

The Old Bedan

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THE GUILD OF OLD BEDANS

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Annual Subscription: 2/6 for 1951-52, due on **September 1st, 1951**.
Life Subscription: £2/2/- if paid within two years; otherwise £2/12/6.

Annual Subscriptions count towards Life Membership. Anyone who has paid one half-crown subscription becomes a Life Member by a further payment of £1/12/6 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, 1951, the Membership was 392, including 152 Life Members, but 30 have not yet paid 1950-51 subscriptions.

The Winter Re-union will be held in School on Wednesday, January 16th, 1952, and a Supper in Meng's on Friday, March 21st.

The Secretary has a few copies of *Portrait of a School* for sale at 2/6 each.

We thank Mr. Milner Taylor, our honorary auditor, and also all who have helped in any way to produce this Report.

The Secretary asks every member

1. To notify her of any change of address.
2. To give (a) her full Christian name, not just initials, and (b) if married, both maiden and married names.
3. To get her ticket for any Re-union by the date stated on a notice. This helps in catering and prevents disappointment.
4. To ask, if she is not sure if her subscription is paid. Any member of committee will pass on her message.
5. To note that, to save postage, receipts for subscriptions will be sent with the first notice after payment.

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

GUILD ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS IN 1958-59

Loans and Scholarship Fund. In July, four loans of £10 each were made and a balance of £18 kept for an emergency. It is regrettable that some previous borrowers, now holding good posts, have ignored letters sent to them reminding them that repayments were overdue. During the year, two loans amounting to £16 have been repaid and the Guild Hockey Club has again kindly sent a gift of 10/-.

K. M. CARRICK, Hon. Secretary,
Hale Grammar School for Girls.

The Hockey Club had a pleasant season, winning 7 and losing 3 matches. 11, alas, were cancelled. Our fixture with the Older Old Bedans was most enjoyable. This year, one of our stalwarts has gone to London, but we have several new members whose play is good and some keen beginners, and Dorcas Sharpe is still Captain. We invite enthusiasts who may be hiding their talent to join our merry band. We wish for the other branches of the Guild of Old Bedans the same success and enjoyment that we have in the Hockey Club, and we thank Miss Noel and the Guild Committee for their interest in us.

JEAN BREWIS, Hon. Secretary,
26, Park Parade, Roker

London Branch. Present at the Winter Meeting of 1958, in the Y.W.C.A. Rooms, Great Russell Street, on December 9th, were: Miss Ewart, Miss Franklin, Edith Broderick (Barge), Doris Cooke (Smith), Bessie Dixon (Dunckley), Joyce Hebron (Aylen), Isabel Lundy (Manro), Dorcas Ward (Macrae), Gladys Wilson (Stephenson), and myself. Miss Birchall, on her way to another engagement, managed to meet some of us before the Re-union.

On May 5th, Bessie Dixon kindly invited us to tea at her home at Southgate, where the following had a very enjoyable session: Misses Birchall, Ewart and Franklin, Enid Henshew (Collins), Edith Broderick, Doris Cooke, Joyce Hebron, May Howd, Audrey M^{rs} Wood, Gwen Richmond (Horn), Dorcas Ward, Gladys Wilson and myself.

On both occasions there was the usual animated chatter. It was decided to try to arrange our next re-union to coincide with Miss Hutchinson's visit to London.

PHYLLIS TERNANT (Mrs. Beck), Hon. Secretary,
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Spa's Service. (a) At the General Hospital, we continued our Red Cross Library work every Monday and Tuesday until late summer when it had to be suspended to suit hospital re-arrangements. We have, however, forty volunteers ready to help as soon as the Library re-opens. At this hospital, too, we have been able to visit regularly two friendless old ladies and to provide small gifts for them. They seemed pleased to think that someone was taking an interest in them though we often had to bear with their grumbles.

(b) We helped the Guild of Help substantially at its Autumn Market in October by making £30 at the Guild of Old Bedans' Stall and £8/19/- by serving coffee and tea.

(c) Our greatest joy has lain in the personal contacts made through our gift parcels. Twelve of these, each of the value of £1, were taken to really needy old people at Christmas and nine, each of the value of 10/-, at Easter. The blessings poured on us for visits and gifts must surely do us all good. For example, old Mr. ———, living alone, sends a long letter thus: *I bid you all goodnight and God Bless all That Belongs to the Guild of Old Bedans. x x x x*

(d) By sending us fruit and groceries from their Harvest Festival, the children of Barnes Schools enabled us to delight ten old folk in October. We thank the children and appreciate their kind thought.

With the £5 allotted by the Guild to its Social Service, and with the funds raised by the donations and efforts of members, we intend to continue to aid old people. Will not all of you who read this and who have not so far taken any active part in your Guild's social service, give some help now in money, in kind or in work?

Committee: Elsie Davidson, Lily English, Dorothy Gibson (Richardson), Rose Halliday, Vera Harrald, Kathleen Mair, Catherine McCree, Anne Mitchell, Joan Newby (White), Betty Peters (Spencer), Betty Pawley (Southby), Jean Pawley, Ethel Thompson, Gladys Thornaby (Miller), Elsie Wilson (Hooker) and **D. S. Arkle** (Convener), 40, Ashwood Terrace.

Winter Re-union, January 11th, in School. 46 were present. Miss Mowl was able to come only at the very end; we welcomed her sister in her stead and also the School Captain and Vice-Captain. This year's supper was "different" but still good. Committee members made the sandwiches, laid and cleared the tables and washed up. The names of the games we played suggest the amusement they gave: *Who am I, Telegraphs, Top of the Farm, Down the Downy, Aviator's Life, Stamp the Story-Teller*, but they give no idea of how quick had to be our observation, our movements, and especially our wits, nor how our team spirit was encouraged, and our artistic, musical and literary ability tested. The prizes were sweets. We ended the evening by dancing *Sir Roger de Coverley* and singing *Gold Lang Syne*.

Supper, March 16th. This informal gathering in Meng's was one of the most popular functions the Guild has ever held. To it came 116 members including many friends and acquaintances "lost" for some years. Fortunately, we had time both before and after the meal for that chatter indispensable to the renewal of old friendships, and we took this opportunity of making a small gift to Bessie Taylor in recognition of her loyal service as Assistant Secretary.

The Farmhouse Grill—almost true to its title—followed by trifle and tea was enjoyed at small tables for four. Afterwards in an upstairs room, we heard with delight songs by Brenda Kiddle and piano solos by Winnie Scott. We were especially pleased to have the opportunity of hearing Winnie as a soloist. For so long now we have taken for granted that talent used so unsparingly for musical games at our Re-Unions. Next we all took part in a mock Radio Show, *Have a Go, Plo*. Do you recognise Mary Mackles as introducer, Winnie Carson at the piano, and Harvey Thompson with the jack-pot? These interviewed acquitted themselves well—Ethel Thompson, Doris Saphron, Dorothy Middlemass, Rose Halliday and Ethel Greig. We had advice from an old girl of 1870, reminiscences of Hockey and Predicts, and a tale of an embarrassing situation, all interspersed with Mary's inevitable patter and rousing community singing. A happy, wearisome, evening; we look forward to the next.

Summer Outing, June 12nd. 33 present. See page 41

Summary of Annual Business Meeting, September 27th, 1951.
41 present.

New members welcomed by the President, Miss Mead.

Summary of Minutes of last Business Meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. Gist appears in various places
in this Old Bedas and the Balance Sheet is enclosed.

Officers and Committee for 1951-52 declared elected.

Address by Retiring Chairman.

Reports on Guild Branch Clubs and Activities.

Election of Editors of The Old Bedas and Social Service Committee.

Allocations from Funds: \$3 to Social Service, one guinea for School
Prize and one guinea for Bedas Competition Prize.

Memorial to Miss Boon discussed. Lectern suggested.

Future Meetings: Winter Re-union, Supper and Summer Outing .

OUR EVENING OUTING—A LIMERICK

Old Bedas came blithely together

One evening in beautiful weather;

An outing was planned,

And oh! it was grand

To have such a chance for a "blether"

The bus came—a few minutes late

But nobody minded the wait—

And in we all got,

A most polite lot,

But that is an Old Bedan trait!

An occasional pit-heap we passed,

Then into country at last.

One member felt sick,

But a Kweil did the trick,

For tears were dispelled very fast.

At last to Shotley we came

Where we heard of a much better

STATE,

So to head's Edge we went—

It seemed heaven-sent

With the sunset-lit trees all affable.

We found a nice spot by a wood,

And when we had finished our food,

Many bunches of grass

Were very soon seen,

And then round the bus we all stood

For somebody wanted a snap

To have proof of our picnic 'on top:'

The driver came too,

Which was something quite new,

And Lena got out her big nap.

We wanted to find a new way
 To return from this outing so gay,
 So we turned to the right,
 And, still lively and bright,
 We reached home as the evening
 turned gray.

To Hilda who gave us this pleasure
 We offer our thanks in full measure,
 She did all the work
 And nothing did shirk,
 We vote her a very real treasure.

SCHOOL NOTES

Staff. We are glad that Miss Moul is now quite recovered from her illness of last spring, and we wish a good recovery also to Miss Taylor and Miss Metcalf.

Goodbye to: Miss Campbell, Miss Frankland, Mrs. Gomez and, at Christmas, to Miss Cross and Miss Eddle.

Welcome to: Miss Bernard, Miss Lee, Mrs. Woodford and Mrs. Seales.

Chairman of Parent-Teacher Association: Miss Wilkinson (Betty Coates).

Honours Won

School Captain and Vice-Captain: Jean English and Margaret Berry.

Open Scholarship to King's College, Newcastle: Thelma Richardson.

State Scholarships—in Modern Studies: Margaret Chappell, Doris Crombie, Thelma Richardson; **in Science and Mathematics:** Irene Kirtan, Marion Osborne.

Open Scholarship to Royal Academy of Music: Sylvia Tait.

Guild of Old Bedford' Prize, 1930-31: School Prizes, for Art: Rose Harri, Jean Charlton. **Bedon Competition Prizes, for Essays:** Gloria Cohen, Pat Hannam.

Sports Champions: Joyce Keerie, Jean Walls, Judith Parker.

Junior County Hockey: To play on First Team: Vera Jenkins, Pat Kirtley, Audrey Knight, Joyce Young; on Second: Edith Osborne.

FROM NOVEMBER 1934, TO NOVEMBER 1935

Those have become Life Members: D. Wilson, Phyllis Armstrong (Casebi), Frid Bagley (Ilgie), Audrey Hayton, Edith Lockey (Smith), Ivy Lockey, Mary Mackintosh (Adleeson), Anne McKerny (Melton), Irene Newby, May Pearlman (Dymond), Mabel Potts (Proom), Marion Proom, Ethel Russell (Carr), Lesley Service (Moore), Joan Tweedie (Standerston).

Among those married are: Joan Alexander, Wynnith Agid, Stella Bailey, Kathleen Bell, Madeleine Birks, Violet Blackburn, Marion Cairns, Jean Carter, Vera Carlidge, Joyce Caslow, Doreen Chambers, Edna Clement, Pat Collier, Mavis Craggs, Zoe Crowcroft, Norma Crozier, Irene Dunn, Joan Farquhar, Heather Gardiner, Rita Gettings, Mabelle Goodhall, Ellen Grossman, Mary Greenless, Eileen Henderson, Constance Holmes.

Rhoda Hudson, Lilian Hale, Marjorie Jackson (the second), Nora Johnson (the second), Jean Kerr, Mary Kirkpatrick, Ella Larter, Maureen Lax, Connie Leonard, Lorna Little, Dorothy Maw, Elson Moore, Nancy Oldfield, Kathleen Pears, Betty Price, Joan Reed, Lilian Renton, Evelyn Riddle, Dorothy Robson, Jean Rough, Rita Sheriff, Kathleen Sumnerston, Margaret Tate, Freda Tadherry, Joan Turnbull (the second), Joan Tweedie, Rosalie Walker, Barbara Westberg, Joyce Wigham, Sheila Wilson (the first).

Among Bodan Babies are those of Joyce Alder (the first), Kate Anderson, Hilta Andrews, Joyce Askew, Ena Bell (the first, twins), Enid Bell, Alice Hittlestone, May Bloom, Vera Brady, Vera Burn, Lena Coates, Rita Craggs, Maureen Crawford, Lillie Crouch, Nancy Davidson, Hilta Dawsey, Doreen Dobson, Mariel Dodd, Peggy Dodd, Helen Durnett, Emily Durrant, Nellie Fraser, Mollie Garbutt, Stella Gibson, Bona Glabehn, Betty Glassfield, Kathleen Goldsbrough, Blossom Greenwood, Joan Hebron, Elson Halpern, Gladie Henderson, Jean Henderson, Joyce Hepple, Laura Howarth, Lillas Humarn, Edna Hunter, Evelyn Innes, Winifred James, Lily Jameson, Beryl Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Ruth Kilner, Irene Lewis, Nancy Lawson, Irene Lobb, Ray Lock, Dorothy Lucas, Eva Macrobey, Anne Mitchell, Connie Nicholson, Enid Nicholson, Joyce Orr, Joan Patterson, Enid Potts, Joan Pullan, Sybil Reed, Elson Renney, Margaret Robinson, Elsie Sandon, Hetty Short, Doreen Smith, Freda Smith (the first), Kathleen Smith, Marjorie Smith, Margaret Taylor, Norma Taylor, Joyce Tomdale, Patsy Thomas, Margaret Toppel, Joan Veitch, Florence Virtue, Doreen Ward, Doris Watson, Audrey Wheatman, Joyce Whorlton, Beryl Wigham, Dorothy Wilson, Jean Wilson, May Wilson, Gladys Young.

In Memoriam. Miss M. E. Boon, Betty Bailes (Mrs. Jones), Marianne Deane (Mrs. Turnbull), Edith Cassellett, Gussie Robinson (Mrs. Wells), Bronwen Wilkinson (Mrs. Jones).

MISS M. E. BOON—A TRIBUTE

All her old pupils and many friends felt a deep sense of loss on hearing of the death in February, 1951 of Miss M. E. Boon, the first President of the Guild and, since 1934, a Vice-President.

In indifferent health for the past few years, she bore her sufferings courageously and without complaint. Ruth Marley who lived near her in Hale, and saw her frequently, writes, "I always felt better for having been with her, and however ill she was feeling when I visited her—and often she was obviously in great pain—she always found some chocolate or sweets for my boys in whom she took the liveliest interest. She was an example to us all."

To her old pupils, these words truly express the character of Mabel Boon. The ideals of Christian faith and living were an integral part of her life, so that meeting her, one felt the presence of that natural simplicity and gentleness which are the marks of a gracious soul.

We remember how sincerely interested she always was in the Guild's activities, and how near to her heart was our welfare. To her sister, Mrs. Bronnart, we would offer our sympathy for we too have lost a true friend.

MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

During my chairmanship, which included School's sixtieth birthday, was most ably assisted by an energetic Committee and Secretary. The Committee met many times and were responsible for arranging, in addition to the normal programme, the Jubilee Dinner, a Farm-house Grill Supper and a Summer Outing. I am sure that the members who participated in these social functions enjoyed themselves.

The Guild is indebted to Miss Moad for her interest and co-operation, to Miss Shearer for compiling *The Old Bedans* and to Miss Arkle as Convener of the Social Service Committee.

A most popular and appreciated member, Winnie Thomas, becomes our new Chairwoman. I take this opportunity of wishing Winnie and the Guild every success.

Rose Downs.

From *The Daily Telegraph*: On April 14th, to Jean, wife of John Gordon Featherstone, a son. Can this be Our Baby's baby?

GLEANINGS

Mistress. First let us deliver a message from Miss Hutchinson to Old Bedans and one from them to her. She greets them all and thanks them for the lovely flowers she received from the Guild and for the many letters, messages and enquiries sent to her in her illness; she is especially grateful to those who showed her such outstanding kindness during her stay in Sunderland. Old Bedans, on their part, take this opportunity of sending her sympathy and good wishes in her present tedious convalescence.

While in Sunderland, she was glad, as were Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer, to exchange news and reminiscences with Misses Lloyd, Harris, Ewart and Orme and Gladys Littlehalls (Shearoy). Miss Ewart, who was enjoying a short holiday in the North, told us of old mistresses and Old Bedans she meets at the London Re-unions. In the summer Miss Harris visited Miss Birchall and she sees in Newcastle Misses Riggs, Elliot and Harpherson. Miss Orme had just been appointed to Bury High School, where, we hear since, she is happy. Miss Franklin, who also visited Sunderland, would like an exchange post in South Africa. Miss Pybus has retired. She was the first woman P.T. organiser in Co. Durham, and solved one of her problems by writing, herself, a book on games to teach to children. Miss Audrey Lodge hopes to retire next summer and Miss Lamb to return to her native land. We wish them all well.

Qualifications Gained

Membership of Royal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists: Beryl Shaw, M.B., B.S.

M.B., Ch.B.: Patricia Campbell.

B.A. Hon.: in Classics, Margaret Dinshub; in Zoology, Pat Palmer; in French, Patricia Bagley, and Pat Scorer who also won a Research Scholarship in French from Manchester University.

B.A. in Fine Art: Kathleen Humphrey.

B.A.: Beryl Wilder.

B.Sc. Hon. in Mathematics: Marjell Orr.

B.Sc.: Marie Anderson.

B.Sc. in Agriculture: Marcella Goodall.

S.R.N., and 1st place and Gold Medal and the Nursing and Surgical Prizes among candidates from Leeds group of Hospitals:

Marjorie Palmer.

National Certificate in Building, ordinary grade: Joyce Plummer.

M.S.R.: Anne Rasmone.

Royal Academy Award for Singing: Edna Anderson.

A.L.C.N. in Education: Joyce Nixon.

Careers

Education.—Mary Hobson is Principal of Kenton Training College, Newcastle; new head-mistresses are Phyllis Lodge in Guisborough, Mary Bibby and Mary Bramfoot in Sunderland. In January, Nellie Mee becomes headmistress of a new Infants' School in Andover and Winifred Wadman will take the place of Elizabeth Petch to whom we wish happy years of retirement. Teaching in Sunderland are: Marjorie Calvert, Edna Noble, Edna Pritchard, Marie Walker, Jean Wilson and Sheila Wilson. Jean Somerville teaches in Nottingham, Helen Garrick and Pat Palmer in Newcastle, Sheila Snowball in Gateshead. Celia Pipe has a Physical Training post at Maldon, Essex, and Domestic Science Mistresses are Dorothy Howdon in Leeds, Florence Wilson (Hudson) in Kettering and Miriam Simpson at Seaham Grammar School where Constance Hitchen is Headmistress and Agnes Hunter teaches English.

Librarianship. Old Bedlans have charge of all Sunderland's Branch Libraries—Kathleen Muir at West End, Joyce Richardson, successor to Mary Greenham at Haddon, Vera Roberts with Violet Casper as second in command at Southwick and Kathryn Bryce with Jean Hamilton at Monkwearmouth. Audrey Syrett has a post in Islington and Greta Gibson at the Engineering Library, King's College, Newcastle.

Paris. Pat Campbell is a House Surgeon at Shotley Bridge Hospital and Anne Rasmone is in charge of the X-ray department at Ryhope General Hospital. Audrey Skinner works at Martin's Bank, Sunderland, and Isabel Cakvell in a bank at Skelmerdie. Sheila Fenwick has completed her Domestic Science Course in Glasgow and is spending a further year studying dietetics. Two Bedlans have given up teaching, Edna Horsley to train as a missionary and Sheila Fenwick to become an Air Hostess. Mabel Shield is the only woman in a team of five architects responsible for the development of a large area of West Middlesex and was selected from thirty-seven applicants, mostly men, as Area Planning Officer for Middlesex.

Other Interests. Old Bedlans who have lectured recently include Clara Rackley on Infant School Method at a meeting of Sunderland Psychology Club, Doris Wilson on Infant School Activities at the E.D.A. Summer School at Bournemouth and Grace Wood to a Conference of Sunday School Teachers on Methods of Teaching. Winifred Whiting is President of Sunderland Branch of the N.U.T., and Hannah Graham of Durham County Association of Teachers.

Vera Sheraton, Matron of Sunderland Children's Hospital, represented the local Branch of the Royal College of Nursing and Educational Endowment Fund of which she is Chairman, when Queen Mary visited the College's London head-quarters; in the same capacity, she presided at a Sunderland house in aid of the Fund. At a Brains Trust held by School's P.T.A., she discovered Miss Peters also on the team. Jessie Ross (Scott-Batey) was a judge of exhibits at Sunderland Labour Party's Autumn Fayre in 1939, and Florence Wilson was one of the judges in the early heats of the Festival Board Cookery Competition, and was present when Princess Elizabeth presented the prizes at London's Park Lane Hotel.

Mary Albion and Marguerite Roberts (Darnton) were among the hostesses of members of the Essex Youth Choir; Dora Metcalf runs an Esperanto Circle and organised a Bring and Buy Sale for Sunderland Experimentists. Kathleen Wilson played for Seaham Club with considerable success at the Whitley Bay Bridge Conference, where she met several international players. With outdoor interests are Kathleen Thompson who keeps bees and Eva Strömberg who is an ardent bird-watcher. Eva spent most of her time, while here, at Marsden which she says teems with bird-life. She and Ida attend an evening course in this subject run by London University, have passed one difficult examination and intend to take an Honours course this year.

The Arts. Brenda Riddles, whose singing we have enjoyed at Bedon Reunions was placed first in contralto singing in the North of England Musical Tournament. She has sung at local concerts of sacred music; at one of these Elsie Weatherall (Petch) was accompanist, at another Dorothy Dodd. With Nan Gauslett, Brenda also helped to train school-children for a church carol concert. Irene Ross was a soloist in *The Messiah* at a local church. Laura Crombie (Ward) has left the D'Oyley Carte but continues her singing studies.

The recently-formed Sunderland Theatre Ballet Group has, in addition to most and present Bedons as dancing or non-dancing members, Marjorie Walker (Kathbertson) as Treasurer and Elsie White (the second) as Secretary. In School's Jubilee Celebrations, Kathleen Carr played the same part in the *Old Bedons' Association's* production of *Candide*.

At Sunderland College of Art Students' dress parade, Arne Jeffrey wore an evening dress she had designed and made, guided by her college tutor, Emily Anderson. Emily gave a broadcast talk on the Arts Council Exhibition held in Sunderland Art Gallery; her own embroidery was shown at a previous exhibition.

Sport—Netball: Hilda Johnson, Jean and Sheila Bagley played on the team representing the North-East in the South Bank Exhibition Tournament. This team was only one goal behind the winners.

Hockey: Jean Brewis plays on the Second County XI, Mary Mackintosh is busy this season coaching St. Gabriel's Women's team.

Tennis: Dorothy Grierson won several cups this summer and Louise Halliday retained the County Nalga Women's Singles Cup.

Other Sports: Betty Ross plays Badminton for the County; Evelyn Blacklock is President of Durham County Women's Bowling Association;

Margaret Spence and her school-girls gave a display of dancing. Joyce Miller (Crock) commands a company of the Girls' Training Corps with Headquarters at Beke School. She has been placed on the National Panel of Drill Instructors. Hannah Graham is Chairman and Lena Thompson Secretary-Treasurer of this Corps, which took part in the Tattoo at Ashbrooks.

Names of Married Bedams. Marjanne Allinson, Southorpe; Peggy Anderson and Winnie Hughes, West Hartlepool; Kathleen Bell, Mary Greenlee, Jess Kirkaldy and Evie Nicholson, London; Violet Blackburn, Rochdale; Eva Beesley, Manchester; Ed Crosscroft, Exmouth; Nancy Crute, Darston; Marjorie Dickenson, Dalton-Le-Dale; Janet Dryburgh, Stocksfield; Veronica Dunn, Edinburgh; Elsie Garrick, Chatham; Kathleen Goldsbrough, Bettley; Edwina Graham, Clendon; Elsie Hall, Torquay; Marjorie Hanson and Doris Watson, Gateshead; Edith Hedley, Durham; Ethel Hudson, Panshew; Margaret Mitchell, East Boldon; Jane Newton, Blackburn; Irene Nicholson, Bradford; Nora Palfrey, Worlington; Dorothy Potts, Wislaw; Edna Sayers, Kentonshire; Irene Sigsworth, Bellas; Freda Smith (the first), Carlisle; Marjorie Stephenson, Kent; Jean Wayman, Bridlington; Jessie Witten, Middlesbrough.

Abroad—Married Bedams: Edna Bathgate, Ohio; Helena Castle, Rhodesia; Maureen Caswood, Nyasaland; Doreen Meuld, Gibraltar; Rosalie Walker, Nevada. Mollie Garbutt met Mollie Chivers unexpectedly in a café in Calcutta.

Points: Pat Seaver studying in Paris; Sarah Robson (Wood) an exchange teacher in Illinois; Mary Garnet still at her mission hospital in Occupied China. Muriel Anderson, organizes and trains St. John's Ambulance Brigade personnel in Cyprus and attended the World Guide Camp at Trooska; Doreen Turnbull (the first) teaches at Sydney Church of England Grammar School; Joyce Preece (Ayles) goes overseas shortly as a missionary.

Changes: Day home are Mollie Garbutt (Johnson) and Elia (Poulter) from Chitragong and Kenya respectively; Marjorie Rochester has gone from Newton to nurse in Malaya; at home now are Elizabeth Carr (Horsman) from Kewton, where she introduced Scottish Dancing, and, after sixteen years in Brazil with only two holidays in England, Nan Wright (Tunn) who hopes to renew acquaintance with the Guild. She taught for a time in a British School for the employees of the St. John d'el Rey Mining Company. Grace Caldwell, after enjoying the Guild Supper in March writes, "This is the first time since leaving School in 1939, that I have been able to attend any meeting. We arrived home from Rio de Janeiro on March 1st and leave again in April for Kenya. During the last year in Rio, I managed a trip to Buenos Aires and Montevideo, both lovely cities and more European than Rio. Little did I think, when I sat in Miss Briggs' Geography class that these far-off places would ever be anything but names to me."

Bedam Meet. Informal Re-unions this year have been at the Festival Ballet, the Film Society and the Little Theatre. Chance meetings after many years are numerous: our Secretary, viewing a house at East Boldon found it was Jennie Hoy's; Madge Robertson in her shop found Irene Dunn facing her; Miss Arkle has spoken to Edwina Graham (Dawson), Dorothy

Hagall (Dodd), Nellie Fraser (West), Jennie Curry (Jones), Olive Armitage (Fryer) and, at Marjorie Parson's (Charles) daughter's wedding, Jessie Douglas (Kirtan) and Grace Forrest (Douglas); Lena Thompson came upon Miss Macpherson in Newcastle at a hockey match where they were acting as selectors for Durham and Northumberland respectively; Miss Hutchinson met, for the first time since they had left school, Anne Haddock, Rene Gallewski (Steel), Joan Boswell (Rough) who has since joined the Guild and Elsie Kidd who was delighted to be remembered by her. In October, Elsie visited Madeleine Hinks (Somerville) in her flat in Glasgow. Edith Wood (Kerr) keeps in touch with Annie Hutchinson (Price), Nellie Atkinson (Bosman) with Ethel Hagall (Chaplow), Florence Mosebray (Crompton) with Elms Neilson (McBain) and Peggy Anderson (Roberts) and has seen Mary Pretty (Metcalfe), Gwen Lloyd, going from March with a school outing to St. Albans, had tea with Miss Franklin; Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer visited Amy Hussey (Derryn) in York, and they and Miss Hutchinson had a call from Dorothy and Maude Wilson, in Sunderland for the day from Cothertone. Nora Johnson (Wilson) met Edith Blackman and her little boy and has been visited by Joan Helson (Tom). Edith often stays with Hilary Freeman (Holiday) at Lockerbie. Joyce Hebron (Ayton) met Miss Harris at Miss Birchall's in the summer.

There have been other holiday meetings, both arranged and accidental; Anne Mitchell and Maizie Kirby (Ball) from Nanterton had a good gossip; Edith Broderick brought news of London Old Bedlans to the Business Meeting. We saw Eald Crone at Christmas, she visits Lillian Howe in Rugby. Jean Powley had coffee with Doris Dalry (Ponter) from Canterbury, and Dorothy Gibson with Catherine Fraser (Hine) who was on a flying visit to Agnes Treveit (Wood); Dorothy saw, too, Ida and Eva Strömberg in summer. Mabel Potts had Lucy Pougate (Nichol) to supper last year. She tells us that ever-increasing numbers of Old Bedlans live in Newcastle; we hope she will recruit everyone of them as members of the Guild.

Gladys Sim (Hopper) found herself travelling to London with Mary Booth (Scott) who was going to stay with Audrey Carr (Arleff); Winnie Scott met Doris Miller (Cuthbertson) with her children at Seaburn, while, farther afield Miss Crone on holiday in Scandinavia heard from Mary Arkless (Robinson) of the School's five State Scholarships. Elsie Kidd came upon Ethel Thompson and Jean Powley in Zurich while, on a train at the Franco-Spanish frontier, Edith Richardson discovered Miss Abbott and Miss Briggs. All three were bound for Majorca. On the same journey Miss Abbott saw Mary Jones and Yvonne White on the train for Paris.

At the Guild Supper, Miss Carrick asked, "Who is that? I used to travel daily with her and a friend called Jane; I knew they were Bedlans from their talk." We were able to introduce her to Ethel Greg (Lindsay) and Jane Newton (Grierson). Winnie Gibson (Milburn) met Gladys Wilson at Newquay and later, when Gladys came North on holiday, arranged a reunion of the "Old Crowd" including Ella Lattar (White) and Irene Johnson (Austin). "Some were meeting for the first time for sixteen years. What oh's and ah's as each came in. We found that Gladys alone retains her school-girl figure." One of the party tells us that so lively was the chatter that the guns from the near-by Taitto at Ashbrooke were inaudible.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

Our Secretary has been engaged in a vigorous "recruiting" campaign, and we heard this story: Enthusiastic Member serving another Old Bedan in a shop: Was't you decide to join the Guild? . . . We have some very nice cashed crosses (air sewing) . . . Without advising you to follow this method of recruiting, we ask you to try to round up some lapsed or new members. Bring them to the Supper on March 21st and let them see how much they would enjoy a Guild of Old Bedans' Re-union.

Our thanks go to all who have sent good wishes to the Guild during the past year. News items are eagerly culled from your letters. Oh! that more of you would emulate that group of Guild members who voluntarily sent a poem for this magazine!

For those Old Bedans who have had serious illnesses we hope for a speedy return to health, remembering especially Miss Hutchinson.

Members of the Business Meeting were unanimous in wishing to present a lecture to the School as a memorial to Miss Reon. We trust all Old Bedans will consider this a fitting tribute to the memory of a gracious and well-loved Head Mistress.

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