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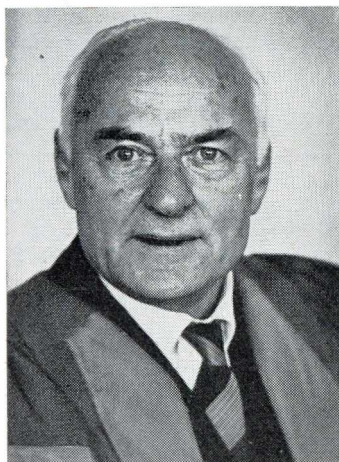
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OLD RHODIAN UNION

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FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH



Prof. R. G. McKerron (left), Professor and Dean of Law, who will retire next month.

Prof. McKerron's association with Rhodes University goes back to 1955, when he was first appointed Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, where he graduated M.A. at Aberdeen University, in 1922, with first-class honours in Classics. Two years later he gained the B.A. with honours in Jurisprudence at Oxford where he also completed the B.C.L., with honours, in 1925. The next year he was appointed the first full-time professor of Law at the University of the Witwatersrand. He was also Dean of the Faculty until 1946 when he resigned to practise as an advocate at the Johannesburg Bar. He took silk in 1955, shortly before his appointment to the Chair at Rhodes University. His service at Rhodes was interrupted in 1959 when he spent a year at the University of Aberdeen as Head of the Department of Comparative Law, returning to Rhodes in 1960.

At the outbreak of war, Prof. McKerron completed that Staff Duties Course at the South African Military College and went to the Western Desert with the Second South African Division. He was captured at Tobruk and was a prisoner in Italy and Germany until 1945. He was mentioned in despatches.

As an author, Prof. McKerron is best known for his *Law of Delict* which saw its first edition in 1933 and its sixth edition in 1965. He was general editor of the classified and annotated reprint of *The Union Statutes* which appeared in instalments between 1948 and 1952. He was co-editor of the *South African Law Journal*, for nine years, and of the *Annual Survey of South*

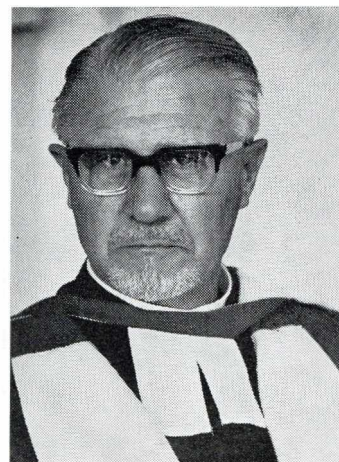
African Law, from 1947 to 1954.

From that day, in 1905, when it became the first University in South Africa to appoint a full-time Professor of Law, Rhodes has had good reason to be proud of its Faculty of Law. Through the famous personalities with which it has endowed the Judiciary and the Bar in all parts of South Africa for more than half a century, this Department has contributed richly to the high standard of legal practice for which the Country is known. Robert Gordon McKerron has worthily upheld and enhanced the renown of this Department as its Head for the past 14 years. Because of him and also his kinsman, the late Prof. Grant McKerron, who was a predecessor in the Chair of Law, the name of McKerron will always be synonymous with Law at Rhodes University.



TWO SENIOR PROFESSORS RETIRING

Prof. W. D. Maxwell (right), Professor and Dean of Divinity, will retire in March.



Prof. Maxwell has been Dean of the Faculty of Divinity for the past 13 years. He was born in Canada and went to school in Toronto where he entered the University in 1918 and took the degrees of B.A. and B.D. as well as the Diploma in Theology. He then went to Edinburgh where he gained the Ph.D. *summa cum laude* in Ecclesiastical History, in 1929. To this he subsequently added the degree of D.Litt. (Edin.), and in 1952 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him, *honoris causa*, by the University of Glasgow.

Prof. Maxwell's career as a Minister took him to many congregations in Canada, Scotland and England. During the second world war he was Chaplain to the Glasgow Highlanders and later Senior Chaplain to the 15th (Scottish) Division. He was men-

tioned in despatches in 1945.

In the educational field he had part-time lecturing experience at several Universities in England and Scotland, both before and after the war. In 1955 he came to South Africa to act for a term as Head of the Department of Divinity at the University of Natal. The next year he was appointed to the Chair of Divinity at Rhodes, and for the past 13 years he exerted a great influence on the affairs of the Department and the University. He has served on the University Council and on many committees, and was the University's Public Orator for a number of years. More recently, he has also been called upon to act for periods as Vice-Principal.

Prof. Maxwell has many publications to his credit. He has taken an important part in the work of various international Conferences and Commissions and is a member of the editorial board of *Studia Liturgica*, the undenominational international journal for theology.

A full appreciation of the work and achievement of Professor Maxwell at Rhodes University cannot adequately be accommodated in these columns, but it is merely necessary for us to point to the growth of the Faculty over the past years, the wonderful *modus vivendi*, which has become firmly established for students of so many denominations, and the high standard of scholarship and practice which has become the accepted norm for the Department and Faculty of Divinity. Prof. Maxwell's strength of personality has undoubtedly influenced the character of this Department of the University in a manner that will endure for many years to come.

NEW HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Professor R. C. Beuthin, who succeeds Prof. McKerron as Head of the Department and Dean of the Faculty of Law.

Prof. A. J. Kerr has been appointed to the second Chair of Law which was recently established.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Reunion Parties were held in many centres on or near Founder's Day, 12th September, 1968. Reports and photographs of these celebrations will be found in the pages of this Newsletter.



Prof. K. Atkinson

Hugh le May Fellow

Prof. Kathleen Atkinson has arrived in Grahamstown where she will spend a year as Hugh le May Fellow at Rhodes University.

During this period she will do research in history – the subject to which she has devoted more than 40 years of scholarship.

Born at Ludlow, England, she took her M.A. at Oxford, gaining several scholarships in the process. This was followed by three years of study and research in Rome before becoming assistant lecturer in Ancient History at the University of Manchester.

In 1932 she married Prof. Donald Atkinson, Professor of Ancient History, who died in 1963.

After holding appointments as Lecturer in Classics at the University College, Leicester and at Queen's University, Belfast, she became Reader and Head of the Department of Ancient History at Belfast, where she was appointed Professor of Ancient History in 1964. She held this Chair till 1967, and has since been at the University of Sydney, Australia, as Visiting Professor.

Professor Atkinson is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, and is the author of numerous publications.



The Chairman of the University Council, the Hon. Mr. Justice J. D. Cloete laying a wreath at the foot of the War Memorial in front of the Great Hall after the Founder's Day Service on 12th September. On the right is the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. M. Hyslop. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. L. A. Hewson, Professor of New Testament Studies.

GRAHAMSTOWN

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. M. Hyslop, who was born on 12th September, 1908 – the day that Founder's Day was celebrated at Rhodes for the first time, cuts his birthday cake at Tea after the Service, watched by Mrs. Hyslop.



A guest at the Founder's Day Service was the Federal German Cabinet Minister, Dr. H. Dichgans who is also a member of the Parliament of Europe. He is seen here with Mrs. Dichgans (left) and Prof. H. E. W. Erbe (right) Head of the German Department at Rhodes.



Old Rhodian Union

NOTICE OF MEETING

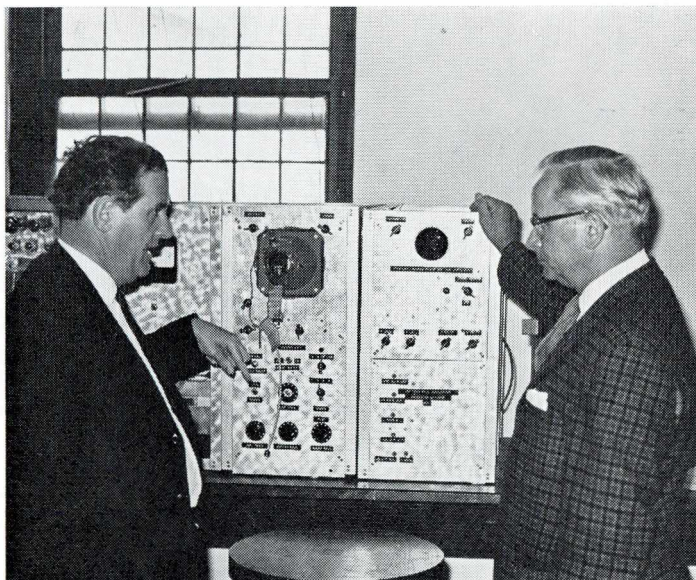
Advance notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union to be held at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, on Friday, 12th September, 1969 at 5.15 p.m. All Old Rhodians are at liberty to submit motions for consideration at this meeting and are requested to do so before 31st May.

The meeting will be followed by a dinner (at 7.30 p.m.), which will also be open to all Old Rhodians.

Hon. Secretary : Dr. D. E. A. Rivett, P.O. Box 94, Grahamstown.

Committee Elected

At the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union which was held in Grahamstown on 12th September under the chairmanship of the President, Miss M. G. Richardson, the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year: *Honorary President:* Prof. R. W. Varder; *Honorary Vice-Presidents:* Profs. J. Omer-Cooper and J. Smeath-Thomas; *President:* Miss M. G. Richardson; *Vice-President:* Prof. H. J. Chapman; *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. D. E. A. Rivett; *Honorary Treasurer:* Mr. F. E. Drennan; *Committee Members:* Advocates T. Mullins and E. H. Titterton, Mrs. V. Cloete, Profs. S. G. Shuttleworth and J. A. Gledhill and Mr. D. R. Butler; *Honorary Auditor:* Prof. H. H. Smith.



Prof. J. A. Gledhill (left) in conversation with Prof. R. L. de C. H. Saunders, Professor and Head of the Anatomy Department of the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. This photograph was taken in September, when Prof. Saunders visited Rhodes and delivered a lecture on X-ray Microscopy.

STATE AID FOR THIS RESEARCH

The South African Government has given its backing to the space research being carried out by the Physics Department of Rhodes University. The University will receive R20,000 a year for five years to enable the Physics Department to continue with its research programme on the upper atmosphere at the Antarctic.

The Rhodes research programme in the Antarctic was started in 1961 and since then a physics student has been a member of the South African contingent at the S.A.N.A.E. base every year. During this time, the Rhodes team has made some valuable findings. In collaboration with the Canadians, they have shown that certain disturbances in radio transmission are caused by particles from space coming into the upper atmosphere of the earth. An attempt will now be made to establish exactly what these particles do.

Prof. J. A. Gledhill, Head of the Department of Physics, who has pioneered space research in South Africa for many years, feels that the outcome of this research programme may provide a means of studying space around the earth without the aid of satellites. The importance of this research work has been acknowledged all over the world, including Russia, and has now been recognised by the South African Government in a tangible form which will enable the Physics Department to build up and equip its research team.

Old Rhodian

Prof. Saunders is an Old Rhodian of 1927 who continued his studies at Edinburgh University, graduating M.B.Ch.B. in 1932 and M.D. in 1940. In 1936 he married Miss Sarah Cameron.

After serving on the Staff of the Settler's Hospital and the Bradford Royal Infirmary, he was a Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh from 1933 to 1937. In that year he became Assistant Professor of Anatomy at Dalhousie University, being appointed Associate Professor in 1942 and Professor in 1948. He is the author of numerous books and has been responsible for the development of a new type of X-ray Projection Microscope with which enlargement of up to 374 times can be achieved, with great depth of focus. He has worked particularly on the application of this technique to the study of cerebral micro-circulation. His work has thrown new light on the cortical and medullary capillary bed and its relation to the red veins caused by short circuits in the vicinity of cerebral tumours and scars.

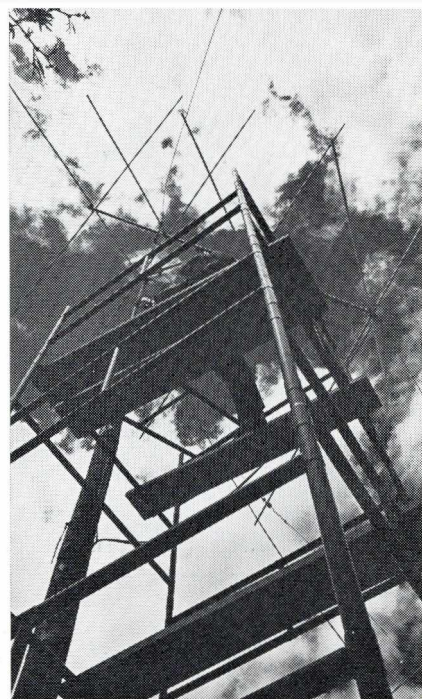
WORLD AID IN THIS EXPERIMENT

Several nations participated in a special research experiment carried out by the Physics Department of Rhodes University on 16th November. The experiment was devised to test a theory put forward by the Head of the Physics Department at Rhodes, Prof. J. A. Gledhill, when he was working at the Goddard Space Flight Centre in the United States last year, in regard to the radio emissions from the planet Jupiter.

The radio noises from this planet were recorded at Rhodes University, in June, 1962, on equipment at Slaaikraal, eight miles outside Grahamstown. Since then a constant check has been kept on the emissions from Jupiter in an attempt to determine their origin.

Prof. Gledhill's theory is that Jupiter is surrounded by radiation belts similar to the Van Allen belts around the earth in which particles from the sun are trapped in the earth's magnetic field. At the speed at which Jupiter spins, its radiation belts may be flattened out to a disc with the planet in the centre. Radio impulses can be generated when Jupiter's moon, Io, passes through the plane of the radiation belts.

The opportunity to test this theory presented itself on 14th November, when the moon passed between Jupiter and the earth. It



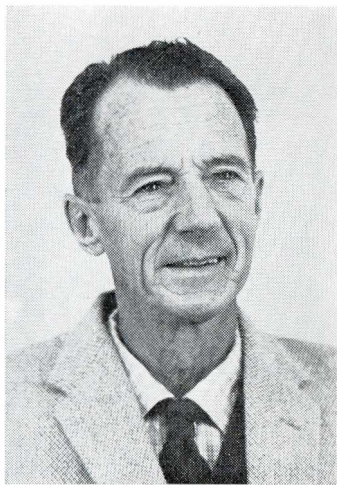
A special aerial at the top of a high mast was installed on the farm Craig Doone, six miles from the University, where the Jupiter research station of the Department of Physics is situated.

covered Io for a space of four minutes before moving on to obscure the planet itself. The experiments were aimed to establish whether any interruption of radio emissions occurred during the eclipse of Io or during the occultation of the planet itself. Among those participating were Dr. Paul Kellogg, of Minnesota, working in Brazil; Mr. Joe Alexander, of the Goddard Space Centre, working in the Canary Islands; and Senor Jorge May, working in Chili. The results of these experiments are now being correlated and studied.

Equipment Carefully Checked

Dr. E. E. Baart, of the Department of Physics, checks over the equipment installed at Craig Doone for the experiment on 16th November. This equipment is constantly in use to obtain a continuous recording of the radio emissions of Jupiter.





Prof. E. D. Mountain

NEW BOOK ON GEOLOGY

A new publication that will be a boon to South African students of Geology and a source of pleasure for all laymen interested in the subject, is **Geology of South Africa** by **Edgar D. Mountain, M.A. (Cantab.), D.Sc. (S.A.)**, Professor of Geology at Rhodes University. The book contains a concise but comprehensive study of the geological structure and development of the earth with an ever narrowing focus that starts with the globe, concentrates on the African continent and the Southern sub-continent, and then examines specific features of geological interest such as the Victoria Falls, the Fish River Canyon (S.W.A.) and the Great Dyke of Rhodesia. Detailed attention is given to natural springs, sink holes, fossils, precious and semi-precious stones and minerals.

This book, containing 250 pages, is published by Books of Africa.

The author was born in London and is a graduate of the University of Cambridge. He served on the staff of the British Museum before his appointment, in 1927, as lecturer in Mineralogy at Rhodes. He became Professor of Geology in 1930.

Prof. Mountain is a life member of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain, the Geological Society of South Africa, the South African Association for the advancement of Science, and the Royal Society of South Africa. He is the author of more than 50 publications and was awarded the David Draper Memorial Medal, in 1963, for his contribution to South African Geology.

As a half-miler, he represented South Africa at the Olympic Games in 1920 and again in 1924.

CARCINOGENETIC AGENT FOUND

The discovery at Rhodes University of important scientific evidence in the fight against cancer was announced during August by **Prof. J. R. Nunn**, Head of the Department of Chemistry and Dean of the Faculty of Science. The discovery resulted from research work carried out in the Transkei and at the University over many years.

The research started from observations by **Dr. R. J. W. Burrell**, who long ago was struck by the appearance of gullet cancer among Africans in the Transkei. He found the disease in women occurred in well-defined areas of the Transkei and the same was true for men but in wider areas. Between these "cancer areas" he found little or none of the disease. The well-defined geographical distribution suggested a local cause.

The research work based on these important leads was taken over some years ago by **Dr. W. A. Roach**. On investigation, Dr. Roach found that the cancer areas were less productive than the non-cancer areas and that the African in cancer areas became dependent on wild plants and on moulding mealies, which are suspected of causing cancer.

Dr. Roach collected plants in the Transkei, which were chemically analysed at Rhodes by Prof. Nunn and **Dr. A. Jacot-Guillarmod**. Their theory is that a deficiency of molybdenum, which is intimately concerned with enzymes which assist in the metabolism of nitrate in the plant, occurs in these cancer areas.

With a deficiency of molybdenum, nitrosamines build up in the plant. They are known to be carcinogenic, that is, they play a part in the formation of cancer.

Research showed that a small dose of these nitrosamines produced cancer in rats over a short period of time. The same dose produced cancer in humans over a period of 20 years.

Dimethyl nitrosamines has been identified as occurring in some of the plants eaten by the Africans in the Transkei. The juice of Devils Apple (Untuma) is mixed with curd milk and eaten.

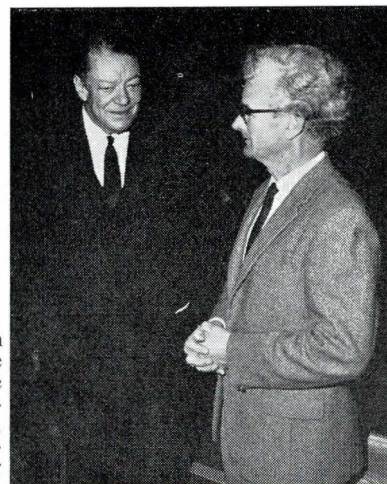
This substance is known to be a factor in producing liver cancer of which there is a high incidence in the Transkei.

A significant correlation has been found between deficiency of molybdenum and the incidence of liver and gullet cancer in these areas.

Since announcing this discovery, Prof. Nunn and Dr. Roach have

held consultations in London with **Prof. B. N. Magee**, Head of the Department of Chemistry at the Corthauld Institute of Biochemistry, Middlesex Hospital, London, who has studied the pharmacological action of nitrosamines for many years. They also visited **Prof. H. Druckrey** of Vryburg University, Germany, who leads a team of research specialists who are unique in the world. Using thousands of white rats they inject the subjects with nitrosamines and later study them for neoplastic (cancer) tissue.

CONFERENCES



The Chancellor, Dr. W. J. Busschau, in conversation with Prof. J. R. Nunn immediately after the Chancellor had opened the Conference of the Geological Society of South Africa which was held at Rhodes University in July this year, and which was attended by leading Geologists from all parts of the Republic.



Above: Dr. E. B. Worthington, of London, Director of the International Biological Programme, addressing the Conference, at Rhodes, of the Limnological Society of Southern Africa which was opened by the Vice-Principal, Prof. J. V. L. Rennie, (right). In the centre is Prof. B. R. Allanson, Head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology and Director of the University's Institute of Fresh Water Studies.

Prof. C. H. Price addressing the National Conference of Pharmaceutical Students. Next to him are the Mayor of Grahamstown, Mrs. B. E. Rennie, who opened the conference, and the President of the South African Pharmacy Board, Mr. R. Pannall.



Right: Seen together at the Party in Johannesburg were (left to right): Mrs. Busschau, Prof. and Mrs. H. J. Chapman, the Chancellor, Dr. W. J. Busschau, Mrs. Sutherland and Mr. J. B. Sutherland. Prof. and Mrs. Chapman had travelled from Grahams-town to be present at this function.



Donation to Rhodes Union Building Fund

Mr. J. B. Sutherland, Chairman of the Old Rhodian Union in Johannesburg, has sent the University a cheque for R42.85 as a donation to the Student Union Building Fund. This amount represents the credit balance left over after defraying the expenses of the Reunion Party in Johannesburg on 6th September. This is the second time that a gesture of this kind has been made by the Johannesburg Old Rhodians.

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Old Rhodians

Meet in JOHANNESBURG

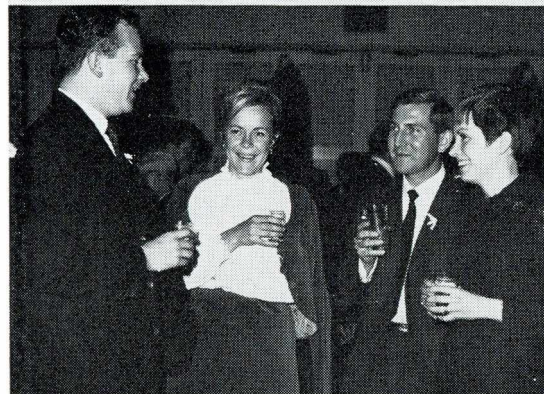


There was a record turnout of 200 Old Rhodians and guests at the Founder's Day Reunion Party in Johannesburg on Friday, 6th September. The event was organised by the Chairman, Mr. J. B. Sutherland, and Mrs. Sutherland. Among those who assisted, special mention must be made of Graham Hodggers (1963).

Those present included the Chancellor, Dr. W. J. Busschau, and Mrs. Busschau; Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Ross-Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hellings; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. M. Blakeway; Prof. Chris Cresswell; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Salomon and Prof. and Mrs. P. K. Faure.

The University was represented by Prof. and Mrs. H. J. Chapman. The Chancellor replied to Prof. Chapman's address, which was both informative and stimulating.

Left and Right: There are several well known faces in these photographs of groups of Old Rhodians selected at random during the most successful Party on 6th September.



Below (left to right): Mr. Peter Joubert, Mrs. Gane, Mr. D. Hilton-Barber, Mrs. Hilton-Barber, Mrs. Joubert and Mr. Peter Gane, were in happy mood at the Party in Johannesburg.



More research work by I. S. E. R.

A new research fellowship of R5,000 per annum for research to be conducted at Rhodes University under the Institute of Social and Economic Research has been instituted by the council of the university.

The fellow selected may engage in research in any of the following fields: history, economics, sociology, social anthropology or human geography.

The Institute for Social and Economic Research at Rhodes was founded in 1954 to promote co-operation in research between the

various social science departments, to pool resources and to provide a co-ordinating centre for a number of projects.

Some 16 research projects are at present being undertaken by the Institute and most of these are financed by ad-hoc grants from various outside bodies. The Director of the Institute, **Prof. D. Hobart Houghton**, is a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council and he was Head of the Department of Economics at Rhodes University for 25 years before accepting his present appointment.

RHODESIANS CELEBRATE



Mr. Harry Hall (*left*), who organised the Reunion Party in Salisbury, with Prof. D. M. Morton who represented the University at this successful function.

SALISBURY

A record number of 110 Old Rhodians and their friends gathered to celebrate the Founder's Day Reunion in Salisbury on 20th September.

The University was represented by Prof. D. M. Morton, Dean of the Faculty of Education, who not only displayed an astounding memory when greeting numerous persons by name but spoke of the

developments at Rhodes in a humorous, realistic way which showed his keen insight into student affairs and his inimitable sense of fun.

Harry Hall, who organised this most successful party, announced that Prime Minister Ian Smith had, at the last moment, telephoned to express his good wishes and regret at being unable to attend.

Below: The Photographer found this happy group of Old Rhodians at the Party in Salisbury on 20th September.



Rhodian Old Borderers Society

It was a great occasion for the Umtali Old Boys at Rhodes when they received a visit from the Headmaster and Mrs. K. M. Fleming, who spent a few days in Grahamstown. Rhodes has always been proud of the large number of Rhodesians among its students and this number is still growing steadily.



The Convenor of the Old Rhodian Reunion Party in Bulawayo, Mr. Ronnie Reeve-Johnson, and Prof. D. M. Morton, Dean of the Faculty of Education, who was the speaker on this occasion. There was a good attendance, including all age groups of past students.

BULAWAYO

Old Rhodesians H. E. Lazarus, H. G. Goldwater and G. D. Smith (*l. to r.*) at the Party in Bulawayo. Mr. Goldwater, the senior of the trio, graduated in 1913.



Old Rhodian Re-union in



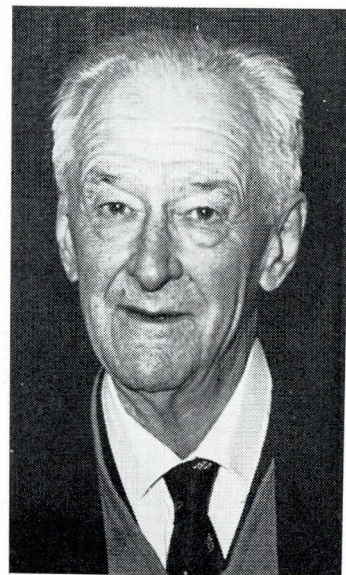
Above: Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop (centre) with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie Shuttleworth at the Kimberley Club on the occasion of the Founder's Day celebrations on 13th September, 1968. Over 100 Old Rhodians and their friends and families gathered to meet the Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Hyslop at a cocktail party and the dinner which followed.

KIMBERLEY

Mr. Shuttleworth introduced the Vice-Chancellor and reminded the gathering that it was from the Kimberley Club that the pioneer column set out on 27th June, 1890, to lay the foundations of Rhodesia. In this way Kimberley had a particular link with the event chosen as the historic date for Founder's Day at Rhodes.

In the course of his address, Dr Hyslop referred to the present-day tendency for students to patronise the humanities in preference to science. He analysed the probable reasons for this phenomenon, and continued to deal with various other aspects of student life and university development.

The Old Rhodians congratulated Dr. Hyslop in song when they learnt that he had turned 60 the day before — having been born on the very day when Founder's Day was celebrated at Rhodes for the first time.



Mr. Hugh Robins, doyen of Kimberley Old Rhodians and still active as a partner in a legal firm.

Old Rhodian in the News

CHAIRMAN OF TENDER BOARD



General J. M. Keevy

General J. M. Keevy (Old Rhodian, 1928) retired from the South African Police on 30th September, 1968. The next day, 1st October, he took over his new appointment as Chairman of the State Tender Board.

He was born at Somerset East in 1908 and matriculated at Gill College in 1925. He then came to Rhodes where he took a B.A. degree, majoring in Psychology and Afrikaans.

In February, 1929, he joined the South African Police and was commissioned in 1934. In 1936 he married Miss Martie Stolz. He served in several posts in the Trans-

vaal and also in Durban until 1948 when he was appointed Quarter-master of the South African Police.

But the successful Police Officer was still a scholar at heart. In 1950 he gained the degree of Bachelor of Economics at the University of South Africa.

His appointment as Assistant Commissioner of Police in 1958, was followed by his appointment as Commissioner, in 1962, with the rank of Lieutenant General. In April this year he was promoted to the rank of General.

RESEARCH AT RHODES IN MARINE ALGOLOGY

Prof. J. R. Nunn, Head of the Department of Chemistry, visited Spain during September to read a paper at the sixth international Symposium on Marine Algology. At Rhodes, he heads a research group which is concerned with the study of seaweeds along our coast lines. A prominent member of this group is **Dr. Mary Pocock**, Research Associate of the Department of Botany, who is internationally known as a collector and an authority on the classification of seaweeds. Another member, **Dr. S. C. Seagrief** of the Botany Department, recently published a book on the subject. They are assisted by **Dr. H. Parolis** and **Mr. A. H. Allsobrook**.

Prof. Nunn has conducted research for fifteen years on polysaccharides (complex sugars) found in seaweeds. This research is not only of academic interest but may eventually be of commercial significance. Agar, a polysaccharide obtained from seaweed on our west coast is already extensively used in the canning of meat. The collection of seaweed for commercial purposes is causing certain problems resulting from the careless manner in which the seaweed is harvested. If the rocks around our coast should become denuded, the biological balance of marine life could be disturbed in a manner that would have disastrous consequences. It is most necessary, therefore, to make an urgent study of all biological

factors affecting the reproduction and growth of seaweeds.

S.A. English Dictionary

The compilation of an up-to-date dictionary of South African English is being undertaken by the Institute for the Study of English in Africa at Rhodes University. The work will be carried out by a team of staff members including **Prof. W. Branford** (who is the author of "The Elements of English"), **Mr. M. V. Aldridge** of the Department of English and **Dr. J. Smuts** of the Department of Nederlands-Afrikaans who worked for several years on the production of the Groot Afrikaanse Woordboek and who is co-author of the latest Afrikaans Dictionary which was published in March this year.

One of the many tasks of the team will be to identify words of South African origin which have become incorporated in the English language. These have come from several sources including Afrikaans and Bantu languages. The field of study will cover modern South African literature as well as the early writings of Settlers in this country.

In Natal and the Western Province



Above (left to right): Mrs. H. L. Watts, Prof. Watts, Mrs. W. D. Maxwell, Prof. Maxwell and Mrs. E. Cruise, at the Old Rhodian reunion party in Durban.



Above (left to right): Prof. J. P. Duminy, Mrs. B. E. Rennie, Mr. V. C. H. R. Brereton (Chairman, O.R.U., Cape Town), Mrs. Duminy (O.R.) and Prof. J. V. L. Rennie, Vice-Principal of Rhodes University.

DURBAN

Prof. W. D. Maxwell, Dean of the Faculty of Divinity, was the speaker at the Old Rhodian Reunion in Durban, where he and Mrs. Maxwell represented the University.

It was also the Annual Meeting of the Natal Branch of the Old

Rhodian Union which was started some years ago by Prof. Watts. The following new Committee was elected: Peter O'Connor (Convener), Virginia Lund and Messrs. Alva-Wright, Dickens, Inge, Lewis and Maker. (There is youth at the helm for you!)



Above: A group of Old Rhodians at the Party held at the Plaza Hotel, Durban, on 25th September. (Left to right): Miss Virginia Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Simpson, Mr. David Wanless and Mr. Stephen Cruise.



CAPE TOWN

Mr. V. C. H. R. Breerton, Chairman and doyen of the Cape Town Old Rhodians, and Jen Forbes (1964), who assisted him, must have been pleased to see 185 Old Rhodians and guests at the Reunion Party they organised. It was held on Friday, 13th September. The University was represented

by the Vice-Principal, Prof. J. V. L. Rennie, and Mrs. Rennie. In his address to the gathering, Prof. Rennie brought everybody up to date with present life and developments at Rhodes.

Among those present were the Mayor of Cape Town and Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Duminy.



Above and Below: To show quite clearly that senior Old Students of Rhodes University are not to be out-done by the younger generation, Mr. V. C. H. R. Brereton, who was there to sign the

Register when the University first opened its doors in 1904, donned this outfit, complete with wig and spectacles and put on an amusing act. After assisting the band with a completely novel instrument of his own design, he led the dancing and proved to be most fastidious and discerning in his choice of a partner.

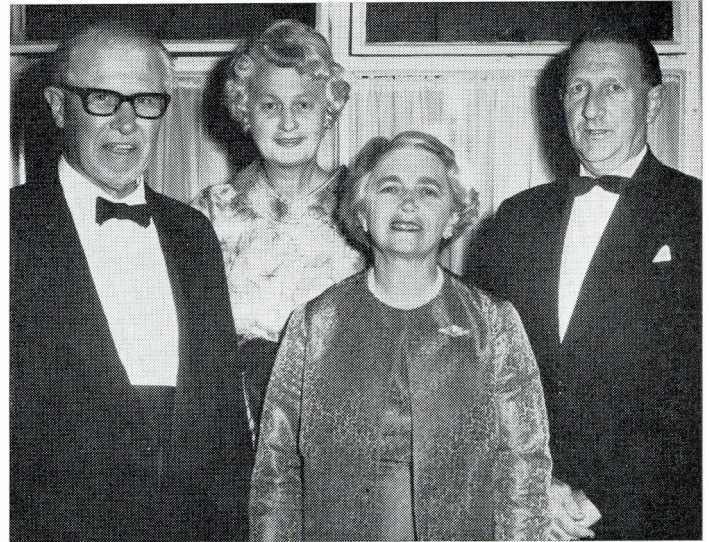
PORT ELIZABETH

A large number of Port Elizabeth Old Rhodians gathered for the Founder's Day Dinner and Annual Meeting on 14th September, 1968.



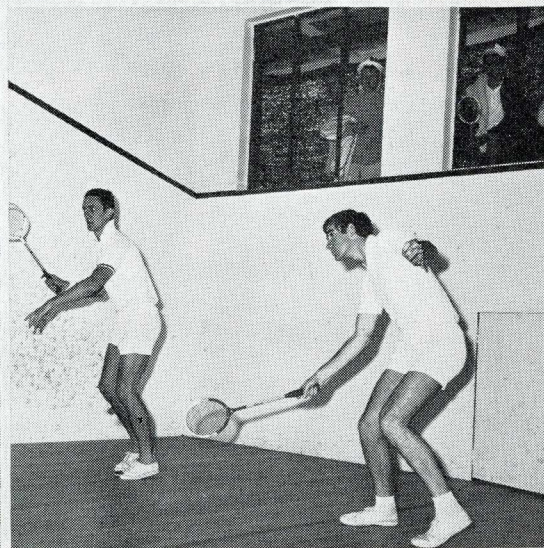
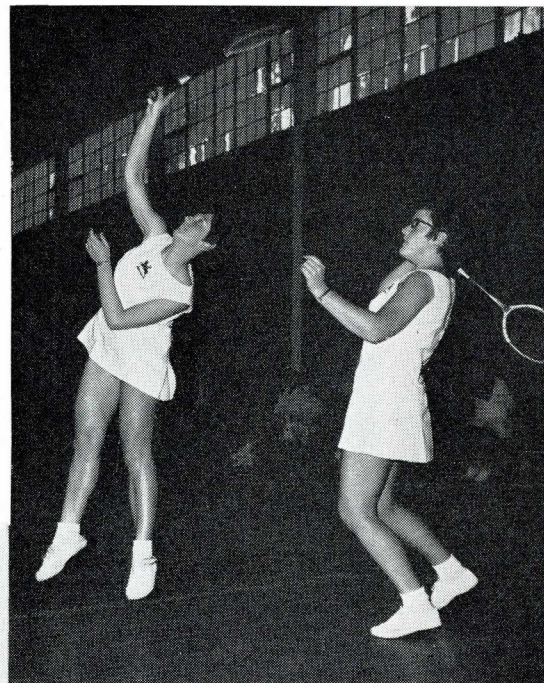
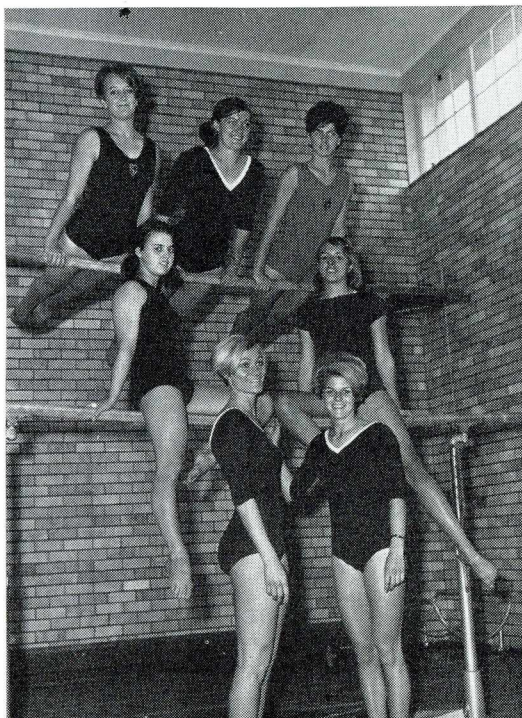
Among the many guests in the Grand Hotel, Port Elizabeth, were Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Rayner.

Right (left to right): Prof. W. D. Maxwell, Dean of the Faculty of Divinity, who was the speaker at the Founder's Day Dinner in Port Elizabeth, with Mrs. Omond, Mrs. Maxwell, and Mr. J. L. Omond, Chairman of the Old Rhodian Union in Port Elizabeth.



Inter-varsity Sport

These photographs were taken in July when three inter-varsity tournaments, badminton, gymnastics and squash, were held at Rhodes, drawing students from all parts of the country.



GEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Congress of the Geological Society of South Africa was held at Rhodes University in July, 1968 and in addition to Prof. Mountain, Mr. Ruddock, Dr. Eales and Mr. Toerien (of the local Survey), the following attended: M. M. Anderson (1963), J. B. Hawthorne (1956), R. E. Jacob (1961), M. R. Johnson (1963), J. Lurie (1962), W. Marais (1944), D. J. Muirhead (1966), D. R. Pike (1949), W. H. Wood (1938) and A. R. Wright (1962). In addition messages of greeting were sent by R. Barker Brown (1953), G. R. Davis (1942), J. J. Frankel (1934), L. E. Kent (1934) and D. L. Kyle (1958). The Congress lasted a week and in addition there was a four-day excursion before the session to the Sundays-Gamtoos Rivers and some afternoon trips during the session. This is the first time the Society Congress has been held here.

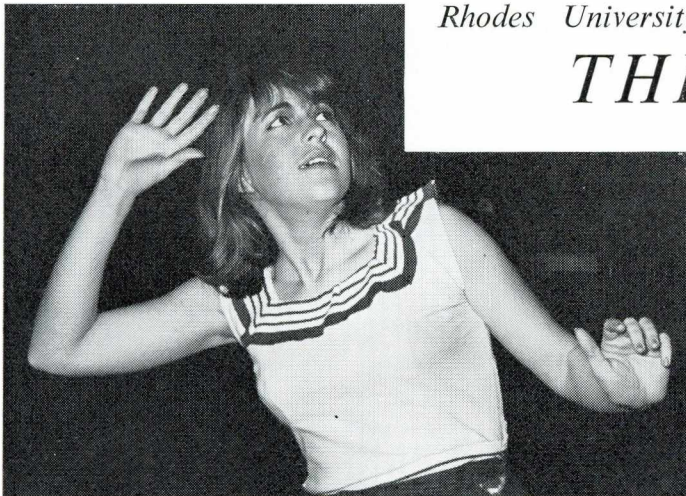
Obituary ***Florence Gardner***

Mrs. Florence Gardner (nee Richardson), who died in August this year, will be remembered with affection by many of the earlier students of Oriel House. Not only was she an excellent matron, but she established close and happy relations with the students. To the end she retained some of the characteristics that had endeared her to students—her gentle manner, her pleasingly modulated voice and infectious laugh, and fastidious grooming.

In earlier life she had been a matron at the Wesleyan High School in Grahamstown. Her period of service with Rhodes coincided in part with that of Miss Edwards and Miss Lewis, whom many may also remember. In several ways, therefore, her death has removed a link with the past.

Rhodes University

THEATRE



Links: Nelia Dreyer, wat saam met Tom Cloete, Wilfred Jonckheere, Bill Sieberhagen, Hugh Forsyth, Noel Roos en John Badenhorst 'n puik opvoering gelewer het van

PUTSONDERWATER

deur Bartho Smit, onder regie van Abraham de Vries.



Abraham de Vries

Uit die pen van die Afrikaanse skrywer, Abraham H. de Vries, tans verbonde aan die Departement Afrikaans/Nederlands, Rhodes Universiteit, het vanjaar drie boeke verskyn: twee vertalings van bekende Europese letterkundige werke en een reisverhaal.

Die vertalings is *Zorba*, die Griek deur die Griekse skrywer en digter Nikos Kazantzakis, en 'n Afrikaanse verwerking van *The Painted Veil* deur Somerset Maugham.

Joernaal uit 'n Gragtehuis noem mnr. De Vries sy reisbeskrywing oor die stad Amsterdam, waar hy gewoon en studeer het. Mnr. De Vries het sy doktoraat in Afrikaanse en Nederlandse Taal- en Letterkunde en Perswetenskap in 1962 aan die Gemeentelike Universiteit, Amsterdam, behaal. Tydens sy verblyf in Nederland is die Reina Prinsen-Geerligts — prys vir Afrikaanse Letterkunde aan hom toegeken. In 1967 het hy van die Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns die Eugène Marais — prys ontvang.

Mnr. De Vries het altesaam al vyftien boeke gepubliseer, waaronder kortverhaalbundels, reisverhale, 'n novelle en verskeie vertalings, asook 'n bundel poësie. Hy is tans besig aan 'n volgende bundel kortverhale en 'n bundel opstelle.



Left (left to right): Gill Theunissen, Les Boardman and Paula Geldenhuys who, with John Birch and Marty Rushmere, formed the cast for a most successful production of the comedy

SEE HOW THEY RUN

by Phillip King, which was produced for the Rhodes Amateur Dramatic Society by Nick Develin.

To mark the celebration of Settlers' Day this year, Professor Guy Butler directed an outstanding production by the Speech and Drama Department of Christopher Marlowe's

DOCTOR FAUSTUS

The Large cast (40) included students and members of the staff. Seen here, are Dr. Andre de Villiers (*right*) as Dr. Faustus, and Don MacLennan (*below*) as Mephistopheles. Decor and costumes were designed by Ken Robinson.



CAN YOU HELP?

The Students' Representative Council is eager to complete its collection of photographs of past S.R.C's. At present, no photographs are available for the years 1915, 1925, 1929, 1936, 1942, 1944, 1945, 1947 to 1951, and 1956 to 1959. It is enquired whether Old Rhodians could supply any of the missing photographs, which could be copied and returned, if desired.

OLD RHODIAN NEWS

H. W. "Herby" Arnott (1928) Principal of Union High School, Graaff-Reinet, will retire at the end of this year. After leaving Rhodes, where he had also made a name for himself as a rugby fly-half, he taught for several years at Dale College before moving to Port Elizabeth, in 1940, as the first Principal of Victoria Park High School, which at that time occupied only one classroom in a church hall. For three years he served in Italy with the Natal Mounted Rifles, a tank regiment. At the end of the war he resumed his duties at Victoria Park High School and, in 1947, he was appointed to the headship of Union High. For 21 years he has filled this important educational post with great distinction and has done much to enhance the reputation of the school.

Fr. Richard Martin (1954), is the Rector of St. Hugh's, Port Elizabeth. After leaving Rhodes, he continued his studies at Cambridge and at Wells Theological College, and was in Bloemfontein and Odendaalsrus before coming to Port Elizabeth. His wife, Dorothy, is a former lecturer at the Witwatersrand Technical College.

Adele Brandt (1964) was married in June, to Mr Louis Piser, of Los Angeles, whom she met while working on a kibbutz in Israel. The six-day war had brought them both to Israel as volunteer workers.

Stanley Sherry (1930) has been appointed Director of the Wattle Research Institute of the University of Natal, in Pietermaritzburg, with the rank of Professor. He has been on the staff of the Institute since its inception in 1948, and was the first scientist to draw attention to the serious erosion that could result from the clearing and burning of plantation areas after the felling of trees. From Rhodes, he went to Oxford to take the M.A. degree in Forestry, and subsequently studied plant physiology at Johns Hopkins University in the United States. He gained valuable experience at Knysna and Tokai before becoming a Lecturer at Stellenbosch University. He is vice-President of the South African Institute of Forestry.

Eric Watkinson (1924) has retired from his post of senior post-primary planner in the Transkei Department of Education. He was a Master of St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown, and at Healdtown, before becoming Principal of Clarkebury High School in 1928. After 24 years in this post, with an interruption for war service with the S.A. Air Force, he was appointed an Inspector of Schools in 1953, being stationed successively at Mount Frere, Queenstown, Engcobo, Umtata and Kokstad. He joined the Transkei Department of Education when it was established in 1964.

Jill Abel (1967) is in Cologne, Germany, on a year's scholarship to study physical education.

Karin Heuschneider (1967), who is now on the staff of the Music Department at Rhodes, returned recently from a short visit to Austria during which she attended the Salzburg Music Festival.

Peter Searle (1958) is attending a course at the Business School of Harvard University. His wife, Erica, is flying to the United States to join him for the last few weeks of his stay there.

Ronald Dugmore (1951) will succeed another Old Rhodian (Mr. H. W. Arnott) as Principal of Union High School, Graaff-Reinet, as from the beginning of 1969. He is the son of a former Principal of Muir College, Mr. N. C. Dugmore, and his mother was also a teacher before her marriage. He was previously a Master at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth and later at Graeme College, before being appointed Principal of Komgha Secondary School.

Dr. Francis Hewitt (1939) who is vice-President of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, represented South Africa at a United Nations conference in Vienna, in August this year, to discuss problems related to space research. He is responsible for all matters related to South Africa's participation in international space research programmes.

Colin Kruger (1966) and **Nicolé Altman** (1966) were married in Port Elizabeth in September this year. Colin is an accountant, and Nicolé had been working as a computer programmer in Johannesburg.

Roy Jones (1962) and **Megan Davies** (1961) have announced their engagement. Roy, who is an accountant, is the Manager of a roof tile factory in Port Elizabeth. Megan is a teacher at Pearson High School.

Beryl Wright (1965) has been appointed to the staff of the University of Natal where she will lecture on research methods and urban sociology.

Gillian Young (1962), was married recently to Mr. Michael Noyce. They will live in Boston, U.S.A.

Dr. Robin Farquarson (1950) has resigned from his post as senior research fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge, to make a full-time career of writing. He took his doctorate in Philosophy at Oxford in 1958 and was a research fellow at Oxford for three years before going to the University of the Witwatersrand as a research officer. He became senior research fellow at Cambridge in 1964.

June Moodie (1966) was married to Mr Martin Stein in September this year. He is a farmer in the Vryburg district. June had been doing research work for a chemical engineering firm in Johannesburg.

Wendy Williams (1964) married Mr. John Richardson in Port Elizabeth last month. Until then, she had been teaching at the Alexander Road High School.

Rintelen van Straaten (1967), with his wife Joan and their two sons, have left for Oxford where he will study for the next two years.

Rike Antonissen (1966) married Mr. Richard Vaughan in Grahamstown a few weeks ago. The couple came out from England for the ceremony. Rike, the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. R. K. J. E. Antonissen, had been teaching at a school near Reading.

Alan Barker (1932) has retired as Headmaster of Selborne College, East London. He joined the staff of the school in 1939, and became Headmaster in 1959. He was away for a few years while on active service, and also from 1954 to 1959, when he was Principal at Cathcart High School and at the Kimberley Boys' High School.

Neil Jardine (1959), who is at present head of the history department at Fort Victoria High School, has been appointed deputy headmaster of Churchill School, Salisbury. He will take up his new appointment in January.

Jane Dickson (1959) is doing excellent work in England where she has been teaching emotionally maladjusted children for the past five years. She is at present at a senior school for maladjusted boys and is finding it a most interesting experience. She is now living in Watford, Herts.

Dudley Hope (1935) has been appointed an assistant general manager of the Standard Bank of South Africa at its Head Office in Johannesburg. He was an outstanding cricketer for Rhodes and Border.

The Rev. Reginald Fane has been appointed Rector of the Church of Good Shepherd, East London. He succeeds Fr. Roy Snyman who is now a Chaplain to the students at Rhodes. He was previously stationed at Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown, Sekukuniland and Lesotho.

Alan Penny (1967) married Miss Ruth Oram in July this year. Alan is a teacher at Rondebosch Boys' High School, and Ruth is the daughter of the Dean of Grahamstown, The Very Rev. K. C. Oram, and Mrs. Oram.

Rob Stevens (1966) married Miss Chigusa Kimura, a fellow student at Oxford, in August. Rob is studying Modern Greats and his wife is doing a thesis in Social Science.

Angus Mackay (1961) and his wife Pat are sailing back to South Africa in their own yacht, from the United Kingdom, where Angus has been stationed for the past two years. They bought the hull of the yacht in England and spent many months fitting it out for the voyage.

Harry Hall (1941), who is Educational Psychologist to the Rhodesian Ministry of Education, has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the Rhodes University Foundation Trust. He is the first Rhodesian to be appointed to the Board.

Prof. L. M. Thompson (1936), has been appointed a Professor of History at Yale University. He was formerly the Professor of History at Cape Town (until 1961) and at the University of California.

Blyda Lubbe (1966) paid a short visit to Boston, in the United States, in June this year. She is a teacher at the Girls' High School Queenstown.

Stephen Davis (1966) and **Yvonne Rogers** (1966) were married during August. Stephen is an accountant in Cape Town, and Yvonne was a teacher at Framesby High School, Port Elizabeth.

Fredrich Gess (1959) is now the entomologist at the Albany Museum in Grahamstown. He was previously an assistant entomologist at the South African Museum, and has made a special study of the masaridae wasp.

OLD RHODIAN NEWS *Continued.*

Mary Wallace (1941), who has been an English teacher at Pearson Girls' High School, Port Elizabeth, for the past 12 years, has been appointed a vice-Principal of the Collegiate Girls' High School as from the beginning of next year.

Mary Laurie (1945) has been appointed Principal of Clarendon Girls' High School, East London. She will move from Cape Town to East London in January.

Andre Jaquet (1967) and Anne Brink, have announced their engagement. They intend marrying in April next year.

Ann Cockram (1966) is now in Johannesburg where she is engaged on data processing.

Lawson Lobb (1960) who is on the staff of Rhodes University, is engaged to Miss Tessa Randall.

The Rev. Francis Horner (1958), who was in Zambia until 1965 as Minister of St. Colomba's Presbyterian Church, is now the parish minister at St. Michael's Presbyterian Church, in Springs. In addition, he is the Editor of the **Presbyterian Leader**, which is the official organ of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa. He has also been studying Speech and Drama in which he recently obtained a Licentiate Diploma.

Dr. Peter Graham (1957) has left Algoma College in Sault Ste Maria, Canada, and is now in the Department of Biology at Lindenwood College in St. Charles, U.S.A.

Prof. K. A. C. "Cheese" Elliott (1924) has retired from the chairmanship of the Department of Biochemistry at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, but will remain a professor in the Department. He has accepted an invitation to spend some time at the University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, as Visiting Professor. Prof. Elliott was recently awarded a Centennial Medal in recognition of his valuable service to the nation.

Ann Jordan (nee Shuttleworth, 1964) became the mother of a daughter Nicolette, on 29th August. Her parents, Prof. and Mrs. S. G. Shuttleworth, have accommodated themselves very quickly to their new status as grandparents.

Prof. Adam Barnard (1950) is a professor of Physics in the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Isadore Kamfer (1968), partnered by Miss Val Barber, has won the South African Mixed Doubles title at table-tennis for the second time. He also captained the Eastern Province side.

Michael Groch (1967), who is back at Rhodes to take the Honours course in mathematics, has been successful in the preliminary examination of the Institute of Actuaries. In this international examination only 20 candidates passed, of whom four were South Africans.

Janet Turk (nee Irving, 1955) and her husband, Dr. A. Turk of the University of Indiana, U.S.A., where he is Professor of Sociology (Criminology), are on an extended visit to her parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. Irving of Rhodes University.



Miss P. McGaffin

Patricia McGaffin (1943) has been appointed Principal of Cape Town Training College as from the beginning of 1969. After leaving Rhodes University, she taught at the Kaffrarian Girls' High School, King William's Town, Eunice High School, Bloemfontein and Queenstown Girls' High School before being appointed Principal of the Clarendon High School for Girls in East London in 1956.

Friedrich Sieborger (1942), who is Principal of Cambridge High School, East London, has been appointed an Inspector of Schools under the Cape Education Department as from the beginning of next year.

Jacques van Onselen (1963) has written to the Newsletter from the University of Houston, Texas, and it really sounds as if he is homesick for South Africa and thinking with nostalgia of Rhodes University. At the end of 1966 he went to the United States on a Rotary Foundation Fellowship and this year he was awarded a teaching fellowship at the University of Houston, with its 23,400 students. He is lecturing in Educational Psychology and also working for his Doctorate in Education.

OBITUARY

Raymond Connell (1938) died in Johannesburg in July this year. He rendered distinguished service in the S.A. Air Force during the war and was awarded the D.F.C. He was shot down behind enemy lines in Italy and was sheltered by partisans for several months. He represented Eastern Province at both cricket and rugby and was a past President of the Old Grey Union. At the time of his death he was administrative manager of S.A. Breweries.

William McDonald Dodds (1946) died suddenly in Stellenbosch in July, 1968, at the age of 64. He started his teaching career in the Free State and taught at several schools before becoming Principal of Jansenville High School. In 1950, he was appointed an Inspector of Schools, serving at Uppington, Aliwal North, Uitenhage and East London. He had a great interest in the teaching of science and mathematics, and was also an enthusiastic gardener.

Hilson Gordon Clayton (1942) died in Ottawa, Canada, after a long illness. He was 46. After serving in the armed forces during the war, he joined the Department of External Affairs and served in diplomatic posts in Lourenco Marques, Lisbon and Rio de Janeiro. In 1965, he was appointed Counsellor at the South African embassy in Ottawa.

The Hon. Frederick George Reynolds (1910) died in Johannesburg at the age of 81. He was admitted to the Bar in 1911 and became a Judge in 1948. After a few years as Judge-President of the Eastern Districts Local Division of the Supreme Court, he was made a Judge of the Appellate Division in 1955. He retired in 1958.

John Rowland Roderick (1926) was killed in an air crash at Brandfort, O.F.S., in August, 1968. He was a director of the Standard Bank of South Africa and Chairman of the Free State Board of the Bank. He was also Managing Director of John Roderick and Co., O.F.S., and Chairman of the Roderick group of companies.

Kenneth Douglas Graham (1921) died in Grahamstown on 13th September, aged 74. After graduating, he served as Registrar to his uncle, Sir Thomas Lynedoch Graham, before practising as an advocate in Kimberley, Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth. He saw service in both world wars. In 1955 he was appointed an acting Judge, and acted several times in that capacity. He took silk in 1960. He was a keen bowler and music lover.

Andries Nortje ("Norrie") Steyn (1935) died at Willowmore, on 27th September, at the age of 51. A former town councillor and Mayor of Willowmore, where he was a partner in a firm of Attorneys, he played a prominent part in public affairs and was elected to Parliament for the Graaff-Reinet constituency in 1966.

Gordon Swift Lardner-Burke (1908) died in Johannesburg on 27th September, at the age of 77. During the first world war, he had an outstanding record of service and was badly wounded in Flanders. Returning to South Africa, he commenced his career as an accountant in Johannesburg, and followed this profession with distinction.

Leslie James Auchmuty Carter (1928) died in September, 1968, at the age of 65. He was the founder, in 1930, of Woodridge Preparatory School, near Port Elizabeth, of which he became the first Headmaster. In 1966 the school extended into the Secondary field with the establishment of Woodridge College.

William Bain Lanham died in Grahamstown last month at the age of 73. A direct descendant of the great road builder and archaeologist, Andrew Geddes Bain, he was an expert on Settler history and the author of several publications. He served in a mounted Regiment in East Africa during the first world war. He was a Justice of the Peace and a foundation member of the first Settlers' Day celebrations committee.

Ernest Arthur Weir (1923) died in King William's Town on 18th October, at the age of 65. He was Chairman and Managing Director of one of the oldest businesses in the Eastern Cape and had played a leading part in the affairs of organised Commerce in this region for very many years. He was also Chairman of the British Kaffrarian Savings Bank Society and a past President of Assocom. A foundation member of Rotary, K.W.T., he also served on the Committee of Dale College, and was a prime mover in the establishment of the home for the aged which was recently opened.

Heinrich Oloff (Chappie) Frielinghaus (1907), died on 24th November at the age of 80. After leaving Rhodes he joined a bank in Rhodesia and represented Matabeleland at rugby, cricket and golf. He served in East Africa and France in the first world war before entering the wool business in Port Elizabeth. In 1935 he was elected to the Provincial Council and became a Member of Parliament in 1948.