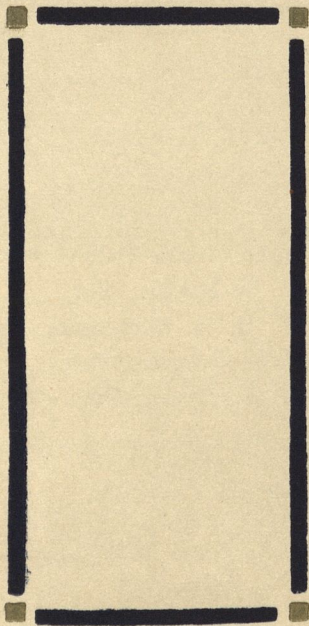


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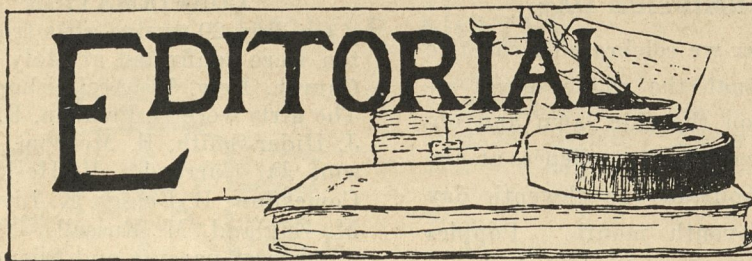
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“RECTE ET FIDELITER”

Rightly and faithfully—this has been the motto of Ruyton ever since its foundation 63 years ago, and it has inspired the girls of the school to a life of loyalty and faith; their school life and training have enabled them to carry on with this motto in after life. Righteousness and faith might well be our motto in this war, faith in our righteous cause. These two things have found their place to-day in the minds of all the people in the British Commonwealth of Nations, as is seen by the way in which the Dominions have rallied to the call of the Mother Country. If we earnestly believe that our struggle is right and just, half the battle is won.

So let us look forward to the future years, putting all our faith and hope into a better world, and let us do all in our power to make it so by giving all the aid we can to the war effort and loyally backing up those men who are making the supreme sacrifice for us. Something that is within our power to do is to pray, for, as Tennyson said,

“More things are wrought by prayer

Than this world dreams of.”

Trust in God and fight for our righteous cause, and surely victory and a better world will be ours.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

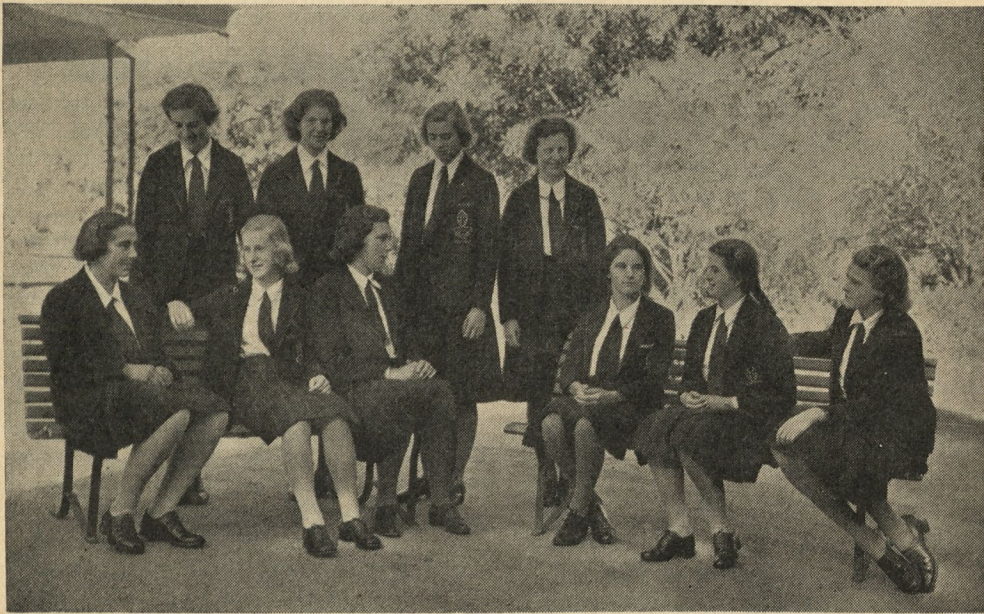
Wednesday mornings are always rather special days at Ruyton, because Canon Roscoe Wilson comes to assembly and gives us a short address. As a rule the Canon takes his theme from the hymn we have been singing. One morning he said that, as he walked to school, he noticed a garden being watered, and he told us how sometimes plants in a garden are greedy, and grow so big that they push out the weaker flowers and prevent them from getting all the light, air and sun they require. He hoped none of us were like those greedy bushes, and said we must try to help the weaker ones always, and not think only of ourselves. On other days he has talked to us about the temptation which comes to us all at times to do or say things that are not quite straight, and urged us always to listen to the still, small voice of conscience, and to pray that God will strengthen us to resist such temptations.

ARMISTICE DAY

This year we celebrated Armistice Day as usual, the whole school assembling on the side lawn and observing two minutes silence at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Poppies were sold at the school, and almost everyone was seen wearing a red poppy pinned in her blazer.

CONFIRMATION

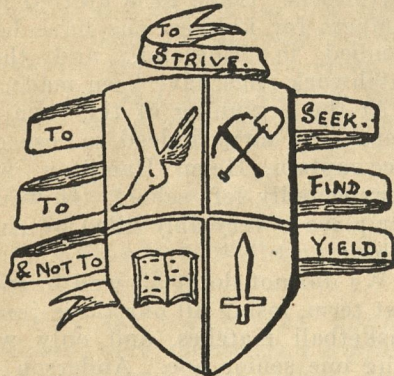
On July 20 twelve girls from Ruyton were confirmed at Holy Trinity Church, Kew, by Archbishop Head. The girls were B. Pearson, E. Baker, J. Hider-Smith, R. Morecom, A. Gibson, P. Garrard, J. Hesketh, J. Comeadow, B. Briggs, K. Livermore, M. England, M. Russell. A large number of parents and friends were present in the congregation. We thank Canon Wilson for preparing us for Confirmation.



THE PREFECTS.

Standing—Left to right: D. Gregson, S. Henry, S. Gillies (Captain of the School), B. Lewis.
Seated—Left to right: B. Pearson, E. Baker, B. Briggs, M. Russell, G. Bamford, P. Henry.

HOUSE NOTES



ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES

"There's a long, long trail a-winding," but we can see the end of the dusty road in sight, so come on, sundowners, we'll shoulder our swags and keep on swinging along.

While the billy's boiling we'll tell you all the news.

First of all, here are all the latest sports results. We have only played one Baseball match so far, in which we defeated Daniell by 21 runs to 15.

Basketball

Senior.—Anderson d. Lascelles, 17 goals to 10. Bromby d. Anderson. Anderson d. Daniell, 17 goals to 3.

Junior.—Anderson d. Bromby, 18 goals to 3. Anderson d. Daniell, 18 goals to 0. Anderson d. Lascelles, 17 goals to 14.

Tennis

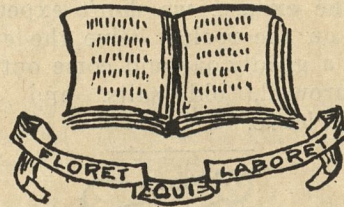
Senior.—Anderson d. Bromby, 22 games to 21. Anderson d. Daniell, 24 games to 12. Anderson d. Lascelles, 24 games to 5.

Junior.—Anderson d. Lascelles, 19 games to 14.

During second term we sent a large parcel of clothes to the "Bundles for Britain" Appeal, and we also sent another parcel of garments to the Berry Street Foundling Home.

At the moment we are knitting jumpers for the Bombed Victims.

Now, just before we put out the fire and turn in, we would like to wish everyone the best of luck for the exams., and a happy holiday afterwards.



BROMBY HOUSE NOTES

Ding, ding! Ding, ding! All hands on deck to hear the latest news.

During our voyage across a wide expanse of ocean (2nd term) we played our junior and senior basketball matches. The juniors seemed to be affected by the motion of the ship, as they won one match. But our best deck-swabbers, the seniors, having got their sea legs, did themselves justice and won all of theirs. The scores were:—

Junior.—Lascelles d. Bromby, 7 goals to 6. Anderson d. Bromby, 12 goals to 3. Bromby d. Daniell, 6 goals to 1.

Senior.—Bromby d. Anderson, 20 goals to 11. Bromby d. Lascelles, 23 goals to 3. Bromby d. Daniell, 18 goals to 4.

So far we have played two of our three baseball matches. Bromby d. Lascelles, 35 runs to 3. Bromby d. Anderson, 25 runs to 1.

Owing to her resignation of her post at Ruyton, Mrs. Wardle will not be head of our House next year. We will be very sorry to lose her, and we thank her for what she has done for Bromby House.

We are nearing the shore, and although we will have to have good piloting to get through the straits of the exams., we don't expect to run on the rocks. Give the examiner a goodly jar and come out top.

Farewell, old salts, and good shore leave.



DANIELL HOUSE NOTES

It is two terms since we have recorded our activities, which have been many and varied. Knitting flourished last term, and the Bombing Victims' Appeal, the Berry Street Foundling Home and the

Euralla Kindergarten profited by our efforts. Some girls knitted gay jumpers for kiddies who have been bombed in England, and three patchwork rugs have been made.

At the beginning of the term we were very sorry indeed to lose our vice-captain, Helen Hamilton, who unexpectedly left school. However, her place is very ably filled by Anne Gibson.

We did not do at all well in sport last term, losing all our three junior basketball matches, and only winning one senior one. Anderson defeated us in baseball 21 runs to 15.

Now we come to a subject which, though unpleasant, must be mentioned. The detentions have been mounting steadily, so, girls, do remember that every time you get one you lose a mark for your House.

Good luck to everyone sitting for Public and school exams., and if you do your fair share in work and play, we'll get on.



LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES

Once more the doings of Lascelles House are chronicled in the pages of the "Ruytonian."

We would like to thank both Miss Jamieson and Miss Bates, our Head and Vice-Head respectively, for the wonderful help they have given us during the past year, and we hope to have them with us again next year.

Our powers at sport have not yet been disclosed, but at the end of the year we hope to be well represented in the Honour lists.

During the year we all knitted hard, and were able to send a patch-work quilt and some babies' garments to the University, who sent them to England for the bombed victims. We also have been making bright woollen jumpers for the bombed children.

Our congratulations go to J. Dodd and K. Livermore on obtaining their House Colours.

In conclusion, we wish everybody a Merry Christmas, happy holidays and all the seniors doing the exams. good luck!

PREFECTS' NOTES

Nihil and Rem (with apologies to Satura), 1941!! This year the Prefects have had a bigger, brighter and better time as regards —?

The characters referred to below are entirely malicious and refer to no living persons, that is, from the collar upwards.

We have noticed that Bamford's theme song is the "Teddy Bear's Picnic," and that Pam has taken up

first-aid; she specialises in the treatment of strokes.

Russell is getting a frank correspondent, in fact, the letters seem to be *tete-a-tete*; while Briggs, our History Scholar, is intensely studying the life of Alexander (the Great) (?).

Sunset is taking her tennis seriously as she now gets lessons gratis.

Hen is still hopeful, but, hopeless.

The two little turtle-doves like geography excursions, because it gives them a good opportunity to use their wings.

Our little blonde is going in for big blondes, in fact, she's turning white.

We hope we haven't left you in any doubt; if we have, kindly refer to Webster's Dictionary

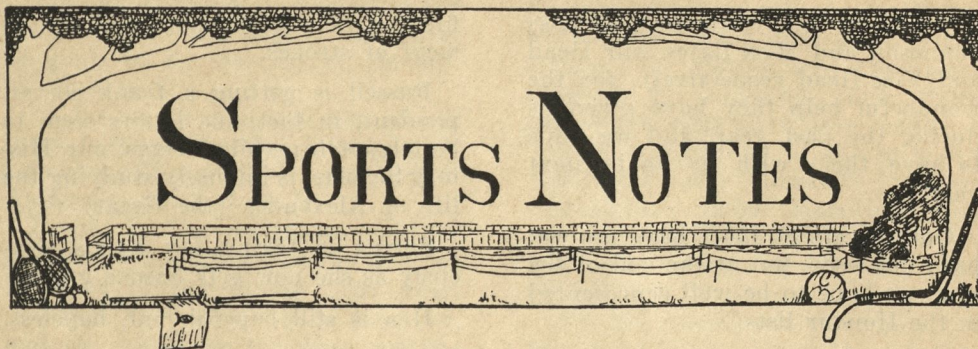
Now we lower ourselves (on) to tin-tacks.

We are all hard(ly) working for the Exams in between our social activities, one of which was the dance we held in aid of war charities. Most of the prefects flitted round the ball-room looking beautiful. Of course, the others are beautiful, but they weren't there.

We raised £3, and all present had a very enjoyable time.

And, by-the-by, we have started an anti-litter campaign, so—

Munch your lunch
With mirth and laughter—
But don't forget
To clean up after!



TENNIS NOTES

Since first term, the tennis team has been quite successful in matches. This, we feel, is entirely due to Mr. O'Hara Wood's untiring coaching. Up to date this term we have played some very exciting matches.

We have only played one practice match this term, the result being as follows:—

Tintern d. Ruyton, 35 games to 30.

The results of the pennant matches are as follows:—

On October 4.—Ruyton d. Lauriston, 42 games to 21.

On October 18.—Ruyton v. Fintona, 36 games each.

On November 1.—Ruyton d. Ormiston, 33 games to 32.

On November 8.—Ruyton d. St. Catherine's, 40 games to 33.

The team is as follows:—

First Pair.—D. Barber, S. Gillies.

Second Pair.—P. Henry, B. Lewis.

Third Pair.—D. Gregson, B. Pearson.

Fourth Pair.—J. Briggs, F. Dreiheller.

Emergency.—M. England.

HOCKEY NOTES

The results of the hockey matches this season were: St. Catherine's defeated Ruyton, 7—1 and 4—1; Fintona defeated Ruyton, 2—0 and 2—1; Lauriston defeated Ruyton, 4—3 and 5—1.

Although this does not sound very hopeful, we must realise that the team is young and inexperienced. We would like to thank our coach, Miss Hatwell, for all the enthusiastic help she has given the team. Also, we would like to thank Miss Jamieson for coaching the second team and making arrangements for all the matches.

RUNNING NOTES

We have competed in the running sports at two schools, C.E.G.G.S. and Warwick. At C.E.G.G.S. sports we came second in the Diamond Throwing and second in the Senior Relay Race. We were sorry to lose H. Hamilton from our senior team owing to her leaving school.

We all want to thank Miss Jamieson for training both teams.

BASKETBALL NOTES

We were very sorry to lose our coach, Miss Hay, at the end of last year, but we extend a hearty welcome to her successor, Miss Banks. We would also like to take this opportunity of thanking her for her untiring coaching throughout the term. We were also sorry to lose L. Hay, D. Macmillan, J. Holmes and P. Henry. So it was a very depleted team that appeared on the field at the beginning of the year. However, the team was finally settled on as follows:—

Defence—J. Dodd.
Defence—J. Hesketh.
Defence Wing—D. Barber.
Centre—J. Kerr.
Attack Wing—E. Baker.
Goal—F. Dreiheller.
Goal—S. Gillies.
Emergency—M. Russell.

We did not meet with as much success as we would have liked in our pennant matches, but we won the critical challenge match, thus retaining our right to compete in "A" grade in 1942. The results of the matches were as follows:—

Practice Matches

M.L.C. d. Ruyton, 39 goals to 11.
Tintern d. Ruyton, 38 goals to 9.
Ruyton d. Lauriston, 30 goals to 28.
Ruyton d. Gennazano, 23 goals to 17.
Gennazano d. Ruyton, 18 goals to 13.

Pennant Matches

St. Catherine's d. Ruyton, 46 goals to 13.
Fintona d. Ruyton, 18 goals to 9.

Rosbercon d. Ruyton, 24 goals to 18.

Ruyton v. Ormiston, 19 goals each.
Warwick d. Ruyton, 31 goals to 26.

Challenge Match

Ruyton d. Lauriston, 30 goals to 18.

Second Basketball Team

This year the second basketball team has been coached by Miss Jamieson. The team is as follows:—

Goal—D. Tatchell.
Attack—A. Baker.
Attack Wing—J. Hider Smith.
Centre—J. Kerr.
Defence Wing—H. Morgan.
Defence—B. Briggs.
Defence—J. Briggs.

We played several matches, the results being as follows:—

St. Catherine's d. Ruyton, 22 goals to 18.

Ruyton d. Lauriston, 22 goals to 17.
Ormiston d. Ruyton, 19 goals to 9.
Ruyton d. Lauriston, 25 goals to 9.
Staff d. Second Team, 16 goals to 15.

BASEBALL NOTES

This year the baseball team was most successful in drawing with St. Catherine's for the Pennant. The victorious team is as follows:—

Pitcher—P. Henry (Vice-Captain).
Catcher—F. Dreiheller.
Shortstop—D. Barber.
First Base—B. Pearson.
Second Base—D. Gregson (Capt.).
Third Base—K. Livermore.
Left Field—J. Briggs.
Centre Field—S. Gillies.
Right Field—J. Dodd.

The results of the matches were:—
Ruyton defeated Lauriston, 19 runs to 6.

Ruyton defeated Fintona, 29 runs to 8.

Ruyton defeated St. Catherine's, 16 runs to 7.

The team would like Miss Banks to accept their grateful thanks for her untiring enthusiasm in coaching the team. So to—

Dear Miss Banks

We render our thanks,
For coaching the team,
To make us supreme.

We're kept on the run
'Tween bases, for fun;
With coaching like yours,
We'll excel other scores.

Wilt thou harken thine ear
To our praises sincere;
We've enjoyed every game,
And trust you did the same.

VI FORM CLASS NOTES

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Well, we will leave it at that. Since our last issue, we are very sorry to say that many characters, opinions and **manners** have changed.

For instance, our two black-trackers have changed from the good old Australian Bush to the Palms, but on the other hand Brig-glet has conquered "That Uncertain Feeling." Mopsy has started to eat very hearty meals of late, we only hope she doesn't make a pig of herself when asked out.

Mellie is finding things very bright at present, and is showing a lively interest in Morse code.

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While our little linguist has taken to playing "Jacks," we sincerely hope it won't interfere with her work.

During the end of last term certain **Patriotic** damsels of our class gave their attention to knitting, while the saner minded waded through yards of khaki wool, amidst a chorus of "k.1, p.2, drop 6." It was most disturbing, and we hope there's no Christmas camp.

We must tell you that our "Casualty Ward" has been occupied lately by Hart. (The poor girl was a victim of a hit-and-run driver, you know). Nothing serious.

As for Wath, she has formed a bureau for advising the younger generation. (Please forward all your troubles to her home address.)

Other Items of Interest

Fayseway has changed her account to "Georges."

Annie and Charles are still as brainy as ever!

Haud still has a liking for her namesake.

Our Euroa friend is still warbling carols! ! !

And so on, and so on.—Well, enough of that.

BOARDERS' NOTES

In second term we once more underwent the ordeal of seven o'clock risings in the frosty, pitch-

black morn, and now we are reveling in the summer again. We have had many enjoyable Saturday afternoons, including a dog show at Tintern, the Combined Sports, a Field Day at M.C.E.G.G.S., a Guide rally, and once we went to Luna Park (although we couldn't get in). Seven of us attended the school dance and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

A great attraction this term in the boarding establishment has been the twins, although they do still get us muddled sometimes. At the beginning of second term we were very sorry, indeed, to lose our old friend, H. Hamilton, who suddenly left school.

Our social activities have been many, but we have been able to pick out some of the main points of interest:—

We are pleased to mention that Patsy's voice has improved so much that she won a blue ribbon in a competition.

Anna is still stubbing her toes most energetically in the assembly room, but it doesn't seem to hurt her at all.

One sweet young thing is very swift in the chase.

The young person with the taste for red and grey is collecting buttons.

Snapper's correspondents are rather weighed down by geography.

Space will not permit us to continue in this strain, so we close regretfully, wishing everyone good luck for the exams.

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

The annual exhibition of the Arts and Crafts Society of Victoria was held on October 21, 22 and 23 at 9 Darling Street, and two parties of girls were taken from school to see the many and varied exhibits.

There were many lovely pieces of pottery and leather work and colourful hand-blocked cotton and linen materials. We saw girls demonstrating spinning on spinning wheels, and there were some lovely examples of illuminated printing. The section which was most interesting to us was that devoted to exhibits from the various schools, and we came home with lots of new ideas for our craft-work. We would like to thank Miss Shaddock and Miss Picken for taking us.

CRAFT WORK

Once more we have to thank Miss Shaddock for all the valuable assistance she gives us with our craft work.

Some of the work that was done by the girls during the year was shown at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, at 9 Darling Street, South Yarra.

Since the last issue of the "Ruytonian," we have been making dog-leashes, table mats and centres, lamp shades, hand-woven scarves, leather work in many different forms, such as purses, bags, wallets, comb-cases, blotter-holders, pencil cases and paper folios. Also, we have been doing tapestry work, and felt belts, and tea-cosies have been made, as well as many other useful articles.

We are all working very hard at present so that we shall have everything ready for Open Day, which is to be held on November 11, and which we hope will be a great success.

THREE AUSTRALIAN EXHIBITIONS

On October 29 Mrs. McCubbin took the drawing class to three exhibitions then showing.

The first was held at the Hotel Australia, under the title of Modern Contemporary Art. It was very crude, the colour was loud and raw, and obviously meant to shock. It left us unimpressed.

The second exhibition was of women painters, at the Athenaeum, where Mrs. McCubbin herself exhibited two pictures. This was more conventional and a great contrast to the previous one.

The last exhibition, a competition, was in the National Gallery. It showed more knowledge and refinement of treatment than both the previous exhibitions—being painted by more renowned Australian artists. Among the exhibitors were the Rowell Brothers, Buckmaster, Septimus Power, Aileen Dent, and the Colquhouns.

These three exhibitions of painting offered so great a contrast to each other that they left us with very mixed feelings.

THE DRAWING CLASS, Vc.

ANNUAL OPEN DAY

On Tuesday afternoon, November 11, we had a very interesting Open Day at school, in which we exhibited

the craftwork done during the year, examples of cooking done by the Domestic Science girls, and project work and drawing. A large number of visitors came and were taken on conducted tours by their respective daughters and relations. We do hope they enjoyed the afternoon.

The exhibition in the crafts room was very nicely arranged by Miss Shaddock with the help of some of the girls, so that all the work was shown to advantage. And some of the work was very good. Several of the girls were able to show a large number of well-made articles: beach-bags, belts in felt, petersham ribbon, and tapestry, a lot of leather work and needlework and knitted articles were among the things displayed. Drawings and designs by the girls of Mrs. McCubbin's class were displayed on the walls.

The cookery exhibit of biscuits, scones and all sorts of cakes—big and little, sponge cakes, fruit cakes, and Christmas cakes, and salads and bottled fruits—all looked delicious, and I must say that by the end of the afternoon some of the girls were heard to say that they *were* delicious, which was either very naughty or a tribute to the generosity of the cooks.

All the classrooms were scrupulously tidy and the walls were hung about with projects, such as maps and posters and drawings, while scrap-books and practical books were on view on the desks. In Vb each row of girls adopted a corner of the classroom and constructed a scene from one of the countries they had been studying in geography. The IV Form

and IIIa and IIIb girls displayed some pretty aprons and pot-holders which they had made at their sewing lessons.

We were very fortunate in having a nice afternoon, so that our visitors were able to walk round the garden. We thank them for coming to see our work.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

On November 14 a very successful school concert was held in aid of Red Cross and War Service funds. The concert opened with the singing of "All Through the Night" and "Cherry Ripe" by the juniors. The seniors sang "The Years at the Spring" and "To Music."

Pamela di Gilio and Hazel Newman each gave an enjoyable violin solo. Miss Weston's dancing class contributed a very pretty minuet, while Miss Kolm's class, in their interpretive dancing, gave several interesting dances, among which were a witches' dance, and a dance in which the wind blew some leaves about, and a dance with flags.

The junior drill class did some exercises, a golliwog dance and several pretty folk dances. The Middle School added to their set of exercises a delightful gavotte, which was given an encore; the seniors also gave some exercises and a very nice dance.

The concert ended with the performance of the Ruyton Red Cross Squad, who did a set of duplex exercises and their attractive dance, "The Majorettes," which received a very enthusiastic encore.

The amount realised was £27/4/-.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The great number of people who came to Ruyton on August 1 to see the Photographic Exhibition may have indicated to a passer-by that another fire had broken out.

The exhibition was opened by Mrs. R. G. Menzies, who gave a very interesting address. The proceeds were for the purpose of aiding the War Effort. The sum of £50 was sent to the Red Cross, a similar amount went to the Red Shield, the organization of the Salvation Army helping our fighting men, and £20 was donated to the Ruyton Red Cross Group.

It would be difficult to mention the names of all those who helped to make the exhibition a success. The pupils appreciated the trouble Miss Daniell was put to and presented her with one of the photographs. The Council members were very generous in their support, many of them buying pictures, and donating prizes.

Mr. Baillot had a very difficult task in judging the exhibits before they were hung, and for some hours seemed to be knee deep in pictures. In all there were about 1,500 snapshots and pictures to be hung. One of the hanging committee, Simon—not called Peter, but less complimentary names by certain of the committee, had his own views on arranging pictures but retired in haste when he was fined threepence for walking on an exhibit.

Mr. Porter from the Kodak Company, with his experience, was a

tower of strength in helping to arrange the prints, which covered the walls of six rooms, including the hall, the Assembly room and the dining room, so that the boarders partook of some meals on the stairs or in the attic or somewhere else.

Kodak and Herbert Small's were very generous in their donation of prizes. Small's also gave a very fine group of war pictures, and Kodak some beautiful prints from England and America. Mr. Gilray very kindly presented the prizes which were mainly War Savings Certificates.

Some of Melbourne's leading photographers exhibited and donated pictures for sale. Mention must be made of the work of Dr. Julian Smith, Mr. John Eaton, Mr. P. Hammond, Dr. Stewart Cowen, Dr. Moore, Mr. Spencer Shier, Dr. Tate, Miss Pegg Clarke, Mr. Junck, Mr. Hesketh, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Stuart Tompkin, and the very fine exhibit from the Melbourne Camera Club. Also thanks are due for the willing co-operation of a great number of schools which sent so many very fine pictures.

The Staff must also be thanked for acting as doorkeepers and generally supervising the running of the exhibition. The pupils were very busy in performing sales talk and selling popular votes. Many thanks are due to the "Old Girls," and parents who arranged the afternoon tea. The Staff very courageously loaned pictures of themselves as babies, and much interest, not to mention speculation, was noticed

around this exhibit. First prizes in this section went to Miss Lewis and Miss Derham.

Many of the leading photographers said the exhibition would make the Salon look to its laurels. Nevertheless, by the time all the exhibits were taken down, packed, and returned to their owners, many were the sighs of relief, and many felt they had no desire to look at a photograph again.

UNIVERSITY MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

Practical (Grade V).—J. Alley, 79.

Practical (Grade II).—D. Barber, 65; **Theory (Grade II).**—72.

Practical (Grade III).—J. Gamble, 89; **Theory (Grade IV).**—85.

Practical (Grade III).—M. Lewis, 78; **Musical Perception (Grade IV)** 85.

Practical (Grade III).—R. Morcom, 77; **Theory (Grade IV).**—90.

Practical Preparatory Grade.—A. Schlesinger, 95.

Practical Preparatory Grade.—B. Simpson, 87.

GIFTS

We wish to thank the following for their gifts to Ruyton since our last issue:—

Mr. G. K. Gregson for several geological specimens.

Miss Enid Moodie-Heddle for a copy of Mr. Menzies' speeches.

Miss Cunningham for a copy of National Portraits by Vance Palmer.

GUIDE NOTES

The Guides this term are very busy making jumpers and singlets for some of the bombed children of Britain. We have already sent many parcels and received many letters of thanks from Guide Headquarters, London.

On September 27, a Guide and Scout rally was held on the Trinity Sports Oval, Kew. The Brownies, Scouts and Guides all paraded on the ground after which the Scouts gave an interesting demonstration with their staves. They also built flag poles, look-out stations, bridges and tents. The Brownies and Guides illustrated the work they do for their proficiency badges. The afternoon ended with a rush rally of the Scouts and Guides.

The Guides are very sorry to lose their former captain, Shiela Summons, and take this opportunity of thanking her sincerely and very warmly for her past services, and of wishing her every happiness in the future. We also have great pleasure in welcoming our two new Joint-Captains, Betty Lewis and Pat Wells, and we know they will be just as successful as Shiela.

SENIOR LIBRARY NOTES

The Senior Fiction Library has been very well patronised this term, but we would like to see even more readers.

We are very grateful to Miss Cunningham, the Headmistress of Fintona Girls' School, for her kind presentation of the book "National Portraits."

We have enjoyed the new books which have been added to the catalogue this term, including "Strangers to Freedom" (Marjorie Bowen); "Mr. Bunting" (Robert Greenwood); "The Flower-Patch among the Hills" (Flora Klickman); "The Fore-Runner" (Mirejowski) and "The White Stag" (Kate Seredy).

JUNIOR LIBRARY NOTES

Since the last edition of the "Ruytonian," the library has been enlarged by ten books, namely: "Kings and Queens," "The Tale of Tom Tiddler," "Chi-Lo, the Admiral," "Quetzal Quest," "Mary Poppins," "Klondike Gold," "Visitors from London," and "The French Twins"—a book presented by IVa in remembrance of Valerie Mason. Betty Syer kindly gave us "Castaways," and "Miss Robbie."

So, through the thoughtful selection by Mrs. Wardle, the library this year has been made most interesting and enjoyable.

GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES

Since the last issue of the "Ruytonian" the school has had several functions to raise money, which will be distributed to the Red Cross, War Services and various charities at the end of the year. These functions include the Photographic Exhibition and the School Concert. On November 29 Miss Mitchell's Dramatic Class will present several short plays, and the proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to charities.

The very satisfactory sum of £120, which was realized by the Photographic Exhibition, was distributed in the following way: £50 to the Red Cross, the same sum to the Red Shield or Salvation Army Group, which helps the soldiers, and £20 to the Ruyton Red Cross Group.

A great many skeins of wool have been distributed through the school, and the girls have been knitting children's jumpers for the victims of the bombing raids in England.

E.B. (Sec.).

SEAMEN'S MISSION

Since the last issue of the "Ruytonian," although several girls promised to join, there have only been one or two new members. Papers and magazines for the sailors have also been promised for our Christmas parcel.

Towards the end of last term we sent a parcel of magazines to the Mission and I would like to thank the girls who brought them.

We hope to send a parcel of knitted garments, cigarettes and magazines for Christmas—so please don't let the sailors down, for they need your help, especially now.

J.D. (Hon Sec.)

THE SCHOOL DANCE

On Friday evening, August 15, the Annual School Dance was held at the Recreation Hall, Kew. The hall was beautifully decorated by some of the mothers, with pink and white flowers, which harmonised with the light colours of the frocks. The

mothers also prepared the supper, which was delicious. Drinks all through the evening was an innovation which proved very popular.

The attendance (girls from forms Vc and VI) was not as large as usual, but quite a large sum was raised for War Charities, and we all enjoyed ourselves very much into the bargain.

THE DANCING CLASS

During second term Miss Brenan conducted a most successful class of Ballroom Dancing in the School Hall on Saturday evenings. Of the seventy pupils, about thirty-five were "Ruyton" girls, the remaining thirty-five being boys from the neighbouring schools who were anxious to learn the art of dancing.

During the course of the term we were taught all the modern dances as well as the most popular of the old-time dances, various competitions being held from time to time.

As is usual, a party, kindly given by Miss Brenan, was held to celebrate the "last night of Dancing." On this particular evening of August 16 dancing continued until 11 p.m., instead of until the usual finishing hour of 9.30 p.m., and the girls all wore full evening dress. Supper was served in the School Dining Room about 9 p.m., and after that we had several competitions in dancing, as well as the ordinary dances.

On behalf of the pupils of the class I would like to thank both Miss Daniell, for permitting us to have these classes, and Miss Brenan and her assistants, for making them so en-

joyable. In fact, the class has been so successful this year that Miss Daniell has kindly permitted us to have three practice nights of dancing during third term, and we are all looking forward to three more enjoyable evenings.

B.B.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

Since the last issue of the "Ruytonian" we have been to two Orchestral Concerts for Young People held by the Australian Broadcasting Commission in the Town Hall. Both the concerts were conducted by Professor Bernard Heinze, who gave an interesting little explanation of the theme and the story of each piece of music before the orchestra played it. We all enjoyed the concerts, and would like to thank Miss Gregson, Miss Bates and Miss Jamieson for taking us.

DR. KOO

On June 19 M.L.C. invited us to a talk by Dr. Koo on "International Peace." It was very kind of M.L.C. to ask us, and we would like to thank them.

Dr. Koo started by telling us that we knew very little of the way other peoples of the world lived and ate and talked, and that one of the few things that had an international language was music. So that to make us understand the Chinese a little, he would play us some music, which he did, the names of the pieces being "To Jasmine," and "The Little White Cabbage."

He also showed us how the Chinese got their three words for peace. The

first was two symbols representing a mouth and rice, showing peace is possible if everyone is well fed. The next represented a roof and a woman, this time showing that if social conditions were good, peace was again possible, and, lastly, were two characters of two and a heart, showing that if we really love one another, there could never be any war.

THE MESSERSCHMITT

During second term, a party of girls was taken to the Town Hall to see the Messerschmitt which had been forced down "somewhere in England," and was brought to Melbourne to be put on display in aid of the Spitfire Fund.

We were very interested to compare the narrow body construction, and the fittings of the Messerschmitt, with those of the Australian designed Wirraway, which was also on view. The different parts of the Messerschmitt were explained to us, and we were told that when this plane becomes warmed up, and is going at a fast speed, it becomes difficult to control; its landing speed is up to 100 m.p.h. The pilot's cockpit looked uncomfortably small, and on the side of the plane, which had been sprayed in places by machine-gun bullets, a dragon was painted, evidently the mascot of the German pilot.

There were many fine photos of Air Force activities hung in the hall, pictures of observers, gunners, pilots and mechanics, all training, and some lovely photographs of different types of planes flying in formation, being tuned up, overhauled, and having their bomb-racks filled.

A model in full flying kit and with a parachute, was suspended from the domed roof, as though making a descent, and there was a Wackett trainer and a rubber boat on display, also a machine used for training pilots in blind flying, and all the Air Force uniforms and flying kit. The movements of two aeroplane engines were demonstrated.

We had a very enjoyable afternoon, and we should like to thank the members of the staff who kindly took us.

CHINESE BAMBOO FESTIVAL

One day in second term we were taken to the Chinese Bamboo Festival in the Foyer of the Myer Mural Hall.

The Chinese people of Melbourne organised the Festival in aid of the Red Cross, and many people lent lovely and valuable pieces of china and woodwork, and ornaments, trinkets, such as fans and silks, to be displayed at the Festival. There were many traditional robes displayed, all embroidered with figures and letters which showed the rank or office of the wearer.

One Chinese lady showed some of us a game which the Chinese children play, and some other ladies were playing mah jong surrounded by an interested circle. Several of the girls bought strange-looking Chinese confections which they ate with evident enjoyment.

Thank you, Miss Mitchell, Miss Bates, Miss Jamieson, and Miss Gregson for taking us.

"DR. KNOCK"

On Friday evening, June 13, Miss Derham and the Honour VI French Class went to see a performance of "Le Docteur Knock," given by the Alliance Francaise at the Central Hall.

The play, which was written by Jules Romains, is a delightful little comedy, and Dr. Knock, the hero of the play, who purchased an old country practice and introduced into it the latest methods of medical research, acted well. The part of "La Dame en Violet" was played by Madame Taylor, who received the loudest applause. "Les Gars du village" provided the audience with much amusement. Madame Parparlaid showed herself to be a very bored traveller, and her husband, Dr. Parparlaid, and also Mousquet, the local chemist, acted well.

The performance was concluded by the singing of the Marseillaise, and we then left the hall, having had an enjoyable evening. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Derham for taking us.

B.B.

PROFESSOR CHISHOLM'S FRENCH TALK

French Talk by Professor Chisholm at M.L.C.

On July 29 M.L.C. very kindly invited the senior French classes of Ruyton and Tintern to be present at a talk by Professor Chisholm. The first part was in English, about French peasant life, which is the background for much of our work this year. The Professor then spoke to us

in French, about poetry, and concluded by reading us several French poems from our syllabus, and also an extract from a set piece of French prose.

M.R. & B.B.

FLORENCE DURING THE RENAISSANCE

One evening during second term Miss Daniell and Mrs. Wardle took the Leaving Pass and Leaving Honours History Classes to a lecture given by Professor Crawford on "Florence during the Renaissance," at the University.

Professor Crawford, by means of his lecture and some moving pictures, gave us a delightful picture of the city in which the great Florentines who helped to bring about the Renaissance lived, and were brought up.

Florence, situated on the banks of the Arno, which is spanned by six bridges, was the capital of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, and the birthplace of the Renaissance. Of the bridges, the Ponte-alle Grazie was the scene of the Guelph-Ghibelline union, and the Ponte Vecchio is still in existence to-day.

Professor Crawford said that Florence was a hive of industry during the Renaissance, the industries being the manufacture of silk and wool, jewellery, mosaics and straw plaiting. The city was, and still is, rich in treasures of art and architecture, and still possesses many fine palaces, churches and public buildings, several of which contain some of the work of Ghiberti, Giotto and Michael Angelo. He went on to say that

Florence was the city of the famed Medici, the foundations of the greatness of whose family were laid by Cosimo. Cosimo's grandson, Lorenzo the Magnificent, was the member of the Medici family who gained renown for the fostering of the new learning in this famed "City of Flowers."

Among those names that Professor Crawford told us were notable in Florence were Dante, Boccaccio, Cimabue, Ghirlandaio, the Lippis and Andrea de Sarto, and the sculptors Luca della Robbia, Donatello and Ghiberti.

The majority of these people were the most outstanding people of the Italian Renaissance, so the small city of Florence played an important role in this great revival of art, learning and literature which took place in Europe during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

B.B.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Last term the Sixth Form went to the Science Exhibition at the University with Miss Banks. We looked at models of the ear and the eye, which were explained by the students, and also at a rabbit's heart, which, being in the same condition as it would be in the body, was beating steadily. We had our blood tested, with unfortunate results in some cases, and also our eyes, and saw cards with coloured patterns for testing for colour-blindness. Some of us saw bottles of poisons prepared from plants, and special medicines. We investigated the Geology school, with many interesting fossils, and the Zoology school, with

minute water animals and other forms of animal life. In the Union Building there was a piece of sculpture of an old lama, which was of great interest to the English class, who have lately read "Kim."

J.H., A.M.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

One night last term, Miss Derham took some of Ve to see "The Merchant of Venice" at the National Theatre. We arrived early, and had plenty of time to settle ourselves before the curtain rose. In the play, Gobbo afforded much amusement by his awkwardness and stupidity. Gratiano's long-winded speeches were enjoyed exceedingly. Although there was no elaborate scenery, the stage conveyed the exact idea of the setting. In the night scenes, the lighting was particularly effective.

Verne Treloar, who played the part of Portia, wore some beautiful gowns, which used to belong to Dame Nellie Melba. The part of Shylock was well played, and, in fact, we all saw how we should have played our parts at our own Shakespearean evening. We all enjoyed the play very much, and vote many thanks to Miss Derham, who kindly took us.

E. JUNCK.

EXCURSION TO PELACO FACTORY

On Tuesday, July 15, the VI Form geography class was taken by Miss Jamieson on a very interesting excursion to the Pelaco Factory in Richmond.

When we arrived the class was divided into two groups, and we were shown over the factory by two guides. We were told the cotton for the manufacturing came from various parts of the world, the finest being obtained from the coast of Florida. We first went into the cutting-room, where bolts of the fabric were laid on long tables and cut out by hand-machines. We then followed the making up of the shirt throughout the factory, until we finally saw the shirt being ironed and folded up. It was very interesting watching the different machines at work, especially the one for sewing on the buttons.

The effect of the war on the factory is rather serious, as the Australian cotton yarn manufacturing industry does not seem to be developing. We arrived home, pockets bulging with scraps of material, after a very interesting afternoon, and we would all like to thank Miss Jamieson very much for taking us.

AN EXCURSION TO VICTORIA CUTTING

On Tuesday, October 21, the Leaving geography class went for an excursion to Victoria Cutting. This cutting was formerly silt laid down by rivers, and then by subsidence laid down under the sea. Then an uplift took place, and the stratum was tilted to a vertical position, where once it had been horizontal, and also twisted and folded by the tremendous force with which it was uplifted.

The rocks of the cutting are mainly mudstone, and soft clay, which are gradually being hardened by a soaking of iron-oxide. Weathering has

altered the general nature of the rock, the soft rocks being worn away by rain, leaving the hard rocks jutting out. The rocks are also being broken up by vegetation. The acids in the roots of the plants are decomposing the rock, and a layer of grey soil is forming over the rocks. The colour is due to the decayed vegetable matter called humus.

In this vicinity the river has formed a spurred-entrenched meander. On the steep convex bank abundant pasture grasses and native trees are growing, while on the smooth concave bank, Chinese gardeners have made use of the fertility of the ground.

We had lunch by the bridge crossing the Yarra, near the brewery. Here a small park has been formed, and shady elm-trees go down to the water's edge. We left at 1.15 p.m., and arrived back at school at 1.45 p.m., after a very interesting excursion.

J.B. & J.G.

AUSTRALIAN PAPER MILLS EXCURSION

On a Friday evening in September the Leaving Pass geography class went to see over the Australian Paper Mills.

With a certain amount of jollity we reached our destination without mishap. Once here we divided ourselves into two parties to be conducted round the different rooms. We watched with interest the various stages a small notebook, accidentally dropped into one of the bins, would take before becoming cardboard. We hope that the leather cover did not cause

any irregularities. A diversion was created later in the evening when a certain member of our party lost herself. She was found quietly weeping bitter tears at being parted from us. We found it great fun to trail our fingers in lukewarm paper mush, but were discouraged in this pastime.

After being shown round all the rooms, we left the mills, our pockets bulging with samples. We waited half an hour in the rain for our bus, and arrived back at school dishevelled, dirty and wet.

THE ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON

Last term the Rotary Club held its annual luncheon for the Captains of Secondary and Public Schools, in the Freemasons' Hall. After a most enjoyable luncheon, everyone joined in the singing of "Waltzing Matilda."

Mr. MacNeil, Principal of Wesley College, then gave a most inspiring address. He said that the world today was inclined to make "Safety First" its motto. He thought everyone was too afraid to stand alone and voice his own opinion. To counter this the boys of the Public Schools were being trained to carry out their own ideas.

The National Anthem then brought to an end a very enjoyable hour.

HOLY TRINITY GYM.

Several of the girls from Ruyton attend a weekly physical culture class at the Holy Trinity Girls' Gymnasium, which held its annual display and prize-giving on November 5. We are proud to congratulate Margaret Hamilton, who won a cup for the best

pupil in Group B of the Intermedaite Class, and Hilary Morgan, who won a cup for the most improved pupil in the same section. The distribution of prizes brought to a conclusion an enjoyable performance of exercises and dancing by the pupils.

MR. POPE

One day last term Mr. Pope came and talked to us. He had travelled through Arabia, and told us many interesting stories. He dressed up in several costumes, and Mrs. Pope dressed in a woman's one. Mr. Pope told us that when an Arab comes home he takes the gaily-worked bridle off his horse, and hangs it round his wife's neck, instead of putting it away. He also spoke some Arabic for us, and showed us how it was written. Mr. Pope told us several funny stories, which the men tell in their coffee-houses. Altogether, it was a most interesting talk, and we would like to thank Miss Jamieson, who made it possible for us.

E.J.

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We wish to thank the following schools for sending us their magazines:—Lauriston, Fintona, M.L.C., Warwick, Trinity, M.C.E.G.S., Carey, P.L.C. (Melbourne), Clyde, Wesley, Frensham, M.C.E.G.G.S., Tintern, Wycombe Abbey.

THE PLANTING OF ONIONS

Early last term it was decided that we should grow onions in order that the seed might be sent to England. There was great response to the idea,

and for the next few days day girls were seen taking onions to their homes in various sacks and bags, great use being made of school bags—that is by the less studious! The boarders planted their onions in the garden at school, but they were lucky—they had the earth dug for them. We eagerly watched for the small green shoots to appear. They took quite a while, but have grown steadily since they appeared, and seem to be at present flourishing in the warmer weather—the weeds also like the climate, and it is murmured in some cases that they are as tall as the onion plants themselves. Anyway, good luck onion-growers, and keep up the good work, but don't forget to rid your gardens of those mischief-making weeds.

A TRIP IN THE HOLY LAND

Modern Palestine, with its big harbour and the terminus of the Iran pipe-lines in Haifa, with the totally new city of Tel-aviv (that means "hill of spring"), and the new part of Jerusalem, is a marvellous work of technique. In about twenty-five years, on stony ground, big up-to-date cities, satisfying all modern claims of life, have grown up. Gardens, parks, big open squares, huge buildings and broad streets, can be seen in the cities; the houses are built out of stone, are white, and have flat roofs and many verandahs. A well-known university in Jerusalem, with its first-class staff, and a renowned technical school in Haifa have, with their experiments and technical aid succeeded in changing this country from a desert to a flowering garden. There are enormous orange groves whose product,

millions of cases of first-class oranges, is exported all over the world. It seems like a dream that this small land is able to produce and manufacture nearly everything necessary for life. Everywhere in the country there are marvellous roads connecting settlements, farms and factories. There are still some patches of desert land, covered with reddish sand, which suggest that the whole land looked like this in former times. On account of the modern development of Palestine and its up-to-date appearance, one is apt to forget its Biblical and historical importance.

E.W., Vc.

VERSAILLES

Louis XIV built the magnificent palace of Versailles in a wooded, wind-swept plain, surrounded by hills, about fourteen miles from Paris, where Louis XIII's hunting lodge had been. He had his court there and compelled all the nobles to live there, instead of in the country.

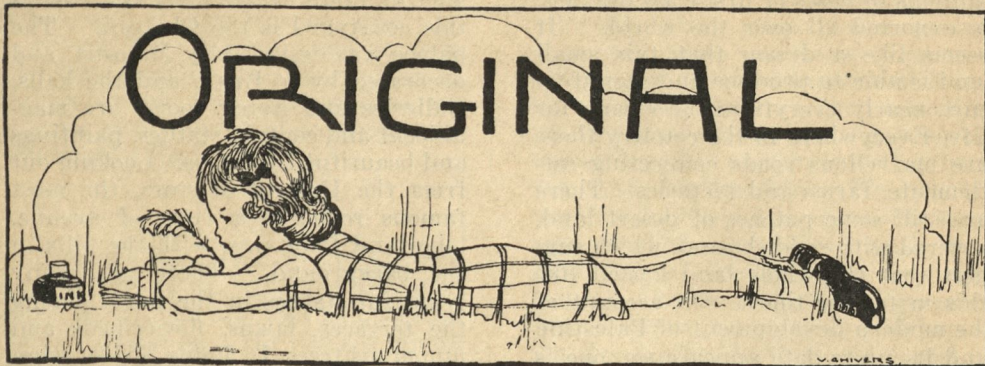
Now the broad avenue leads to the wide "Place d'Armes," and further on is a courtyard with enormous statues of the famous and important

men of Louis' reign. At the end of this courtyard is the Chateau. The palace was designed by Mansart, and decorated by le Brun, and the halls, Galleries and living rooms are magnificent and contain statues, paintings and beautiful furniture. Looking out from the Hall of Mirrors, the most famous room, is a vista of avenue, lakes and fountains, with the hills in the background. There are many beautiful statues in the park, among the terraces, lawns, flower-beds and numerous trees. In Louis XIV's reign Girardon was the sculptor, Lully the musician, and Bossuet Madame de Sevigne, Racine, St. Simon, Moliere, la Fontaine and Corneille were the writers at Versailles, which was the centre of culture and learning in France.

Versailles typified the best and worst of France. It showed the grandeur, but it also necessitated heavy taxes, and made the nobles live a useless life at court.

Louis XV and Louis XVI also lived at Versailles.

Versailles is public property, and until the war the fountains were played once a month, at a cost of £40 each time.



GREAT WARBIRDS

Now that the warbirds are aloft again we ought to know something about those of the Great War.

Although he was not as well-known as Ball, Bishop and McCudden, Major "Mick" Mannock shot down the greatest number of enemy planes. He shot down seventy-three planes and was awarded the V.C., the D.S.O. and two bars, and the M.C. and bar. He was killed one morning in July, 1918, when he took a new pilot over the lines. After the war he was acknowledged as the "King of Air Fighters."

One of Australia's aces was Captain Sir Ross Smith, popularly known as "Hadji," who served with No. 1 Squadron in Palestine. After the war he and his brother made the first flight from England to Australia. He was killed in 1922 while practising for a flight around the world.

McCudden, V.C., shot down fifty-seven aircraft and was killed in 1918. He and Mannock were great

friends. Ball, V.C., shot down about thirty aircraft and was killed in 1916. He was probably the best known of the English aces. Bishop, V.C., is a Canadian who commanded a squadron in France and who is now an Air Marshal and Director of Recruiting in Canada.

The young warbirds of this war are carrying on the great tradition of the warbirds of the Great War.

J.P. and J.P.

THE COUNTING COMPLEX

The school has found a new pastime. This is counting bowler hats. The idea is to count a hundred of them and the first male with whom you have the pleasure to shake hands after that you are destined to marry. It usually happens to be your great uncle or some like person, but that's a detail. Say the school is out on an excursion. A bowler hat comes down the street; there are cries of "Bowler Hat."

This cry is repeated, and the poor gentleman usually becomes rather embarrassed at finding himself thus the centre of interest.

A more up-to-the-minute version of this game is counting gas-producers. The only disadvantage of this is that every time you see a Salvation Army person you have to take five off your score. You are in the tram with a companion, and she suddenly tells you on no account to look out of the window. This has the immediate effect of making you look.

Alas! There is a Salvation Army band marching down the street.

I have tried both these games, but they are no good for a person of poor memory. I always manage to forget where I'm up to, with the result that I'm hardly ever more than twenty. I know several people, however, who have completed their hundred, but sad to say with unsatisfactory results.

A COUGH CURE

If you have got a bottle of "Special Cough Mixture" in your medicine chest which you have never tasted, here are some feelings you will experience when you do.

You have just woken up in the morning with a cough and you have a dance the following night, so you resolve to rid yourself of it without delay. In the medicine chest is a large bottle of cough mixture which you decide to sample, but in secret, as a cough has before

stopped your parents allowing you to go to a dance.

On reading the label you see "for bad chest coughs," but as your cough's not very chesty and you don't know whether it's nice or not, you decide to take a half dose. Having arrived at this conclusion, you pour out a spoonful and take a timid sniff which causes you to inhale a slightly unpleasant odour; nevertheless, this does not shake your courage and you are still determined to drink it, so you count three and gulp. After this you stop to receive impressions but all you feel is a slightly pleasant taste in your mouth. But wait! After a minute you feel your stomach is slightly hot, and as you stand, it rapidly gets hotter, then you are gripped by the horrible fear that the mixture which has been in the chest for ages has fermented and turned to poison.

After this you confide in some one and your alarm subsides as you discover that the stuff contains ammonia and that you haven't shaken the bottle, so you will have to have another dose, only twice as big this time.

1067

One day, while Bertie, a handsome young minstrel was on his travels, he came upon a mysterious castle on top of a lonely hill.

"Aha, methinks that perhaps there is food and lodging in yonder castle!" So saying, Bertie began the weary climb to Lonely Lozenges, as the castle was called. When he

reached the top, he saw a neat little notice pinned on the door.

It read:

OUT TO SUPPER
WILL BE HOME AT 8.

Tired and footsore, Bertie sat down on the doorstep. Suddenly he heard a song, sung by someone whom he could not see. It seemed to come from the tower above him, and looking up he espied a beautiful young girl gazing wistfully down upon him. With a start Bertie arose, slipped, sat down, and got up. Her clear voice drifted down to him, "Please, brave youth, my name is Agatha and my wicked uncle has imprisoned me in this turret because I will not marry the man he has chosen for me. Will you rescue me?" she asked. With that she burst into tears and the salt water, much to the discomfort of Bertie, dripped onto his head. Bertie gulped as he was wont to do when he was startled, "Certainly," he said.

He then heard the clatter of horses' hooves coming nearer. He looked at his watch. It was 8 o' clock.

The stranger was wearing a suit of armour and while riding, twirled a big black moustache.

"Stand and deliver!" cried the stranger, drawing out a pea-shooter. A startled cry came from Agatha, "Oh, it is my wicked Uncle Sam! Beware!"

But Bertie had already had a pea on his nose, stunning him. Uncle

Sam blew his horn and three men at arms came around the corner.

"Take this scoundrel to the dungeons," he cried. So Bertie was carried off down flights of stairs to the dungeons.

Here Bertie, who had now recovered, saw a notice

DUNGEONS
ALL MOD. CONS.

He was roughly thrust onto a feather-bed, and the key grated in the lock. All day he sat miserably in his cell trying to think of a way out and at last a glimmering of an idea came to him. When the guard came in with his breakfast next morning (porridge, ham and eggs, toast and marmalade), Bertie hit him on the head with a reading lamp. With a crash the guard fell down and Bertie, seizing his keys, ran out. Hurriedly he telephoned Scotland Yard which said that it would send some policemen at once.

Bertie stole up to where Uncle Sam was having his after breakfast siesta. Quickly he picked him up and threw him out of the window into the moat, for Bertie was very strong. Then he rushed up to Agatha, swept her up into his arms, kissed her, ran downstairs to where the police were waiting.

"Arrest these people in the castle for they are all villains," he cried.

Next morning Bertie and Agatha went to the registry office and were married. Then they came back to the castle and lived happily ever after.

B.M. and *N.F. (Vb).

EDWARD

"Have you got a cat?" is a question many people ask me. This question is usually asked by those who are vainly searching for some way of starting conversation, or by those who have just got one themselves and wish to find some way of talking about him, or by someone who owns a cat of whom they think a great deal.

In my case the answer is in the affirmative.

"What sort?" is usually the next question.

"A half Persian," I answer.

"How old?"

"About six years."

"Do tell me about him."

So I proceed to relate his history. The people next door once had a grey Persian called Mary. One summer day news came that this animal had kittens. Four half Persians they were. Three were grey and one black.

Now our neighbours felt that they could not cope with five cats, so they distributed them amongst the various people of the neighbourhood. We too, were offered one, but we refused.

"It's too much trouble," we said. However, the kittens thought otherwise, for every day the four of them would raid our house.

Then as time went on the black one decided to travel, for he disappeared and we have not seen him since.

The next one met his death underneath his owner's ironing board.

The third—just like a lady—

decided that a woman's place was in her own home, so she ceased her visits; but the fourth one was so stubborn, he refused to leave; so much so, in fact, that his owners were obliged to ring up and ask us to feed him—a thing which we had not liked to do for fear of a row between us and our neighbours. We consented, and so the cat—which had been naturally getting thinner and thinner—began to resume his normal condition. Of course now that we were feeding him it was evident that he would never return to his rightful owners, so they rang up and told us we could have him! Now his owner had called him after King Edward (who abdicated shortly afterwards), and that name seemed to stick, so Edward from that day forth has answered to this name and a more faithful and staunch cat never drew breath.

"How sweet," is the admiring remark. Then the questioner either turns the conversation to his own cat or goes on his way.

J.P. (Va).

When we were in the Flinders Ranges we had an amusing experience. We were going along a dusty road when suddenly we came upon an ancient cart, walking by which was an even more ancient man. This cart was not pulled by horses, but by a team of donkeys. And as they pulled the cart along, they would say "Hee-haw," one after the other. Every now and then one would stop dead and give a loud bray.

E.J. (Ve).

A ZULU HUT

A Zulu hut in Natal, Africa, is dome-shaped and made of wicker work plastered with mud. The interior is hard to see owing to the thick choking smoke. A fire is lit in the middle, the smoke seeking an outlet where it can and leaving the roof like jet black ebony. On the right of the fire squat the men of the family and on the left, the women and children. At the back of the hut lie the smaller domestic animals, sheep, chickens, goats or a young calf.

The bed is very simple, a mat for a mattress, a log of wood for a pillow, and a blanket to roll up in. Soon, ignoring the animal grunts and scuffles and the insect bites, three or four generations will be asleep.

V.T. (IVb).

THE GIANT CRAB-SPIDER

The spider which is commonly known in Australia as the tarantula, is really the giant crab spider. The name tarantula belongs to the Southern European Wolf Spider.

The Crab-Spider is among the largest of all Australian spiders. It is quite harmless, eats flies, and is very often found after rain, either under the bark of a eucalypt, or on the ceiling of a house. It does not spin a web or snare, but is a wanderer.

A.C., IVb.

TRAVELS OF TWO DONKEYS

We wished to fly around the world
And see each Nation's flag unfurled.
We started off one sunny day
And flew up North Australia way.
We crossed some rivers long and wide,
With sheep and cattle by their side,
Then northwards, where we saw below
Where tropical fruit and sugar-cane
grow.

Over the Timor, past N.E.I.,
Then to Singapore we did fly.
A lovely harbour there we saw,
And ships and troops and planes
galore.

(To put this in is really a crime,
But if we didn't, it wouldn't rhyme.)

Over China in a trice
We saw the terraced fields of rice.
Then on to India in a hurry,
The land of elephants and curry.
The Himalayas reared their peaks
Into the Northern sky;
And south, beyond the Ganges' plain,
We saw the Deccan dry.
We flew on over the yellow sands
Until we came to the Balkan lands.
Here the peasants reaped their corn,
Up with the larks in the early morn.
We also saw below us spread
The oil-fields of which we all have
read,

The River Danube, long and blue,
Flowed down to the sea; we saw that,
too.

Over the Alps to sunny Spain,
Where they do not have much rain;
This is the land of wine and song.
Sorry, girls, but we can't stay long.
We hurried on without a light
Till the cliffs of Dover came in sight;
But of London town we cannot write
(There was a blackout on that night).
Next day we saw the rolling Downs

And many manufacturing towns,
We left the Land of the Union Jack
And hoped some day we could go
back.

We looped the loop above "Noo
Yark,"

Then over the prairies we saw wheat
on the stalk.

We rose over the Rockies, dived over
the sea,

And got home just in time for tea.

J.P., J.P.

VANITY ABOVE

The sky is very, very vain,

She reflects her lovely hue
Into the sea, and makes it blue.

At night a gown of black she wears,
And drops to earth her silver tears;
Her dress is speckled with stars so
bright,

There is nowhere where there is no
light.

Sometimes her face she hides all day
With cloudy veils of silver grey.

As sunset comes her face is made
Gold and crimson, but soon will fade
To dusky mauve, the tint of plums,
Then blue and black, for then night
comes.

V.T., IVb.

THE SOUTH COAST RANGES

The rustling leaves of the gum trees,
As the breeze through their branches
plays;

The sharp tang of the live salt air
That drifts from the neighbouring
bays;

The growth in the valleys below us
That looks only pigmy size;
The subduing, dignified mountains

Which towards the North uprise;
All make the South Coast beautiful,
That looks o'er an ocean so clear,
They are the expression of nature
When she works in a mood austere.

LE GRAND-PERE RAT

J'ai un chat qui clase les rats,
Pendant lesjours de mai;
Un jour il attrape le grand-père rat,
Et puis il est très gai!
Il l'apporte à ses amis, les chats,
Et le leur montre avec fierté;
Ses amis sont tres, tres jaloux,
Et le saisissent et traversent le pré.
Mais ils tombert dans l'étang bleu,
Et poussent beaucoup de cris:
Mais mon chat saisit le grand-père rat,
Et l'apporte à ses filles.

O.H., Va.

THE STAG

Proudly now he stands,
The monarch of the glen.
His quiv'ring nostrils ever
Waiting for the dreaded
Scent of man.
He catches on the breeze
The slightest unknown scent,
And off, o'er rocks and grass,
He flees with lightning speed,
To safe retreat.

S.M.

THE SQUIRREL

There once was a squirrel
Who lived in a wood,
He tried and he tried but he never
quite could
Store enough nuts for his winter food.

AUSTRALIA

We ask thee, mother Australia,
For help in this brutal war.
Your quiet and peaceful country,
Is quiet and peaceful no more.
Though the blue gums stand like
soldiers,
To guard us from the Huns,
And the kookaburra laughs, still
We must start using guns.
The kangaroo still covers
Miles with hops and bounds,
And the lyrebird sings and dances
On mossy, hidden mounds.
Though the possums at night raid the
roof tops,
We can't think of them any more,
We must have ammunition
For our home country England's at
war.

J. McM., Va.

A MOTH

Coming home from school I found
A small white moth upon the ground,
And underneath its snowy wings
I discovered bright red rings.

A.C., IVb.

PLAY-TIME

When we play at nurses,
My little friend and I,
We try so hard to pet our dolls,
So they will not die.
When we play at soldiers,
My little friend and I,
We make hats of glue and paper,
And put them out to dry.

J.W., Va.

PRINCESS STREET BRANCH NOTES

Christmas is almost here again, and we are all just as busy as can be learning our Christmas carols and songs, and making presents for our mothers and fathers. We are trying, too, to make our gardens look specially nice to show them, too, because this year we are to have our Christmas party at our own school, instead of at Big Ruyton.

One day we all went for a visit to the Fitzroy Gardens to see Captain Cook's cottage, because we had been having stories about Captain Cook for our history lessons.

There we went to see the Fairy Tree, with all the queer birds, animals, gnomes and fairies. And we chose just the right day to go there because Miss Cohn was at the tree, painting some of the fairies, and she talked to us as we watched her at work.

Then, too, we had two visits from Mr. Peter Leonard. The first time he told us stories, and acted for us, and showed us his puppets. Some of our mothers were able to come, too, and we all had such a happy morning.

Mr. Leonard came again a few weeks later, and showed us lots of coloured nursery rhyme films, and also one of the story of Peter Pan.

Our mothers came again a few weeks ago to listen with us to Music Through Movement, and we were able to show them some of the tunes and rhythms and movements we have learned during the year.

Now we will say good-bye until next year, and wish you a Happy Christmas from all the children at Little Ruyton.

NORMANDY ROAD BRANCH NOTES

Early in the second term we were all thrilled to hear that Mr. Peter Leonard was coming again to visit us.

This time he showed us slides of the Nursery Rhyme stories. We had great fun recognising so many of our little friends of Nursery Rhyme-land.

Then we helped him act "Jack and the Beanstalk." Joan took the part of Jack, Gavin was the cow, and Peggy the butcher.

Lastly, he showed us some puppet work. Many of our parents were present, and we all enjoyed the morning very much.

We are delighted with the gas heaters which were installed in our school-rooms during the second term. They are very clean and convenient, and they make our rooms very much more cosy on the cold days by circulating the warm air better than the fuel heaters did.

On August 26 we arranged a trip to see a Doll's House at St. Mark's Patriotic Shop in Burke Road, Camberwell. It was a silver coin admission, and the proceeds were for the little children of England who had lost everything through this terrible war.

The Doll's House was most interesting. Every tiny detail necessary for a home seemed to be there.

At the request of Mrs. Simmonds, we had an egg appeal for the Alfred Hospital from October 13 to 20. We collected fourteen dozen and five eggs, which, we hope, will be a benefit to the poor, sick folk.

Once again the end of the year draws near, and, as usual, it finds us very busy making Xmas presents.

Already we have written to Santa Claus, and told him what we want him to bring us on our Party Day.

We are thrilled at the thought of our party, at which we are all taking part in a tiny playette called "King Christmas and His Court."

Then follow the lovely, long holidays. Already dreams of making sand castles on the beach, paddling and bathing in the sea, are filling our minds.

We feel sure that you are all thinking the same gay thoughts, and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a bright and successful New Year.

THE RUYTON RED CROSS EMERGENCY SERVICE COMPANY

Superintendent: Mrs. W. S. Kent
Hughes.

Hon. Secretary: Miss D. Bell.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. Anderson.

In July our annual meeting was held at The Camberwell Girls' Grammar School, Camberwell, and those who have not had the opportunity of seeing our Report for the year ending June 30, 1941, might be interested in some of the figures that were in it. Over 700 yards of material were cut and made into articles for the Red Cross; 1,222 articles, knitted and sewn, were sent to Headquarters Stores, and 289 articles of clothing were sent to Civilian Relief.

Since our last report for the "Ruytonian," a further 911 articles have been contributed. Of these 68 have been knitted goods, donated by the "Ruyton War Service Group."

The attendance at the Wednesday afternoon meetings, at the school, has been practically at capacity, and the workers have, indeed, done an excellent job.

We have been glad to welcome a number of new members, who have been of great assistance to us.

In addition to the above-mentioned garments, the following sums of money have been sent in to Headquarters, since June, from the Ruyton Red Cross:—£24/19/5 from monthly donations by members and the girls of the school; £3/19/- from annual subscriptions; £50, from a contribution by the school, being the proceeds of the Photographic Exhibition; and 14/-, proceeds of a special membership drive; making a total of £79/12/5.

We now have members serving Red Cross in many fields—in Transport, at Heidelberg Military Hospital, Rockingham Convalescent Home, Red Cross Headquarters, Red Cross First Aid Emergency Posts, and at Civilian Relief Depot. Twelve members recently passed their A.R.P. examination.

In other branches of service our efforts are well sustained—Mrs. Newman, with the knitting; Miss G. Wickham, in charge of materials and sewing; Mrs. Macdonald, steadily helping with the collection and sorting of Waste Products; Mrs. Syer, with our lending library; Mrs. England and Miss Matheson, in collecting, sorting and packing of clothes for Civilian Relief; and Mrs. di Gilio, in organising our days at the Kew Kiosk. We had the Kiosk again in August, and once more broke the re-

cord for one day's sales, making £18 for the Kew Red Cross.

To these ladies and to those representing us in other branches of Red Cross Service, all of whom give so much of their time, thought and effort to our work, we are deeply grateful.

The company took over a post in town on a Red Cross Button Day, in September. Mrs. Newman Mrs. Holmes, Miss Anderson Mrs. Kinball-Adeney, and Miss Bell were those faithful members who took their turn at selling buttons, and we do thank them sincerely.

The sum of £27/4/- was received from the school after all receipts had come in from the Ruyton Concert held recently, and we consider ourselves very lucky to have the support of Miss Daniell, the staff, and the girls of the school in this very practical way. We wish them to know how much we appreciate their contributions and their efforts. Members of the company organised cake, sweet, and flower stalls at the concert, which helped considerably to swell the receipts. To them and to Mrs. Usher, who so kindly made button holes of flowers to sell, we are also greatly indebted.

The Ruyton War Service Group has, since June, contributed a total of £30 to the Ruyton Red Cross Funds to help pay for materials purchased.

We would like to thank the following donors for their contributions and their interest:—Shirley Gillies and those who helped to organise the Photographic Exhibition, £50; Mrs. Hart, 10/-; Miss Swanton, 10/-; Mrs. Gregory, 10/-; Margaret Kent

Hughes, £1; Mrs. Hay, 15/-; Mrs. Eddy, 10/-; Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Cummins, £2/17/-; Miss Anderson, £1.

As the school year draws once more to a close, The Ruyton Red Cross Emergency Service Company does not look forward to any recess, but rather hopes to continue, unabated, through the holidays. We all feel that our work is more than ever pressing, and that no time should be lost in pursuing the objects of the Society we serve. Every hour of work put in by a member of our company for the Red Cross is valuable. It is well to reflect that the accomplishment of 30 ladies working for two hours, is 60 hours of labour for the furtherance of the activities of this great humane Society that looks after our boys in Service at home and abroad. For each of us who comes to keep up our average of 60 working hours each Wednesday afternoon, in the pleasant and sociable atmosphere at Ruyton, it is, if all feel as I do, 60 hours of keen pleasure and satisfaction. So once again we must thank Miss Daniell, Miss Barnes, and the staff, for making available the facilities of the school and greatly assisting in what has been a year of work well worth while and well done.

EDITH KENT HUGHES,
Superintendent.

THE RUYTON WAR SERVICE GROUP

President: Mrs. W. S. Kent Hughes,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs.
J. W. Gordon.

Shortly after the last "Ruytonian" went to press, The Ruyton War Service Group held its Annual

Meeting at Ruyton. At this meeting it was reported that for the year ending June 30, 1941, 2,495 skeins of wool had been knitted up by members of the Group, and 846 articles turned in for distribution. We are justly proud of this total for the year, and feel that Mrs. Newman, who handles our wool supply so efficiently for us, must feel repaid for the time and thought that she puts into keeping our needles clicking. The standard of knitting is now nearly 100 per cent. No article that is not considered perfect is sent to any of the organisations that we help.

The response of our members to all appeals is ever ready, and since June we have called upon members frequently. A collection of jam for the Seamen's Mission was made on one day, and on another cigarettes. Materials and magazines have also been collected, and again for the "Warrego" Christmas parcel—more cigarettes. Funds have been kept constantly swelling by the kindness of members who bring produce for sale at meetings. In this connection we are very grateful to Mrs. McMillan and to many others.

In October an interesting letter was received from Private Batt, to whom we had given an outfit on his departure with the A.I.F. As he had lost his kit in the evacuation from Crete, we were very pleased to be able to send him another outfit, which we hope he will receive in time for Christmas.

We have just finished packing up our Christmas parcels for H.M.A.S. "Warrego." They contain — 94 knitted articles, 139 packages of cigarettes, a large Christmas cake,

19 books, 38 magazines, 47 gramophone records, a set of "Monopoly," and 15 boxes of Life-savers. Mrs. Gillies very kindly made the cake for us again, and Miss Ashburner iced it most beautifully. When finished it weighed 18 lbs. There should be a good slice for every member of the ship's complement.

Mrs. England procured the sweets once more for us at a most advantageous price. The Harmony Knitting Circle, under the leadership of Mrs. Gunnersen, helped considerably by sending a parcel of 17 knitted garments and 17 packages of cigarettes to go with our gifts. Fifty-seven other articles have been received from The Harmony Knitting Circle since June, and have helped to swell our contributions. The girls of the school contributed greatly to the "Warrego" Christmas Box by making very lovely cards of greetings, to put in with the articles. We are most grateful to them for the trouble that they have taken, and feel sure that the cards will add enormously to the pleasure of the recipients, as they did to our pleasure when packing. We had sufficient cards to be able to put one in with each package of cigarettes as well as with each knitted garment.

Since June, 68 knitted articles have been sent to the Red Cross, 51 to the Seamen's Mission, 54 to the Australian Home Comforts and to the "Warrego," altogether, 184. This is a total of 357 garments received and distributed. Those who kindly subscribed to our sea-boot stocking fund, will be pleased to know that 142 pairs have been forwarded to the ship, and thus our

object in this direction has been achieved. We were greatly assisted in this by donations of £5/5/- from the Camberwell Boys' Grammar School War Fund, and £2/15/6 from Mrs. and Miss Mitchell, of Camberwell. We do sincerely thank these and all other donors for their generosity.

From the proceeds of the truly wonderful Photographic Exhibition held at Ruyton we received £20—a generous part of the proceeds. We were most grateful for this assistance, and would like to congratulate Shirley Gillies and all the girls who helped her in the organising of such an ambitious and successful venture.

Two tennis tournaments have been held since June to assist us, and we would like to thank Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Bedford, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. di Gilio for their trouble and their generosity. Sums of £3/5/6 and £2/11/- were contributed to our funds as a result of these functions.

We are happy to report that, as a result of a proposal put at our Annual Meeting, Mrs. R. G. Menzies has consented to become a patroness of the Ruyton War Service Group, and we are pleased to think that the good lady who introduced us to the "Warrego" will maintain her interest in our work. We are hoping, through our patroness, to adopt another mine-sweeper as well, in the near future.

In conclusion, we would like once more to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have continued so generously to give us their help and support throughout the year.

EDITH KENT HUGHES,
President.

THE OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

President:

Miss Mabel Daniell

Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. D. Carnegie Miss D. Hiscock

Committee:

Miss D. Armstrong	Miss J. Hay	Miss A. Todd
Miss M. Carnegie	Miss N. Lancaster	Miss E. Weir
Miss J. Cooke	Miss B. Patten	Miss G. Wickham.
Mrs. H. Gunn	Miss L. Scott	

Representatives on Council:

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Hon. Secretary:

Miss G. Wickham,
8 Fenwick Street,
Kew, E.4.

Hon. Treasurer:

Miss L. Scott,
25 Canterbury Road,
Camberwell, E.6.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS

Marriages—

Betty Summons to Mr. V. Candy.

Shiela Summons to Mr. R. Cooke.

Alison Brown to Mr. J. Boxall.

I. Harold to Mr. K. G. Lillycrap.

J. Williams to Mr. A. A. Pinkney.

V. Alsop to Mr. G. Squirrel.

Births—

Mrs. Frank Kerr (K. Royce), a daughter.

Mrs. Keith *Emmerson* Gunnensen (E. Druse), a son.

Mrs. Milner Arnold (T. Young), a daughter.

Mrs. Peter Buchanan (M. Kaines), a son.

Mrs. W. Dodd (M. Syme), a son.

Mrs. J. Plante (R. Hiscock), a son.

Engagements—

Betty Whitehead to Mr. J. M. Taylor.

Jennie **Jennie Dodgshun** to Sergeant-Pilot R. R. Barber.

GENERAL

Mary Whitehead is training as a V.A.D. on the clerical side and expects to go abroad later on.

Josephine Gunnensen has begun her training as a nurse at the Children's Hospital.

Joan Johnson is completing the second year of her course at the A.T.T.I. and is remaining on the staff of the L.C. Branch next year.

Jean Dale has finished her training as a Mothercraft nurse.

Prue Ritchie (Hodgman), was in Melbourne for a flying visit and came out to visit the School.

Mabel Daniell has returned from England and is staying at Park Mansions.

Eld Breadmore is living at Bunsbury, near Chester.

Several old girls of Ruyton, **Margaret and Josephine Gunnensen, Marie Gunnensen, Johanne Borhaven, Suzanne Lemon and Dorothy Baker** have formed themselves into a troupe to give entertainments for the Red Cross. They call themselves the Novettes and have already made the sum of £95 for their object by a very bright and successful Revue, held in the Recreation Hall. One of the items was done by two other old girls, **Janet Cooke and Brenda Barber.** **Betty Cooper** is studying Pharmacy. **Pat Wells** is doing her course at the Free Kindergarten Training College. **Mary Bell** is going on to the staff of Korowa C.E.G.G.S. as Senior Mathematics Mistress next year.

Joy Ball, who is training at Strathcona, will be in residence there next year.

Dorothy Rylah has been appointed Senior Sports Mistress at the Glennie C.E.G.G.S., Toowoomba.

Margaret Ashburner, who is in a post in the Technical School, Geelong, has for two years iced the Christmas cake for H.M.S. Warrego.

STAFF PAST AND PRESENT

Miss Ethel Mitchell was married in the September holidays to Mr. John Purton.

Miss Audrey Banks was married in September to Mr. M. Barlow.

Mrs. Wardle has given up her work at Ruyton for a year. We hope to have her with us again in 1943.

Mrs. Sheran has joined the staff to do the rest of Mrs. Wardle's work and will continue at Ruyton in 1942, as a Mathematical Mistress.

Miss Frances Boyd is joining the Ruyton staff as Geography Mistress.

Miss Gwen Jamieson is resigning in order to pursue studies at the University. We regret to announce the death, after a long and painful illness, of **Miss Ethel Rogers**, who was for many years Singing Mistress at Ruyton.

Miss Eileen Bates has finished her training as a teacher and has decided to train at the Melbourne Hospital next year.

Miss Ruby Powell has been appointed Headmistress of P.G.C., Adelaide, as successor to Miss Lucy Shaw.

Miss E. Picken has announced her engagement to Dr. John Davies.

Miss Irene Atkinson is resigning her post at the Normanby Road Branch. She will be very much missed there, but we hope that she will enjoy her well-earned rest.

Miss Roma Reid, from Tasmania, will be Directress at Normanby Road.

OLD RUYTONIANS' DAY

Old Ruytonians' Day was held early in November for the last time. Next year, and we hope, for many years to come, the re-union will take place in April, somewhere between Easter and Anzac Day. The change of dates was decided upon by the general meeting, partly for the convenience of University students and others whose extra busy time comes in November, and partly as an earlier reminder to girls who have just left school.

In the afternoon we were glad to welcome really Old Girls, and several babies, the latter, of course, accompanied by proud parents. A fine crop of future Ruytonians is coming along.

Quite a large crowd attended the general meeting in the evening. Business took up about an hour: the treasurer proudly reported a credit balance, and Miss Todd described the Scholarship Fund as satisfactory. As our new President, we are delighted to welcome Miss Mabel Daniell. After her inauguration, she spoke to us for some minutes about her experiences in war-time London: a vivid and gripping description, which made some of us shake in our shoes.

Competitions filled in the rest of the evening, Janet Cooke and Nancy Lancaster ran a darts school. Dorothy Armstrong presided over a photographic display of celebrities. Some of these poor dears must have spent a busy hour revolving in their graves at the characters attributed to them. R. L. Stevenson would not be pleased at being called Stalin: nor would Marie Antoinette, on

being mistaken for Mrs. Siddons. We congratulate Mrs. Stewart, on correctly naming 17 out of 20.

Miss Daniell provided a nursery rhyme competition, which was won by Betty Backhouse and Mollie Begg.

The Old Girls' Committee would like to thank the Senior present girls who gave us a tremendous amount of help, from cutting sandwiches to washing up.

D. ARMSTRONG.

IN MEMORIAM

Agnes McCutcheon

It was with sincere sorrow that we heard recently of the death of Mrs. O. B. McCutcheon, after a long illness. Mrs. McCutcheon was enrolled at Ruyton in 1898. On her marriage to Mr. O. B. McCutcheon, she made her home in Kew, and always associated herself very closely with her old school. Her husband seemed to take as much interest as she did, although their children were all boys. As President of the Old Ruytonians' Association, Mrs. McCutcheon was very active and indefatigable in her efforts to promote the welfare of Ruyton. To her four sons we offer our sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

RUYTON CHINA

Grafton china with Ruyton badge in navy blue and gold may be obtained at Ruyton.

Teapot	15/-
Cup and saucer	4/6
Sweets dish	4/6
Vase	5/-
Ash tray - - - - -	4/6
Coffee cup and saucer	4/6
Plate	3/6
Bread and butter plate	4/6
Jug	6/3
Basin	6/3

