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## EDITORIAL

Pursuing our policy of using the Rhodes Newsletter to try to keep Old Rhodians in touch with Rhodes, and at the same time to revive happy memories, we have in this issue tried to combine the past with the present, and to suggest something for the future. Earlier in the year you received a copy of the Vice-Chancellor's Address presented at the Graduation Ceremony and giving the official account of life at Rhodes. In this Newsletter we have presented what might be called the "unofficial" account.

We should very much appreciate criticism and suggestions from O.R.'s. Our Newsletter is a youthful publication, and like all infants it is trying to find its feet. It would like guidance on the path it is to follow. Send, then, comments, criticisms and ideas to the Editors. We should also like to have as much news of O.R.'s as possible. Our "News of Old Rhodians", a new feature of the letter, has been included at the request of many members. Help us to make it worthwhile.

In this issue much is said about the Golden Jubilee Celebrations which take place in September, 1954. We hope that all O.R.'s will make a special effort to be with us then, to celebrate, to visit old haunts, and, of course, to tell us those "I remember . . ." anecdotes.

We must apologise for the late appearance of the Newsletter. We had to overcome the difficulty of finding temporary editors. Our Editor-in-Chief, Dr. "Ed." Verdier, is at present enjoying long leave in the Pyrenees. His original co-editor, Dr. Seary, who left Rhodes to occupy the chair of English at Bagdad, is now at the University of St. John in Newfoundland. Your temporary editors had to wait for the vacation to complete their task.

J.A.G.  
M.G.R.



## **GOLDEN JUBILEE OF RHODES UNIVERSITY**

1954 marks the fiftieth year since the founding of Rhodes. It is fitting, therefore, that it should be a year of celebration. A University Committee has been at work for some time on the programme. In order that as many O.R.'s as possible can attend, it has been decided to hold the celebrations, not on Founder's Day, but from Friday to Sunday, the 24th to 26th September—the end of the Government Schools' term.

We shall outline here the tentative programme. The University will be sending out information to all Old Rhodians in good time.

On the morning of Friday, the 24th of September, there will be a Graduation Ceremony at which Honorary Degrees will be conferred—to be followed by an official luncheon for the Honorary Graduates.

On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, the University Departments will be thrown open to visitors. There will be exhibitions of work, demonstrations and, possibly, a Physical Education Display. Visitors will be taken on conducted tours of the University.

On Friday evening we shall be entertained by the Dramatic Society. Alas, the Great Hall is no longer there, but we shall still be able to revive memories of the past triumphs of the Rhodes stage!

At 2.30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon we propose to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union, at which the new Constitution and the future policy of the Union will be discussed. The committee is hoping to arrange a Rugby match. This should give some enterprising O.R. stalwarts an opportunity of teaching the young 'uns the genuine old War Cry which, we hear, has undergone some changes for the worse since the Good Old Days.

On Saturday evening the Golden Jubilee Ball will be held in the City Hall.

On Sunday morning a University Service will be held at one of the City's churches and in the afternoon the University will hold a reception.

On Sunday evening, the recently formed Rhodes Chamber Choir, which has had such outstanding successes at its recent appearances in several Eastern Province towns, will give a concert.

There will be a certain amount of accommodation available in the University residences. The Registrar is also prepared to book accommodation at the Hotels, if requested to do so. Those who wish to come must apply early.

### **How does the Old Rhodian Union propose to mark the event?**

At the Silver Jubilee Celebrations in 1929, it was decided to found a Bursary which would help, in particular, the sons and daughters of O.R.'s to go to Rhodes. This Bursary has helped many students. The O.R. Committee now feels that the time has come to establish a second really worthwhile bursary, to be called the Golden Jubilee Bursary. Besides increasing the value of the Silver Jubilee Bursary to £40 p.a., the Committee has, from investing Life Subscriptions, a nucleus for a second bursary, already giving interest of £21 p.a.

The Committee thinks that all O.R.'s would like to make a concerted effort in the Jubilee Year to establish such a bursary—particularly those bursars and scholars who themselves were helped through their university careers by the bursaries and scholarships they held. It is proposed to bring the matter up for discussion at the Annual General Meeting. Old Rhodians who cannot be present should send their suggestions (and all O.R.'s their donations) to the Hon. Treasurer of the Union.



## **NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENTS OR SECRETARIES, LOCAL BRANCHES O.R.U.**

*Grahamstown:* Mrs. E. E. A. Gledhill (Hon. Secretary), Rhodes University.

*Cape Town:* Mr. L. Burman (Hon. Secretary), P.O. Box 27.

*Durban:* Mr. D. Morris (President), c/o Psychology Department, Natal Education Department, Electron House, Acutt Street or P.O. Box 902.

*East London:* Mr. E. Kohler (President), "Green Gables", Bonnie Doon Place or P.O. Box 73.

*Johannesburg:* Mr. R. B. F. Heath (Hon. Secretary), African Explosives & Chemical Industries, Ltd., 45, Main Street.

*Kimberley:* Mr. L. H. G. Shuttleworth (Hon. Secretary), P.O. Box 21.

*Port Elizabeth:* Mrs. A. Sharwood (President), "Chatten", MacIntosh Road.

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## **BURSARIES AND PRIZES**

The Union has found it possible to award two bursaries for 1954, one to Miss Yvonne Brooks and the other to Miss Joan Shephard.

The first award of the Lilian Britten Memorial Prize has been made to Miss Sheila Gillespie, for distinctive work in Botany during 1953.

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## **THE CHANGING FACE OF RHODES**

So many O.R.'s have asked us questions such as "What's happened to Dew Drop Inn?" and "Where is Kaif now?" that we thought you would be interested to come on a "Cook's Tour" of Rhodes with us, to see what has happened since you left. We shall take you in hand in front of the Drostdy Gate, and we shall assume that you last saw Rhodes in 1929, the Silver Jubilee Year.

The first thing you will notice as we walk under the arch is that the old Drostdy (Piet Retief's House) is no longer there. Instead there is the Administrative Block, with its clock tower and the University Library; the view down High Street from the top of the tower is well worth seeing. You will notice that the grounds have been laid out in a wide arc, new trees have been planted, and that vehicles are no longer allowed to pass through the Drostdy Gate.

If we turn to the right in front of the tower, we see one of the men's halls, Drostdy Hall. This residential unit contains Graham House, facing on to Prince Alfred Street, Drostdy Dining Hall, ahead of us, and Struben House a little further up Artillery Road. In front of the dining hall is a large expanse of grass which is the favourite venue for University Garden Parties, open-air fetes, between-swatting cricket matches, etc.

We turn up Artillery Road. The red brick building on our left, which you will remember as the library, later became the Maths. Department's home, and is now the main Zoo. Lab. Further along on the same side, the old Zoo. Lab., now Prof. J. L. B. Smith's Ichthyology Department, is the home of the second coelacanth, so that it retains much of its old association with the odour of dogfish, albeit on a grander scale! Let us turn left again at the corner and walk up University Avenue. A large new building opposite the town tennis courts, contains the Geology Department and the General Lecture Theatre, which seats 400. The old Geology buildings are given over to the Chemistry Department, and the Chemists even spread across the road and perform their mysteries in the old Kaif, now the Physical Chemistry Laboratory.

Behind these old Geology buildings rises the new wing built on to the Botany Building, once the Registrar's office. This block forms the Schonland Botanical Laboratory, and the old part of it, which you can see if you walk round the corner, has been declared a National Monument because Parliament sat there on the one occasion when it met in the Eastern Cape, when Lord Charles Somerset was Governor.



Walking on again, we pass the old Annexe, once the home of second-year women. It has had a chequered career. First it was the gymnasium, then the Music Department, then the Social Anthropology Department, and now it is part of the Zoology Department. Dew Drop Inn, home of many a happy super-senior, has passed away and over its grave stands Beit House, now chief house of Oriel Hall. The other members of this hall are familiar, Jameson and Oriel.

Across the road from Beit House, where the Great Hall used to be, stands John Kotze House; and further along, at the corner, you will no longer see Sir John Adamson's house: in its place stands Phelps House. Between these two women's residences is a new dining hall serving Phelps, John Kotze and Olive Schreiner Houses, together called St. Mary's Hall.

Going down the hill, Milner House is still there, but is let at present to members of staff and the public. Opposite Milner, on our right, is the Sanatorium, and in a complementary position further down Artillery Road is Olive Schreiner House, built as part of St. Mary's Hall but at present doing duty as the Music Department. If you walk along in front of Milner House you can see Jan Smuts Dining Hall a little way up the hill, and behind it Livingstone House, home of the Theologs. Down by the old P.E. road is Jan Smuts House, largest of the residences for men, and chief House of Jan Smuts Hall. And away on the hill, over towards the Prince Alfred Infirmary, you can see the Leather Industries Research Institute and the S.A. Wool Textiles Research Institute. The new Gymnasium is where the men's hockey field used to be, facing on to African Street.

As we walk down past College House and turn towards town at the bottom of the hill, you will notice two new members of Founders Hall. They are Cory House and Matthews House. Botha House is the remaining member of the Hall. Down on the sports fields The Grove, once one of the high spots of senior life, is now used only for storing equipment. The old Graham House has been demolished to make way for the new Great Hall. Finally we turn in at what should be the Railway Orphanage, if your reckoning is correct. But no, such is the changing face of Rhodes that we are taking you at last to Kaif! There we will leave you to reminisce over a cup of tea and a sandwich or two.

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## THE FUNDS OF THE O.R.U.

### 1. The Development Fund.

Have you ever wondered exactly what happens to the money which you subscribe to the O.R.U.? In this series of articles the Hon. Treasurer will explain the various ways in which the Union receives its income, and how the money is used. This first article concerns the Development Fund because your Committee has recently been discussing this particular fund and hopes to change its purpose, if consent is given at the next Annual General Meeting.

The "Special Fund" was started at the Annual General Meeting in 1935, when Professor Bowles, the Master, explained the urgent need for increasing the income of the College. Old Rhodians were to be asked to contribute to the fund; one of the suggested ways was by signing a bank stop order for £1 a year. It was agreed that those contributing in this way should be members of the Union, and that after 15 years they should automatically become life members. The money raised was to be paid to the College without any restrictions as to its use, but the College Council would make a grant of about half-a-crown in the pound to the Union.

The progress of the scheme can be traced from the yearly financial statements presented to the Union by Miss Britten. Nearly £260 was paid to the College in 1936, but just over £70 in each of 1937 and 1938; in the latter year speakers at the Annual



General Meeting noted with regret that the fund was petering out, and asked the Committee to try and revive it. The name was changed to "The Old Rhodian Development Fund" in anticipation, but the average for later years was only £33. Nevertheless, by 1951, nearly £800 had been paid into the General Revenue Fund of the College.

Contributions to the fund in 1953 consisted only of 16 of the original bank stop orders which are still in operation. In accordance with the instructions of the 1935 General Meeting this has been paid into the University General Revenue Fund.

Your Committee considers that it would be a very good move to use the income from the fund to increase the capital invested in its bursary funds. This proposal will be laid before the Annual General Meeting in February, 1954. Elsewhere in this issue the proposal is mentioned that the O.R.U. should mark the 50th Anniversary of the College by increasing the value of the second bursary from £21 to a more substantial amount, and calling it the "Golden Jubilee Bursary". Your Treasurer suggests that contribution to this fund, particularly by stop order, is one of the most worthwhile ways in which an Old Rhodian can participate in the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

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### **SOME ACTIVITIES AT RHODES DURING 1953**

Prof. Rennie, who acted as Principal during the absence of Dr. Alty, has kindly provided us with a short summary of some of the more important changes at Rhodes during 1953. From his report we glean that the building of the new Great Hall is now definitely scheduled for 1954; that the S.A. Wool Textiles Research Institute is now permanently at Rhodes; that it is hoped to commence work on the new Entomological Research Laboratory in 1954 as soon as the necessary sum has been raised; and that Founder's Dining Hall re-opened with entirely re-conditioned kitchens during the third term of 1953, after having been closed for four years as an economy measure.

Staff changes during 1953 include several new appointments. Dr. P. MAYER is Professor of Social Anthropology, succeeding Prof. A. R. Radcliffe-Brown, who has remained on as Hugh Le May Fellow for 1953. Dr. Mayer has doctorate degrees from Oxford and Heidelberg and has had extensive field experience in East Africa. Dr. G. GRUBER is Lecturer in Music, replacing Mr. Hubert du Plessis. He is from Vienna and is a noted authority on Mozart; he is very keen on choral work (having conducted the Vienna Boys' Choir), and has formed a Chamber Choir composed wholly of Rhodes Students, which has been enthusiastically acclaimed in the Eastern Province.

Mrs. W. A. MAXWELL replaced Dr. Southgate as Senior Lecturer in History, and with the departure of Professor Roberts she was appointed Professor of History. She was on the temporary staff during and after the war and was lately at Natal University.

SIR CHARLES CUMINGS, an old Rhodian and Rhodes Scholar, has been appointed Lecturer in Law after his retirement from the British Colonial Service. He has had an outstanding career in the Sudan, where he was Chief Justice and has served as Acting Governor-General.

Mr. H. M. ROBERTS occupies the new post of Senior Lecturer in Accounting. He is a graduate of Wits University and was on the staff at Potchefstroom University.

Mr. A. EWAN came from a Native Training Institution in Natal to succeed Mr. Lloyd-Evans as Lecturer in Art. His wife is an old Rhodian (Dorothea Clarke).

Mr. K. G. CROSS and Mr. D. DAVISON, from Trinity College, Dublin, and Sheffield University, respectively, joined the staff in 1953 as Lecturers in English.



New appointments for 1954 include:—

**THE REV. DR. N. H. G. ROBINSON** to succeed the Rev. Dr. Horton-Davies as Professor of Divinity. Dr. Horton-Davies has accepted an appointment at Mansfield College, Oxford. His successor is a minister of the Church of Scotland, and has had a brilliant career as student, writer and church administrator.

**Dr. R. H. SIMPSON** to succeed Mr. Sumner as Lecturer in Classics. He comes from the University of North Wales.

**Mr. D. G. BETTISON**, an old Rhodian who returned last year to work on a doctorate thesis, to succeed Miss Stoker, who retired at the end of 1953.

Rhodians everywhere will be sorry to hear that Professor **MICHAEL ROBERTS** has resigned to take up an appointment as Professor of History at Queen's University, Belfast. As Professor of History for 18 years he had almost become an institution at Rhodes, and will be greatly missed by all.

**Dr. T. ALTY**, the Vice-Chancellor, attended the Commonwealth Universities Conference at Cambridge in July, and remained overseas on long leave. He received an Honorary D.C.L. at Durham and an Honorary LL.D. at Glasgow. Later he went to the U.S.A. at the invitation of the Carnegie Corporation of New York to study University Administration in the U.S.A.

Professor **GUY BUTLER** has been awarded a Nuffield Travelling Fellowship for 1954 and will make Oxford his headquarters.

Professor **W. F. BARKER** has been made an Honorary Life Member of the International Society of Leather Trades Chemists (S.A. Section).

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### **DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR THE OLD RHODIAN UNION**

We now publish, for your criticism and comments, the draft of the new Constitution. All suggestions should be sent to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible, so that they may be included in the discussion at the Annual General Meeting to be held during the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

1. The name of the Society shall be **THE OLD RHODIAN UNION**.
2. **MEMBERSHIP** of the Union shall be open, upon payment of the subscription, to:
  - (a) past students who have attended, for at least one year, a course of study of university standard in a department of Rhodes University or Rhodes University College;
  - (b) other past students who may be admitted on application to the Committee;
  - (c) past and present members of the University tutorial staff;
  - (d) the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and the Wardens of the hostels;
  - (e) other persons connected with the University who, having been nominated by any two members of the Union, have been accepted at a General Meeting.
3. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** of the Union may be conferred upon candidates recommended by the Committee by resolution at a General Meeting.
4. The **SUBSCRIPTION** to the Union shall be:—

10	0	for one year;
£2	2	0 for five years;
£5	5	0 for life.
5. The **OFFICERS** of the Union shall be:—an Honorary President, a President, two Honorary Vice-Presidents, an Active Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer.



6. (a) The COMMITTEE shall consist of the Officers of the Union, the Vice-Chancellor or Chairman of Senate (*ex-officio*) and five other members of the Union. The Chairman of the Students Representative Council or his representative shall be invited to be present at all meetings of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall meet at least twice a year.
- (c) Five members shall form a quorum of the Committee.
- (d) Voting at Committee meetings shall be as at General Meetings, except that voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
- (e) The Committee shall have power:—
  - (i) To fill vacancies which may occur during the year;
  - (ii) To co-opt additional persons for special purposes;
  - (iii) To nominate representatives on other bodies as may be necessary;
  - (iv) To administer the funds of the Union;
  - (v) To select recipients for the Bursaries and Prizes awarded by the Union;
  - (vi) To take any steps necessary to issue the publications of the Union;
  - (vii) To conduct any other business which it deems to be within its powers, subject to the by-laws and any directions which have been given at a general meeting.
7. The EXECUTIVE of the Union shall consist of:—the President, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. The accounts of the Union shall be entrusted to this executive, any two of whom shall have full authority to operate such accounts.
8. (a) An ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING shall normally be held towards the end of each year, but may be held at other times in special circumstances.
- (b) When he is present, the President shall be Chairman at the Annual General Meeting; otherwise a Chairman shall be elected.
- (c) The purposes of this meeting shall be:—
  - (i) To receive the Annual Report from the President;
  - (ii) To receive and approve a Balance Sheet and a report of the financial affairs of the Union since the last Annual General Meeting;
  - (iii) To appoint Auditors for the following year;
  - (iv) To elect officers for the following year;
  - (v) To confer Honorary Membership;
  - (vi) To conduct other general business.
- (d) Notice of the place and time of the meeting shall be given in writing to each member of the Union at least fourteen days beforehand.
- (e) VOTING on every resolution shall be determined by a show of hands, provided that each member present shall have the right to call for a ballot. Every resolution duly passed shall be binding upon every member of the Union. Absent members of the Union may vote by proxy, but no member present may carry more than ten proxy votes. In case of an equality of votes on any matter the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberate vote.
9. A GENERAL MEETING may be called provided that the Committee shall have received a petition to this effect signed by at least ten members of the Union. Voting at General Meetings shall be the same as for Annual General Meetings.
10. Thirty days' notice of any proposed motion rescinding a resolution of a previous General Meeting shall be given in writing to every member of the Union.
11. (a) An AMENDMENT to this Constitution may be made only at a General Meeting at which five sixths of the votes given, both directly and by proxy, are in favour of the amendment.
- (b) Thirty days' notice of any proposed alteration in the Constitution shall be given in writing to every member of the Union.



## **THE RETIREMENT OF PROFESSOR HAWORTH**

Since the publication of the last Newsletter, Professor Peter Haworth, M.A. Ph.D., B.Litt. (Oxon.), retired from Rhodes where he had been head of the English Department for twenty years.

Prof. Haworth received his early training at Manchester University, and then, from 1912 to 1914 was a Lektor at Innsbruck University, where he received his doctorate. His appointment to a lectureship at Bristol University was interrupted by four years of war service, first in the infantry and later at the War Office. He returned to Bristol in 1919, and, except for a year as Heath Harrison Scholar at the University of Oxford, he remained there until 1932, when he accepted the Chair of English at Rhodes.

Well do we remember the dynamic personality that burst into the English lecture room that year. Very few of us dreamed of cutting an English lecture, for the Scholar that was Professor Haworth made English Literature a fascinating study as he strode about the room lost in his work.

Not only is he well known to the generations of students who passed through his hands, but he was well known to the wider public, having delivered many University extension lectures in Port Elizabeth, East London and other Eastern Province towns. During his tenure of the Chair at Rhodes, he published an Anthology of "Humour From Dickens" and an edition of Trollope's "South Africa", in addition to articles and essays. Prof. Haworth was the University's first Public Orator, and presented the Honorary Graduands at the Inaugural Ceremony.

He continues to take an interest in all things Rhodian and has been elected Vice-President of the Cape Town Branch of the Old Rhodian Union.

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## **DEATH OF PROFESSOR DINGEMANS**

It was with great regret that we learned of the death in England of Professor G. F. Dingemans. An appreciation of his life and work at Rhodes will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter.

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## **NEWS OF OLD RHODIANS**

### **DURBAN BRANCH.**

The Editors were delighted to receive a lively account of Old Rhodian doings from Mr. "Spike" D. Morris, Chairman of the Durban Branch.

"We take this opportunity to send our greetings to Old Rhodians elsewhere, and to assure them that the Old Rhodian Society is entering its fourth year of existence and would appear to be well-established, with every reason to believe that it will enjoy ever widening support as time passes . . . Already about 150 addressees are circularized for Socials and other meetings; so much so that resort was made to capitalization and a Roneo machine purchased to lighten the enormous amount of work that had become the Secretary's share.

"Old Rhodians visiting Durban have been aided in contacting old friends and acquaintances during their stay, and future visiting Old Rhodians are warmly invited to make use of this aspect of the Society's facilities.

"On September 12th last, the Society met to celebrate the Founders' Day tradition (in the Good Old Style) as in the days before Prohibition. The War Cry was led by none other than Mr. D. C. FitzSimons, of the Durban Snake Park (genuine).



“... for the coming year Vice-Chairman is Mr. Woodland Jeffries and Committee Members are Messrs. D. C. FitzSimons and Percy F. Green.

“We accordingly wish present Rhodians every success in the coming Trials, and Rhodes itself we salute: ‘*Kwauk, Demmet, eRhodes!*’ ”

#### EAST LONDON BRANCH.

*Mr. Eric Kohler*, the President of the Local Branch, and *Mrs. Kohler*, gave a party on Founders’ Day. Among those present were *Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Meaker*, *Miss “Mud” Moorshead*, *Miss Joyce Welsh*, *Mr. and Mrs. Geldenhuys*, and *Mr. T. B. Scott* (Cambridge High School Staff); *Mr. and Mrs. Cawood Meaker* (East London Tech.), *Charles Prior* (Selborne College), *Mr. and Mrs. Whitnall*, *Mr. and Mrs. “Pip” Moorshead*, *Mrs. O. Dreyer*, *Mr. C. K. Rowland*, *Otto Rein*, *Sally Hall*, *Ronald Prosser* (Evening Post), *Richard Gaylord*, *Mrs. A. Munnik*, *Patricia Farrell* and *Graham Baker*.

It was a most successful party. Much time was spent in cheerful reminiscence.

*Alan Barker*, *George Pearson*, *Tony Simms* and *Reg Russell* are all teaching at Selborne and “*Pansy*” *van Rooyen* is at Cambridge High.

#### CAPE TOWN BRANCH.

Founders’ Day gathering was held at the Hotel Cecil, where about 70 of the 250 O.R.’s belonging to the Cape Town Branch were present. A message of sympathy was sent to *Mrs. Ribbink (Dulcie Cory)*, who missed her first Founders’ Day gathering for many years as a result of a motor accident. *H. Selge* was elected President and *Prof. Haworth* and *E. de Villiers* Vice-Presidents. *Leon Burman* was elected Secretary.

*C. V. Ashmead* is Technical Manager of Pan-African Tanneries Ltd. in Bloemfontein. His wife, *Rhona MacCuaig*, is teaching English at a High School in the city.

*Leon Burman* is Chief Examiner in the Surveyor-General’s Office in Cape Town.

*Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark (Mary Smyth)* live in Umtali, where he is teaching.

*C. C. Clarke* is a General Dealer at Mvume Springs, near Umtata.

*Barbara Cornelius* married *Colin Dowell* last July; she is continuing to teach Botany at Durban Girls’ College.

*Jeffrey E. Cullis* hopes to finish in 1956 an eight-year course at St. Thomas’s Hospital, London, where he has so far passed all examinations top of his class.

*Michael John Dalton*, married and with two children, is in the Nyasaland Police at Ncheu.

*Elaine Danckwerts* and *Marg. Hodkin* are teaching on the staff of the Girls’ High School, Barnarto Park, Johannesburg.

*R. E. D. D’Arcy* is Senior Professional Assistant to the Solicitor-General in Grahamstown.

*W. H. D. Deacon* is farming at Alexandria, and says “I find the alternate saturation of floods and dehydration of droughts conducive to the study of Patience and Fortitude”.

*Philippa T. Dechow* is in the Town Clerk’s Office in Bulawayo.

*E. S. de Swardt* is a Chartered Accountant practising at George.

We received a most amusing letter from *Peter G. de Vries*. He took B.A. (Law) in 1935 and LL.B. when he returned in 1939. In 1943 he came first in the Union in the final of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. He now has also the B.Com. and B. Econ. degrees. After leaving Rhodes, he won the W.P. two miles championship several years running and in 1938 won the S.A. two mile steeplechase title. He became chairman of the Transvaal Athletic Advisory Board in 1949.



*Agnes Dick*, who is in charge of the Library at the Wits. Medical School, attended the International Conference of Medical Librarians in London.

*Mrs. and Mrs. Ken G. Dimbleby (Alice Carter)* live in Port Elizabeth, where he is on the staff of the Eastern Province Herald.

*Bernard Farrer* is Lecturer in Classics at the University of Natal.

Congratulations to *Ian Ferguson* who is the 1953-4 President of the S.A. Teachers' Association. His Presidential Conference will be held in Grahamstown in June and he hopes to renew acquaintance with Rhodes.

*Hugh Finn* is Science Master at the Allan Wilson Technical High School in Salisbury. Other O.R.'s on the staff are *Ron Gracie*, *Lewis Jenkins* and *Mrs. Light (Beryl Parry)*.

*Malcolm R. G. Foggo* is in the Standard Bank, Cape Town.

*Mrs. Gebbie (Joyce Peachey)* is living at White River.

*Mrs. Gordon Gilfillan (Madeleine Allison)* lives at Conway, C.P.

*Dr. "Tich" Gledhill*, Hon. Treasurer of the O.R.U., married *Dr. Eily Archibald*, Hon. Secretary, in 1953. He is on the staff at Rhodes.

*W. B. Goldschmidt* is the Chief Chemist for the Mazoe Citrus Estate.

*M. A. M. Graham* has been Chemist for the Construction Supervisory Staff of the Aden Petroleum Refinery since February 1953.

*H. J. Greeff* lives in the Willowmore district.

*Irene Barbara Harrison* is a Chartered Accountant in Bloemfontein.

*L. Hobson* is farming citrus in the Letaba District. *P. N. Kingwell* is farming near Middelburg, *John G. Kirkman* in the Steytlerville District, *Leo Miles* near Kei Mouth, *E. C. Randell* near Ermelo, *S. Steinman* in the Wolmaranstad District and *I. E. Trinder-Smith* at Meadows, O.F.S.

*N. R. M. Impey* is in the Research Department of African Explosives and Chemical Industries at Modderfontein.

*Woodland Jeffryes* is a Surveyor in Durban.

*Mrs. Kennard (Valerie E. C. Potter)* lives on a tobacco farm near Odzi, Southern Rhodesia.

*Jean Kiddie* is living in Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.

*E. V. N. Kohler*, President of the East London Branch of the O.R.U., is a Director of various companies operating in the building trade.

*William Lane*, in the Legal Department of the Rand Mutual Assurance Co. Ltd., lives in Johannesburg.

*Mrs. Leary (Angela Farrer)* is now living in Cape Town.

*Rolf Lippstreu*, who is Managing Director of the Pioneer Motors Holding Group of Companies, is living in Port Elizabeth. He is married to *Sue Puth*.

*G. R. Luyt*, who married *Jeanne Cheze-Brown* in February, 1953, is employed as Works Chemist by the Premier Portland Cement Co., Bulawayo.

*Mrs. E. J. Marais (nee Rex)* is at present a Lecturer at the Wits. Technical College, Benoni Branch.

*M. J. Metelerkamp* is an Attorney in Pretoria.

*Peter Miles* is studying for his Ph.D. in Entomology at Cambridge.



*Dr. A. A. Morris* is Resident Research Chemist for the Frobisher Farms Ltd., Mazoe, Southern Rhodesia.

*Joan Morris* is teaching music and will be at the Victoria Girls' High School in Grahamstown from 1954.

*G. B. Muller* is an Advocate in Durban.

*Miss E. J. Norris* is living in Mtubatuba, Zululand.

*The Rev. Erik J. Pedersen* is the Methodist Minister at Fort Beaufort.

*Peter Ponsonby* is Science and Maths. master at the Grey High School, Port Elizabeth.

*Jennifer Ann Evered Poole* is to be married to Mr. D. G. Smith and from May 1954 will be living at Tabora, Tanganyika.

*Richard J. Powell* is in the Native Affairs Department in Shamva, S. Rhodesia

*The Rev. Hugh J. Pringle* is Rector and Archdeacon of Kokstad.

*A. G. Retief* is a Land Surveyor in Potchefstroom.

*Mrs. Ribbink (Dulcibel M. Cory)* is living in Cape Town where her husband was formerly Librarian of Parliament for 28 years.

*Mr. and Mrs. George Rich ("Flop" Fyvie)* are living at Walmer. He is a Company Director in Port Elizabeth.

*Mrs. Roche ("Kiki" Rhodes-Harrison)* says she is a housewife rearing two small daughters at Wepener, O.F.S., where *Bill Roche* is a Chartered Accountant and Inspector of Basutoland Trading Stations for Frasers Ltd.

*G. V. Schaap* says he is at present sweating in the Native Affairs Department in Salisbury.

*A. L. Schaffer* is the Magistrate at Keiskama Hoek.

*Unus Scheepers* is teaching at Graeme College, Grahamstown.

*Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Selfe (Joan Rogers)* are living in Cape Town, where he is teaching on the staff of the Diocesan College.

*Olive Siggs*, who retired some years ago as Principal of the Rhenish Girls' High School, is teaching at Mbale in Uganda.

*Dr. W. F. Skaife*, who was a St. Andrew's Rhodes Scholar in 1911, retired in 1951, after 22 years in the Natal Provincial Hospital Service.

*Mr. and Mrs. Ridley Stapleton (Marion Currell)* are living in Stutterheim, where he is a Surveyor.

*W. J. A. Steyn* is Lecturer in Soil Science at Rhodes.

*Mrs. Stiemens (Eileen G. Rumboll)* is living in Pretoria.

*D. D. Stuart* is at Fort Hare.

*Mildred Mary Sweetnam (Mother Mary Joseph)* has retired from teaching and is doing secretarial work at the King William's Town Convent. She is doing the work formerly done by another O.R. Mother, *M. Alacoque Brien*, recently deceased.

*Mrs. Symes (Mary Helen Leith)* is living in Johannesburg.

*Oscar Gordon Tarboton* is a partner in a firm of Land Surveyors, Architects and Civil Engineers in Pietermaritzburg.

*D. J. Thornton* is at Onderstepoort.

*Guy H. Titterton* is a Barrister practising at the Cape Bar.



*Ralph W. Townsend* is a Field Geologist on the Staff of a Johannesburg Mining House.

*C. J. van der Walt* is a Managing Director of Friesland Milk Products (Pty.) Ltd., East London.

*Dr. E. Walker* is an Ophthalmic Surgeon in Port Elizabeth.

*E. H. Wilson* is living in Johannesburg, having retired as Chief Technical Manager of the S.A.R. & H.

*Miss J. E. G. Wright* is living in Johannesburg.

In the field of education Rhodes has provided a formidable collection of Principals of Schools and Inspectors. The following are Principals of Schools:—*Herby Arnott*, Union High, Graaff-Reinet; *W. E. Bowden*, Wynberg Boys' High; *Sister Truda (Brock)*, Grahamstown Training College; *Madge Brock*, Collegiate High, Port Elizabeth; *Molly Browne*, Johan Carinus Art Centre, Grahamstown; *George Cook*, Simonstown Secondary School; *Wesley Cordingley*, Cathcart High; *A. Clark*, Rondebosch Boys' High; *Des. Clark*, Pinelands Primary; *Erica Danckwerts*, Queenstown Girls' High; *H. Q. Davies*, Queen's College; *Margaret Dick*, Victoria Junior School, Grahamstown; *Tony Dodd*, Sea Point Boys' High; *Bruce Gordon*, Grey High, Port Elizabeth; *Pringle Gordon*, Butterworth High School; *Marjorie Hill*, East London Girls' High; *Doris Hillner* (Mrs. Shearer), Kaffrarian Girls' High, King William's Town; *W. E. Kidger*, Government School, Margate, Natal; *Walter Mears*, who was Principal of the Rondebosch Boys' High until his retirement some eighteen months ago, is now Principal of the newly-founded Methodist Private School, St. Stithian's, in Johannesburg; *Alison Miller*, Riebeeck Girls' High, Uitenhage; *Vera Paver*, Kingsmead Private School, Johannesburg; *Jock Perry*, Selborne College, East London; *Bert Reid*, Cambridge Junior School; *Kit Richardson*, Victoria Girls' High, Grahamstown; *Tom Scott*, Cambridge High School; *H. O. Skillicorn*, Muir College, Uitenhage; *John Smithern*, Tigerkloof Training College; *Margaret Thomson*, Rustenburg Girls' High; *Jim Wheeler*, Peddie Secondary School; *Aston "Squeak" Williams*, Durban Technical College.

The following are Inspectors in the Cape Education Department:—*W. A. Barker*, Port St. Johns; *George Caley*, Engcobo; *Wes. Caley*, Butterworth; *Alan Lister*, King William's Town; *Enid Mears* (Mrs. Thurlbeck), Religious Instruction; *Jock Omond*, Kokstad; *Herbert Pahl*, Umtata; *C. J. Potgieter*, Queenstown; *Dr. E. L. G. Schnell*, Grahamstown; *Eric Watkinson*, Mount Frere; *Maurice Wiggett*, Cape Town. The last named, who was on furlough this year, represented S.A. Youth at the Coronation and, we hear, attended a Royal Garden Party, complete in grey topper and tails, and a Daimler!

