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The war memorial in front of the Great Hall, seen here in silhouette against the evening sky.

FOUNDER'S DAY

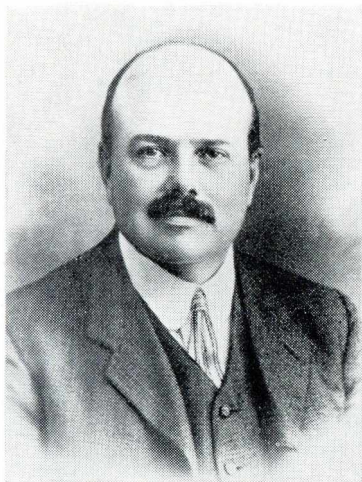
From time to time the University is asked to explain how September 12th came to be chosen as the date on which Founder's Day is celebrated every year. The answer is contained in the following extract from an article in *The Rhodian* of August, 1908 (a month before Founder's Day was celebrated for the first time) by the late Professor W. A. Macfadyen, first Professor of Law at Rhodes and the first in South Africa:

"There is nothing in the world of English Education which strikes both observers and participators as so potent and formative an influence as the corporate patriotism of the great public schools and Oxford and Cambridge colleges. It is not a merely intellectual influence: it affects character and produces practical results of a far-reaching nature. It is an environment in which public spirit is born and a training in subordination and co-operation which supplies public life at once with leaders, and followers both independent and loyal. It is a spirit difficult to analyse and still more difficult to reproduce. It is, however, safe to say that it acts through personal influence informed, inspired, and controlled by a sense of historic continuity. Behind everything are the names and personalities of founders and benefactors; then comes the succession of those members of the society who have attained distinction in the University or the wider world of "true religion and sound learning;" and last, but not least, the living bond between graduate and undergraduate members.

"Reflections such as these are suggested by the advent of the first celebration of Founder's Day. In July, 1889, Mr. Rhodes made formal application to the British Government for a Charter for the development of what is now Rhodesia, and it was granted in the following October. A little after the middle of March, 1890, the expedition, which was to effect an actual settlement, set out from Kimberley. On the 12th of September, 1890, it had reached its destination at Mount Hampden, and

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The late Prof. W. A. Macfadyen

on that day the flag of occupation was unfurled on the site of what is now the flourishing town of Salisbury. *This date therefore marks the consummation of Rhode's most notable achievement, and on Dr. Jameson's suggestion, has been chosen as the most suitable for honouring his name and commemorating the public services with which his name is associated.* Now is therefore the time to emphasise our association with the honoured name of our Founder, and to realise that, young as our College is in point of years, we are members of no mean society, and inheritors of a record which imposes a high obligation of personal devotion and public service."

40 years ago the then Prince of Wales (the present Duke of Windsor), while on a visit to South Africa, issued a mock proclamation in Grahamstown which laid down dress regulations for Founder's Day. These regulations are still observed by many students every year at Founder's Ball.



OLD RHODIANS CELEBRATE

KIMBERLEY

Although a group of Old Rhodians had been active in Kimberley for a considerable time, no formally constituted branch of the Union had been established. This was achieved at a reunion party on 22nd September at which some 40 Old Students were present. The University was represented on this occasion by Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Shuttleworth.

At the end of a successful function, a committee was elected consisting of Mr. Lawrie Shuttleworth, who had played a leading part in the local organisation for many years, Mr. Geoff Weinberg, Mr. Chris Gordon, Mrs. Margaret Pope, Mrs. Lesley George and Mrs. Margaret Harra-dine.



Above (l. to r.): Prof. S. G. Shuttleworth, Mrs. L. Shuttleworth, Mrs. S. G. Shuttleworth and Mr. L. Shuttleworth. For them it was a family reunion as well as an Old Rhodian reunion. Dr. Shuttleworth is Director of the Leather Industries Research Institute at Rhodes.



Left (l. to r.): Mr. Frank Pope, Mrs. Lesley George and Mr. H. Pringle Gordon at the party in Kimberley.

Right (l. to r.): Mr. Geoff Weinberg, Mrs. Diepeveen, Mr. Willem Diepeveen and Mr. John Tidbury in conversation at the Old Rhodian reunion party in Kimberley. In the background is Mr. Chris Gordon.

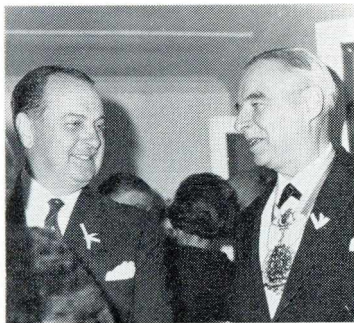
Above: Some of the guests at the Old Rhodian reunion in Bulawayo on Monday, 18th September. On the right in the photograph above are Prof. and Mrs. J. V. L. Rennie. In the back row of the top photograph, Mr. R. A. Everett is on the extreme left and Mr. V. H. Shipman is on the right.

BULAWAYO

Prof. J. V. L. Rennie, Vice-Principal of Rhodes University and Mrs. Rennie were the guests of honour at the Old Rhodian reunion in Bulawayo on 18th September.

There was a good attendance at this function which was organised by Mr. R. A. Everett. Prof. Rennie, in an interesting address, brought the Old Students up to date with events at the University.





Above: Mr. J. B. Sutherland (left), Chairman of the Transvaal Old Rhodians, and His Worship the Mayor of Johannesburg, Old Rhodian C. J. Ross-Spencer.

JOHANNESBURG

Professor D. M. Morton, Dean of the Faculty of Education, represented the Vice-Chancellor at a gathering of Old Rhodians in Johannesburg on 12th September. The venue for the occasion was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sutherland, and 90 Old Rhodians attended.

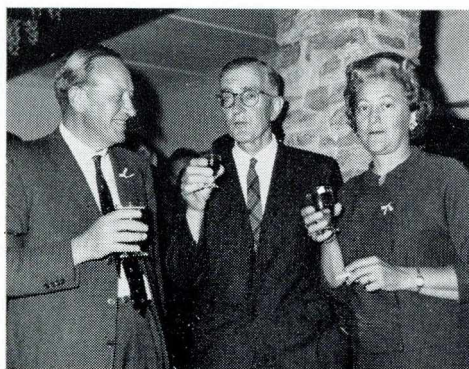
A feature of this occasion was the presence of His Worship the Mayor of Johannesburg, Clr. C. J. Ross-Spencer, an Old Rhodian of 1929 and a trustee of the Rhodes University Foundation Trust.

A pleasing aspect of this function was the presence of several Old Rhodians of more recent vintage.



Above: Among the guests at the reunion party in Johannesburg were (l. to r.) Mrs. Cary, Mrs. Tancaster, Mr. Cary, Mr. Tancaster, Mrs. Kitto and Mr. Kitto. Mr. J. B. Sutherland, at whose home the function was held, is a Trustee of the Rhodes University Foundation Trust.

Right: Prof. D. M. Morton (centre), who represented the Vice-Chancellor at the Old Rhodian reunion in Johannesburg on Tuesday, 12th September, with Mr. and Mrs. G. MacRoberts.

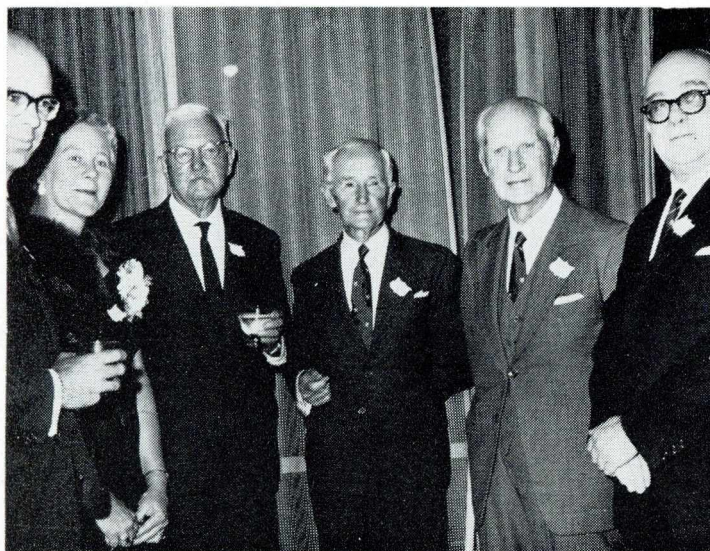


DURBAN

75 people attended the Old Rhodian Reunion party in Durban on Founder's Day. The University was represented by Professor and Mrs. H. J. Chapman, and it was a most successful evening in every way, thanks to the efforts of Miss Ann Myring and the Committee.

The new committee (which will elect its own office bearers) consists of the following: Mr. Bunty Eagle, Mr. Bill Scott, Prof. H. L. Watts, Mrs. A. W. King, Mrs. J. Baker, Mr. Justice Miller, Mr. Courtney and Mr. L. C. Hoffenberg.

Below (l. to r.): Dr. H. L. Watts, the Chairman, Mrs. Jean Chapman, emeritus Professor R. W. Varder, Mr. J. H. Steere (1904), Mr. A. C. Parry (1904) and Prof. H. J. Chapman, Dean of Students at Rhodes University. Prof. Chapman gave an address which touched on the past, the present and the future of the University.



Below: In this group, taken at the Old Rhodian reunion in Salisbury on 15th September, are (l. to r.) Dr. H. Goldwater who was at Rhodes in 1913, Mrs. Hall, Professor J. V. L. Rennie, Vice-Principal of Rhodes University, Mrs. Rennie and Mr. Harry Hall.

SALISBURY

The Vice-Principal, Professor J. V. L. Rennie, and Mrs. Rennie, represented the University at the Founder's Day Reunion in Salisbury on 15th September, when more than 80 guests assembled for a most enjoyable party. Organisers and hosts for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall who have devoted so much to Old Rhodian affairs in Salisbury.

The senior Old Rhodian present was Dr. H. Goldwater (1913). Mrs. A. G. Webb (1904-1908) was unable to attend the function this year as the result of an accident.

Prof. Rennie conveyed the greetings and good wishes of the University and gave an interesting review of recent and contemplated developments at Rhodes.

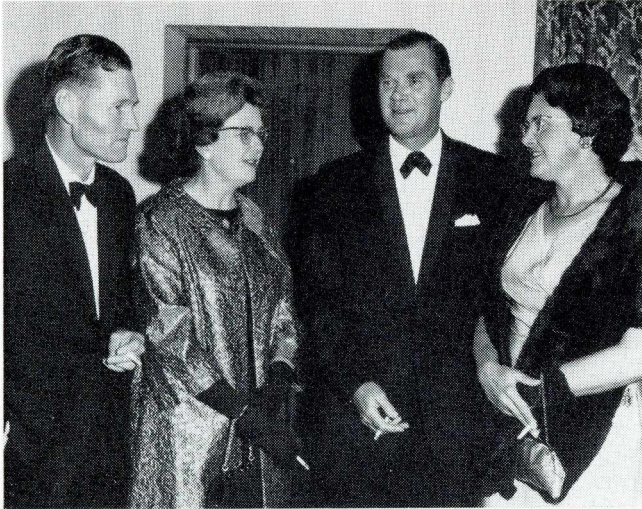
CAPE TOWN

The Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. J. M. Hyslop were the guests of honour at the Old Rhodian Reunion in Cape Town on Saturday 16th September, when 97 guests assembled at the Cecil Hotel. They were welcomed by Mr. V. C. H. R. Brereton (1904), the Chairman of the Old Rhodian Union in Cape Town.

The toast to Rhodes was proposed by Mr. H. Boehmke, who made his mark in the lecture room and the first Rhodes rugby team as far back as 1909 before becoming a leading solicitor in Cape Town.

Dr. Hyslop gave an interesting review of the physical change which had taken place at Rhodes over the past few years and also sketched the more important developments in the academic field.

Below (l. to r.): Mr. and Mrs. R. Aderne in conversation with Mr. and Mrs. J. Robertson at the Old Rhodian Founder's Day Dinner in Port Elizabeth.



GRAHAMSTOWN

The Rev. Dr. William Cosser of the Department of Divinity delivered the address at the Founder's Day Service in the Great Hall on 12th September. The service was attended by the Chancellor, Dr. Busschau, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. M. Hyslop, the Chairman of Council, the Hon. Mr. Justice J. D. Cloete and a large representation of staff, students and visitors. The Old Rhodian Union was represented by the Chairman, Miss M. G. Richardson at the wreath-laying ceremony after the service.

In the afternoon Miss Richardson presided over the annual meeting of the Old Rhodian Union and gave a very pleasant party to mark the occasion.

The outgoing office bearers were re-elected for the ensuing year with the exception of Dr. D. E. A. Rivett who will be going overseas. Miss Rosemary Chisholm was elected to take his place as Hon. Secretary.

PORT ELIZABETH

Prof. Winifred Maxwell, Professor of History at Rhodes, was the guest speaker at the Old Rhodian Reunion dinner in Port Elizabeth on Saturday, 16th September. The function was very well attended and hosts for the evening were the Chairman of the Old Rhodian Union in Port Elizabeth, Mr. J. L. Omond, and Mrs. Omond. The guests included Mr. Ken Dimbleby, a former Chairman and a member of the Rhodes University Council, and Mrs. Dimbleby.

The outgoing committee was re-elected with the exception of Mr. Brian Thiel, who is moving to Bloemfontein as Headmaster of St. Andrew's College.

Below (l. to r.): Mrs. Rowan Hartley, Mr. Hartley, the guest speaker, Professor Winifred Maxwell and Mrs. J. Omond, wife of the Chairman, Mr. J. L. Omond.



YOUR NEW ADDRESS, PLEASE!

Will all Old Rhodians please ensure that both the University and the local committee of the Old Rhodian Union will know where to get in touch with them at any time. If you change your address, please write to the Newsletter and also to the local committee in the area to which you have moved. The following addresses may be used in the centres indicated:

Cape Town	Mr. V. C. H. R. Brereton, 3 Bantry Steps, Bantry Bay, Cape Town.
Johannesburg	Mr. J. B. Sutherland, P.O. Box 5404, Johannesburg.
Durban	Prof. H. L. Watts, University of Natal, Durban.
Port Elizabeth	Mr. N. Meyer, P.O. Box 509, Port Elizabeth.
East London	Mr. J. C. McConnachie, 17 St. Andrew's Road, East London.
Kimberley	Mr. L. Shuttleworth, P.O. Box 21, Kimberley.
Bulawayo	Mr. V. H. Shipman, 15A Kildare Road, Hillside, Bulawayo.
Salisbury	Mr. H. Hall, P.O. Box 8335, Salisbury.

THIS IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO NEW GRADUATES LEAVING THE UNIVERSITY.

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THE MACE

Right: The Registrar, Mr. W. J. Askew, studying the art work on the mace which has been acquired by the University for use on ceremonial occasions. The mace is carved in walnut and each of the four faces of the head has the University's coat of arms carved in the wood and enamelled. The head is surmounted by a replica of the statue of "physical energy", which forms part of the memorial to Cecil John Rhodes, in Rondebosch, and which also appears in the University coat of arms.

The mace is the work of Mr. D. Kruger Haye, of Cape Town, who also carved the stinkwood mace for Parliament.



ATTENDED CONFERENCE IN ROME

Prof. W. D. Maxwell, Dean of the Faculty of Divinity, paid a visit to Rome recently to read a paper on "Communion in the Church of the New Testament" at an international conference. He was accompanied by Mrs. Maxwell.

At the conclusion of the conference they travelled to the Netherlands where Prof. Maxwell attended a meeting of the editorial board of *Studia Liturgica*, an undenominational theological journal, of which he is a member. From there they proceeded to the United Kingdom and, in Scotland, Professor Maxwell conducted services at the Hillhead Parish Church, Glasgow where he was a minister for 17 years. He also visited the Trinity College of the University of Glasgow where he once lectured for several years.

MYCENAEAN CONFERENCE

Prof. B. C. Dietrich, Professor of Classics, has returned from a visit to Rome where he attended the First International Congress of Mycenaean Studies held under the auspices of Rome University. The congress was attended by scholars from several countries of the world, and Prof. Dietrich was invited to read a paper to the assembly.

At the end of the conference Prof. Dietrich spent a fortnight in London at the Institute of Classical Studies to prepare material for the last two chapters of his new book on Greek Religion. He is the author of the book "Death, Fate and the Gods — The Development of a Religious Idea in Greek Popular Belief and in Homer" — a work which appeared last year and which has been widely acclaimed.

ON WELFARE BOARD

Mrs. Frieda la Grange, a senior lecturer in Social Work in the Department of Sociology and Social Work was appointed by the Minister of Social Welfare and Pensions as one of the fifteen members of the National Welfare Board. This Board advises the Minister in regard to matters affecting social care or arising out of the operation of the Welfare Act of 1965. Mrs. la Grange also serves on the Commission for

Social Planning, one of the four Commissions appointed by the Minister, the other three being the Commission for Social Work, the Commission for Family Life and the Commission for Welfare Organisations. In addition to these offices held by Mrs. la Grange, she acts as representative of the National Welfare Board on the Regional Welfare Board for the Border area.

Mrs. la Grange views a social work department at a university as an "extension department" and attaches great value to the symbiosis between the classroom and the social welfare field. Lectures in social work, according to her views, should be consultants to state departments and private welfare organisations undertaking social welfare services.

BACK FROM AMERICA

Dr. S. C. Seagrief, accompanied by his family, recently spent a year's sabbatical leave at the Botany Department, University of California, Berkeley, studying South African Seaweeds. Morphological and anatomical investigations were done on two red seaweeds — *Calliblepharis fimbriata*, and *Chondrococcus hornemannii*. An up-to-date check list was compiled for South African seaweeds and is to be published shortly. Much information was gathered on research methods, the contents of lectures and practicals at the University of California.

Dr. Seagrief also attended seminars on advanced aspects of Botany and lectured to the Californian Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, and the Botany Departments of the University of California, the University of Washington, and the University of Western Ontario.

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED

"The Elements of English" by Prof. W. R. G. Branford, Professor of English Language at Rhodes, has been published by Routledge and Kegan Paul. A paperback edition has appeared at the same time.

In this book, Prof. Branford provides a new approach to the teaching of English to foreigners and freely introduces new techniques based on the results of recent research into particular aspects of the language. He has also found it necessary to introduce new descriptive terminology in certain parts of the work.

A novel aspect of this book on the teaching of English is the use of comparisons with foreign languages including Afrikaans, Bantu languages and American Indian dialects.

TEN VOLUMES ON THE SONATA

Contributions to the Development of the Piano Sonata, by Rupert Mayr and Karin Heuschneider is to be published in ten volumes by A. A. Balkema of Cape Town and Amsterdam. The first volume is expected to appear before the end of this year. Dr. Mayr is Reader in the Department of Music, where Miss Heuschneider is a lecturer.

The main purpose of this publication is to present a modern analytical approach to the evolution of the piano sonata from the pre-classical era to the Romantic period, and it will fill a gap which still exists in the literature on the piano sonata.

The ten volumes will trace the actual development of the sonata and the influence of various composers. With the emphasis on a comparative approach, there are frequent cross-references between composers and schools which should help to clarify the position of individual composers within the evolution of the piano sonata.

Of particular interest is the volume on the piano sonatas of Ludwig von Beethoven, by Rupert Mayr, which is due to appear in 1970 as a contribution to the Beethoven bi-centenary that year.

VACATION COURSE

A most successful vacation course for trade union officials was held at Rhodes, during the short September vacation, by arrangement with the Trade Union Council of South Africa.

Right: Prof. J. Irving, Professor of Sociology (second from the left), who organised the vacation course, with some of the TUCSA delegates, including the General Secretary, Mr. J. Grobbelaar (left) and the President, Mr. T. P. Murray (second from the right).



STUDY OF SOUTH AFRICAN ELITE

An interesting research task being undertaken at Rhodes University is a study of South African Elite by Dr. H. W. van der Merwe under the auspices of the Institute of Social and Economic Research of Rhodes University. The study will be confined in the first place to the White population group and the "elite" for the purpose of this survey will be defined as the incumbents of top positions in all sectors of the socio-economic structure of the country. The study will be concerned with people occupying high positions or exercising great authority rather than with people wielding power over others or enjoying great social esteem.

It will be the task of the researchers to define the different spheres in the socio-economic field in which people can aspire to high positions, to decide which are the top positions in each sphere and how people come to be active in each of these spheres and by what process they emerge in the top position. In the final

stages of the project, personal interviews will have to be conducted with approximately 1,000 of the top elite who will, however, remain anonymous.

Among those who will assist Dr. van der Merwe in the early stages of the survey is Miss Bettina Huber, a doctoral candidate at Yale University who will be writing her thesis on "The Image of the Future among South African Elite". She has studied in Europe and has also spent some time in India. She has won several scholarships at Yale.

Others who will be engaged in this project are Mr. J. J. Buitendag, the branch manager of an insurance company in East London who is doing part-time post graduate research in Sociology at Rhodes on the South African social class structure, and Mr. John Robinson, a graduate student in Sociology at Rhodes University who will be preparing a thesis on "the socio-economic background and attitudes of bureaucratic elite".

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR HONOURD BY GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

On 21st June, this year, the University of Glasgow conferred on Dr. J. M. Hyslop, Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. The ceremony in the famous Bute Hall was witnessed by a large audience which included Mrs. Hyslop.

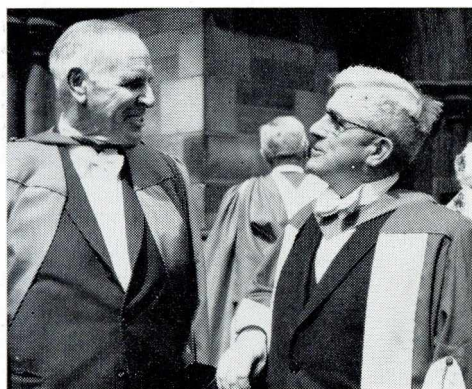
The following citation was read when Dr. Hyslop was presented to the Chancellor, the Venerable Lord Boyd Orr, for the conferment of the degree:—

Mr. Chancellor,

For a century and a half Scotsmen of vision and integrity have chosen a life of service in Africa. The physical dangers are less now than they were a century ago and the sense of isolation on a dark continent much less acute, but even today in a highly civilized country such as South Africa the task of directing a university founded in memory of Cecil Rhodes calls for a man of the same calibre.

In Dr. Hyslop we salute one of our own members who has chosen to serve the cause of higher education in South Africa and has demonstrated that he possesses in ample measure the personal qualities such service demands.

Born in the Royal Burgh of Dumbarton, the son of William Hyslop, His Majesty's Inspector of Schools, Dr. Hyslop was educated in the High School of Glasgow from which he proceeded to this University in 1926. After a brilliant undergraduate career he graduated Master of Arts with First Class Honours in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. During these years he discovered that his true bent lay in pure mathematics and, following the practice of the times, he entered Christ's College, Cambridge as a Scholar to read for the Mathematical Tripos. He was a Wrangler in Part II of the Tripos, and was awarded a Mark of Distinction in Part III for a performance still remembered vividly by the examiners of that year.



After the Ceremony (above): Dr. Hyslop in conversation with Professor I. N. Sneddon, the Simson Professor of Mathematics at Glasgow University.

At that time mathematics in these islands was dominated by those classical branches of mathematics, known as *analysis*, which constitute the extension and elaboration of Newton's calculus and physics. In its turn analysis was dominated by G. H. Hardy and J. E. Littlewood. When we recall that as taxing a critic as Norbert Wiener said "In all my years of listening to lectures in mathematics, I have never heard the equal of Hardy for clarity, for interest or for intellectual power", we can easily imagine how the young Hyslop, eager to develop his powers by tackling difficult problems accepted the opportunity to do research in analysis under Hardy. Under Hardy's general guidance he developed, in a number of elegant papers, the concept of the absolute summability of series and its applications to Fourier series. For his earlier work in this field he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Cambridge in 1935. His subsequent work in the same field, later to be incorporated into Hardy's classic treatise on the subject, earned for him (in 1938) the degree of Doctor of Science of this University.

In 1935 he was appointed a Lecturer in Mathematics here and soon developed into an outstanding teacher. It has been my rare privilege to have been taught by both Hardy and Hyslop and I can commiserate with Wiener in that he 'was born too early to attend Hyslop's lectures'. It was not only in the lecture room that he was impressive. In an Honours Class Tutorial the ease with which he could write down on a half-sheet of paper an elegant solution to any problem in the examination papers of previous years was the envy of his students and his colleagues alike. Some of the spirit of his teaching is distilled into his books on "Infinite Series" and "Real Variable", and in that way has reached a wider audience.

In the Second World War he served with the Royal Air Force both with Bomber Command and with Fighter Command (Middle East) reaching the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

At the end of his period of war service he returned briefly to this university before becoming, early in 1947, Professor of Pure Mathematics in the University of the Witwatersrand. His administrative gifts and the leadership he had shown in university affairs led to his appointment in 1960 as Principal of the Royal College, Nairobi. Three years later he returned to the Union of South Africa as Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University. Under his leadership the University has in the intervening years increased and cherished the British ideals of academic freedom.



Above: Dr. Hyslop receives the scroll after the degree had been conferred on him by the Chancellor, the Venerable Lord Boyd Orr (in dark gown, on the left).

The debt which his Alma Mater owes Dr. Hyslop is not due solely to the distinction which his achievements in mathematics and in the field of university education have brought to her. As a student he was Secretary of the University Golf Club and when he returned here as a teacher he was instrumental in founding the Staff Golf Club. At that time his handicap was three and it is reliably reported to be still under nine. Certainly at no time in his career could he ever have merited the rebuke of Lang Willie, the St. Andrew's caddy, to one of his pupils: "Ye see, Professor, as long as ye are learning the lads at the College Latin and Greek it is easy work, but when ye come to play golf ye maun hae a heid!"

Nor do his accomplishments end there. When he lived in Scotland he was often asked to propose the 'immortal memory' at celebrations of the birth of Robert Burns. Perhaps, Mr. Chancellor, he can be persuaded to say the Selkirk Grace at the luncheon after this ceremony.

I present Dr. Hyslop to you, Mr. Chancellor, as a research worker of distinction, an author of scholarly elegance and a gifted university teacher and administrator, and ask you to confer on him the degree of Dr. of Laws.

VISIT TO BELGIUM

The University of Ghent celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding in October this year. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. M. Hyslop, attended the celebration as a guest of the University of Ghent. Also present to represent Rhodes was Prof. R. K. J. E. Antonissen, who is spending a year in Belgium.

After the main ceremony, which was presided over by His Majesty King Badouin, Dr. Hyslop attended a three-day conference arranged by the University to discuss co-operation between universities in the teaching of Dutch language and literature. The Vice-Chancellor then paid a brief visit to the United Kingdom before returning to South Africa.

Obituary

Sir John Cockcroft

The death occurred in England during September, of **Sir John Cockcroft**, O.M., M.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc., K.C.B. The degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, was conferred on him by Rhodes University in 1964. Many Old Rhodians attended the lecture on "The Course of Scientific Development in the World" which he delivered during the celebration of the University's 60th Anniversary.

A graduate of The University of Manchester and St. John's College, Cambridge, he held the Chair of Natural Philosophy at Cambridge from 1939 to 1946, but served from 1941 to 1944, as Chief Superintendent of the Air Defence Research and Development Establishment of the Ministry of Supply. From 1946 to 1958 he was Director of Atomic Energy Research at Harwell, and became Master of Churchill College, Cambridge, in 1959.

Honours were showered in profusion on this outstanding Scientist, including 13 honorary doctorates, the Freedom of the City of London, and the Nobel Prize for physics, apart from numerous other orders, medals and awards. The Order of Merit was bestowed on him in 1957, and he was singled out for high honours by numerous European and Commonwealth countries.

Professor C. W. Bowles

The death occurred in Salisbury on 7th October, 1967, of **Cullen Walter Bowles**, Senior Professor Emeritus and second Master of Rhodes University College. He was in his 91st year, and was the President of the Old Rhodian Union — an office he had held for many years.

Joining the staff of the College as Lecturer in Classics in 1909, he became Professor of Greek in 1911 and Professor of Classics in 1929. He was Master of Rhodes University College from 1931 to 1937.

During Professor Bowles' term of office as Master two residences, Beit and Struben, were erected which represented, at that time, an increase of one-third in the number of residences at the University. The construction of the central block and tower was seen through its final stages at this time and was completed in 1937.

In 1964, when the University celebrated its Diamond Jubilee, the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him, *honoris causa*. On this occasion, an eloquent tribute was paid to him by the Public Orator, Professor H. J. Chapman, from whose address we quote the following extract:

"There are many who describe the College during his Mastership as 'vintage Rhodes', and who look upon that period as a sort of Golden Age. If the historian should be able so to characterise it, he will have to give the credit thereof to the Master. We have it on the authority of Professor Lord that 'when he took over hostilities were on the point of breaking out into disasters to all concerned' and that these 'were quietly hushed and a

new spirit of unity prevailed'. The Master was a great harmoniser. He may be said to have had a certain charismatic quality. This informed not only his relations with colleagues in the Senate but also his dealings with individual students and with the student body as a whole. We are also told that his election to the City Council — and his immediate choice as Mayor — calmed storms in the 'Municipal Tea-cup'. He was once asked what his formula was, what was the secret of his success. He replied, 'All you have to do is to keep your temper . . . and other people's.'

Students are usually unerring in their judgement of their seniors. A student paying a valedictory tribute in *The Rhodian* wrote of him: 'We have come to know him as it is unusual for those of a younger generation to know those of an older. His is one of those rare natures whose understanding and personal charm is such that artificial barriers and conventions play no part in his relationship; indeed he was our friend, in all the best senses of the word.' He represented for us an ideal, a pattern of what a university man ought to be. Scholar and gentleman, he was humane, understanding and tolerant. He used authority and power as a gentleman should. He will always be to Rhodians of the first thirty years the personification of the *genius* of the place. He was, and is, Bowles the Beloved."

Dr. P. J. du Toit

Dr. Petrus Johann du Toit, former Chancellor of Rhodes University died in Pretoria on 13th November, 1967. He was in his 80th year.

Born in Somerset Strand and educated at Wellington Boys' High School, he took his B.A. degree at the Victoria College, Stellenbosch before going to Europe on a Queen Victoria Scholarship. He gained his Ph.D. with honours at Zurich and a doctorate in Veterinary Science at Berlin University.

Returning to South Africa he joined the Division of Veterinary Services and became Deputy Director of Onderstepoort in 1921 and Director in 1927, when he also succeeded Sir Arnold Thielier as Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Pretoria University.

He remained at Onderstepoort for 20 years and on his retirement in 1948 he became Vice-President of the C.S.I.R. In 1950 he succeeded Dr. B. F. J. Schonland as Director.

Dr. du Toit became Chancellor of Rhodes University in 1963 and held this office for two years, when he resigned for health reasons.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in London, in 1951, and honorary doctorates were conferred on him by the universities of Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Witwatersrand, Utrecht, Glasgow and the Orange Free State. He was Chairman, for many years, of the International Council for the Co-ordination of Scientific Research South of the Sahara.

A genial and modest man, and a great humanitarian, Dr. du Toit enjoyed international recognition for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of Science in Southern Africa.

ARTS AND SCIENCE FESTIVAL



Above: The Vice-Chancellor presents the Hyslop Cup to the Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Students' Association. The cup was donated by Dr. Hyslop for award to the Society or Department responsible for the best exhibition during Arts and Science Week.

MAYOR MEETS MAYOR

Below: During their visit to Bulawayo to attend the Old Rhodian reunion in September, Prof. J. V. L. Rennie and Mrs. Rennie, who is the present Mayor of Grahamstown, called on the Mayor of Bulawayo who presented her with a memento of the occasion. In this photograph are: (l. to r.): Professor Rennie, the Mayoress and Mayor of Bulawayo (Clr. W. R. Kinleyside), the Mayor of Grahamstown, Mrs. B. E. Rennie, and the Town Clerk of Bulawayo, Mr. E. White.



VISIT TO U.S.A.

Professor and Mrs. James Irving have returned from the United States where Professor Irving acted as Phillips Visiting Professor at Haverford College, Philadelphia. While in America he delivered a series of lectures on the Sociology of Literature to advanced students at Haverford, Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore Colleges.

CAPE CHARADE

Guy Butler, well-known South African playwright and Professor of English Literature at Rhodes, scored another outstanding success with his play "Cape Charade" which had its first performance in Grahamstown as part of the 1820 Settlers' celebrations in September when the foundation stone of the Monument was laid by the Prime Minister. An appreciative audience, which included prominent people from all parts of South Africa, saw the première in the Rhodes University Theatre.

The play pivots on the strong, stubborn yet inwardly sensitive character of the versatile Andrew Geddes Bain, the famous road engineer and natural scientist who also created one of the earliest characters of indigenous South African writing, Kaatjie Kekkelbek. At a critical juncture in his personal life he receives a visit from a party of Russians who happened to touch at the Cape, including the great novelist Goncharov (a little known historical fact) and to them he relates incidents from his life which are re-enacted as a series of plays within the play.

But of equal interest is the depiction of contemporary life at the Cape, introducing a variety of types and characters, and faithfully portraying the Coloured people with their endearing virtues and weaknesses and their "irresistible instinct for happiness". The play ends with a performance of "Kaatjie Kekkelbek" (which was first staged in Grahamstown by the Amateur Theatrical Society in 1838).

Viewed as a whole, "Cape Charade" does carry some whispers of justifiable pride, of solemn truths and of deeper values, but these come to the spectator as mere wisps of fragrance in a breeze. The play is completely natural and acceptable, and the author has resisted any temptation to make the characters larger than life, or to permit the clanging bell of history to mar his faithful recording of human laughter and sighing.

The most striking characteristics of Guy Butler's work is surely the polished, scholarly manner in which he can use the most unsophisticated plot and the most natural characters. He has the rare gift, moreover, of allowing the action of the play to do the work for which so many playwrights rely on involved dialogue. These remarkable gifts are fully in evidence in "Cape Charade".

In the history of South African literature it will be counted a most fortunate fact, one day, that Guy Butler was on the scene at this vital stage in the development of indigenous South African drama.



Left: The young widow Joanna Rex (Irene Osborne), the daughter of Andrew Geddes Bain, and Lieutenant Zeleny (Nigel Vetch), a member of the group of visiting Russians.



Above: Norman Coombes (of CAPAB) who gave a most convincing interpretation of the role of Andrew Geddes Bain, and Beth Dickerson (of the Speech and Drama Department), as Mrs. Bain.

Photography:
Rex Reynolds

Below: Charlene Faktor (of CAPAB) as Antjie, and André de Villiers (Department of English, Rhodes) as her man, Klaas. Their fine acting contributed greatly to the successful presentation of the play.



Below: Arthur Clarke, a second-year Drama student as Captain Constantine Pos'et.

Saint Joan

As part of the programme for the Arts and Science Week, during September, the local branch of NUSAS staged a production of G. B. Shaw's *Saint Joan*. The production was directed by Desmond Bishop and was staged in the Great Hall where some of the scenes "overflowed" into the hall itself. Good acting by the entire cast made a great success of the production.

Right (l. to r.): Geoffrey Allen as Chaplain de Stogumber, Father Francis Cull as the Bishop of Beauvais and John Burch as the Earl of Warwick. Mrs. Jean Chapman was responsible for the colourful costumes.

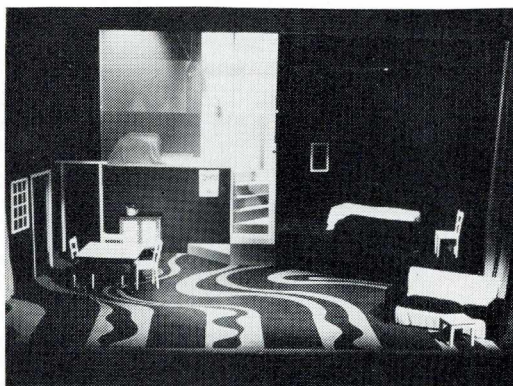


'n Bruid in die Môre



Bo: Tom Cloete, wat 'n uitstekende vertolking gegee het van die rol van Thomas, en Nelia Dreyer (Andrea), wat alom deur die Pers lof toegeswaai is en deur die studente-blad aangewys is as die "aktrise van die jaar". (Terloops, die ouers van albei hierdie spelers is oud-studente van Rhodes Universiteit).

Die Afrikaanse vertaling deur Jan Rabie van hierdie toneelstuk van die Vlaamse skrywer, Hugo Claus, is op 14 en 15 September opgevoer deur die Afrikaanse Studentevereniging, onder regie van André Brink. Dit was 'n puik vertoning en een van die beste wat nog op die planke gekom het in die nuwe Universiteitsteater.



Photography: Rex Reynolds



Bo: Die Regisseur, André P. Brink, vooraanstaande Afrikaanse prosa skrywer en een van die „Sestigers“, wat die spelers op meesterlike wyse afgerig het en 'n wonderlike vermoë aan die dag gelê het om "atmosfeer" te skep.

Links: Die indrukwekkende decor, wat ontwerp is deur Ken Robinson.

Much younger than his Coelacanth!

Prof. J. L. B. Smith, world-famous ichthyologist and Professor of Ichthyology at Rhodes, celebrated his 70th birthday on 26th September. He is the editor of more than 200 science publications, including *Old Four Legs*, the story of the coelacanth, which has been translated into many languages, *Sea Fishes of Southern Africa*, *Fishes of the Seychelles* and *Fishes of the Tzitzikama Coast*. He is an honorary member of the Society of Ichthyologists, the Zoology Society of London, a Scott Medallist and a Commander of the Royal Star of the Comores

—a decoration awarded to him by the Portuguese Government.

Celebrating her birthday on the same day was Mrs. Margaret Smith (nee MacDonald), whom he married in 1938. She has accompanied him on his many expeditions in search of fish and has collaborated in the production of several of his published books, being responsible for the outstanding colour drawings with which these works are illustrated.

To mark the occasion, they were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Vice-Chancellor.

HOME AGAIN

Mr. Douglas Coghlan, of the Department of Physical Education has returned from a year's post-graduate study at Western Kentucky University, where he completed his M.A. degree in education. While he was in the United States, Mrs. Coghlan and their two daughters stayed with Mr. Coghlan's parents in England.

At Western Kentucky University Mr. Coghlan stayed in a nine-storey students' residence with 48 students on each floor. He was in charge of a floor and was entrusted with the training of students in field events.

Students Union Building Fund

While contributions to the Fund are still coming in, the progress made in the past six months has not been spectacular, and the total now stands at:—

R8,778

Recent donations included R100 from the former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. T. Alty, and substantial gifts from Dr. the Hon. P. V. G. van der Byl, D. Alexander, Dr. F. J. Todd and Dr. the Hon. Henry Gluckman.

For the convenience of Old Rhodians, a printed form is enclosed to accompany any donation sent to the University.



Above: Professor and Mrs. J. L. B. Smith.



MR. L. P. DEARY

It certainly makes you sit up when you hear of somebody who has been teaching for over 50 years, is still teaching, and is still enjoying it. That is why **Leo Patrick Deary** is in the news in this issue.

He was born in 1888, matriculated at Cradock Boys' High School and took his teachers training at the Normal College in Cape Town. There he first met the late Sam Hobson who was also destined to play an important role in education in the Cape. He started his teaching career at Aberdeen Public School and became a part-time student of Rhodes University College. In 1913, he entered the University as a full-time student and enrolled for the "double" or "mixed" degree course which was in vogue at that time — a course consisting of four major subjects, two in Arts and two in Science.

In Mr. Deary's own words: "These were the days of a galaxy of brilliant students of the calibre of Basil Schonland, Dickie Varder, Heath Crouch, Howard Phear and Eric Louw. These men were an inspiration to us and Rhodes was a happy place in those days.

My stay was a full one of plenty to do and a joy in doing it. At sport I played for the first eleven at cricket, hockey and soccer, with an occasional game of rugby for the second and third teams.

I think I was the first secretary of what was then known as the Athletic Union, and I served as secretary of the Debating Society under Professor Cory and also ran the Quarterly Dance Assemblies for a year."

In 1914 he resumed his teaching career but enlisted with the Carnarvon Commando at the outbreak of war and served in the South West African campaign until its conclusion. In 1916 he sailed for England in the ill-fated H.M.T. "Mendi" which sank off the Isle of Wight. He was posted to the Royal Artillery where he found two other Rhodes students, Macgregor and Jumbo Tredgold. The former had been a very good tennis player at Rhodes.

Returning to the University after the war he completed his interrupted degree studies in 1924, and returned to teaching. He became Principal of Pearson High School, Port Elizabeth, in 1926. In 1938 he was appointed Inspector of Schools in the Vryburg and Mafeking circuit and was transferred to Albany in 1942 to take over from Dr. Sam Hobson. He remained in Grahamstown until his retirement in 1948 and during this period he served on the Rhodes Council as the representative of Southern Rhodesia. He also examined H.E.D. candidates in practical teaching and for the bilingual certificate.

For Mr. Deary, retirement has meant a return to the classroom and he has taught in Cradock and at different schools in Port Elizabeth. He has now decided however that his present post

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OLD RHODIANS

In the News



MR. and MRS. G. M. RANDELL

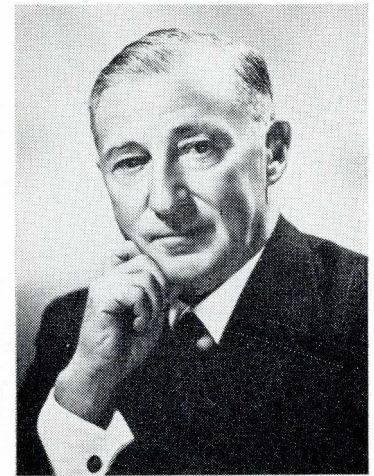
Two Old Rhodians of distinction, who met as students at Rhodes, returned in recent years to Grahamstown and have their home in a charming "Piet Retief" house near the campus. They are Advocate George Randell and his wife (Dorothy Farrow).

Above is a picture of the presentation made to the Prime Minister, Mr. B. J. Vorster and Mrs. Vorster on Settlers' Day, 1967, when they laid the foundation stones of the 1820 Settlers' Memorial Hall soon to be erected on Gunfire Hill, Grahamstown. It is a ceramic model of an 1820 Settler family made by Mrs. Randell from clay found by her on the banks of the Fish River which was at one time the boundary between the Cape Colony and the territory occupied by the Kaffir tribes.

A former winner of the Purvis Prize awarded to the best student in the final year of the B.A. (Fine Arts) degree Mrs. Randell's work as a sculptress is well known. Her recently modelled head of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. M. Hyslop, has been much admired.

Mr. and Mrs. Randell lived for a number of years in East London where the George Randell High School stands as a tribute to Mr. Randell's work as East London's representative in the Cape Provincial Council. He is the author of several works relating to the legal profession and to local government — notably his "Cape Municipal Law" — and he is Assistant Editor of the "South African Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents" designed to make available to legal practitioners examples of all forms of documents which they may be called upon to draft for their clients.

George, who was Chairman of the S.R.C. in his final year and captain of the cricket and men's hockey elevens recently succeeded Mr. Justice D. D. V. Kannemeyer as Chancellor of the Diocese of Grahamstown and has been elected a member of the National Executive of Santa.



MR. V. C. H. R. BRERETON

In the news today as "the complete Rhodian", is **Mr. V. C. H. R. Brereton**, of Cape Town, Chairman of the O.R.U. in the Western Province, and known to hundreds of Old Students for his great enthusiasm for Rhodes. With the admission to the University of a first-year student in 1968, the remarkable association between the Brereton family and Rhodes University will be extended to a fourth generation.

- Mr. Brereton was a foundation member of the University, the sixth man to sign the Register in 1904.
- His father, the **Rev. A. W. Brereton**, was the first Registrar of Rhodes, and served in that capacity until 1911.
- His son, **David Brereton**, was a student from 1958 to 1961.
- His grand-daughter has now registered as a student for 1968.

It may also be recalled that Mr. Brereton's sister, Hope Brereton, was a student at Rhodes in 1911 when she was killed in the Blauwkrantz railway disaster.

When the University celebrated its diamond jubilee, in 1964, Mr. Brereton was back on the old stamping ground to join in the whirl of activity with other old students of 1964 such as Mr. A. C. Parry and the late Maj. A. G. Mullins. Year after year he arranges the Old Rhodian Founder's Day reunion in Cape Town, and whenever his professional work brings him near Grahamstown — as it often does, he never misses the opportunity to "report back".

Very clearly, when he signed the Register it was "for keeps".

MR. L. P. DEARY

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at the Hill School will be his last and that he will soon embark on a new career of following the sun, spending winter in Salisbury, autumn in Johannesburg, and summer in Port Elizabeth.

OLD RHODIAN NEWS

Matthew Joseph Hart (1927) who has been practising as an advocate in Johannesburg for the past 20 years, has been appointed an Acting Judge in the Transvaal Division of the Supreme Court.

The new headmaster of Kimberley Boys' High School is **Mr. R. C. H. Hart** (1950) who has served until now as senior vice-principal and science master at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth. While at Rhodes, he captained the first rugby team and was senior student of Founder's Hall. He also served as sub-warden of Cory House. During the war he served in the Western Desert and Italy with the Natal Carbineers.

Sheila Speedy (1959, 1963), is now **Mrs. M. H. Muir** and lives at Kloof, Natal.

Ronnie Morris (1954) has been appointed Assistant Managing Director of the pharmaceutical company, Johnson & Johnson, in South Africa.

Naomi Goldstone (1956) has resigned from her position as Press and Cultural Attaché to the South African Embassy in Paris to marry a French lawyer, Francois Malan.

Ivan Levisseur (1948) who has spent many years abroad has returned to South Africa to teach at St. George's Preparatory School, Port Elizabeth.

Gavin White (1965) was married in August to Miss Wendy Langford.

John Stonier (1958), who is Headmaster of Clifton Park High School, East London has been awarded a British Council Scholarship to study school administration in England.

Rosemary Reilly (1962) married Val Buchner of Pietermaritzburg in August, 1967.

Jacques van Onselen (1963) has returned from a year in America during which he took a M.A. degree in Educational Psychology at Abilene Christian College in Texas.

John Muirhead (1966) married Miss Susan Weatherston in July.

Donald Rodger (1964) has been appointed Librarian at the North End Library in Port Elizabeth.

Rev. Neville Whitford (1964) and **Lorna Haupt** (1966) were married in Pretoria this month.

Jack Charteris (1965) has left for Canada to become Assistant Professor in Physical Education at Guelph University, near Toronto.

Alan Penny (1966) and **Ruth Oram** (1967) have announced their engagement.

Rev. Alan Maker (1966) and **Margaret Knight** (1964) were married in Grahamstown in May this year.

R. L. de C. H. Saunders (1927) is Professor of Anatomy at Dalhousie University, Halifax. Over the years, he has specialised with great success in X-Ray Microscopy and, in particular, its application in medical and orthodontal practice.

Dr. A. J. van Wijk (1935) was married on 6th July, 1967 to Dr. Audrey Halloran, a missionary doctor at Morgenster in Rhodesia.

Gordon Hartford (1953) has been appointed senior lecturer in the Department of English at Witwatersrand University. From Rhodes he went to Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar, where he obtained his M.A. degree.

Penelope Murray (1963) who has been working in the Medical Research Institute Laboratories, Cape Town, is now working at a hospital near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Dr. R. F. Gruber (1960) has been complimented by the South Africa Foundation for outstanding work in its programme of public lectures. He has addressed numerous conferences and associations and has also visited leading schools in Britain.

A recent visitor at the University was **Russell Bailey**, who took his B.Sc. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at Rhodes in 1945-1947. After this he went to the Imperial College, London where he was awarded his B.Sc. Honours degree in mechanical engineering in 1950. After four years in Johannesburg as an engineer he went to the United Kingdom and, from 1957 to 1965, was a management consultant with an engineering firm. He has now returned to South Africa and is living in Stellenbosch where he is engaged in fruit farming and manufacturing fire lighters.

Pauline Wiles (1964) is married to Dr. Theo Bam. Their wedding took place at Leisure Isle, Knysna, where the bride's parents are well-known artists.

Mr. Dirk Rezelman (1958), Editor of Publications for the South African Government Information Service in North America, has been transferred back to the Head Office of the Department of Information in Pretoria. During his five year tour of duty in the United States he visited 40 states in the country, appearing on radio and television panel shows and interviews. He also lectured on South Africa at numerous United States educational institutions including Yale, Harvard, Princetown and Swarthmore. He and his wife, **Erica (nee van Hille)**, spent a vacation in the U.K. and Europe in October en route to the Republic.

John Martens (1951) has been appointed Chief Engineer of de Beers Mines, Kimberley.



Mrs. A. A. Murray

Four delightful volumes have been added to the collection, in the Rhodes University Library, of publications by Old Rhodians. They were presented by the authoress, **Mrs. A. A. Murray (nee Audrey Turner)**, 1929), who lives in France.

The four volumes are *The Blanket*, with its German translation *Der Kronzeuge*, and *Anybody's Spring*, with its German version *Es fiel ein Reif*. These books occupied a prominent position, next to a large photograph of Mrs. Murray, at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 1965.

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Novelists

COVETED AWARD

Mrs. M. F. C. Roebuck (Colleen Vaughan), 1937) has become the first Old Rhodian and the second woman to receive the Olive Schreiner Award which is presented annually by the South African Akademie for an outstanding contribution to literature. This award is for her novel "Nyitso", which is based on life in a remote African village and portrays a people hovering between the traditional and the progressive.

The book has already won the English Association's literary award and was the first to be published under the Purnel authors scheme for producing works of exceptional literary merit.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Roebuck could not attend the presentation at Bloemfontein in July as she was on a tour of Europe and Asia Minor.

Obituary

David Cook (1962) died in the Belgian Congo last year.

Edward Harison (1930) collapsed and died at a Headmasters' Conference a few months ago. He was Headmaster of Hilton College, Natal. During the war he commanded an Armoured Reconnaissance Detachment, with the rank of major.

Barney Cohen (1933) died in Port Elizabeth on 30th August. He was a well known Attorney in the city and had been a prominent sportsman.

Jill White (nee Whiteley) (1957) died in Cape Town on 3rd August.

Mary Duxbury died in Johannesburg at the end of July this year. After completing her Arts studies at Rhodes she went to the College of Art in Edinburgh to study calligraphy. She returned to South Africa and taught at the Collegiate Girls' School for nearly 15 years before opening her own studio in Johannesburg. From then on she dominated the field of calligraphy in South Africa completely and was commissioned to produce nearly every illuminated address of importance during the past 30 years, including the National War Memorial Roll of Honour for the House of Assembly and the address

presented on behalf of the nation to King George VI in 1947.

Sister Freda (Miss F. W. Brooks) (1936) died at St. Peter's Home, Grahamstown, a few months ago.

Henry Hunt (1949) was killed in an air crash near Pretoria in June 1967. He was a director of a firm of aircraft distributors.

Rhodes University lost a foundation member with the death on 18th October, 1967, of the **Hon. Mr. Justice O. V. F. Sampson** (1904-1907). He commenced his career as an advocate in Grahamstown but later moved to Port Elizabeth where he practised for many years. He was elevated to the Bench in 1950 and served as a Judge for ten years.

Fred L. Scheepers (1910-1913) died at Alexandria in August this year. While at Rhodes he took a leading part in several sports and was runner-up for the Victor Ludorum at Athletics in 1912. He was a front rank forward in the 1st XV and played water polo for a combined Grahamstown side in 1910. A successful career in education saw him rise to the post of Inspector of Schools from which he retired several years ago. He was Mayor, for several years, of Potchefstroom.

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Joan Simpson (1962) is now Mrs. Wulff. She resides in Evander, Eastern Transvaal.

Mary Bax (1966) is a Personnel Officer with Messrs. Wilson-Rowntree, East London.

Constance Lynette van der Westhuizen (1965), now Mrs. T. Bigg, is living in Randfontein, Transvaal.

Doris Slabbert (1964) and **Richard Rodd** (1966) are married and live in Bulawayo.

Joey du Plooy (1966) is an Analytical Chemist at the Goodyear Tyre Factory in Uitenhage.

The wedding took place in Grahamstown of **John Muirhead** (1965) and Susan Weatherston. They will make their home in Port Elizabeth where John is an Industrial Chemist.

Robbert Fenner (1961) was married in September to Elizabeth Wallach. They will make their home in Durban.

Allan (Noel) Jennings (1952) who has been Headmaster of Muir Primary School, Uitenhage for the past six years, has accepted the Headmastership of the Boston Primary School, Bellville, and leaves Uitenhage at the end of this year.

Roland Brink (1964) and **Anna Olivier** (1965) announced their engagement earlier this year. Roland served his articles with legal firms in Cape Town and Queenstown and joined the well known firm of Attorneys, Messrs. Rooth & Wessels, in Pretoria, as a Professional Assistant, in May this year.

Frank Horscroft (1947) has been appointed Chief Geologist of the Anglo-American Corporation in Salisbury. After he left Rhodes he did field work with Roan Selection Trust in Zambia before doing post-graduate study at the University of the Witwatersrand. He was later appointed in the Geological Section of the Anglo-American Corporation.

Joanmary Brunyee (1963) was married in June this year to Peter Burton, of Port Elizabeth. They plan to spend the next two years overseas.

Tony Davenport (1964) is the author of a comprehensive guide book to the Kruger National Park, and other natural attractions in the Eastern Transvaal. The book has been published simultaneously in English and in Afrikaans.

Boyce Price (1961) married Miss Carol Iverson in Grahamstown in November.

John Gordon Davis (1956) has had his first book published in London. With the title *Hold My Hand, I'm Dying*, it is a love story set against the political background of Rhodesia during the early days of the Federation.

Ronald Mallet (1966) and **Bernice McWilliams** (1966) were married in Port Elizabeth earlier this year.

Jan Meyer (1953) who is an Inspector of Art, has been transferred to Cape Town as from January, 1968.

Bob Keeble (1961) and **Helen Winfield** (1960) were married in Grahamstown in June this year.

Herbert Pahl (1930) has retired as an Inspector of Schools in Queenstown. An amount of R1,000 was offered to him as a farewell gift and he has asked that this be used to provide bursaries for Bantu scholars. He intends to devote his time to the compilation of a standard Xhosa-English-Afrikaans Dictionary.

Shirley Lawrenz (1966) is now Mrs. Lee and lives in Pietermaritzburg.

The Rev. J. M. C. Adams (1965) has been inducted as Minister to the Churches at Adelaide, Glenhorn and Mankanzana.

Dr. J. W. Wiles (1938, 1948) has been appointed Director of the Geological Survey in Rhodesia. He is the second Old Rhodian to hold this important position, a previous incumbent having been **Dr. F. L. Amm** (1931).

Peter de Villiers (1967), now at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, was the highest scorer with 19 points in Oxford's victory over Cambridge, by 90 points to 63, in the Annual Freshmen's Athletics Contest.

Attie Maree (1964) and his wife Janet (nee **Rennie**, 1954), will be moving to Cathcart at the end of this year where Attie has been appointed Principal of Cathcart High School. He is at present Vice-Principal of Graeme College and has been coach to the Rhodes Rugby Club for the past few years. Mrs. Maree is the daughter of the Vice-Principal of Rhodes and Mrs. J. V. L. Rennie.

Sandra Macaskill (1966) has announced her engagement to Mr. Cobus Potgieter of Beaufort West.

Athalie Wynne (1964) and **David Smart** (1964) were married earlier this month.

Thomas Dreyer (1938 and 1941) has been appointed Vice-Principal of the Hoer Volkskool, Graaff-Reinet.

Tyrrel Oosterbroek (1954) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the advertising firm, Thomas Downing & Partners. He previously served the firm as Senior Accounts Executive and Marketing Consultant. A keen long-distance runner, he has completed the Comrades Marathon on four occasions.

Brian Thiel (1958) has been appointed Headmaster of St. Andrew's School, Bloemfontein. At the age of 32 this is a remarkable achievement. He joined the staff of Grey High School, Port Elizabeth in 1958 and has been Senior History Master for many years. He became Vice-Principal of the school at the beginning of 1966.

Ruth Prentice (1966) is continuing her studies at the Graduate School of the University of Kansas where she is registered as a M.A. student.

BACK AT RHODES



Dr. and Mrs. David Woods who are both Old Rhodians of 1959-1963 vintage, are back at the University where Dr. Woods has been appointed senior lecturer in Microbiology.

After obtaining a B.Sc.(Hons.) degree at Rhodes he was awarded the 1962 Natal Rhodes Scholarship and went up to University College, Oxford to read for a D.Phil. degree in Microbial Genetics. His thesis was concerned with the genetical control and biochemistry of a toxin produced by yeast. After obtaining his doctorate he lectured in Microbial Genetics at London University. At Oxford he continued with his squash and captained the University Blues for two years.

He married **Charlotte Abott** while up at Oxford. Mrs. Woods taught in senior schools in both Oxford and London. During the vacations they travelled and camped extensively throughout Europe. An interesting episode was a Yeast Congress which Dr. Woods attended behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia.

Among other aspects of Microbiology Dr. Woods envisages a course including such interesting topics as Microbial Genetics, Molecular Biology and Virology.

ACHIEVEMENT OF RHODES SPRINGBOK

Ron Abbott, a B.Com. student at Rhodes gained sixth place in the men's individual competition at the World Trampoline Championships in London this year. He was one of three Springboks selected to represent South Africa at the international championships. The team also took part in individual matches in Germany, Holland, France and Switzerland.

Twenty year old Ron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. N. Abbott of East London and is an Old Selbornian.

Howard Williams (1965) leaves for the Antarctic early next year to undertake research work for his doctorate in Physics. He will investigate anomalies of the ionosphere at the South African Antarctic base.

Before going South he will attend a month's course in Pretoria to prepare him for life in the Antarctic. The course will not only include physical training, but also instruction in the use of special equipment and even cooking.

The new expedition, of which he will form a part, may also have to construct a new base in the Antarctic. The present base sinks at the rate of four feet per year through the piling up of snow.

After matriculating at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth, Mr. Williams came to Rhodes where he completed the B.Sc. with distinctions in Mathematics and Physics in 1964. He was awarded the Further Scholarship and completed the honours degree in 1965 with distinction in Physics.

Mrs. Nancy Ann Fordyce (nee Stevenson, 1954) has been to some interesting parts of the world since leaving Rhodes University. She married an officer in the Gurkha Rifles and went with him to the Far East where their two children were born. While there, she taught at a number of schools in Singapore and Malaya.

She has now settled in England at Ashford, Kent, and is teaching at an independent preparatory school, her subjects being English and Art. There she has been so successfully applying methods learned in the U.E.D. course at Rhodes that the compiled book of her pupils' prose and poems was reviewed in a national newspaper and their work was also featured in a television programme.

Mrs. Fordyce writes: "I am always delighted to see Old Rhodians who may be visiting England and if I can be of any assistance they have only to contact me."