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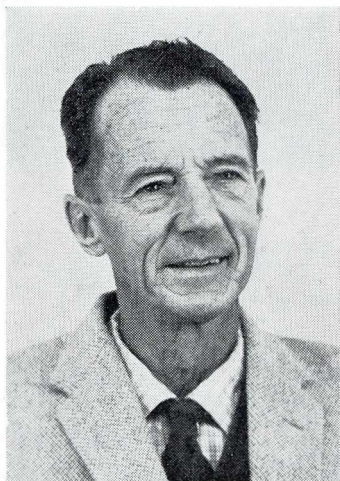


Professor Mountain Retires

Prof. E. D. Mountain, who has long been the Senior Professor at Rhodes University, retires at the end of this year. He will be succeeded by Prof. H. V. Eales as Professor of Geology.

Prof. Mountain M.A. (Cantab.), D.Sc.(S.A.) 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 Gr. Britain at the Olympic Games in 1920 and again in 1924.

His publications include **Geology of South Africa**, which appeared last year. Throughout his career

he has sought every opportunity to contribute to the available knowledge of South African Geology and, a few years ago, the following tribute was paid to him in the official report on the Geological Survey: "The further our Geological Survey of this region expands the greater becomes our admiration for the extensive contribution that Prof. E. D. Mountain has made towards unravelling the geology of the Eastern Cape. Somehow he has found time to contribute papers on just about every interesting feature. In many cases we can merely attempt to fill the gaps."

Within the University, Prof. Mountain has served on a variety of important committees and has made a notable contribution to the life of the University. Many students have benefited from his close interest in athletics.

It is given to few people, even in the comparative quiet of academic life, to hold a Chair for 40 years. It is given to even fewer to do so with unimpaired vigour and productivity to the very end. Professor Mountain has achieved this, and he will leave the University with the gratitude and the best wishes of his colleagues and his students of the past and the present.

DEGREE COURSE IN JOURNALISM

Rhodes University will offer a three-year degree course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Journalism next year. This will be the first degree which is specifically aimed at the requirements of journalists to be offered by an English-medium residential university in South Africa.

In planning the course the university has worked in close co-operation with editors of newspapers and magazines in South Africa, South-West Africa and Rhodesia. It is expected that a senior lecturer in journalism will be appointed for next year and most of the other courses will draw on lecturers in the faculty of arts.

Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Journalism will study a selection of liberal arts subjects relevant to their intended careers. The compulsory major subject will be journalism and the second major subject can be selected from a group of germane subjects which include both official languages, psychology, social anthropology, politics, sociology and economics.

Students will also be required to follow at least one course in both official languages, at least one course each in economics and politics, a course in Press law and an introductory course in Press organisation and management. The major course in journalism will deal with effective reporting and news writing, the organisation and function of these media, laws affecting the Press, the history of journalism and the relationship between the Press and society.

During their vacation students will be given the opportunity to work in newspaper offices in the major centres in the Republic to get some practical experience. They will be paid during this time at the normal cub reporter rates.

NEW COMPUTER IS FAST BUT COMPACT

With the installation of an ICL 190 IA computer in the Rhodes computer centre last month, Rhodes has become the first university to have an "integrated" machine. Other universities and business concerns are soon to follow suit in switching over to this type of computer.

The integral machine has an arrangement of micro-circuits which allows for 20 circuits to be installed on one board, compared with one or two circuits per board on the old computer. The result is that the integrated machine has a far superior speed and an increased memory bank.

According to Professor R. Braae, head of the Computer Centre and Professor of Applied Mathematics

at Rhodes, the new computer is ten times more powerful than the old one, but nevertheless occupies only half the floor space taken by the old machine.

The ICL 190 IA computer has a quick memory storage capacity of 16,000 words and employs exchangeable discs, each capable of storing one million characters, for slow memory. Using these discs, the slow memory is virtually unlimited as the slow memory store can be added to almost indefinitely, merely by exchanging the discs. The old computer used a revolving drum for slow memory. This drum could not be removed.

Another advantage of the new computer is that it communicates in the international computer

languages, the most important of which are Fortran, Cobol, Algol and Ema. This allows for international communication with computer centres and research teams overseas in these standardised computer languages and dialects.

DUST

The interchangeable discs revolve in the computer at great speed during operation. The sensing head, reading the information contained on the surface of the disc, is positioned at one two-thousandth of an inch above the surface of the disc. This section of the computer is housed in a dust-free room, where temperature and humidity are controlled. If dust particles collect on the surface of the disc it can be seriously damaged. The sensitive reading head can also be injured.

It has been calculated that five puffs from a cigarette contain sufficient dust particles to raise the dust content of the air to the danger level.

NOT TO BE TAKEN AWAY
FROM THE LIBRARY.

OLD RHODIAN CELEBRATIONS



RHODESIA

Founders' Day reunion parties were held by Old Rhodians in Salisbury, Bulawayo and Umtali. At all of these, the University was represented by Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Nunn.

125 guests were present in Salisbury, 60 in Bulawayo and 35 in Umtali. Mr. Harry Hall arranged the overall programme while Mr. Reeve-Johnson handled the arrangements in Bulawayo.

Left: Mr. H. H. Hall, Mrs. J. R. Nunn, Mrs. Hall and Professor Nunn at the party in Salisbury.

GRAHAMSTOWN

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union Central Committee was held at Rhodes on the afternoon of 12th September. Earlier in the day there had been the usual Founders' Day services followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, and the Great Hall was crowded by students for the Graduation Ball in the evening.

A dinner was held at the Stone Crescent Hotel in the evening, where the Hon. Mr. Justice J. D. Cloete, Chairman of the University Council and Old Rhodian of 1939, was the speaker.

KIMBERLEY

The annual Old Rhodian reunion in Kimberley was on 13th September this year. Lawrie Shuttleworth (1935) once again ensured an enjoyable evening for all.

The University was represented at this gathering by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. W. D. Hammond-Tooke and Mrs. Hammond-Tooke.



Above: Mrs. Margaret Dodrovic, Mrs. Jean Hammond-Tooke, Miss Lynn Forbes (daughter of Prof. V. Forbes) and Miss June Micke in conversation at the Old Rhodian reunion in Kimberley.

CAPE TOWN

The Dean of Education, Prof. D. M. Morton, represented the University at the Old Rhodian reunion in Cape Town. The function was attended by 140 guests, among them Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, from Salisbury, and Prof. and Mrs. R. G. McKerron. Prof. McKerron proposed the toast to which Prof. Morton replied.



Above (l. to r.): Mr. H. H. Hall, Miss Jen Forbes (Secretary, O.R.U., Cape Town), Mrs. McKerron and Prof. R. G. McKerron at the party in Cape Town.



Above (l. to r.): Prof. D. M. Morton, Dr. Margaret Ballinger, Mrs. Harry Hall and the Chairman of the O.R.U., Cape Town, Mr. H. V. R. Brereton (1904) seem to be in serious conversation.



PORT ELIZABETH

The Old Rhodian reunion in Port Elizabeth was held on 11th September at the Hunter's Retreat Hotel. The guest speaker on this occasion was Professor D. Hobart Houghton, Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at Rhodes University, who is also a member of the Prime Minister's economic advisory council.

Left: (l. to r.): Mr. and Mrs. R. Connellan and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Grogan.

Right: Mr. Ian Lowdon and Miss Fiona Linton.



DURBAN

The Natal branch of the Old Rhodian Union held its Founders' Day reunion party at the Oyster Box on 18th September, 1969. The University was represented at this function by the Dean of Science, Prof. C. H. Price whose son, Boyce (1962), has now settled in Pietermaritzburg. It was a happy function and well attended. Since it came into existence, a few years ago, the Natal branch has become firmly established, and a local "club" has also been formed in Pietermaritzburg.

NOTICE OF MEETING

OLD RHODIAN UNION

Advance notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union to be held at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, on 12th September, 1970, at 5.15 p.m.

Items to be included in the Agenda may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, to reach him not later than 31st May, 1970.

P.O. Box 94,
Grahamstown.

D. E. A. RIVETT
Hon. Secretary

GIFT FROM TRANSVAAL OLD RHODIANS

Once again, the Transvaal Old Rhodians have shown a credit balance in the accounts of their reunion party and have donated this money to the Rhodes Union Building Fund. The cheque was forwarded to the University by the Chairman of the Transvaal Old Rhodian Union, Mr. J. B. Sutherland.



Left: Mrs. Dunbar Moodie, Mr. G. D. Hodges and Mr. M. S. O. Troughton.

Right: Mrs. Jean Hammond-Tooke and Mrs. Peta Burgess.

JOHANNESBURG

As usual, there was a good turn-out at the Founders' Day reunion party in Johannesburg on 12th September this year. The University was represented by Professor and Mrs. W. D. Hammond-Tooke. Prof. Hammond-Tooke is Professor of Social Anthropology and also Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and his informative address was received with great interest. With so many Old Rhodians living in the Transvaal, the organisation of this function, which devolves annually on the Chairman, Mr. J. B. Sutherland, is a major undertaking.

Left: Mrs. Moyna Tennant (née Gilbert), Mrs. Debra urray (née Hadfield) and Mr. P. Gane.



Below: Mrs. Salomon (left) in conversation with Mrs. Hellings.



PUIK NUWE UITGAWE

"VROEË AFRIKAANS", die jongste werk van Dr. J. Smuts van die Departement Nederlands en Afrikaans, Rhodes Universiteit, het vanjaar die lig gesien. Hierdie studie van vroeë taalgebruik is in groot mate gebaseer op die dagboek van Trigardt (gebore te Graaff-Reinet, 1783), maar daar is talryke verwysings na ander Afrikaanse geskrifte uit die tydperk 1825-1860, soos die briewe van Gideon D. Joubert (1828-1835), die geskrifte van Andries Pretorius (1829-1849) en die briewe van Michiel A. Oberholster (1819-1835).

Die boek bevat 'n fyn ontleding van taal- en woordvorme, uitspraak en sintaktiese verskynsels. 'n Menigte interessante woorde en uitdrukkings word uit hierdie ou geskrifte gedelf. Geen verskil tussen die taalgebruik van hede en verlede ontsnap die soeklig van hierdie ervare deskundige nie, en die voetspore van die taal op sy weg van ontwikkeling word voor ons oë helder sigbaar in die sandpad van die verlede.

Die uitgewers is Nasou Beperk en die boek vorm een van die reeks Taalmonografieë wat uitgegee word onder redaksie van L.C. Eksteen.

RUDOLPH GINSBERG SCHOLARSHIP

The Rhodes University Council has agreed to establish a special scholarship, to be known as the Rudolph Ginsberg Scholarship, in memory of the late Mr. R. Ginsberg. A former Mayor of King William's Town, Mr. Ginsberg was associated with Rhodes for a long period, first as a student and a graduate and later as a member of the University Council on which he served for 22 years, several of which as chairman of the Finance Committee.

REDUCED PRICE FOR O.R.'s

Staff members and past students of certain universities were recently granted facilities for purchasing a number of publications, including the Encyclopaedia Britannica, at a reduced price. The same facility has now been extended to Old Rhodians.

Enquiries may be addressed to the Encyclopaedia Britannica (S.A.) (Pty.) Ltd., P.O. Box 10064, Johannesburg, and should mention the Newsletter.

BOTANY BUILDING

The R250,000 extension to the Botany Department at Rhodes is nearing completion. Included in the extension are four constant environment rooms where heat and humidity can be regulated to within 1° and where valuable research work can be performed. There will also be facilities for the sterilisation of soil and for tissue culture connected with the study of viruses. A new lecturer in virology, Mr. D. Hendry, has already taken up his appointment at the University.

The old building of the Botany Department, which will continue to be used, is an historical monument. It was originally built to serve as a military hospital and was used for the only session of the old Cape Parliament to be held outside Cape Town, in 1864.

FIRST BOAT RACE

The first ever boat race between Rhodes and the University of Port Elizabeth was held on the Kowie River at Port Alfred during June. On this occasion Rhodes won all three races on the programme, including the main race of 2½ miles which was won by six lengths.

Next year, the course may be extended to 4 miles and 374 yards, which is the distance for the annual Oxford and Cambridge boat race.

RUGBY CHANGE

After 65 years in the Eastern Province, Rhodes University Rugby Club will play in the Border League next year. This arrangement has been approved provisionally for one season but may well become a permanent switch of affiliation. The Albany Rugby Club has also moved in the direction of permanent secession from Eastern Province and has been granted permission to play in the North Eastern Cape League next year. Both moves are subject to the approval of the South African Rugby Board.

Neither the annual Inter-varsities with the University of Port Elizabeth nor the traditional rivalry between the two Grahamstown clubs will be affected by these moves. Both clubs feel that they are more isolated in the Eastern Province, where the first league is essentially a town league, than they would be in a rugby union already catering for several country clubs as is the case both in Border and in North Eastern Cape.

PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY

The Reverend Dr. J. A. B. Holland, has taken up his appointment as Professor of Divinity at Rhodes University. He succeeds Prof. W. D. Maxwell who retired from this position last year.

Dr. Holland is single and 43 years old. He received his education in Sydney, Australia, and in 1948 completed his studies in medicine with honours at the University of Sydney.

After completing his housemanship he returned to the university, where he completed two further degrees, B.A. and B.D., in the same year with distinctions in both. In 1963 he did his doctorate in philosophy (Divinity) at the University of Edinburgh.

During his career Dr. Holland has lectured at the Universities of Sydney, Edinburgh and Queensland, where he was acting Professor of Old Testament studies.

He relinquished this position to become Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Narrabeen, Sydney, but continued to lecture at the University on a part-time basis.

During the past decade he has published many papers on theological subjects and his book on the Trinitarian theology of St. Athanasius will be published shortly.

NEW COURSE

A first-year degree course in modern Jewish studies will start at Rhodes University in 1970. The course — Post-Biblical Jewish Studies (Judaica) — is being offered as a first-year subject for the B.A. degree. Full details of the syllabus are in the Rhodes University Calendar for 1970.

The lecturer is Dr. Bernard Steinberg, who arrived from England last September to take up the post of Jewish student adviser and chaplain to the Student Jewish Association of the university.

INTER-VARSITY

In the second annual Rugby Inter-varsity between Rhodes and the University of Port Elizabeth, Rhodes won an exciting game by 25 points to 13. The second team lost by 22 points to 3 while Rhodes under 20 team won by 13 points to 5.

In all, the Inter-varsity included 19 sporting events of which Rhodes won 15. The week-end was rounded off with a braaivleis and dance.

OBITUARY

Prof. David Liddell, Professor Emeritus of Rhodes University, died on 16th September, 1969. He was in his 75th year and died aboard the Windsor Castle on his way back to South Africa from a visit to Europe.

Prof. Liddell was born in Dunblane, Scotland, and was a graduate of Edinburgh University where he graduated Master of Arts in 1920 and Bachelor of Commerce in 1921. His studies were interrupted by the first world war during which he served first with the British Gas Corps and later with the Royal Garrison Artillery as a Commissioned Officer.

He came to South Africa in 1923 as Lecturer in Commerce at the Cape Technical College. In 1926 he accepted an appointment as Senior Lecturer in charge of the Department of Commerce at Rhodes University College. There were no full-time Commerce students at Rhodes at that time, but by 1940 the enrolment of full-time students in the Department stood at 57 and in that year he was appointed to the new Chair established in the Department.

While still a Senior Lecturer, he had twice served as Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and had served on several important committees. He continued to take an interest in the administrative as well as the academic work of the University and was appointed Vice-Principal of the University (then a part-time position) in 1954. He also served for nine years as Dean of the Faculty of Commerce at the University of South Africa.

Prof. Liddell retired on superannuation at the end of 1955 but he continued in the Chair of Commerce at the request of the University Council until the end of 1960. For the next four years he still continued to serve the University in a temporary position on the lecturing staff of the Department of Commerce.

Professor Liddell will be remembered not only for his mastery of his subject, but also for his genial and pleasant disposition and the very real interest he took in his students and his colleagues.

The death occurred, in June this year, of Mr. Norman Easton, paymaster and cashier in the Accounts Department of the University. He joined the staff of the University in 1958 and became well known to many students during the past 11 years.

Outside the University, Mr. Easton's main interest lay in the activities of the Mekanakop Shell-hole of the Moth organisation. He was the Shellhole's "Pay Bill" for many years and played a leading part in their charitable work, particularly in aid of the aged and the children of ex-servicemen.

CONFERENCES AT RHODES

Several important conferences were held at Rhodes University during this year. Most of these were held during the mid-year vacation, when it was possible to provide accommodation for delegates in the University's residences.

ENGLISH

The largest conference was that organised by the English Academy of Southern Africa in collaboration with the University's Institute for the Study of English in Africa. The theme of the congress was South African writing in English and its place in the school and the university, and it drew more than 350 educationists and writers from all parts of the country.

Among the delegates were some of South Africa's foremost creative writers and poets, including Guy Butler, Alan Paton, Nadine Gordimer, Perseus Adams, Douglas Livingstone, Michael MacNamara and Athol Fugard. Even the large new lecture theatre in the Chemistry Building could not accommodate the audience at certain sessions and the proceedings were relayed to a second theatre by means of closed circuit television and intercom.

Apart from the more formal sessions, there were play productions and social events to make this conference a week to remember.

The conference was opened by Prof. I. D. Macrone, past Principal of the University of the Witwatersrand.

ENTOMOLOGY

Many leading South African scientists attended the conference held at Rhodes in July, 1969, to consider problems connected with tick eradication. The main theme for the conference was introduced by Dr. G. B. Whitehead, Senior Lecturer in Entomology at Rhodes University, who drew attention to the danger of ticks becoming immune to insecticides. This led to a most useful discussion between scientists and delegates representing the farming community, on the factors leading to this immunity and the vital need for farmers to ensure that dips should never be below the lethal concentration indicated by manufacturers. Consideration was given to the possibility of sterilizing the male tick as an eradication measure. While this was acknowledged to be completely feasible in theory, careful attention was given to all the practical difficulties to be faced.

Prof. B. G. Jansen, Chief Director of Veterinary Services of the Department of Agricultural Technical Services pointed out that ticks surpass all other insects in the number and variety of diseases they transmit to mammals. He advocated active participation by universities in the attempts to solve the problem in their own particular areas.

PHYSICS

Some of South Africa's top physical scientists visited Rhodes University earlier this year for a meeting to discuss co-operation between the different universities in the Republic and other research institutes concerning South Africa's contribution to the world's space research programme. In this gathering of leading scientists there were six Old Rhodians. They were Prof. J. A. Gledhill, Mr. D. G. Kingwill, Dr. F. J. Hewitt, Mr. A. M. van Wyk, Miss J. K. Kahts and Mr. A. Poole. The discussion at the meeting was most fruitful and delegates paid tribute to the outstanding quality of research being carried out in the Physics Department at Rhodes.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

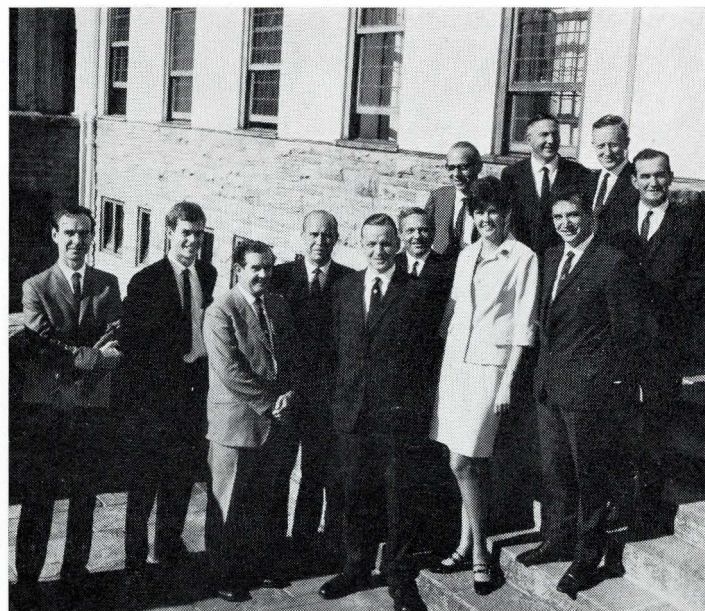
The University conducted a three-day course for farmers on farm management and planning. The course was organised by Mr. J. C. Kleinloog of the University's Department of Economics and the

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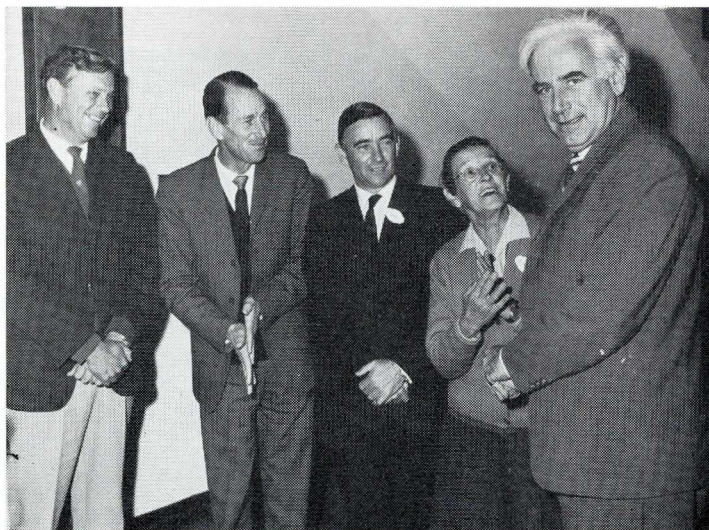
Right: This group, at the conference on tick control, consists of (l. to r.): Mr. L. G. Walsh, Secretary of the Koonap Farmers' Association; Prof. B. C. Jansen, Chief Director of Veterinary Services of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Services; Dr. G. B. Whitehead, Senior Lecturer in Entomology at Rhodes; Dr. G. Theiler, of Onderstepoort Veterinary College, University of Pretoria; and Prof. B. R. Allanson, Head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology at Rhodes.



Above: Among those at the symposium on English Writing were (l. to r.): Mr. K. Hartshorne, Chief Education Planner, Department of Bantu Education; Miss R. Smith, of the Faculty of Education at Stellenbosch University; Dr. William Branford, Director of the I.S.E.A. and Professor of English Language at Rhodes; Mr. N. M. Aiyer, of the Department of English at the M. L. Sultan Technical College, Durban; and Mr. Sydney Clouts, Executive Officer of the Institute for the Study of English in Africa.



Above: A group of South African Physicists on the steps of the University. Third from the left is Prof. J. A. Gledhill, Professor of Physics at Rhodes University.



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programme of lectures was supervised by Professor W. E. Kassier of Stellenbosch.

Delegates felt that they had gained tremendously from the course and suggested that similar courses be organised in the future.

THE BLIND

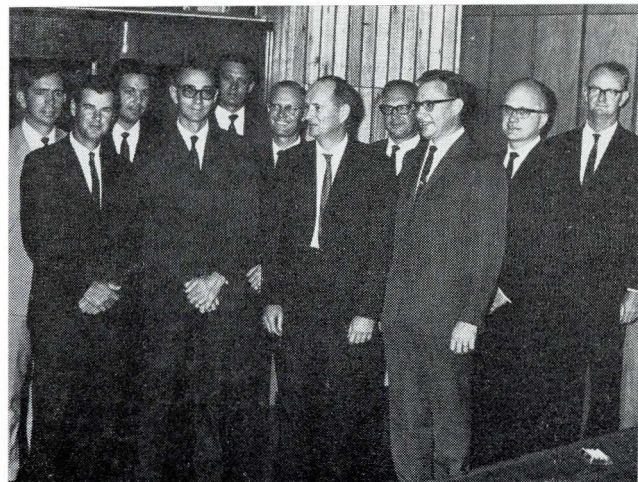
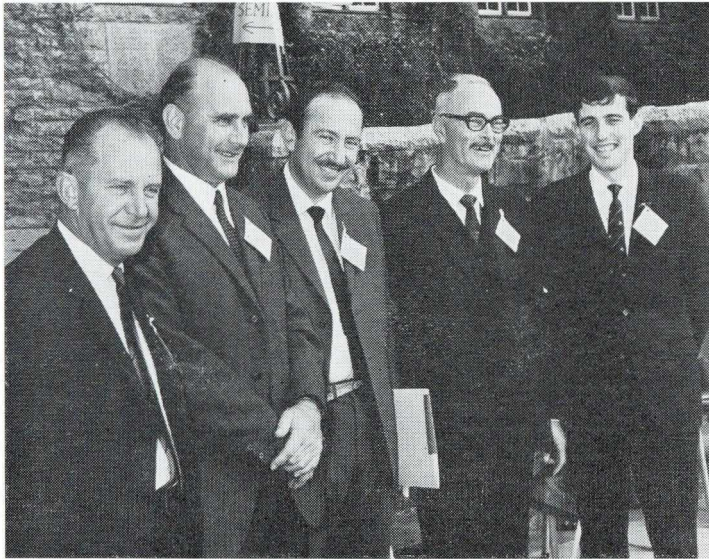
An international seminar on the library needs and study problems of visually handicapped students was held at Rhodes University during July this year. The seminar was under the auspices of the Central Co-ordinating Council for the Provision of Literature to the Visually Handicapped, and marked

the Golden Jubilee of the South African Library for the Blind which was founded in Grahamstown by Mrs. Josie Wood in 1919.

The conference was organised by Mr. D. E. Schauder, Director of the Library for the Blind, who is an Old Rhodian, and was presided over by the Chairman of the Library's Board of Trustees, The Hon. Mr. Justice D. D. Kannemeyer.

A feature of the conference was the contributions made by blind students and professional men who were able to give a clear indication, from personal experience, of the psychological and practical problems of the visually handicapped and their most pressing needs.

Above: At the seminar recently held to discuss the problems of the visually handicapped were, (l. to r.): Mr. N. M. Robinson, of Potchefstroom, Chairman of the Central Co-ordinating Council for the Provision of Literature to the Visually Handicapped; Dr. H. J. Aschenborn, Director of the State Library, Pretoria; Mr. R. Musiker, Deputy Librarian at Rhodes University; Mr. C. H. Vermeulen, of Cape Town; and Mr. D. E. Schauder, Director of the South African Library for the Blind, Grahamstown.



METRICATION COMMITTEE

Left: The Committee which has been appointed to deal with the change-over to the metric system at universities. Mr. A. Noble, of Rhodes University, is on the left in the front row.

VICE-CHANCELLOR BACK FROM U.K.



Dr. J. M. Hyslop

The Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. J. M. Hyslop are back in Grahamstown after a few months spent in the United Kingdom, mostly in Scotland. While overseas, Dr. Hyslop received the news that his book "*Real*

Variable" which first appeared in 1960, is to be translated into Italian. An earlier work, "*Infinite Series*", was translated into Spanish, some years ago.

Dr. Hyslop was welcomed back by the University Council at a recent meeting, when a tribute was also paid to the Vice-Principal, Dr. J. V. L. Rennie for the most able manner in which he had administered the affairs of the University during Dr. Hyslop's absence.



Prof. J. V. L. Rennie

IMPORTANT TALKS IN EAST LONDON

The University Council has appointed a Committee to investigate various requests which have been received at Rhodes for the provision of certain facilities in East London. The City Council of East London has shown an interest in these proposals which have come from different sources and which seek to establish facilities in East London in such widely divergent fields as Medicine and Teachers' training. The School Board of East London and the South African Teachers' Association, East London have already applied to the Department of Education for the establishment of a teachers' training college.

FOUND IN RUSSIA

From Russia comes the news that a bird ringed by Mr. Tony Tree, a student at Rhodes University, was found at Vylkovo in the Altai region of Tyumenzevo district. The bird, a European swallow, was ringed on 9th December, 1967, on the farm Steynsrus, in the Bathurst district and was found in Russia on 6th May, 1968.

VALUABLE NEW VASE

Below: Prof. B. C. Dietrich (Classics) with a Greek vase, the latest acquisition for the University's Classics Museum. This valuable collection is now included in most overseas catalogues.



NEW READERS

Seven new Readers have been appointed at Rhodes University with effect from the beginning of 1970. (A Reader holds the rank known at some universities as "Associate Professor", which is between that of Senior Lecturer and Professor.)

Mr. A. Ruddock has been on the staff of Rhodes University since 1938 and is a senior Lecturer in the Department of Geology. He is a product of Durham University, England where he took the B.Sc. Hons. degree in 1936 with first class honours in Geology. He was awarded a senior scholarship by the Durham County Council and spent the next two years doing research into the geomorphology and stratigraphy of West Durham. He also carried out field work in various parts of Britain and did some lecturing before coming to South Africa to take up his appointment at Rhodes in 1938. He has done extensive field work on aspects of the geology of the Eastern Cape.

Dr. D. E. A. Rivet is at present senior Lecturer in the Department of Organic Chemistry. He received his schooling at Ceres before coming to Rhodes where he took the B.Sc. degree in 1941 and the M.Sc. in 1944. He spent the next three years at Cambridge University where he took his doctorate in 1948. As a Research Chemist he worked for the C.S.I.R. from 1950 to 1957 and for a commercial organisation from 1957 to 1961. He was appointed Senior Lecturer at Rhodes University in 1962.

Dr. J. Smuts is the first Reader to be appointed in the Department of Nederlands/Afrikaans in which he has served as a Senior Lecturer since 1958. He received his schooling in Cape Town before entering the University of Cape Town where he took the B.A. degree in 1939 and the M.A. the next year with first class honours in Nederlands/Afrikaans. The Ph.D. followed in 1944. He then embarked on a career as a translator, first in the Government Translation Bureau, Pretoria, and then for five years in the House of Assembly. In 1951 he became an editor on the Afrikaans Dictionary, working at Stellenbosch. He was appointed Senior Lecturer at Rhodes in 1958. Apart from his work on the Afrikaans Dictionary, Dr. Smuts has published several other works and was also co-author of the translated diary of van Riebeeck.

Mr. W. H. Hewitt is at present a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Classics. From Diocesan College, Rondebosch, he went to the University of Cape Town in 1940. He gained the B.A. degree in 1942 and his M.A. in 1946. At the Uni-

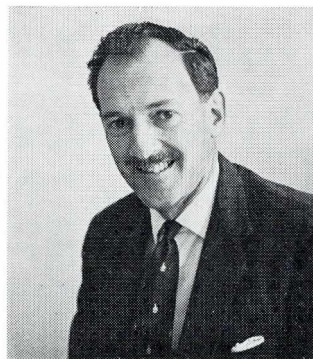
versity of Oxford he continued his studies in Classics for three years. He holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees of Oxford University. He returned to South Africa to become a Lecturer at the University of Cape Town in 1950 and joined the staff of Rhodes University as a Senior Lecturer in 1956. He was a Lecturer at the University College of Rhodesia from 1959 to 1960 when he became a Senior Lecturer at Natal University. He returned to Rhodes as a Senior Lecturer in 1967. Mr. Hewitt is the author of several publications.

Mr. Hugh Helm has been promoted to Reader in the Department of Physics at Rhodes University.

After matriculating at Observatory Boys' High School, he entered the University of Cape Town, where he took the B.Sc. degree in 1949 and the M.Sc. in 1951. For four years, he served as Junior Lecturer at Cape Town University and, in 1956, was appointed a Lecturer on the staff of Rhodes University. He became a Senior Lecturer in 1960. Mr. Helm is a member of the Rhodes Chamber Trio, and is well known in music circles as a most knowledgeable critic.

Dr. S. C. Seagrief is at present a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Botany. From the Prince Edward School, Salisbury, he came to Rhodes University where he completed the B.Sc. degree in 1947 with distinctions in Botany and Zoology, the B.Sc. Hons. the next year with distinction in Botany, and the M.Sc. in 1950. His Ph.D. was gained in 1955 after four years spent at Cambridge. While studying at Rhodes, Dr. Seagrief had been a temporary lecturer for two years. In 1955 he became Lecturer in Botany at the University of Natal and transferred to a similar post at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Salisbury, in 1957. He returned to Rhodes University as a Senior Lecturer in 1959. Apart from other published works, Dr. Seagrief is the author of an authoritative work on South African seaweeds which was recently published.

Dr. R. T. Bell is at present a Senior Lecturer in the University of Natal. He was educated at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth and Rhodes University where he took the B.Com. degree with first class honours in Economics. After spending a year in the field of market analysis he took his M.A. degree at Vanderbilt University in the United States and subsequently completed his Ph.D. at Rhodes. He became a Lecturer on the staff of Rhodes University in 1960 and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1967. He went to Natal University in 1968.



PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY

Dr. Hugh Eales has been appointed to succeed Prof. E. D. Mountain as Professor of Geology when the latter retires at the end of this year. Dr. Eales is at present Senior Lecturer in the Department.

Dr. Eales is a product of Dale College where he matriculated in 1946. After a year with the Division of Horticulture in Pretoria, he came to Rhodes University where he completed the B.Sc. in 1950 with distinctions in Chemistry and Geology. He was awarded the Scott Medal for Geology and also the Schwarz Prize for Geology. The next year, while continuing his studies, he also served on the lecturing staff.

He completed the B.Sc. Hons. degree and gained the M.Sc. degree in 1952, his thesis being based on a geological study of an area in Botswana. He was selected for a Union Scholarship for overseas study but went to Tanganyika instead to join a Canadian, Dr. John Williamson, at the Mwadui Diamond Mine where he worked as geologist on diamond exploration and prospecting for other minerals including copper. In 1955 he joined the Rhodesian undertaking of the Canadian mining company, Frobisher Limited. There he found another Old Rhodian, Rex Davis, in the position of Chief Geologist, who has since become Professor of Mining Geology at the Imperial College, London.

Dr. Eales returned to Rhodes in 1957, and accepted a permanent appointment the next year. His doctorate (Ph.D.) was awarded to him in 1960 for a thesis on various aspects of mineralogy and geochemistry of gold ores. He became Senior Lecturer in 1964.

Dr. Eales has carried out research in a wide field on gold, copper and nickel deposits and various other aspects of mineralogy. In 1967, he represented South Africa at the International Mineralogical Association's Summer School at Bensheim in West Germany and went from there to visit Cambridge University at the

A RARE HONOUR

Prof. R. K. J. E. Antonissen, Professor of Afrikaans-Nederlands at Rhodes University, has been elected a member of the Royal Flemish Academy for Language and Literature.

Not only is this a rare honour (the membership for foreign honorary members being limited to 25) but he also has the distinction of being a member of the South African Academy as well as the Flemish. Only one other South African, Dr. N. P. van Wyk Louw, has held membership of both academies. In the past, two South Africans have at different times been elected to membership of the Royal Flemish Academy, the well known poets J. F. E. Celliers and D. J. du Toit.

The Royal Flemish Academy for Language and Literature was founded in 1886 by Royal Decree of Leopold II. The Seat of the Academy is at Ghent. Its membership is limited to 30 ordinary members of Belgian nationality and residing in Belgium and a maximum of 25 foreign honorary members. At present included in the latter category are thirteen from the Netherlands, one each from France, England, the U.S.A., Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Germany, and two from Italy. South Africa, with Dr. van Wyk Louw and Prof. Antonissen now has two representatives.

Prof. Antonissen was born in Antwerp where he received his school education before entering the University of Louvain in 1936. He took his Licentiate in Germanic Philology in 1940, the State Education Diploma in 1940 and the Doctorate in Philosophy and Literature in 1942. He remained in Belgium until 1949, lecturing at various Training Colleges and was appointed lecturer in Nederlands-Afrikaans at Rhodes University in 1950, becoming a senior lecturer in 1954 and professor in 1958. He has served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts on several occasions and is a representative of the Senate on the University Council. Last year he acted for a period as Head of the University.

Professor Antonissen is the author of an imposing list of publications and is acknowledged as an outstanding literary critic. He has been particularly successful as a producer in the field of drama and is a highly gifted pianist.

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invitation of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain.

Dr. Eales is married and they have three children.

List of Old Rhodians in North America

**THIS LIST IS PUBLISHED
IN RESPONSE TO THE
REQUEST IN THE LAST
PARAGRAPH OF THE
LETTER BELOW**

To the Rhodes Newsletter,

Much water has thundered over the Niagara Falls since I left the good university, but during those five years Rhodes has always had a special place in my heart. My parents (Rev. W. Meyer, 23 Wodehouse Street, King William's Town, C.P.) have regularly forwarded the Newsletter to me, and I have devoured every word of it. I feel it is time to re-establish personal contacts with Rhodes.

Time has not stood still. I had completed the practical work toward the M.Sc. degree in Geology when I left Rhodes in January, 1964, but it took a further year to write the report. February, 1964, to May, 1966, I worked for Union Corporation in Springs and Welkom, and in June, 1966, I came to Canada to join the exploration staff of Falconbridge Nickel Mines. My work for the past three years has been the search for new uranium deposits in the Blind River — Elliot Lake area, 100 miles west of Sudbury. Geologically formations in this area resemble the gold deposits of South-Africa.

One year after I arrived in Canada I married Renate Steinmann, a Matie from Stellenbosch. Renate and I met in King William's Town two weeks before my departure. Last October we were blessed with the priceless gift of a healthy son. We like Canada, and in all probability will make it our home. But, the bonds with South-Africa remain strong, and against homesickness there is no medicine.

The world appears to be a small place when it comes to meeting Old Rhodians. Last year, quite by accident at a convention in Toronto I met Hamish McGregor, and later in the year Eric Cunningham, who now lives in Timmins, 130 miles north of here. Eric has lost none of his enthusiasm for Rugby, and is captain of one of the few clubs in Northern Ontario. Last weekend he and his wife were our guests, when his team played in Sudbury.

My work frequently takes me to Sault St. Marie, but it was only after Peter Graham left there, that I read in the Newsletter that he had been teaching at the Algoma College. It may not be possible to establish an Old Rhodian Union, but I am sure everyone would like to know where long lost friends now are. May I suggest to you the establishment of a list of old students in North America, and that a copy of this be sent to each one. I feel certain, that by correspondence or by visits many personal contacts would be made.

Yours sincerely,
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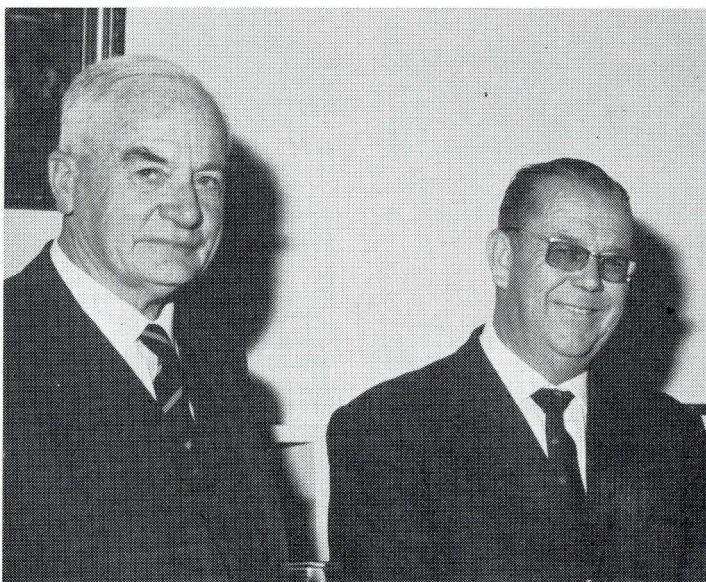
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Above: The Chairman of the University Council, The Hon. Mr. Justice J. D. Cloete (left), receives the cheque from Mr. C. F. Bruce, Chairman of the Old Mutual's Eastern Cape regional Board. S.A. Mutual grants for higher education at present represent a commitment of over R1 million.

Large grant from S.A. Mutual

Right: Prof. J. V. L. Rennie, Vice-Principal (left), with Mr. Len Rees, Regional Manager of the S.A. Mutual, who came from Queens-town for the occasion.



VAST AREA ADDED TO RHODES CAMPUS

An area of land, 135 morgen in extent, has been added to the campus of the University. This land, which lies to the West of the University was purchased during the year at a cost of R66,000. The campus now stretches around Gunfire Hill and for a considerable distance along the national road and the old Port Elizabeth road.

The Leather Industries Research Institute, with the Pharmacy Department next to it, has ceased to be the "furthest outpost" of the University, as two new residences are nearing completion at some distance from the end of the tarred road (Prince Alfred Street) which runs past the Great Hall and the King Field. The new area of land will allow for tremendous future expansion.

NEW SPORTS FIELDS

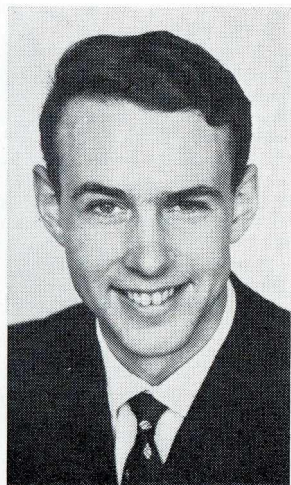
Arrangements are in hand for the levelling of the old Prospect House Site, between the Prince Alfred Hospital, the Vice-Chancellor's new residence and the Barratt Field, where new sports fields will be laid out. This has been made possible by a magnanimous grant of R65,000 made to the University by the South African Mutual Life Assurance Society. The grant will be paid in a series of instalments, the first of which was presented to the University at a function held on 17th October. Provision will be made for cricket and athletics on the new fields and this will ease very considerably the demands at present being made on the Great Field which has served the University so wonderfully since it was acquired in 1910.

The sporting facilities of the University have also been expanded this year by the construction of six new squash courts.

Two more names to add to the long list of Rhodes Scholars from Rhodes University

RHODES SCHOLARS

Mr. Tom Cloete



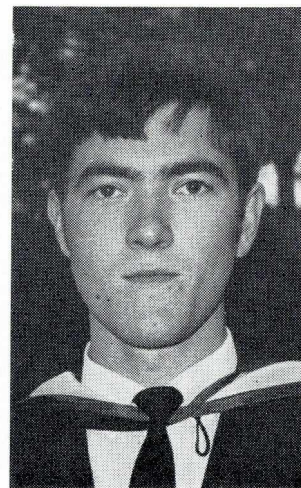
Two students of Rhodes University who were awarded Rhodes Scholarships this year have left for England to study at Oxford University. They are Tom Cloete and Tony Wallace.

Tom Cloete, elder son of the Chairman of the University Council, The Hon. Mr. Justice J. D. Cloete and Mrs. Cloete is a former pupil of St. Andrew's College where he matriculated with several distinctions. At Rhodes he completed the B.A. degree in 1968 before continuing his studies in Law. He served as a member of the S.R.C. and was a most successful actor in various University productions. He was captain of the University Shooting Team and was awarded colours both for the

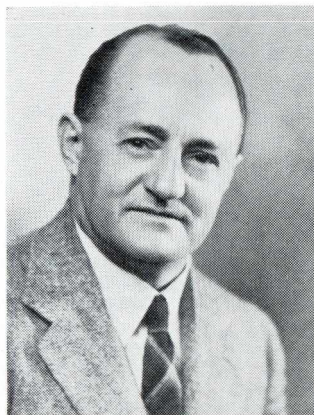
University and for Eastern Province. He has held various scholarships and will continue his studies in Law at Oxford.

Tony Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wallace of Botha's Hill, Natal, matriculated at St. Aidan's College, Grahamstown in 1963 with distinction in English. After a year at the Naval Gymnasium he came to Rhodes where he graduated in 1967 with distinctions in English and History. Last year he completed an Honours degree in History. At Oxford he will devote his time to a research degree and will make a study of the relations between the Imperial Government and the South African Government in the period following 1934.

Mr. Tony Wallace



INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS RETIRE



Mr. A. W. Lister

Mr. A. W. Lister (1927) has retired after 43 years' service in Education in the Cape Province. He will make his home at Stutterheim.

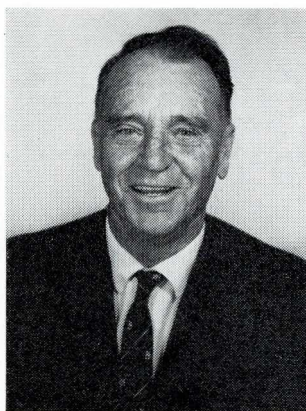
Alan Woodford Lister was born at Bethlehem, O.F.S. in 1904, the year in which Rhodes University College was established. He came to Rhodes University College in 1923 and took the B.A. degree in 1925 followed by the Higher Education Diploma in 1927. He taught at Queen's College and Kimberley Boys' High School before coming to Graeme College where he remained for 14 years. His next post was Headmaster of Selborne Boys' Junior School, from 1943 to 1951. In 1949 he was President of the South African Teachers' Association.

Mr. Lister was appointed an Inspector of Schools in 1952 and

served in this capacity first under the Cape Education Department and later under the Department of Bantu Education. On the occasion of his retirement, glowing tributes were paid to him for his tremendous contribution to Education in the Cape Province.

Outside the sphere of his official duties, Mr. Lister has served the community in many ways. He was also a lay preacher in the Methodist Church for 41 years. He has taken a keen interest in physical fitness and has devoted much time to mountaineering and tennis.

Mr. W. E. Barker (1928) has retired after 20 years as an Inspector of Schools in the Cape Province. He was born in Jamestown and matriculated at Selborne College,



Mr. W. E. Barker

East London. At Rhodes, he took the M.Sc. and H.E.D. before taking up his first appointment as Lecturer at the Cape Technical College in Cape Town, where he remained until 1935. For the next five years he was Senior Science Master at Sea Point Boys' High School and then served for six years in a similar capacity at Selborne College. He was Principal of Peddie Secondary School from 1945 to 1949 when he was appointed an Inspector of Schools. During the past 20 years he has been stationed, at various times, in Umtata, King William's Town, Uitenhage, Cape Town and Grahamstown. Mr. Barker has now retired to Port Alfred where he is busily engaged in home building and raising poultry. There are signs already of his increasing involvement in public affairs and it looks as if he is not going to have much time for fishing.

thought to have usurped the position of the Vice-Chancellor: if he did too little the appointment would be considered superfluous. In making any significant contribution to the University he had to be acceptable to all the many bodies and officers involved in the administrative machinery of the University. The usual doubts were expressed. Whilst the object of the new appointment — to relieve the Vice-Chancellor of some of his administrative burden — was on the whole applauded, the improbability of the person succeeding in the position was keenly appreciated. To this formidable task Dr. Alty brought formidable qualities: integrity which exemplified itself in straight-forward thinking and speaking; wisdom, distilled from his long experience of academic institutions and affairs; commonsense, not always prevalent in the academic world; undoubted administrative ability and last, but perhaps most important, a sense of humour. So successful was he in establishing the position of Deputy Principal to the general satisfaction that, now he is about to retire, it is difficult to appreciate how the University, and the Vice-Chancellor, managed to survive prior to Dr. Alty's appointment.

A study of the University Calendar will show the list of Committees with which Dr. Alty has been associated and the extent of the activities which have been his direct concern. To many he will be remembered as a Chairman who, when the occasion demanded, despatched committee business with commendable brevity and speed, a no mean achievement when the numerous committees of which he was Chairman ranged from Education Technology and Computer through Bookshop and Library to Administrative Staffing and the Gazette. Perhaps his most significant and lasting contribution to the University has been as Chairman of the Halls of Residence Committee, for he was responsible for bringing into successful operation the six new Halls of Residence, on The Vale Site, a difficult and onerous task demanding imagination, tact and an awareness of administrative practicalities.

Recently Dr. Alty has played the role of elder statesman in matters of both policy and administration. He is always ready and willing to listen and, when asked, to advise. His comments are shrewd and his wise counsel is not only much valued but much enjoyed by his colleagues when delivered with the characteristic quizzical smile and the shaft of well-directed humour.

Having filled the newly-created post of Deputy Principal with energy, ability and distinction, Dr. Alty has set a high standard for his successors and in wishing him a long and happy retirement his many friends and colleagues will remember a modest unassuming man who quietly and efficiently got on with whatever task came his way and at the same time got on with all those persons who came into contact with him."

HON. GRADUATES IN THE NEWS

The Rev. Dr. J. A. I. Agar Hamilton has relinquished the Directorship of the Anglican Church Magazine to accept the appointment as Rector of Christ Church, Grahamstown. He thus returns to Grahamstown where he was formerly the Director of the Institute for Social and Economic Research and warden of Matthew's House at Rhodes University.

To many he will still be best remembered as Colonel Agar Hamilton, Editor in Chief of Union War Histories — a post he held until 1959.

Dr. Mary Pocock, Research Associate of the Department of Botany at Rhodes is as active as ever at the age of 82. In June this year she left for the United States to read a paper at the 11th International Botanic Congress in Seattle. She also visited the University of Indiana where she spent some time working with Dr. Richard Star, famous for his

collection of pure algae cultures. Her next stop was Friday Harbour, near Vancouver, where she worked with Dr. R. E. Norris.

At the end of the Congress in Seattle she travelled to St. Louis, Missouri, where her nephew, John Pocock, is Professor of Political Science. This was followed by a period of work in the Botany Department of Berkeley University, California, working on South African seaweeds with Dr. G. F. Papenfuss, with whom she has been collaborating for the past 30 years.

Professor P. R. Kirby, on whom Rhodes University conferred the degree of D.Litt., in 1965, is to be honoured by the University of the Witwatersrand. At a Graduation ceremony in Johannesburg on 13th December, the degree of D.Mus. will be conferred on him, *honoris causa*, in recognition of his service to music in South Africa.

Dr. T. Alty, who was the first Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, has retired from the office of Deputy Principal of the University of Birmingham. Dr. and Mrs. Alty are on their way to South Africa to make their home here. On the occasion of his retirement, the Graduates Newsletter, which is published by the University of Birmingham Guild of Graduates, paid the following tribute to Dr. Alty, which we publish with due acknowledgement:

"In 1963, at an age when most people are actively thinking of retirement and after a long and distinguished career which included a Chair of Physics at 25, and the Vice-Chancellorship of Rhodes University, Dr. Thomas Alty took up his appointment as the first Deputy Principal of the University of Birmingham.

Being a new post of an experimental nature much depended upon the person appointed to it: the customary requirements of the appointee such as experience and ability were obviously of importance but the man's personal qualities, in particular his approach to the difficult task of creating a new dimension in an established and rather rigid administrative structure were of the essence. If he did too much he would be

OLD RHODIAN NEWS

John Perry (1931) has been appointed Deputy Director of Education for the Cape. After completing the M.A. degree at Rhodes, he taught at Queen's College, Queenstown, before becoming Headmaster of Butterworth High School in 1945. After four years in this post he was appointed Headmaster of Selborne College, East London, where he remained for nine years until his appointment as Inspector of Schools. He was stationed in Port Elizabeth for a while before moving to Cape Town as Chief Inspector.

Cornelius Coetzee (1932) is retiring as Headmaster of the Nico Malan High School, Humansdorp. This brings to an end a teaching career of 37 years. He received his schooling in Aliwal North before coming to Rhodes University College where he took the B.Sc. degree followed by the Secondary Teachers' Diploma. He taught at Victoria West and at Grens High School, East London before his appointment as Headmaster of Lady Grey High School. For the past 10 years he has been Principal of Nico Malan High School.

Diane Jopson (1967) has announced her engagement to Mr. John Cowling of Cape Town.

Jennifer Davenport (1967) married Derick Emslie at Christ Church, Grahamstown, in October.

John Pittman (1944) and **Charles Waddington** (1953) have taken silk in Rhodesia. John, son of a former Judge President of the Eastern Districts local division, the late Mr. Justice Pittman, practised as an advocate in Johannesburg and Grahamstown before moving to Rhodesia in 1955. Charles, whose home town was King William's Town, has had a distinguished career in the Rhodesian Department of Justice and the Attorney-General's Office, and became Solicitor-General in 1968.

Muriel Watson (née **Downing**, 1939), who was formerly on the staff of the Collegiate High School for Girls in Port Elizabeth, is now Vice-Principal of Clarendon Girls' High School, East London.

Werner Nel (1962) who has been teaching until now at Kingswood College, is leaving for Germany to study singing in Munich. Werner has already made a name for himself in South Africa as a baritone.

Jane Wiles (1968) has become engaged to **Dr. Tony Voss** (1958), Senior Lecturer in English at Rhodes.

A. J. (Attie) Maree, Principal of Cathcart High School, and formerly Vice-Principal of Graeme College, has been appointed Principal of Muir College, Uitenhage. He was recently awarded a British Council Grant to undertake a study tour in Britain from September to November this year. It was a "working visit" and Mr. Maree's main aim was to study at first-hand the latest trends in high school education in the United Kingdom. Mr. Maree first qualified as a teacher at the Paarl Training College before entering Rhodes University where he completed the B.A. Degree with distinction in Afrikaans-Nederlands — the subject in which he also subsequently took an Honours Degree. During his period as Vice-Principal of Graeme College he acted for a long period as Headmaster before accepting the Headship of Cathcart High School at the beginning of 1968. Since his arrival in Cathcart, the enrolment of the School has increased considerably and additional accommodation is being erected at present. His wife, Janet, also an Old Rhodian, is the daughter of the Vice-Principal of Rhodes and Mrs. J. V. L. Rennie. They have two sons and a daughter.

Tom Maxwell (1966) only son of Prof. Winifred Maxwell, has been awarded the Killan Research Scholarship at the University of British Columbia. The scholarship is valued at R7,000 per year plus travelling expenses. Tom, who lectured in the Department of Economics until the time of his departure, has completed his thesis for his doctorate.

Niall Turner (1965) has been admitted as an attorney and intends to carry on her work as a Public Prosecutor in Port Elizabeth. After leaving Rhodes she spent three years with a firm of attorneys in Port Elizabeth, at the same time working for her attorney's admission diploma. She is now studying for her LL.B. degree through the University of South Africa.

Jennifer Elliott (1965) was one of the 12 South African girls to be selected out of 500 candidates to carry out a sales promotion tour of Britain for the Citrus Board. Until recently, she worked for the Mental Health Society in East London.

Nigel Forbes (1965) who was managing a branch of a travel agency in Queenstown, moved to Durban recently as Manager of the Travel Section of Lever Brothers. The son of Prof. Vernon Forbes, of Rhodes University, he is married and they have two children.

Philip Esselaar (1964) is taking his honours course at Witwatersrand University. At the same time he is working in Geological Research. Since leaving Rhodes, he has worked at the Stilfontein Mine, at an asbestos mine near Vryburg and then as System Analyst for a company in Johannesburg. He married Miss Paddy Thomas, of George, at the end of last year and they spent their honeymoon in Europe.

Victor Esselaar (1968) is also in Johannesburg. When we last heard of him he was weighing up the rival attractions of teaching and a career in Commerce.

Mary Barber (née **St. Leger**, 1927) sent us a donation to the Rhodes Union Fund, some months ago, and was able to give us some news about her daughter **Rosemary** (née **Hilton-Barber**, 1959), who is now Mrs. Dallas Reed and living in Johannesburg. Her son **David Hilton-Barber** (1956) is with a well-known advertising and Public relations firm in Johannesburg. Mrs. Barber herself went to Paris after leaving Rhodes, to study French, and came back to Rhodes to take her M.A. in French. She then acted for the late Prof. Bodmer, Professor of French at Rhodes University College, during his absence on leave, and again acted for a short period after his death.

Peter Gavshon (1966) has moved from Twickenham to Altrincham, in Cheshire, where he is on the staff of a leading petroleum company. In a recent letter he makes the nostalgic observation that "neither the weather nor the social homogeneity is as good as that found at the Grahamstown Golf Club".

Dr. Charles Platt (1956) is in Victoria, Australia, studying problems in atmospheric radiation. After leaving Rhodes, he lectured for four years at the Royal College, Nairobi. This was followed by six years at the University of London where he was a Research Assistant in Submillimetre-wave Astronomy and Research Fellow in low-temperature solid state Physics. He received the Ph.D. degree for work in this field in 1967 and lectured for a year at Sunderland Polytechnic before joining the Division of Meteorological Physics of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation as Senior Research Scientist.

Dirkie de Vos (1956), who is at present on active service with the Springbok Rugby Team in England, was recently appointed Company Secretary of Mobil Oil Southern Africa (Pty.) Ltd. He was formerly Group Secretary of Langeberg Koöperasie Bpk. After qualifying as an attorney, in 1959, he accepted an appointment with Barclays Bank in their London office and was then appointed Legal Adviser to the Cape Division before joining Langeberg.

Obituary

Edith Allnutt (1959) died in Port Elizabeth in June this year. Her death brought an end to an outstanding career in sport. Many will remember her as the University's Rag Queen in 1955, the year in which she obtained the B.A. degree and also gained Springbok colours for Athletics. In 1963 she also represented South Africa at Squash. She was awarded Eastern Province colours for Hockey in 1958. At the time of her death she held a senior position in a bank which she had served for several years.

Leon L. Burman (1915) passed away in Cape Town on 19th July, 1969. He had been living in Cape Town since 1920 and had played a leading role in old student affairs for many years. After leaving Rhodes he joined the Department of Water Affairs and later transferred to the office of the Surveyor-General in Cape Town where he remained from 1920 until his retirement in 1956 when he relinquished the office of Chief Examiner of Surveys. In his retirement he led a very full and active life. He was Town Councillor in his home town, Kuils River, near Cape Town, served on the Town Planning Board and the Ambulance Board, and was a Chief Warden in the Civil Defence organisation. He was Chairman of the Publicity Association and emerged in every way as the leader in the cultural activities of the town. While at Rhodes, he had been a versatile sportsman and he carried this interest with him into later life. He will be remembered as the moving spirit behind the Universities Cricket Week and he served on the Executive of the Western Province Hockey Union and the Hockey Umpires' Association for many years. In Cricket, he was the official scorer at Newlands for nearly 40 years and designed the score-book which received official recognition.

Mr. Wesley Caley (1923) died in October this year. He had devoted a lifetime to education, particularly in the Transkei. From Rhodes he went to teach at Lovedale College, Alice, where he was also appointed principal of the practising school. From there he moved to Uitenhage as Head of the Dower School for Coloureds. His appointment as Inspector of Schools followed soon after this and he spent a number of years at Mt. Frere before moving his headquarters to Butterworth where he chose to remain until his retirement. Mr. Caley continued to take a close interest in education and twice during his retirement he acted for periods as a school principal. The Coloured School in Butterworth has been named in his honour.

OLD RHODIAN

NEWS *Continued*

R. A. (Tony) Viljoen (1954) is the new Principal of Cathcart High School. He succeeds another Old Rhodian, Mr. Attie Maree who is moving to Uitenhage as Headmaster of Muir College. Mr. Viljoen took the B.Sc. degree and the U.E.D. at Rhodes and taught at Queen's College from 1955 to 1960. He represented Border at rugby. His next appointment was at Rondebosch Boys' High School and, in 1965, he was appointed Vice-Principal of Victoria Park High School, Port Elizabeth. In 1967 he was awarded a travel grant to study trends in modern Mathematics in England.

Mike Shand (1964) and **Joan Hill** (1964), who were married in 1966, are living in Vereeniging, Transvaal.

Isabel Kaufmann (1961) is now Mrs. Mallich and is living in Edenvale.

Ian Lowdon (1967) has joined the Personnel Department of General Motors in Port Elizabeth.

F. B. (Frankie) Pope (1933) is Vice-Principal of Kimberley Boys' High School. Mrs. Pope (**Margaret Holmes**) is also an Old Rhodian (1932). Of their four children, the youngest is doing matriculation while their three daughters have all passed through Rhodes University. **Gillian** (1962) went overseas early this year on a working tour. **Aileen (Pixie)**, (1965) is now Mrs. Colin Sparg. Her husband was formerly a school master at Rondebosch Boys' High School but is now studying Medicine at the University of Cape Town. **Marian** (1968) is teaching in Sea Point.

Phyllida Stuttford (1968) and Mr. Bruce Bester were married in Grahamstown during September.

Norman Bailey (1955) who lectured in the Department of Music at Rhodes before going to Vienna for further study, has had the rare honour of being invited to sing the lead role of Hans Sachs in "Die Meistersinger von Nuremberg", in Bayreuth, Germany. For any Wagnerian singer it is the height of success to be invited to sing in Bayreuth, world centre of Wagnerian opera.

Gill Abel (1967) is now Mrs. Gerhard Payr. Her husband comes from Innsbruck, Austria, and they were married in the little village of Seefeld, in the Tirol. They are now living in Lübeck.

Jasmine Rose Innes (née **Gordon-Forbes**, 1936) has been awarded the Heineman bequest for 1968 by the Royal Society of Literature for her first book which is called "Writing in the Dust". Her husband **Reginald Rose Innes** (1935) is also an Old Rhodian and is an agricultural scientist. In 1938, Jasmine went to England to train as typographical designer and later became Art Editor of a magazine. During the war she worked in the Political Intelligence Division of the Foreign Office, designing magazines and leaflets to be dropped on occupied territories. She returned to Rhodesia in 1947, and later spent nine years in Ghana where her husband was Professor at the University of Ghana.

Mike Burton (1967) who played cricket for Rhodes and Eastern Province, was elected captain of Oxford for the 1969 season. He is at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship.

Tony Berry (1968) recently married Pam Clayton in the Port Alfred Methodist Church. Tony is serving his articles as an accountant in Grahamstown.

Robert Hancock (1967) and **Roslyn van der Riet** (1967) were married in Port Elizabeth in July this year. They are living in Cape Town where Robert is studying for his doctorate.

Left: Mr. and Mrs. Neil Jardine. Mrs. Jardine (née June Dicks) is also an Old Rhodian (1957).

At the age of 32 and at a time when most men have stopped playing rugby, **Neil Jardine** (1959) suddenly leapt right back into the limelight this year with a brilliant performance at fly-half for Rhodesia. Coming in as a substitute at the last minute, Neil engineered a 24-19 victory for Rhodesia over Transvaal. His personal tally was 16 points, a dropped goal, a try, two penalties and a conversion. With the modesty for which he is so well-known, he made light of the occurrence and returned to his duty as Acting Headmaster of Churchill School and his play-writing.

Right: Mr. and Mrs. du Plessis

Old Rhodian couple, **Johannes ("Doep") du Plessis** (1948) and his wife **Andree** (née **van Schalkwyk**, 1946), have moved to Grahamstown where Mr. du Plessis is the new Inspector of Education. During his teaching career, Mr. du Plessis has been at several of the leading schools in the Cape Province including St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown; Selborne College, East London; and Gill College, Somerset East. He became Vice-Principal at Heidelberg before being appointed Principal at Oudtshoorn. There he had the task of merging into a single school the boys' and girls' schools which had been run independently for 80 years. As an Inspector, his first headquarters was at Wilderness but he did relief work in Port Elizabeth, East London and the North Western Cape.



Mr. J. Widdowson

John Widdowson (1938) is Consul-General of the Republic of South Africa in Hong Kong. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1949, after completing a year's course at the Middle East Centre of Arabic Studies, Jerusalem, and working as a Liaison Officer between the Arabs, British and French in Northern Syria. He was then posted to the South African Legation in Cairo and after subsequent home duty and completion of an M.A. degree in Politics at the University of South Africa, was transferred to the then South African Legation in Buenos Aires, remaining there for six years and returning to South Africa in 1959. In 1965 he was transferred to Milan as Consul-General and was appointed in a similar capacity to Hong Kong in 1969.

Asked for his opinion of Hong Kong, Mr. Widdowson replied: "A fascinating vantage point for viewing the political developments of South East Asia. Where else but in the harbour of Hong Kong can one see a Red Chinese destroyer cruising peacefully past an American aircraft carrier?"



Brian Carlson (1968) married Miss Angela Newey in East London during July this year. Brian is teaching at Graeme College, Grahamstown.

Graham Fyfe (1948) is the Mayor of Gwelo. He has been a Councillor for five years and Deputy Mayor since 1966. He is an Accountant in Gwelo.

Ken Bond (1968) is engaged to Miss Gail Bremmer of Port Elizabeth.

Lex Smit (1968) married Frances Sloman in September this year. Lex is a teacher at Prince Edward School, Salisbury.

Jonathan Wood (1967) and Miss Judy Hassall were married in July. Jonathan is teaching at the Cotswold Primary School in Port Elizabeth.

Mary Wallace (1941) is the new Headmistress of St. Michael's School in Bloemfontein. She taught at Pearson High School, Port Elizabeth for 12 years before joining the staff of the Collegiate High School.

Bartie Birch (1965) married Miss Muriel Walters in Port Elizabeth last month.

Joan Fick (1968) is married to Mr. Ronald Kidwell. They are living in Grahamstown.

Peter Wilmot (1964) married Miss Carlyn Raath of Port Elizabeth in August this year.

1969 RAG

The Rhodes Rag of 1969 raised a record net figure of R21,000. This compares extremely well with the previous record of R15,000 in 1967 and the amount of R12,700 raised in 1968.

As in the past, many charities will benefit from this fund raising effort.

