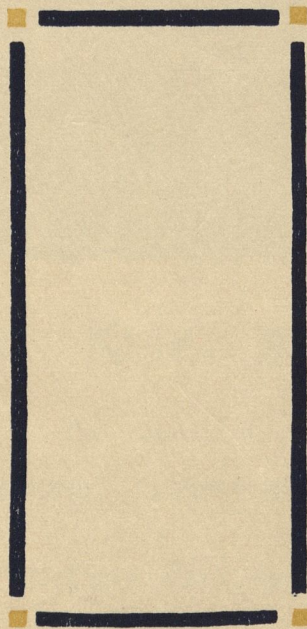


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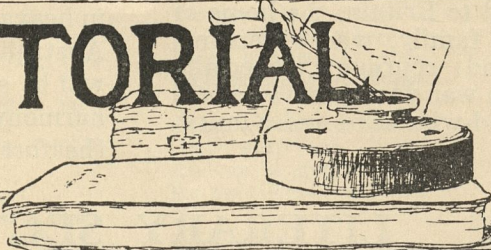
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EDITORIAL

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The world, as it stands today, devastated by the recent war, stricken with hunger and torn by the conflicts of opposing Powers, seems apart from our land of comparative peace and prosperity, and we are apt to forget at times the complete wreckage of Europe. But separated as we may be from the cares of a war-torn nation, our land is not without strikes, shortages and other problems, which at times make all Australians feel completely exhausted in their attempts to cope with the troubles which beset them, but which are, in reality, trivial compared to the burden the Mother Country is forced to bear. The need for a re-awakening of the national spirit and for a renewal of that unity, which is essential for our survival as a modern civilisation, become more and more apparent as the number of strikes increases and the hostility between conflicting parties becomes more pronounced. To achieve this unity of national spirit it is necessary that each citizen should feel himself to be a part, however small, of a Great Empire, with a proud and glorious tradition, and this is exactly the

effect which the approaching visit of our King and Queen is intended to produce.

To many Australians the royal visit will merely mean a pleasant holiday, but to others it will have a deep significance. The first royal visit was made in 1927 by our present King and Queen, then the Duke and Duchess of York, to open Canberra. Since those days the world was swept into a war which has considerably changed the life of people everywhere.

The history of the relations between Australia and Britain has been one of steadily growing trust and unity. In the beginning Britain may have been a little too eager to control the colonies, but the various representations which finally led to the giving of self-government (an action which the die-hards described as disastrous) have led to the formation of ties which, we firmly believe, are unbreakable.

The Statute of Westminster made all the colonies entirely independent nations within the Commonwealth, but the removal of all legal control has made the actual ties between the peoples firmer.

With old-fashioned courtesy homage is paid to Britain, the home of the royal family, whose personal charm and courage (especially during the war years) have earned them world-wide love and admiration.

It is to be hoped that the upheavals and complications in Australian industry and life today will be settled by the goodwill and harmony which will accompany the forthcoming royal visit.

LITERARY SECTION

Poems

REMEMBRANCE

The crunch of sand beneath my feet,
The beat of flying creatures' wings,
The things that others took for granted
Enchanted me. I miss them now
As on I plough through fields of silence.

The whisper of the zephyr breeze,
The trees that creak and stir and groan,
The moan of lonely winds that flee
To free themselves. I miss them now,
I cherished these.

The mopoke's chanting all night long,
The song of birds, the cricket's call,
Of all these things I am bereft,
For I am deaf.

—WENDY HILTON-WOOD, VI.

SPRING

The spring is here, the young birds sing,
The children gaily play;
The new lambs gambol in the fields,
And merrily flies each day.

The bright flowers bloom in garden plots,
The sun shines up on high;
When spring is here, joy's everywhere
Beneath the azure sky.

The children all play happily,
People are full of cheer;
The world is gay and full of joy,
When jolly spring is here.

—S. DAHLSON, Vb.

THE SELECT FEW

Who are the girls that do the work?
Who are the ones that are always
there?

Who are the girls that never shirk?
The Boarders.

Working hard from morn to eve,
They do the jobs that must be done,
Nothing for tomorrow do they leave.
The Boarders.

When others go out every night,
Who stays behind to do the work?
At dances helping out of sight,
The Boarders.

When at last the holidays come,
Who are the girls that cheer the most?
Who are best pleased to go off home?
The Boarders.

So day-girls, now and then, just think
Of what you might have had to do
Without the school's most valuable link,
The Boarders.

—V. MORRISON.

RAIN

Rain! rain! rain!
Why does it have to pour?
There are puddles on the footpath,
And drips outside the door.

We come to school all sopping
'Cos we haven't an umbrella,
But we hope it will be stopping
So that we may play together.

—P. M., Vb.

THE WILD HORSES

The horses were galloping over the
plain—
They felt they would never be free
again,
For mounted on ponies, the white men
were here
And the sound of their voices had filled
them with fear.

The stallion was free, and so was a mare
Whose foal had been caught, and was
still captive there;
A three-year-old filly, a two-year-old
colt
Had galloped to safety, they went at a
bolt!

They thundered past and then stopped
for a rest
To drink, to eat, to sleep, was the best.
At dawn they were up, and running
again,
The horses were galloping over the
plain.

—ANNE TATE, Vb.

MY DONKEY

I have a little donkey
Her name is Bessie Gray,
I take her to the stable
To have a meal of hay.

And when our school is over
And time for a holiday,
We often go for picnics
And take her for the day.

—ROSEMARY DOBNEY, IVa.

SPRING

The spring time is coming
And the bees are humming,
The bluebells are ringing
And the birds are singing.

The lark is soaring high
Right up in to the sky,
The day is bright and sunny
And the bees are making honey.

—HELEN BROWN, IVa.

CLERICHEWS

Wordsworth's desire
To be Nature's lyre
Made him write verse
That couldn't be worse.

George Bernard Shaw
Often gets sore
And as he gets worse
He gets Erse.

Romeo
Had to go
And his love
Cursed stars above.

H. G. Wells
Played round with swells
Which Mr. Ruskin
Would find disgustin'.

Alfred Tennyson
Might give a benison,
But to those who are Maugham-ing
He'd only give warning.

Antony in order to air his sorrow
Some ears from his listeners wished to
borrow.
John Milton seemed always unhappy too,
He got lost in his Paradise, just as we
do.

I would hurry
To read Murray,
But Rowe
No.

Oats,
Sam quotes,
Are the courses
For Scotchmen and horses.

Clubs
Are the hubs
Of lives
Without wives.

Milton said,
Hell's red
And there's Satan
Waitin'.

LITERARY SECTION PRAYER

O Shepherd teach me how to pray,
I give my lonely life to Thee:
Guide my poor feet and heart each day
Upon the straight and narrow way
That I may joyful be.

O Shepherd teach me not to stray
From off the path that is now mine:
Send through the world that seems so
grey
That joy to me, that kindled ray,
To know that I am Thine.

—WENDY HILTON-WOOD, VI.

GYPSY

Galloping o'er the windswept plains,
Tail and mane flying in the breeze,
Galloping faster and faster again,
Under the pressure of my knees.

Never a falter in his stride,
Never a fall where e'er we roam,
I am always safe, where e'er I go
With Gypsy, my faithful roan.
—E. COCKBURN.

Prose

HOLIDAYING IN THE HILLS

At the beginning of first term holidays seven of the boarders under the eyes of Miss Noble and Miss Holohan set out for a peaceful holiday in the hills near Ferny Creek. The bus left us a quarter of a mile from the house. Overloaded with luggage, we proceeded by shank's pony to our new abode.

On the way Ginna thought it would be easier to roll, and promptly did so, but owing to the steepness and roughness of the ground she cut her hands and knees and was packed off home next day.

We reached the house without any more casualties except a few broken backs from the luggage and many stiff legs from the hills.

One fine afternoon we walked to Belgrave—four miles away, all downhill (thank goodness). We thought we would catch the bus back, but were most dismayed to find that there was no bus. So setting our teeth to the grindstone and our feet to the road, we walked home. When we arrived at Ferny Creek we had a large tea which gave us the required energy. Why not go to the pictures at Ferntree Gully? No reason at all. We caught the bus and were soon in the township. Miss Noble casually asked if there was a bus after the pictures. There wasn't! But our minds were made up so off we toddled to the pictures.

After them, we had a lovely time walking home in the moonlight and arrived at Ferny Creek about 1.30 a.m.

Another day Miss Noble, Marg and Fay felt like a walk. They hiked up hill and down dale, and eventually began to worry about getting home. By this time it was quite dark. But for the fact that some very inventive person had electric light in his fowl-house, I think our prize three would have been camping out—whether they liked it or not. After ploughing through mud, stinkwart and blackberry bushes, they eventually reached the fowl-house which was on the track back to Ferny Creek.

When they finally staggered up to the door, they were worn out, covered in mud and feeling very sorry for themselves. After all the worrying the ones left behind had done, they would not admit that they had been lost.

After a peaceful week of many such days, we bade Ferny Creek farewell and returned once more to the noise and crowds of the city.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that each hair in the coat of a caribou is an airfilled hollow quill, giving the animal great buoyancy when swimming lakes or rivers barring its migration route?

Do you know that Chequers Court was presented to the British Nation in 1917 as a country residence for its

Prime Ministers. It was endowed for expenses, including £15 for each weekend the Prime Minister used it?

A weekend was defined by Special Act of Parliament as "Any continuous period of not less than 36 hours during any seven consecutive days."

Do you know that in 1795 a swordfish attacked a warship H.M.S. Leopard? It drove its sword through one inch of metal sheathing, through a 3-inch plank and beyond that into 4½ inches of timber.

It would take nine strokes of a 25 lb. hammer to drive a bolt the same shape and size as far in.

ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED.—One credulous teacher (to believe homework excuses).

WANTED.—Special tram cars for M.L.C. girls. Apply Corn-weary.

WANTED.—One pair of cast-iron dancing shoes for duration of dancing lessons. Apply Corn-elius.

WANTED.—At least 6 inches of material to add to all my clothes. Please deliver to "New Look."

LOST.—Poetic inspiration. Finder kindly return to waste-paper basket.

LIBRARY NOTES

HISTORY REFERENCE LIBRARY

This year the library has been used by the senior girls, mainly the leaving and matriculation classes. The junior section of the library has been moved from the anteroom to the Vc classroom.

Many new books have been added to the library. They are—Carlyle's "French Revolution," Scott's "Short History of Australia" (new edition), "The Last of the Empresses" (Vare), Fitzpatrick's "Australian People," Churchill's "Second World War" (Volume I: The Gathering Storm).

ENGLISH REFERENCE LIBRARY

This year the library has proved to be a great help to both the staff and the girls sitting for examinations. The monthly magazine "Britain Today," which is very popular among the girls, has been added regularly to the library.

SCIENCE REFERENCE LIBRARY

The senior girls doing Physics and General Science have found many of the books very helpful. On the other hand, not enough use is made of the library, particularly our large collection of "Wild Life" magazines which are extremely interesting and would possibly interest the juniors, too.

GEOGRAPHY REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Geography Library has been mainly used by the leaving and intermediate classes this year, although some of the younger girls have also used the books. At the beginning of the year some new books were added which included—"The Pacific Basin," by Wood; "The World," by Pickles; "Geography of Australasia," by Taylor; "A Commercial Geography," by Stamp; four "Modern World Geographies," by James; and "The Geography Behind History," by East.

JUNIOR FICTION LIBRARY NOTES

This year the library has been well attended by the junior girls, and the collection of new books added has made the library very popular.

Enid Blyton and Captain Johns are popular authors, and books about animals have an irresistible appeal.

The new books added this year are—"I Had Two Ponies," "Exmoor Lass," "The Chestnut Filly," "The Wednesday Pony," "Story of Heather," "Margaret's Decision," "McGowan Climbs a Mountain," "Quitters Can't Win," eight of Enid Blyton's novels, several Billabong books, "Wish for a Pony," "Far-Distant

Oxus," five "Biggles Books," "Kilmeny of the Orchard," five "Abbey Books."

We hope that the library will be as well-attended by the juniors next year.

SENIOR FICTION LIBRARY NOTES

This year the following books have been added to the Senior Fiction Library—"The Bridge of San Luis Rey," Thornton Wilder; "Fortunes of Richard Mahoney," H. H. Richardson; "Jenny Villiers," J. B. Priestly; "Three Men in New Suits," J. B. Priestly; "The Captain's Lady," D. K. Broster; "The Green Years," A. J. Cronin; "A Fugue in Time," R. Godden; "Lady Rose and Mrs. Memmery," R. Ferguson; "Green Dolphin Country," E. Goudge; "A City of Bells," E. Goudge; "The Great Son," E. Ferber; "Nothing So Strange," J. Hilton; "Waltzing Matilda," A. L. Haskell; "This Proud Servant," M. Irwin; "Honour Bright," F. P. Keyes; "Also the Hills," F. P. Keyes; "Green Grass of Wyoming," M. O'Hara; "Joseph Lister," F. Rhoda; "A House is Built," B. Elderson.

THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY

"The Bridge of San Luis Rey," by Thornton Wilder, has for its setting Peru in the 18th century. When the bridge collapses five travellers are sent to their deaths. Was it an "Act of God" or "of the devil"?

Father Juniper who witnesses the accident decides to find out, and traces the story of the lives of the eccentric Marquesa, Pepita, Estiban, Uncle Pio and Don Jaime. He finds that they were all bound together by the common quality of love.

"There is a land of the living and a land of the dead, and the bridge is love."

The characters are clearly drawn and each has his own conception of life, but the chief interest of this delightful novel is in the development of the author's theme.

THE GREEN YEARS

All readers who enjoy a book that depicts life as it really is will appreciate this interesting novel by A. J. Cronin.

The story revolves round the young and sensitive Robert Shannon, who is orphaned at an early age and compelled to live with his grandparents. In his new, uncongenial surroundings, Robert experiences many disappointments, and it is only the sympathy and encouragement of his great-grandfather, Cadger Gow, that make his early struggles endurable. This amusing, boasting and irresponsible old man, with all his weaknesses and obstinacies, is the most lovable character in the novel.

Robert's experiences with life fill the book with humour and incident and are reminiscent of those of any sensitive boy as he approaches manhood.

THE OPERATIC SOCIETY

After "The Pirates of Penzance" an Operatic Society was formed at Ruyton, consisting of both present and old girls. Joan Wardrop was elected secretary and a committee was chosen.

Throughout the year the society has held several small functions, the proceeds of which went into their fund. The girls also gave the proceeds of some of their concerts to the society. This money helped to buy the props at the recent production of "The Gondoliers." With the proceeds of one night of this production a radiogram and amplifier was purchased. This is used to play records to the girls during lunch hour.

THE GONDOLIERS

After the great success of "The Pirates of Penzance" last year we decided to produce "The Gondoliers" this year. The principal parts were allotted by Mr. Di Gilio and Miss Holohan after auditions.

We would like to thank Miss Holohan, the producer, and Mr. Di Gilio, the musical director of the opera, for all they

did to make "The Gondoliers" the success it was. It meant months of hard work for Miss Holohan who must have felt rewarded by the great success of the performance.

This is the second time that Mr. Di Gilio has undertaken the musical direction of our Gilbert and Sullivan opera, and we find it hard to express our gratitude to him sufficiently for the wonderful way he trained the singers and conducted the orchestra. The finding of the orchestra was also his work. Two of the members were Pamela and Diana Di Gilio. The others were their friends and we are extremely grateful to them for their help.

Joan Wardrop and Dorothy Gregson took the parts of Marco and Guiseppe.

Their singing was excellent and their acting natural and spontaneous. Hazel Newman and Margaret Gamble both interpreted charmingly the roles of Gianetta and Tessa.

Much of the humour was supplied by Beraze Downey, who made a good Duke of Plaza Toro. Patricia Lancaster played his haughty Duchess very well. Margaret Lewis as Casilda and Janet Pearce as Luiz sang their duets beautifully, while Margery McAlpin made an emphatic and amusing Don Alhambra, the Grand Inquisitor. The chorus gave good support to the principals.

The three performances given were played to crowded and very appreciative audiences.

ENTERTAINMENTS

THE ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

This year there have been four orchestral concerts for young people at the Melbourne Town Hall. Professor Heinze's explanations of the music and how the orchestra instruments work increased our interest. His popularity with the school audiences shows how well he is succeeding.

LUNCH TIME SESSIONS

Several sessions of classical music have been held at lunch time on our new pick-up. The records were kindly lent by Miss Alsop, who gave a little talk on each one before it was played. We hope these sessions will be continued next year as they were much enjoyed. We also offer a vote of thanks to Miss Holohan for starting them.

Dramatic Section

"ROMEO AND JULIET"

Perhaps the best thing that can be said about "Romeo and Juliet" is that the National Theatre Players tried valiantly, but whether they succeeded is another question.

It is difficult to imagine what Juliet would have done, had she not seen Jean Simmon's Ophelia. The characters were not chosen with the care that such a task warrants, as the fiery "Tyball" was a little too staid.

We all had an enjoyable evening, not, it is feared, because of the excellence of the production.

SHAKESPEARE EVENING

As usual Shakespeare Evening was much enjoyed and the acting, though unconventional, was heartily applauded. The Matriculation girls, plus some of Leaving, acted the Partition scene from "King Lear"; Sixth Form did two scenes from "Romeo and Juliet," and Vc presented the well-known Mark Antony scene from "Julius Caesar." Scenes from "The Tempest," "Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Twelfth Night" were well acted by the younger girls in Vb, Va and IVc. The costumes were ingenious, to say the least of it.

The supper afterwards was well patronised.

"Les Romanesques" was presented by the Alliance Francais in second term,

and the Leaving and Matriculation classes went to it. The play was quite well done and the men who played Bengamin and Pasquinet were very good. During the intervals the French poems for the year were read, "avec expression," and it was interesting to hear a different interpretation of them.

"RICHARD III"

In the title role, Sir Laurence plays one of his most exacting parts as he is seldom off the stage. In the first act when he is murdering extravagantly to get the throne, Richard is full of malevolent humour and is a likeable man (if you can be of use to him). The change in his character when he gets the throne is subtly developed, and at the end of the play it seems fitting that the righteous Richmond should gain the throne.

The other actors made the most of their small parts. The death scene of the Duke of Clarence, Richard's brother, was terrifying, as was the curse of the wronged queen.

The atmosphere of the play was greatly enhanced by the subtly appropriate music and the wonderful backdrops and lighting.

"SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"

This eighteenth century comedy of manners was the first play presented by the Old Vic Company in Australia. Each actor brought out every possible detail of character and the lines were beautifully "timed," except by "Mrs. Candour," who was occasionally indistinct. The play was enlivened by Cecil Beaton's decor and the ornate period clothes.

Sir Laurence Olivier, as Sir Peter Teazle, was a lovable old man, and Lady Olivier was charming as his exasperating wife. George Ralph as hearty Uncle Oliver, Terence Morgan as the handsome spendthrift Charles, and Peter Cushing as his hypocritical brother were all convincing in their difficult parts.

"SKIN OF OUR TEETH"

Its author, Thornton Wilder, said it was a "history of mankind in a comic strip." It is the story of this family, the Antrobus' (really the first family, and Henry wears his hair over his forehead to hide the brand of Cain) and their actions under different circumstances.

Vivien Leigh is Sabina, the maid-of-all-work, eternally feminine, eternally at conflict with the mother-and-wife, except in crises, where they unite, Sabina is charming and natural. In the play she constantly speaks directly to the audience, telling them she cannot say something for fear of hurting a friend in the audience. These interruptions are to remind the audience how close the play is to real life.

Mrs. Antrobus' main thoughts are her children and her husband, especially the former. She is essentially domestic, not very clever and does not realise the importance of her husband's inventions (of which the wheel was one) and his everlasting desire to create.

Her daughter grows up like her, but Henry Cain, an unconscious sadist as a boy, is war-like in manhood. He and his father are the two basic types of men in conflict—the creator and the destructor.

The superficial meaning of the play is, of course, that mankind exists by the "skin of its teeth" and is constantly narrowly escaping annihilation. The three examples given are the ice age, the great flood and world war. At the end of the play the actors go back to the beginning, showing that the people and escapes go on unceasingly.

Films Reviewed

"AN IDEAL HUSBAND"

Based on Oscar Wilde's play, this film is amusing and well acted. The rather trivial plot centres round a past misdeed in Sir Robert Chiltern's political career. The wicked Mrs. Cheveley blackmails him about it. Paulette Goddard plays this rather difficult role well,

but Hugh Williams as Sir Robert Chiltern—the Ideal Husband—is not quite as convincing. Michael Wilding as Lord Goring and Glynis Johns as Miss Mabel Chiltern provide the amusing romance which ends happily. Diana Wynyard is statuesque and cold in the role of Lady Chiltern.

The photography is clever, and the delicate colouring acts as a foil to the picturesque people who pass across the screen. The costumes are all very beautiful and reflect the characters of their wearers. Mrs. Cheveley's flamboyant frocks stand out as strikingly as she does herself. Throughout the film the dialogue is witty and amusing, and I recommend this picture to anyone who appreciates artistry in films.

“HAMLET”

Sir Laurence Olivier presents a magnificent film version of Shakespeare's tragedy. England's leading actor-producer-director has given movie-goers an excellent adaptation of Hamlet's story. One good reason for its excellent standard is that full value is given to Shakespeare's words and descriptive passages, like Ophelia's death, are illustrated as the lines are spoken. The camera explores every corner of the cavernous Elsinore Castle, scene of most of the film.

The cast could hardly be better—Jean Simmons, at 18, was a daring but splendid choice for Ophelia. Eileen Kerlie as the Queen, Basil Sydney as the King, Felix Aylmer as Polonius and Norman Wooland as Horatio—all are excellent. But it is Sir Laurence's own playing of the title role on which his film stands or falls. And his Hamlet, a great man plagued by indecision, is a masterpiece that makes it stand among the best films of all time.

“STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN”

This film is centred around the fantastic dreams of a young airman. Although this subject is rather a

hackneyed one it actually proved no detriment to the usual high standards of British films.

The young airman is shot down in action and suffers a peculiar mental reaction. He believes that he should have died and that due to the bungling of some Messenger from Heaven he missed the way. He falls in love with a pretty service girl and determines that he shall not die. A “Heavenly” court case ensues between Heaven and him. His counsel and also his doctor was played by Roger Livesy and the counsel for the prosecution played excellently by Raymond Massey. As we expect, the airman wins his case and everybody lives happily ever after.

Photography was a great feature of the film, and all its tricks were displayed to their fullest extent. A highly amusing movie, it nevertheless has its serious side and is well worth seeing.

“THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY”

—a real comedy. The great Danny Kaye has done it again. A comedian in the true sense of the word, Danny portrays the absent-minded Walter Mitty with great ability. At last we have been given a laugh from Hollywood which is not of the usual farcical hilarious type.

Walter Mitty is unwittingly dragged by the beautiful blonde of his dreams into a spy drama which forms a rather weak background for the dreams of Mitty, the courageous sea captain, the war hero, the brilliant surgeon, the tough guy, the card gambler and the famous Anatole of Paris. His versatility in each of these dream sequences is really amazing and gives us abundant entertainment.

This film of Danny Kaye's proves that his recent command performance in London was well deserved.

"PASTORAL SYMPATHY"

Adapted from a story by Andre Gide and directed by Jean Delannoy, "Pastoral Sympathy" is a hauntingly beautiful French film, telling of the peculiar relationship between the pastor of an Alpine village (played by Pierre Blanchar) and a blind girl (Michele Morgan) whom he finds neglected in the snow and adopts into his own family. As she grows into a beautiful woman both the

pastor and his son fall in love with her, creating a strange conflict of emotions which ends with her tragic suicide.

The story was delightfully handled, and the fine acting of all the players was an unforgettable experience. The photography was excellent and the background of music really most effective. For her outstanding performance, Michele Morgan won an International film award. Pierre Blanchar showed remarkable insight in his portrayal of the hypocritical pastor.

ART

THE ART CLASS

During the year we have made several visits to the Art Gallery. One of special interest was to see an exhibition of Sheraton and Chippendale furniture, besides which was a display of paintings by Constable, Streeton, Raphael, Rembrandt, Titian and many other great artists. This was very helpful to the examination girls, as they were able to compare and contrast the artists' work without difficulty and with all the necessary material in front of them. We have also made excursions to the Shrine of Remembrance, St. Paul's, St. Patrick's and a sketching trip to the home of Mrs. Barnett in Kew, whom we would like to thank for the use of her beautiful garden.

Recently we went to the Athenaeum Art Gallery to see the forty-ninth exhibition of the Melbourne Society of Women Painters. Here we saw many paintings, among which were two of Mrs. McCubbin's—one, the "Water Hole," was a charming study of ferns and undergrowth; the other, a still life study, caught the eye immediately.

It has been a very profitable year, and we have succeeded in composing a large variety of paintings which we hope will interest and please the parents at our exhibition on Open Day.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mrs. McCubbin for all the help and encouragement she has given us. She always makes the lessons very enter-

taining by showing us pictures and giving interesting little side-lights on the artists' lives, and we would like to thank her for all she is doing for us.

—J. B. and W. H. W.

ART

Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts—C.E.M.A.—arranged its Festival of Music and the Arts in the Recreation Hall. The festival was opened on Monday, November 6, by Sir Charles Lowe, K.B., M.A., LL.B. During the week there was an exhibition of pictures by Norma Bull and a varied programme of concerts, films and dramatic work. The Kew Theatre Movement presented "Heaven and Charing Cross" and the Little Theatre "Hay Fever." On the opening night Joan and Betty Rayner gave their usual charming and original programme of folk plays, stories and songs. The Kew Council are doing something very worth while in arranging this week of interesting programmes and the crowded audiences show how deeply the citizens of Kew appreciate what they are doing.

NEW COVER FOR THE RUYTONIAN

There has been a good deal of dissatisfaction expressed in recent years about the Cover of the Ruytonian. The

main cause of dissatisfaction is that the word "Ruytonian" was divided and that the title was therefore not clear. This year we appealed again for a new design and the present one was handed in. While retaining most of the old design, which was done many years ago by Jessie Watts (Simpson), the new

Cover has the name "Ruytonian" in one word. The design also incorporates the Ruyton plaid. The new Cover is the work of Jane Barnett, who has been at Ruyton for the past 13 years and who is leaving this year, so we may regard it as a parting gift to the school for which we are very grateful.

DANCING

DANCING CLASS NOTES

This year Miss Brenan again held her classes at Ruyton each Saturday evening during second term. Both classes were very well attended and many of the second class girls attended the first class as well, as there seemed to be a majority of boys in that class.

On September 25 the last lesson was held and Miss Brenan gave us her party, which lasted until eleven o'clock. The girls all wore long frocks and looked rather flushed (natural or otherwise?). At the party competitions were held and the lucky winners received beautiful prizes, the girls getting bracelets and the boys ties and handkerchiefs.

I am sure everyone is very anxious to thank the Boarders for all the work they have done throughout the year. The "poor hardworked" Boarders usually had to sweep and polish the floor every week as well as moving the desks in and out. We should also like to thank them for decorating the hall so nicely for Miss Brenan's party.

In conclusion we should like to thank Miss Brenan for the party as we all enjoyed ourselves very much, and for everything she has done to make our dancing class so successful this year. We should also like to thank Miss O'Donnell for arranging the supper for the party.

"GONDOLIERS" DANCE

The Ruyton Operatic Society held a dance on April 9 to raise funds for the costumes for "The Gondoliers." The dance was held at the Recreation Hall,

Wellington Street, Kew, and was very successful. The Mothers provided an excellent supper which was served on the stage and although it was a little crowded we all enjoyed ourselves very much.

The girls all worked hard making leis and these added colour to the hall. The leis were numbered and the winner received a prize. All enjoyed themselves very much, and £24 was raised for the Operatic Society's funds.

RUYTON JUBILEE DANCE

The Ruyton Jubilee Dance was held on Saturday, October 2. Mrs. Lewis very kindly allowed us to hold the dance in her lovely home in Toorak. The Mothers worked very hard to make the dance a success and we wish to thank them very much. We danced to the music of Chandler's Orchestra, and the ballroom looked very gay with lucky leis and balloons in the school colours. Supper was served in two sittings and, thanks to the Mothers, was delicious.

Altogether £29/12/6 was raised for the War Scholarship Fund. We should like to thank Mrs. Lewis very sincerely for so kindly allowing us to use her home and also to thank the Mothers for all their hard work.

PREFECTS' DANCE

On May 1 the Prefects held a very enjoyable dance at the Wattle Park Chalet. Miss Daniell and Mrs. Dum-

brell received the guests. Prizes were given for the elimination dance in which the last two male competitors had a race to see who could eat an apple the quickest. This caused much amusement

and it seemed that the winner practically swallowed the apple whole. The dance ended at 12 o'clock and everyone left after having a very enjoyable time and a delicious supper.

GEOGRAPHY EXCURSIONS

EXCURSION TO UNITED WOOLLEN MILLS

On Wednesday, 5th May, the Leaving Geography Class was shown through United Woollen Mills in South Melbourne, where rugs, blankets and Donegal tweeds were seen in the various processes of manufacture. There are 3 main phases in the production of woven fabrics, viz., spinning, weaving and finishing.

Spinning consists of blending the wool, combing, carding and spinning it into yarn. The weaving process consists of preparing the yarn into warp and weft, with the assistance of winding and warping machinery, and weaving them into various cloths. The weaving is followed by mending. The mended cloth is taken into the finishing room where it is milled, scoured, dyed, dried, examined, pressed, folded, measured and packed.

The class was also shown through the worsted spinning department, where yarns spun out of "tops" (big balls of wool in rope form) were produced. This yarn is suitable for mens and ladies' coating, suiting, hosiery and knitting.

MODEL DAIRY

On April 27, leaving pass geography class made an interesting excursion to the Model Dairy, Kew.

We were conducted round the dairy by a superintendent who took us to the various sections of the factory where the milk is pasteurized, bottled and stored in the freezing chamber. We were shown the huge storage tanks

which hold 500 gallons. These tanks receive the milk from Gippsland.

We were also shown the butter factory and saw how the butter is made and packed to be distributed locally or sent overseas.

The dairy has modern equipment and care is taken to see that everything is kept perfectly clean and free from any dangerous bacteria.

GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO THE ROYAL MINT

On 21st April, Sixth form went to the Royal Mint in William Street accompanied by Miss Chalmers.

As we entered we saw bars of gold worth £4 million, each bar weighing 400 ounces. This gold was ready to be sent to the Commonwealth Treasury.

In the melting room copper was being melted down into bars to be made into copper coins. All metals, whether gold, silver or copper, go through the same melting process.

The bars are sent into the coining department where they are rolled to the required thickness. They are automatically cut out and are sent to the coining press where the head, tail and milled edge are stamped.

From here the coins are examined, the good ones being separated from the others and being taken to be weighed on an automatic machine.

The coins which were too heavy or too light are taken to be remelted and the others are packed in wooden boxes by weighing. These are sent to the Commonwealth Treasury for distribution.

MAROONDAH DAM.

On Saturday, October 14, the Geography class visited Maroondah Dam, which is situated three miles from Healesville.

We noticed the various ways by which the Healesville Council has tried to beautify the surrounding areas of the Dam. Car and ordinary parks have been erected, and great attention has been given to the lawns and small shrubs around, and a kiosk has been erected nearby which supplies drinks and all kinds of confectionery for any visitors on their excursion over the Dam.

On walking over the bridge on the so-called wall of the Dam we all wrote down the measurements of the Dam, which were written on a post at the entrance.

After this enjoyable excursion we went and had our lunch in one of the Healesville parks, after which we visited the Healesville Sanctuary, which is a very interesting place where the animals and birds are allowed to wander around in their natural state, roaming the grounds to their heart's content.

EXCURSION TO KRAFT CHEESE FACTORY.

On Monday, August 9, Sixth Form Geography Class, accompanied by Miss Chalmers, visited the Kraft Cheese Factory in South Melbourne.

We began our excursion by visiting the maturing room where the cheeses are stored from 9 to 14 months. These cheeses, when matured, are sent to the third floor, where the wax is melted off and the cloths removed by a steam machine. The rind is then cut off and the cheese is cut in different weights, placed in a machine which minces and salts the cheese. It is sent down to the next floor where it is pasteurized and emulsified into liquid form in large kettles. The melted cheese then pours

out of the bottom of the kettles through a hole to the next floor, filling the packets automatically with 8 ozs. of cheese, which is in a warm liquid state. The boxes are then packed and are ready for export.

EXCURSION TO YALLOURN.

On July 10 a bus load of girls went to Yallourn to see the Open Cut, the Power Station and the Briquette Factory.

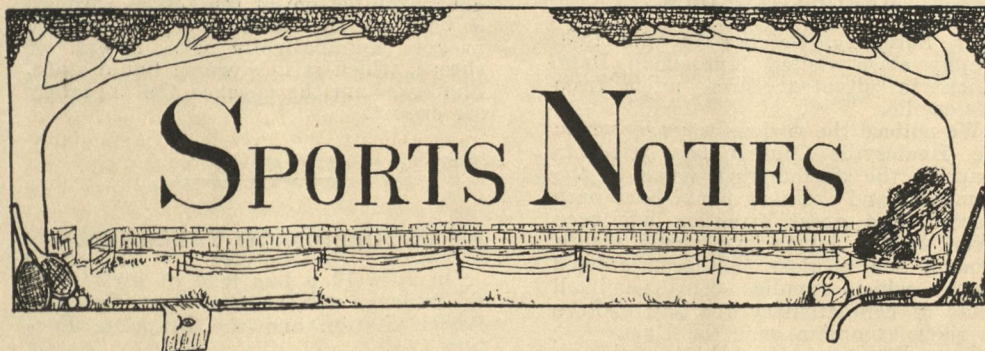
We were not allowed to go down to the Open Cut, but only allowed to see it from the edge. The coal is the largest deposit in the world and covers thirty square miles. It is removed by two dredges, each ninety feet deep. The coal is taken by train to the Factory and the Power Station. Ninety eight per cent. of Victoria's electricity is generated from this coal. By an intricate process the coal is changed to electricity.

We next visited the Briquette Factory. Here the coal is crushed and pulverised to a fine powder. It is fed into steam driers which extract the moisture from it. It is cooled, and then compressed under a pressure of ten tons to a square inch, and after this pressure on the coal it is forced out as briquettes, which are then sent to Melbourne.

Before entering this factory our guide pointed out to us the largest chimney or stack in the Southern Hemisphere. It stands 328 feet 8 inches from the ground.

In a break we drove through the model City of Yallourn, which has all its houses, shops, theatres and buildings especially built by the Government for workers in the Yallourn coalfields and factories.

The water used in the Power Station is taken from the Latrobe River, which flows behind the station.



RUNNING SPORTS.

Apart from the threat of rain from the dark sky, Friday, April 16 was a perfect day for the Running Sports which were held on the school oval.

The competition was very keen all the afternoon, but Bromby House proved to be the best when it won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points from Anderson House, with Lascelles House not very far behind. Daniell House was 4th.

The Under 13 Championship was won by C. Kent, and A. Tate won the Under 15 Championship. N. Miles became the School Champion when she won the 15 and Over Championship.

Finally we would like to thank Miss Chalmers for all her hard work, and also Mr. Dumbrell, Mr. Luxton, Mrs. Mummery and Mr. Burrows, for so kindly helping with the judging.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Dumbrell, mother of our Captain.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

After a week-end of hopeful weather, Monday, February 23 was rather disappointing for our annual Swimming Sports, held at the Kew Baths. The morning was rather dull, but nevertheless, it remained fine, although a trifle too cool to be pleasant.

Lascelles House took an early lead and managed to keep in front of the other Houses to win by a comfortable

margin of 76 points from Anderson House, with Bromby House 3rd.

Good performances were given by the following girls: R. Vawser, J. Pedrana, J. Fitznead, A. Dickinson, J. Barnett, P. Adamson and S. Dahlsen.

Miss Chalmers, the judges, Miss Rock, Miss Vollugi and Miss Holohan, and other helpers should be congratulated for their hard work in organising the sports, and making them the great success that they were.

The Swimming Cup was presented by Mrs. Dumbrell.

SWIMMING TEAM.

The Swimming Team took part in the Combined Schools' Swimming Sports which were held on March 12 at the Richmond Baths, and which were the first of their kind to be held between the following schools: Fintona, Lauriston, St. Catherine's, Tintern and Ruyton. St. Catherine's was the most successful school, but Ruyton, although only in 4th position, was not disgraced, as most of the team made a brilliant effort. Those who distinguished themselves were:—

C. Kent, who won the free-style under 13.

J. Pedrana, who was 3rd in the Open 100 Yards.

A. Dickinson, who won the Junior Diving.

S. Dahlsen, who won the Under 13 Breast-stroke.

P. Adamson, who won the Under 14 Back-stroke.

The Junior Relay was in 2nd position.

The Junior team also took part in the Inter-School section of the Melbourne Grammar Swimming Sports, and did very well, coming 3rd in the Junior Freestyle Relay, and 4th in the Senior Medley.

We are very grateful to Mr. Smith for his work in coaching the juniors, some of whom will perhaps be the school champions of the future.

The team for this year is: L. Dumbrell (C.), R. Vawser, J. Barnett, J. Fitznead, J. Pedrana, A. Dickinson, S. Dahlsen and C. Kent.

TENNIS NOTES.

This year our team is young but very enthusiastic. At the beginning of the year Miss Carroll kindly offered to take charge of the team. With help from Mr. O'Hara Wood and Miss Carroll we have improved a great deal and we would all like to thank them for their encouragement.

After many girls had been tried, our team was finally chosen. It is as follows:—

First Pair: J. Barnett and B. Henty-Wilson.

Second Pair: R. Vawser and M. McAlpin.

Third Pair: M. Wiley and A. Dickinson.

Fourth Pair: S. Dahlsen and F. Jacobs.
Emergency: S. Nunn.

R. Almond has also played with the team.

We defeated Tintern in first term and feel we will be able to go on to bigger and better things.

BASEBALL NOTES.

This year we returned to the Association and, although the team has not been very successful, it has shown great improvement. We have been particularly pleased with the junior members of the team, who have practised regularly and improved with every game.

The team chosen is as follows:—

P. C. Kent.

C. J. Fitznead.

1st: B. Addison.

2nd: H. Cole.

3rd: P. Hankinson.

S.S.: E. Manley.

C.F.: A. Dickinson.

L.F.: S. Dahlsen.

R.F.: N. Miles.

J. Capp, M. Wiley, R. Vawser and J. Wigg also played in school matches.

The team thanks Miss Chalmers for her valuable coaching and interest throughout the year.

DIAMOND THROWING.

This year's team is as follows:—

P. P. Hankinson.

C. J. Fitznead.

1st: S. Dahlsen.

2nd: B. Addison.

3rd: M. Wiley.

S.S.: F. Jacobs.

R. Vawser and M. Cole have also played.

The team has practised regularly and well throughout the year and, after the magazine goes to the printers, there are three school sports still to be held. At the M.L.C. sports the team took 4th place, and 3rd at our own meeting.

The team would like to thank Miss Chalmers for her interest and for the much-needed coaching she has given us.



RUNNING TEAM.

Standing (Left to Right): D. Bell, P. Hankinson, A. Tate, S. Dahlsen (vice-captain), F. Jacobs, C. Kent.
Kneeling: R. Almond, N. Miles (captain), E. Manley.



SWIMMING TEAM.
Standing (Left to Right): L. Dumbrell (captain), C. Kent, J. Pedrana.
Kneeling: J. Fitz-Nead, J. Barnett.
Sitting: S. Dahlsen, R. Vawser, A. Dickinson.



TENNIS TEAM.

(Left to Right): B. Henty-Wilson (captain), J. Barnett (vice-captain), M. McAlpin, R. Vawser,
M. Wiley, F. Jacobs, A. Dickinson, S. Dahlsen, S. Nunn.



BASKETBALL.

(Left to Right): E. Shrimpton, B. Henty-Wilson, K. Moore, F. Maxfield, M. Campbell, J. Barnett, E. Manley, L. Dumbrell (vice-captain), R. Vawser (captain).



BASEBALL TEAM.

Standing (Left to Right): J. Fitz-Nead, M. Wiley, S. Dahlsen (vice-captain), P. Hankinson (captain), N. Miles, H. Cole.

Kneeling: C. Kent, B. Addison, E. Manley, A. Dickinson.



HOCKEY TEAM.

Standing (Left to Right): A. Dickinson, P. Adamson, R. Almond (vice-captain), P. Hankinson
(captain), S. Dahlsen (vice-captain), N. Miles, B. Addison.
Kneeling: J. Fitz-Nead, S. Burrows, H. Cole.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

At the commencement of the season, Rosemary Vawser and Lorraine Dumbrell were elected captain and vice-captain respectively.

The team chosen is as follows:—

Goalers: B. H. Wilson, J. Barnett.

A.W.: R. Vawser.

Centre: E. Manley.

D.W.: E. Shrimpton.

Defences: L. Dumbrell, T. Maxfield.

K. Moore, M. Campbell, S. Nunn also played in matches.

Unfortunately, the team was not very successful owing to the lack of a coach, but we hope to do better next year, with a few enthusiastic juniors who have been attending practices.

HOCKEY NOTES.

To complete this year's team was a comparatively easy task as most of last year's team was again available. B. Addison, M. Wiley and C. Kent played as backs, S. Burrows and H. Cole as forwards. Several positional changes were made, and R. Almond replaced A. Maddock as centre forward.

The team chosen was as follows:—

Goal: J. Fitznead.

Backs: M. Wiley, B. Addison.

Half Backs: P. Hankinson, P. Adamson, A. Dickinson.

Wings: H. Cole, S. Dahlsen.

Inners: S. Burrows, N. Miles.

Centre Forward: R. Almond.

Our team practices were interrupted until after the Gondoliers, but then the girls worked very earnestly, and as a result of their efforts were successful in winning the pennant this year.

Unfortunately for her, Joan Fitznead developed appendicitis, but F. Jacobs returned to the team and ably filled the position of goalie in the last all-important match against Lauriston.

To all of them we extend our heartiest congratulations.

The team would like to thank Miss Chalmers for her valuable coaching and interest throughout the year, and we were very glad that we could reward her efforts by winning the pennant this year.

We spent a very enjoyable day at Toorak College and would like to extend to them our thanks for a very happy match.

Pennant results:—

Ruyton d. Tintern, 9-0.

Ruyton d. Fintona, 2-0.

Ruyton drew with M.L.C., 2-2.

Ruyton d. St. Catherine's, 2-0.

Ruyton drew with Lauriston, 3-3.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

Our junior and senior relay teams have been changed during the year, and some of the juniors have been good enough to run in the senior team as well. The official teams are as follows:

Senior: N. Miles, S. Dahlsen, F. Jacobs, P. Hankinson, E. Manly, A. Tate, D. Bell, M. Taylor.

Junior: S. Dahlsen, A. Tate, D. Bell, M. Taylor, H. Bartlett, P. Adamson, C. Kent, S. Backhouse.

Others who ran were:—Senior: M. Lewis, H. Johnson, G. McMillan. Junior: R. Almond, S. Burrows, J. Pedrana, E. McDonald.

The representatives were:—Senior: N. Miles. Junior: F. Jacobs, who was replaced by S. Dahlsen at M.L.C. because of illness,

During first term we took a junior and senior relay and junior and senior representative to the M.L.C. sports, but were not successful in any of the events. In third term we went to the Lauriston and Melbourne Grammar sports, and owing to conscientious practice, the juniors did quite well to come third at both these sports.

A VISIT TO TOORAK COLLEGE

On Saturday, July 31, we visited Toorak College at Frankston. The day was very cold but ideal for winter sports.

In the morning we played hockey. Toorak College proved too good for us and won 5 goals to 2.

Early in the afternoon we played basketball, but we were completely overwhelmed by the Toorak College girls. The score was 21 goals to 2.

Although we did not succeed in winning our matches we had a very enjoyable day and would like to thank Toorak College for inviting us.

A VISIT FROM CLYDE SCHOOL

The original visit from Clyde was postponed from second term when the weather prevented their coming down, but arrangements were made for their visit in third term on October 23.

In the morning we played the baseball match in which we defeated Clyde 25 runs to 22.

After lunch, we then played the tennis match. Owing to the short time at our disposal we were only able to play one six game set for each pair. The result was Clyde defeated Ruyton 24 games to 16.

We all enjoyed a very happy day and trust that the Clyde girls enjoyed their visit too.

A VISIT FROM FRIENDS SCHOOL

During second term a group of girls from Friends School, Hobart, visited us.

On Monday, August 23, Friends played hockey against us. After a hard fought struggle the match ended in a draw with the scores 2 goals all.

On the following day, we played basketball against Friends. Friends proved too good for us and although we were easily beaten, we think that both sides enjoyed the game.

We would like to thank the parents of Ruyton girls who took in Friends girls, thus helping us in our problem of accommodation.

SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

SPEECH NIGHT

The 70th Annual Speech Night was held in the Recreation Hall on Friday, December 12. Mr. G. K. Gregson took the Chair.

After a short programme of songs by the girls, the Principal read her report of the past year. The prizes were distributed by Mr. W. H. S. Dickinson, who spoke of his very long association with Ruyton. All the members of his family had attended Ruyton, he said, and though most of them had grown up there still remained his little twin daughters.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Dickinson was moved by Mr. R. F. Luxton.

After the breaking up, the Council of Ruyton entertained at supper at Ruyton Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson and their daughters, the Committee of the Parents and Friends Association, some very old friends of the school and also the parents of Matriculation and Sixth form girls who were leaving school.

SPORTS TROPHIES

Cock House Cup, Bromby House; Tennis Shield, Bromby House; Baseball Cup, Bromby House; Basketball Cup, Bromby House; Swimming Cup, Lascelles House; House Prize, Bromby House.

PRIZE LIST

Matriculation

Dux of School, Nedra Huston; best all-round girl (gift of the Old Ruytonians), Nedra Huston; Mathematical Accuracy (gift of Miss R. M. Lewis), Nedra Huston; Honours, Judith Cregan; good work in all subjects (gift of A. L. Royce, Esq.), Diana Di Gilio.

Form VI

Dux of Form, Judith Bruns; E. M. Bromby Prize (for English, French and History), Judith Bruns; Honours, Lorraine Dumbrell; Fred Walker Mathematical Prize, Lorraine Dumbrell; best Form Captain (gift of Councillor W. H. S. Dickinson), Barbara Henty-Wilson; Dancing, (gift of Miss E. Brenan), Bar-

bara Henty-Wilson; Latin (Katie Alsop Memorial Prize), Pamela Shrimpton; good work in all subjects (gift of Mrs. I. Patterson), Patricia McLean; practical work in Domestic Science (gift of Mrs. A. L. Royce), Helen England; practical work in Domestic Science (gift of Miss G. Brien), Audrey Maddock; Piano (gift of Miss J. S. Young), Sally Nunn; Dramatic Work, Jane Barnett; Dancing (gift of Miss E. Brenan), Rosemary Vawser; Physical Culture (gift of Pearce, Bjelke-Petersen Pty. Ltd.), Rosemary Vawser; Boarders' Prize (gift of Miss M. Parker), Heather Jennison; Dressmaking (gift of Miss Jenkin), Heather Jennison.

Form Vc

Dux of Form, Eril Shrimpton; Honours, Ann Gormley; Art (for outstanding progress) (gift of Mrs. H. McCubbin), Ann Gormley; Honours, Patricia Adamson; Honours, Freda Fink; Honours, Maymie Lewis; Honours, Natalie Miles; Piano (gift of Miss A. Alsop), Natalie Miles; Scripture (Kitty Snowball Memorial Prize), Natalie Miles; Honours, Peggy Webster; Singing (gift of Mrs. Thomas), Hazel Newman; Craftwork, Hazel Newman; Music (gift of Miss D. Power), Janice Pedrana; Physical Culture (gift of Pearce, Bjelke-Petersen Pty. Ltd.), Janice Pedrana.

Form Vb

Dux of Form, Helen Johnson; Craftwork, Helen Johnson; Honours, Rosemary Almond; Dancing (gift of Miss E. Brenan), Rosemary Almond.

Form Va

Dux of Form, Margaret Wiley; Honours, Anne Dickinson; Honours, Judith Carnegie; Mathematical Accuracy, Judith Carnegie; Honours, Lorraine Davey; Physical Culture (gift of Pearce, Bjelke-Petersen Pty. Ltd.), Lorraine Davey; Honours, Sally Dahlsen; Music (gift of Miss D. Power), Sally Dahlsen; Craftwork, Janet Pilmer; Dramatic Work, Patricia Menzies.

Form IVc

Dux of Form, Joan Lane; Junior E. M. Bromby Prize (for English, Latin

and History), Joan Lane; Handwork, Joan Lane; Dramatic Work, Joan Lane; Honours, Helen Cole; Dancing (gift of Miss E. Brenan), Helen Cole; Physical Culture (gift of Mr. P. W. Pearce, Bjelke-Petersen Pty. Ltd.), Helen Cole; Honours, Elaine Macdonald; Honours, Mary Murray; Honours, Barbara Carnegie; Studies and Games (Dawne Roach Memorial Prize), Beverley Addison; good work in all subjects (gift of Mrs. I. Patterson), Margaret Taylor; Creative Art, Elaine McAlpin; Tennis, Sally Backhouse.

Form IVb

Dux of Form, Valerie Abson; Honours, Jay Nunn; Mathematical Accuracy, Jay Nunn; Honours, Elaine Cockburn; Piano (gift of Miss J. S. Young), Elaine Cockburn; Tennis, Elaine Cockburn; good work in all subjects (Valerie Mason Memorial Prize), Jane King; Handwork, Lois Horan.

Form IVa

Dux of Form, Alix Macdonald; Music (gift of Miss D. Power), Alix Macdonald; Honours, Janice Abson; Honours, Janet Emmett; Handwork, Janet Emmett; Physical Culture (gift of Mr. P. W. Pearce, Bjelke-Petersen Pty. Ltd.), Janet Emmett; Honours, Jennifer Bence; Honours, Helen Taylor; Honours, Jennifer Carroll; Honours, Astrid Walters; Theory of Music (gift of Miss J. S. Young), Astrid Walters; Honours, Joyce Bawden; Dancing (gift of Miss E. Brenan), Joyce Bawden.

Form IV

Dux of Form, Rosemary Dobney; Honours, Barbara Johnson; Honours, Fay Carnell; Honours, Barbara Bilsky; Physical Culture (gift of Mr. P. W. Pearce, Bjelke-Petersen Pty. Ltd.), Barbara Bilsky; Honours, Helen Brown; Honours, Barbara Mack; Creative Art, Janice Moulds.

Form IIIb

Dux of Form, Janifer Bristow; Sewing, Janifer Bristow; Honours, Erica Lamparter; Piano (gift of Miss A. Alsop), Erica Lamparter; Honours, Rosemary Bowen; Honours, Keay Troup; Honours, Margaret Cathie; Hon-

ours, Eva Marlo-Monten; set of neat books (gift of Miss D. I. Atkinson), Eva Marlo-Monten; Honours, Millicent Simpson; Honours, Judith Dickinson; Honours, Wilma Moulds; Honours, Sally Snowball; Honours, Valerie Gray; Piano (gift of Miss A. Alsop), Valerie Gray; Honours, Julie Blackwell; Honours, Sandra Merton.

Form IIIa

Dux of Form, Anne Levick; Honours, Irene Evans; Honours, Dell Amor; Honours, Anne Watkin; set of neat books (gift of Miss D. I. Atkinson), Anne Watkin; Honours, Louise Arnold; Honours, Margaret Menzies; Music (gift of Miss A. Alsop), Margaret Menzies.

OPEN DAY

This year Open Day was held on Tuesday, November 9. There was a display of folk-dancing and exercises on the lawn and the usual display of craft-work, project work and practical books in the classrooms.

Visitors were shown around the school and afternoon tea was served on the verandah.

CANON THORNTON

At regular intervals throughout the year Canon Thornton has come to morning assembly to give us a short address. In first term he held a short service to induct the Prefects. The Canon's addresses are short and always interesting. He enlivens his talk with stories which are often humorous. Always he leaves us with some single thought to carry away with us. We enjoy his talks and thank him for coming.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Lilian Irving

Miss Lilian Irving, a former Principal of Ruyton, died at her home in Malvern. Miss Irving began her teaching career as a member of the staff of Ruyton when Mrs. Anderson was Principal. When Mrs. Anderson sold

the school to Miss Bromby, Miss Irving became a Co-Principal with Miss Bromby and Mrs. Gubbins. In 1895, Miss Irving and Mrs. Gubbins severed their connection with Miss Bromby, and in 1900 Miss Lilian Irving joined with her sister to found Lauriston, which soon became a large and flourishing school in Malvern.

Miss Lilian Irving's subject was mathematics, which she taught until her retirement, when she handed over the school to one of her old pupils, Miss Elizabeth Kirkhope.

CONFIRMATION

In August, the confirmation service was held at Holy Trinity, Kew. Bishop J. McKie confirmed the candidates. The Ruyton girls confirmed were:—J. FitzNead, H. Johnson, P. Luxton, S. Dahlsen, Ann Dickinson and M. Morrison.

RUYTON PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Ruyton Parents and Friends Association was held at Ruyton on the 10th March, 1948, at 8 p.m.

The Chairman of the Association, Mr. J. A. Henty-Wilson, explained to the meeting that the Parents Association was endeavouring to raise £2,000 towards the Building Fund. It was hoped that this sum would be sufficient to put in hand the erection of one unit of the building plan as soon as possible. With this in view, the Vice-President, Mr. A. L. Bruns, outlined a plan whereby it was hoped to raise the necessary amount without involving the parents in a lot of hard work. The idea was to sell metal bricks to commemorate the school's 70th jubilee—1878-1948. Bricks to range in price from 10/- to £25. As well as being souvenirs, these bricks would make useful paper-weights. Quite a good response has been made to this appeal, but as yet we have not raised £2,000. However, the bricks are

still available and we would be happy to supply anyone who would like to have one of these attractive souvenirs of the 70th jubilee of the school.

During the year, Mr. Abson, our Treasurer, organised working parties of fathers who did a lot of very necessary work in and around the school. It has to be borne in mind that these things are necessary nowadays, when—apart from the prohibitive cost—labour is very difficult to obtain.

The Jubilee Garden Party was held at Ruyton on the 10th April, 1948, and was a great success. The Parents Association and the Old Girls Association organised the catering and serving of refreshments. Great credit is due to all those who worked so hard to make this memorable occasion so enjoyable for both past and present scholars.

The Association held a dance at St. Hilary's Hall on 23/7/48. This was very enjoyable socially as well as being a financial success, as £25 was added to our funds from the proceeds. Thanks are due to Mr. Dobney for kindly obtaining permission for us to use the hall and for the other arrangements which he so ably carried out. Also to Mrs. Watkin and her committee who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

We also held a Card Party at Ruyton on 22/9/48. This evening was also very successful and enjoyable.

With regard to the building plan, we are using some of our funds immediately to finance the enlarging of the kindergarten. This work is being carried out at the present time and will cost approximately £400, but the additions will help to relieve the acute shortage of accommodation. The committee has also authorised the Treasurer to spend up to £100 on urgent repairs around the grounds.

However, if we are to realise our ambition to get a complete new unit of the building plan started in the near future it will be necessary to raise a large sum of money quickly, and so we are going to hold a Fete at Ruyton on 26/3/49. The honorary organiser is Mrs. Watkin (HAW 3941), and she

would welcome any help or helpful suggestions from parents or friends.

The Chairman and Committee will be very grateful for the co-operation and support of all parents both at meetings and functions before the Fete and also at the Fete. There is always a great deal of pleasure to be obtained from these affairs and all parents are welcome not only from the point of view of raising money but also to help them to keep in touch with the school life of their children.

The Committee thanks all those who have helped so much during the past year and hope that our future efforts will be even more successful.

ROSE ANNE MACDONALD,
Honorary Secretary.

PREFECTS' NOTES

The efficiency of the Prefects has been somewhat helped this year by the excellent position of the new study, which was so kindly donated by Miss D. Hiscock, and which affords an excellent view of trespassers on the fish-pond lawn.

We have a varied company of members, ranging from the sublime to the sub-normal, and of all shapes and sizes, most of them becoming more so! Our conversation has great intellectual range, varying between Melbourne and Geelong.

Our Captain has had a busy year, in which she has had many interests, including Albert Park, which she and Rosemary find rather stuffy and crowded. Irene has become that fond (sorry, so fond) of the waste-paper basket that we feel like presenting her with one for Christmas, while one certain member consumes licorice blocks (to which Judith now prefers salads) and airs her views on the V.F.L. (vigorous French language?). Sally now has a full-time job as nurse-maid, while Margery finds the bread-strike not in the least disconcerting. We are still wondering why!

VI FORM NOTES

We are glad to report that VI Form girls have worked steadily throughout the year (except for a few minor digressions!). In fact, the social activities have been practically nil!

Hoppy is still hopping madly over the Demons recent victory, while our vice, Rosemary, enjoys the picture "Night and Day" and eating Peter's ice cream at intervals. Margaret's late habits are gradually petering out, as she occasionally catches an earlier tram, but Jane finds an M.G. the much easier means of transport. Lynnette keeps us with a constant supply of licorice blocks. We are pleased to see Mary when she arrives half way through English on Wednesday. The Biology class is amazed at its intelligence, as one brilliant student managed to obtain a pass in the tests. Maymie's garden was a great attraction at the Ruyton ball, as we were all terribly intrigued with the swimming pool. Fitz took a well-earned holiday during the tests, spending her time with the moo-cows. Pat found maths. and everything to do with them too big a strain. Wendy has suddenly adopted an English accent, and we are wondering why? Owing to short-sightedness, Freda has difficulty in seeing anyone more than two feet away from her, but fortunately this does not hamper her in other respects! Peggy is still recovering from the shock of Powerhouse and her French result in the tests. The boarders arrive in school half-way through first lesson, and we are suspicious of their excuse that the washing-up kept them. Miss Lewis often finds Eril miles away during Physics, and knows the reason is that she has too much housework to do. Natalie patiently searches for the absent running teams every recess and usually finds them outside the tuck-shop rather than on the sports-field. Any reason? Jean is not noticed until examination results come out. Rosemary B. causes amusement on the part of the students? and exasperation for Mrs. Langtry by making mis-statements in Biology. Paddy combines her time between hockey and washing boarders hair.

Vc INTERESTS

Before proceeding we would like to thank Miss Rock, our form mistress, for all she has done for us during the year. We sincerely hope we have not been too much of a burden.

Judy, our captain and wit, will insist on frequenting the little green doors though it is to her own advantage or risk, but we suppose that's for her to decide. Patsy considered doing nursing which would have been a full-time job, but since the Ruyton Ball she has changed her mind. Gill, our social butterfly, who has her chauffeurs call for her after school, has taken an interest in gee-gees, while Jan who has been to the circus decided she does not like side-shows or anything about them.

We would like to welcome Judy Eagle back to our form; we find her experiences very interesting if not a little distracting. Fay, one of our new girls, has frequently been caught reading Boof Head Comics under the desk. Gladys finds school a side-line. After a dance Helen longs for Auld Lang Syne, while Rosemary finds Collins Street the most interesting in town. As for Virginia, we find ourselves stuck. We have heard of an interest, but it has such an uncommon name it just doesn't click.

THE BOARDERS' NOTES, 1948

"No week-end leave," so let's sit down and do the Boarders' Notes!

We were very sorry to lose our efficient matron, Miss Noble, in the middle of second term. However, Miss O'Donnell successfully filled the position, with the help of Miss Allison, until the end of term, when we welcomed back Heather Jennison as a member of staff. We would like to thank them for what they have done for us this year.

On the whole, the boarding house has settled down very well, and the prefects, Paddy Hankinson, Ann Gormley, Helen Johnson and Joan Fitz-Nead, have tried to fulfil their duties.

There has been a new wing constructed on the east side of the boarding house, in which the seniors sleep. This consists of two dressing rooms, a sick room and a bright, airy balcony.

The boarders showed themselves superior to the day bugs this year by defeating them in the boarders' versus day girls' relay at the running sports. We have said good-bye to Walker and Sox and are now wondering why we receive smaller quantities of stew. As usual, the boarders have a theme song, which, at the moment, is the "Too Fat Polka." Now, some notable boarders have been doing strenuous exercises late every night to the discomfort of the other sleepless ones.

The middle room drew up a "Declaration of Rights," which has been signed by many prominent boarders, prohibiting the public thoroughfare through their room. The Tasmanian room has been suffering from unaccustomed sore feet and late nights. We wonder why! The small fry, not having the musical

talent for a theme song, have a war cry: "I won't!"

As usual, the boarders have overshadowed the day girls in the preparation and cleaning up regularly after all school functions. We would like to know what would happen if we followed the bakers' example and went on strike!

Helen has been in a continual state of frustration, as has been pointed out to her, while Sue, on three occasions, has been forced to get larger shoes! On the east wing there are two valuable ornaments decorating the two dressing rooms! With the loss of her appendix, Fitz has found difficulty in shouldering extra household duties!

In conclusion, the prefects would like to thank Miss Daniell for the pleasant evening they spent with her when she took them to see "The Bishop's Wife."

We wish all the boarders sitting for public examinations, good luck, and also the seniors leaving at the end of the year: Merry Christmas all!

THE BOARDERS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Have you ever stepped nimbly on to the platform in Leaving Pass? You have—well did you have that sudden sinking feeling? So have I, and being no light weight, I have been utterly panic stricken at times. Could we possibly have it repaired? I think one attempt has been made, but it probably was tied together, for revenge! It is extremely dangerous, and we should hate to witness an accident when the boards creak, groan and bend. Hoping something can be done.

"A SIXTH-FORMER."

Dear Editor,

I have something very special to put before you. It is not only for my benefit, but for a few other girls, and I am sure that they also would be grateful.

Do you think that we could possibly have a heater in the craft room, as it does really get very cold in there in the winter? Hoping that you can do something for us.

"COLD TOES."

Dear Editor,

I should like to bring to your notice a long-standing wrong, which should be redressed. There are too few homework excuses. After one has used the passing sickness, book left behind, homework to do, the absence two days ago, there are really very few excuses left. To one of limited ingenuity, like myself, the last few years of homework become increasingly difficult. Surely some brilliant person could write a book giving "Helpful Hints to Hinder Homework." Hoping we see eye-to-eye on this matter, I am, yours truly,

"A DOG LOVER."



PREFECTS.

Standing (Left to Right): B. Henty-Wilson, J. Bruns, M. McAlpin, I. Crohn.
Sitting: R. Vawser, L. Dumbrell (captain), S. Nunn.

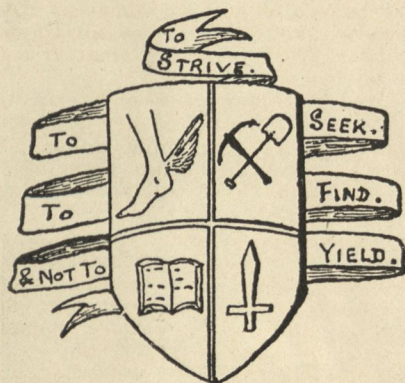


HOUSE CAPTAINS.
(Left to Right): N. Miles (Anderson), J. Barnett (Lascelles), B. Henty-Wilson (Daniell),
S. Nunn (Bromby).



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS.
(Left to Right): A. Gormley, H. Johnson, J. Fitz-Nead, P. Hankinson.

House Notes



ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES

First of all we would like to say how sorry we were to lose Nedra Huston, our House Captain last year. We would like to thank Miss Derham for all she has done for us throughout the year, and also our Captain, Natalie Miles and Vice-Captain, Lynnette Hilton-Wood.

The swimming sports were held early in first term, at the Kew Baths, and Anderson came second to Lascelles, who are to be congratulated on their very good effort in winning by such a large margin.

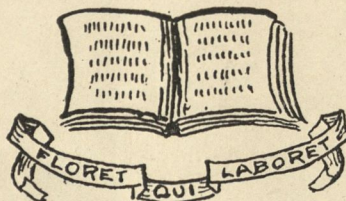
Later on, in first term, the running sports were held at school. The finish was very exciting, Bromby narrowly defeating Anderson for first place. We wish to congratulate Bromby on their win. Two girls from our House managed to win championships; C. Kent, in the under-13, and N. Miles, in the open.

We were not very successful in any of our House matches this year, apart from junior basketball, where we won all three matches.

During second term, we had a variety concert, which was quite successful, and we made £8, half of which we donated to the School Charity Fund, and half to the Save the Children Fund. The items on the programme included

singing, dancing, piano solos, plays, a violin solo and a recitation. We want to thank the old girls for the trouble they took to help us make the concert a success, and everyone else who helped, especially Miss Alsop, who accompanied at the piano and also helped the Captain to organise the concert.

In conclusion, we would like to wish everyone sitting for examinations the best of luck.



BROMBY HOUSE NOTES

This year we have been very fortunate in having Mrs. Macpherson for our Head once more, and Miss Vollugi as Vice-head.

We would like to congratulate Lascelles on winning the swimming sports this year. Bromby came third. However, we were successful in winning the running sports, and would like to congratulate Anne Tate on winning the under-15 championship.

At the end of first term, we held a tennis and table-tennis tournament in aid of charity. Fortunately, it was a very nice day, and we made £5/10/-. Miss Allison very kindly allowed us to use the tuck-shop, where we sold lunches to the competitors.

In the basketball matches, both junior and senior teams lost only one match each. We were just as successful in our tennis matches.

Irene Crohn and Paddy Hankinson kept the minutes of the Bromby meetings during the year.

Mrs. Macpherson obtained some pictures on Canada and they were shown on a Friday night. We made £1/17/-, which went to charity.

Jenifer Bristow and Janet Brock had a fete and brought in about £4 for charity.

Some girls have knitted very nice garments, which we are sending to the Berry Street Foundling Home.

In conclusion, we should like to wish all the girls sitting for examinations the best of luck.



DANIELL HOUSE NOTES

This year, our office-bearers are the same as last year. As our Head, we have Miss Chalmers and Vice-head, Miss Holohan. B. Henty-Wilson and L. Dumbrell were again elected Captain and Vice-captain respectively.

In first term, we did not get off to a very good start in the swimming and running sports. We could do no better than finish fourth in both sports. We would like to congratulate Lascelles on winning the swimming sports and Bromby on winning the running.

In baseball, however, we improved and won all our matches and in basketball, the seniors won all their matches and the juniors won one and lost two.

The seniors won two matches and drew in another in tennis, but unfortunately the juniors lost all matches.

One day, in second term, we held a photograph competition, in which the girls tried to guess the names of the Daniell girls in the photographs. These photographs were taken in babyhood.

From this competition we collected a little money for distribution to social services.

We have also held an Amateur Hour and have taken some money for Ruyton charities. The final of this amateur hour is to be held shortly.

At the beginning of second term, the seniors knitted some woollen garments for Berry Street Foundling Home. We received a very nice letter thanking us and explaining how very urgently these garments are needed.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Barbara Henty-Wilson, our Captain, who has worked very hard throughout the year; also Lorraine Dumbrell, the Vice-captain and Rosemary Vawsee, committee and minutes secretary, who have given able support.

We would like to wish the girls, who are sitting for public examinations every success and hope that everyone has a very happy holiday.



LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES

We were very pleased this year to welcome several new girls to the House, and also to find that we still have Miss Rock 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 Hazel Newman, who was our Vice-captain until third term this year.

In the first term 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 Bromby on their splendid effort.

We also had great success in tennis, neither senior or junior teams lost a match, although the basketball and baseball were not quite as successful.

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 year.

A happy holiday to everyone!

Dear Editor,

Could you please see if anything could be done about the fence behind the tennis

court? Not only do we waste our tennis practice and tennis lesson, we also annoy Mrs. Gillies and Mrs. McDonald. As we rush frantically round to retrieve the lost ball, we frighten the fowls and cause the vegetables a great deal of discontent as we hunt all around them—even the fowls get a terrific fright at times, when they see a ball in their nest, but probably put it down to the new kind of wheat!

Couldn't a little wire-netting be put up, to save both time and energy, and more important still, save the time of the owners of the houses behind, who come to the door and help us find the balls.

—FITZ.

Editor's Note: Time waits and carpenters come for neither man nor woman.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

MATRICULATION

J. Cregan.

SCHOOL LEAVING

J. Berry.
R. Bosselmann.
I. Crohn.
L. Dumbrell.
P. McLean.
K. Mitchell.
S. Nunn.
J. Bruns.

INTERMEDIATE

The following girls gained the Intermediate Certificate:—P. Adamson, F. Fink, A. Gormley, M. Lewis, N. Miles, E. Shrimpton, P. Webster.

Passed in four subjects:— J. Fitz Nead, M. Gamble.

MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

Grade VI.—S. Backhouse (Theory), E. Wellwood (Practical).

Grade V.—M. Cathie (Perception and Preparatory Practical), J. Emmett (Practical), V. Gray (Perception and

Preparatory Practical), E. Lamparter (Perception and Preparatory Practical), M. Menzies (Perception), S. Merton (Perception), M. Morrison (Practical), A. Watkin (Perception), A. Tate (Practical).

Grade III.—M. Murray (Practical), J. Pedrana (Practical and Theory).

Grade II.—J. Barnett (Practical and Perception), P. Adamson (Perception), F. Fink (Perception), P. Webster (Perception).

FOOD FOR BRITAIN

Regular collections have been held each week. The total sum subscribed is £34. Fifty-eight parcels have been sent and £5 has been given to the British Ex-P.O.W. Food Parcel Appeal.

GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES

Most of the money collected this year was raised at the three performances of "The Gondoliers," held at the end of June and the beginning of July, so we have been able to give generously to all our charities, including £5 to the P.O.W. Fund. We have also sponsored

a little English girl this year, and through our Monday morning collections, we have been able to send approximately forty-five food parcels to old girls and friends in Britain. We also sent parcels to the postmen who deliver the food-parcels to other people, and they have written and told us how much they appreciated them. Also, through the Houses, the girls have knitted various articles for different babies' homes.

CRAFT NOTES

During first and second terms, the craft girls were again lucky to have the help of Mrs. Prosser, who showed them how to make some very bright and attractive felt articles. The junior school made felt toys, tea cosies, and babies' slippers, while the middle and senior classes made felt dolls and wove scarfs, some of which were the school plaid, while others were plain or fancy designs. Paper mache and macrame belts were also made by the girls.

Mrs. Prosser left us in second term and Miss Davis took her place. Miss Davis helped the senior school to make raffia and grass fruit baskets. These classes also made some lovely needle-work tray cloths. Miss Davis also aided the younger ones with some very artistic burlap aprons, which they were making for their mothers. The girls are working hard during craft lessons at the moment, getting their things finished for Open Day, which is on November 9.

DRAMATIC CLUB NOTES

For the first two terms of this year, we had Mrs. Meacham as our dramatic art teacher. On May 10, at the school hall we acted two comedy plays. The first was "The Reforming of Toad," scenes from "Toad of Toad Hall," and the other was, "Has It Come, Susan?"

"Has It Come, Susan?" is a comedy in which the bride's wedding frock is mislaid at the last moment. The play describes the resulting confusion.

We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Meacham in the second term, but were very pleased to welcome back Miss Thirlwell, who left us two years ago to travel to China. With Miss Thirlwell, we are rehearsing two plays to be held on November 24. Girls from junior classes are doing "The Tailor of Gloucester" and girls from the middle and senior schools are doing "The Slippers of Cinderella."

To add to the entertainment, six girls from the kindergarten are singing a Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

RUYTON SCRIPTURE UNION BRANCH

The motive of the Ruyton Scripture Union Branch is, of course, to promote more daily Bible reading among the girls.

This year the number of members has not been so large because many girls did not renew their membership.

Would girls desiring membership cards for 1949 please see the Secretary and pay twopence for the annual subscription?

L. HILTON-WOOD (Sec.).

CAMERA CLUB

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the sixth form room.

We would like to see more attendance at these meetings.

This year Mr. J. R. Morrison has spoken to us on the art of taking photographs. We have learnt the proper speed, distance and aperture opening at which to take photographs on sunny and dull days.

We would like to thank Mr. Morrison for all the help he has given us.

L. HILTON-WOOD.

MOTHCRAFT COURSE

Each year the "Baby Health Centre" sends out mothercraft teachers to the different schools. Ruyton has been very fortunate during the last two years in having Miss Mole as an instructress. Her lectures are very interesting and instructive, and I am sure that all the girls enjoy her lessons thoroughly.

JOAN LANE.

PHILATELISTS' CLUB

There has been one meeting of the Philatelists' Club this year, which was not very enthusiastically attended, and it was decided to have a display of stamps on Open Day. Stamps have been sent to the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, but still more are wanted for the University Women's Fund, so it is to be hoped that we will be able to support this Fund better next year.

LOWER JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

On returning to school we were very pleased to welcome Miss Carroll, who had come to help with the little ones.

However, we found that so many little girls had come to join us in our work and play, that our room was no longer big enough.

So IIIA and IIIB went to the Assembly Room for most of their lessons, while plans were being discussed as to the best way to provide a room for them.

We had our swimming sports at the Kew baths on February 23rd.

We would like to congratulate Anne Watkin on coming first in freestyle 25 yards, and Jill Harold second in the same race. Also we would like to congratulate Jill Harold, Anne and Sue Watkin in coming first, second and third in the dog-paddle race.

On March 15th we hired a 'bus and all of us went to the Wild Life Sanctuary.

We saw the tortoise, which weighs over 300 lbs., and some of us rode on its back.

We all had a ride on the ponies, and the keeper got a monkey out of his cage to turn somersaults for us. We saw the koala bears and the pheasants,, and altogether had a very happy afternoon.

On Wednesday, March 24th, we made our nests for the Easter bunny to put our chocolate frogs in.

The bunny had sent a message that he was bringing the frogs after play on Thursday morning.

So, a little before 12 o'clock, we went out to find them. Everybody's nest was

filled excepting IIIA's, which did not have one frog in it.

However, the trouble was soon explained, when the bunny sent the missing frogs along, saying that he was very sorry, but he hadn't time to fill all the nests before the children came out, and he got such a fright that he ran away and hid.

On May 10th we had our Junior Sports. The afternoon was fine and cool, and we had a very successful time.

We would like to congratulate Gay Plowman on winning the 35 yards race, under six, Kay Lyall under 7, and Jeanette Scott 8 and under. Also in the 50 yards race, Jill Harold 7 and under, and Jeanette Scott 8 and under. In thread the needle, Dell Amor and Jan Strickland.

Finally we would like to congratulate Kay Lyall for winning the under 8 championship, and Jeanette Scott for winning the under 10 championship.

On July 22nd we all went to the Recreation Hall to hear Miss Thea Rowe.

Miss Rowe entertained us by singing and acting in character nursery rhymes and old English folk songs.

It was a very interesting programme, and we all enjoyed it very much. We hope to hear Miss Rowe again before very long.

On returning to school for the second term, we moved into IVC room, which was very much better for us.

We would like to thank IVC and Miss Chalmers for so kindly lending us their room.

IIIA and IIIB were very delighted to see, at the beginning of third term, that the builders had begun work on their new room.

Unfortunately, the work was delayed for some weeks, but now appears to be going ahead well. They hope it will not be very long before they are in it.

As the year draws to a close we are all very busy again preparing for our Christmas party and making gifts for our parents.

We would like to wish our many little friends a very happy Christmas and holidays, and all that is best for the New Year.

LITTLE RUYTON

This year we have had a very full school of about 80 children, who are all working hard for the Christmas party, which is to be held on the 11th December, at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

We shall all be very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Loosli, who has been with us for five years.

During first term we went to the Junior School Sports at Big Ruyton. Gary and Carol Plowman, Peter Manks and Freddy Carstens, all won races. We also won the relay race and the race for little brothers and sisters.

This term we had a lovely day at the Zoo. Several mothers came and made the day a great success by making themselves responsible for groups of children.

We are very proud of our lovely new sand playground, given us by the Parents' Association. They are also going to give us a cyclone slide for our playground.

from Patons and Baldwins, explained many knitting problems and gave valuable advice. Miss Ann Drier spoke at another on Kindergarten of the Air, and watched the children doing the things and singing the songs she gave them at her morning session.

Mrs. Dryborough, who had recently returned from the United Kingdom, spoke one afternoon on the food situation in Britain and about the many problems which British women have to face.

At the last meeting, Dr. Buckle addressed the meeting on Sex Education of Your Children.

Two dances were held during the year, and the money raised has been used to provide a sand pit, a large rocker and a slide for the children.

The mothers have all worked very hard, and so have the fathers, to whom we owe many thanks for repairing, painting, and help in clearing up after dances.

The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. A. Alexander has been indefatigable in her effort to make a success of the various gatherings.

LITTLE RUYTON PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Little Ruyton Parents' Association has had a very busy year. Regular monthly meetings have been held, and the President, Mrs. H. M. Marcard, has arranged an interesting course of talks through the year.

At the first meeting of the year, the speaker was Miss Stubbs, who spoke about the new Kew Community Centre at South Esk, where she directs the kindergarten. Another day Miss Dixon,

STAFF, PAST AND PRESENT

Miss Murdoch was married in May to Mr. B. Johnson.

Miss C. Brown was married to Mr. J. Robertson.

Miss M. Parker was married in June to Mr. S. Young.

Miss D. Hooker is leaving Ruyton to join the staff of Toorak College.

Dr. Rosenberg has taken an appointment at the University.

Mrs. Meacham was obliged to give up her speech training work at Ruyton owing to pressure of work.

Miss Thirlwell has returned from China and has resumed her speech training classes at Ruyton.

Miss Power has been ill for the last few months, but she is making good progress and hopes to be back at work again shortly.

Mrs. Prosser has had to resign from the Ruyton staff for domestic reasons. Miss Davis has taken her place as teacher of Craft.

Miss Judith Loosli is resigning from Little Ruyton at the end of this term, as she is to be married early in the new Year. Miss Loosli has endeared herself to everybody at the Branch, and will be much missed. Her cousin, Miss

Mary Friend, has joined the staff at Little Ruyton.

Miss Chandler has announced her engagement to Mr. Stubbings. Before she marries she is going for a trip to England.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The following magazines have been received, and we would like to thank the senders:

P.L.C., Goulburn, "The Magazine," "Silver and Green," "Woodlands Magazine," "The Brook," "M.C.E.G.G.S. Magazine," "The Palm Leaf," "Coo-ee," "Fintonian," "The Cluthan," Walford House "The Magazine," "The Elizabethan," "The Melburnian," "The Pegasus," "The Carey Chronicle," "Wesley College Chronicle," "The Mitre," "The Scotch Collegian," "The Corian."



THE OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION



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OLD GIRLS' ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Old Ruytonians' Association was held at Ruyton on Wednesday, April 21st.

A short business meeting was held, and Miss Daniell introduced and welcomed our new Office-bearers — President, Alison Alsop; Treasurer, Ruth Richmond; and Secretary, Beverley Pearson. Miss Daniell also thanked the retiring Office-bearers—Dorothy Hiscock, Heather McDonald and Betty and Margaret Lewis for all their untiring work over the last three years.

After the business meeting supper was served and the guests had plenty of opportunity to meet and gossip about school days, and also to catch up on all the "latest news"!

One last reminder, members, please do not forget to notify the Secretary of any change of address, and also remember that annual subscriptions are due in April! /

SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY

The Council of Ruyton decided to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the school by holding a garden party on April 10th. The weather, though dull, behaved itself for a few hours in the afternoon, but as soon as the party was over the rain fell.

We felt very honoured to have with us on that afternoon Mrs. Butler Walsh and Mrs. Patten, two of the original pupils enrolled as soon as Mrs. Anderson opened the school in High St. South. Mrs. Blandy (Miss B. Henty, C.B.C.) came also, and was very interested to see what we had done with her old home. Miss Lilian Irving came on what proved to be her last outing to give her support to the old school, of which she had once been a Principal.

Between 400 and 500 guests attended the party, and many happy reunions took place.

JUBILEE BRICK APPEAL

Early this year the Old Ruytonians' Society decided to help the brick appeal begun by the Parents' and Friends' Association. Many old girls have responded well, and the sum of £173 has been donated. The fund is still open, and bricks to the value of £25, £10, £5, £2, £1 and 10/- are still available. When enough money is in hand we hope to build music rooms, a cloak room, a new science room, extra classrooms, and an art room.

The first Old Ruytonians' dance to be given for many years was held at 203 Domain Road, South Yarra, on Friday, August 13th. The ticket secretaries, Elizabeth and Allison Baker, did excellent work, for 200 tickets were sold. The guests were received by the President, and Miss Daniell, who was a special guest of honour.

The committee considered the dance a successful stimulus to the Association, and hope to make it an annual event.

The Old Ruytonians' Association will hold a Reunion at the school on Thursday, November 25th. Miss Margaret Lewis is arranging a programme.

OLD RUYTONIANS' LUNCHEON

Old Ruytonians gathered at the Victoria on October 27th for luncheon. About 60 attended, and amongst them we were privileged to welcome Mrs. Armytage and Mrs. Paxton, two of Mrs. Anderson's pupils.

A picture night will be held on Wednesday, December 1st, to raise money for the Old Ruytonians' War Scholarship Fund. Miss Ruth Richmond is in charge of the arrangements.

The President, Miss Alsop, in welcoming old girls, said what pleasure it

gave us to have Lady Dixon with us, as she knew we would receive something very worth while from her. Miss Alsop also congratulated Miss Daniell on the flourishing condition of the school, and suggested that she should write the History of Ruyton as, owing to her long association with the school, there was no one more fitted to undertake the task.

Our guest of honour was Lady Dixon, who spoke to us on the Empire. After speaking about the present troubled state of the world, Lady Dixon went on to express her anger at the suggestion that the word "British" should be deleted from the British Commonwealth of Nations. She said we were all so proud of being British and so fond of our Royal Family that the mere thought of taking our British heritage from us stirred us to anger.

Miss H. Daniell, in moving a vote of thanks to Lady Dixon said how much we appreciated her talk to us, and wished that there were some way by which we could make our anger at the deletion of the word "British" vocal. Dorothy Armstrong seconded the vote of thanks.

PREFECTS' STUDY

Early in the year, when alterations to the boarding house were in progress, the Prefects were rendered homeless.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS

Engagements:

Betty Briggs to Mr. D. Magennis.
Elizabeth Baker to Mr. T. Hogg.
Margaret Crawley to Mr. R. Baulch.
J. Comeadow to Mr. J. D. Walters.
Winnie Ditchburn to Mr. W. Fettes.
Hilary Morgan to Mr. B. Nichol.
Doreen Macmillan to Mr. A. Dempster.
Mary Johnson to Mr. R. C. Sandow.
Marie Wenmoth to Mr. R. D. White.
Lorna Byrne to Mr. B. Nolan.
Jill Alexander to Mr. A. Sherman.
Margaret Hand to Mr. P. Allchin.

The Council, though very sympathetic, felt that they had enough to do at the moment to complete the alterations to the house. Then it was that Dorothy Hiscock threw the apple of concord into our midst by offering to defray the expense of a Prefects' study herself. The offer, needless to say, was most gratefully accepted by the Council, and the work was begun immediately. We now have a very nice room added on to the south end of the Assembly Hall. It faces North and East and so gets plenty of sunshine. A small metal plate on the door commemorates the fact that the room was the gift of Dorothy Hiscock. The present occupants of the room are very grateful to Dorothy. Former Prefects are envious.

VOTING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Old Ruytonians are reminded that they have the right to vote for the Legislative Council of Victoria if they have a University degree or if they are matriculated students of the Melbourne University. All eligible Old Ruytonians should, therefore, feel it their bounden duty to see that their names are on the electoral roll and to exercise their right to vote.

Elaine Junck to Mr. G. E. Archer.
Joan Beyer to Mr. D. Williams.
Fairly Stubbs to Mr. J. Stewart.

Marriages:

Suzanne Lemon to Mr. Pilkington.
Margaret Crosthwaite to Mr. Clive Dunlop.
Anelise Borhaven to Mr. G. N. Kibble.
Gwen Morgan to Mr. G. Lynar.
Lois Jackson to Mr. D. Beer.
Ann Gibson to Mr. Gilham.
Joan Johnson to Mr. D. Quayle.

Lalla Whybrow to Mr. F. A. Shillmoller.

Margaret Jefferson to Mr. L. Young.

Ela Kay to Mr. W. Hargrave.

Ruth Hart to Mr. P. McDougall.

Marie Chapman to Mr. D. R. Wright.

Joan Hesketh to Mr. K. Satchwell.

Births:

Claire Crooke (Vaugh)—a son.

Helen Hardy (Hamilton) — a daughter.

Shirley Croker (Gillies)—a daughter.

Ethel Tenby (Hay)—a son.

Betty Candy (Summons)—a daughter.

Elizabeth Stevens (Lemon) — a daughter.

Cresslie Quartermain—a son.

Lily Tulloch (Scott)—a son.

Marie Crowe (Gunnensen) — a daughter.

Dorothy Lamble (Jackson)—a son.

Elizabeth Taylor (Whitehead) — a daughter.

Alison Boxall (Brown)—a son.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Margaret Holmes, who is writing a thesis for the Doctorate of Philosophy, has been awarded a research scholarship in science, and will go to England shortly.

Olive Hay has been awarded the Lady Huntingfield scholarship.

Vera Fawcett and **Eve Weiss** have graduated in the school of dentistry.

Alison Baker and **Olive Hay** are doing the social studies course.

Beryl Downey, **Barbara Moore** and **Lorna Hay** are doing the arts course.

Judith Pearce has taken her B.A. Degree and is now secretary to Miss Enid Moodie Heddle.

GENERAL

Eunice and **Judith Eagle** have just returned from a delightful trip to the United Kingdom and Europe.

Mary Bailey has been over from Adelaide with her two little daughters on a visit to her mother.

Claire Shew is still in New Zealand.

Peggy Gibson is working for the Animal Welfare League.

We offer our sympathy to **Sally McInnes** on the death of her sister, and to **Edie Weir** on the death of her mother.

Heather Jennison has joined the Ruyton staff as assistant matron.

Heather Menzies has been abroad all year with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Menzies. In London, she and the Eagles and Anne Howe foregathered.

Dorothy Rylah has been in England for two years. While in London she did a course in Personnel Management at the London School of Economics, and has also had some interesting experience in Harrods of Knightsbridge and at Paton and Baldwin Ltd.

Joan and **Judith Pearson** celebrated their coming of age by a buffet dinner at Menzies.

Marie Louise Tilt is in charge of the Ruyton Tuck Shop.

Fee Driehiller has successfully completed her course at the Alfred Hospital.

Anne Howe has won a scholarship to A.D.A. (Academy of Dramatic Art), and is doing remarkably well.

—It is with great regret that we have heard of the retirement, owing to ill-health, from the Free Kindergarten Union, of **Mary Lush**. Ever since she finished her course at the Conservatorium Mary has made kindergarten work her life work. For many years she was Director of the Carlton Free Kindergarten. When she gave up the actual work of managing a kindergarten, Mary became interested in the administrative side of things. She has been Convenor of the Education Committee, and, finally, President of the Free Kindergarten Union. It is hoped that the leisure she now has will enable her to recover her strength, and though no longer able to take an active share in the work, we know that her interest in the movement will not flag. Mary has never accepted any remuneration for her work, and has been very generous in her gifts to the kindergarten movement.

Helen Cummins has gone to live in England where her father has a post.

When last heard of she was on a jaunt to Norway.

Muriel Carnegie has returned from the North, and has bought a property in Croydon.

We regret to hear that **Mrs. Butler Walsh** has been seriously ill for some weeks, and hope that she will have a complete recovery. This year **Nancy Walsh** completed her twenty-first year as Hon. Secretary of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club Associates. To mark the occasion, members gave a party and presented her with a beautiful handbag containing a cheque to show their appreciation of the splendid service she had rendered for so many years.

Mary Whitehead has received an appointment to the Long Range Weapon Base Establishment at Salisbury, Adelaide, to do Mathematical and Statistical work in connection with Rocket Range.

Off to England:

Dorothy Baker, Joan Hesketh (after her marriage), **Dorothy and Louise Gregson, Mary Bell, Erica and Fee Driehiller.**

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of **Mrs. Blandy**, but are glad to say that she is now on the road to recovery.

Anne Capper has returned to Australia and is staying at Chevron.



