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RHODES UNIVERSITY
invites its ALUMNI to participate in
the
DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
to be held at GRAHAMSTOWN
Thursday 25th June—Sunday 28th June, 1964
(Please regard your wife/husband as included in this invitation)

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 25th June:

- 9.00 a.m. Registration in the Council Chamber.
"Open Day" . . . Exhibitions, talks and demonstrations in University Departments.
- 2.15 p.m. Old Rhodian Union Annual General Meeting.
- 5.30 p.m. Sherry Party.
- 8.00 p.m. Reception in the Great Hall. Commemorative address by Prof. H. Chapman.
Recital by the Chamber Choir.
Tea.

Friday, 26th June:

- 9.15 a.m. Public Lectures by Eminent Rhodians.
- 1.45 p.m. Group Photograph.
- 2.30 p.m. Lecture by Distinguished Visitor.
- 5.30 p.m. Civic Cocktail Party.
- 8.15 p.m. Elizabethan Play by University Players.

Saturday, 27th June:

- 10.30 a.m. Ceremony of Conferment of Honorary Degrees.
Address by Distinguished Visitor.
- 1.15 p.m. Graduation Luncheons.
- 3.00 p.m. Opening of New Pavilion, Great Field.
- 3.30 p.m. Tea in Kaif.
- 4.00 p.m. Rhodes vs. Albany on the Great Field.
- 7.00 p.m. Jubilee Banquet followed by Jubilee Ball.

Sunday, 28th June:

- 9.30 a.m. University Service in Methodist Commemoration Church.

REUNION

In July it will be exactly sixty years since the first Rhodians signed on. Come and help us celebrate this great occasion in style! The programme has something for all tastes. Come and sit again in the Chem. lecture theatre, see the new Kaif, sing the old songs again as the present-day stalwarts of the first team do battle with Albany. Bring your wife and show her the places you remember so well; take your husband to Kaif, to the room where your K.P. met, even to Bots!

We shall do all we can to make your visit a happy and memorable one. There will be guides in all the residences and rooms will be available at R2.00 per day inclusive of meals. There will be exhibitions in the magnificent new library, the laboratories will be open to you and there will be talks by the staff and research students on their work. Professor George Gruber will be conducting the Chamber Choir and Professor Guy Butler will be producing the play. The Old Rhodian Union meeting will be the first under the new constitution, by which all who spent a year or more at Rhodes are automatically members, there being no subscriptions as the Union is now financed by the University Council. The Grahamstown golf and bowling clubs have agreed to make their sports facilities available for your enjoyment.

Many distinguished guests have been invited. Sir John Cockroft, Master of Churchill College and former Director of Harwell, will give one of the addresses. There is the impressive ceremony of the conferment of the Honorary Degrees to look forward to. And of course the Banquet and the Ball . . . We shall end with the colourful procession and Memorial Service in Commemoration Church.

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

In deploying its manpower to the best advantage, the University Council seeks to free the Vice-Chancellor of many of the day-to-day details of internal administration and also to provide him with an up to date and reliable assessment of external relations. To ensure that Dr. Hyslop should have these advantages two new key positions have been instituted at the University.

Vice-Principal

The position of Vice-Principal has previously been a part-time appointment carried by a member of the professorial staff in addition to his departmental duties. It will now be a full-time post to be held by **Professor J. V. L. Rennie**, who has had much experience in administration not only as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Principal but also as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Albany Museum and as a member of the National Monuments Commission.

Liaison Officer

Mr. G. J. van N. Fourie has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor's Liaison Officer. A graduate of the University of Stellenbosch, he saw service in North Africa and later with the British Forces. On his return from the War he was Registrar of the Port Elizabeth Technical College and most recently was Secretary of the South African Pharmaceutical Society. A keen sportsman, he was at one time President of the Eastern Province Badminton Association. Being responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for University publicity and public relations, he will be visiting cities and towns in all parts of the Republic and the Rhodesias and it is to be hoped that as many Old Rhodians as possible will meet him.



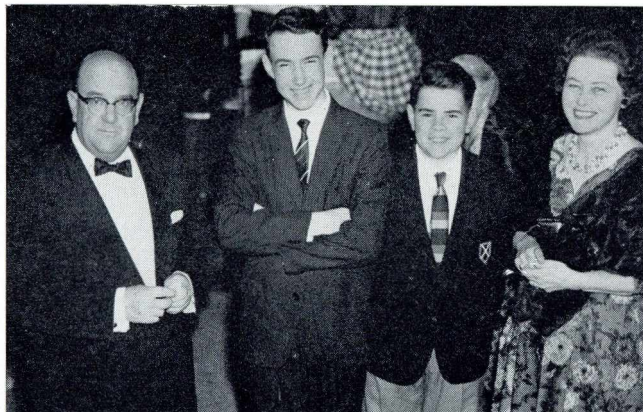
(HEPBURN & JEANES)

Mr. G. J. van N. Fourie

NEW CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

Mr. Justice J. D. Cloete has been elected as Chairman of the University Council in succession to Dr. S. B. Hobson who resigned last year. "Dante" Cloete was educated at Lady Grey and graduated at Rhodes University, following his Bachelor's Degree with the LL.B. in which he gained distinction in every subject. He practised in Johannesburg, then returned to Grahamstown in 1954 and in that year was elected to the Rhodes Council. In the following year he took silk and was acting judge for a period in 1961 and again in 1962. In November, 1963, the Bench at Grahamstown was increased to six judges and he was then appointed as the extra judge. He is a member of the Kingswood College Council, the Albany School Board and a Trustee of the 1820 Settler Monument Fund.

Mrs. Cloete (Valerie Harries) took her Master's Degree in English at Rhodes and was the first senior student of St. Mary's Hall. Her mother, Mrs. Harries of East London, donated the Chancellorial Chair to the University in memory of **Merlin Harries**, also an Old Rhodian, who was killed in World War II.



(EVENING POST)

Mr. Justice J. D. Cloete and his wife with their sons Tom and David.

A NEW APPROACH TO ENGLISH

A new development in 1964 is the establishment of a Language Section of the Department of English at Rhodes. Though our main stream of English studies will continue to be in literature, the Department hopes through its Language Section to introduce its students to linguistic method and theory, to give the non-specialist a general acquaintance with the structure and development of the English language, and, at final-year B.A. and Honours level, to provide as soon as possible for those interested in specialised linguistic training and research. This development, it is hoped, will enable the department to participate more effectively in one of the most important educational movements of our time.

Phonology

One of the great achievements of scholarship in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries has been the rationalisation of the study of language. This rationalisation begins with the realisation of the limitations of our understanding of how language works, and moves on to a perception of its complexity and to an analysis, still far from complete, of the forces which shape it. Since the pioneer work of such men as Rasmus Rask and Jacob Grimm a hundred and fifty years ago, phonology, the study of sounds, has been established on a scientific basis; lexicography, the art of the dictionary-maker, has improved and clarified its principles and practices; and even grammar, a notoriously obscure and intractable subject, is felt by some to be slowly gaining clarity.

The influence, however, of linguistic studies on practical language learning is only now beginning to be felt, and this influence is still perhaps greater in the teaching of foreign languages than in the study of the mother-tongue. Wherever English is spoken, many teachers are as yet more inclined to present the language in the framework of terms established by the grammarians of ancient Greece and Rome than to draw upon the methods and discoveries of more recent linguists.

There are signs, however, of impending change. Extensive experiments in new methods of language teaching have been carried out by schools and Education Officers in many countries of the Commonwealth and by various American agencies both in the United States and elsewhere. The English syllabuses in several countries are under revision. In Britain the Ministry of Education and various university departments, and in the U.S.A. such bodies as the Commission on English and the National Council of Teachers, are gradually working out a new approach to the teaching of English to English-speaking children.

South Africa

For South Africans, it is vitally



(G. WALTERS)

Dr. W. Branford

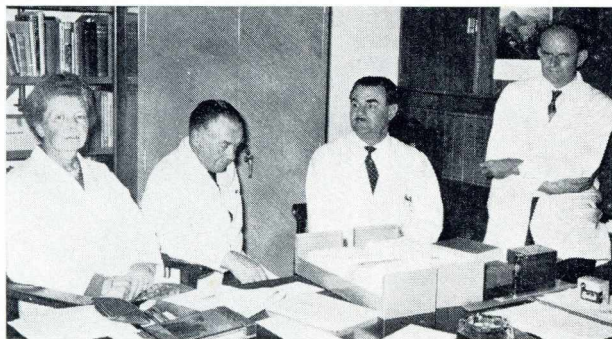
important not only to keep in touch with movements such as these, but also to take stock in a realistic way of the outlook for English in the Republic, where special problems and opportunities arise from the coexistence of a substantial English-speaking population amidst many other communities — Afrikaner, Coloured, Bantu and Asiatic — to whom English is an important second language.

First-year students in the Department of English at Rhodes in 1964 will be given an introduction to the general study of language, to aspects of structure and function in modern English, and to the rôle of English in the modern world and particularly in Africa. The second-year class will study in outline the development and structure of the English language from its earliest beginnings to the present day. In 1965, language options for third-year and Honours students will provide for more detailed study both of early and of modern English.

Postgraduate students, it is hoped, will be able to take advantage of the very considerable opportunities in the Eastern Province for research on the English language and on the teaching of English, both as a mother tongue and as a second language. **Dr. C. E. Hundleby's** Ph.D. thesis on *Xhosa English Pronunciation* is a pioneer work in this field, completed, of course, before the English Department's present Language Section came into being. An enormous range of topics, of vital importance to the new Africa, awaits investigation.

In the day-to-day business of the teaching of English, both the schools and the university can hope to profit by closer co-operation and exchange of ideas. **Dr. William Branford**, who has been appointed to take charge of the Language Section of the Department of English, hopes to make contact with teachers of English for informal discussions of common problems. In its new venture the Department looks forward to the help and goodwill of the teaching profession and of all those concerned with the future of English in our country.

CENTRE FOR FRESH WATER RESEARCH



(G. WALTERS.)

Members of the Hydrobiological Research Group : Left to Right — Dr. Scott, Dr. Cholonoky, Mr. Welsh and Mr. Chutter.

The National Institute for Water Research has moved a group of its officers to Rhodes University where they have been accommodated in laboratories in the Zoology and Botany Departments. The head of the group is Dr. Marjorie Scott. She is working on several different topics but has a long-standing interest in caddis-flies. She will be investigating certain rivers in the Eastern Cape in connection with her work.

Dr. B. J. Cholonoky is a world

expert on diatoms and is tackling a virtually unexplored field in the taxonomy, phytogeography and ecology of these plants in Southern Africa. At present he is busy with a large collection from South West Africa. Mr. Chutter is studying biological aspects of the main forms of invertebrate life of the Vaal River. Mr. Welsh is interested in blue-green algae. He is also an expert on the preparation and mounting of diatoms.

Honorary Degree for Dr. Alty

At the Graduation Ceremony on 11th April the University will recognise Dr. T. Alty's outstanding services to Rhodes by conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*. Dr. and Mrs. Alty will be revisiting old haunts in the Eastern Cape and renewing many friendships in South Africa.

RHODIAN LAURELS

Mr. D. J. Moore of the Department of Physical Chemistry has been awarded a Research Studentship by African Explosives and Chemical Industries Ltd. He will be working on the decomposition of inorganic azides under the directorship of Professor Prout.

Miss Judy Martin, who has been on a short visit to Grahamstown, has been made a Scholar of Girton College, Cambridge. She was awarded the Charity Reeve Prize in recognition of her first class pass in the Literary Tripos and elected into the Dunlop Graduate Scholarship for research in Mediaeval Romance.

Mr. I. Zarenda, a former graduate assistant in the Department of Pharmacy, has been awarded a National Scholarship of R1,200. He will study in America for the Masters Degree in manufacturing pharmacy.

Miss Melody S. M. Chancellor-Maddison is the first holder of the scholarship recently established by Sana-Petersen Ltd. of Cape Town to enable a pharmacy graduate to proceed to the Honours Degree at

Rhodes University.

Mr. T. Maxwell, of the Mathematics Department, has been awarded the Douglas Smith Scholarship by St. Andrew's College and a National Scholarship for study at Cambridge University.

Mr. A. R. V. Evans, who graduated in Law and Latin, has been awarded the Orange Free State Rhodes Scholarship and will be going to Oxford University to read Law.

Mr. B. Schreuder, honours graduate in history, has been awarded the Rhodesian Rhodes Scholarship. He has also been awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship tenable at a later date. He is proceeding to New College, Oxford to read history.

Mr. J. Breitenbach has been awarded a British Council Scholarship to study education in the United Kingdom.

Mr. G. de Jager, formerly of the Physics Department, has been awarded a Junior Leverhulme Research Fellowship tenable at the Nuffield Radio Astronomy Research Laboratories of the University of Manchester at Jodrell Bank.

THE OLD RHODIAN UNION

The Central Committee of the Union invites Old Rhodians in other towns to form their own committees, if they have not already done so, and to forward the names of office-bearers for publication in the Newsletter. Local committees could add considerably to the interest of the Newsletter by forwarding photographs, press cuttings and other news of Old Rhodians in their area. Correct addresses are very essential for prompt circulation.

Central Committee Office-bearers:

Hon. President : Professor C. W. Bowles.

Hon. Vice-Presidents: Professor R. W. Varder, Dr. S. B. Hobson.

President: Miss M. G. Richardson.

Active Vice-President : Professor H. J. Chapman.

Hon. Treasurer : Rev. G. Edmonstone.

Hon. Secretary : Dr. D. E. A. Rivett

Committee members : The Vice-Chancellor (ex officio), Mrs. V. Cloete, Dr. R. F. Currey, Prof. J. A. Gledhill, Adv. N. C. Addleson, Adv. G. Titterton, Prof. S. G. Shuttleworth.

Hon. Auditor : Professor H. H. Smith.

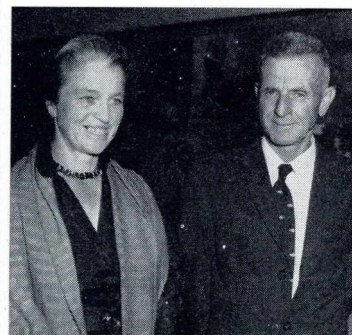
Old Rhodian Union Awards for 1964

Silver Jubilee Bursary : Ian Stuart Kirby.

Golden Jubilee Bursary : Christopher Pierre Lombard.

Special Grants :
Claire Rosemary Isted.
Valerie Lucille Wilshire Jones.
Joan Mary Metelerkamp.
Karin Steyn.

Coelacanth Week in East London



(EVENING POST)

Professor and Mrs. J. L. B. Smith were guests of honour at "Coelacanth Week" in East London in December.

Professor Bradshaw is also organising an exhibition in one of the leading galleries in Johannesburg of works by the staff and senior students of the School. His own work will be on view at the Gallery 101 in September. This is his third show in Johannesburg and will be followed up by one in Pretoria.

Art Exhibitions

An exhibition of paintings of local landscapes, buildings and portraits by Mr. Romagnoli, a former member of staff of the Art School, will be opened shortly in the Art Gallery.

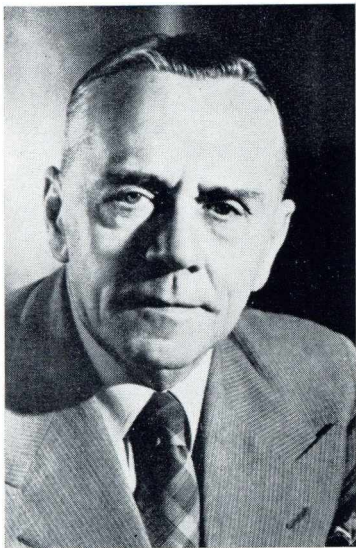


(G. WALTERS)

Mr. K. Robinson, recently appointed Senior Lecturer at the Art School.

MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER

The fund for the Joe King Memorial Clock Tower on Great Field is growing, but it is nowhere near the figure which we need to start building. We suggest that all past students who would like to contribute, should send a donation of 50 cents or more to the Hon. Treasurer, Old Rhodian Union, Grahamstown.



(CAPE TIMES)

NA voltooiing van 'n skitterende akademiese loopbaan, het die jong Eric Louw as advokaat in Grahamstad gepraaktiseer. Maar sy bestemming het gewink, en in 1924 word hy lid van die Wetgewende Vergadering. Kort hierna het sy reise begin as S.A. Handelskommissaris in die V.S.A. en Kanada, en in sy verblyf oorsee het hy sy land verteenwoordig as Hoë Kommissaris in Londen, Gevolmagde Minister in Washington, Rome en Parys. In wêreldsake het hy 'n bekende persoonlikheid geword by die Volkerebond, die Verenigde Volke en die vergaderings van Gemenebes Eerste-ministers. Hy het op verskillende tye die portefeuilles van Mynwese en Ekonomiese Sake, Finansies en Buitelandse Sake behartig.



(PUBLIC RELATIONS DIV., SALISBURY)

IAN D. SMITH came to Rhodes as an ex-service man after the war and threw himself into the corporate life of the University achieving distinction among his fellow students. He returned to Rhodesia and in a relatively short space of time was elected Member of Parliament for Gwanda in the Federal Assembly of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. He is now Minister of Finance for Southern Rhodesia and recently has acted as Prime Minister during the Hon. Mr. Field's absence in London.

EMINENT OLD RHODIANS

Administration
Sir Evelyn Hone

Diplomaat
Sy Ed. E. H. Louw

A TRIBUTE TO RHODES UNIVERSITY

THERE is a tradition, dating back as early as the times of Ancient Greece, that events of note should be marked by the production of some dramatic, poetic or musical work which has been written in honour of the occasion.

The year 1964 sees the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Rhodes University, Grahamstown. In line with this ancient tradition, Guy Butler, Professor of English, has written a poem, "Terra Nova", to mark the occasion. This poem is concerned with the young country, South Africa, and seeks to represent some of its conflicts and contrasts; the bright sunshine and the dark shade. The work has been set to music in the form of a Cantata by George Gruber, Professor of Music.

"Terra Nova" will have its first performance at a concert to be given by the Rhodes University Chamber Choir, under the direction of George Gruber, during the Jubilee Festivities in Grahamstown in June, 1964. On that occasion the original score will be handed to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. M. Hyslop, for preservation in the University Archives. The dedication of this work is rendered in the traditional academic language:

Natali Universitatis Rhodensis LX

Honori Glorietque Eius Maximae

hoc opus

TERRA NOVA

carmen pro sex vocibus

dedicant

F. G. Butler

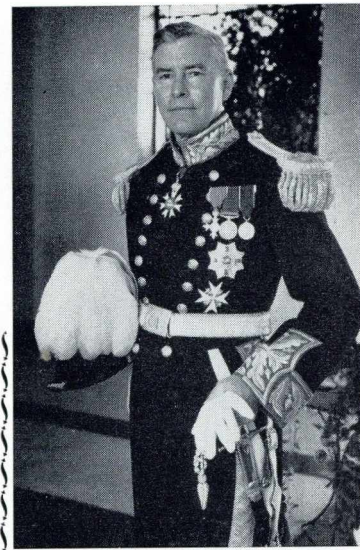
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G. Gruber

qui modos et voces composuit

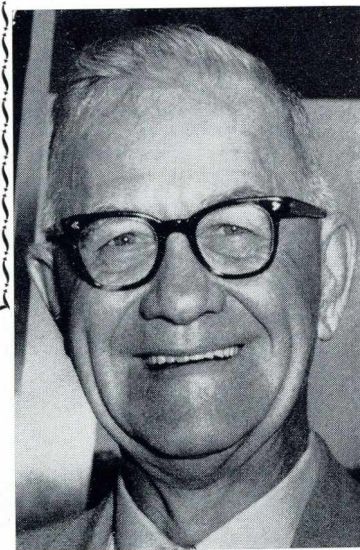
Finance
The Hon. Ian D. Smith

Landsverteenwoordiger
Dr. A. L. Geyer



(N. RHODESIAN INFORMATION DEPT.)

WHEN Sir Evelyn Hone entered the Colonial Service as a cadet in 1935, he had an Honours degree from Oxford in addition to his Rhodes B.A. and was also a barrister-at-law. He built a distinguished career on this unusually broad foundation. After three years in the Seychelles he became Assistant Secretary in Palestine during the difficult years 1946-48. From there he moved to British Honduras, where he was Acting Governor for a time, and later became Chief Secretary in Aden. He came to Northern Rhodesia in 1957 and was knighted in 1959 when he was elevated to his present post as Governor.



(EVENING POST)

VAN dr. A. L. Geyer het wyle Professor Dingemans eenmaal gesê: „Hy was my mees briljante student.” Sy veelsydigheid word weerspieël in sy wisselende loopbaan. Op gebied van joernalistiek was hy Redakteur van Die Burger en Hoofredakteur van die publikasies van die Nasionale Pers, waarvan hy nou 'n direkteur is. Hy het ook sy land op diplomatieke gebied gedien en uiteindelik as Hoë Kommissaris in Londen. Hy is direkteur van verskeie elektriese ondernemings.



(U.K. ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY)

EMINENT OLD RHODIANS

Science

Sir Basil Schonland

FORGED and sharpened in the heat of two world wars, Basil Schonland became scientific adviser to the C. in C. of the 21st Army Group, B. L. A. and played an important part in the development of radar. In 1958 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for his work on lightning. When Rhodes University became independent, his alma mater chose him as its first Chancellor. He was largely responsible for the creation of the S. African C.S.I.R. and was its first President. Later he was Director of the Bernard Price Institute for Geophysical Research. Proceeding to Britain again he eventually became Director of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, and was knighted when he retired from this post in 1960.



(E. P. HERALD)

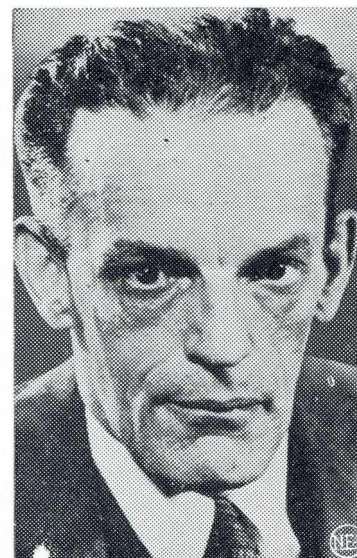
Bantu Welfare

Mrs. Margaret Ballinger

AT one time in charge of the History Department at Rhodes, and later Senior Lecturer in History at Wits, Mrs. Ballinger (Margaret Hodgson) entered Parliament as one of the three newly created "Natives Representatives" in 1937. She continued in this post until it was abolished by legislation in 1960. Noted for her ability to marshal facts and to give a clearly reasoned exposition of a case, she became one of the best-known speakers in Parliamentary debates. After leaving Parliament she took up a Nuffield Fellowship at Oxford and is now busy on the results of her work there

Medicine

Dr. Max Theiler



(BY COURTESY PRETORIA NEWS)

Rhodes University has fostered the preliminary year study of many medical students. In remembering them we honour Dr. Max Theiler, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1951, for his work on the Yellow Fever Virus. Associated with the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York for many years, he became Director of Laboratories in 1951 and under him a world reference laboratory for typing and identification of viruses was developed. He is due to retire at the end of this year, but will become head of the virology section of the Yale University Medical School.



(COPY BY G. WALTERS)

Religion

The Bishop of Bloemfontein

THE generation that went straight from the lecture room to the theatre of war and the hardships of a prison camp endured much mental and spiritual stress in a short space of time. In Bill Bendyshe Burnett the spiritual forces were uppermost and led him, after his release, to St. Paul's Theological College, Grahamstown. Ordained a priest in 1948 he served in the Diocese of Natal and was Vicar of Ladysmith. In 1957 he became the first South African to be consecrated a Bishop of the Church of the Province in South Africa.

TERRA NOVA

by F. G. Butler

I

Since Plato taught us to ponder
And the Parthenon opened our eyes,
Since Rome's obedient roads
Taught us the beauty of law,
Since the lightning bolt of the Cross
Struck earth's dark paradox,
We have come a long journey.

Along the Thames and the Rhine
Castles and spires were built with our bones ;
Beside the Arno and the Seine
We spied out the stars in their courses ;
We have weighed the sun in a balance, divided
The atom, and tamed to our will
All but our own dark forces.

A long, long journey has brought us here.

II

What song do you sing?
What faith do you bear?
You dynamite mountains,
Your jackhammers ring,
Your cities rise in the realm of the lion,
Your fountains glint in the concrete square —
But what songs do you sing,
What faith do you bear?

III

Lovers of Africa, by what faith
Shall we move the ominous mountains?

Oh, to an undivided land
Now dedicate Thought, Justice, Art.
Around compassionate fountains
May children ripple in games ;
The old reflect and the young go chasing
The glittering swallows through their heads,
The troubling angels in their hearts.

Africa waits for light, to flame in her dark,
Shade in her sun.
We have come a long journey ;
Another's begun.

Music Adviser and Artist

Dr. Rupert Mayr, Senior Lecturer in Music, is now also Music Adviser for the Eastern Cape Region of the S.A.B.C. In this capacity he supervises all recordings of 'live' performances given in the region; assists the artists in compiling their programmes; points out the technical requirements for broadcast work and gives positive criticism on their performance. He is always on the look-out for new talent and arranges auditions for promising performers. This also involves selecting events for feature programmes and making arrangements to bring groups of performers, such as school choirs to the microphone. This leads to making suggestions for light programmes of feature music for the general South African network. He also compiles script programmes such as "Die Kunslied deur die Eeue" and "Weense Bloed", using recorded music. These have proved very popular and have run through a year or more.

As a performer on the S.A.B.C.'s panel of artists he also has a wide field of activity and is much in request as an accompanist to visiting artists and choirs. During the year he has given nine piano and organ recitals on the English and Afrikaans programmes. His duo piano recitals with Constance Brothwood as partner are recorded at the Durban studio for nationwide distribution. These two artists have also given joint recitals for about twenty-three schools and country Music Clubs and have delighted large audiences when performing with the Cape Town Orchestra at two concerts in the Cape Town City Hall.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of: **Mrs. T. B. Bowker (Gladys E. Hart)** who was a student at Rhodes University College in 1911. In Grahamstown she was noted for her long continued interest in charitable societies. Recognition of her work during the war came from the United Kingdom when, on the recommendation of the Priory in Southern Africa, she was admitted to the Order of St. John. Her unwavering support of her husband's work as Member of Parliament for Albany made her a familiar figure in the Visitor's Gallery. We know that Sir de Villiers Graaff said of her that if there was an all night sitting in the House, Mrs. Bowker would sit through the night too, even though the Press went and other visitors went until sometimes she was the only one there.

A. N. Stroh. The Metallurgical Society (A.I.M.E.) has paid tribute to his outstanding work on the theory of cracking of metals, by dedicating a volume of conference papers on the "Fracture of Solids" to his memory. He was tragically killed in a motor accident in the U.S.A. in late 1962.



(HEPBURN & JEANES)

Dr. Rupert Mayr

The South African Economy

by D. Hobart Houghton

Oxford University Press (Cape Town) 1964.

To anyone concerned about the development of South Africa, whether it be social, political or economic, Prof. Hobart Houghton's book will be highly interesting. No one need be put off reading it by fear of technicalities, as it is written in simple language in a clear and rhythmic style which carries the reader easily along from point to point. Thus it achieves its aim in being an introduction suitable for both students and laymen. Certain chapters will, of course, make a personal appeal to the industrialist, the farmer or the social worker and can indeed be read with profit out of order although the sequence of all ten chapters has been carefully planned.

In the chapter on mining one gains the impression of the effect of great technical accomplishments somewhat insufficiently explained. On the other hand the treatment of the development of the motor car industry appears to have been hampered by lack of available statistics. However, the masterly handling of the chapter on migrant labour shows that the author has an intimate knowledge of Bantu life and it is possibly this section that will appeal most to foreigners. To find that "of his working life from the age of 16 to 47" a Bantu male from the Border region spends 64 percent of his time away from home and that he has had 34 different jobs with an average length of 47 weeks per job, makes one realise that for such people family life as we know it does not exist, and also explains the very high proportion of illegitimate births and juvenile crime.

The book has been criticised for its lack of discussion of the influence of political events on the country's economy, but its impartiality is perhaps a good feature which makes the final analysis of the "prospects for sustained progress" all the more telling.

TREASURES FOR OUR LIBRARY

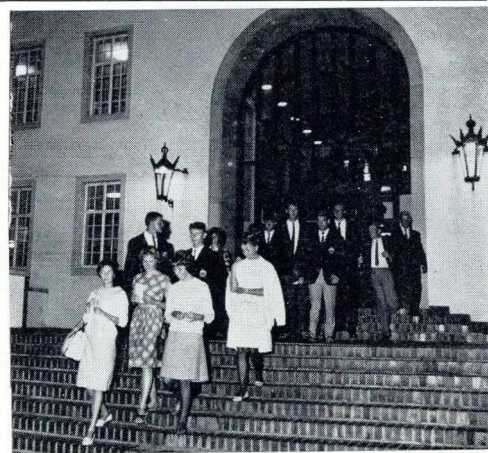
Dr. J. Smeath Thomas, former Master of Rhodes University College, has presented the University Library with a large collection of books, one of the most valuable gifts it has received in recent years. The collection includes a number of exceptionally fine sets of English and French authors as well as some rare first editions, and it also contains some early bibles of great interest, among others a beautifully bound large folio English Bible printed in Rouen in 1566. There are also some remarkably early dictionaries, in-

cluding a *Thesaurus linguae Romanae et Britannicae* dated 1584. It is hoped in due course to have an English Seminar Room in the Library, where some of these treasures will be suitably housed and made available for advanced students.

We know that in writing to a friend Dr. Smeath Thomas said "Giving my books to Rhodes has given me even greater pleasure than the very great enjoyment that I had in collecting them."

NEW GENERATION

1964 Inks leaving the library after an introductory talk on its use by Dr. F. van der Riet.



(HEPBURN & JEANES)

DIVINITY

Professor W. D. Maxwell was invited to deliver the third Bishop Gray Lecture in Cape Town in October last year. It has now been published by the Church of the Province under the title "The Eucharist in the Light of Our Lord's Resurrection."

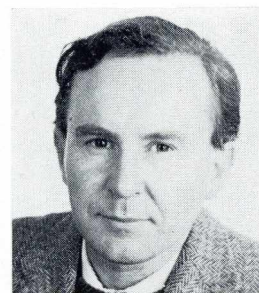
He is Architectural Adviser to the Presbyterian Churches in Southern Africa and recently gave an illustrated lecture on Church Architecture to the Clergy of the Diocese of Bloemfontein.

Professor Peter Hinchliff has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Divinity by Oxford University for his researches on church history. Part of the work he submitted has appeared in book form under the title "The Anglican Church in South Africa." Another book on "John William Colenso — Bishop of Natal" will be published shortly. He has recently been elected a Canon of Grahamstown Cathedral. He has also been invited to attend the World Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order, meeting in Cyprus in August this year.

Dr. W. H. C. Frend, Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge and University Lecturer in Ecclesiastical History will be visiting Rhodes for the second and third terms of 1964. He will lecture on Church History during the third term.

AFRICAN STUDIES

Professor Philip Mayer has accepted the Chair of Social Anthropology at the University of Witwatersrand. Apparently like his distinguished predecessors in office, Professors J. D. Krige, Monica Wilson and A. R. Radcliffe-Brown, he also found Rhodes a *milieu* in which his research work prospered, for the trilogy "Xhosa in Town" of which he was editor and part author, has been very well received.



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Dr. W. D. Hammond-Tooke

He will be succeeded by Dr. W. D. Hammond-Tooke who has recently returned from Smith College, Massachusetts, where he was Ford Foundation Visiting Lecturer in the Asian-African Program, having also attended the African Studies Association conference at San Francisco. He is currently collaborating with Professor Gwendoline Carter, Northwest University, Illinois, on her study of Transkeian political development.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS OPENS NEW WING



(G. WALTERS)

Professor R. W. Varder, accompanied by Professor J. A. Gledhill, unveils the commemorative stone in the new R100,000 wing of the Physics Department.

PHYSICS NEWS

The Rhodes Antarctic Group

With the return of Mr. D. G. Torr from Antarctica, where his place has been taken by Mr. M. B. Ezekowitz, the Rhodes Antarctic ionosphere research steps up to a new tempo. Mr. D. C. Baker, who was with the 1962 expedition at SANAE, has almost completed his M.Sc. thesis and Mr. Torr will be writing up the results of the 1963 expedition for publica-

tion. While Mr. Ezekowitz looks after the Antarctic end of things this year, the trainee physicist for the 1965 expedition will be engaged in the construction of a new ionosonde which it is hoped will be ready to go to Antarctica at the end of this year. Mr. D. P. Homann is also a member of the team, looking after the Grahamstown end of the work.

YEARS OF THE QUIET SUN

The beginning of the International Years of the Quiet Sun was celebrated on January 1, 1964, by the appointment of Mr. D. W. Sharwood as research assistant. The department will publish bulletins of ionospheric characteristics over Grahamstown as it did during the International Geophysical Year. These will be distributed to research centres in America, Britain, Russia, Japan and many other countries.

NEW FIELD STATION

The reorganisation of the research activities of the department has taken place, and there is now a strong group consisting of Dr. E. E. Baart, Dr. W. L. H. Shuter and Mr. G. Gruber engaged in radio-astronomy. They are at present planning a new radio-astronomical field station which will be situated on a rented site near Stone's Hill. Later this year they will be observing radio noise from the planet Jupiter on a variety of frequencies and by a variety of techniques. Meanwhile Mr. Gruber's work done during 1963 is being evaluated by Professor C. Barrow's group at the Florida State University, U.S.A., on their large computer and a joint publication is expected shortly.

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Right: Mr. A. Ross Scanlen has been reappointed for 1964 as Senior Technician in Physics. He thus returns to his old post for another year.



(G. WALTERS)

Mrs. Varder seen chatting to Professor Wild when she and her husband visited Grahamstown to open the new Physics wing.



(G. WALTERS)

Valuable Settler Scholarship for Rhodes

The Ernest Oppenheimer Trust has founded a scholarship worth R900 a year on behalf of the 1820 Settler Memorial Trust. The Scholarship will be tenable at Rhodes University and will be awarded primarily to a post-graduate student in South African history, or if no suitable candidate is available to a student in some other Arts Department. It will be awarded on the recommendation of the Rhodes Senate and the first award will be made in 1965.

The scholarship completes plans for three sections of the four-part scheme of the Settler National Monument. The other two are the Settler Memorial Museum in Grahamstown, for which building has already started, and the Flora Reserve.

The scholarship will be known as the Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Scholarship for 1820 Settler and Eastern Cape History. With the valuable collection in the Cory Library growing steadily, Rhodes can offer many advantages for such research.

It is suggested that any Old Rhodian interested in family history could find no finer place than the Cory Library for the careful preservation of family documents.

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES



(CAPE TIMES)

Mr. G. R. Morris

In January this year Mr. G. R. Morris took up his appointment as Director of Provincial Library Services in Cape Town.

Having obtained an Honours degree in History at Rhodes he took a post-graduate diploma in librarianship at the University of Cape Town. He was one of the first regional librarians in the Transvaal and became deputy director of Library Services there prior to his present appointment. He aims to raise reading standards and is reported to have said "It is not the function of the province or the local authority to spend public money on the very light and ephemeral type of reading matter. Books of this type are freely available in the paper-backed editions in shops throughout the country."

MORE TEACHERS TRAINING AT RHODES

The Education Department has now moved into the much more roomy quarters provided by the former Vice-Chancellor's Lodge; where Dr. and Mrs. Alty used to entertain their guests, there will be heard the drone of lectures and the shuffle of student feet. The building has been subjected to virtually no reconstruction apart from the conversion of what used to be the lounge and the dining room into one large lecture room to hold about a hundred students. With roomy retiring-rooms for staff members, a small lecture room and accommodation for both the library and the staff typist, the department is more comfortably housed than it has ever been. It is deeply regretted that this comfort and space is most probably merely temporary. However, the University is suffering healthy growing pains and there is good competition for this excellent site.

The numbers in the department are still increasing and the newly-created fourth position on the "establishment" of the department has been filled by Mr. J. Uys, who has recently retired from the service of the Cape Education Department after long experience as a teacher, University lecturer and inspector of



Professor D. Morton (from a Cartoon by Poli).

schools. Dr. P. J. Hunter, appointed just over a year ago, will leave in the course of a few months to take up a lectureship with the University of Basutoland at Roma. He held a lectureship there when Roma was the Pius XII University College. Dr. M. B. Sutherland, who returned to Belfast after 1½ years temporary membership of the staff and residence in Oriel House, maintains contact with the department and with other friends in R. U. Mr. Earnshaw, who left South Africa just a year ago to visit his daughters and to reside for a time in Jersey, has returned to South Africa and now lives at Sea Point.

RHODES SWIMMERS TAKE NATIONAL LEAD

Thrilling swimming by Rhodes University students at the **National Championships** held in Port Elizabeth in March, 1964, has placed our men at the top. Competing as members of the Eastern Province Team, they have come first in the major events.

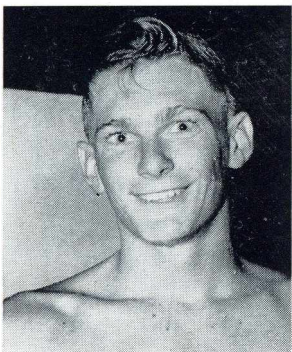
Near World Record.

In the 110 yards butterfly **Neil Oldridge** came within eight-tenths of a second of breaking the world record, thus beating his own South African record which he set up at the 1963 Inter-Varsity Tournament and for which he was awarded the **Honickman Trophy for the Outstanding Performance**.

All Round Champion.

Geoff Grylls sprang a surprise when he won the 110 yards free style in the March National Championships, thus defeating **Jon Reen**, also a Rhodian and last year's winner.

Defending his previous year's Championship in the 220, 440 and 1,650 yards free style events, Grylls has won all three races thus becoming the first swimmer to win four National Awards at one tournament. Regarded more as a long distance swimmer, this outstanding young Rhodian won a terrific battle at Cape Town in January when he beat last year's winner in the 4½ mile race from Fish Hoek to Muizenberg.



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Geoff Grylls

RELAY RECORDS

The Eastern Province Medley Relay Team was composed entirely of Rhodians: **N. Oldridge**, butterfly; **J. Reen**, backstroke; **D. Coetzer**, breaststroke; **G. Grylls**, freestyle. They set up a S. A. Record of 4 min. 21.3 secs. for the 4×100 metres.

Three of the four members in the 4×200 metres freestyle relay were Rhodians. This was also a new record, 8 min. 48.0 secs.

OUR SPRINGBOKS

Cricket

There are three Old Rhodians in the current Springbok Tour of Australia — **Colin Bland**, **John Waite** and **Buster Farrer**. Colin Bland has figured prominently in the team's success, and has emerged from the tour as one of the finest fielders in the world.

Double Springbok Colours

Edith Allnutt who had previously gained her Springbok Colours for Athletics, was selected last year for the Springbok Squash team. Unfortunately selection times clashed with the hockey trials and being an outstanding player in both she had to make the difficult decision whether to enter for squash or hockey trials, otherwise she might have been a triple Springbok!

South African Javelin Thrower



(EVENING POST)

Janet van Lingen

Janet van Lingen, champion javelin thrower of 1962, broke the Eastern Province record with a throw of 139 ft. 7 in. when competing at the Port Elizabeth Oval in November last year. Janet is now working at the S.A. Wool Textiles Institute in Grahamstown.

NEW SPORTS HALL

The new Sports Hall is being built on the north side of the Physical Education Department and opposite Dr. Ed Verdier's old home in African Street. It will have space for three Badminton Courts, several Table Tennis units, Judo, a Boxing Ring, Fencing and Weight Lifting. A gymnasium club has recently been formed and is awaiting official approval of the Sports Union and the University authorities.

OLD RHODIAN NEWS

The marriage took place in Oudtshoorn, shortly before Christmas, of **Gail Tribelhorn**, daughter of the late **George Tribelhorn**, and **Leonard Victor**. Both were outstanding members of the Rhodes Rifle Club and represented the University at the national bisley in Bloemfontein. Gail was the first woman student to wear Springbok colours for marksmanship when she was selected for the South African Women's Bisley team which competed against an Israeli team in 1961. Leonard is now teaching at Kingswood College, Grahamstown.



(E. P. HERALD)

Mr. and Mrs. L. Victor

Rev. Dr. Donald G. L. Cragg has been appointed to the tutorial staff of the Federal Theological Seminary of Southern Africa at Alice.

Dr. D. G. Bettison is now an Executive Officer of the New Guinea Research Unit of Canberra University and is stationed at Port Moresby, Papua, New Guinea. He is also editor of the bulletin of the unit and in charge of all organisation of research in the area.

The University of Edinburgh is to confer an Hon. D. D. on Professor **N. H. G. Robinson** in July. He is now Professor of Divinity at St. Andrew's University.

Mollie Symes (née Leith) lives in Sydney where her husband is on the staff of the School of Electrical Engineering, University of New South Wales.

Dirk C. Rezelman and his wife (**Erica van Hille**) live in New York City where he is Chief of Publications for the South African Information Service in North America. He has recently made a four weeks lecture and television tour of mid-western states.

Gerald Awre is with a firm of consulting engineers in Westminster, London. He has taken part in the engineering survey for the Shire Valley Project, Nyasaland, and the Tapakuma Irrigation Project in British Guiana.

Peter Duval Smith, who worked on documentary films in London and also lectured at Universities in the Far and Middle East, was for a time with the BBC, working in particular in their General Overseas Service. He is now on the editorial staff of "This Week", a news magazine produced by Associated Rediffusion, an independent television company in Britain.

A Holiday Job — **Michael Brooks**, who was born in Lancashire, came out to S.W. Africa as a Methodist Pastor. The church has assisted him to come to Rhodes to study theology. He is also a wrestler of some note, and to pay for his last year at Rhodes he accepted an invitation from British wrestling promoters to take part in a series of contests. He flew to Britain after exams were over and has been introduced to television viewers as "the Wrestling Reverend from Rhodes University, Grahamstown." His victory over Chick

Purvey, a tough opponent from Dundee, brought him great popularity. He has also been preaching to crowded congregations in his home country.

Barry Maritz has joined the staff of the Natal Technical College's Division of Arts and Crafts, after studying at the Central School of Arts & Crafts, London and later working in London and Johannesburg.

Ray Paul is director of an air survey firm in Durban.

A. J. Rowley, Archdeacon of Pietermaritzburg was appointed to act as Vicar-General of the Diocese of Natal during the absence of the Bishop of Natal last year.

Dr. J. Dick is Entomologist at the S.A. Sugar Experimental Station, Mount Edgecombe, Natal.

J. W. Horton, now on the staff of the University of Natal, has returned to the Republic after six months' study leave in Virginia, U.S.A.

D. Hiscock has been accepted to read for his M.A. degree at McMaster University, Canada.

B. K. Murray is still at Kansas University and hoping to remain long enough to complete his Ph.D.

J. Crompton, Warden of Digby Hall, Leicester University has become editor of the Leicester Historical Society's publications.

L. E. Kelly, National Scholar 1962, has almost completed his thesis on British policy in China and has made considerable progress in his study of Chinese.

I. D. Gregory, Senior Lecturer in Geography at the Teachers' College, Bulawayo has published a pamphlet entitled "Formal Essays and Papers" as a guide to students in preparing essays and formal papers.

Ken Fryer has edited his study of the Cape Executive Council for publication in the Archives Year Book. He is now in Hobart, Australia.

Michael Johnson has joined the Government Geological Survey and has been appointed to the Grahams-town Branch under Mr. Johan Marais.

Congratulations to **D. Swanepoel** who did a most successful write up on Rhodes University in the February issue of **Panorama**. He is now on the staff of St. Martin's, Johannesburg.