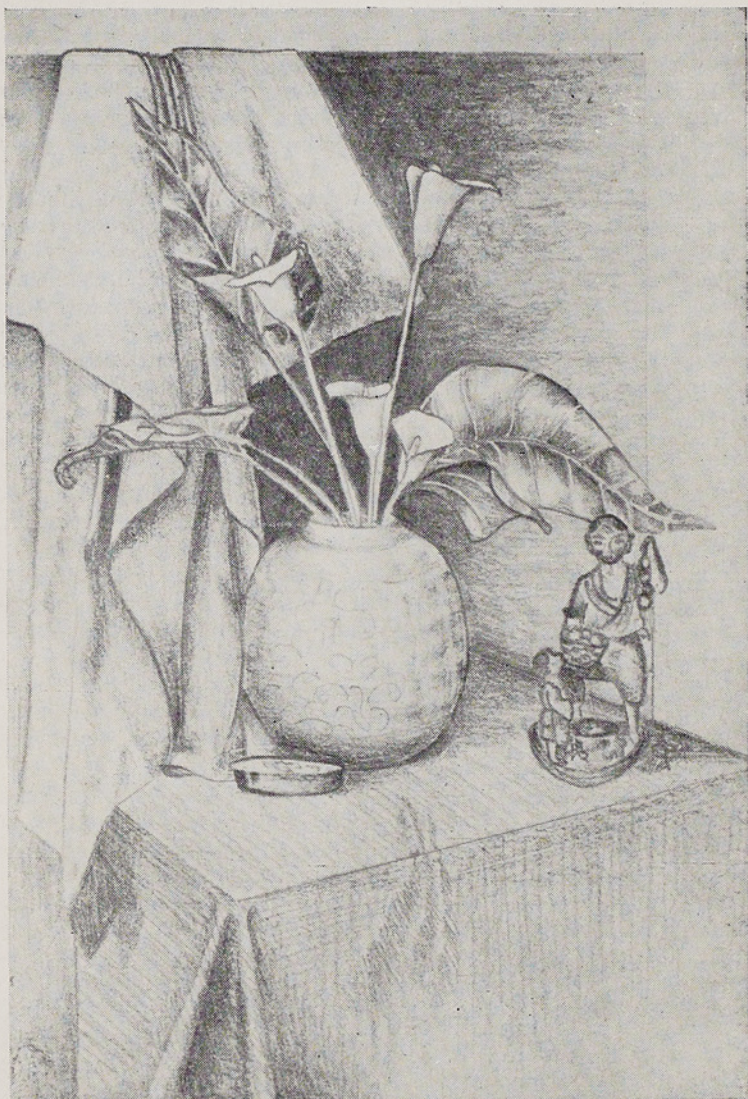
- Grade V Merit: D. Turner.

Theoretical Examinations:

- Grade I Honours: L. Dent, S. Wattam, G. McKenzie.
- Merit: K. Nilsen.
- Grade II Merit: E. Tremearne.
- Grade III Honours: P. Ridgway.

Music Prizes:

- M. Grice (Junior), J. Rattray (Senior).
- Musical Appreciation: D. Turner.



GAIL DRIVER
(St. John's, 1952—1956)

ART AT ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL

Unfortunately (or fortunately?) I cannot give a full account of Art at St. John's during its sixty glorious years: to condense the history of almost seven years of Art teaching here into a few words is a most difficult task, when considering how eventful that relatively short space of time has been. Admittedly it has not always been an easy matter (as some are inclined to believe), but the ultimate fruits have been so rewarding that they have done much to outweigh all other problems.

On the debit side must be the criticism that we still lack the essential amenities of an Art Room with correct lighting and running water, for the necessary painting facilities. It must be appreciated that the teaching of Art can be a messy as well as a tricky business. Gradually, however, we have been able to build up a fairly comprehensive library of Art Reference books from almost rock-bottom. Everyone knows that Art books are exorbitantly expensive. Here, as well as in the matter of reproductions of famous works, there is also much room for improvement.

Surely, of no other subject can it be said with so much truth that "if you want to be a teacher, by your pupils you'll be taught". Especially in the Primary School it has been my policy not to inflict any academics "do's" and "don'ts" but to encourage self-expression and to foster self-confidence. Of course, this has often been at the expense of chairs, cupboards and pathways floating around against walls or in the sky, but the results are usually spontaneous and refreshing—two characteristics lost all too soon with the greater sophistication of adolescence and the advent of the secondary school years.

However, the strict discipline of Design does much to bridge the transition between these two stages. Most pupils in the senior school realise with a shock that what was considered as a recreational subject in the junior standards actually taught them much more than they were consciously aware of at the time. They soon discover that Art as a Matriculation subject is an exacting as well as a demanding course. What the teacher discovers with an almost equal shock is that the Art Room (such as it is!) becomes the locale for the teaching of History, Geography, Language, Literature, Spelling and even Applied Mathematics!

To put it in a nutshell, the senior Art students come to earth so suddenly and so definitely that it takes much time and effort to disentangle them again!

The girls at St. John's taking Art as an examination subject are always very keen and have put much extra time and energy into their work. Their success is due to their keenness. They soon realise that to complete three full courses—that of Composition (which

includes Design, Figure Drawing and Painting), Still Life or Perspective Drawing and History (which spans the whole history of civilisation from pre-historic times up to our present day!)—in preparation for an eight-hour Matriculation examination requires a great deal of sacrifice. Fortunately, many (if not all!) enjoy the sacrifice.

Relatively our classes are very small, averaging usually only as few as four pupils per class. At present we have only eighteen scholars taking Art in the High School—the largest number to date. When it is remembered that there are quite a number of other Secondary Schools with as many pupils sometimes in each of the four upper forms, we have much reason to be proud and grateful for all Art awards obtained in inter-school competitions. We enter regularly in most (if not all) classes in the Schools Section of the Royal Agricultural Show and the Azalea Week Art Competition and sometimes even in the Payne Bros. Competition. This keeps us very busy, and our results have always been most rewarding. In 1955 (the only year in which we made an all-out effort to do so, by entering in various different sections as required and not just in Art alone), we were successful in winning the Inter-Schools' Trophy at the Royal Show. What makes us most grateful is the large proportion of our entered work which is usually exhibited.

But to me especially, teaching Art at St. John's, the most gratifying result must surely be the fact that every year has seen at least one girl leaving school to pursue Art as her future career. Some have gone as far afield as London, Capetown and Durban or have entered the local Art Department of the Natal University, to which we have been fortunate in obtaining Art Scholarships at the end of 1955 and 1956 respectively.

To these and all other girls from St. John's intending to continue with Art, whether to teach it or for any other purpose, I should like to express the wish that it will make them as happy as it does me. I am sure it will.

E. H. NEL (*Art Mistress*).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society has been started again, and the sixty members seem most enthusiastic. There have been three debates this term, including one against the "Old Girls".

We are hoping to arrange inter-school debates next term and are also entering a candidate for the Jan Hofmeyr Speech Contest.

P. KINGSLEY-HALL.



HOCKEY REPORT

The hockey season for 1956 has been most successful in that not only has the general standard improved but the teams have been inspired by a wonderful team spirit for which our thanks go to Miss Miller for her unfailing encouragement and co-operation.

The fact that Mrs. A. van Niekerk, a Springbok player, coached the teams once a week also caused enthusiasm amongst the players, and her advice was greatly valued.

The inter-schools hockey trials proved one of the most successful yet for St. John's. Seven girls were chosen as possibles, and of the seven, four were chosen to play for Pietermaritzburg: G. Youngleson for the A team; M. Nilsen, R. Jackson and J. Allenbrook for the B team. Colours were awarded to P. Geekie, M. Nilsen, J. Allenbrook, J. Rattray, J. Buchanan-Clarke, C. Joyner and J. Wood.

The inter-form matches were played near the end of the season. Competition was keen and the school's enthusiastic turn-out gave full support to various form teams. These matches were won by Sixth Form, closely followed by Fourth Form.

Once again the most popular friendly match of the season was that against Durban Girls' College. Three College teams came up to Pietermaritzburg; the day was most successful and we all enjoyed it.

Another friendly match was against Marist's. Although Marist's won, the match was very exciting and afforded good practice for the 1st team.

Inter-house matches were played towards the end of the first half of the season. The results were: Rhodes 1st, Connaught 2nd and Athlone 3rd.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Grant for their kindness in providing us with tea and refreshments after the matches.

Lastly, we should like to say again, thank you, Miss Miller, for everything you have done for us this season in making it such a success.

JUNE WOOD.

League Matches

FIRST TEAM:

May 1	Epworth	lost	4—3
May 28	Technical College	won	4—0
May 18	Wykeham	won	5—2
June 18	Ixopo	won	6—0
June 23	St. Anne's	draw	2—2
Aug. 11	Voortrekker	lost	3—2
Aug. 18	Russell High	won	6—0
Aug. 28	Collegiate	won	11—0
Sept. 13	G.H.S.	lost	3—0

SECOND TEAM:

May 1	Epworth	lost	3—1
May 28	Wykeham	draw	1—1
May 18	Technical College	won	5—0
June 18	Ixopo	won	5—1
Aug. 18	Russell High	won	5—0
Aug. 23	Voortrekker	won	3—0
Aug. 30	Collegiate	won	6—0
Sept. 13	G.H.S.	lost	3—0

Friendlies

St. John's 1st lost to St. Charles' 2—1.

1st, 2nd, 3rd teams vs. Durban Girls' College:

1st Team won 5—2.

2nd Team won 3—0.

3rd Team won 3—0.

TENNIS

Inter-House Tennis: Won by Rhodes, with Connaught second, Athlone third.

Tennis Championships: Senior, S. Jackson.

Junior, M. Brafield-Smith.

Teams:—

1st VI: R. Jackson* (Capt.), J. Clowes,* G. Youngleson,* B. Evennett*, J. Rattray*, L. McKenzie. * Colours.

2nd VI: C. Joyner (Capt.), J. Allenbrook, C. McKenzie, R. Wallis, J. Miller, J. Gardner.

Reserves: D. Kanaar. W. Bastard.

League Matches (Ist VI)

		<i>Games</i>
Feb. 11 :	Collegiate	Lost 72—41
Mar. 10 :	St. Anne's	Lost 63—54
Mar. 24 :	Convent	Won 78—39
Apr. 25 :	Epworth	Won 73—44
Oct. 13 :	Wykeham	Won 85—37
Oct. 20 :	Russell High	Won 105—13
Nov. 10 :	G.H.S.	Lost 71—46

Friendly Matches

		<i>Games</i>
Mar. 3 :	Ixopo	Won 71—25
May 10 :	Old Girls	Win to Old Girls

2nd VI:

		<i>Games</i>
Mar. 3 :	Ixopo	Won 53—46
Mar. 10 :	St. Anne's	Lost 71—46
Mar. 24 :	Convent	Won 80—37
Oct. 20 :	Russell High	Won 97—20

UNDER 15:

		<i>Games</i>
Feb. 19 :	Cordwalles	Lost 105—71
May 27 :	Cordwalles	Lost 116—60
Aug. 12 :	Cordwalles	Lost 108—96

A TEAM—

Cordwalles	Lost 109—52
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We are pleased to notice that more interest has been shown in Tennis this year than in previous years, and we hope that it will continue.

Our congratulations go to B. Evennett and J. Rattray on winning their colours this season.

We are most grateful to Miss Miller, who has given up so much of her time in helping us at our team practices, and at odd moments, and we all feel that we have benefited from her sound advice.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Ross, who has come to help with the Junior Coaching, and we hope that she will be happy at St. John's, and we should like Miss Vine to know that we appreciate all that she has done in helping the Juniors.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Brown and Miss Wortmann for providing us with such generous teas when our matches were at home.

Best of luck for the future.

R. JACKSON (Capt.).

SWIMMING

This year we were unable to enter for the Inter-Schools Swimming Gala owing to the polio epidemic. This was a great disappointment. However, we were able to go and watch the event.

The Inter-House Gala was held on Friday, 2nd November. Results were: Connaught 91½, Rhodes 45½, Athlone 34.

The Progress Cup was awarded to S. Loeser and swimming colours to J. Wood, P. Stacey, P. Sinclair and J. Ratray.

We were very grateful to Mrs. Jackson, who came to judge the diving, and we feel that the standard of swimming was a reflection of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by Miss Miller this year. The introduction of water ballet as an item for the gala was a great success. We also appreciate the interest that has been taken in the upkeep of the Swimming Bath this season.

J. RATTRAY (Capt.).

GYM, 1956

We were sorry to lose Miss Gillitt at the end of 1955, but we were pleased to welcome Miss Miller in her place. Our gym lessons have proved to be enjoyable and instructive, as Miss Miller has introduced free movement at St. John's. This modern method of teaching has trained us to use our own initiative, and it has helped us to develop a fearless attitude towards our work.

We are grateful to Mr. Braham, who judged the interhouse competition. His comments were encouraging and constructive. The results of the Junior competition were: Athlone first, Connaught second and Rhodes third and in the seniors, Rhodes first, Connaught second and Athlone third.

Congratulations to those who received their gym colours this year! The Dukes Cup was presented to P. Geekie.

We wish to thank Miss Miller very much for the interest she has shown in our work. We are very sorry to hear that she is leaving us and we wish her luck for the future.

P GEEKIE (Capt.)

NETBALL

During this season the juniors have shown great interest in their netball and have shown a great improvement under the coaching of Miss Miller and Miss Drake. During the season several friendly matches were played.

Our thanks go to Miss Drake and especially to Miss Miller for showing so much interest in the Junior Netball.

SPORT, 1957

The tennis season started off well with our first team winning by a lead of 63 games to 54 against Epworth. The score of the second team was 76 games to Epworth and 41 to us. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Unfortunately that was the only match we could play as all competitive sport had to be cancelled owing to the Polio epidemic.

We are hoping, however, to enter for the Smythe Trophy which is to be played on the 30th of March.



IMPRESSIONS OF A SPRINGBOK HOCKEY TOUR

Many times have I been asked about the Springbok Hockey Tour in Australia, and whenever possible the reply I give is my "photographs." Photographs which bring vividly to mind memories of people, hockey, new sights, new experiences, excitement, tiredness and the continual alertness of observing everything, determined to miss nothing.

I remember well the keen anticipation of our arrival at Fremantle, our first touch with Australian soil. How slowly the ship berthed, how impatiently we waited for the gangplanks to be lowered. Eagerly we scanned the upturned faces on the docks, wondering who were the West Australian hockey players to meet us. Immediately we linked up, into cars we were packed and driven along the twelve mile double highway to Perth—the Swan City, situated on a wide sweep of the Swan river which, at this point is like a large inland lake. How did the river get its name, and Perth become the Swan City? Think of the impression it would make on sea-weary sailors reaching for the first time a strange uncharted land, to see swans, not white swans, but black ones, regal and solitary, gliding down the river waters!

Then comes back the memory of the enjoyment of playing hockey, the thrill of taking the field for South Africa, the living springiness of good green turf, the loose freedom of running and the

pulsing heart of a hockey team. For these were the things that took us so far. These were the things that took us to the international women's hockey tournament in Australia, to long days at the hockey fields, superb matches and enjoyment of outdoor life.

Especially do I remember the people we met; Australian folk, English, Indians, Canadians, Americans, Irish, Scotch and Dutch. Into Australian homes we went, Australian cities we explored in the short time available.

In Sydney, the traffic of London seemed to have transplanted itself, so we were not allowed to forget that Sydney is the Commonwealth's third largest city. But this is not what strikes you about Sydney. It is the Sydney Harbour and Bridge which give Sydney a distinction of its own. This natural harbour cuts into the heart of Sydney and its suburbs. At no point is the whole expanse of the Harbour visible and the Bridge is the only roadway across the waters. It towers sheer above the surroundings in perfect symmetry and poise. An unforgettable sight it was one late afternoon as the sun was setting. The hockey teams had crossed the harbour by ferry and returning, we saw the Bridge outlined in the distance, then nearer and nearer, its giant steel trellis work black against a far-flung pink and blue sky.

Melbourne too has its charm, with its narrow Yarra river winding gently through the city, the embankments lined with parks and trees. The Olympic Games site is situated on the river's edge and many beautiful, simply-designed bridges give this river an old world atmosphere, reminiscent of the ancient canal city of Amsterdam.

Canberra, Armidale and Tamworth — these towns we passed through. Kangaroos, wallabies, kookaburras, the platypus, wombats — these typical Australian fauna we saw. The magnificent Australian beaches, the Blue Mountains and the famous Australian gum trees are all memorable. We went to play hockey, but we enjoyed just as much the exciting experience of visiting a new, friendly and beautiful country.

MARY USHER
(St. John's, 1941-1949)

THE RIVER

High up in the hazy blue-grey hills a small stream creeps out from beneath a pile of rocks and green fern, standing like sentinels on either side of the small furrow. The bed of the stream is paved with hundreds of smooth stones, some round, some flat, forming a vividly-shining mosaic floor. Although it is early in the day, the sunlight grows ever brighter and winks and twinkles on the waters of the small stream, casting patterns on the stones below.

Before long the stream grows bolder, for it is in summer time, the sun is mounting the stairway of the sky and the world is large and gay. Humming to itself, the water slips on, now tumbling a crab over, now leaping gaily over a small shelf of rock.

Each living thing has phases of development and suddenly the stream finds itself enveloped in a larger body of water. It knows now that it is no longer a child, but part of the great, proud river, making its way to the sea. With its new-found strength it plucks off an overhanging bough, bends the reeds or tugs at a boulder protruding from the towering bank.

On and on goes the river, moving more slowly now, savouring the spicy smell of the bush and listening to the sleepy hum of insects. Noon rests her heavy hand upon the earth and all things move slowly. Curling and twisting like a child's skipping-rope thrown down upon the ground, the river gradually descends until a slight breeze springs up, sending a shiver of expectation along the moving mass of water.

Evening is approaching as the fresh sea air starts drifting inland to meet the river. With new hope it moves a little faster, lapping against the towering rocky walls and reaching up playfully towards the palm trees, the grasses and the cool crevices where water drips with an icy tinkle.

The ruddy face of the sun is turned to say a last farewell as the river rounds the final rocky outcrop and rushes down to clasp the outstretched hands of the waves, while every beast and bird is still, awed by the splendour of the sunset.

ALISON LYLE
(St. John's, 1949-1956)

SIXTH FORM

Horrors, oh horrors! Our study is locked,
Our haven of refuge securely blocked.
The floor—so untidy!—with muddles is strewn,
Our names on the cupboard are carefully hewn.
The tap is left on to trickle all night;
In Mrs. Brown's eyes that's surely not right.

The rock 'n roll music the staff cannot stand
Blares forth through the windows like Bill Haley's band.
"But how can we work?" they sadly complain,
"No wonder work's bad with that in your brain."
But we're "reel gone cats," we most gladly confess.
"Do we like all that rubbish?" "Yes, oh yes!"

"Sixty for two," the announcer declares;
A wild mob of Sixth Formers rush up the stairs
To huddle agog 'round the radio set:
"Oh dear and oh dear! Compton isn't out yet."
How can we work when we long to be told
That Bailey, who's batted for hours, has been bowled?

The heat's just killing, we can't think at all,
Our minds still remain as blank as a wall.
We rack our brains, but the answers won't come;
We agree with the staff, we really are dumb.
But in this climate what schoolgirl's to blame?
How can we possibly ever reach fame?

The future looks gloomy; Matric is ahead;
The burden of work's as heavy as lead.
Our last year at school—just think about that!
This makes us work like a scalded cat.
Someone once said, "Fame is the spur,"
But to us this thought just doesn't occur.

BETTY SHAW, *Form VI.*

A RIDDLE

My first is in pass, but not in fail;
My second is in track, but not in rail;
My third is in joy, but not in sorrow;
My fourth is in month, and also tomorrow;
My fifth is in high, but not in low;
My sixth is in knot, but not in bow;
My seventh is in school, but not in college;
My whole is the place where I gain all my knowledge.

ANSWER: St. John's.

C. JAMIESON, *Form V.*

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR AT SCHOOL

Although the last few days of the year, with the Carol Service and Prize-Giving and the long Christmas holidays in front of one, are very exciting, the first few days of a new year at school are, perhaps, even more exciting.

One misses the old sixth formers and other girls and mistresses who have left the school, but there is the excitement of having a new sixth form and there are always many new girls to take the places of those who have left.

The new girls look a little lost at first, but they soon settle down. There is great excitement amongst the older girls if one of the new girls is said to be outstanding at sport, gym or music and we all hope that she will be in our house.

Besides the new girls there are usually new mistresses and matrons. The girls wonder if the new music teacher plays the piano well or whether the new gym mistress is a good hockey coach.

There is always much to talk about after the holidays, Christmas presents, parties and picnics to be discussed, and for at least two nights whispered conversations may be heard late in the night.

Then there is also the excitement of one's new room-mates in a new dormitory, the new classroom and form-mistress and being in a higher form.

Early on, at the beginning of the term, the prefects are blessed in the Chapel and they then start their duties in earnest. They are compared with the prefects of the previous year and are usually said to be much stricter.

One soon finds, however, that the days, and the weeks, fly by and we are all once more counting the days which remain before the next holidays.

INGRID ELLIOT, *Form IV*

PRIZE-GIVING ON THE LAST DAY

It is about half-past eight and all the scholars arrive at school with their clean white dresses on ready for prize giving. About nine o'clock we go into the hall for prayers. Then after prayers we go to our classrooms and wait, very impatiently, for the time when our parents will start arriving for prize-giving.

At eleven o'clock the whole school marches, class by class, into the hall. When the teachers are assembled on the stage, Mrs. Evans, the Bishop and the Chairman come in to give their speeches and to distribute the prizes. First of all the Bishop gives a speech, which is usually not very long, as he realises how excited we are to find our parents and go home for the holidays. Mrs. Evans then gives her report on the happenings of the past year.

Then comes the time for those girls who have worked hard throughout the year and deserve prizes. The Chairman usually gives the prizes out one by one as the girls come on to the stage. The cups are usually given out last of all for junior and senior tennis, house swimming, tennis and hockey. When the prizes have been given out, the whole assembly stands and sings the School Song, *Die Stem* and *God Save the Queen*.

Then comes the big moment when we are free from work for two months to go out and enjoy ourselves on the beach or at home.

INGRID CHRISTIANSEN, *Form IVB*.



B. SHAW

OUR SCHOOL

St. John's School, which was founded in 1897 by the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, stands on the outskirts of Pietermaritzburg. From the school grounds, looking towards Durban, can be seen a valley, where although it is out of bounds we are sometimes taken for walks if we cannot play games because of the rain. At the bottom of the hill is a stream, next to which grow numerous wild flowers, and the owls nestle in the grass.

The school itself stands on twenty-seven acres of ground. There is a swimming pool, with three diving boards, where once a year is held the school's house swimming gala. There are four tennis courts, a netball and hockey pitch.

The older buildings are built in the Cape Dutch style with gables. Recently a new sick bay has been built, and also a new block was built a few years ago with the kitchen and dormitories in it. The sixth and fifth forms each have their own study in which they are allowed to remain after school hours.

There are three houses: Connaught, Athlone and Rhodes. This year, as it is the Diamond Jubilee of the school, there is to be a large fête. Each house is to have its own stall and there is a competition to see which house can raise the most money.

In the library is beautiful old black oak furniture. It is there that many of the meetings are held. The school hall is also the gymnasium. It has ropes, wallbars, a box, springboard, mats, a horse and other items of equipment used during gymnastic lessons.

Once a year, when the prefects are appointed, most of the senior school go into the Chapel for the prefects' blessing. Also the Confirmation Service takes place there annually.

Behind the school is a place where the donkeys are kept. They are used for mowing the grass. Many girls have wanted to ride them, but as it is against the rules they have been unable to do so.

Although St. John's is smaller than other schools in and around Pietermaritzburg, I enjoy school, and after a long holiday I do not really mind going back.

PRISCILLA SINCLAIR, *Form IVB.*

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

My dear friends,

This is just a short essay to express my feelings about St. John's and to relate one or two of my adventures.

When I first visited St. John's High School I was approximately one year, three months and five days old. I was the centre of attraction when I arrived, and for some unknown reason the girls immediately called me Squink.

After the first few days I found myself really enjoying school life, which was extraordinary, considering my female friend, Snuff, had cautioned me that school was a terrible place. I was introduced eventually to Mrs. Evans and all the teaching staff, but, quite frankly, I became very attached to Mrs. Ossowski, the domestic science teacher, and I became her doting slave. Actually, she was very obliging when my internal organs were feeling the want of a morsel of food.

My adventures at St. John's were numerous, but I will try to recall one of the most exciting ones and relate it to you.

Oh, yes! Well I remember the fatal day when I was feeling the pangs of hunger rather more sharply than usual. Unfortunately, Mrs. Ossowski and the teaching staff were marking exam papers and, as you know, it is wise to avoid teachers on such occasions. I, sinner that I am, yielded to temptation, and, after stealing into the kitchen, I crouched behind a small grey Morris and devoured my illgotten mutton chop. Alack and alack! Even now, when I recall the following details, my tail slips between my legs. I was captured and found myself brutally locked in an S.P.C.A. van. Unfortunately, kind friends, I cannot reveal the secret formula, known only to animals, for escaping from the S.P.C.A. By my blessed lucky star, however, I did escape, and here I am, quite forgiven, I hope, and still fully appreciated.

And now, after this impromptu address, I must say farewell, and give some final advice. Never, never enter St. John's kitchen with any bad intentions. It's not worth it! Until we meet again,

Many tailwaggings, my sympathetic readers,
and a wuff-wuff to all.

Your affectionate doggie,

SQUINK.

SUSAN LOESER, *Form IV.*

BREAK AT ST. JOHN'S

It was break time again; the bell was ringing and sighs of relief passed throughout the school as girls put their books, pencils and pens away. Pupils were dismissed and they went to collect their tea and join other girls playing games in the play ground.

The see-saws near the Domestic Science rooms are a great joy to the pupils in the lower classes. The swings are also in great demand. From about Standard two to five the most popular game is rounders and all the trees in the play-ground are very nicely placed for 'posts'. When it rains the younger children play a type of 'catch' in and out of the pillars supporting the verandah in the quadrangle.

The middle and senior school usually stand around talking in the play ground or outside the sixth and fifth form classrooms. The boarders go over to the Boarding Establishment to receive the tea which is given out by a sixth former. Some girls go and sit in the grass in the playground and learn prep that has not been learnt properly for tests.

When the bell rings again, the juniors line up outside their classrooms and the middle school line up outside Form two, three and four. The head girl stands on the steps and the prefects stand near the girls to see that no-one talks. Then the head girl tells the forms to lead into the classrooms and break is over once more for another twenty-three hours and forty minutes.

SUSAN SMYTHE

Form II

A DONKEYS' CONVERSATION

Marmaduke: "Oh, Mildred, don't you think it's horrid that there is no activity for us at St. John's nowadays?"

Mildred: "Mm, at least there were the sports before, but now there's nothing for us to do but pull the mower and the rubbish cart."

Dorothea: "Do you remember how we used to plan which house would win and who would be ridden?"

Mildred: "And what fun it was to be decorated in mauve, red and blue. Actually I liked blue best, Marmaduke liked red, and Dorothea mauve, but you also liked pulling the mower so no wonder you liked Rhodes best."

Marmaduke: "Yes, and do you remember the time I bucked the prefect with brown curly hair? Um! it was Margaret"

Dorothea: "Didn't she land beautifully in the one and only thornpatch!"

Mildred: "Yes, do you remember Marmaduke bolted with the head girl towards St. Charles? I always thought she had an interest there."

Dorothea: "Well, now that there's been a change of staff perhaps there'll be a sports day again."

Marmaduke: "But those were the good old days. Now to get back to the present, here comes the stable-boy with our food, water and bedding."

MARION ABBOTT, *Form IIa.*

A PUPIL'S POINT OF VIEW

The bell for prayers,
Don't be late,
Prefects standing
Cannot wait.

Next lesson Maths,
'Get out books',
All have full marks.
Pleasant looks.

And after break
History, what!
'I had no notes,
So couldn't swot'.

Tennis racquet
Left behind.
'Next time a note
(I'm being kind)."

Prep is over,
Rest at last.
Hard day's work
Is in the past.

ROSEMARY LINSKOTT, *Form IIa.*

OVERHEARD IN THE STAFF ROOM

In my opinion the only people who should be taught subtraction by addition are bank clerks.

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So I said to her: "If Daddy says, 'Between you and me and the gate post,' it *must* be right."

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No child should learn the A, B, C, of a second language before he knows the X. Y. Z. of his own.

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One realises how right Darwin was when one hears the noises that emanate from the Tin Town Radiogram.

MODUS VIVENDI

(With apologies to "Punch")

To be mother of two, and wife of another,
And instructor of seventy-five
Is a modus vivendi a trifle exhausting,
But fun if you like to contrive.
If you jump out of bed at seven, not later,
(I don't like the morn in its prime)—
There's the butcher, he's waiting; and beds to be made —
You may, if you rush, be in time.
So to School. There's the bell. "Into line, please, Form IV.
Lost your book? Don't ask me. Go along."
And in order at last, with a sigh of relief,
We lift up our voice in song.
Finite Verbs; Gallic War; and the Supine in-u;
(How I'd love just to sit in the sun!)
Third Declension; Aeneid; a poem or two;
And now, at long last, it is one.

Small white dog, small black dog, with big eyes are pleading:
They do need a bath and a walk.
The lupins want weeding; the socks must be darned;
For dinner? Oh dear, there's that pork.
But it's fun all the same, and life's never dull,
And, although one long rush it may seem,
Some day, when I'm old, I'll have plenty of time
To sit in the sunshine and dream.

ANON.

LIFE IN MY WORLD

In my life I know nothing that is evil. I sleep with my brother cubs nestled up against my mother's warm body. I wriggle in closer; there is a cold wind blowing outside the cave, it whistles past. "Soon you will be out there hunting among your brothers," said my mother, when she saw my eyes were open. I shivered, "Surely not?" I asked. "Go back to sleep now, my darling," she whispered softly.

In my dream I see myself out in the jungle hunting with my brothers. We are alone in the veld. My elder brother sniffs the air. "There are some wild ducks just through the bush," he says. He goes forward first, he tells me to go round the other side of the bush, and if the ducks come out I must kill them. A

sudden spine-chilling feeling goes through me as I think of the terrible deed I must do. "No," I say to myself, "I will not do it." Suddenly I awake as my mother looks on me tenderly. "You have come from a terrible place," she says. I nestle in closer.

C BASSETT, *Form Ia*

PET SPARROW

One day when I was coming home from school at the beginning of the July holidays on my bicycle, I heard a dog barking. I looked round to see what he was barking at and saw a baby sparrow that could not fly. I took it home and was going to bring it back after the holidays.

During the holidays my mother took it outside to the next-door house, so that it could fly away.

Towards evening a storm started to come up and my mother thought that she had better go and find the bird. She was walking up the path when she heard a little chirping, looking around she saw my little sparrow.

In the early mornings it used to hop out of its box, and go into the kitchen to eat the butter.

It became such a pet that at the end of the holidays, I did not want to bring it back so I left it at home.

When our servants set the table it would wait on the end of the table. When I came in it would jump on to my shoulder.

The next week-end I took it outside to play with and the cat ate it.

LYNNE ALLENBROOK, *Form Ib.*

THE COMPETITION

The rising bell had rung quite a long time ago, but Jane and Pat were still in bed. It wasn't because they were sick, far from it! They were just lazy.

Suddenly Jane jumped out of bed as if she had been shot! I say, Pat," she gasped, "I've suddenly remembered that in the hall yesterday, Miss Graham said if anyone was late going down-stairs they would get two order-marks!" "Gosh, you're right," said Pat, "we'd better hurry or we'll never be ready in time." Both girls hurried as fast as they could, but in spite of all their efforts, they had just begun to comb their hair when the bell to go down-stairs rang. They quickly finished plaiting their hair and ran to the top of the stairs, and slid down the banisters as it was quicker than walking down. When they reached the bottom, there was Miss

Graham! "Take three order-marks," she snapped, "Two for being late and one for sliding down the banisters." With that she stalked away.

In hall that morning Miss Graham told all the girls that anyone who had over three order-marks would be gated for a competition which was to be held in the hall on Friday night. Anyone could enter and sing, dance or recite. There were prizes too, one for Seniors and one for Juniors, and one for the most popular. "I know a few people who will have to be very careful," Miss Graham finished off. "Goodness, if I manage to keep out of trouble until to-morrow night, it will be a miracle!" said Jane. Surprising to say, they both managed not to get another mark, though they had one or two narrow escapes. Jane and Pat loved climbing trees, and on Friday afternoon decided to have a game of touch in one of the trees. As luck would have it, just as the fun was at its highest, a mistress came along. She saw them immediately. "Come down from there at once," she cried, "you know you are not allowed to climb trees, don't you? You can go without sweets for a week!" "Whew!" said Pat, when the mistress had gone, "I really thought she was going to give us at least three order-marks."

They were good for the rest of the day. That night they did a funny little dance and won the Junior prize, which was a lovely box of chocolates. They didn't last long, you may be sure!

MARY INGLIS, *Form Ia.*

THE PEST

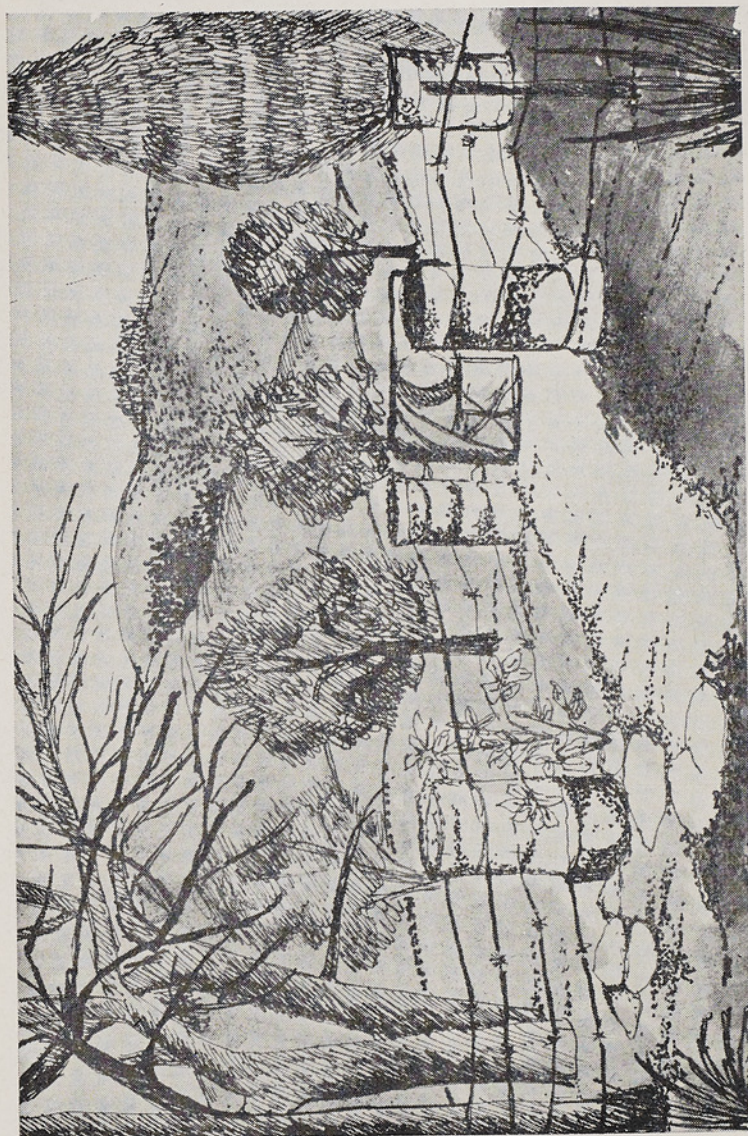
I am a moth,
I eat cloth.
I live in fur, drawers and cupboards,
But certainly not Mother Hubbard's.
So don't put things there for a rainy day,
Because I'll soon eat them away.

GAIL KURZ, *Std. III*

A VISIT TO THE ZOO

One day we went to the Zoo,
There were monkeys and a kangaroo.
A giraffe with a long, long neck,
And a funny bird who gave me a peck.
A penguin who could jump,
And an elephant that was plump.

C. POWDRELL, *Std. III.*



P. MACE
(St. John's, 1948—1953)

A KITTY I KNOW

I have a kitty. It is a girl. Her name is Jerry. She is a very fluffy cat. I always give my kitty milk and fish. When you tickle her she bites you. When she is happy she always rubs my hand. Every morning she comes and jumps on my bed. Now we have a dog and my kitty is always teasing her. She sits in the middle of the doorway. She catches birds and brings them into the house and puts them all over the house and then eats the bodies.

She makes Daddy very cross because she sharpens her claws on our tree and breaks the bark. When I come home from school she runs to meet me and says miaow, which means hullo. She loves to chase a ping-pong ball. I love her very much.

MARGARET PEACOCK, Std. I.

AFRIKAANS IN DIE HOËRSKOOI

Dit is noodsaaklik dat ons wat in Suid-Afrika woon tweetalig is, want dit sal die geluk in die samelewing bevorder as die een die ander se taal kan praat. Maar om waarlik tweetalig te wees, daar lê die moeilikheid. Ons as Engelsprekendes kom selde in aanraking met die Afrikaansprekendes daarom is ons spreekwerk net bepaal tot die klaskamer.

In dié paar uur per week moet ons, Taal, opstelwerk, en spreekwerk baasraak. Dit gaan moeilik. Wanneer ons dink dat ons iets deeglik voorberei het of 'n goeie opstel ingelewer het, kom dit terug met die woordjie „kaf” onderaan geskryf. Wanneer ons iets in Afrikaans vertel en die onderwyseres glimlag dan weet ons dat dit snaaks klink en dat ons een of ander fout begaan het of weer kaf verkoop het.

Ja wel, so gaan dit, ons swoeg en sweet aan die taal en veral met die „toe” en die „dan” en die voorsetsels—hulle is 'n ware nagmerrie!

So gaan die vier jaar in die Hoërskool om en dan daag die dag, wanneer ons die inspekteur verwag. Daardie dag van sy koms word met vrees afgewerg, maar dié wat die toets al afgelê het, sê dis nie so erg as wat ons dink nie, want tot dusver het almal nog altyd in spreekwerk geslaag.

Ons persoonlik, sal 'n sug van verligting slaak as dit eers agter die rug is.

JENNIFER GARDNER.
EVELYN GRAY.

AN AMUSING EXPERIENCE

It was my first week at school. I did not know many people and I felt a little lonely, so I decided I would go for a walk around the grounds to see what they looked like. As I was coming round a corner, I saw a girl who looked rather like me. She was running to the House, so I thought I would go in the direction she had just come from. I found I was going to the music-rooms.

All of a sudden I saw a music teacher running after me. Soon she caught me and dragged me into a room, scolding me because I was late for my lesson. She made me play scales and talked all the time, so I didn't have a chance to say that I wasn't who she thought I was.

Suddenly the door burst open, and in came the girl that I had seen running to the House. The music teacher, who seemed to get quite a shock when she saw her, made me stop playing scales.

After that the girl explained that she had forgotten her manuscript book and had gone to fetch it. So it ended up quite well. How we laughed!

HELEN SINCLAIR, *Std. IV.*



MY FIRST DAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Mummy had been sewing hard all the Christmas holidays. She was very glad when she had finished making my outfit. She put a long table in her room to sew on. I was terrified at the thought of staying away from our farm for so long. Felicity, my sister, said she would love to take my place.

At last the day came for me to go to boarding school. We all went to Moonoo, my grandmother, for tea in the morning. Moonoo's house is only a quarter of a mile from home. In her sitting room Moonoo has a big chest of china and glass, which is all very old and valuable. Before lunch we had a quick swim, then after lunch we came to town and drove to St. John's. A little girl showed us where I was to sleep, then Mummy and Daddy went home. Our truck seemed to turn its nose up at me, as if to say, "I'm glad you've gone." I cried a little, but I'm quite happy now.

SANDRA MITCHELL, *Std. IV.*

THE STAFF BLOCK MYSTERY

Have you ever broken bounds, walked into a room where you are strictly forbidden? You glance around nervously, may even bite your nail, but infinitely worse—your conscience pricks you very badly. Such were my feelings when I, as an Old Girl, entered the Staff Block for the first time. I had come back as a student teacher after being away for three years, and was greeted by the Staff, some of whom had taught me, and made to feel welcome. But had I been reprimanded for being there, I should not have been at all surprised!

The unknown always presents a mystery and that was what we had felt about the Staff Block. We took it for granted that life was more serious in that part of the school; no unseemly laughter or behaviour, and certainly no gossiping (maybe a harmless 'discussion' though). Each teacher had a room—its nearest counterpart was probably a cell—and there they spent their time preparing lessons, marking books, and reading. We had fantastic ideas about the number of books our teachers read.

The private lives of the staff were the greatest mystery. We longed to see our staff off their guard and without the 'classroom manner'. We watched and listened with keener senses than any detective, and anything that was 'discovered' was reported with pride to our friends. It was such things as dressing-gowns, curlers, and bare feet, that thrilled us! Without a doubt the greatest thrill was to see what we called a 'boy-friend'—our delight was as intense as if he had been our own! And what excitement if the staff forgot and called each other by their Christian names in our presence!

As I began to settle in, I often thought of our ideas about the Staff and the Staff Block, in the years that I was a boarder here. There used to be a strict silence rule near it—the Staff were busy. What were they doing—marking books? Now I know that marking books and preparing lessons, while arduous, can also be hilarious. Moreover, it is often done over a cup of tea, listening to the wireless or even chatting over holiday experiences.

Strangely enough Staff do have holiday experiences. Of course it is not nearly so exciting to see Jennifer Smith at a dance, as it is for Jennifer to see her History Mistress actually stepping into the current world for an evening! Things that seem natural to me now were once exciting and highly flavoured with either approval or disapproval.

Solving the mystery has not been disappointing, rather I have enjoyed it; and my sojourn in the Staff House has taught me that teachers are very human and likeable people.

JANE BENNETT
(St. John's 1945 - 1953)



ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

25th ANNUAL REPORT

1956 has not been outstanding for any particular event in the Old Girls' Association but it has been one of quiet hard work behind the scenes—in preparation for the Fête to be held on the morning of May 11th.

A target of £1,000 has been set—each stall has its ambitions. A Jumble Sale, with another scheduled just before the Fête, two Cake Sales, a Flower Sale, a second-hand books Sale and a Dolls' Show have already taken place as a start towards individual targets. The Maritzburg Branch has also run a Tuck Shop at the School each Saturday morning and sold slices of cake to the children after every monthly meeting. We may have had a quiet year but certainly not an idle one.

The 1956 re-union week-end started off with a tennis match against the present girls on Saturday afternoon, the 5th May, with the Old Girls winning by six games.

In the evening Mrs. F. R. Shaw entertained us to a most enjoyable party at her home.

Communion was held on Sunday morning, the 6th, followed by breakfast with the School—which taxed the larders sorely as there was a record number of Old Girls present, 60. The Annual General Meeting followed in the Library at 10.30.

The 1957/58 bursary has been awarded to Nell Stewart with Ruth Wilson completing the second year of her bursary.

Our Life Membership now totals 155—an increase of 21 since last year—but we know that at least nine of these changed their addresses 15 to 20 years ago and have never notified us. We should appreciate it if members could let us know correct addresses. Our ordinary membership stands at 42—a drop of 23 in spite of new enrolments. All these have not paid subscriptions for over two years and, with reluctance, we have had to erase their names from our lists. It is our aim to write to each of these 23 and to try and shepherd them back to the flock. It may not be generally known that if a member has lapsed for several years, she has only to pay an entrance fee of 5/- to rejoin.

Our Association Committee (Durban and Maritzburg representatives) have met regularly each quarter.

At the end of 1956, on Prize-Giving Day, we were proud to hear the names of a senior and junior girl called to the stage to receive an Old Girls' Prize (books) for service to the school, and good progress made during the year.

At this point I should like to thank all members for their help and interest during the year and particularly our Secretary, Jean Hamilton (who is very nobly Fête Secretary as well) and our Treasurer for the greater part of the year—Noelle Peckham—who resigned in March in order to convene the Cake Stall and whose place has been taken by Sybil Barras, to whom go my warm thanks for filling the breach.

As this is a Diamond Jubilee Edition, I thought you might be interested in a brief history of the Old Girls' Association.

It came into being in December, 1930, when a class of Matric girls, then called VI a's, decided that they wanted some social link after leaving school. Elizabeth McDougall became the first Chairman and Myrle Simkins the first Secretary (which position she held for nine consecutive years). The first A.G.M. took place in the School Library on May 10th, 1931, with Sister Mabel in the Chair. Those present at this meeting were: E. McDougall, M. Simkins, W. Collier, V. Pavey, R. Koe, G. Maydew, P. Gordon, D. Goodriche, P. Talbot, R. Robinson, N. Meanwell, M. Robinson, K. Lee, B. Milne, A. Thorpe and staff members — Miss Livingstone, Miss Ovendale and Miss Friend.

Subs. were 5/- per annum or £3/3/- for Life Membership—the latter is unchanged, but subs. are now 10/-.

In 1932 Old Girls' blazers and badges came into existence (very few, if any, are now wearing them).

In 1934 the Old Girls' first bursary of £10 per annum was started (now two at £40 per annum.)

In 1937 Miss Bertram and Miss Livingstone were made Hon. Life Members.

From 1938 to this present day an Old Girls' Branch in Johannesburg has been discussed, and several times a Branch has been started but never has it been able to keep going. The Branch started in Durban, however, in 1938, has flourished strongly ever since and been a great support to the Maritzburg Branch.

In 1947 Myrle Simkins became Chairman and remained there for 8 consecutive years. We shall always be grateful for the yeoman service she has rendered to the Old Girls' Association. It was in her first year as chairman that the Old Girls started a Golden Jubilee Building Fund with contributions totalling £817. She also edited a Recipe Book, well known to us all, which raised over £300 for Bursary and Building Funds.

Since then there has been another Fête which made over £600 and paid for the painting of the whole of the outside of the school and now again another Fête is in the offing—this time to help pay for the Sick Bay.

We are grateful and happy to be able to put back a little to the school we love and which gave so much to us.

D. T. STREEK.

ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION : DURBAN BRANCH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1956/1957

The Durban Branch of the Old Girls' Association was formed in 1938. It was hoped at the time that Branches in other parts of the country would be formed as membership increased in any particular district. This dream has not yet materialised.

It was largely through the effort of the Durban Branch that parts of the Constitution were altered, resulting in more co-operation between Pietermaritzburg and Durban. The friendly atmosphere that exists between the two Branches has never been more cordial than it is to-day, and we are grateful to those members, both past and present, who have made it so.

When war broke out in 1939 we tried to form a special Red Cross Detachment of St. John's Girls, but there were not sufficient volunteers and the idea had to be dropped. However, most members who were interested in V.A.D. work joined Detachment 47 and worked together throughout the war. It was decided to suspend all Association Meetings for the duration of the war as all members were actively engaged in numerous war works.

In June 1946 it was decided that the time had come to revive the meetings, and the first one was held on 11th July, 1946. From then on all thoughts were concentrated on the Golden Jubilee to be held the following year.

I wish I could report that the Durban Branch has gone on from strength to strength; but every annual report, for many years now, has commented on the poor attendance at the meetings. The same "Old Faithfuls" are still holding the fort. We do appeal, in this our Diamond Jubilee Year, to all Old Girls to join our Association. If you cannot attend meetings, a post card or a telephone call from time to time is all we ask, but we would like to know you are interested. If you think our meetings are dull and uninteresting come and discuss with us ways and means of improving this, or write us a short note. Many of us have cars and we welcome the opportunity to give lifts. We don't mind how far out of our way we

travel as long as we can arouse your interest. Fund-raising efforts, such as cake and jumble sales, and also very generous donations from Old Girls have placed us in a fairly sound financial position, so we are not always "asking for money." We would also like more younger members to come forward and hold office. Your youth and enthusiasm I'm sure would put new life into our Association.

Over the years, besides meetings, we have had many social gatherings for young and old, parties, a dinner, a dance, cinema and cine shows, and a picnic, all of which have been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A few of these gatherings were combined affairs, Pietermaritzburg and Durban.

During the past year we have held our meetings in the homes of those members who are more centrally situated, and to them we express our appreciation for their hospitality.

We have had the usual "Bring and Buy" sales at our meetings and the sale of jumble has continued throughout the year. The money thus collected last year has been used to buy wool and material to make articles for the Jubilee Fête in Pietermaritzburg. The Convener of the Durban stall, Edna Galliers, has worked most enthusiastically and urged us all on to greater efforts. We are most grateful to her and her band of helpers for all the hard work they have put in. If we do not reach our target it will not be their fault. A special thank-you, also, to Vera Tapson, who has given us a very fine oil painting done by herself. With it we hope to raise a substantial sum of money towards our stall.

During our May meeting Dr. Lylie Chapman who has recently returned from Pakistan gave us an interesting and amusing talk on her experiences as Director of Public Health for the World Health Organisation in that country.

We have had several discussions on doing more to help the boys of St. Martin's Home. However most members feel that until we can swell our ranks we cannot do much beyond helping at the Street Collection and an occasional gift of ice-cream. Most of us have family commitments and it was always the same faithful few upon whom the calls were made.

Edna Galliers and Lyn Medway are the two Durban members on the Board of St. John's.

Finally special thanks to our treasurer, Lyn Medway, and to our Secretary, Muriel Rorich, who so kindly took over the position when Rosemary Dorning had to leave us and return to East Griqualand.

B. ARNOLD.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT

Throughout the year we have met on the second Wednesday of every month at the home of Myrle Simkins—unfortunately the same old faces appear each time. How we would welcome the young old girls and many of the slack older ones.

The burden of the Fête is falling heavily on the few—we could never manage without the wonderful help of the parents of present girls who, I hope, will read in this report of our gratitude to them.

However, we enjoy our meetings and the Branch has not failed to execute its annual duties.

In May we ran the St. Cross Street Collection, at which we collected £140/4/2.

On August 25th, we held a Jumble Sale and made £22/10/- for our contribution to the Bursary Fund. On the same day in the afternoon we took the St. Cross children on a wonderful picnic to Captain Henwood's farm near Hilton Road—what made it wonderful was the train ride there and back!

In October we invited all the Senior girls leaving St. John's at the end of the year to a Games Evening at Myrle Simkins' home. This was great fun and more important than that was the fact that we got to know each other so that when we met again on the night of the 30th November at Rosalie Franklin's (Pemberton's) home for a braai, the ice was broken—and the result is we have gained six new Life Members with several more promising to join shortly. Well done, the newest Old Girls.

The old stagers had a very happy Christmas party on the 19th December—again at Myrle's home. We are grateful to the Simkins for always making us welcome.

Our Association Representatives have been Collie Davis and Celia Dobbin.

To Collie Davis must go a special vote of thanks for organising the Saturday Tuck Shop at School. It has not been easy, but approximately £9 profit per quarter for Fête funds has made a worthwhile venture. Jane Bennett has now taken over the running of this project and we are grateful to her.

I should like to thank our Secretaries—Teazle Fricker and Janet Tyrrell—for their co-operation and work throughout the year, and also our Treasurer, Noelle Peckham for ten months and Sybil Barras for two months, of balancing and budgeting. To our loyal members too—a very warm thank-you.

D. T. STREEK.

ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1956

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bursary Fund	125	8	10			
Add Amount Invested	1,100	0	0			
				1,225	8	10
Life Membership	82	2	1			
Add Amount Invested	450	0	0			
				532	2	1
Association Account				49	7	2
Magazine Account				13	14	2
Building Fund Account				10	0	0
Jubilee Fête Account				83	11	5
Social Fund				1	17	6
				£1,916	1	2

Represented by:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash on hand				0	11	1
Cash at Savings Bank				365	10	1
City Permanent Building Society—						
18 "A" Shares at £50	900	0	0			
18 "B" Shares at £25	450	0	0			
				1,350	0	0
United Building Society—						
2 Shares at £50				100	0	0
Johannesburg Building Society—						
4 Shares at £25				100	0	0
				£1,916	1	2

S. BARRAS.



ALISON LYLE
(St. John's, 1949—1956)

NEWS OF ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRLS

- A'BEAR, Margaret Ann: Working as a shorthand typist in Maritzburg.
- ALLENBROOK, Joy: At Natal Training College.
- ALLAN, Shiela Eileen: Staff Nurse at Government Hospital, Newcastle. Intends flying overseas and touring the Continent in August.
- ANDERSON, Gwen (Tedder): Teaching in Maritzburg. Has a small son, David.
- ALEXANDER, Elaine: Working for S.A. Airways in Durban.
- ANDREWS, Peggy (Hamlyn): Has just left for a trip overseas. Has a daughter, Margaret, at St. John's.
- ARMITAGE, Katherine (Lee): Teaches physical culture at Mitchell High School, Durban.
- ARNOLD, Beatrice: Vice-Principal of Northlands Primary School, Durban. Chairman, Durban Old Girls.
- AULSEBROOK, Elizabeth: Nursing at Grey's.
- BOWMAN, Arline: Doing midwifery at Addington.
- BUTTERWORTH, Alison: Nursing at Grey's.
- BARBOUR, Jewel (Cooper): Married in January, 1956. Kept busy housekeeping and enjoying life in Durban.
- BARRETT, Gwynedd (Lloyd): Spent a pleasant holiday in Basutoland. Very busy with N.C.W. work, Rotary Anns, etc. Son, David, doing second year industrial chemistry at University in Maritzburg.
- BAZELEY, Phyllis (Braatvedt): A loyal member of the Durban Branch. Three children: Arlene 11, Jill 9, Gavin 6.
- BENNETT, Jane: Obtained B.A. at Rhodes last year, now living at St. John's and studying for Educational Diploma at Natal University.
- BAKER, Gillian: Teaching at St. Mark's School, Mbabane.
- BIGG, Zoë: Studying final year B.A. at Natal University.
- BLANN, Ruth (Robinson): Loyal member of Maritzburg Branch. Judy 10, at St. John's, and David 6½. Nursing again at Grey's.
- BARRAS, Sybil and Norma: Both very loyal Maritzburg Old Girls.
- BLAMEY, Bridget Gillian: Working as shorthand typist at Rayon Factory, Umkomaas. Leaving on May 30, with Ann Lloyd, for a year working and touring overseas.
- BLOMEYER, Joyce (Clark): Living on a farm near Dalton. Has two daughters at St. John's—Ann in Sixth Form and Gillian in Third Form. Two younger children attend New Hanover School.
- BOSHOFF, Alice (Reed): Very active member of City Women's Institute, Maritzburg.

- BOSWORTH-SMITH, Jean (Peerman): Farms at Nottingham Road. Her son and daughter keep her busy: Gwen Bridget 3½, Mervyn Nigel 2 months. Teaches riding at local boys' school.
- BASTARD, Wendy: At Natal Training College.
- BOWMAN, Wendy Anne: To be married in June and then will settle in Salisbury. Arline is doing a midwifery course at Addington and hopes to go to Cape Town for a few months to visit her parents when the course is completed in August.
- BOWMAN-EDGAR, June (McKenzie): Husband is District Commissioner in Tanganyika. Was presented to H.R.H. Princess Margaret at a garden party in Dar-es-Salaam in October. Leaves for Scotland in June for six months' long leave with their daughter Sheena, aged two.
- BOYD, Barbara (Arthur): Working at Allen & Hanbury's. Has a son aged 11. Joan is living in Rhodesia.
- BROOKER, Margaret (Houghton): Husband Headmaster of Falcon College, Rhodesia. Five children—Rodney 21, Richard 19, Anthony 17, Mary 7, Barbara 4.
- BROWN, Jean (Bruce): Living in Greytown, and Kenneth, aged 14 months, keeps her busy.
- BRUCE, Valerie: Has recently finished midwifery Course at Queen Victoria Hospital, Johannesburg—now nursing at Grey's.
- BRYDEN, Daphne (Laird): Farming at Cato Ridge. Has a son and a daughter, both at school.
- BARKER, Loreen (Rawlings): Small daughter, Wendy, keeps her busy.
- BURNS, Peggie (Mossop): Hopes to move into a new house near Glenwood in July. Kept very busy with two lively children.
- BUTCHER, Phoebe: Going overseas for further studies after a trip to the Continent.
- BUTLER, Joan (Adnams): Lives in Umtali.
- BURE, Joan (Carter): Runs her farm at New Hanover with the help of her younger son, Basil. Her elder son, Lyn, works at Comec Mimosa Tanning Co. as a chemist.
- BROOK, Yvonne (Edgcumbe): Lives in Cape Town, has a son, John, 6, and daughter, Nanette, 3.
- CAMERON, Molly (Blackler): Has just adopted twin girls aged 4 years—taking them to Scotland in July for three months to met her in-laws.
- CHAPMAN, Lylie: Returned to S.A. in January, 1956, after 3½ years with United Nations World Health Organisation as Senior Adviser in Maternal and Child Health in Pakistan Government. Now with City Health Department, East London.

- CLARK, Gethin (Talbot): Living still in Johannesburg with Carol 9, Dennis 7 and Peter 5. Spent Christmas in Maritzburg.
- CLOUGH, Adrienne: Working as a shorthand typist in Maritzburg.
- CLARK, Daphne (Evens): Living in Dundee. Has two lively sons Stuart 10½, Murray 7½.
- COPLEY, Josephine (Harcourt): Lives in Richmond, has a daughter and two sons.
- COCKS, Pat (Spearman): Has now moved into her new home at Cowie's Hill.
- COLLER, J.: At University in Maritzburg.
- COLLIE, Joan: Works at the Standard Bank, Maritzburg.
- COLLIER, Winifred (Goldbourne): Very busy with her new beach cottage on the South Coast. Going overseas shortly.
- CROFT, Margaret (Bourhill): Taught for 15 years. Married to a farmer near Bloemfontein. Her daughter Jacqueline is five months old.
- CLOSE, Hazel (Rawlins): Lives in Nairobi and is married to a pilot. Hopes to visit the Union soon.
- COMRIE, Peggy (Nicholson): Farming at Richmond. Has three daughters and a son.
- DAVIS, Muriel (Jones): Very loyal Maritzburg Old Girl. Two children, Linden, 9½, at St. John's and Christopher, 7.
- DAVIS, Prudence: Working in Kokstad. Celebrated her coming-of-age in September.
- DE SALIS, Joan (Henwood): Moved into a lovely new home in Maritzburg. Small son is three months old.
- DE VILLIERS, Ethel (Gordon): Recently lost both her husband and brother. Her son is a fourth year medical student in Cape Town. Recently spent a holiday with Gwynedd Barrett.
- DITCHFIELD, Valerie (Jones): Going to Johannesburg to live and will be near Charlotte, Penelope and Angela, who are all married and have children. Charlotte has a daughter at St. John's, Penelope has four sons. Valerie's children are Susan, Margaret and Beves.
- DOMMETT, Helen (Henwood): Moved to a lovely farm overlooking Umkomaas River in September. Three children, Elizabeth-Anne, John and Penelope, who is one year old.
- DOBBIN, Celia: Has just left for a trip overseas with her brother.
- DONALD, Enid (Houston): Lives in Nigeria and has just been on six weeks' leave with her sister, Mrs. Clough, of Underberg.
- DUCKITT, Margaret (Robinson): Still at Heidelberg, Cape. Kept busy with her young family.
- DRIVER, Gail: At Natal University.

- DYKES, Doreen (Goodricke): A verbatim shorthand typist. Lovely new home at Paradise Valley. First Vice-President of Durban B. and P. Club.
- ENGLAND, Miriam: Doing second year B.A. at University, Maritzburg. A loyal Old Girl.
- EUSTACE, Susan: Nursing at Grey's and loves it.
- FREDERICK, Wendy (Henwood): Lives in Maritzburg and has a daughter, Linda, aged 16 months.
- FRICKER, Teazle: Teaching at Cordwalles. Leaves on an extended visit overseas in April.
- FRY, Olwen (Woolfaard): Lives in Pretoria and has two children.
- FLETT, Beryl (Boyd): Living in Richmond, has two daughters.
- GACE, Betty (Blackler): Farms at Bergville, has two daughters: Vera at St. John's, Cynthia at school in Bergville, and a son, Courtenay, at Maritzburg College.
- GALLIERS, Edna (Dorning): Lives in Durban and works very hard for the Old Girls and is a member of the School Council.
- GALLIERS, Hilary (Dorning): Lives in Durban and has two lively young sons.
- GARDNER, Amy (Holmes): Farming in the Highflats District—poultry and turkeys. Has four children: Jennifer in Matric. at St. John's, and has been there since she was eight, David at Maritzburg College and Michael and Clive at Richmond.
- GEEKIE, Joan (Laurens): Lives at New Hanover, has three daughters, Roselle and Jennifer at school in Greytown but booked for St. John's in 1959, and Sally is still at home.
- GODDEN, Royce (Walshaw): A loyal Maritzburg Old Girl, has a lively young daughter, Kerry, aged 2½ years.
- GORFINKEL, Dorothy A. (McKenzie): Lives in East Griqualand and has a son, David, aged 15 months.
- GLASSE, Jill: Teaches at Bechet High School in Durban.
- GREEN, Pauline (Southey): Farms in East Griqualand. Has three children, the two younger ones go to Mary Martin's (Murray's) little farm school.
- GREENE, Desireé (Labistour): Beef farming in the Karkloof. Has a son Clive aged 18 months.
- GRIFFIN, Rosemary (Chennells): Farms in Kenya. Has three daughters: Shirley 7½ at boarding school in Nakuru, Valerie 6, Alice 2.
- GUINEY, Martha (Heyns): Living in Clocolan, where husband in charge of Vacuum Oil Co. Depot. Has two sons, William 4 and Matthew nearly 3.
- GIBBINGS, Sally (Lambert): Lives in Monze, N. Rhodesia, and has three children.
- GARRETT, Felicity: At Natal University.

HENDERSON, Jill: Working in Matatiele.

HAINES, Jean (Galliers): Lives in Surrey, England; has a small daughter.

HAMILTON, Jean (Hinton-Catherine): Is secretary to the Principal, Grls' High School, Maritzburg. Is also secretary of the Old Girls' Association. Has two children: Margaret 6 and Anthony 3.

HADNETT, Thelma (Glasse): Lives in Pinetown and has two daughters.

HANSEN, Nancy (Blackler): Lives in Sinoia, S. Rhodesia; has a son of 5 months.

HEARD, Helen (Lumsden): Farming in the Karkloof; has three sons, all at boarding school.

HENWOOD, Pamela: Sailing for England on 11th April with Teazle Fricker. Will be away eight months.

HOOD, Iris (Houghton): Lives at Hogsback in the Cape. Has four children: Wendy, 17, at Rhodes; Diana, 15, just passed J.C. Christopher 12 and Susan 6 both contracted polio in January, but both making good progress.

HALLOWES, Helen (Chennells): Lives in Kenya, quite near Rosemary. Has four children.

HARRINGTON, Elsie (Huntley): One of St. John's oldest Old Girls. Was at school with Florence Silkstone (Gay), who thinks she lives at Deepdale.

HUGHES, Ann: Doing midwifery at Grey's. Hopes to get married at end of year.

HENWOOD, Patricia: Sister in charge of Babies' Ward, King Edward VIII Hospital, Durban. Has plans for Kenya and America.

I'ONS, Marjorie (Glasse): Has just sent her daughter to St. John's.

I'ONS, Margaret: Nurses at George V Hospital, Durban.

IVINS, Inez (Westbrook): Farming at Highflats. Has three children: Jennifer, Timothy, Peter. Jennifer has only one more year at St. John's, having been there since Standard III.

IVINS, Bridget: At Natal Training College.

IMPEY, Lynette: Has done a business course. Just been overseas; saw Felicity Shuker in London.

JACKSON, Frances Gillian: Lives at Walsingham Girls' Club, Durban, and works for Stocken & McClean, solicitors.

JACKSON, Rosemary: Started nursing at Grey's on 1st February and loves it.

JOHN, Jean (Thorburn): Lives in Maritzburg; has a lovely new home. Has a daughter of 6 and a son of 4.

KALLEY, Yvonne (Anderson): Both daughters, Jacqueline and Claudia, at St. John's. Leaves on 1st May for two months overseas.

- KANAAR, Susan : Dental nursing in Durban. Recently came of age.
- KANAAR, Diana : Dental nurse to her father in Kokstad until May, when she starts nursing at Grey's.
- KENNEDY, Audrey (Thorpe) : Lives half the time in Maritzburg, half at Umhlanga Rocks. Her son Miles is 8.
- KERR, Eileen (Ward) : Lives in Durban and has a son and daughter.
- KELLY, Marcia (Rawlings) : Living in Matatiele.
- KENT, Sally : Doing mannequin work in Salisbury.
- KATZ, Gillian : Has her own elocution studio in Durban.
- LAND, Beryl (Lambert) : A loyal Maritzburg Old Girl. Her sons, Hugh and Gary, keep her busy.
- LAUF, Jean (Westbrook) : Has two daughters booked for St. John's in 1960. Lives in Germiston.
- LEISEGANG, Dulcie (Barker) : Lives at Sawoti; has four children, Terrence, Clyde, Kaye and Ken.
- LEISEGANG, Gwen (Martens) : Married in December, lives at Park Rynie.
- LEPPAN, Damaris and Jennifer : Work at Barclay's Bank, Maritzburg.
- LIDGETT, Jeanne (Oxley Oxland) : Farms at Lidgetton. Has two daughters and two sons.
- LIDGETT, Elizabeth and Jane : Both live at Y.W.C.A., Maritzburg and sail for England in August for a trip.
- LIFTON, Dulcie (Chapman) : Lives in Salisbury and has two daughters, Lylie and Hilary. Sees Irene Osler (Dyer) often.
- LLOYD, Ann Rhys : Shorthand-typist-secretary in Boksburg. Leaves for a trip overseas on 30th May with Bridget Blamey.
- LOWE, Pat : We do not know her married name, has come back to live in South Africa.
- LYLE, Alison and Elizabeth : Both in residence at University, Maritzburg, Alison just starting B.A. (Fine Arts) and Elizabeth in final year B.A.
- LEONARD, Joy : Nursing at Grey's.
- MALING, Wendy : At Natal Training College.
- MACE, Pat : Loyal Maritzburg Old Girl, studying final year B.A. (Fine Arts), Natal University.
- MACKENZIE, Jean : Loves nursing at Grey's. Has done a year there.
- MAGUIRE, Judy : At Durban Business College doing a secretarial course.
- MALLON, Margaret (Mylne) : Lives in Howick, loves being a housewife.

- MARTYN, Rhoda (Davies): Is a neighbour of Helen Dommett at Eastwolds. Has two daughters who were married last year and has three younger sons. Teaches dancing in Ixopo.
- MILNE, Maureen, Monica and Pauline: Maureen is to be married in May, Monica is at Barclay's Bank, Estcourt, and Pauline in final year Training College, specialising in Domestic Science.
- MILNER-SMYTHE, Pam: Has a most interesting post as Secretary to Durban Mayoress.
- MYLNE, Katherine: Is nursing at Greys and loves it.
- MURRAY, Dagmar (Oxley Oxland): Lives now in New Zealand with her three sons and daughter and loves it.
- MUSSELLWHITE, Joyce (Heyns): Lives in Hampshire, England—very happy.
- MEDWAY, Lyn (Strachan): Is settled in her new home in Durban. is a member of the School Council. Has two daughters at St. John's.
- McNAB, Betty: Teaches in N. Rhodesia. Has just visited Cape Town and Durban.
- McDOUGALL, Elizabeth: A loyal Maritzburg Old Girl, a much loved and respected Sister at the Clinic.
- MANNING: Linsay: Nursing at Grey's.
- MILLER, Monica: Nursing in East London. Getting married this year.
- MILDENHALL, Mary-Joy: Nursing at Grey's.
- NEELY, Yvonne: Works at Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn, Durban. Plays hockey for Collegians Club and is coached by Mrs. Lines (ex St. John's Games Mistress).
- NEL, Vera (Braatvedt): Lives at Bergville, has three children.
- NICOL, Edna (Campbell): Lives at Nottingham Road—very busy with Women's Institutes, bowls tournaments in Natal, demonstrates floral arrangements. Her daughter Jennifer is also an Old Girl. Has also a son, Allan. Jennifer is in her final year at Grey's. Hopes to go overseas next year. Was bridesmaid at Evelynnora Middleton's wedding last year.
- NICHOLSON, Helen (Bourhill): Has four sons and one daughter. Lives at Tweespruit, O.F.S., and plays tennis when there is time.
- NOWELL, Dawn (Pierce): Farms in Swaziland.
- ODENDAAL, Annabell: Is a shorthand typist in Cape Town.
- OSLER, Irene (Dyer): Has a beautiful home in Salisbury and three charming daughters. The eldest, Diana, hopes to enter Natal University next year.
- PENNINGTON, Rosemary: Teaching in Estcourt.
- PENNY, Joan Mary (nee Arthur): Farms in S. Rhodesia. Has two grown-up daughters, Denise and Wendy Wade, who went to St. John's, and two little children, Susan and Peter.

- PETTY, Penelope : Is a book-keeper in Benoni. Is working hard at ballroom dancing lessons in order to gain medals.
- PERFECT, Esmé (Westbrook) : Farms at Dalton. Has three daughters.
- PEYCKE, June (Pope Ellis) : Teaches at Rural School in N. Rhodesia. Her sons, John, Edward and Raymond, at boarding school, and 11 months old Shirley takes up all her spare time.
- PECKHAM, Noëlle (Little) : Loyal member of Maritzburg Old Girls. A busy farmer at Bishopstowe. Has three children, Gavin, and twin daughters Pat and Lynn, who have just started school at St. John's.
- POULTON, Ruth (Mossop) : Husband is District Engineer in the E.S.C. at Que-Que. Has two beautiful children, Richard 5, Carol 2½.
- PRATT, Ruth (Chennells) : Lives in Durban.
- PROUDFOOT, Elizabeth : Nursing at Grey's.
- QUARMBY, Pam (Goodman) : Lives in Pinetown and has a son and a daughter.
- RAILTON, Fay (McGlew) : Lives in a flat at Umkomaas.
- REICHE, Leslie (Chadwick) : Lives at Wartburg, has two children, Neville, aged 3½ and Ingrid, one month.
- ROBERTSON, Joan (Asbury) : Lives in Durban and has three children.
- RORICH, Muriel (Dorning) : Secretary to Old Girls' Branch in Durban. Misses Maritzburg.
- RIDGWAY, Charlotte : Nurses at Groot Schuur and loves it.
- ROSE, Margaret : A loyal Old Girl, lives and works in Pinetown.
- RADLEY, Jean : A loyal Old Girl in Maritzburg. Nurses at Edendale Hospital, has three children.
- ROBINSON, Marion : Teaches music at St. John's.
- RIDGWAY, Shirley : Taking a commercial course in Maritzburg.
- SANDERSON, Gaynor (Arbuthnot) : Lives in S. Rhodesia. Still plays lots of tennis. Daughters : Heather 15½, Sheena 12 and Maureen 7.
- SCOTT-ROBERTSON, Margaret : Is working in the laboratories of A.E. & C.I. at Umbogtiniwini and is doing (part time) second year of her B.Sc. Diploma at Durban Tech.
- SHACKLETON, Rosemary (Chater) : Works part time in Law Courts, Durban.
- SHAW, Gillian (Lee) : Lives on the North Coast.
- SHENTON, Barbara (A'Bear) : Farms in N. Rhodesia. Has two children, Neil, nearly 3, Jill 1½.
- SHIPMAN, Ismay (Hodges) : Lives at Cramond, has two sons 17 and 18 and two daughters, 4 and 1.

- SILKSTONE, Florence (Gay): Oldest Old Girl. Went to St. John's in Burger Street at age of 7 in 1897. Has still a book prize awarded to her in 1901 by the Headmistress, Miss Edith Bellew. Remembers teachers—Misses Collingwood, Griffiths, Potterill, Lake. Has two daughters and two granddaughters. Lives at 78 West Street, Maritzburg.
- SMITH, Jean (Elliot): She and her husband have a business in Winburg, O.F.S. Her daughter Margaret has just married.
- SMITH, Taffy (Rhind): Lives in Cape Town. Lost her daughter Susan with polio. Her husband and other daughter also contracted it, but are recovering.
- SPENCE, Pauline (Wright): Lives in Beira and has four children.
- STACEY, Julia: Did a year's secretarial course in Durban and now works for an insurance firm in Maritzburg.
- STACEY, Mary (Oxley-Oxland): Farms at Lidgetton. Has a daughter at St. John's and one who left St. John's in 1955, and has a son at Treverton.
- STARTIN, Denise (Chapman): Lives in Durban. Her sister Doreen (Turvey) lives near her and has two daughters, and their other sister Shirley (Manners) lives in Aden and has a son (at Cordwalles) and a daughter.
- STOKES, Beryl: Works at the Magistrate's Office, Howick.
- STONE, Faye (Laurens): Lives at Bayne's Drift and has a son and daughter.
- STREEK (Deena (Clayton): Has a son, Barry 9½, at Merchiston and daughter, Jocelyn, 8, at St. John's.
- STRAKER, Evelyn (Kennedy): Lives at the Matopos School of Agriculture near Bulawayo and has a small daughter, Fenella.
- STRINGFELLOW, Muriel (Stanford): Leads an active social life as a doctor's wife in S. Rhodesia. Has two young sons.
- SIMKINS, Myrle: Very loyal Maritzburg Old Girl. Crack croquet and bridge player.
- SHAW, Prue: Is overseas on a trip.
- SCOTT, Eva: Nursing at Grey's.
- STACEY, Peggy: At Natal Training College.
- SCHULTZ, Penelope (Jones): Lives in Pretoria, has four sons—John, Michael, Barry and Richard.
- TAPSON (Vera (Passmore): Had a big operation in January. Hopes to fly to England in April to join Betty, who is doing odd jobs in London.
- TAYLOR, Mollie (Southey): Farms in S. Rhodesia. Has a son and daughter. Had polio two years ago, but quite recovered now.
- THERON, Winniefred (Arbuthnot): Husband is a surgeon in Johannesburg. Has two daughters and a son.

- THISELTON, Avice (Rainnie): Has a flat in Maritzburg and still works at Barclay's Bank.
- THORNTON, Jenefer (Henwood): Lives in S. Rhodesia, has three daughters, Susan, Phillipa and Amanda.
- THEUNISSEN, Joy (Catchpole): Has a very new baby.
- TOWLER, Thurl: Has been studying Medical Technology at Wentworth and is coming to Grey's in July on transfer.
- TODD, Molly (Talbot): Still lives in Pretoria.
- THOMPSON, Shirley (Thorne): Now lives in Bulawayo. Has two sons.
- TYRRELL, Janet: A loyal Maritzburg Old Girl, is going overseas in May.
- TYRRELL, Eleanor: A loyal Maritzburg Old Girl. Lives at the Y.W.C.A. and doing a business course.
- USSHER, Mary: Does Social Welfare work in Johannesburg.
- VALENTINE, Sheila (Holmes): Cattle farming near Maritzburg.
- VOWLES, Peggy: Works in the library of the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Looking forward to the visit of the Queen Mother in July.
- WALKER, Daphne (Phillips): Farms near Kokstad. Her son Martin is 3 and daughter Robbyn is 1.
- WALKER, Elizabeth (Murray): Lives in Salisbury. Has two daughters, Ann 4½, Clare 3. Visited England in 1955.
- WALTERS, Pamela: Started nursing at Grey's in February and loves it.
- WAKEFORD, Merle (Burman): Was married in December.
- WELSH, Angela (Jones): A daughter, Judy, was born in January. Lives in Pretoria.
- WESTWOOD, Shirley (Westbrook): Farms at Dalton and has one child.
- WARD, Dorothy: At Natal Training College.
- WILKINS, Avis (Harward): Lives in Durban and has a year-old daughter, Penelope.
- WHEELER, Patricia: Nursing at Grey's and loves it.
- WILLIAMS, Pauline (Pembroke): Lives at Springs. Going for a holiday to East London.
- WILLIAMS, Veronica (Phillips): Lives in Pretoria. Has a two-year-old daughter, Bronwen. Often meets Penelope and Angela Jones.
- WILLIAMS, Peggy (Forder): Lost her husband in 1955, working in the Bank at Dundee. Has two sons, Maurice 11, Robin 2½, who has just recovered from a serious illness.
- WESTBROOK, Alix: Works in the Native Administration Dept., Durban.
- WRIGHT, Billy: A very loyal Maritzburg Old Girl. Still teaching.

WOOD, June: At Natal Training College.

WHITFIELD, Sheila (Little): Farms at Winklespruit. Has a small son, Christopher.

YOUNGLESON, Guinivere: At University in Maritzburg.

B I R T H S

Bosworth-Smith (Jean Peerman), a son.

Croft (Mab Bourhill), a daughter.

De Salis (Joan Henwood), a son.

Hamilton (Sheila Elliot), a daughter.

Hansen (Nancy Blackler), a son.

Theunissen (Joy Catchpole), a son.

Welsh (Angela Jones), a daughter.

Lourens (Leonie Boshoff), a son.

E N G A G E M E N T S

Zoë Bigg to George Marr.

Denise Thomson to Dick Rennie.

Wendy Bowman to Peter Carter.

Maureen Milne to Peter Kerr.

M A R R I A G E S

Mary Peerman to Colin Gibbins.

Monifay Henwood to Michael Pritchard.

Gwen Martens to Dr. Basil Leisegang.

Evelynnora Middleton to George Gasson.

Dawn Pierce to John Nowell.

Merle Burman to Dennis Wakeford.

Anne Gregory to Bryan Steere.

Avice Rainnie to Allister Thiselton.

Jean Drew to Peter Redman.

Mary Dales to Michael Kimber.

Rose Marie Williams to Stan van Niekerk.

I N M E M O R I A M

Mrs. Chapman (Lylie's mother).

Susan Smith (Taffy Rhind's daughter).

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