

GIRLS' JUBILEE



“RYA”



Miss E. A. Turner, B.A.



The Billingham Farm Excavation



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THE year of my coming to Rye Grammar School has coincided most happily with the girls' Jubilee celebrations. It has also, much less happily for me, coincided with Miss E. A. Turner's last year at the School. In briefly introducing this edition of the Magazine which chronicles both these events, I hope that it will prove of more than passing interest to all those who have been connected with the school during its fifty years of co-education and to those who have known Miss Turner during her thirty-two years at Rye and Bedford.

A. F. BUTTERY

VIRGINIBUS PUERISQUE

THIS issue of Rye commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the inclusion of girls in what, since 1638, has been a boys' school. We must have been one of the earliest mixed Grammar schools, and, as with many English institutions, what was begun as a matter of expediency—the avoidance of the waste of two tiny schools in the same rural area—has now become a matter of principle with its appropriate technical term, 'co-education.' In 1908 we were in the van of this particular social trend long before Margaret Bondfield had a seat in the Cabinet or Mrs. Wooton in the Lords, and the eight girls who entered the school then were the forerunners of an influx that was to transform the school.

There were misgivings at the time, of course, as some of those of that year who came back to the Shrove Tuesday Fête have related. To some a male society was unjustifiably adulterated; to others the femininity of the girls was being endangered, and one boy has recorded that discrimination came in from the first, for while the boys in the hockey team had orders on no account to allow their sticks to touch the girls, the girl members had no such inhibition and took full advantage of it.

But the process was started and the school underwent the inevitable transformation, for a school of boys and girls differs in almost every quality from a school for one or the other and it seems to be a social fact that where women are admitted to an institution they very soon run it and decide its general tone. The only way for men to keep control is to exclude them: 'Nature has given women so much power that the Law has wisely given them very little' is an observation from the Eighteenth Century that the Twentieth Century has chosen to disregard.

In 1908 we were so transformed and we can now look back on what we owe to their presence. The moral tone of the school is set by them; they keep the Arts subjects in healthy parity with the Sciences; they ensure that crudity and boorishness get no approval; they ensure that the social graces are not squeezed out for the fanaticism of sport; in short they are happy arranging the social life of the school and the

boys are the more civilised because they have to measure up to this powerful body of opinion. And if the school is to be judged by its finished products, the senior girls of this school would, by and large, do it credit in any assembly in the land. The soil of co-education has perhaps proved not so congenial to the boys but the girls have magnificently justified themselves.

There is however one other reason for the success of the girls during their fifty years here and that is that for the last thirty-two of them they have had to guide them the most considerable personality of the whole period, Miss Turner. An appreciation of her on the occasion of her retirement this term appears elsewhere in the magazine, but she has her place in a review of the period, for an experiment that might easily have come to grief has been triumphantly vindicated under her wise, kindly, firm, guidance. She has been the architect of their present prestige. She has, of course, been more, for as Deputy Head she has given the school in general what as Senior Mistress she has given to the girls in particular, and just as a large number of old girls returned to the school to renew their acquaintance with Miss Turner on Shrove Tuesday, so it is hoped that a large number of old boys as well as old girls will take the opportunity of Open Day to say goodbye to her. This will be an opportunity to draw together the strings of acquaintance of fifty years: we publish elsewhere a list of addresses of many who came to school on Shrove Tuesday. The Senior Master and Mistress would be very pleased to have details of all old scholars who may happen to see this magazine.

MISS E. A. TURNER

IT was in 1927 that Miss Turner joined the staff of Rye Grammar School. How long she intended to remain is unknown. But she liked the School, Rye cast its spell over her, and she stayed—for thirty-two years.

Three Headmasters, numerous colleagues, countless parents, five generations of boys and girls have cause to be grateful that she made that decision. Yet—such is Miss Turner's humility—when she wrote to the Governors announcing her impending retirement she apologised for having stayed so long. Apologised!

Would she have stayed, one wonders, could she have foreseen all the changes and vicissitudes that lay ahead—the upheaval of the war years, the mushroom growth of the school that followed, the introduction of the technical stream, the formation of the girls' and boys' boarding-houses, the vast building programme which meant that for months on end blessed quiet was a thing unknown. So fundamental and far-reaching have been the changes that when Miss Turner looks at the little kernel of the original building, now nearly hidden by the new growths, and recalls those uncomplicated days when this was all there

was of Rye Grammar School, she must wonder whether this is indeed the same school that she joined so many years ago.

But through all the changes and the sometimes painful growth, Miss Turner has stood firm—a tower of strength, an immovable rock—choose what simile you will so long as it stands for strength and steadfastness.

For strength, loyalty, integrity—these are the qualities that have made Miss Turner the outstanding teacher that she is, and have won for her universal respect and affection.

Perhaps it is from roots set and nourished in the quiet countryside that Miss Turner draws much of her strength. At heart she has remained a countrywoman—sincere, large-hearted, somewhat deliberate. Not for Miss Turner an urban slickness; never from her the snap decision nor the unconsidered reply: but a pause for reflection, then the pronouncement, and one has one's answer reasoned and wise.

It is obvious that Nature intended Miss Turner to be "one set in authority," so generously did she equip her with the requisite physical attributes. Her personality would, of course, have assured for her respect and obedience, but what an asset must have been her commanding presence, her deep voice. "Surely," must have thought some of the young delinquents summoned to her presence for rebuke, "she has an 'eye like Mars to threaten and command.'" Perhaps the situation would have seemed less dire could they have sensed that, behind the awe-inspiring exterior, Miss Turner was savouring the humour of a situation that would afterwards be reproduced for the amusement of the Common-room.

For, of course, Miss Turner has a sense of humour; could she have survived so long unscathed without it? One has only to listen to her recalling some of the Bedford days to realise that she has the gift of extracting fun from the least promising situation. "I remember," she will begin, and start to recount some untoward happening. But soon a chuckle will break in, and one knows that what Miss Turner is really recalling is not the unfortunate event, but the amusement she extracted from it.

During the periods when Miss Turner has acted as temporary Head (and with what an endearing diffidence she approached the task), she has had jurisdiction over men and boys, and it is a measure of her quality, as it must have been a reward for the increased responsibility, that her sway has been accepted with unquestioning loyalty.

But it is with the welfare of the girls, naturally, that Miss Turner has been chiefly concerned. Hundreds of girls have passed through her hands and have left the School without expressing (perhaps, at the time, without realising) how great was the debt they owed her. But this year has brought them an opportunity to repair that omission. The Shrovetide Fair, organised by Miss Turner to celebrate the Girls'

Jubilee year, brought her hundreds of letters from Old Girls everywhere—some of them from mothers of present scholars. It was good to see Miss Turner positively blossom as she read these tributes which recalled for her past pupils and events of former days. It gave proof (if, indeed, proof were needed) that Miss Turner remembered the Old Girls not *en masse* but as individuals.

To the weariness that passing years must inevitably bring has been added recently for Miss Turner considerable physical suffering that one wondered anxiously at times whether she could stay the course. One must be glad, therefore, despite the sense of loss, that the time has come when Miss Turner may lay down her burden, and one must wish for her many happy days ahead when she will be able to do those things from which lack of time and opportunity have debarred her.

Wherever Miss Turner had elected to spend her retirement her rich inner life would have ensured her happiness. But we are glad that she has chosen to remain among us. Here her friends and well-wishers are legion; here she will never be far physically, as she could never be in spirit, from the School she has loved and served so well.

Thank you, Miss Turner

SHROVETIDE CARNIVAL

FIFTY years may seem a mere nothing in the School's three-hundred-and-fifty-year history. And yet the present girls felt that they could not let their Jubilee year pass without celebration. What were they to do? And when? In the attempt to fit this unusual event into the already crowded School calendar, the first question answered itself. The beginning of February, just before half-term, seemed the only possible time, hence Tuesday, February 10th, Shrove Tuesday, and a Shrovetide Carnival it was to be. The Headmaster having just launched his Pavilion Fund appeal, the aim and object of our moneymaking was to hand. Our target? £250—£1 per girl. £5 for every year of our co-existence.

Many were the ideas and suggestions arising out of traditional Shrove Tuesday customs. Some, like locking the Headmaster out of school until he granted a holiday or throwing stones at the door of every house refusing largesse, though attractive, were abandoned as impractical. However there remained within our scope pancakes and pancake races, a tug-o-war and a procession round the town on the morning and afternoon of the previous Saturday. This procession was organised by the VIth form girls who paraded, singing and chanting, disguised beneath grinning animal masks and bearing aloft a banner of advertisement. We had hoped to have the traditional garlanded cow complete with demure rider to lead the cortège, but the exigencies of

milk production reduced us to two well-mannered ponies instead. Rye was certainly aware that something was on at the Grammar School on Tuesday.

Meanwhile Miss Turner was daily receiving a special post, of letters with news and subscriptions and parcels bulging with contributions for the stalls so that a visit to her room became an increasingly difficult feat of ingenuity and only the determined successfully located her amidst the ever growing piles of letters in and letters out, old photographs and treasured schoolgirl relics, boxes, papers and yards of knotted string. Saltcote was busy plying the needle as must have been the majority of girls—and perhaps mothers, aunts and grannies, too—at home, until the Mistresses' Common Room became, in its turn, a welter of garments, swelled daily by contributions, from boys and girls alike, of sweets and groceries and household requisites, row upon row of pots of marmalade and lemon curd and all kinds of preserves, boxes of soap and trays of lavender bags, bottles of this and tins and packets of that, books and sacks of vegetables. By no-one more than the mistresses was the Headmaster's waiving of homework for the week received with grateful thanks.

No fewer than seventy-seven boys (two were commended), girls, mothers, etc. found time to enter for the cake-making competition promoted by the Pride of Sussex Flour Mills in co-operation with Schofield's. So delighted were the judges with the standard of the entries that they awarded no less than twenty prizes. Many mothers and girls were also making batches of buns to a given recipe for sale, together with the competition sponges to the hungry mob. As well as with the usual cups of tea and minerals, they were able to refresh themselves with ices and with milk shakes dispensed from the bar set up by the Milk Marketing Board.

By mid-day the Hall had been transformed into a well-stocked market of attractive stalls—Sweets, Preserves and Farm Produce, Groceries and Household Goods, Needlework and Toilet Articles, Books and Novelty. Each stall was the responsibility of the girls of one section of the school, together with two mistresses and two girl prefects. The Dining Room was rapidly made ready after lunch for the cooking and serving of pancakes (the local press reported that one thousand were consumed during the afternoon). LVI, especially the boys, had been busy laying out and erecting side-shows in the gym, the pig had arrived and was being faithfully watched over in its netted trailer by relays of Leasam boys, the course for the pancake races had been clearly marked out, the calf was installed ready for all to guess his name, the crèche was furnished with rugs and a multitude of toys, the Lower School girls were ready with their guessing competitions, the History Society had set out their exhibition of Fifty Glorious Years and the great Golden Jubilee cake (made and decorated by our

two experts, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Paling) was on display and waiting to be raffled.

The bell for afternoon lessons was the signal for the school to be turned loose for a preliminary run on the side-shows, now manned by UVI boys and members of LVI and Upper V. By half-past two many visitors had arrived and trade was brisk all over the school. By three o'clock there was a great crowd outside to enjoy the quips of Cyril Fletcher—our last-minute celebrity guest—as he officiated at the Pancake Races and the Tug-of-War. By bus time the stalls were bare and even the Lower School boy who had won five shillings three times running at the Football Pool was down to his last sixpence. It was time to prepare for the dance organised by a small committee of the Staff. And what a pleasant gathering it was of parents, Old Scholars, Staff and members of the Upper School.

The next morning our indefatigable treasurers, Mr. H. Jones and Mr. White, were able to announce, and Mr. Robinson to bear triumphantly to the bank, the proud total of £233/1/7. When, thanks to the generous subscriptions of Old Girls, former members of staff and other well-wishers, together with the proceeds of an Easter Egg draw run by the Girl Prefects, Miss Turner was, at the end of term, able to hand over to the Headmaster a cheque for £300 towards the Pavilion Fund, the girls, while acknowledging all the generous support of the masters, the boys, the Old Girls, the parents past and present and numberless friends, felt they really had done something worthwhile to commemorate their Jubilee year.

HOUSE REPORTS

PEACOCKE HOUSE

<i>House Master</i>	Mr. H. Thompson
<i>House Mistress</i>	Miss W. Allen
<i>Boys' Captain</i>	John Ellis
<i>Girls' Captain</i>	Patricia Gear
<i>Secretary</i>	Audrey Wisdom
<i>Treasurer</i>	Richard Waters
<i>Prefects</i>	—Patricia Gear, Audrey Wisdom, Judith Walker, Pamela Sheppard, A. Bromham (School Captain), J. Ellis, R. Harrison, R. Seeley.

PEACOCKE has had little opportunity to distinguish itself this term. We did, however, gain first place on Sports Day, that being the only inter-House competition completed. Congratulations to all those who took part! The lower half of the school have succeeded in placing the house in second position in the speech competition, which will be completed later this term.

The leather bound Honours Book arrived at beginning of term with an £11 bill. A committee has yet to be formed to decide upon what constitutes an "honour."

We were pleased to hear that Chigbogu Ndibe, the leper child that the house supports in conjunction with another donor, is slowly recovering. The promised photograph of him has not yet arrived. Our £5 yearly subscription is now due.

Plans are going ahead to arrange competitions in order to raise the funds necessary to clear all our outstanding debts before the end of this school year. It is hoped that the house collection will also improve.

Our thanks are due to Miss Allen and Mr. Thompson (who has proved himself to be a worthy successor to Mr. Bagley) for their help and guidance throughout the year and finally to our two competent house captains.

SANDERS HOUSE

<i>House Master</i>	Mr. D. P. Darby
<i>House Mistress</i>	Miss H. Dann
<i>Boys' Captain</i>	M. Greenhalgh
<i>Girls' Captain</i>	Margaret Harris
<i>Secretary</i>	Mary Small
<i>Treasurer</i>	H. Bourn
<i>Prefects</i>	—Norma Carr (School Captain), Margaret Harris, Mary Small, Hilary Ripley, Janet Armitage, M. Greenhalgh, H. Bourn, R. Tracey, R. White

ATHLETICS is the only House Competition which has yet been decided this term. Our failure to win this event was not due to lack of effort but to deficiency of people whose abilities lie in that field of sport. However Sanders is lying first at the moment in the Speech Competition and if all members make an extra effort during this term there is a possibility that we may win back the work and merit Shield.

At the moment we are making preparations for our effort to raise a contribution to the Sports Pavilion Fund. We are organising a Flower Decoration Competition, and there will be a Yellow Sanders Stall on Open Day.

We would like to thank Miss Dann and Mr. Darby for their great help and encouragement so willingly given throughout this year.

MERYON HOUSE

<i>House Master</i>	Mr. S. H. Allnutt
<i>House Mistress</i>	Miss M. Topliss
<i>Girls' Captain</i>	Faith C. M. Wigzell
<i>Boys' Captain</i>	M. A. Jarvis
<i>Secretary</i>	N. J. Hance
<i>Treasurer</i>	Geraldine Saunders
<i>Prefects</i>	—Faith Wigzell, Geraldine Saunders, Judith Burton, Barbara Ashbee, Linda Dixon, Monica Pearson, M. A. Jarvis, N. J. Hance, R. J. Stanton, A. D. Checksfield

THIS term so far Meryon House has not been as successful as it might have been, for we are at present third in the Speech Competition. It is therefore vital that the Upper and Upper Middle School do well in order to improve our position.

The House did remarkably well on Sports Day to be placed second to Peacock on points. Unfortunately our final position was third after the points for each section had been added up, and we are now nine points behind Peacocke in the Games Shield Competition. Thus it is

important that we win both the Cricket and the Tennis Shields. We would like to congratulate all the individual winners from Meryon House, and Blacklock, Laine, Jarvis A., and the Middle School Boys' Relay team, all of whom broke the records in their respective events.

On the financial side, we have sent £4 to Miss Lumb to buy a few books for African schoolchildren, and a committee has been formed to consider a means to raise £15 for the Pavilion Fund.

We congratulate R. J. Stanton on obtaining his "Wings" and being accepted for a visit to Canada. He, like many others in the House, is leaving this term and we extend our best wishes to Faith Wigzell, the Girls' Captain, Geraldine Saunders, the Treasurer, N. J. Hance, the Secretary and to all the others who are leaving.

Again we would like to thank Miss Topliss and Mr. Allnutt for their unfailing help and support over the past year. We can only hope that they have not been too disappointed in the varying success the House has had this year.

SALTCOTE PLACE

SEVEN-fifty on a Sunday morning. The jangling of the bell breaks into the Saltcote girls pleasant dreams. She pretends to be asleep until an irate prefect yells "Get up." Then she jumps out of bed still half asleep, throws on her dressing gown and rushes for the bathroom. "Get out, go away, it's my turn for first wash." By the time the half-asleep prefect arrives for her bath the struggle is over. No doubt the strongest has won. Eight ten and the surgery bell. The sick and half-dead stagger along to Sick Bay there to receive medicine for their various ailments. Eight twenty, and all downstairs regardless of state of undress. There's the gong, and to the accompaniment of snap, crackle pop, the girls' thoughts turn to the boiled eggs and ninety-six half-slices of bread to follow. Afterwards upstairs, and a smell of K l n s, P p s d n t, M c l n s, C l g t and S t r d n t for those who need it fills the air.

Nine-fifty, letter writing. Pleas to parents for more money—letters of permission—nothing to write about. Ten o'clock, and the usual rush for Church. "Can anyone lend me a penny for collection until next Saturday?" "Is my Charlie dead? Everyone ready, and the little sinners go to Church.

Lunch. "I'm starving." A sample conversation would be—"What was the sermon about today?" "Well, er..." "What shall we do this afternoon?" "You're not working!" Plans are made to go swimming, but after an enormous lunch, these have to be altered. Miss Nelson wants to see someone. The doors shut so it must be serious. Wonder what's going on behind that cream door!

After lunch everyone disappears quickly to the beach, goes cycling, or stays in and plays tennis; the few conscientious ones stay in and work. Towards six o'clock, tired and tar-covered, they return, ready for supper. Supper begins; it's salad tonight and four of those middle school girls aren't in yet. The door opens, and four scared girls enter. Complete silence as everyone listens to what Miss Nelson is going to say. Will they get any supper?

Supper over, and everyone except the washers-up goes to the boot room to clean her shoes and show them to the prefect on duty. "Heels, toes, number." "Twenty-four." "Right." Has everyone finished washing-up and laying-up breakfast? In that case, ring the bell for silent reading, and for a whole hour peace descends on the House. At twenty-five past eight tidying up, and at half-past a long stream, some with their berets perched on their heads file upstairs to bed. Two minutes silence for prayers; then laundry to be given in and a quick dash to the bathroom to wash. At nine o'clock three bells for silence, and the Saltcote girl turns over sleepily remembering that she hasn't done her maths homework and that she has maths first period tomorrow.

F.W.

LEASAM HOUSE

AT the beginning of term we welcomed two new boys to the House, bringing our total up to thirty five. Next term there will be a full house, with forty-five boys. At first the weather was not too good, but later not even farmers could grumble at the good weather which made some swimming possible.

On Sports Day, many members of the House gained first or second positions in their events. We now have two extra silver cups in our glass case, which have been won by Russell, for cornet playing in a music competition held by his home-town band. We might even consider lending Saltcote a cup for a few days.

The farm is still making steady progress. We have 70 lambs from 53 ewes. The 10 cows, the breeding pigs, and poultry are all thriving. The silage has been made and the corn and other crops look quite well. This year the House, Farm and Gardens will be opened to the public on June 27th. On 20th May, Mr. Raymond Cripps, a journalist, paid us a visit to write an article on Leasam for the magazine "Education." On June 2nd we were pleased to have the Headmaster and Mrs. Buttery to dinner.

As usual, we wish to thank Mr. Anderson, Mr. White and Mr. Allmond for their help and advice, and also all the house staff for looking after us so well.

R. Walden (Head Boy)

GAMES

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

THIS year Sports Day was held rather earlier in the term than usual, on Monday, 11th May. This alteration resulted in one of the hottest Sports Days for many years. During the morning field events were held at the school, and one record was broken. At the beginning of the afternoon, when the competition was transferred to the playing field, Meryon were leading, but after the sprints Peacocke forged ahead and never looked back. At the end of the afternoon nine records had been broken. In the House Competition Peacocke were first and Meryon second.

M.A.J.

RESULTS

* New records

BOYS

SENIOR	MIDDLE	JUNIOR
100 yards		
Seeley (P) 11.0 s.	Blacklock (M) 11.6 s.	Seeley (P) 12.4 s.
220 yards		
Seeley (P) 25.2 s.	Hankinson (P) 27.0 s.	Hills (P) 29.2 s.
440 yards		
Blackhall (P) 57.6 s.	Beaney (S) 63.2 s. *	
880 yards		
Metianu (P) 2 m. 20 s.	Blacklock (M) 2 m. 22.2 s. *	Lane (M) 2 m. 36.5 s.
1 mile		
Hayes (P) 5 m. 0.4 s.		
Hurdles		
110 yds. Greenhalgh (S) 18.0 s.	80 yds. Hyde (P) 15.4 s.	
High Jump		
Greenhalgh (S) 5' 2½"	Barnes (M) 4' 9"	Bianchi (M) 4' 0"
Long Jump		
Seeley (P) 20' 2½" *	Cook (S) 15' 10"	Seeley (P) 14' 2½"
Hop, Step, Jump		
Greenhalgh (S) 36' 9½" Barnes (M) 32' 11"		
Shot		
Fort (M) 35' 6"	Beasley (S) 33' 0½"	
Discus		
Bourn (S) 89' 8"	Laine (M) 105' 4" *	

Javelin

- (i) Rhodes (S) 106' 2" Lavender (M) 81' 2"
(ii) Jarvis (M) 127' *

Cricket Ball

Swain (S) 84 yds. Baldock (P) 193' 0½" Wilson (M) 159' 4"

Relay—440 yards

Meryon 51.0s. Meryon 52.5 s. * Peacocke 57.6 s. *

GIRLS

100 yards

V. Sales (S) 12.6 s. J. Grout (P) 13.4 s. D. Maclean (P) 13.8 s.

220 yards

V. Sales (S) 30.3 s. 150 yds. L. Bates (S) 20.0 s.

High Jump

G. Lauder (P) 4' 5½" J. Bathers (M) 4' 2" K. Hagan (S) 3' 11"

Hurdles

80 yds. S. Roser (P) 13.6 s. 70 yds. P. Newnham 12.8 s.

Long Jump

I. Darnell (S) 14' 5" L. Bates (S) 13' 9"

Javelin

S. Roser (P) 79' 11" * J. Derry (M) 45' 9"

Discus

A. Dobbie (M) 82' 9" J. Langridge (P) 54' 11"

Rounders Ball

S. Roser (P) 194' 4in. S. Lambert (M) 145' 8" D. Maclean (P) 155' 1"

Relay

Sanders 59.0 s. Peacocke 59.5 s. Peacocke 59.8 s. *

CRICKET REPORT

THIS season, the First XI has played five matches to date, of which two have been won, one drawn and two lost. The batsmen have maintained a high average standard and Jarvis. A. and Saville have proved a formidable opening pair. The bowling has been weaker than usual, but Gatherum was outstanding until he sustained an injury to his shoulder. The fielding has been generally poor, and vital catches have been dropped. Owing to lack of enthusiasm, teams have been hard to select, and it is to be hoped that an improvement will be shown in many directions during the rest of the season.

The record of the Second XI, so far this season, has been identical with that of the First XI, and many of the points of criticism are also the same. The batting has been satisfactory, but too many times wickets have been thrown away through careless play. Turk has opened well on occasion, but is rather inconsistent, Sherwood has played well, and Goundry, after being brought back into the side late, has reached the top of the batting averages. There has been a shortage of bowlers, but Breeds M. has done very well, taking 7 for 12 in one game. A good deal of practice is needed to bring the fielding up to reasonable standard.

M.A.H., J.H.E.

TENNIS REPORT

AT the end of last season many of the members of the school tennis teams left, but the prospect this year is not so bleak as it might have been, as we have a fair number of promising and enthusiastic players. The first match of the season was against Hastings High School. Even after the first round it was obvious that we were the stronger team, but both the First VI and the Under 16 VI played well to win by eight sets to one, and six sets to three respectively. We are now looking forward to playing Ashford and Bexhill Grammar Schools, and a return match against Hastings.

As usual a party is going to Wimbledon to watch the first day's play. For the first time the party is a mixed one.

Increased interest has also been shown by the boys in playing tennis, as a new experiment, an Open Mixed Doubles Tournament, has been supported by several boys. The usual School Doubles Tournament is taking place this year, and it is gratifying to see so many girls enter.

The First VI has been chosen from J. Burton, A. Dobbie, G. Lauder, V. Davies, S. Roser, F. Rook, F. Wigzell (Capt.)

F. W.

REPORTS FROM SOCIETIES

ART SOCIETY

THIS term the Art Society has enjoyed several visits apart from the normal programme, which consists mostly of painting and sketching, lino-printing, tie-dyeing, book binding and experimental craftwork.

On April 22nd, we visited the Davies' Art Shop to see the weaving and the looms. We were also shown the different materials that are used to make various fabrics. While we were waiting for Mrs. Davie, her husband showed us some pieces of pottery; a 6,000 year old Egyptian pot and a piece of Chinese porcelain.

The following week we visited Rye Potteries. There Mr. Cole showed us the various stages in pottery making. We saw the potters at the wheel the kilns being stacked, and the girls painting and glazing them.

On Monday, 25th May, the Art Society and a few other pupils were taken on a visit to the London Art Galleries. First of all we visited the ethnological section of the British Museum, where we noticed especially the designs and patterns, and the imaginative use of materials, i.e.—human teeth for ornaments and coloured human skulls for food bowls. Next we went to the Redfern Art Gallery to see an exhibition of contemporary work including some by Christopher Wood. After that, we went to the Marlborough Gallery, in which was a cast for a stone sculpture by Henry Moore. Not without mishap we reached the Tate Gallery, where we enjoyed a fine display of painting and sculptures. We arrived back in Rye at about nine o'clock, after a very wearying but interesting day.

We have Miss Pritchard to thank for these three interesting visits which we thoroughly enjoyed, also for the pleasures of Art Society Meetings.

A.T.C.

THE first important event of this term was the Squadron's Annual Inspection which took place on 1st June. Capt. E. H. Wethey, R.N. was the Inspecting Officer on this occasion assisted by the Sussex Wing A.T.C. Adjutant, F./Lt. H. Webster-Grisling. The report was most satisfactory and Capt. Wethey was impressed by the turnout and smartness of the cadets on parade, and by the keen interest shown during the instructional period following the ceremonial parade. The Inspecting Officer presented the Larkin Cup to Cdt. V. Pennell. This cup, which is awarded annually, is for general all round efficiency and progress. Cdt. Warrant Officer R. Stanton was also awarded a certificate for being the best cadet of the Squadron. These two cadets

are to be congratulated on their achievements. Prior to the parade, tea was served to the official guests, members of the Squadron Committee, parents and friends, and for this we owe thanks to the ladies of the Welfare Committee who put in such a lot of hard work.

During the Easter Holidays, Cdt. W/O. Stanton successfully completed his Flying Scholarship training at Shoreham Airport and has received his Pilot "A" Licence. He has also been successful in being selected as one of the cadets to represent Great Britain in an exchange visit of cadets with Canada, and will be leaving towards the end of July for a three weeks' tour of Canada together with several other cadets from all parts of the country.

The Annual Wing Inspection and Athletic Meeting was held at Hove Stadium on 14th June. The inspection was undertaken by the Deputy Commandant of the Air Training Corps, Air Commodore J. N. W. Farmer, D.F.C., R.A.F.

Field Day this term was marked by a visit to the Royal Tournament. Much useful training knowledge can be gained by witnessing expert service units at work.

Cadets undergoing training for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award have been engaged with their individual pursuits and preparing for their forthcoming expeditions. We must offer our thanks to Miss Hayter and Mr. Goodall for their help in preparing these cadets in this branch of the scheme.

The Squadron is now looking forward to its Annual Training Camp which this year is being held at Royal Air Force Station Kinloss, Scotland.

It is hoped that the size of the School Unit of the A.T.C. will considerably increase in September, when the next recruits will be welcomed. The value of the training given in the A.T.C. cannot be underestimated and it is hoped that parents will encourage their sons who are 13 years 9 months or over, to join at the beginning of next term.

TABLE TENNIS SOCIETY

WE started this School Year by recruiting new members from the Upper School, in order to bring our complement to twenty-four. During the Autumn term, we played a Doubles Match against the Staff. The team consisted of six couples; the result was a win to the Staff, by twenty-one games to fifteen.

In the Spring Term, a Mixed Doubles Tournament was begun and has yet to be completed. This term, the Society has been playing tennis, and most of our members have entered for the Open Mixed Doubles Tournament.

M. Greenhalgh, *Secretary*

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THE Junior Dramatic Society spent the autumn term in practising dramatic exercises, and in the performance of sketches made up by themselves. Near the end of term, Mrs. May gave a demonstration of stage make-up. This proved to be a very amusing hour for 'guinea-pigs' as well as onlookers.

The meetings in the Spring Term were interrupted by the influenza epidemic, and by various school activities; but Miss Allen was able to take a party to the White Rock Pavilion, to a performance of 'Little Women.'

Two plays were cast at the end of term, so that the Summer Term could be devoted entirely to rehearsals. The two plays, 'Archibald' by W. G. Robertson, and 'The Bishop's Candlestick,' adapted from an incident in 'Les Misérables' by Victor Hugo, will be performed some time this term. A small senior group are producing 'The Proposal' by Tchekov. We hope that this group will increase in size next year.

We would like to thank Miss Allen and Mr. Gaunt for all their efforts on our behalf.

P. Hartwell and H. Bather—LIV

LIBRARY

THE Library has been very fortunate this year in the choice of its new staff from Upper Fifth. They have all done a great deal of work both in lunch break and after school, which has been extremely valuable and greatly appreciated by the Librarian and the Library Prefect. They have decided that such enthusiastic work should not go unrewarded, and, therefore, a Librarian's outing to Lullingstone and Knole is being planned for the end of term.

Throughout the past year all sections of the Library have been added to, and we would like to thank Bernard Rankin for his presentation of Boris Pasternak's "Essay in Autobiography."

The following books have been put into the Library during this term.

He Died Old—by Alfred Duggan

Points of View—by W Somerset Maugham

Atomic Energy in Medicine—by K. E. Halman

Collected Poems of John Betjeman

A Modern Russian Course—by G. A. Birkett

The Church of England—by Guy Mayfield

SCOUT TROOP

DURING the Easter holidays, the Troop again proved their worth by taking part in Bob-a-Job Week, the results of this being very satisfactory. In consequence, a three-night camp was held at Brede, as a preliminary to the Patrol County Camping Competition, to be held at Burwash during June.

On April 26th, the St. George's Day Church Service was held, the address being given by the Rev. A. R. Jacobs and the parade was led, as usual, by the Rye Town Band. The standard-bearers are to be congratulated on their bearing in Church. The Troop colours were again on view on May 10th, Commonwealth Youth Sunday.

On May 23rd, the Rye Harbour Youth Club were invited to spend the day in Rye and Udimore engaged on various activities, and judging from reports received, a good time was had by all.

We are now hoping for success in the County Camping Competition, where we shall be encountering stiff opposition.

Skip.

GUIDE COMPANY

THE Summer Term is a period of consolidation rather than expansion, and so we have no further increase in numbers to report. The effective strength of the Company stands at about twenty, but we are keeping the five patrols to cope with the expected increase next September.

We are sorry to lose Linda Brewster at Easter, but were glad to welcome Gillian Blair from 1st Ickenham Coy., Middlesex. Hilary Marshall, Gillian Rothwell, and Gillian Blair are now acting-P.Ls.

The Company has taken part in the St. George's Day and Commonwealth Youth Sunday Parades. Meetings have been held out of doors as often as possible, and training for Camp is now an important part of the programme, as we hope to camp near Crowhurst this Summer. We are to be joined in Camp by Guides from the 3rd Uplyme (Devon) Company, of which Miss Hayter was formerly the Lieutenant.

Regular Courts of Honour are now being held, and are proving beneficial to the running of the Company. Patrol Leaders' Trainings are our next objective. As usual, we are short of funds, and it is hoped that our various efforts to raise money will be received sympathetically.

Next term we look forward to an influx of new recruits, and to continued enthusiasm from the 'old faithfuls.' On such a basis we should be able to build up a fine and thriving Company.

"Righty"

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

AT the first meeting of the term on April 30th, Lieutenant Payne spoke on the Salvation Army. She told us how she herself had come to join the Movement, and then explained the work of the Army today. A number of questions were then asked. The Congregational minister for Rye and Hastings, The Rev. T. H. Kemp, spoke to us on May 28th on the Congregational Church. He told us how this movement came to be started in the reign of Elizabeth I. The answers to a number of questions provided us with a clear picture of the Congregational Church today.

One meeting has been devoted to sorting milk-tops, and to removing the paper backing from the foil. We hope to dispatch further sacks to the metal refiners later this term; the money received will be forwarded to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

I wish to thank all those who have attended 'bottle-top' meetings throughout the year, for their help in a not very pleasant task. Finally on behalf of the whole group, I should like to thank Miss Getley and Mr. Gaunt for their help and suggestions throughout the year.

H. A. Ripley (Secretary)

VISITS

THE EIFFEL TOWER

WHEN I was in Paris I was very disappointed that the weather would not permit a visit to the top of Eiffel Tower. However, I discovered several interesting facts about it.

It is 984 feet high and weighs 7,000 tons. It is seventy years old, took two years to build, and on a clear day a view of fifty miles radius is possible.

It is composed of 15,000 pieces of metal clamped by 2,500,00 bolts and rivets to four bases which form a quadrangle 141 yards square. All the parts were numbered to make things easy for the 300 workmen and during the past few years visitors have averaged well over a million a year.

Many of the French declared it a monstrosity even before the foundations were dug. It was the subject of jokes, songs, cartoons and even films. But now Parisians declare that should anything happen to it they will build another of modern material.

In a wind the top of the tower may sway six inches, but it was built to withstand six times the pressure of the fiercest tornado. If the tower were reduced to a model one foot high, it would weigh no more than a small handkerchief.

In hot weather it expands and at night it shrinks. Occasionally it gets a thorough cleaning and every seven years 37 tons of paint are used on it. Many have been its uses, ranging from theatre shows on the first platform to a signalling station.

There are several souvenir stalls and there is a restaurant, and the lift is welcome as there are 1,710 steps to the top.

It has had an elephant on its first platform and a plaque commemorates a man who cycled down the first 347 steps. Many dignitaries have signed the notable visitors' book.

One thing spoils it, the many initials carved and scratched on the ironwork and the wood of the balustrades.

Mary Ryland, M6

"GHOSTS" by Henrik Ibsen

MEMBERS of the Sixth Form Society and Upper Fifth attended a matinee performance of Henrick Ibsen's play "Ghosts" at Princes Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue on Saturday, May 2nd, 1959. The three principal characters, Mrs. Alving, her son, Oswald, and Pastor Manders were played by Flora Robson, Ronald Lewis and Sir Donald Wolfit.

All three acts take place in the drawing-room of the Alving house on a Norwegian fjord. Mrs. Alving is about to open an orphanage she has built as a memorial to her late husband. Pastor Manders is acting as her adviser and Oswald has just returned from studying Art in Paris. During the play Mrs. Alving acquaints Manders with the truth about her husband, how she had deceived the world into believing him a righteous man to protect her son. She also has to tell her son when Oswald in turn tells her he has an incurable disease of the brain. The play ends with Oswald's death, while his mother is trying to persuade herself to administer a fatal dose of morphine her son has given her.

Pastor Manders represents man's standards and morals; Mrs. Alving shows that these standards do not necessarily bring personal happiness. Oswald argues that underneath, men, who profess themselves righteous, are no better than the men they prosecute who live by what they believe rather than what they think they ought to believe.

The parts of Mrs. Alving and Oswald were extremely well acted, Manders tended to be too heavy and his long speeches became monotonous.

After the performance, five of us were able to visit Miss Robson in her dressing-room. She told us of her future plans and, on being asked if she enjoyed acting in Ibsen's plays, said not as much as she did in other plays. In the part of Mrs. Alving in the scene where she had to wait for the climax when Oswald finally tells her of his disease, holding back her emotions and then allowing them to overcome her frequently gave her a headache.

H.A.R.

THE TWO-DAY ATHLETIC COURSE AT BRIGHTON

ON April 1st and 2nd, I attended an athletic course at the Withdean Stadium, Brighton, being one of two hundred and thirty Sussex schoolchildren interested in athletics. The course consisted of lecture and films given by John Le Mesurier, the National coach for Southern England; and of individual instruction, by A.A. coaches, in our specialised events. We also had demonstrations by Dave Segal on Sprinting, and by Pat Mackenzie on the High Jump. The best individual in each event then performed and the course ended with relay races.

N. Greenhalgh, UVI

FIELD STUDY AT PRESTON MONTFORD

I attended this course from March 18th to 27th. The centre is five miles from Shrewsbury, overlooking the River Severn. We studied the structure, relief and drainage, geology, land-use and settlement of this area, visiting Church Stretton, Cardingmill Valley, Wenlock Edge and the famous Severn Gorge at Trowbridge. We saw and visited numerous quarries for different materials, and lead and zinc mines. We had practice in identifying physical features, by relying on map-readings. The last day, we worked individually, drawing up a report and map of the land-use and settlement of our chosen area.

We attended evening lectures concerning each day's work, and were fortunate in having one by Professor Thomas, from the University of Wales, on The Welsh Borderland.

M. Greenhalgh

A VISIT TO THE FORD MOTOR WORKS AT DAGENHAM

ON Friday, 15th May, a party of R.G.S. boys visited the Ford Motor Works at Dagenham, Essex. We left Rye at about 9.30 a.m. and, after two stops, for refreshments and lunch, reached our destination just before 2 p.m. We then split up into two groups, each with a guide, and set off round the factory.

First we saw the wharf, where the raw materials for the furnace is unloaded, and from which it is conveyed to a huge storage dump pending use. Following this, we saw the blast furnace and the coke ovens. We were fortunate enough to see the molten metal and the "slag" being removed from it. We were told that the furnace is the only one in south-east England.

Next we entered the factory proper, and watched the rough engine castings being machined and threaded. The noise in this part of the

factory is indescribable, and it makes one wonder how the men there stand it for one day, let alone a lifetime.

Next we followed the tractor assembly-line from start to finish, starting from a plain engine, with parts being added as it progressed along the conveyor, until the finished tractor, painted in resplendent blue, was wheeled off the line and started up on a short test.

Lastly we watched the "10" saloons being assembled. We were not allowed to see the big saloons being built; it might have been due, it was rumoured, to the fact that a secret new model is soon to be brought out by Fords.

After a short visit to the commercial vehicles section, we sat down to tea, kindly provided by the firm, and after this we set off for home.

We should like to thank Mr. Hawes and Mr. Allmond who arranged the visit, which was so enjoyable.

L.S. and A.H.

EXCAVATION AT RAINBOW FIELD

UNDER the direction of Mr. G. de G. Sieveking, M.A., Assistant Keeper of the Sub-department of Pre-History and Roman Britain, at the British Museum, the Rye Archaeology Class, together with some members of the school, carried out an excavation at Billingham Farm, Udimore, between April 15th and 24th.

The site was a previously unpublicised Neolithic and Bronze Age Settlement where, for the past twenty years, Mr. Luther Morris, in ploughing Rainbow Field has been finding flint arrowheads. The archaeologists hoped, in addition to finding more flint fragments, from which they could establish whether there had been one, or perhaps two periods of occupation of the site, to be able to discover house plans by judging some possibly preserved post holes.

The first day at the dig was occupied in plotting out a line of trenches across the top of the hill, and removing the turf from them. Many expected this first day's work to be unrewarding, and were pleasantly surprised by the discovery of a few flint fragments on the surface. The following days yielded remains of increasing interest and historical value, including, oddly enough, a Roman (?) curtain ring and a lock of a Roneo filing cabinet.

A party of about ten different pupils from the school went to dig each day. There were several trenches being dug simultaneously, so that some people removed turf, some dug and sifted the soil, or turned it over with trowels, and some were filling in the holes and replacing the turf. The exact position of each fragment was marked with a skewer, and precisely recorded on a chart.

The actual edge of the settlement was not uncovered during the excavation, and the total of finds (around two hundred pieces of worked flint) does not suggest that the occupation of the hill top was prolonged. Until examination of the flints is complete it is not possible to say whether more than one group of flint-using people occupied Rainbow Field. There is, however, evidence (Early Bronze Age and Neolithic arrowheads) which suggest two occupations, and this may possibly be the reason why two different sources of raw material (beach pebbles and flint quarried from the chalk) were utilised in the manufacture of the flint tools.

A COMMERCE VISIT

A party of boys and girls left Rye in the care of Mr. H. Jones and Miss Getley, on a visit to London on Monday, 25th May. The first visit was to the Stock Exchange where we were shown into a miniature cinema to see an interesting technicolour film explaining the functions of the Exchange. We then went into the visitors' gallery where we watched the procedure of the members on the floor, and listened to a commentary explaining everything to us.

After that we had some time to wait before our appointment at the Bank of England and so we spent an interesting twenty minutes in the Royal Exchange looking at the Roman remains that were found in the Temple of Mithras on a building site four years ago.

At the Bank of England we were first shown the beautiful intricate Italian mosaic works which completely cover the floor. One of these mosaics came from a Roman temple. After this we were taken on a tour of the Bank from top to bottom. On the way up to the roof, from which there was a magnificent view of London, we visited the directors' apartments and saw the rooms in which the Bank's directors meet to decide on the Bank Rate and other matters which affect everyone's lives.

After seeing many other items of interest, including the Bank's museum, we found ourselves in the basement where we were shown the enormous boilers which are used in the winter to provide hot water for the central heating system. The Bank is completely self-contained in every way.

As we had learnt so much about how money is put to work we were especially interested to visit the Royal Mint to see how the money is made. There we saw the whole process, from the smelting and rolling of the metal to the stamping, checking and weighing of the finished coin.

We were lucky to be able to visit those places, that we have learnt so much about in our commerce lessons, and our thanks must go out to Mr. Jones and Miss Getley for making the visit possible.

Barbara Ashbee, U VI

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

AN OLD FISHING BOAT

Caressed by the tide, and cradled in soft mud,
Guarded by the screaming gulls,
And brushed by the sea's salt herbage,
The old broken ribs of the aged sea-goer,
Rest in peace.

She smiles at the world she knows
And remembers times when she was young.
When with her comrades
She would glide away from the Cinque Port,
Mysterious and silent in the dusk.
And return at the crack of dawn,
Magnificent and elegant, loaded
With glistening, slippery, finned bodies.
Ay, those were the times,
When this aged lady was respected.
Now, sunk deep in her soft pillow,
People come and go and never think
Upon this gallant heroine,
Who fought the battle of the wave,
The storm, the sea in a temper.
And yet there were days, when,
The sky a vivid blue, and the air clear,
The sea would be as cut diamonds,
Glittering, and she would lie
As a ruby in the midst.
All these memories are sealed
In the rotting sea-worn timbers,
Submerged in the grey slime.
To remain there for ever,
Unknown and no longer loved,
Save by the birds, the gulls,
Which are the spirits of dead seamen,
Maybe those who worked upon her decks.

Jacqueline Ovenden, MIII

THE ROVER

Give to me the life I love
Beneath the glittering stars.
Let me see the Moon above,
The Milky Way, and Mars.
Sleep by the hedge on a bed of grass,
Hearing the 'coo' of the dove;
Wandering through the mountain-pass—
This is the life I love.

Russell, L3

APPLIED QUOTATIONS

1. "A keeper of silence eloquent,"
A.A.B. on Library duty
2. "Let's find out what everyone is doing,
And then stop everyone from doing it."
Prefects' Motto
3. "Unthinking, idle, wild and young."
The Lower School
4. "Boys will be boys—
And even that wouldn't matter if we could only
prevent girls from being girls."
Reflections when girls were first admitted to R.G.S.
5. "Alas for those who never sing,
But die with all their music in them."
Those who refuse to attend choir practices
6. "Beyond this flood a frozen continent
Lies dark and wild, beat with perpetual storms."
The Big Field in the winter
7. "'Tis torture, and not mercy."
Physical Education
8. "For he suddenly smote on the door, even
Louder, and lifted his head—
'Tell them I came,' and no one answer'd,
That I kept my word,' he said."
A visitor to Room 3

IS THIS CIVILIZATION?

We stood around the bonfire;
The flames were leaping high,
And everybody laughed to see
The burning of the guy.
But as the fireworks flared and flamed
And flashed into the sky,
And fell in wondrous glittering gold
On meadowland nearby,
A sudden pity rung my heart
And I could not forget—
Though Guy Fawkes' crime was terrible
His life he paid as debt.
Yet every year with shouts of joy
We burn his effigy.
We're civilised? Well, so we say—
I think this cannot be.

Molly Townson, M6

THE STORM

Swish ! against the high tide mark,
The waves, with crashing cry,
Come tumbling on with fury dark,
Towards the cliff ; to die.
A cloud passes over and shades the moon,
To darken the sea once more,
And all is still, except for the croon
Of the waves, as they slide to the shore.
But all too soon, the silence is broken,
And against the cliffs, a thundering crash
Rings out, and the caves are woken,
To sound their hollow splash.
The foam springs up in stinging spray,
Swishing on to the darkened cliffs,
Whose cragged rocks tower o'er the bay,
Where are sheltered the rocking skiffs.
But soon the storm has raged its last,
And the roaring wind quite soon will cease,
All is silent for the storm has passed,
And the moon shines down on shimmering peace.

Frances Evans, M3

PERAHERA

THE Duke and Duchess of Gloucester have just returned from their tour of Nigeria and the Cameroons, where they represented Her Majesty the Queen at Independence Celebrations, the climax of which was the awe inspiring Durbar of Kadura.

It was eleven years ago that they represented the late King George VI at Ceylon's celebrations on being given Dominion Status. Again the climax was the "Perahera," given in their honour and enjoyed by all, Singhalese and Europeans alike.

To understand the significance of the honour bestowed on the Duke and Duchess, something of its origin must be known.

The Perahera is a religious procession which usually takes place in Kandy, the historic capital of the ancient Kings of Ceylon. Kandy, besides being the capital, is the centre of Buddhism in the island. Peraheras are not frequent and when in Kandy they start from the 'Temple of the Tooth,' where this sacred relic of Buddha reposes. The islanders therefore were showing a tremendous amount of loyalty and devotion to our late King in taking their Perahera to his representative in Colombo rather than the Duke and Duchess going to Kandy to see it. The only part of the normal Perahera procession which did not come to Colombo was the huge sacred Elephant. To move him to Colombo would be contrary to religious custom, and the journey of 70 odd miles would have been an endurance test lasting weeks, because he is not allowed to walk on the ground. He has to walk on a silk cloth which is unrolled in front of him and rolled up behind him wherever he goes. Needless to say the cloth must be pure white. When he is in procession he carries on his beautifully robed back a large silver replica of the 'Temple of the Tooth.' The absence of this wonderful animal in the Colombo Perahera probably did not mean so much to us Europeans as to the islanders, because they would all miss the deep religious significance.

The procession as I saw it in Colombo was led by Whip crackers, so many that the noise was similar to rifle fire. These were followed by fire dancers with lighted torches, who did war-like and noisy dances. The music and beat for the dancers and the Kandyan dancers to follow was provided by tom-toms and a sort of flute band. The Kandyans danced in grotesque masks and brightly painted bodies. The procession takes place at night and these dancers in the eerie light have to be seen to be believed, their body contortions make you wonder, are they human and if so do they have back bones?

It is the wonderful contrast which gives this procession its interest, for after the noise and torches of the dancers come well over one hundred Elephants in all their brilliant splendour. All these animals are draped with wonderful rich caparisons. These are all different

sizes with their howdahs, magnificent in their drapes of red, gold and white silk. On the exterior of the howdahs were countless coloured lights and inside flood lights illuminating the splendour of the Kandyan chiefs.

It is quite impossible to describe the serenity of this part of the procession and yet here East meets West for the generators for the lights follow on behind on bullock carts.

No description of the Perahera would be complete without mentioning the priceless sparkling jewels in the head dress of the Elephants. The larger ones must have twenty or more of these gems.

It should be mentioned that these animals have spent two or three weeks walking to Colombo from their up-country working bases.

After reading this account some will probably say how could I compare this Perahera with Durbars held in Kadura? In spite of not having seen a Durbar a Perahera must be as good or better, because, nowhere else in the world will you see so many splendid Elephants in one street at one time.

STATISTICIANS GUIDE TO RYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ALTHOUGH we spend 1,400 hours a year at school, few of us know very much about the composition and contents of the school. In view of this, certain members of the Upper School in particular the Prefects, have undertaken extensive research and compiled many useless and astonishing facts and figures. It is hoped that they will impress not only the members of the school, staff and parents but also our influx of foreign visitors in the summer term who should carry back glowing reports of the well equipped school which they visited.

1. There are 5,100 sq. ft. of glass in the school
2. The 74,683 wooden blocks in the parquet flooring if put end to end would stretch for 10 miles, 460 yards 2ft. 5in. (that took some working out).
3. Tiles in new corridor and lobbies, 2,341. These are polished with an electric floor polisher containing 167,418 bristles (anyone who does not believe it can count them)
4. Holes in pegboard in Hall, 248,740
5. Boards along front of stage, 90
6. Boards along outside of Hall, 290. These by the way are kept in place by 1,950 nails, or possibly screws, we could not get close enough to see which.
7. Light switches in school, 171
8. Steps in school, 285
9. Radiators, 95 (so nobody complain that the school is cold next winter !)
10. Chair legs, 4,450, therefore one would presume there are 1,115 chairs but we cannot guarantee this because not all chairs have four legs.
11. Inkwells, 381, which means that there is less than 4/5 inkwell per pupil
12. Holes in heating vents in bottom corridor, 7,840
13. Holes in cricket nets, 790,380
14. Holes in tennis nets, 38,456 (N.B. These are the holes which naturally occur when the nets are made, not the ones which result from an extra hard drive with a tennis or cricket ball)
15. Maximum number of paper towels available when all the containers are filled, 4,200
16. Weight of school dinners cooked in one year, 18 tons. We are unable to calculate accurately the weight consumed.
17. Total weight of girls, 11 tons 7 cwt 7 stone 9lb. We prefer to leave you to guess the total weight of the boys.

LETTER

Old Umtali Mission,
P.B. P. 24,
Umtali,
Southern Rhodesia
31st May, 1959

Greetings to the Editorial Board of 'RYA.'

It occurred to me that an account of my work in Southern Rhodesia might be of interest to your readers. Hence this letter !

Old Umtali Mission is controlled by the American Episcopal Methodist Church. Its site is the original town of Umtali, but in 1898 when the railway to Salisbury was planned, it was found to be too expensive to bring the railway over the Christmas Pass, so, in his characteristic way, Rhodes decided that, if the railway could not come to Umtali, Umtali must go to the railway, eleven miles to the east, where the present town of Umtali was built. Old Umtali was then given with its buildings and 14,000 acres to Bishop Hartzell of America on condition that he established a Mission there.

Since that time, 11,000 acres have been sold to start missions in other parts of Rhodesia. There is, however, a flourishing farm and four African villages in the area, where the workers live who are employed in the industrial section. This includes agriculture, forestry, printing, carpentry, building and irrigation. There is also a Theological Department for the training of ministers and Evangelists as well as a hospital and clinic.

What do I see as I walk down the rough half-mile to the Secondary School at 7.10 a.m. or 1.15 p.m. each day ? At this season, a cloudless sky (there will be no rain till November), strange dark-green trees, grass already turning brown in the winter sunshine, scarlet poinsettias, red bottle-brush and sweet-scented frangipani. Once I heard a rustle and saw a monkey swing itself to the near-by tree.

In front of me is a well-watered, fertile valley, five miles in extent, enclosed by a circle of wooded hills. Fourteen miles to the east can be seen the high mountain range separating Rhodesia from Portuguese East Africa.

Going along to the Central Primary School are some of the girls in blue and white uniforms, often singing in harmony, frequently carrying their ink-pots or books on their heads to leave their hands free for knitting. The boys, I notice, still use their hair as pen-wipers.

On the way back, at noon, I pass the small Primary School children with their badzers ready to clear the ground for crops. One small child, about two feet in height, is wielding an implement bigger than himself. He sums up his courage and says, "Good (pause) after (pause) noon, Sir," to me. But I often say, "Masa kati" when I ought to say, "Mangwan ani."

The Secondary School has a two-stream entry with a four-year course leading to the Cambridge School Certificate at Ordinary Level. It is hoped to have Advanced work later. All instruction is given in English

The age of the pupils varies. Some start their education late depending on their parents' ability to raise the fees, so that many of Form IV are twenty years of age. Even this might not be accurate as it is common to change your age according to requirements, and it is often unknown to the pupils themselves. It has been known for someone to be fifteen on entry and to become seventeen before the year ends.

The basic curriculum is the same as at Rye except that Shona is the second language. There is only one P.T. period, of simple exercises as there is no gymnasium. Prayers are held in the open-air as there is no school hall. Another difference is that, at the end of the second year, all pupils take the Rhodesian Junior Certificate in eight subjects. They have to pass this before they can enter Form III. I wonder how your readers would like to study Latin through the medium of French, as these do through English. Many of them leave at this stage and take jobs or enter the Teacher Training School for two years. The rest stay for the Cambridge Certificate. More openings are being created. The first African Technical College is to open next year and the Civil Service has just been opened to them. From this Mission many able pupils go to America for further study.

This School has a library, but it contains few books, chiefly American, so that there are few for specialist subjects needed for an English education. A gift from Meryon House was most gratefully received, especially as we can get an equivalent sum from the Government on amounts spent.

There is a School Council which arranges leisure activities. On Saturday evenings, in the Mission Hall, there is a talk or debate, or a film or a concert. Small groups calling themselves 'Blue Aces' or 'Black Birds' or 'Silver Stars,' dressed in black coats, white shirts and bow ties do the same rhythmic dance or sing the same jazz tune so that it amazes me that the audience shows no sign of the boredom that I am feeling.

The pupils' interests are divided between this, politics and sports. They are very keen on football as can be seen from this extract from an essay. "Now Ladies and Gentlemen, prepare to hear of the glories of that day, never to be forgotten for a thousand years. The spectators shouted and kicked their legs as though they were in the team, while the forwards moved towards the goal like eels slipping through the water." Old Umtali won by 2—1 goals! Another made it clear that they had a special technique with strong opponents. "We gave the visitors much food, so that they could not carry their stomachs on the field.

Maddening as are many of their ways to a European, their persistence in pursuit of learning, which they regard as the mark of a civilised person, and their unfailing cheerfulness and friendliness in spite of all the difficulties and frustrations they encounter, cannot but arouse our sympathy and admiration.

With good wishes to all members of R.G.S.,

Yours sincerely,

Sybil. V. Lumb

GIRLS' JUBILEE, 1958-1959

SHROVETIDE APPEAL TO OLD GIRLS

THE letters sent out to all Old Girls with whom it was possible to get in touch brought a very gratifying response—in gifts of money and articles of many kinds for the stalls, in loans of photographs, prizes, programmes, medals for the exhibition, in letters from those who could not be present on the day, and in the welcome presence of many from near and far.

Among those present was Amy Clark (Mrs. Leggett) one of the original eight girls who entered the School in 1908. Others from Rye were Gladys Smith, Edith Baker, Doris Stuttle (Mrs. Masters), Freda Welfare, Doris Smith (Mrs. Masters), Doris Baty (Mrs. Clarke), Nellie Carey (Mrs. Leopold) now Secretary of the R.G.S. Parents' Association, Kathleen Jezzard (Mrs. Hayes), Joan Parlett (Mrs. Page), Jeffrey Foord (Mrs. Waters), Joyce Spears (Mrs. Johns), Jean Blackman (Mrs. Turner), Eve Blackman (Mrs. Rogerson). From Brede came Frances Apps, from Iden Helen West (Mrs. Goodwin), and Edith Nash (Mrs. Jordan), and from Playden Brenda Linnett (Mrs. Burt) and Gwen Larkin (Mrs. Winter), Violet Vincett (Mrs. Noakes) came from Brookland, Mabel and Gladys Odell from St. Leonards and Louie Walsh (Mrs. Seeley) from Northiam. From Wittersham came Daisy Phillips (Mrs. Tracey) and from Warehorne Jessie Wenham (Mrs. Beeching). From further afield came Florrie Bristow (Mrs. Heather), Sevenoaks and the two sisters Christine Pankhurst (Mrs. Jewks) from Balham and Ethel Pankhurst (Mrs. Griffiths) from Bristol.

The last named suggested that addresses of Old Girls should be given in the Jubilee Magazine and Jessie Freeman (Mrs. Tighe) asked for news of her contemporaries so the following lists and note have been compiled.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS—1908-1928

PRE-WAR

Audrey Pankurst (Mrs. Buyce) who has been Home Sister at the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Ealing, was to marry an American business man in April and live in New Orleans.

Gladys Jeffery (Mrs. Kinsella) recalled Miss Stott's production of 'The Rivals' when she played Lydia Languish.

Nellie Haydon (Mrs. Whitford) hopes to be in Rye this summer.

Ena Roberts (Mrs. Southgate) was in the W.A.A.F. during the war, has a daughter, Jill, age fourteen and a son, Robert, age twelve.

Jessie Freeman (Mrs. Tighe) is still teaching at Bridport, has a son and daughter and two grand-children.

Elsie Pettitt has been teaching infants in Derby for over thirty years.

Christabel Farley (Mrs. Lane) taught till 1932 after gaining her L.L.A. St. Andrews (1st Honours English), married a Cambridge 'Blue' and Hockey International, and has two sons, one at Cambridge, one at Oxford.

Louie Walsh (Mrs. Seeley) has two boys at R.G.S.—the elder a promising runner.

Edith Burnham (Mrs. Spain) drove baker's and butcher's vans on Sedgemoor during the Second World War for three and half years. Her husband is a Civil Servant. They have one daughter and three grandchildren.

Gwen Plank (Mrs. Nartowicz), was in the W.A.A.F., married a Polish Pilot, and has a caravan at Udimore

Elizabeth Buss (Mrs. Jempson) is sadly crippled with rheumatism, but remains her usual cheerful self

Jenny Cooke is teaching in an independent school in Bexhill.

Catherine Cooke has been in charge at the Bexhill Telephone Exchange for twelve years

Connie Neeves (Mrs. Cook) could not come to Rye on February 10th as it was her daughter's birthday.

Joan Pape (Mrs. Harward) is a country parson's wife with a large Queen Anne Rectory, who copes with the Sunday School and does some book-reviewing.

Betty Hinge (Mrs. Collett) is married to a Prison Officer and has a boy of ten and a girl of five.

Margaret Hinge (Mrs. Atkinson) has a boy of five.

Constance Beney (Mrs. Evans) went to U.S.A., taught there and is now retired. Her brother and his wife visited R.G.S. on June 16th and brought news of her.

Bourne, Christine—Mrs. Noakes, 42 The Street, Appledore
Paine, Dorothy—Mrs. White, Winders, Peasmarsh
Bourne, Winifred—Mrs. Payne, The Garage, Wittersham
Rootes, Olive—Mrs. Reeves, Coplands Lane, Northiam
Cooke, Dorothy—Mrs. Baxter, Brookside, Camber
Phillips, Mary—The Jays, 48 Avondale Rd., Fleet, Hants
Martin, Connie—Mrs. Balfour Jones, Bantory Cottage, Grafton Lane, Orpington

Blackham, Elsie—Mrs. Bell, 113 Dymchurch Rd., Hythe
Wolfenden, Phoebe—Mrs. Merricks, Broad Street Farm, Icklesham
Moore, Molly—Mrs. Bennett, 48 Arthur Rd., Wimbledon Park, S.W.12

Nash, Edith—Mrs. Jordan, The Old Bakery, Iden
Roberts, Ena—Mrs. Southgate, 'Fairlight,' Bamford, Ipswich
Ellis, Marjorie—Mrs. Nyren, Roughwood, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells

Cooke, Catherine and
Cooke, Jenny—4 Cranston Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea
Fuller, Dorothy—Mrs. Clarke, Burleigh, 323 Benfleet Road, South Benfleet, Essex

James, Norah—Mrs. Feltham, 21 South Hill Park, Hampstead, N.W.3
Venner, Lois—'Eth-mo-lea,' Rock Lane, Guestling
Walsh, Louie—Mrs. Seeley, Three Chimneys, Station Rd., Northiam
Buss, Elizabeth—Mrs. Jempson, Bennetts Ridge, Peasmarsh
Horton, Margaret—Mrs. Rangecroft, 18 Strathaven Rd., Lee, S.E.12
Mossop, Amanda—Mrs. Moore, 55 Britains Lane, Sevenoaks
Taylor, Lily—Mrs. Harrison, Sunnyside, Burmarsh Road, Hythe
Wyborn, Betty—The Down School, Hove
Sands, Margaret—135 Wrotham Road, Gravesend
Jezzard, Marjorie—140 Lower Richmond Road, S.W.15
Wenham, Jessie—Mrs. Beeching, Spot House Farm, Warehorne
Crisford, Mary—Mrs. Moon, Heatherdene, Westonby Avenue, Amersham

Green, Patricia—299 Fulham Road, Chelsea, S.W.10
Kerr, Esmé—Mrs. Phillips, 103 Fairfax Rd., Teddington
Jezzard Dorothy—46 Maple Road, London Road, Maidstone
Breeze, Kathleen—Mrs. Wilkinson, 127 Tukes Avenue, Bridgemary, Gosport, Hants.

Jones, Deslys—Mrs. Turner, Vale Cottage, 53 Hillbury Road, Warlingham
Sanders, Edna—Mrs. Burnham, Sunnysdene, 138 High Street, Wootton, I.O.W.

Kempster, Daphne—Mrs. Lowrie, 37 Keir Hardie Avenue, Bootle 20
Morgan, Joan—Mrs. MacRae, 39 Station Road, Shipston-on-Sea, Warwickshire

Dunster, Gillian—Mrs. Mackenzie, Gypsy Corner, Radfall Road, Whitstable

Finch, Valerie—Mrs. Russell, 31 Langham Rd., Hastings
 Finch, Daphne—Mrs. Davis, Church Farm, Guestling
 Green, Rosalie—Mrs. Eldrid, St. Guthlac, Windmill Lane, East
 Grinstead
 Kerr, Rosemary—Mrs. Jupp, The Library Flat, Waldegrove Road,
 Teddington
 Ford, Betty—The Bank House, Southern Hospital, Dartford
 Holdstock, Janet—Mrs. Heritage, 44 Elmstone Road, Rainham, Kent
 Orford, Patricia—Mrs. Williams, Pen-y-Cae, Wales Farm, Plumpton
 Baker, Geraldine—Mrs. Braine, 19a Sunny Hill, Hendon
 Baker, Margaret—Mrs. Fraser, Stanhope, Broughton, Biggin,
 Lanarkshire
 Hulett, Joy—Mrs. Tait, 6 Fambridge Rd., Maldon
 Mouat, Betty—Mrs. Roberts, 'Mohawk,' Perrancombe, Perranporth,
 Cornwall
 Hulbert, Joyce—30 Bushey Grove Road, Bushey, Herts.
 Griffin, Barbara—Mrs. Wilson, 'Clovelly,' The Parade, Greatstone
 Metianu, Paulina—Broomhill Bank School, Rusthall, Southborough
 Bunkin, Ann—15 Tawny Avenue, Upminster, Essex
 Whiting, Pamela—Mrs. Russell, 33 Petters Rd., Ashstead, Surrey
 Dibley, Kitty—Mrs. Brighton, 12 Pixies Hill Rd., Hemel Hempstead,
 Herts.
 Standen Doreen—Mrs. Robinson, 8 St. James's Avenue, London, N.20
 Brann, Stella—Mrs. Moulton, 53 High Street, Tenterden
 Payne, Patsy—Mrs. Judge, New House, Hornash Lane, Shadoxhurst
 Foster, Mary—Mrs. Seiffert, 78 Davenport Road, Witney
 Baker, Pauline—Mrs. Menzies, 185 St. Mary's Road, Tonbridge
 Caister, Daphne—Mrs. Norton, 28 North Farm Rd., Tunbridge Wells
 Baker, Ann—Mrs. Arnold, Dansfield, Lydd Road, Camber
 Dive, Rosemary—Mrs. Barnes, Peasmarsh
 Fellows, Anne—Mrs. Locke, Fern Bank, Westfield
 Dabson, Myrtle—Mrs. Rhodes, Lynnfield, Winds Ridge, Send Hill,
 Send, Surrey
 Hinge, Mary—Mrs. Tubbs, Westaways, Westfield
 Foster, Irene—Mrs. Conners, 48 Edgeway Road, New Marston,
 Oxford
 Carter, Christine—Mrs. Caister, 20b South Road, Newhaven
 Swaine, Sheila—Mrs. Priestley, 'Beeches,' Staplehurst, Kent
 Ellis, Bridget—Mrs. Allen, 63 Redbreast Road, Moordown,
 Bournemouth
 Mercer, Julia—Mrs. Message, The Caravan, Rushlake Nurseries,
 Heathfield
 Mayhew, Dorothy—Mrs. Curtis, 7 Steele's Road, Hampstead, N.W.3
 Symonds, Valerie—Mrs. Lapraic, 265a Balham High Rd., S.W.17
 Weller, Julia—Mrs. Abrey, 12 East View, Brookland
 Balcombe, Margaret—Mrs. Dallaway, 33 Gillian Avenue, Aldershot

Standen, Cecilly and
 Standen Valerie—1 Meadow Lane, Fetcham, Surrey
 Pence, Rosemary—Mrs. Crouch, Martinshaw Cottage, Ewhurst, Sussex
 Brabon, Shirley—Mrs. Blair, 20c Woodsville Road, Singapore 13
 Traynor, Joy—Mrs. Manners, 1 Churchill Avenue, Aldershot
 Fellows, June—Mrs. Humphreys, 4 Forge Mead, Wittersham
 Lester, Janet—Mrs. Palmer, 9 Heathside, Appledore
 Hinge, Betty—Mrs. Collett, 22 Elder Avenue, Balue Lane, Wakefield
 Young, Sylvia—Mrs. Owen, Wain His, Glanamman, Ammanford,
 Carmarthen
 Hinge, Margaret—Mrs. Atkinson, Gate Farm, Beckley
 Spencer, Doris—Mrs. Wood, 18 Churchfield, Westfield
 Munday, Eileen—Mrs. Funnell, 2 Handy Street, Maidstone
 Hobden, Joan—Mrs. Fellows, Council Houses, Peasmarsh
 Hartill Dinah—Mrs. Blackman, 42 Aston Fields, Battle
 Padgham, Hetty—Mrs. Kimpton, Tarring Rd., West Worthing
 Elmes, Eileen—Mrs. Webb, Elmsley, Iden
 Richards, Gwyneth—Mrs. Parsons, Francisca, Grove Lane, Iden
 Vincett, Beatrice—Mrs. Biddiscombe, 107 Quantock Road, Bridgwater
 Vincett, Violet—Mrs. Noakes, King Farm, Brookland
 Terry, Julia—Mrs. Carpin, Stock Ridous, Henfield Lane, Bear Green,
 Dorking
 Turner, Philippa—Mrs. Ides, Westfield
 Terry, June—Mrs. Bowman, 19 Obury Place, High Street, Marylebone,
 W.1
 Pope, Jean—Mrs. Simons, 79 Delhi Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield,
 Middlesex
 James, Pamela—85b Park Lane, East Croydon
 Ide, Janet—Mrs. Barwood, Marlpit Cottages, Pelsham
 King, Kathleen—Mrs. Martin, Cossin Lodge, Cobham, Surrey
 Gill, Muriel—Mrs. Gutsell, St. Michael's C. of E. School, Withyham
 Ashdown, Phyllis—Mrs. Fowle, Wycombe, Grove Lane, Iden
 Arnold, Kathleen—Mrs. Hayward, 9 Brunel House, 105 Cheyne Walk
 S.W.1
 Ashdown, Hilda—Mrs. Luck, Little Groves, Grove Lane, Iden
 Phillips, Olive—41 West Way, Hove
 Farley, Joan—Mrs. Austen, Greenways, 14 Icknield Close, Wendover
 Mouat, Joan—Mrs. Guess, Valdene, Kingswood Rd., Shortlands,
 Bromley
 Coley, Jessie—Mrs. Job, 144 Melbourne Avenue, Ramsgate
 Baker, Noreen—Mrs. Laird, 7 Ladies' Mile, Knutsford
 Dengate, Peggy—Mrs. Burgess, Forge House, Court-at-Street,
 Lympne
 Dunster, Joyce—Mrs. Whiteman, Egg Hole, Peasmarsh
 Hoad, Joan—Mrs. Skinner, Puddock, Fairfield, Brookland, Kent
 Ansett, Rosemary—Mrs. Taylor, 17 Kenilworth Rd., St. Leonards
 Killick, Stella—Courtenay House, Kelly College, Tavistock, Devon

Stella Brann (Mrs. Moulton) has a Hairdressing business in Tenterden, has done St. John Ambulance and W.V.S. work, is a member of the Choral Society and has had exciting holidays in France, Italy, Austria, Spain and Switzerland, but envies Old Girls who have gone to Africa, Australia and America! Her father is an Old Boy who use to *walk* to School from Broomhill.

Marjorie Jezzard still with the Prudential Assurance Company has now moved into a flat of her own after living in a Staff house.

Joan Morgan (Mrs. MacRae) has two girls both doing well at Chipping Campden Grammar School and both good riders.

Irene Foster (Mrs. Conners) has lived in Oxford since her marriage in 1938. Her son is a Junior Technician in the Bio-Chemistry Laboratories, her daughter is at School, and her husband is with Morris Motors and is a Labour Councillor on the Oxford City Council.

Betty Mouat (Mrs. Roberts) has two girls of nine and seven, runs a Guide Company in Perranporth, and is a member of the Amateur Dramatic Group.

Stella Killick left Guy's Hospital two years ago and is now a Matron in a boys' boarding school.

Dorothy Jezzard is a Clerical Assistant with the Kent Probation Service and finds the work very interesting.

Beatrice Vincett (Mrs. Biddiscombe) has two children, Margaret, 9½, and Clive 6½. Her husband is in business in Bridgwater so they are near Mr. and Mrs. Broome.

Esmé Kerr (Mrs. Phillips) ran a Children's Library for St. Pancras Borough Council till 1951. She has a son, William (8) and a daughter, Kate (6).

Peggy Dengate (Mrs. Burgess) has been busy decorating her new home, enjoying the views over the Marsh to Rye, and looking after her two children, Stephen and Sally.

Sylvia Young (Mrs. Owen) lives on a smallholding high upon a Welsh mountain, bakes her own bread, has three daughters who speak Welsh but has not mastered the language herself.

Pat Green, after service in the W.R.A.F. and with B.E.A. spent a holiday grape-picking and a year learning about wine, is now director of a wine-selling company—Petits Chateaux Ltd.—and lectures to B.E.A. hostesses about wine and to other people about cheese also as she is a director of French Farmers Ltd., importing grain, fruit, vegetables and dairy produce.

Daphne Kempster (Mrs. Lowrie) has two small daughters (3½ and 1), is godmother to Joan Challis's daughter and sent news of her sister Nancy in Canada who has three children.

WARTIME

Kathleen King (Mrs. Martin) has one daughter, Ann.

Clare King is now Secretary for Medical Research after serving in W.R.N.S.

Isobel King is training at St. Helen's Hospital and hoping to be a Missionary Nurse.

Jean Pope (Mrs. Simons) taught in a L.C.C. Comprehensive School—now has daughter, Patricia Anne, age two, but has begun her studies again, German at evening classes.

Kitty Dibley (Mrs. Brighton) who, when teaching in Hertfordshire, met Miss Thomas (from Wall Hall Training College); has a daughter born on Whit Sunday.

Ann Fellows (Mrs. Locke) has a son, Jonathan, and a daughter, Susan. She still keeps in touch with her Bedford billetor, Mrs. Winter and receives news of the family, and of Bedford.

Doreen Standen (Mrs. Robinson) is still teaching Infants in the same London school.

Kathleen Batehup (Mrs. Bull) has three boys age seven, four and one. Her Mothercraft course at School has come in useful!

Pamela Whiting (Mrs. Russell) thought 'Mardi Gras' was Miss Dann's idea. She has two children age four and two. She sent along a very interesting 1941 diary.

Patsy Payne (Mrs. Judge) is a supply teacher in the Ashford area and has a son, John, age three.

Joy Hulett (Mrs. Tait) has a small daughter.

Pam James is working in the Foreign Office.

Anne Baker (Mrs. Arnold) is this year's President of Camber Women's Institute.

Deslys Jones (Mrs. Turner) married a Rugby International and Cambridge Blue, has three children and is Advertising Director of her husband's Car-Hire and Suction firm, having gained her Advertising Diploma in 1947.

Joyce Hulbert, having been Headmistress of Seventh Day Adventist Schools in Plymouth and Leeds, is now teaching Juniors in the Watford School she herself attended before coming to R.G.S.

Rosalie Green (Mrs. Eldrid) brought her two children, Sarah and Peter, to school during their New Year visit to Rye.

Helen Gill (Mrs. Paige), who has found the Midlands 'sodden' at times but never 'unkind,' has two children, and expects to be in Malvern for at least two more years.

POST WAR

Norma Rendall (Mrs. Wilson) is married to a member of the R.A.F. stationed in Cyprus.

Jessica Rendall hopes to come home from Wellington, New Zealand, this summer with her two children for a holiday.

Jane Tuely, after studying at the Central School of Arts and Crafts, is working with a City firm designing exhibition stands and showrooms.

Ursula Krauss (Frau Hentschel) has a small daughter and very often gives her husband 'an English dish' which she learnt to cook in Miss Green's D. Sc. classes.

Ida Orchard is working with an Insurance Company in London and is engaged to John Tidy.

Shirley Thorpe (Mrs. Batehup) and

Pamela Wilson (Mrs. Oldfield) both belong to Pett Dramatic Society

Hilary Webb is a Staff Nurse at the Royal East Sussex Hospital.

Barbara Griffin (Mrs. Wilson) is married to an ex-R.A.F. aero-engine fitter at Ferryfield.

Cecily Standen, after nursing in Australia for two years and seeing something of the Olympic Games in Melbourne, as well as Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland in a tour during which three months were spent in real bush country, is now a District Nurse in Surrey.

Rosemary Peirce (Mrs. Crouch) whose husband is a teacher at Benenden, has one daughter, Philippa.

Jean Smith (Mrs. Kerr) has two sons, Ian and Alan. Her husband is with the Rover Car Co. Jean was Lieutenant of local Guides.

Anne Lloyd (Mrs. White) is coming home on leave in July.

Sheila Saunders has been appointed in charge of Needlework and Housecraft at Wellingborough Technical High School

Pat Orford (Mrs. Williams) obtained a National Poultry Certificate at Plumpton, married the Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Machinery at the College and has two children, Joanna, four and Richard, one.

Daphne Caister (Mrs. Norton) is married to a Haulage Contractor in Tunbridge Wells and has two children.

Monica Partleton (Mrs. Glass) has two sons, Timothy, three and a half and Antony, two, and a daughter, Fiona Jane, born on March 11th.

Sheila Swaine (Mrs. Priestly) trained as a Pharmacist with Boots in Rye, Hastings and Tenterden and now is 'Secretary' to her husband who has a Brick & Tile Works.

Shirley Brabon (Mrs. Blair) whose husband is on a three year tour with the Admiralty in Singapore is working as a supervisor of the Hire-Purchase Department of a Car Firm with a staff of three Eurasians, five Chinese and three Malays, and has witnessed Malay, Chinese and Eurasian weddings and enjoyed many Chinese dinners of fifteen courses !

Elizabeth Jempson took her Final Chartered Accountants' Examination in May and is to be married on July 1st.

Janet Holdstock (Mrs. Heritage) has a daughter, Nicola.

Sybil Warner (Mrs. Gow) is the Clerical Assistant at Benenden Junior School, and gives piano lessons.

Sheelagh Curran (Mrs. Jenkinson) has two daughters, Christine (3), and Patricia (2).

Briget Ellis (Mrs. Allen) who has a daughter, Heather, trained at the Hastings Hotel & Catering School, worked in London and Eastbourne, and married a fellow student who is now Assistant Catering Manager for Bournemouth Corporation.

Dawn Messetter is now a Staff Midwife at the Buchanan Hospital.

Kathleen Mitchell (Mrs. Law) has nursed at Hastings, Wallingford and Henley and was recently a guest at an evening party at Buckingham Palace.

Eunice Diaper who is working as a model in Los Angeles recently appeared on American Television.

RECENT LEAVERS

- Maidie Stemp is on night duty at Royal East Sussex Hospital.
- Linda Tubbs enjoyed her first three weeks of Teaching Practice.
- Barbara Burrige is working as a Hair Stylist.
- Jane Forster who is with the Royal Canadian Air Force at Lac St. Denis sent for Mathematics text books to study for Advanced Level.
- Margaret Bourne working at Park Royal (Guinness's) attends Northampton College on Thursdays to study for the Statisticians' Examinations.
- Christine Wells will be doing School Practice in an East End School in June.
- Stephanie Lauder is working with the Royal Fine Art Commission in Westminster.
- Verity James has been busy with weekly tests which count towards 2nd M.B. Ch.B.
- Ruth Tidy is a Shorthand Typist with the Legal and General Assurance Company.
- Margery Odell, after six weeks basic training in the W.R.A.F. at Wilmslow has been doing her clerical training at Gredenhall and visited the school when she was on leave.
- Jennifer Catt is still working in a City Branch of Barclays Bank.
- Judith Dengate is enjoying her Secretarial Course at the Hastings & St. Leonards Technical College and went to Switzerland and Italy at Easter in a College party with Mrs. Krikorian who used to teach Commercial subjects at R.G.S.
- Rosemary Jenner is training as a nurse at St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham.
- Valerie Standen is a Comptometer operator in the Wages Department Ronson Products.
- Cathrine Layzell has visited a coal-mine, heard lectures by Dr. Vivian Fuchs and one of the senior scientists in the 'Nautilus,' and may do research work after her Finals.
- Pat Beckingham, after working at the Australasian Hospital of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, has been accepted for training at Lewisham Hospital.
- Beryl Coleman. After working in a boarding School for Spastics at Tonbridge, has recently begun Physiotherapy training at the West London School of Physiotherapy.

OLD GIRLS' ADDRESSES

This list is neither alphabetical nor chronological and is far from complete. No Rye nor Winchelsea addresses are given nor those of recent leavers.

- Jenkins, Dorothy Ellen—Mrs. Graves, 14c Upper Maze Hill,
St. Leonards
- Haydon, Nellie—Mrs. Whitford, 46 Brunswick Gdns., S.W.8
- Fletcher, Dorothy—Mrs. Crisford, 10 Willingdon Rd., Eastbourne
- Dunster, Marjorie—'Cresta,' 27 Poplar Rd., Wittersham
- Freeman, Jessie—Mrs. Tighe, 16 St. Swithin's Court, Bridport
- Burnham, Edith Mary—Mrs. Spain, 6 Weald Rise, Harrow Weald
- Pettitt, Elsie—Littleover, Derby
- Jempson, Lydia—Mrs. Muggridge, Tree View, School Lane, Peasmarsh
- Legg, Mildred—3 Abbey Green Battle
- Pankhurst, Christina—Mrs. Jewkes, 6 Howack Road, Balham, S.W.17
- Paine, Lois—Mrs. Borley, 12 Athelstan Rd., Clive Vale, Hastings
- Farley, Christabel—Mrs. Lane, Wychwood House, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxon.
- Monk, Eunice—Mrs. Peirce, The Firs, Staplecross
- Waterhouse, Ellaline—38 Queens Road, Chelmsford, Essex
- Plank, Gwendoline—Mrs. Nartowicz, 7 Merton Rise, Hampstead,
N.W.3
- Pankhurst, Mabel—18 Broomfield Street, Eastbourne
- Pankhurst, Ethel—Mrs. Griffiths, Lodge Huntworth, Church Road,
Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9
- Curtis, Phyllis—Mrs. M. Walker, "Tillingham," Trimden Village,
Co. Durham
- Smith, Dorothy—'Sunfold,' 42 Whitebridge Rd., Onchan. Isle of Man
- Pape, Joan—Mrs. Harward, Rock Rectory, nr Kidderminster, Worcs.
- Swift, Ann—Mrs. Baker, Flat 2, Pencester House, Pencester Road,
Dover
- Seeley, Winifred—Mrs. Brewer, Bonington Road, Dymchurch
- Phillips, Daisy—Mrs. Tracey, Robinswood, Budds Lane, Wittersham
- Odell, Mabel, and
- Odell, Gladys—65 Canute Road, St. Leonards
- Phillips, Clarice—Mrs. Gallup, 50 Selhurst Road, Woodingdean,
Brighton 7
- Monk, Gladys—Mrs. Smitheram, 533 Norwood Road, Norwood,
S.W.27
- Beney, Constance—Mrs. Evans, 14400 Dover Avenue, East Cleveland,
12, Ohio, U.S.A.
- Jeffrey, Gladys—Mrs. Kinsella, 49 Ashley Road, Hildenborough
- Beney, Nora—Mrs. Roads, 5 Risebridge Road, Gidea Park, Romford,
Essex
- Penny, Beatrice—Mrs. Smith, 9 St. Margaret's Road, Westgate-on-Sea
- Neeves, Connie—Mrs. Cooke, 55 Deacon Leas, Tonbridge
- West, Helen—Mrs. Goodwin, Hickstead, Iden

Waterhouse, Sylvia—6 King George Avenue, Petersfield, Hants
 Bateup, Kathleen—Mrs. Bull, 34 Upthorne Drive, Wantage, Berks.
 Messetter, Dawn—10 Athlone Court, 90/91 Marina, St. Leonards
 Barnes, Lilian—61 Oxford Road, St. Leonards
 Gill, Helen—Mrs. Paige, 62 Leighsinton Road, Malvern Link
 Prickett, Rita—Mrs. Simmons, 131 Milward Road, Hastings
 Bull, Margaret—Mrs. Metianu, Stock Trees, Preston Wyne, Hereford
 Elphick, Marjorie—Mrs. Moore-Wilson, Hill Top, 2 Upper Ashlyn
 Road, Berkhamsted
 Pattenden, Mary—Mrs. Goodsell, Staple Oak, Hecham Rd., Leicester
 Smith, Jean—Mrs. Kerr, 30 Kingscote Rd., Dorridge, Knowle,
 Warwicks.
 Warren, Sybil—Mrs. Gow, The Oast, Benenden
 Forster, Pat—Mrs. Halls, 208 Kedleston Rd., Derby
 Curran, Sheelagh—Mrs. Jenkinson, 1 Coronation Rd., Stony Stratford
 Tuely, Jane—21 Carlingford Rd., Hampstead, N.W.3

STAFF NEWS

Miss Davies who was the first Senior Mistress of Rye Grammar School, 1908-1911, is living in retirement at 34 Boscobel Road, St. Leonards. She was unable to visit the School on Shrove Tuesday but sent photographs of herself and the first girls and of the Cycling Club for the Jubilee Exhibition.

Miss Seed is living with her sister at Orchard Close, Hawthorn Rd., Lincoln and hopes to visit Rye this year.

Mrs. Charnley-Karr who suffered a great shock in the sudden death of Miss Wagg (Senior Mistress 1918-1924) during her visit to Winchelsea in December, 1958, has been in Bermuda and met her son there.

Mrs. Scripps (Miss Braithwaite) who has two sons and one grandchild, lives in Pembury.

Mrs. Belton (Miss Rodgers) who has two children, John and Sally, lives in Swindon but spends part of each summer holiday in the Rye district.

Miss Thomas is now on the Staff of Wall Hall Training College, Aldenham, Herts.

Miss Letcher who lives in Ilford is on the Staff of the Beal Grammar School for Girls.

Mrs. Elliott (Miss Stevens) lives in Egham. Both Stephen and Cathy go to school now.

Mrs. Gardiner (Miss Hill) is the wife of a Baptist Minister at Barlestone, and has two children, Jane and Andrew.

Miss Green is enjoying her retirement, at Minchinhampton, when not on 'holiday' at Stratford or Harrogate or the Lake District or Rome.

Miss Merry has retired and is still living at Winchelsea Beach.

Miss Fairbanks is still on the staff of Eastbourne High School.

Miss Collings is Senior Mistress and Deputy Head of a fast-growing new Grammar School at Rickmansworth.

Miss Cashmore should be home on furlough from Uganda this year.

Miss Vincett was engaged to, and is now probably married to, the mate of 'Mayflower' II.

Miss Diaper is still on the staff of Maldon Grammar School.

Miss Hague, who was in Rye at Easter, is teaching near her home at Hoyland.

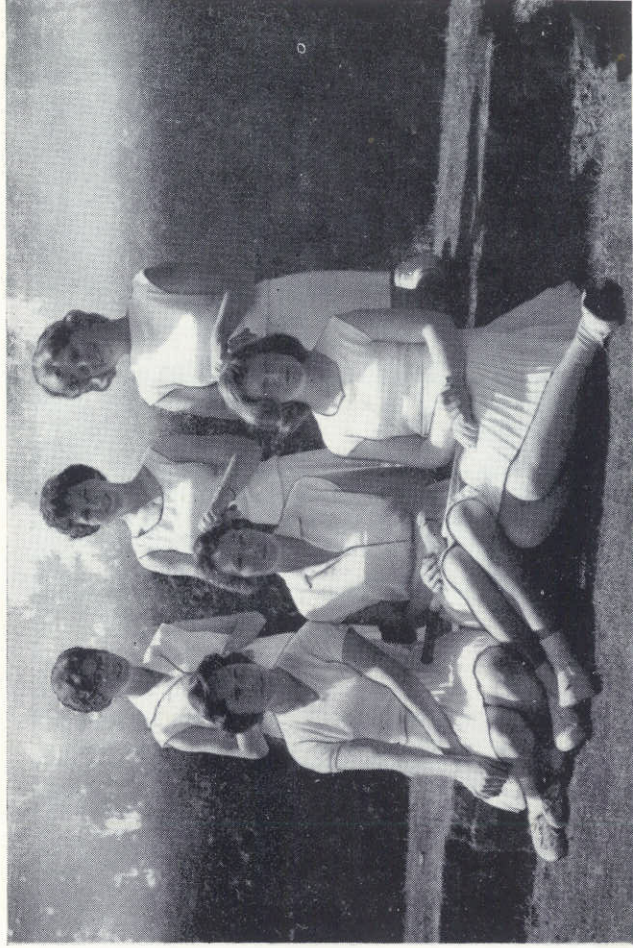
Miss Cannings is to marry Dr. Donald Edbrooke on June 13th.

Monica Pearson Geraldine Saunders Mary Small





1st Cricket XI



1st Tennis VI