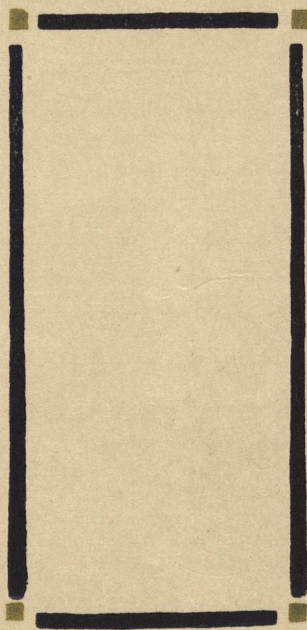


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EDITORIAL

Now that the end of the war is in sight, planning for post-war reconstruction is of paramount importance. Women have played such a great part in this war that they cannot again fade from public life.

During this war they have been represented in all the Services and have replaced men in every walk of life. In all these places they have equalled, and in many cases surpassed, men.

In Russia, women have even taken their place in the fighting line and have shown great courage and endurance.

Although in Australia women have not progressed as far as this, they are making a place for themselves in public life. For the first time in the history of Australia, women are taking an active part in politics. In the House of Representatives there is Dame Enid Lyons and in the Senate Miss Dorothy Tangney. Both these women have had to overcome the prejudice which many people have against women entering Parliament.

Therefore, with the prospect of a varied choice of professions we must make full use of the opportunities offered to us at school.

ARCHDEACON WILSON

At assembly on Wednesday we often have Archdeacon Wilson to take prayers and give a short talk, which sometimes takes the form of an elucidation of a point in the hymn or Bible reading for the day.

We are very grateful to Archdeacon Wilson for finding time to come and speak to us, and also for his stimulating addresses.

INDUCTION OF THE PREFECTS

One Wednesday morning early in the First Term Archdeacon Wilson kindly came to induct the Prefects and the Probationers. He spoke to us of our responsibilities, and asked the other girls to co-operate with us in helping to keep up the standard of work and behaviour in the School.

His talk was very helpful, and we would like to thank him very much for giving up his time to come.

CONFIRMATION

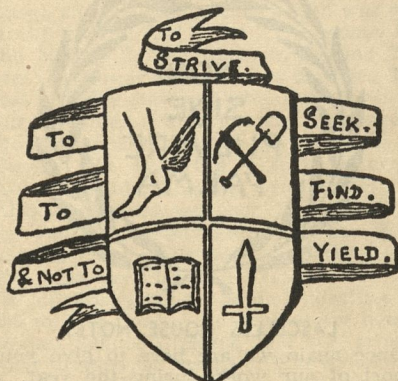
At the Confirmation Service in July the following girls from Ruyton were confirmed: A. Baker, J. Cabena, P. di Gilio, E. Eagle, P. Graham, V. Hall, P. Hesketh, D. Holder, A. Howe, P. Lobb, S. Loebel, S. Stott.



THE PREFECTS, 1943.

Standing (left to right): J. Simms, H. Morgan, E. Junck (probationer).
Sitting (left to right): F. Pearce, V. Fawcett (Captain of the School), M. Lewis.
Absent: A. Moore.

HOUSE NOTES



ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES

As this is the first edition of the "Ruytonian" this year, we have to delve far back into First Term in order to record our various activities.

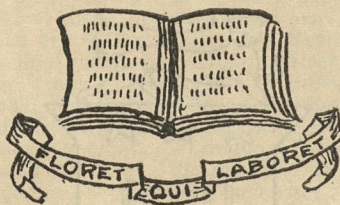
The first of these was the Swimming Sports. Although we were not very successful ourselves, we wish to congratulate Bromby on winning, and hope to have better luck ourselves next time.

The Running Sports were our next effort, in which we only managed to come second. We wish to extend our congratulations to Lascelles House on their excellent win.

Our last and most recent activity was the Variety Fair. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Miss Derham very much for all her valuable help in this, both on the day and during the busy weeks of preparation beforehand. We feel that it was well worth the effort, however, as we raised over £30 toward the final £100. It was a great effort, girls, so see that you live up to it!

During the course of the year we have played quite a number of our House matches. Although we have not been very successful in our basket-ball, we still have a chance to win the Tennis and Baseball, so keep up the good name and see we win.

Last, but not least, we want to wish all the girls entering for public exams. the very best of luck.



BROMBY HOUSE NOTES

We were very sorry to lose Miss Gregson at the end of last year, but were very pleased to have Mrs. Ross as our Head, and thank her for all her help during the year.

This year we were successful in winning the Swimming Sports, and we would like to congratulate all the champions on their fine performance. Unfortunately, we did not have the same luck in the Running Sports. We would like to congratulate Lascelles on their splendid effort.

In Second Term we had great success in Basket-ball. Our Juniors won all their matches—well done, Juniors!—and the Seniors only lost one. We have not played many other matches.

Owing to clothes rationing we have not had many garments handed in, but we have nearly completed our patch-work quilt.

We had a number of new girls this year, and we hope they have been very happy with us.

In Second Term the four Houses got together and decided to make one big effort for the Red Cross. So on 7th August we had a Variety Fair, at which Bromby had a Miscellaneous Stall, Pony Rides, a Hot Dog Stall, and a Cake, Biscuit and Sweet Stall. Of the total amount of £100 we made £30. Many thanks to Mrs. Ross and all the girls for their splendid help.

We would like to congratulate all the Bromby girls who succeeded in Intermediate, Leaving, and Honours examinations last year.

In conclusion, we wish all the girls sitting for the December exams. the best of luck, and also to those who are leaving. A happy holiday to everyone!



DANIELL HOUSE NOTES

We were very pleased this year to welcome so many new girls to the House, and also to find that we still have Miss Lewis as our Head, although we have no Vice-Head.

We would like to wish the best of luck to all those who left last year, and also to say how much we miss Marlie Russell, who was our Captain for three years.

The teams have not played a great number of matches yet, but we have been fairly successful in the Basket-ball, when we won three senior and one of the three junior matches. We finished up second at the Swimming Sports in First Term, which was an improvement on last year's result; and we came third in the Running Sports. We would like to congratulate Bromby on winning the Swimming, and Lascelles on being the successful House at the Running Sports.

In conclusion, we would like to congratulate all our members who passed in the public examinations last year, and to wish the best of luck to those who are sitting this term.



LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES

Once again we are here to give you a report of our work during the year.

We were very sorry to lose both our Captain and Vice-Captain at the end of last year, and we wish them every success in their new work. We are very glad to have Miss Boyd as Head, and Miss Atkins as Vice-Head, with us again this year.

We were pleased to welcome several new girls to the House at the beginning of the year, and hope that they are happy with us.

We did not do well in Basket-ball this year, but so far we have won two junior and two senior tennis matches, and stand a good chance of securing the cup. We would like to congratulate Bromby on winning the Swimming Sports, in which we came third. We congratulate ourselves on coming first in the Running Sports.

We have received several garments for charity, and have been able to make two patchwork quilts despite the wool shortage, and intend to send them to St. Gabriel's Babies' Home.

The best of luck to all girls who are sitting for the examinations at the end of the year.

GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES

Several meetings of the General Committee have been held this year. The main business of these meetings has been to decide which charities are to be supported this year, and how we should raise money for them.

The means by which we have made the necessary money is as follows: In First Term the Dramatic Society acted several plays, and the money thus raised was given to the Ruyton Red Cross. The money from the Middle School plays in Second Term and the Junior School plays in Third Term was divided between the Red Cross and our charities. The pennies collected on Monday mornings were given to the Red Cross. We had the School Dance in August in aid of the War Scholarship Fund. Also in August was our main effort for the year—a Variety Fair. All the Houses had different stalls and competitions, and the total amount thus raised was £100. £50 of this went to School charities and £50 to War funds. In October we had our annual School Concert, and the proceeds were divided between the War Scholarship Fund and the Red Cross. Some of the Junior Classes held a "penny play" one lunch-time, and gave the collected pennies to the Red Cross.

Parcels of knitted articles have been made as usual by the Houses and sent to several Babies' Homes. Not many coupons are required for the tiny garments, so, girls, spare a few for the babies.

The charities we are supporting this year are: Women of the University Patriotic Fund, Burnley Free Kindergarten, Tiny Tim, Aerial Medical Mission, Inland Medical Mission, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Student War Victims, Blind Institute, City Mission, Children's Hospital, St. Gabriel's, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Travellers' Aid, Prisoners of War, The Mission to Lepers, and the Presbyterian Babies' Home.

Owing to the splendid work of the girls we have raised a larger sum than usual this year for distribution among our charities, and we hope to have even a better total next year. So carry on with the good work for these well-deserving charities. Don't worry about the amount you give, for every little bit helps.

E. JUNCK (Secretary).

SENIOR FICTION LIBRARY

The Librarians were R. Trench and F. Pearce in the first two terms, and V. Fawcett and F. Pearce in Third Term.

We are glad to see that a greater interest is being shown by the younger girls, which

has been mainly due to the great number of new books obtained this year. These books are: "Pied Piper," by Nevil Shute; "Berlin Diary," by William Shirer; "Perfume from Provence," by Winifred Forstescue; "Actions and Re-actions," by Rudyard Kipling; "Magdalena Bach," by Esther Meynell; "London Pride," by Phyllis Bottome; "Latriona," by R. L. Stevenson; "The Housemaster"; "The Lighter Side of School Life"; "The Willing Horse"; "The Right Stuff"; "The Lucky Number"; "The Midshipmaid"; "A Man's Man"; "The Poor Gentleman," by Ian Hay; "Very Good Jeeves"; "Love Among the Chickens"; "Psmith, Journalist," by P. G. Wodehouse; and "Mrs. Miniver," by Jan Struther.

JUNIOR LIBRARY NOTES

This year we have been very lucky in obtaining quite a number of new books for the Library, in spite of the shortage, owing to paper and publication restrictions.

Alison Baker very kindly donated several books, and here are some of the others bought for the Library: "Sue Barton—Visiting Nurse," by Helen D. Boylston; "Rachel of Romney" and "Silver Eagles' Carries On," by Primrose Cumming; "The Good Master" and "The Singing Tree," by Kate Seredy; "Billabong Riders," by Mary Grant Bruce; "Dimsie Carries On," by Dorita F. Bruce; "Quetzal Quest," by Hagen and Hawkins; "The Belgian Twins" and "The Japanese Twins," by Lucy F. Perkins.

Throughout the year the Library has been well attended by the Junior and Middle School.

The Librarians hope that the girls will keep up their good attendance and be very careful in handling the books as they are so precious.

SCIENCE LIBRARY

We have a library of books on mathematics, physics, and chemistry. It contains a collection of "Wild Life" magazines, which is being added to each month.

These are much read by the younger Forms, who find them very enjoyable. Among other scientific books are some new books—"Mathematics for the Million," which deals with all branches of mathematics, and "Plain Science," a series of four very interesting books on elementary science.

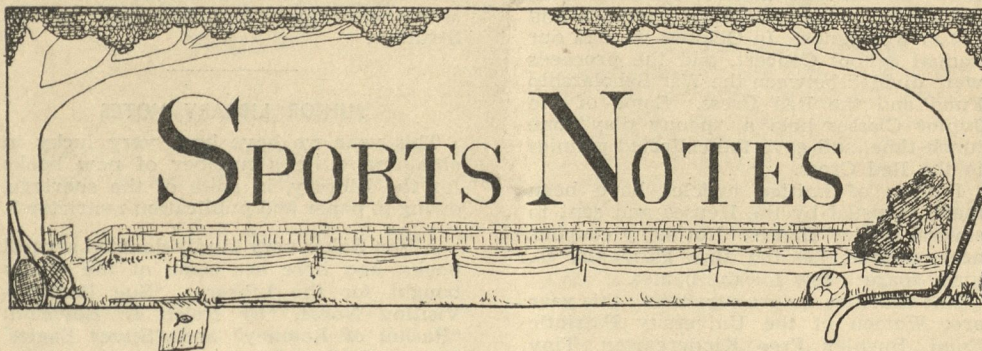
ENGLISH REFERENCE LIBRARY

The girls use a good many of these books regularly, and find them very useful for their study of English Literature.

Books like William and Dorothy (Ash-ton), which provide a personal background, are always read with interest.

HISTORY LIBRARY NOTES

The History Library has been used a great deal by the senior girls this year, especially by the girls doing Leaving Pass and Honours. The favourite books seem to be "Hayes" and "Hayes and Moone." "Fisher" is also very popular. We hope that the girls will continue to use the Library to help their work.



THE RUNNING SPORTS

On Friday, 30th April, Ruyton held the annual Running Sports. It was a beautiful day, and proceedings went with a swing. The champions were as follow: Under 10, Rosemary Almond; under 13, Elizabeth Shearn; under 15, Joan Wardrop; and over 15, Betty Henty-Wilson. The competition between the four Houses was keen, and the final results in order of merit were: First, Lascelles; second, Daniell; third, Anderson; and fourth, Bromby. We did not, however, distinguish ourselves in the inter-school events.

We wish to thank Mrs. Fawcett very much for presenting the prizes, and also Mr. Henty-Wilson and the others who acted as judges. We feel, however, our thanks are mainly due to Miss Pearson, whose organisation was responsible for the success of the afternoon.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

On the morning of 3rd March we held our Swimming Sports at the Kew Baths. It was a hot day, and we had a good attendance of mothers.

The most spectacular events of the day were the Open Hundred Yards, won by June Cabena; the Senior Diving, won by F. Dreiheller; and the Junior Diving, won by F. Peters.

The cup was presented by Mrs. Fawcett to the winning House, which was Bromby. The other Houses in order of placing were Daniell, Lascelles, and Anderson.

Miss Pearson, the Sports Mistress, organised the morning, and the smoothness and efficiency with which the races were conducted was entirely due to her.

However, the day had one drawback, which was the absence of Miss Daniell, who has always been present before; but owing to sickness, this was unavoidable, and we missed her very much.



THE HOCKEY TEAM.

The girls from left to right are, standing: G. Weynton, P. Barnett, Ju. Pearson (Vice-Captain), J. Pearce, P. Jessop, F. Pearce (Captain), Jo. Pearson, D. Holder. Kneeling: J. Holmes, B. Eberbach (emergency), V. Fawcett. Absent: A. Moore.

TENNIS NOTES

As is usually the case, competition for places in the team was keen again this year, and finally the team was chosen, with the help of Mr. O'Hara Wood, as follows:—

- Fourth Pair—J. Pearson, T. Pearce.
- Third Pair—M. Chapman, D. Tatchell.
- Second Pair—B. Henty-Wilson, S. Stott.
- First Pair—M. Lewis, F. Dreiheller.

During First Term we played four pennant matches, but only succeeded in winning one, which was against Penleigh. We also played several practice matches, but unfortunately did not win many. We will be playing four pennant matches again this Term, and hope to have more success.

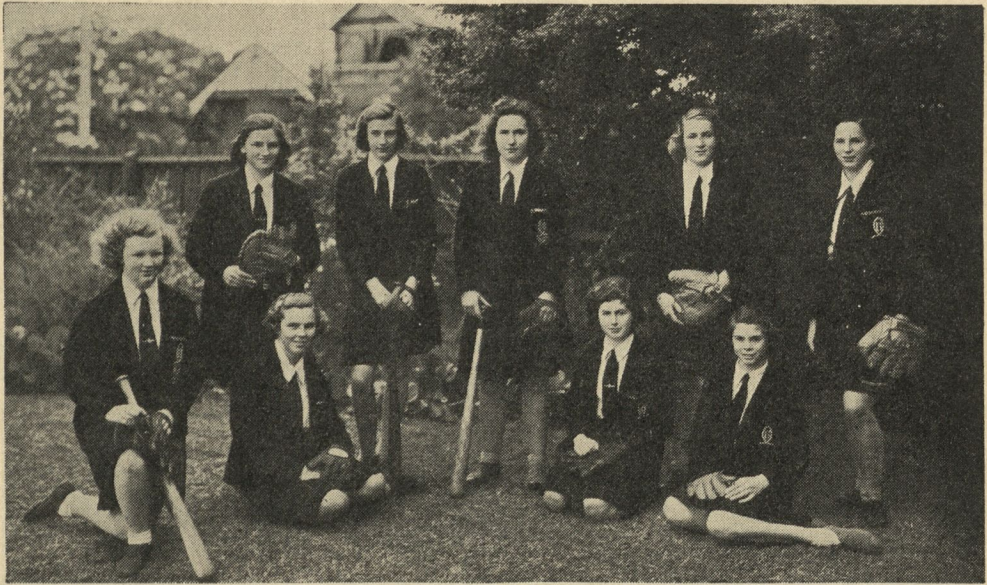
We wish to thank Mr. Wood for all his help during the year.

HOCKEY NOTES

There were many re-arrangements and places to be filled in the Hockey team this year, which was finally settled as follows:—

- Centre Forward—J. Holmes.
- Right Inner Wing—V. Fawcett.
- Left Inner Wing—F. Pearce.
- Right Wing—P. Jessep.
- Left Wing—Jo. Pearson.
- Centre Half Back—Ju. Pearson.
- Right Half Back—D. Holder.
- Left Half Back—A. Moore.
- Right Back—G. Weynton.
- Left Back—J. Pearce.
- Goalkeeper—P. Barnett.

Although we did not win a great many matches, the team played well together and showed much improvement towards the end of the season. We feel this was very largely due to Miss Thompson, who coached us tirelessly during the whole of the season.



THE BASEBALL TEAM

The girls from left to right are, standing: F. Pearce (Vice-Captain), J. Cabena, F. Dreiheller (Captain), B. Coulston, Jo. Pearson.
Kneeling: M. Lewis, Ju. Pearson, A. Baker, B. Wildman.

The results of our matches were as follow:—

St. Catherine's d. Ruyton—4 goals to 0.
Lauriston d. Ruyton—7 goals to 1.
Ruyton d. Fintona—2 goals to 1.
Ruyton v. Toorak College—1 goal each.
M.L.C. d. Ruyton—7 goals to 0.
Ruyton d. M.C.E.G.G.S. (second team)—
2 goals to 1.
Korowa d. Ruyton—2 goals to 0.
U.H.S. d. Ruyton—5 goals to 1.
Ruyton d. Old Girls—8 goals to 1.
Ruyton d. Tintern—2 goals to 0.
Ruyton d. Tintern—3 goals to 0.

RUNNING TEAM NOTES

This year there are many new girls in the team, as only four girls from last year's team came back. The team in running order is as follows:—

1. F. Pearce.
2. P. Jessep.
3. J. Hider Smith.
4. B. Henty-Wilson.
5. J. Pearce.
6. S. Loebel.
7. M. Lewis.
8. J. Pearson.

We have run at a number of school sports, but up to date have not had any success. However, we have had regular practices during the winter, and so hope to do better this term.

BASKETBALL NOTES

This year we had very few positions to replace, and with an enthusiastic team we are not at the top, but not at the bottom. The team is as follows:—

Goal—D. Tatchell.
 Goal—F. Dreiheller.
 Attack Wing—A. Baker.
 Centre—H. Morgan.
 Defence Wing—M. Lewis.
 Goal Defence—J. Kerr.
 Goal Defence—J. Cabena.

We have played quite a number of matches, and here are the results:—

St. Catherine's d. Ruyton—19 goals to 18.
 Fintona d. Ruyton—40 goals to 24.
 M.L.C. d. Ruyton—30 goals to 22.
 M.L.C. (Elsternwick) d. Ruyton—
 36 goals to 17.
 Ruyton d. Toorak—32 goals to 19.
 Ruyton d. Lauriston—19 goals to 11.
 Ruyton d. Penleigh—30 goals to 6.
 Ruyton d. Camberwell Grammar—
 23 goals to 15.

We would like to thank Miss Pearson for all her help during the Basket-ball season.

BASEBALL NOTES

This year we had four new members in the team, and we hope they have enjoyed playing as much as the former girls did. The team is as follows:—

Pitcher—Jo. Pearson.
 Catcher—F. Pearce.
 First Base—B. Coulston.
 Second Base—J. Cabena.
 Third Base—M. Lewis.
 Short Stop—F. Dreiheller.
 Left Field—B. Wildman.
 Right Field—A. Baker.
 Centre Field—Ju. Pearson.

We would like to thank Miss Pearson for all her help and coaching, and we hope to show her this term that her coaching was not in vain.

We played several pennant matches during First Term, but were not very successful. We have also played some practice matches against Lauriston, M.L.C., and Toorak, but again we had no success. We hope to have more luck this Term.

MISS TAYLOR'S SWIMMING CLASS

During First Term of this year a Swimming Class was held for the Junior School at the Kew Baths. Arrangements were made so that during school hours the children could go to the Baths with

Miss Taylor, who gave them their lesson at the Baths and then brought them back to school.

These classes were very popular and well attended. They were also of great value, as the younger a child is taught to swim properly, the stronger swimmer she will be when she grows up. We hope to continue the classes this summer.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC

M. Alley—Theory, Grade VI., 97.
 J. Alley—Theory, Grade V., 85; Practical, Grade IV., 79.
 H. Menzies—Theory, Grade IV., 92; Practical, Grade III., 88.
 J. Wardrop—Perception, Grade III., 68; Practical, Grade IV., 71.
 J. McMillan—Practical, Grade III., 67; Perception, Grade IV., 82.
 B. Simpson—Theory, Grade V., 83; Practical, Grade V., 75.
 D. McMillan—Theory, Grade VI., 90.
 P. Graham—Practical, Grade IV., 58; Theory, Grade III., 55.
 P. Jackson—Perception, Grade V., 88.
 D. Johnson—Perception, Grade V., 84; Practical, Grade IV., 68.
 P. Adamson—Practical, Grade VI., 75.
 R. Almond—Practical, Grade VI., 79.
 B. Syer—Practical, Grade V., 65.

WAR SAVINGS GROUP

This group was started in June, 1940, and during the three and a-half years which have elapsed 164 members have subscribed approximately £450. With this sum we have bought 350 £1, 15 £5, and 14 £10 certificates. Almost all the subscribers are the girls themselves, and a substantial amount is received from the Normanby Road Branch each week. The majority of the senior girls have contributed out of their own personal savings, and many of the smaller children bring along the money they receive for their birthdays. We hope that this good work will be continued for the duration.

MRS. McCUBBIN'S DRAWING CLASS

The Drawing Class is conducted in the airy craft room, which is a pleasant spot owing to the good window space.

We have been particularly lucky this

year in obtaining a large green wall-board, which is used for demonstration.

Mrs. McCubbin is very lenient in allowing us the freedom of the grounds during fine weather.

We have paid several visits to the Art Gallery, one visit to the Shrine, and have gone on sketching tours to some of Melbourne's well-known churches.

At the moment many of us are working for the exams., but at all times Mrs. McCubbin makes the lessons very entertaining by showing us pictures and telling interesting little side-lines on the artists' lives, and we would like to thank her for all she is doing for us.

CRAFTWORK NOTES

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming our new teacher, Miss Flintoff, to our School. We are glad to hear that she will be with us next year.

The girls in her classes are learning to make many kinds of things in leather-work, such as calfskin purses, pencil cases, small purses, photograph cases, identification-card holders. Some of the smaller girls are weaving scarves, and some are doing needlework. We are also learning to make cane baskets and trays, and models out of clay.

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Miss Flintoff, our craft teacher, very kindly offered to take a few girls to see the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Tye's Buildings, in Melbourne. We saw many examples of craftwork. First we visited the Schools' section, where we saw many things made by our own girls. Leather and needlework composed most of this section. Then there were some models in clay (mostly animals) which were very cleverly made. In the wool-work section, there were gloves, woven scarves and bags done in intricate and colourful designs.

The rest of the work in this section was mostly made up of small miscellaneous things.

We then visited the Hospital section, where all the articles displayed were made by soldiers convalescing. The articles which attracted most attention were the trays and tables made out of wood, and finished by being polished; they were

among the most beautiful pieces of work in the whole exhibition. Then there were other things of lesser importance, but quite interesting to see.

After we came out of this section we joined a group of people in the farther end of the main room. They were grouped round a lady, who was spinning wool on an old-fashioned spinning wheel. There we stayed for a long time, as it was very fascinating to watch her.

After that we looked around at the other things—lamps, toys, pottery, bookbinding, and artificial flowers. The latter were most interesting as they seemed so real. They were made of painted pine seeds and wire. When we had finished looking at these it was time to go home.

We all enjoyed our afternoon thoroughly, and wish to thank Miss Flintoff very much for taking us.

EXCURSION TO THE BEAUFORT FACTORY

On 22nd July Miss Boyd took the Geography Classes of VI. and Vc. on an excursion to the Beaufort factory at Fishermen's Bend. We left school at about 1.15, and spent the whole afternoon at the factory. When we arrived we were conducted to the main building, which is the assembly room.

This was a huge shed with great folding doors at one end, opening on to the tarmac. The building was very light and airy, and everything was kept very clean. At the end opposite to the doors the engines and separate parts were seen, and as we walked through the factory we saw all the processes of assembling going on. At last, at the doors, we saw the finished planes awaiting final inspection before testing.

We were shown such interesting things as the self-sealing petrol tanks, which look like huge green hot-water bottles, the automatically-inflated rubber dinghy, the bomb-sight, and many other technical devices.

We were permitted to climb up and look into the pilot's cockpit, and all the controls were explained to us. The maze of wires was terribly confusing, and it seemed remarkable that they could all find instruments to join. We also saw the rear-gunner's turret, which looked extremely small.

All the workers were very helpful, and they answered any questions we asked and explained to us how everything worked. We saw the bomb-racks, and were shown how they are opened by hydraulic pressure and how the bombs are attached in them.

The time passed all too quickly, and we returned home after a very enjoyable afternoon. We would like to thank Miss Boyd and Mr. Henty-Wilson very much for arranging the excursion.

—J. and J. PEARSON.

GUIDE NOTES

Our Company is gradually increasing, and we have a number of new recruits. B. Simpson has been enrolled in the Robin Patrol, N. Flower in the Gums, and V. Hall and M. Graham in the Rosellas. We were very sorry to lose M. Lewis, J. Simms, D. Holder, H. Morgan, S. Loebel, and B. Coulston.

Last year we won the greatest number of badges of all the companies in Kew.

We have been working for the Lord Baden-Powell Fund this year. P. Barnett and B. Downey held a fete in May and raised £10. During First Term we raised the largest amount of money in the division for it.

About twelve from our Company went to a divisional picnic at Wattle Park on 9th October.

Some of the Guides went to the Town Hall for the presentation of £2000 for the Navy. A patrol leader handed it over to Admiral Sir Guy Royle.

We must thank Mr. Reid for coming and lecturing to us on A.R.P. All those who did the exam. passed.

At the beginning of this year we were pleased to welcome back our former Captain, Sheila Cooke. We must also congratulate her on being made District Captain.

THE SEAMEN'S MISSION

This year, as usual, we have sent parcels of books and magazines to the Port Melbourne branch of the Seamen's Mission. We shall be glad of any books and magazines the girls can bring for the Christmas parcel which we are now preparing.

BIOLOGY EXCURSION

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 16th March, the Leaving Pass Biology class went on an excursion to Black Rock. We left school at 12.30 and took our lunch. After lunch we hunted for specimens on the rocks and in the pools. After spending an hour or two in this very interesting but somewhat back-breaking occupation, most of the class cooled off in the water. Then we gathered together our specimens, and Mrs. Ross classified them for us and told us their scientific names.

We then got dressed and went to catch the tram which took us to the train. We arrived back soon after 6 p.m., and we would like to thank Mrs. Ross very much for taking us.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

On 21st August Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Barlow very kindly took a party of girls to the annual Science Exhibition at the University. We saw four very interesting films on the circulation of blood, digestion, life history of a mosquito, and the Barrier Reef. We visited the Bacteriology School, where some of the girls had their throats swabbed by the students. We also saw the Zoology and Geology Schools. We wish to thank Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Barlow for a very enjoyable afternoon.

DRAMATIC CLUB NOTES

The Ruyton Dramatic Club presented five short plays in St. Hilary's Hall on 7th May. The plays were: "A Portrait of a Gentleman in Slippers," "Catherine Parr," "The Fatal Rubber," "Lucrezia Borgia's Dinner Party," and "The Bathroom Door."

There was a pleasing variety of drama and comedy, each play having an entirely different setting. In all four period plays the costumes were colourful and accurate. The acting in all showed talent, and we would like to thank Miss Thirlwell, the producer, for the time and work she put into them to make them a success.

SHAKESPEARE AFTERNOON

This year, owing to meteorological disturbances, arrangements were sadly disrupted, and we had to hold the plays in the Assembly Hall. Despite this uncon-

genial setting, the acting was good enough to prevent undue boredom. Each class acted a few scenes from the play it was studying. The plays were "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Merchant of Venice," "Twelfth Night," "Henry IV.," and "Antony and Cleopatra." They were all entertaining, and much amusement was afforded by Falstaff's antics and Antony's hazardous entry into the monument. Our hearts melted at the love scenes in "Twelfth Night" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and quailed before Shylock's bloodthirsty scheming.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAYS

On Monday, 21st August, the Middle School held two plays in St. Hilary's Hall, Kew—"A Maker of Dreams" and "The Beggar Prince." The plays were very well acted, and in particular Bettine Wildman, Judy McMillan, Joan Wardrop, and Janet Pearce gave creditable performances.

Once more we feel that their success was largely due to Miss Thirlwell's efforts, and wish to thank her for her interest and hard work.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAYS

The junior plays which are to be held in November are: "Far King Melon," by A. P. Herbert; "The Stolen Prince," by Dan Totheroh; "The Tailor of Gloucester," by E. Harcourt Williams; "The Swineherd," by Evelyn Smith. We hope that they will be very successful.

THE ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

On Tuesday, 9th November, twenty of us went to a Young People's Orchestral Concert in the Hawthorn Town Hall.

Professor Bernard Heinze told us about counterpoint, and Dvorák's "Humoresque" was played on one instrument, and "Swanee River" on another instrument, as an example. He then played the tunes in the Meistersingers, which was an overture written in counterpoint. Then we heard the Overture itself.

Then we heard de Berliot's Concerto in G Major for violin and orchestra, played by Desmond Bradley. This very talented violinist is only nine years old, and he gave a remarkable performance. He then played Schubert's "Cradle Song."

We then sang the "Jolly Wagoner."

Professor Heinze then told us the story of the Nutcracker Suite, and it was played. We then sang "Strawberry Fair." Then "Waiata Poi," by Alfred Hill, the Australian composer, was played as a suitable finish.

THE SCHOOL DANCE

On Friday, the 13th of August, during Second Term, we held the annual School Dance at St. Hilary's Hall, Kew. The proceeds were given to War Scholarship Funds.

We would like to thank Mrs. Ross very sincerely for her help in selling the tickets, and Miss Barnes, who arranged the supper for us; also the parents, who helped to make the dance such a success.

A very happy evening was enjoyed by all those present, and we were pleased to see so many of the "old girls" with us once more.

DANCING NOTES

Owing to the large number of girls and boys wanting to learn the art of Ballroom Dancing, our class this year was divided into two, the first commencing at 7 p.m., finishing at 8.30, followed by the second class, which ended at 10.

Miss Brennan taught us many steps, both modern and old-time, which most of us have now mastered.

To conclude our Dancing Classes for the year, Miss Brennan very kindly gave us a party. It was held in the Assembly Room, and we all had a very enjoyable evening.

Miss Daniell and Mr. Bright permitted us to have three practice nights during Third Term.

We all wish to thank Miss Brennan and all those who helped to make our Dancing Class so very happy and successful during 1943.

—B McC. and J. McM.

THE BOARDERS' DANCE

The Boarders' Dance was a great success, and we collected over £5, which was handed over to Miss Daniell for charities.

The dance was held in the Assembly Room, which was decorated by the boarders themselves with blossom very

kindly brought by the day girls. In the evening about 60 people were there, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

We wish to thank Miss Barnes and the resident staff for the excellent supper that they provided, and all that they did on our behalf.

A VISIT FROM MRS. BURBIDGE

One afternoon in Second Term Mrs. Burbidge, the Matron of Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital, came to speak to the senior girls about nursing.

Mrs. Burbidge explained to us that no special pre-nursing course was essential for entry, but intending students were advised to sit for Intermediate Certificate if they could, but the Merit Certificate only was required. Mrs. Burbidge told those who wish to start training at any particular hospital should write to the Matron for particulars. The course covers three years, but there is no compulsion to continue nursing when training is finished.

A VISIT FROM MISS STEELE

On Monday, 18th October, Miss Steele, of the Associated Teachers' Training Institute, came to school to speak to us. Her talk was mainly for the senior girls who, she felt, might be interested in taking the course when they have left school.

Miss Steele told us that the course lasted for three years. During the first year the candidates mainly attend lectures, and they also have the opportunity of observing the methods of a trained teacher. Then, during their second year, the would-be teachers only attend lectures on four afternoons each week, while they pass the rest of the week in teaching. The third year is the finishing year of the course, when the pupils take up remunerative positions, only attending lectures once or twice a week. Having graduated, the student is registered, and may take her position in a private or public school according to her registration.

We would like to thank Miss Steele very much for sparing us her time.

A VISIT FROM MISS PAUL

On Monday, 25th October, Miss Paul, the Principal of "Mooroolbeek" Kindergarten Training College, came to school to speak to us. Her talk was mainly for the senior girls who might not have discovered their vocation as yet, but who might be interested in teaching. Miss Paul told us how important teaching is now, and will be in the future, and how interesting it is. In the Free Kindergartens the teacher can influence the children, and she has an indirect influence on the children's parents.

In conclusion, Miss Paul asked any girls who felt an interest in the course to go and interview her at the Training College if they wished.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the following magazines since our last issue, and to apologise if any have been omitted: The Melburnian, The Wesley College Chronicle, The M.C.E.G.G.S. Magazine, The Mitre, The Silver and Green, The Woodlands Magazine, The Carey Chronicle, The Brook, The Cluthan, The Palm Leaf, and The Lauristonian.

VARIETY FAIR

A Variety Fair was held at Ruyton on 7th August, in order to raise money for the Red Cross and War charities. Each House had its own stalls or competitions, and owing to the hard work of the members of the Houses we had a very successful afternoon.

Anderson House sold flowers, fancy goods, and sweets, and had a mystery stall and a darts competition. Bromby House had book and miscellaneous stalls, sold cakes, sweets, and hot dogs, and organised a sponge-cake, biscuit and sweets competition and pony rides. Daniell House held photo, limerick and donkey-tail competitions, and Mr. Gunnerson very kindly showed us some of his pictures. Lascelles House kept a produce stall and a Hit-Hitler competition. Anderson and Bromby made a little over £30 each, Daniell made £10, and Lascelles £17.

Mr. Bowen made a very generous donation to make up the total proceeds to £100. Altogether, we had a very enjoyable and profitable afternoon.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

On Saturday, 8th June, a Children's Party was given in the afternoon, in aid of the Red Cross Junior. During the afternoon penny votes were collected to determine the Ruyton baby. David Price obtained the greatest number of votes. F. Dreiheller and E. Gunnersen kindly brought their horses and gave rides to the children. Mr. Royce showed moving pictures, which were very popular, throughout the afternoon. There were also ice-creams on sale, a museum, and a toy show. The assembly room was a play room for the smaller children. Afternoon tea was provided for the grown-ups and children. The total proceeds of the Party were £52.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT

We held our School Concert on 21st October, at which we displayed our prowess to our hopeful parents. The concert commenced with the Middle School's songs, "Australia" and "Where'er You Walk," which were rendered in a very original way. Next came Miss Brenan's dancing class, which gave three entertaining items, in one of which the audience was captivated by the performance of the very little ones.

After a pleasing display by Miss Kolm's dancing class and more singing by the

seniors, we came to the second half of the programme, which was entirely devoted to drill items. These had a striking similarity; however, a little variation was added by the folk dances, which were most pleasing.

Financially, also, the concert was a great success, as we raised £18 6s. 7d. for the Red Cross and our War Charities.

GIFTS

THE NEW BELL

Early this year our school bell was broken, and Mr. R. M. Fawcett kindly offered to present us with a new electric one. This bell is now situated in a central position in the quadrangle, and is much more satisfactory than the old one used to be.

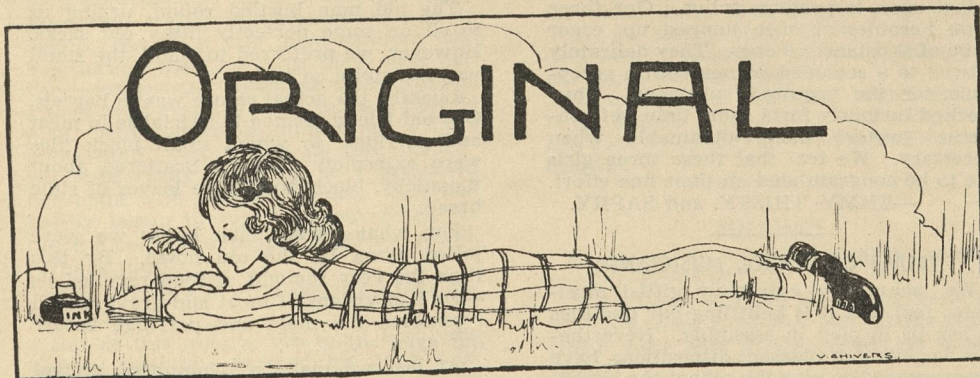
We wish to express our deepest thanks to Mr. Fawcett for this very welcome gift, which solved a difficult problem, as it is impossible to buy an ordinary hand-bell.

THE BICYCLE RACKS

For years our precious bicycles have lain in heaps on the verandah, but now they stand in an orderly line in the new bicycle racks which the Parents' Association has generously donated.

These racks are on the East verandah, and are extremely useful, as our trusty steeds are no longer scratched or bumped by others.

We wish to offer our sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for this very useful gift, for which all who own bicycles are very grateful.



ON LEARNING TO DRIVE

One day, on arriving at my noble place of learning, I heard my dear school-fellows saying that the age of licensed drivers had been lowered from eighteen to seventeen. I thought that this called for deep meditation, as the time was approaching when I would reach the age required, and it has always been one of my greatest desires to drive a car.

The decision to learn was the easiest part of the whole thing, and the next step was to convert my parent to my way of thinking, which I accomplished after very little difficulty; he proceeded to teach me at great risk to life and limb, as my steering was not of the best, and my feet would persist in going where they shouldn't.

After some time, when I could more or less keep to one side of the road and could distinguish between the brake and the accelerator, I began to learn at a driving school. Of course, the steering-wheel was different from the one to which I had become accustomed, and, of course, the accelerator was different, so I roamed all over the road in jerks.

The next step was to drive into town, the very thought of which nearly made me unconscious. I sped along at about twenty miles an hour, missed pedestrians by hairs' breadths, and eventually returned home without any serious mishaps. This performance was repeated several times,

until at last I was not the last across a road—only second last—and I was informed that after the next lesson I would go for my driving test. My knees knocked together for a week, and at last the fateful day arrived. After a lesson, in which I did everything wrong which could possibly be done wrong, I went along to meet my fate with visions of an ogre dressed up in a policeman's uniform without a sense of humour.

Fortunately, my policeman was a very human individual, and I, by some peculiar fluke, got my licence!

Home I went, feeling very pleased with myself, and then my parent allowed me to take the car out by myself. All went well until I turned in the gate, when the gate-post was knocked over, the mudguard was dented, and something very peculiar happened to the running-board.

At moments like these I go and gaze at my licence and wonder if after all a bicycle isn't safer, especially for those other people who will persist in being on the road at the same time that I am.

—V. F.

THE NEWEST WAR PRODUCTION

Once upon a time there were three little girls—Emmy, Thisty, and Saphy—who were doing Leaving Biology, and owing to wartime conditions they were unable to obtain certain chemicals for their experiments. Volunteers were therefore

called upon to produce saliva. Our three little heroines at once jumped up, eager to be of assistance as ever. They delicately retired to a secluded corner with a receptacle for the required substance. They worked furiously for a short time, refreshments (water) being obtainable when necessary. We feel that these three girls are to be congratulated on their fine effort.

—EMMY, THISTY, and SAPHY.

TRIALS OF SCHOOL MUSICIANS

We, being two extremely gifted musicians, feel that it is belittling our qualities to ask us to play in assembly. Nevertheless we, being of pleasant dispositions, have condescended to give the school the benefit of our music on many occasions.

Several years ago we painstakingly learned a march and one hymn. The hymn has multiplied, but still in times of stress we revert to old friends such as "O, Happy Band of Pilgrims" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." In our day these used to be sung heartily, but of late we have remarked that many of the dear pupils find it convenient to fall into a trance during the hymn, though no doubt this is their way of showing their deep appreciation of our masterly playing.

Our services seem to be in great demand, and although this is flattering it is also very tiring. We admit it is rather overwhelming for someone to be asked to take our place, but we would greatly appreciate it if other musicians would either shake off their modesty or wake from their deep sleep, in order to allow them

TO PLAY IN ASSEMBLY.

—THE WOULD-BE LISTENERS.

A GOLDEN JOURNEY TO SAMARKAND

We were six in number, trudging wearily along the road, with the prospect of dinner in the far distance. Many cars passed us, but none had a thought for the six tired and hungry travellers. At last, however, an old cart drew up, and an old man politely asked us if we would like a lift. From the outside the cart, although not particularly clean, looked quite harmless. We joyfully climbed in, and to our horror perceived that our conveyance was the local RUBBISH cart.

The old man bustled round, urging us to sit on some perfectly filthy old sacks. However, we preferred to stand, the smell was not quite so bad.

Luckily, the actual refuse was in barrels. Our old friend seemed to specialise in meat and porridge, to which small black flies were extremely partial. Scattered about the sticky, black floor were loaves of stale bread.

For what seemed like hours we were jolted along by the old horse. By this time the very thought of food repelled us—we had visions of meat and gravy which resembled the meat and porridge before our eyes.

At last we made a triumphant arrival at the guest-house, and thankfully clambered down. Nobody ate any dinner.

—N. F.

DROP THE HANKIE

During this Term we had a Children's Party at school. It began at 2 o'clock, and as I was late—a most unusual occurrence—all the official jobs had been allotted to others. So I was told to organise games for the unoccupied children about the place.

Therefore I went out into the grounds and started searching for somebody who could teach me some children's games. After having found someone, I discovered that these games are very hard to explain to a person who wishes to teach them to others. At last, however, I grasped the fundamentals of one called "Drop the Hankie."

I then went to the pony ride stand to entertain the children waiting for rides, and said very loudly, "Would anyone like to play Drop the Hankie?"

Apparently no one heard me, so I repeated my question much louder. I was not entirely ignored this time, as one small boy in a pretty little blue suit yelled out, "You don't catch me playing kids' games like Drop the Hankie!"

He said the last three words with such scorn that I didn't try again until he was having his pony ride, and then I tried a different angle of approach, asking each parent that I saw if they would let their children join in a game of Drop the Hankie.

This method was quite a success, and I soon had a ring of children waiting to begin. But as it was their mothers who had forced them to play they were not very enthusiastic. Ignoring their attitude, I then took great pains to explain how to play. After about ten minutes of "I don't understand" and "What do you mean?" we were ready to begin, so I presented one child with a handkerchief. She had hardly begun to run, however, when we heard a bell. She stopped short and asked, "What's that?"

"Oh, I don't know," I said, and told her to continue.

But at this minute the small boy, who had by this time finished his pony ride, looked round and said as loudly as he could, "That was the afternoon-tea bell, and if you don't hurry you won't get any cream cakes!"

A LETTER TO THE EDITORS

To the Editors.

Dear Mesdames,

In spite of efforts to reform a certain inmate of our Prefects' Study, we still have to dispose of a large number of books, papers, &c., before we even see the table. Surely this is unfair to us who work so hard!

Perhaps this hint will be taken in the right spirit and our sufferings shortened.

Yours, &c.,

TWIN REFORMERS.

HOW BISCUITS ARE MADE

Long ago a French king was travelling through France. Coming to a small village he asked the baker to make him something no one had ever tasted.

The poor baker was very worried. He made some dough, and thought, but he could not get an idea into his head. Then he went outside to have a drink of wine to drown his sorrow.

His little boy came in. Seeing the dough he thought it would get spoilt. He rolled it out, much too thin, and cut it into squares, and put it in the oven. When he took them out they looked dull, so he put some glazing on them and put them

in the oven and baked them again. When his father came back he was very angry. Then he tasted one. It was crisp and delicious. "Hurrah!" he said, "Here are the cakes for the King."

He called them "biscuits," which means twice baked. The King was delighted, and soon everybody in France was making biscuits.

PENZANCE

Penzance is a lovely English coastal town in Cornwall.

It is a lovely place in the Spring, because all the flowers come out and all the trees which were bare in the winter get green shoots.

In the Summer it is lovely to go down to the rocky beach and bathe or to play amongst the rocks.

In Winter the beach is very dreary, waves dash against the rocks, and quite often you could see flares going up from a doomed ship, and if it were foggy the fog-horn would be going every few minutes.

Down in the town of Penzance you can see little lighthouses and boats in the shops carved out of a certain kind of rock found on the beach, which is polished till it shines.

There are lovely walks all around Penzance. You can go for miles along the coast or down little English country roads, where you can see dog-roses and all kinds of wild flowers growing.

—J. P.

AUTUMN AT EMERALD

In Autumn at Emerald everything is red, gold, and brown.

When one wakes up in the morning the sun shines on the shimmering trees and casts fine shadows on the walls and on the glass of the window.

If you have a chance, take a walk outside, and as you do you will notice that everything around you is at its best—the earth is a rich brown-red colour, the grass looks silver as it waves in the wind, and the little creek that glides along between the fairways of the golf course sparkles in the sunlight.

Under the pine trees grow large red toadstools; sometimes they are yellow and brown, but mostly a brilliant red spotted with white.

Towards evening the sunset becomes magnificent—it blends in with all the other colours in the trees, leaves, and flowers. Then as the sun goes down the sky turns to the most wonderful pinks, mauves, and gold. As the colours die out the air becomes chilly, and one really feels that Autumn is here.

—E. G. (Vb)

THE LYRE BIRD

The lyre bird gets its name mainly because of the peculiar shaped tail of the male bird. The unusual shape and beauty of the tail have brought fame to this bird. The lyre bird is brownish in colour, and is about the size of a domestic fowl, but its tail is made up of brown and white feathers made into such an unusual arrangement as to form the outline of a musical instrument of former times called the lyre, and from which the bird has derived its name.

The lyre bird has large, strong feet, so it is a great forager. The large feet are used for turning over the soft loam and dead bracken on the forest floor to find the insects and other life that live there.

The female's tail is long and of the same colour as the rest of her body, and both male and female ordinarily carry their tails in line with their body. By making an effort to get up earlier, it is possible for anybody to see and hear the wonderful power of mimicry of the lyre bird—namely, the barking of a dog, the screech of a Cockatoo, the call of the Whistlers, the laugh of the Kookaburra, the call of Butcher birds and Whip birds, and they also mimic a man sawing timber.

The lovely natural call of the bird is heard between intervals of this mimicry. It is a marvellous experience of the early morning ramble in the forest gullies to come across these birds performing on their particular dancing mounds; it is then that we see the male bird to the best advantage.

The lyre bird's beautiful carolling is heard in the valleys to the best advantage. This bird nests in the winter and only lays one egg, so the responsibility rests on all lyre bird lovers to see that the law that protects these birds is carried out.

—E. F. P. (Vb)

AN ILLUSION

Once walking home at mid-day,
Heavy-hearted and empty inside,
I day-dreamed of Napoleon,
France's joy and pride.

He seemed to be walking beside me,
With his hand tucked in his coat:
"An army marches on its stomach!"
He said deep down in his throat.

Suddenly a platoon of soldiers
Came by with measured tread,
Red coats gleaming in the sunshine,
And an officer at their head.

Napoleon suddenly shouted
In his best parade voice, "Flop!"
They obediently fell on their stomachs,
And wriggled over the top.

—N. F.

A sunny hollow filled with bracken and
silence,
The only sound the crying of the birds,
The sunshine soaking through me like
warm honey,
And little breezes playing in my hair.

A rocky basin where bubbles a mysterious
spring,
Fresh as dew and brighter than any jewel,
Rising from dark caverns deep in the earth,
To laugh its course down the hollow and
away.

A pair of shy ears showing across the ferns
As if inquiring who the intruder was,
A scuffle, and a frantic white tail bobbing,
The pounding of tiny feet—then silence.

—O. H. (Form Vc)

MY ARTICLE

I was told I HAD to write one,
Oh, dear, and how I sighed!
I couldn't write a thing at all,
However hard I tried.

So I sat down with my pencil,
But this is all that came;
And I'm afraid this ditty
Won't carry me to fame.

—A VICTIM.

A GARDEN SYMPHONY

Two neat rows of cabbages,
And three of silver beet;
But where'll I put the carrots?
We haven't much to eat.

Out come the delphiniums—
I'll put potatoes here;
Onions instead of pansies,
Vegetables this year!

Put parsnips round the border,
And pumpkins by the tap.
Grow vegetables for victory
And beat the cunning Jap.
—H. M. (Vc)

THE SEA

I love to sit beside the sea,
And stay down there for lunch and tea.
To have a sit in its waters blue—
If you were here, you'd like it too!

On cloudy days the sea is grey;
The weather changes the colour, they say;
On cloudless days the sea is blue—
I like it best that way, don't you?
—B. W. (Form Vb)

I'M IN THE AIR FORCE

I'm in the Air Force,
With a suit of blue.
Come, all boys, and join us
In the Air Force, too.

I'm in the Air Force,
Working for some wings;
I hope to be a pilot,
And learn all sorts of things.
—M. D.

PRINCESS STREET BRANCH NOTES

This year Little Ruyton's numbers
have grown very much, and there are
seventy of us at school.

When the weather is fine we spend a
great deal of time out-of-doors.

During first term we went up to the
Sports at Big Ruyton one afternoon, and
had a very happy day. We enjoyed our
own race best of all.

When we came back to school after
the May holidays, we found Mr. Jenkins
very busy building a sun verandah, so
that we would have more room to play.
Now we have our dolls' house, the blocks,
and easels for painting there, and it
makes a lovely playroom.

One day we all went for a picnic to
the Wild Life Reserve.

We set off quite early one misty morn-
ing, and soon after we got there, out
came the sun, and we had the loveliest-
day seeing all the birds and animals,
and riding the ponies and donkeys.

This term we have been to the Kew
Gardens, and are hoping to go one day
to the Zoo. We have also been very
busy helping to collect rubble and to
dig a paddling pool.

This year a Parents' Association has
been formed, with Mrs. Hills as Secre-
tary and Mrs. Adam as President, and
we have had various people to speak
about subjects which interest mothers of
little children.

The parents are also trying to raise
enough money to buy a new wireless
for the school. Mrs. Fink has lent us
a small set until the end of the year,
and we would like to thank her very
much, and tell how we enjoy listening to
the Kindergarten of the Air every day.

Soon we will be having our Christmas
party and we do hope that everyone will
enjoy our Christopher Robin concert,
when we break up on 15th December.

NORMANBY ROAD BRANCH

This year has been a very happy one for us all, as we have worked and played together. Miss Cartmell left us at the end of last year to go to another school, so the Misses Meredith and Washfold helped us, and then Mrs. Stent came till the end of the Term. We were glad to have them with us.

The three weeks preceding Easter were very busy ones for the big children, for they were preparing a party for the little ones. They made hats, plates, decorations, bunny baskets, and place cards first, and then jelly and biscuits, which they iced. Early on Easter Thursday morning they set to work to prepare the party, and by 10.15 everything was ready, but first we collected our thanksgiving offering, which amounted to £2 11s., for the babies of St. Gabriel's Home. The party was held in the form room, which was decorated with coloured chains and Easter eggs. The tables all looked very gay, as did the children in their party hats. Then came the thrill of the morning—the Easter egg hunt, for the Easter bunny had visited us the night before. In the afternoon the bigger children took the offering to St. Gabriel's, and were shown all over the Home; they just loved to watch the toddlers and look at the wee babies.

At the beginning of the Second Term Miss Newman came to us, and we have just loved having her with us. She told the kindergarten children all about farms, and they made one in their room, with real wheat growing in the field. This made them want to see some cows milked, so at the invitation of Mr. Brooksby we all went down one windy afternoon to see the milking sheds at his dairy farm. We were just thrilled with the cows, the calves, the hens, and indeed with everything we saw, and learnt many things from our trip. We were very grateful to Mr. Brooksby for his invitation.

During this Term the big children, in their geography lessons, had talked about wild animals and the countries from which they came, so one day they went to the Zoo to see them there. They had such a lovely day and saw almost everything.

The Parents' Association has been a very enthusiastic group this year. Some of them

made reading materials for us and sewed together the cover for our new sand-pit, which Miss Daniell so kindly gave us. At the beginning of the Third Term they donated a very nice wireless set. This has enabled us to listen in every morning to the "Kindergarten of the Air," to musical appreciation lessons, and to other things too. We want to say a very big "Thank You" to all who helped provide the set. It has been, and is, a constant joy to us all.

Our Second Term treat was postponed till the weather became warmer, and just a few days ago we all packed into the bus to go to "Wild Life." It was a good day, and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The peacocks displayed their beautiful tails for our inspection, the cockatoos talked, the koalas yawned, and the monkeys ate for us, but best of all were the ponies, who gave us rides all the afternoon. At last a very tired but happy group of children, mothers and teachers, walked slowly down the road and climbed into the bus that took us home again.

Between these outings we have all worked hard at our lessons, and now we are very busy playing at being Father Christmas' fairies, making gifts for our mothers and fathers and preparing for our Christmas party.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

RUYTON RED CROSS

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Hon. Secretary—Mrs. R. M. Fawcett.

Hon. Treasurer—Miss E. Anderson.

At our fourth Annual Meeting, held at Ruyton in August, the President reported that we had had a most successful financial year. This was due to the continued help and support of members and friends. Until rationing began we continued to purchase all materials required, and were able to carry on with supplies on hand. After materials were rationed arrangements were made with Kew Red Cross for articles for sewing to be supplied to us, for which we have made donations in cash from time to time. 506 articles have been completed and delivered to Kew Red Cross; 50 pull-overs and jumpers have been donated by Ruyton War Service Group. Mrs. Newman and Miss Wickham are to be congratulated

on the way they have kept the knitting and sewing up to such a high standard. Members have maintained a steady supply of slippers under the supervision of Mesdames England and Matheson.

Our monthly donations to Red Cross this year have amounted to £50 13s. 4d., of which £14 14s. was contributed by weekly pennies of the children of the school.

The girls of Ruyton Dramatic Club, through their efforts, made us a worthy donation. The girls and staff of the school held a gymkhana, which was a financial success, which resulted in a donation of £50.

Our meetings, held every Wednesday, have been well attended.

We have had charge of the Kew Red Cross Kiosk three times this year, by which we made £113 1s. 6d. We would like to thank the numerous donors for their gifts of both money and goods, especially the branches at Normanby Road and Princess Street.

We nominated a baby for Red Cross Junior at a children's party held at Ruyton, when £52 was raised. Altogether the sum of £140 was sent to P.O.W. Fund.

In May we accepted with sincere regret the resignation of Miss Bell, who had been Hon. Secretary for two years. Miss Bell was forced to resign on account of ill health.

In conclusion, we wish to express our appreciation to Miss Daniell, Miss Barnes and staff for making available the facilities of the school and their ever-ready desire to help us.

J. FAWCETT, Hon. Sec.

THE RUYTON WAR SERVICE GROUP

President—Mrs. W. S. Kent Hughes.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.—Mrs. J. W. Gordon.

In charge of Wool Supplies—Mrs. W. J. Newman.

During the past year the Group as a whole has not made any big effort to raise funds, but at the Wednesday weekly meeting we obtain a steady income from teas, sale of produce, &c.

The School has been very generous in its donations, £3 11s. 3d. being received from the girls after their School Plays and £50 from the School Fair. We are very grateful to the staff and girls for their hard work which made the donations possible, and also to the parents, who do a great deal.

We have been able to make the following donations through the year:—

Red Cross, £45; A.C.F., £15; Missions to Seamen, £30; Navy Day Appeal, £5 5s.; Y.M.C.A. War Services (for P.O.W.), £20.

In addition, we sent £4 to the R.A.N. and Royal Melbourne Hospital, the money being raised by a Radioactivity Party given by Mrs. Kent. Hughes, Miss Anderson, and Miss Bell. In October we supplied curtains for two screens for the Kew A.R.P. centre.

Owing to the difficulty of purchasing wool our knitting has been curtailed, but we have been able to send out 282 garments to the Seamen's Mission, A.C.F., Red Cross, and Dutch sailors, also to a soldier and a sailor. Mrs. Newman gives much time and enthusiasm to obtaining these results.

R. GORDON.

THE OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

President:

Mrs. N. S. Maloney

Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. D. Carnegie

Miss D. Hiscock

Committee:

Miss D. Armstrong
Mrs. Blenkarn
Miss M. Carnegie
Miss J. Cooke
Miss S. Gillies

Miss J. Hay
Miss N. Lancaster
Miss B. Lewis
Miss B. Patten
Miss B. Pearson

Miss L. Scott
Miss A. Todd
Miss E. Weir
Miss G. Wickham

Representatives on Council:

Miss M. Carnegie

Mrs. W. S. Dodd

Hon. Secretary:

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

Hon. Treasurer:

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

OLD RUYTONIANS' RE-UNION

The Annual Meeting of Old Ruytonians was held in April. There was an excellent attendance of girls of all periods. A short business meeting was held, and Nesta Maloney (Fitzgerald) was elected President. The Old Girls offered their congratulations to Sharley Meredith, who had held their scholarship for some years, on obtaining a Government subsidy to enable her to continue her studies in Science at the University. It was decided to continue the War Scholarship, and the Old Girls present felt that no one had a better right to it than Sallie Snowball. She is the niece of the late Miss Kitty Snowball and the daughter of Major Tom Snowball, who fought in the Great War and died suddenly in camp in this one.

After a pleasant social gathering, during which competitions arranged by the Committee were held, an austerity supper of tea and biscuits was served.

At the second gathering, in November, Old Girls were asked to bring their friends. Mr. John Hetherington, of the "Herald,"

came and gave us a talk on his experiences in the Middle East and in the North of Australia; this was very interesting and attracted a large audience, and we are very grateful to Mr. Hetherington for giving us so much of his valuable time.

OLD RUYTONIANS' NEWS

Births—

Mrs. F. Kerr (K. Royce)—a son.

Mrs. K. McIntyre (D. Bayly)—a son.

Mrs. B. Gaynor (G. Davey)—a son.

Mrs. C. Anderson (P. Lawrence)—a daughter.

Mrs. W. Bayly (M. Shew)—a daughter.

Mrs. Candy (B. Summons)—a son.

Mrs. McNaughton (M. Hiscock)—a daughter.

Mrs. Taylor (B. Whitehead)—a daughter.

Mrs. W. Williams (P. Chilvers)—a son.

Engagements—

Sheila Henry to Mr. C. M. Shugg.

Susanne Lemon to Mr. S. Vine.

Marriages—

Cresslie Holmes to Lieut. G. Quarterman.

Geraldine Brown to Mr. E. Duncan.

GENERAL NEWS

Robina and **Valerie Trench** returned with their mother to London in September, after an absence of three years.

Vera Aldom, who is in the Army in England, was lately sent with two others to Girton to do a course of lectures. The course lasted a week, during which they attended lectures by Professors and Education officers and were taught how to lecture. Some of the lectures were on the Social History of England; Bacteriology; Town Planning. Their free time was spent sight-seeing in Cambridge and rowing on the Cam. Vera is now apparently expected to lecture on any given subject. She says: "I just see a notice put up that Private Aldom will give an A.B.C.A. on such a date, and poor Private Aldom has to read up something nice and difficult on housing or education or what not, and prepare to receive questions on what she knows little about!"

Pat Wells and **Pamela Henry** are finishing their training at Mooroolbeek this year.

Ann Wells, who has been on the staff at Little Ruyton all year, is leaving in December to continue her training in Arts and Crafts.

We would like to express our sympathy with **Oonah McHaffie** (Hardy) and **Brenda Higgins** on the death of their mother. Mrs. Hardy was always a very loyal friend to Ruyton, and her loss will be keenly felt by her family.

Helen Holmes is doing war work at the factory of Mr. F. Stanger.

Dorothy McGruer is arranging to be married in January next.

Sharley Meredith, **Joan Heskeith**, **Shirley Gillies**, and **Elizabeth Baker** are all completing their first year at the Melbourne University.

Beverley Pearson is entering upon the course for massage in 1944.

Marlie Russell will go into residence at Janet Clarke Hall next year.

Sheila Brown, after being on leave in Melbourne, has again gone North. She has with her **Mary Brodribb**.

Lydia Eady is now a social worker. She does work in country centres for the American authorities in connection with the proposed marriages of American soldiers. She also works with the Australian Red Cross.

Mary Bell is on the staff of Korowa C.E.G.G.S.

IN MEMORIAM

On Friday, 15th October, Miss Irving, formerly Principal of Lauriston Girls' School, died at her home in Malvern Road.

Miss Irving before she became Principal of Lauriston was a member of the Ruyton staff during the years when Miss Bromby, Mrs. Gubbins, and Miss Lilian Irving were the Principals. Later she joined her sister in founding Lauriston. The school grew very quickly, and is now one of the best-known girls' schools in Melbourne.

Throughout her life Miss Irving was a keen worker in the cause of education for girls. She took just as keen an interest in the sport of the girls as in their intellectual development. It was chiefly owing to her insistence that the Headmistresses' Association was founded. She remained a very active member of this Association until a short time before her death.

Miss Irving had the satisfaction of seeing the school she had helped to found being carried on successfully after her retirement by one of her own old girls, Miss E. Kirkhope. She endeared herself to her pupils, by whom she will always be remembered with deep affection.

On 5th July Mrs. Rawdon Chomley died at her home in Turner Street, Malvern, after a brief illness. Though she had not been in really good health for some time still she was not alarmingly ill for more than a fortnight.

Mrs. R. Chomley was before her marriage Miss Muriel Anderson, second daughter of Mrs. Anderson, who founded Ruyton. She was therefore one of the first pupils of Ruyton, and remained throughout her life a very loyal member of the Old

Ruytonians' Association. It was fitting that she should be elected President in 1928, the fiftieth year of Ruyton's life.

On the morning after Mrs. Chomley's death I had the privilege of being present at the memorial service held for her at her own home. It was conducted by Mr. F. A. Townsend, Vicar of St. John's, Malvern, and was attended by a small group of very old and intimate friends.

Mrs. Chomley leaves a husband and two daughters (Miss Kathleen and Miss Barbara Chomley), to all of whom we offer our sincere sympathy in their loss.

H. DANIELL.

STAFF—PAST AND PRESENT

Miss Ruth Barnes, who has been a member of the Ruyton staff since 1918, has resigned her position in order to undertake the post of Bursar at her old school, P.L.C. This news will cause general sorrow to all who have become to consider Miss Barnes such an integral part of the school that it is difficult to imagine it without her. When Miss Barnes first joined the Ruyton staff it was as

Kindergarten Mistress. In 1930, when the school was formed into a company, Miss Barnes took over the duties as Bursar. On the resignation of Miss Kemp as Matron, Miss Barnes combined the duties of Matron and Bursar. As the school has grown so much bigger it is no longer possible for these duties to be combined. During the 25 years of her association with Ruyton Miss Barnes has never failed to put the school first, and has given of her best to girls, old girls, and parents, who will all regret her going tremendously. We wish her great happiness in her new work.

Miss Mildred Dahle, formerly Bursar at Trinity G.S., is coming to Ruyton next year as Bursar.

Miss Marie Nolan is resigning in order to help her father, who has lost his men owing to the war.

We wish to express our sympathy with **Mrs. J. F. Davies** on the death of her husband, Captain J. F. Davies, who died of wounds received in New Guinea. Mrs. Davies' little daughter Clare is not yet one year old.

Dorothy Rylah has just gained her commission in the WRANS.

RUYTON GIRLS' SCHOOL

RUYTON CHINA.

Grafton China with the 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

