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The Guild of Old Bedans.

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Annual Subscription: 2/6, due on **September 1st**.

Life Subscription: £2/2/6, if paid within two years; otherwise £2/12/6.

Associate Subscription: 1/- for girls of Form Upper VI.

Annual Subscriptions count towards Life Membership. Anyone who has paid one half-crown subscription becomes a Life Member by a further payment of £1/19/6 before the end of her second year's membership. After that time, the total of the payments made must be £2/12/6, e.g., a member who has paid ten annual subscriptions becomes a Life Member by a further payment of £1/7/6. If however, membership is allowed to lapse, payments must be begun anew.

Membership. On August 31st, the membership was 378, including 120 Life Members. There were only fifteen new members, and 52 subscriptions for 1948-49 and 125 for 1949-50 are still unpaid.

A Jubilee Dinner will be held on April 29th, 1950.

Change of Year. In spite of a previous notice, this *Old Bedan* appears at the usual time. The Jubilee Memories will be published separately as soon as possible. The cost of this will be considerable, and we ask each member to help by contributing towards it a nominal sum of, say, one shilling. The booklet will be sold outside the Guild for at least 2/6.

Requests from the Secretary. 1. Will all members, please, notify the Secretary of any change of address.

2. Do, please, get your ticket for any Reunion by the date stated on a Notice. Attention to this does help in the catering.

3. Please ask if you are not sure if your subscription is paid. Any member of Committee will pass on your message.

4. Will married members always, please, give their maiden names as well as marriage names.

For easier identification we use maiden names. The married name is usually either given in brackets or omitted, if mentioned earlier.

GUILD ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS IN 1948-49

Old Bedans' Loan and Scholarship Fund.—Scholarships of £5 each were awarded, in recognition of service to the school to Dorothy Dodd, Irene Reed, June Charlton and Isabel Hall, and four loans were made. The expenditure amounted to £85. We thank the Guild Hockey Club for another donation of £50.

D. L. J. ORME.

The Guild of Old Bedans' Hockey Club had a reasonably successful season and won 40% of its matches. Gerry Cook played on the County 1st XI and was, moreover, its youngest player. We were very pleased and regretted only that we could not afford to send any others up for County Trials. We were sorry to lose Ella Marston, one of our staunchest members, and look forward to her return after Christmas. We miss too the support of those members who were married last season. We have again been granted the use of the school field, and should welcome as new members all who are interested in hockey.

ALINE RAINE (Hon. Sec.), Gladstone House, South Docks.

Guild of Old Bedans' London Branch.—The December Re-union of 1948 had to be cancelled as I was unable to organise it myself and could not find a substitute. For the May Re-union, Miss Birchall kindly invited us for tea to her home at Sevenoaks on May 14th. Twelve members had a pleasant walk through Knole Park followed by tea and a great deal of chatter. Members present were: Miss Birchall, Miss Ewart, Kathleen Bell, Cathy Fraser (Hine), Joyce Hebron (Ayles), May Hood, Betty Senior (Condon), Eva Steinberg, Dorothy Waggett, Doreen Ward (Macrae), Irene Watson and myself. Mrs. Verity was also there "unofficially."

Twenty members out of a possible fifty have responded to the request for an annual subscription of 5d. and seven have answered the last notice. Any Old Bedan living in or near London is cordially invited to communicate with the Secretary, MRS. BECK (PHYLLIS TENNANT), 16, Haselden Road, Abbey Wood, London, S.E.2. Tel. Woodwich 3411.

Social Service.—In response to a suggestion that the Guild should resume its social service, a few interested members made a committee, and, with the idea of helping old and needy people, offered a stall at the Guild of Help Autumn Market in October. Many Old Bedans sent gifts and donations, and as a result we handed in £41.

At the Annual Business Meeting it was decided to work no longer as a Branch Club, but from the Guild itself. The following volunteered to serve on the new committee: D. S. Arkle, Elsie Davidson, Lily English (Hutton), Rene Halliday, Vera Harrald, Kathleen Muir, Cattie McCree, Nancy Mitchell, Joan Newby (White), Betsy Fosley (Scottley), Jean Fosley, Gladys Thornley (Miller), Elsie Wilson (Hooker).

Can you help in any way? The Guild hopes to be well supported by members and friends at a Bring-and-Buy Sale on March 1st, one object of which is to make money to carry on the work of Social Service. Meanwhile, we are helping the Red Cross Hospital Library Scheme. A seta has been made and two Old Bedans go each Monday evening to the General Hospital for about two hours. More helpers are needed, and anyone interested should send her name to the Convener, D. S. ARKLE, 46, Ashwood Terrace.

Winter Re-union, January 22d.—43 Old Bedans met, thanks to Mr. Norwood, in a warm and comfortable Art Room. We were pleased to have with us members of Form Upper VI. The Book Tables game gave us a chance to renew old acquaintances and Musical Soiree roused great excitement, the "New Looks" were most becoming. Great ingenuity was shown in *Paper Dressing* and the *Ministry of Supply* caused hectic moments as we unearthed articles from all over our person. Supper, including an iced Christmas cake kindly given by Miss Moul, was much enjoyed as members chatted loudly. The New March and the singing of *Auld Lang Syne* brought to a close another happy reunion.

The Dinner.—It was a light-hearted crowd of Old Bedans that assembled in Heng's Restaurant on the evening of April 1st, 1949. Excited greetings were heard on all sides as old friendships were renewed. With Cathie McCree in the Chair, eighty-four of us sat down to dinner and did full justice to all four courses. A fruit cake, very kindly sent by Elsie White in Canada was cut up into 84 portions and served with the coffee.

Vera Hurrell was Toast-master, and after the Toast to the King, Missie McMillan proposed "The School!" in an amusing speech with many references to "Old Times"; Miss Moul responding with her usual clear delivery, spoke of present day Education with its scope for leisure. In Miss Cune's Toast to the Guild of Old Bedans, she expressed the feelings of all when she described Miss Shearer's enthusiastic work for the Guild; it was a great disappointment to everyone that she was unable to be present because of illness. Molly Rankler (Madeline) responded in a short, witty speech in which she said how grateful were Old Bedans for the Guild which helped them to keep in touch with school friends.

Miss Shearer's goodwill telegram " *Max applaudit* " was greeted with much enthusiasm and it was unanimously decided to send flowers to her, with an autographed menu card and our good wishes.

A splendid entertainment followed; Elsie Weatherall (Petch) sang, Brenda Colling recited, and Mary Mackintosh (Alderson) gave humorous impersonations in her own inimitable style. The evening, which wound up with the singing of the School Song, was voted by everyone a great success and congratulations and thanks were tendered to our efficient Secretary.

Summer Meeting, July 6th.—36 members were present, the largest number to attend a Summer Re-union for some time. An Out-of-Door Treasure Hunt was enjoyed by some of us whilst others were content to chat. After a delicious little supper we went into the Hall where Brenda Rankler delighted everyone with her singing and Vera Duffell amused us with her humorous monologues.

Summary of the Annual Business Meeting, September 29th, 1949.—32 members present. Greeted by Chairman in absence of Miss Moul.

Minutes of the last Business Meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Report. Gist appears in various places in this *Old Bedan* and the Balance Sheet on Page 12.

Officers and Committee for 1949-50 declared elected.

Reports on Loan and Scholarship Fund, Branch Clubs, O.M. Stefan and Social Service Activities.

Election of Editorial Committee.

Allocations from Funds: one guinea for School Prizes and one guinea for Bedes Competition Prizes.

Future Meetings: Winter Re-union on January 11, Jubilee Dinner on April 29 and an outing in the summer.

Other Business: To get higher interest, members decided to close Deposit Account and transfer money to Sunderland Trustee Savings Bank.

SCHOOL NOTES

Staff

Goodbye to: Misses Craggs, Davies and Murray; Mrs. Humphreys (Miss Kennedy) and, at Christmas, Miss Orrer.

Welcome to: Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Gomez, Miss Holmes, Mr. Forrester.

News: Miss Harridge is now Mrs. MacDonald. Miss Metcalf was one of the Women's Mass Team representing Great Britain in the League in Stockholm last July, and plays on Durham County Women's Hockey Team.

Honours Won

School Captain: Joan Hardy.

School Fire-Captain: Mavis Hartford.

State Scholarship: Dorothy Dodd.

Mayfield Prize for Mathematics in School Certificate: Margaret Chappell.

Gold of Old Bedes' Prizes for Art:

1947-48: Doreen Chapman and Joan Sigsworth.

1948-49: Isabel Gittins and Isabel Hall.

Music

Degree of L.R.A.M.: Dorothy Dodd.

Played for Sunderland Pianoforte Society and Sunderland Musical Festival: Dorothy Dodd, Sylvia Tait.

Broadcast in Children's Hour: Sylvia Tait (pianoforte); Thelma Richardson (Music Quiz).

North of England Music Tournament Awards: Two firsts in pianoforte, Sylvia Tait; 2nd in senior girls' solo singing (high voice), Catherine Robson.

Sport

School Sports: Trophies—Senior: Form Vc; Junior: Form IIh.

Championships: Senior School, Ann Middleton; Middle School, Jean Elliott and Pat Kirtley; Junior School, Jean Walls.

Hockey: On the 1st Senior County Team, Audrey Jordan plays; on the Junior, Vera Jenkins plays and Marion Osborne is reserve on the First, and Mary Davidson and Edna Wright play on the Second.

Swimming: Pat Perry was Senior Champion in Inter-Schools' Gala.

Cycling: The bicycle for 1st place in tests in Bicycle week was won by Shirley Green.

World Forum of Youth.—June Charlton and Enid Noble attended a Conference in Edinburgh, meeting other Sixth Form students from Overseas, two of whom later visited the School.

Memorial.—Fourth Form girls have installed an electric clock in the Library in memory of Joan Fuller who died in April.

FROM NOVEMBER 1948 TO NOVEMBER 1949

These have become Life Members: G. M. Seidon, Madeline Bjelo, Blanche Coffman, Dorothy Gibson (Richardson), Ethel Greig (Lindsay), Betty Hall-Kilchrist, Molly Hinkley (Maddison), Flora Hollingshead (Ramsdew), Margery Humphrey (Mellor), Rene Johnson (Austin), Annie Maddison, Minnie McMillan, Lucy Pospate (Nichol), Winnie Rogers (Brown), Margaret and Nell Turner, Kathleen Watson, Dorcas Ward (Nacrae).

Among those married are: Joyce Alder (the second), Hilda Andrews, Jean Antiff, Mary Arkless, Phyllis Armstrong, Joan Aynsley, Marjorie Bales (the second), Eileen Barkess, Othryn Barnard, Enid Bell, Marjorie Brown, Kitty Branton, Eva Carney, Polly Carter, Juddie Cheveson, Marjorie Coffin, Rita Craggs, Maureen Crawford, Freda Dalziel, Lillian Dawson, Dorcas Dobson, Irene Edmond, Gladys Garnsworthy, Audrey Jackson, Lillian Huggan, Ethel Hunter, Amy Huxsey, Hazel Ineson, Marjorie James, Mollie Johnson, Vera Kinmond, Joan Lamb, Dorothy Lucas, Pat McBride, Joan Miner, Pat Morgan, Jean Pullen, Corrie Robson, Barbara Rose, Marjell Scott (the second), Mary Sloan, Lavinia Waddell, Joyce Whorlton, Rita Wood, Mariel Woodruff.

Among Bedas before are those of: Mollie Adamthwaite, Mollie Atkinson, Enid Bagley, Marjorie Bales (the first), Evelyn Blackett, May Bloom, Edith Broderick, Vera Bura, Kathleen Burnicle, Nancy Chiklen, Grace Clark, Gwen Clark, Freda Clement, Margaret Cook, Betty Dabner, Gladys Douglas, Edith Downes, Mary Earle, Ada Karmshaw, Margaret Edmond, Marjorie Eggleston, Elsie Freeman, Irene Gallwecki, Edith Goldberg, Gladys Griggs, Freda Howlands, Eileen Holfers, Margery Holland, Hilda Josseson, Margery Humphrey, Joan Hunt, Winifred James, Beryl Johnson, Nora Johnson, Molly Kirby, Nancy Lawther, Luena Macerdy, Kathleen Marley, Joan Marshall, Vera McBain, Audrey Metcalf, Brenda Metcalf, Nancy Mitchell, Mrs. Montgomerie (Miss Muir), Dorothy Morrison, Dorothy Morton, Irene Nicholson, Joyce Orr, Mary Priestman, Hannah Reed, Sibyl Reed, Winnie Sangster, Winifred Scott, Dorcas Smith, Kathleen Smith, Audrey Smithson, Ella Solley, Dacia Steele, Kathleen Tait, Rose Taylor, Dorothy Tensdale, Phyllis Tennant, Norma Trewhitt, Peggy Turner, Eileen Vincent, Norma Walker, Marjorie Wilkinson, Joan Wise, Wynarsh Wood, Eleanor Wright, Kathleen Young.

In Memoriam: Miss M. G. Wilson, Mabel Hinkley (Mrs. Strömberg), Marjorie Hocking (Mrs. Simmons), Vera Housson (Mrs. Temperley), Nina Ross, Lucy Welch, and Mr. T. H. Blyth, our honorary auditor and very good friend, of whose death we learn as this goes to press.

MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN TO OLD BEDAS

Never did I expect to say I was sorry upon the occasion on which I dropped the mantle of Chairman upon my able "Vice," but I confess that, in spite of all my misgivings at having so much "greatness thrust upon" me, I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as Chairman of the Guild. It is grand to work with a Committee of such ready and willing helpers, and the Secretary and Miss Shearer are both towers of strength, and very present help in trouble.

I am pleased indeed that Miss Arkle has been able to re-form the Social Service Club during my last year of office. It is good to know that Old Bedas wish to extend their sphere of usefulness, and are ready to help those less fortunate than themselves. May this work go on from strength to strength! Another pleasant reminder of earlier days was the revival this year of the Old Bedas Dinner which I hope will once again become an annual event. The forthcoming year with its Jubilee will bring much hard work to our new Chairmen, Rene Downs, but I have faith that she will cope with it nobly. I wish her and the Guild every success in the future.

CATHERINE I. MCCREE.

IN MEMORIAM — MISS M. G. WILSON

With the passing of Miss M. G. Wilson, last May, a link was severed in the chain which binds the Old Higher Grade School to the new Bede Grammar School. Miss Wilson came to the school as a pupil and, after graduating at Durham University, she returned to it as a member of the staff; all her teaching days were spent as a Bedon.

Soon after retirement, she went to live at Cotharstone and looked forward to having many happy days there. The war came, and her house, like many another, was filled with evacuees. Then ill-health overtook her, and, for the last four years of her life, she was practically an invalid, nursed devotedly by her two sisters.

What memories of M.G.W. remain? Some of us remember her as a staunch friend and loyal colleague, some as a promoter of the Silver Lining Society and school charities; some as an able and patient teacher of History and Latin, some as a kind and often indulgent form-mistress; a teller of original ghost stories, "to be continued on our next wet game-day"; some as the universal provider of chocolate biscuits, before the advent of peacots and ration books; some of us loved her. Everyone of us—every Bedon, who was privileged to know M.G.W.—knows what the School has lost by her death.

OLD BEDAN NEWS

Mistresses.—At Christmas School loses Miss Crane. We Old Bedans offer her here our thanks for all she has done for Bede School and our wishes for many happy years at the Belvedere School, Liverpool. In January, also, Miss Seddon who has been Vice-Principal of Warton Emergency Training College since February, goes to be Deputy Principal of Shestone Training College. Miss Macpherson is now Physical Training Tutor at St. Mary's Training College, Farnham. At a Durham County Refresher Course, Miss Weddell was Lecturer and Elsie Wilson steward. They had an enjoyable chat and Miss Weddell sent greetings to all the Old Bedans whom she knew. She "retired" earlier in the year; so did Miss Arkle. We wish them both leisure and joy.

In Training.—At Universities: Anne Shearer and Mary Wood, Liverpool; Dorothy Dodd, Sheffield; Mariel Mackay, Manchester; June Charlton, Kathleen Cross, Audrey Kibb, also Florence Farrow (second year Work/ire) and Joan Simpson (Social Service Diploma Course) all at King's College, Newcastle.

At Sunderland Technical College: Elsie Cairns, Dorothy Dodi, Margaret Johnson.

At Sunderland School of Art: Jean Gordon, Ann Jeffrey.

At Physical Training Colleges: Beanda Gibson, Nottingham; Isabel Hall, Liverpool.

At Teachers' Training Colleges: 23.

At Commercial Schools: 4.

New Recruits.—Potential librarians, nurses, dispensers, bank clerks, Civil Servants, a physiotherapist, a radiographer, a photographer, a receptionist.

Qualification Gained: A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., G.R.S.M.: Kathleen Bell.

B.A., Hon. (History): Helen Gattick.

B.A.: Mariel Staddon.

C.M.B.: Margerie Rochester; S.R.N.

Diploma of National College of Teachers of the Deaf: Ethel Manning and Margerie Robson (Hodson). Margerie gained First Class Honours and the Nichols Prize as the best student of the year at the National College.

Cap Bebe School claim Edith Wilson who left after one year to do P.O. Work, who later studied Philosophy, Politics and Economy, gaining a B.A., Hon. degree and who is now taking the Social Service course at the London School of Economics?

Careers: Education—Retirements: Good wishes to Mary Hewitt, now in Australia, to Ethel Tomkinson, and to Annie Wood who retires at Christmas.

Edith Alexander has been appointed Principal of Dartford Physical Training College, and Mary Robson, Vice-Principal of the Maria Grey Training College. Mary Robertson is Head of the Domestic Science Course for Teacher Training Students at a new College in Clacton-on-Sea. Deborah Crombie, Louisa Thompson, Winifred Whiting are Headmistresses in Sunderland and Eleanor Wilson is Principal of Eastbourne Commercial School. Vera Harrell is English Lecturer at Wynyard Emergency Training College, whither Irene Wilkinson has just gone as a student. Teaching in schools are: Jennie Alexander in Stockton, Jean Keer in Nottingham, Sheila Snowball in Gateshead, Joan Towell in Northallerton, Joyce Handing, Catherine Heynstead and Green Robinson (Wells) in Leicester, where Freda Humphrey now teaches Mathematics at Wyggeston Grammar School. Vera Mahoney teaches English at Ely, Kathleen Bell, Music at Clifton, Audrey Hayton, History at Bishop Auckland, Ida Strömberg, Art in London, Norma Crozier, French at the Cambridgeshire High School, after two years in France and Algeria. Edith Wilson (Davies) acted as Headmistress in Buckinghamshire for some months but "reverted as soon as possible to her old job as Senior Mistress which she prefers." Ellean Gaultlett and her husband run a boarding-school in Norfolk. Nancy Lavether (Hubbles) has been organising Language Courses in London and is still external examiner for one in English for Foreign Students. Mollie Duncan is School Clerk at Monkwearmouth Girls' Grammar School. Alice Munro has given up teaching to do social work in London.

Health—Olive Cairns does orthoptic work at Newcastle and South Shields; Marielle Cohen, by coping with National Health dispensing at Beale Praker's (Green) chemist's business, "made it possible for an older Old-Beche to have a well-earned holiday last summer."

Various—Vera Cartledge, Glasgow, and Maureen Gibson, London, have clerical posts, Harriet Summers is a Weights and Measures official, Rita Armitage and Olga Wright are in Lloyds Bank. Patty Hands runs a Government Public House in Longtown, and Helen Thompson (South) as matron superintendent at Shirey Row, where Elsie Wilson (Blocker) is, is responsible for two thousand meals a day.

The Arts: Grace Wood, seen more often in Sunderland these days, is following up her interest in U.S.A. literature with articles in the *Fortnightly—American Books and the American Drama*, published in May, and in the *Contemporary Review—American Metaphysical Writing*, forthcoming. Readers of *Child Education* will recognise her as Judith Ashley and we all look forward to our Helen Memories which she is editing.

Kathleen Steward (Collinson), Winifred Hatch and Lucy Moran (McConnell) who now live in Bolton, have played for Sunderland Piano-forte Society. Recently we heard Irene Ross, Elsie Weatherall and Brenda Riddles sing solo parts in the *Messiah*, while Brenda has sung and Dorothy Dodd played at Art Gallery Concerts. Before Dorothy, who was accompanist in Bishopwearmouth Choral Society, left for Sheffield, a concert was given in her honour by Mr. Hartley when he and she played together on two pianos.

Sports: Margaret Dinsdale is a member of Durham University Women's Rowing Team and has won her half-colours. For Durham County, Constance Cook plays on the Hockey, Betty Ross (Brown) on a Badminton and Jean Elsie, Hilda Johnson and Jean Hagley on the Netball Team. Lucy Thompson is again a North Selector.

The sporting challenge of the "Old Old Bedans" to the Guild Hockey Team could not be accepted. What a pity!

Public Life Evelyn Blacklock recently became an Alderman. She is also a representative of East Durham Assistance Committee on the National Assistance Board.

In Sunderland also, Nancy Harrison and Cathie McCree, are District Commissioners of Girl Guides; Winifred Whiting, Chairman of the Civic Society; and Marion Proom, on the Committee of the Gardens Guild, is voluntary organiser of the Schools' Beach; Marjorie Spurling prepared the story of Cinderella for silent pantomime by the Lip-readers' Club. Mollie Milburn (Hudson) is President of the Sunderland and Brenda Bryces (Reed) of the South Shields Inner Wheel; while Doris (Jennison) a Chairman of the Conservative Association in Bristol.

Home of Married Bedans not Mentioned in Recent Reports: Annie Beckwith, Bournemouth; Dorothy Bird, Newcastle; Brenda Cartledge, now King's Langley; Emily Durant, now from near Glasgow; Winnie Fulton, Edinburgh; John Garrick, New, "with their own caravan at Banstead for holidays"; Margaret Gibson and Mariel Woodruff, Durham City; Roma Glaholm, Haves; Roma Gibson, a government farm in Sussex; Alice Greg, Bishop Auckland; Nancy Halgood, Duns; Phyllis Helliwell and Jean Vincent, London; Marjorie Frost, Stockton; Jean Richardson, Beckenham; Marjorie Saxby, Ardsingthorpe; Doreen Saffell, Scobiton; Kathleen Walton, Polmont; and Mary, Harrogate; Joan Patterson and Sheila Marsh, back in Sunderland.

Foreign Parts: Sheila Turpin (Stevenson) has spent summer holidays in America; Ethel Thompson, Jean Fowler and Mary Evershaw have visited Italy, and Vera Harriall and Kathleen Muir wrote on their Paris holiday to say in what good stead their French stood them "after a complete lapse of sixteen years." Midge Gray spent a holiday with Hilda Saxby (Skjellerup) at Hilda's home in Maringer, Jutland, and Betty Peters (L) had one trip with her husband to the Continent on an oil tanker. "Risa Hoards" was and probably still is, in Paris on a job."

Marjorie Hudson, married to a Dutchman, lives in Portuguese East Africa; Marion Harriet (Lawson) is now in Melbourne; Mollie Chevers has just been married in Bombay; Evelyn Madisson (Poa) has gone to Malaya. Marjorie Hindmarsh (Lowery) is home after a spell in Southern Rhodesia and Ellen Whiting (Davison) in London for a short time from Northern Rhodesia. In South Africa too, Lucy Foggate (Nichol) goes from Cullinan to visit Ida Walker (Karl) at Johannesburg to do Christmas shopping. Ida has been doing some teaching lately, and Lucy lives a very full life, finding, however, time to keep in touch with Elsie Wilson, Cathie McCree, Winnie Hutchinson and Mabel Potts (Proom). We are glad to hear from her at first hand and look forward, as she is doing, to the visit to England she plans for 1938. In Toronto, Beryl Johnson (Forster) lives near Wynareth Wood (Taratall), who was home on holiday this summer. Marjorie Cowey (Snowball) tells us that she has been moving house to Trail in the Rockies. She was sorry to leave lovely Rosland after seventeen years there. She was delighted to read the *Old Bedans* though horrified to see that some children she had taught at Barnes Infants' School were now wives and mothers. She sends greetings to all *Old Bedans* friends.

Marjorie Rochester, Q.A.R.A.N.C., volunteered for service abroad and has helped to prepare the new hospital at Kwakoon, near Hong-Kong. She finds "the present heat very trying; we could not possibly work here the long hours we nurses did in England." From Kwakoon also Betty Carr (Hosman) writes cheerfully from a new house. "Brenda now goes to school by bus and loves it."

Here belatedly, is a scrap of Laila Jespersen's adventures. The invasion of Norway found her running a cosmetics business she had set up in Oslo a year or two before. Many of her war-time creams were of poor quality and speedily grew a repulsive fungus. In reserving these for sale to the invaders in return for their worthless paper money, Laila found some small wicked but human compensation for the loss of her flat and other hardships of life in an occupied country. She found shop-keeping very useful also for her own national effort viz: helping to distribute leaflets and taking and giving messages for the Resistance Movement.

Sedam Meet: We have seen in town Gladys Shewan on a week-end visit from her nursing post in Leicester and Edith Goldberg (Pallas) on holiday from London. Nora Johnson from West Hartlepool and Phyllis Tennant from London, brought their babies to make our acquaintance. Nora had been visited by Joan Hebron (Toon) from Middlesbrough. We have had calls from Norma Crosser who has met Winnie Todd in Cambridge, and from Evelyn Johnson (Ellie) in Sunderland for Mollie's wedding; her older married sisters, Inez, near Billingham and Rene in Sunderland, are teaching again, while Phyllis in Edinburgh does supply work at intervals. While waiting for her train in Sunderland station, Evelyn saw Isabel Landy (Stanes), north from Cambridge, and Brenda Cartledge (Edwards), before leaving York, had fallen in unexpectedly with Mrs. Judson (Miss Harbert). We find that Mrs. Blakey, who has lived opposite us for years, is Florence Hildrey and that a new allotment neighbour is Dorcas Stockart (Rayfield).

Miss Arkle travelled in a bus with Joan Aynsley, fresh from her honeymoon in Spain. Miss Shearer came upon Mollie Voad and her little daughter at Morpeth, while together they entered a Humbleton chemist's shop to find Edith Wearmouth (Pearce) dispensing there. They have enjoyed revivifying re-unions with Agnes McIndoe (King), Midge Hewitt (Turner) and Constance Hudson, and with Dorothy Gibson (Richardson), Winnie (Milburn) and Eva Strömberg, north from London. What side-lights on themselves, their colleagues and Bedlans! Miss Briggs has met Sibyl Reed (Woods) from Castle Eden, Miss Lloyd, Doris Russell (Tunstall); and Gladys Littlehailes (Beaury), Hannah Dean on holiday from Birmingham with her three children.

Recently Miss Hutchinson travelled in a bus with Mabel Witten, and in Sunderland renewed acquaintance unexpectedly with Doris Bell (Mrs.). Along with Miss Shearer, she spoke to Elizabeth Moss, Nellie Hildrey (Cartledge), Elsie Aldridge (Nelson) with Lilian's daughter, Mary Davidson (Stuart) from Glasgow. They came upon Florence Cowan (Robinson) walking near Barkon Mill, and met Gwen McCree with one of her children in Wambleton and again later in the year one day at Seaburn where they also found Dora Horsman (Chappell), Ivy Hudson with a son and a daughter at Bede School, Minnie Anderson, Germaine Elliott and her sons, Nancy Whitehouse (Mrs. Alexander) with Vera McEain's little girl, and Miss Lloyd with two jolly little great-nephews. Miss Clark is friendly with Jessie Baker who has an important post in the City Hall. Mary Robertson at a Conference at the Atholl Crescent School of Cookery, Edinburgh, recognised Kathleen Marshall who she found, is a tutor there. During the October holiday, Ellen Carlin met Lilian Alexander (the first) who has lived in Preston for many years. One-time form-mates have come across each other unexpectedly. Connie Wray, for instance, has met Dorothy Tansdale and Anne Hudson, both home on holiday, and one morning at a photographer's found Nancy Mitchell waiting like herself, to have Baby photographed—proud mothers all! School friends met after years at our stall at the Guild of Holy Autumn Market—notably Mollie Milburn who opened the sale, Hilda Hartley, Dorothy Gibson and Gladys Thornley.

Gwen Howard who is still teaching at March hoped to see Miss Egan and Miss Widdell at Manchester last half term. Floris Dowley visits Eva Brewster (Hence)—also in Manchester, and Jean Poyoley has stayed at Nottingham with Connie Lee (Westray) who told her of going to see Doris Daley and her children at Canterbury.

Cleanings. Mildred Francis won a twenty-question quiz at Sunderland Conservative Club, and Joyce Gaud took first and Rita Armitage-second place in a beauty contest at Newburn. Irene Scott's (Byrons) son Tony at Repton School won a Travelling Scholarship in French—an unusual achievement at his age.

Our secretary was hostess to two of the twenty-four Belgian children entertained by Sunderland in August. Other hostesses were Ella Conventill (Gibson), EWe Davidson (Hall) and Mirrie Harrison (Dew). Another story of hospitality is that of Denise Bryers (Jennison) who, working through the A.V.F., received as guests lads who had escaped from France or been smuggled over by our authorities; her home was their home too during all their periods of leave. She also entertained two distinguished underground members. This summer she and her husband went to visit one of these and also one of "our boys." The latter was a sad little figure when he came to us; he had been forced into the German Army and been to Russia; had escaped to England; could speak not a word of English and had no news of his family. He came here several times with another Lorrainer and we were very sorry for them. Now he is Seigneur of his village and has a great farm. . . . We had a wonderful holiday."

During our research into "Old Days," we have seen a piece of embroidery with lovely "spider's webs"—Nancy Whitehouse's contribution, towards a very young second form's winning of a needlework competition, we discovered by chance that the very first girl to be enrolled at School later married a cousin of Miss Arkle's mother, and it is now our pleasant privilege to welcome another pupil of the first day—Bessie Taylor's mother, Mary Gibbons—as a member of the Guild of Old Bedans.



THE BEDE CIRCLE

This was the first society of Old Bedans. In the absence of the original record book it is not possible to make other than a general statement about it. Its founder, who also named it, was Gretchen Körner. Miss Janet Todd, Headmistress of the School, was its Patroness. It began possibly in 1906 and meetings were held in a room in the old Y.M.C.A. building, opposite the Library and Museum.

Meetings were of a varied nature; sometimes addresses, sometimes talks on books, sometimes music, sometimes sewing or handicraft. Elsie Davison (Mrs. Kirklie) spoke once of her South African experiences and Mrs. Absarum (Mrs. Joseph) spoke on teaching in South Africa.

There were regular attenders and many Old Bedans who appeared from time to time. Some remembered names may be of interest—Constance Johnson (Mrs. Gauthie); Mabel Johnson (Mrs. Barnister); Helen Jeff (Mrs. . . .); Stella Balkes; Noosh March; Lily Wright; Marion Marison; Dr. Elizabeth Niel; Kate Barnett; Mary Barnett; Marjell Watson (Mrs. Pain).

Later the Circle became merged in an Old Bedan Girls' Association, founded in 1909, becoming in 1928 the modern "Guild of Old Bedans."
D.E.B.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

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We are pleased to work for you but we do need your help!

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON AUGUST 31st, 1949

A Summary of Balance Sheet for Year 1948-1949 from September 30, 1948 to August 31st, 1949

RECEIPTS:		EXPENDITURE:	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions	46 7 6	Stationery, Printing and G.M. Arden	15 8 0½
Interest	0 0 8	Postage and Telephone Calls	7 1 2
Balance from Meetings	3 4 1	Gifts	15 6 6
Gifts	2 10 0	Cash owing to Treasurer	8 00]
		Repayment of Overcharge	59 4
		Balance on Year's Working	17 13 11
Total	£56 9 3	Total	£56 9 3

Total Funds		Total Funds	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance on August 31st, 1948	41 14 11	Made up as follows—	
Balance on Year's Working (1948-49) including Interest on War Stock, Defence Bonds and Deposit Account	17 11 11	3½% War Stock	96 7 2
		1% Defence Bonds	75 0 0
		Balance in Bank—	
		(a) 5% Deposit Account	146 7 4
		(b) On Current Account	19 5 9
		Cash in Hand	185 13 1
Total	£139 9 11	Total	£139 9 11

ELIAS KIRKWOOD, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the Receipt Books, Stock Brochures, Defence Bonds Receipts, Current and Deposit Bank Accounts and I certify that everything is in order.
THOS. H. BLAYTH, 24th September, 1949.

