

THE OLD BEDAN

1960

The Guild of Old Bedans

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Vice-Presidents	—	Miss W. J. E. Moul Miss E. R. Steamer

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Annual subscription: 1/6d. for 1960-61, due on September 1st, 1960. Life membership, £5 3s. 0d.

MEMBERSHIP: On August 31st, 1960, the membership was 615, including 270 Life Members.

The Winter Re-union will be held in School on Friday, 20th January, 1961, and the Dinner Re-union in Birnie's Restaurant on Friday, 28th April.

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 ask, if she is not sure if her subscription is paid. Any member of Committee will pass on her request.
4. To note, to save postage, receipts for subscriptions will be enclosed with the first notice after payment.
5. To note, that for easier identification, maiden names are used. The married name is usually given in brackets.

GUILD ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

Winter Reunion. On the eve of the Winter Reunion the problem was, how to cope with 96 members of the Guild in the Art Room? We wondered—could it be a very natural curiosity in meeting Miss Bradbury at the first Old Bedam party that brought so many? However, a little re-arranging of chairs disposed of two rows of chatting Old Bedams while some were arriving, and others were guessing Sunderland shops, e.g. Do you know Edward—(Kennedy) or Whose art is dying? (Thatcher) etc.

Miss Bradbury had an energetic initiation to Old Bedam party games, first in a team game, cutting a narrow tape with scissors as far as your "mark" then back to the team with scissors for the next member etc.; next Musical. Ben proved unscissors—what a dash for those seats when the music stopped! Jean Wilson (Dobson) twice a winner, kindly handed one prize to the runner-up (literally)—Connie Wray (Reed). Then supper—pie, sandwiches, a cake and a chocolate biscuit on individual plates. While the band of washers-up were busy in the lab, we played Team Beetle with buckets and outside dice, thick crayons and extra outside bottles, causing great merriment. Then we cleared the centre of the floor for Mr. Peter King to set up his projector. He showed us our summer curing film, then "Going Places", a film about Sunderland, and we finished off the evening with ice and chatter while we watched the Old Bedam Film-Stars a second time.

The Dinner on April 29th was held this year in Biers' Restaurant. The meal was excellent, the service skilful and the decoration of the tables very simple and lovely. Our President Miss Bradbury was greeted by 164 of us; by past members of the Staff:—Miss Moul, Muriel Bruce (Mrs. Anderson), Gladys Littlehales (Beaney) and Misses Lloyd, Arkle, Shewer, Sork and Peters, by present members:—Betty Coates (Wilkinson), and Misses Wilman, Harding and Bernard, and by Old Bedams from Sunderland, West Hartlepool, South Shields, Newcastle, Cullercoats, Leyburn, Bradford, London, Chilwell, Birmingham, Workington and Glasgow. From Liverpool had come Mary Robertson, one of the founders of our London Branch, from Manchester, Kathleen Walton (Wood) who, while serving on our Committee, was the chief organiser of the last Guild of Old Bedams' Dance.

Betty Powley (Scudby) the Chairman of the Guild, rose to propose a special toast to the School which had reached its 70th birthday the day before. Another anniversary, she said, fell that week—our Secretary's silver wedding. Discovering this the Guild had asked her to take this opportunity of expressing to Elsie, by a gift of flowers, our good wishes and appreciation. Thanking us for the "wonderful surprise", Elsie said how much she cared for the Guild and enjoyed working for it. We know that and value her.

Next, Betty welcomed first Miss Bradbury and then the rest of us, with a special greeting for Miss Moul who had come all the way from London and for Mrs. Anderson from Birmingham, School's first Hockey Captain, the first winner of the Janet Todd Memorial Prize and the Form Mistress of some of us when we were eight. Replying, Miss Bradbury thanked the Guild, on behalf of the School, for its acceptable and "gargantuan" birthday card. This 70th year, she said, had brought many changes both in building and in administration and she hoped that, during the coming decade, the School would prove itself worthy of its past of which Old Bedams were so justly proud.

After applause and much eager talk, we sang the School Song and gathered at the other end of the room to revel in the entertainment of the quality we now expect from our gifted and original artists. (v page 8).

Summer Outing. An awkward number of Old Bedans—45—decided to join the outing on the evening of June 24. As the bus could only seat 41, Lena Thompson came to the rescue and took the remaining three in her car. The time factor limits our route, so once again we went to the nearest bit of open country in Durham County—to Lanchester and on to the Five Lane Ends where we picnicked. Unfortunately our Chairman Betty Povey was ill and we did miss both Betty and her pie! The Committee had made sandwiches, etc. and chocolate biscuits and cheese and biscuits were served in pleasant evening sunshine. The peaceful silence as we chewed was broken by Mary Mackintosh exclaiming "Miss Carrick, you do suit that shade of blue!" Cassie Henderson kept a watchful eye on possible "shows" for her candid camera—and candid they were! As others see us! We were very pleased to have with us Miss Bradbury—who collected a very pretty wildflower bouquet before returning to the bus—and Miss Carrick, Miss Wilton, Miss Bernard, Miss Harding, Betty Coates (Wilkinson) and Audrey Kirch from the School Staff.

We broke the homeward journey with a short stop at Edmundbyers, and reached Sunderland in time for last buses.

Loan and Scholarship Fund. The Old Bedans' Loan and Scholarship Fund Committee held its annual meeting in July when Mrs. Elmes represented the Guild of Old Bedans.

CAPITAL: O.B. Fund	£1,320
M.A. Richardson Fund	£150

INTEREST AVAILABLE FOR LOANS:

O.B. Funds	£168/8/9
M.A. Richardson Fund	£33/4/9

Amount repaid during 1959-60 — £50.

Four girls applied for a loan of £30 each. One hoped to go to the University and the other three to Training Colleges. These were granted.

One girl who was lent £80 to assist her to go to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art has qualified and has joined the Marlowe players at Canterbury. She has only a small part and her salary is barely enough to live on, but she will begin repaying the money as soon as possible.

K. M. CARRICK,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
Bede Grammar School for Girls.

From the Social Service Committee—To all Readers, Greeting and an Appeal!

Until 1939 the Guild of Old Bedans had a Social Service Club, financed and run by its members only, here and elsewhere. Now, however, the Social Service is organised by a Committee on behalf of every member of the Guild. Many of you help very generously indeed in work and in money. What of the others?

You may feel you have no opportunity; you all have your own commitments, your own pet causes; but could you perhaps spare a little of yourselves each year to your Guild's Social Service? If you interested a few friends near you in it, its active circle would be widened; that is how our concerts parties and coffee mornings have spread and customers come to buy the delicacies members make and sell. From such special efforts and from donations from pence to pounds come the funds we administer, and you, helpers of long-standing and helpers-to-be, will read below a summary of how we used your money this past year.

For our old folk, we spent £47. We sent 22 Christmas and 22 Easter parcels, gifts for two in hospital and a few small luxuries for the residents in Wayside. The extra gift in August of money for fuel, we had to omit—a pity, as last year it was so much appreciated by the recipients.

You would like their letters of thanks. The old man who wrote so often blessing all of us abundantly went recently to the LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, and we sent him sweets and tobacco. His thanks and blessings came poured this time by someone else. One old lady thanked you all for her "nice present which came on my 84th birthday", another for her "lovely Easter gift. I was 91 on Good Friday and I was born on a lovely Easter Sunday, so I am a real Easter egg, am I not?"

We ourselves owe, and give, thanks on their behalf to Non-members: for generous gifts from the Harvest Festivals of Barnes Junior School and Grange Congregational Church and for two unexpected windfalls—over £5 from the mother of one Old Bedan and enough sticks, all chopped by the young sons of another, to give a bundle to each of our proteges.

Those Old Bedans who run the Library at Ryhope General Hospital go loyally every week to carry out their strenuous work there. The Chief Librarian asks for any readable books you can spare; any member of committee will pass them on for you.

At the 1979 Guild of Help Autumn Market, the Guild of Old Bedans' stall made £33 19s. 6d. This year's has done even better. At it we missed Betsy Powley but we of the Social Service Committee hope to see her, fully recovered, at our next meeting, as does also our convener,

D. S. ARKLE,
40 Ashwood Terrace.

The Hockey Club. Although 29 matches were arranged for the season only 14 were played owing to a series of wet Saturdays. Of those we won 9, lost 6 and drew 1. Despite a shortage of members we usually had a full team and at several home matches we even had reserves!

Four players were chosen to play on Durham County 2nd team—Jean Brown (Pillars), Eleanor Lennon (Derkin), Marjorie Smith and myself. Most of the team also took part in an indoor coaching course sponsored by the C.C.P.R.

From the Jubilee Sale at the end of the season a profit of £35 was made of which £20 was donated to the Durham County W.H.A. We would like to thank the numerous members of the Guild who helped to make the effort so successful.

In April we held a farewell party for two of our players, Marjorie Smith and Ann Mawson who were about to sail for New Zealand. This took the form of dinner at the Marsden Grotto and proved to be the most popular fixture of the season!

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Miss Bradbury and the Guild of Old Bedans for their help and encouragement during the past year.

VALERIE NORTHORPE, (Hon. Sec.),
44 Primrose Crescent, Fulwell.

London Guild of Old Bedans. I'm afraid I let everybody down by being ill when we should have had our Winter Reunion. However, I was back in circulation in time for the Summer one which was held at the home of Dorcen Ward (Macrae) on June 11th. As usual we enjoyed chattering, bringing each other up to date and rolling back the years in reminiscence.

The following were present: Nancy Lawther (Hubicka) with her daughter, Isabel Lundy (Manrol), Jessie Ridley (Pickard), Eleanor Wilson (Titharago), Dorcen Margatroyd (Royer), Dorcen Ward, Mrs. Ward, Dorcen's family and myself.

We were very disappointed that Miss Seddon, who had intended joining us, was prevented at the last moment by illness. However we have had good news of her progress and hope that she will be able to join in on future occasions.

I am always grateful for information of Old Bedans in the South who might be interested in joining our London get-togethers.

PHYLLIS TENNANT (Buck),
172 Hamstead Common Road,
London, S.E.8.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 15th September, 1960.

51 members present.

Miss E. J. Bradbury and members welcomed by the Vice-Chairman (in the absence of the Chairman).

Reply by Miss Bradbury.

Minutes of the last Business Meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. Gist appears in various places in this 'OLD BEDAN'.

Election of Office-Bearers and Committee for 1960-61.

Vice-Chairman's Remarks.

Reports on the Hockey Club, the London Branch, the 'OLD BEDAN', Social Service Activities and the Loan and Scholarship Fund.

Allocations from Funds—One guinea for School Prize, one guinea for 'BEDAN' Competition and five pounds for the Social Service Fund.

Future Meetings:—Winter Re-union, a Dinner Re-union and a Summer Re-union.

SCHOOL NOTES

STAFF CHANGES FROM JANUARY, 1960:—

Goodbye to: Miss Tweed, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Bonker, Miss Dove, Miss Gilroy, Mr. Shrimpton.

Welcome to: Miss Macrae, Miss Wheeler, Miss Jackson, Miss Burt, Mrs. Bell.

Chairman of P.T.A.: Mr. Nelson.

Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Milburne.

Guild of Old Bedans' representative: Mrs. Thomas.

School Captain: Patricia Doward (to July, 1960).

Vice-Captain: Patricia Hoey (to July, 1960).

G.O.B. PRIZES: BEDAN ESSAY: Ruth Zahn.

G.O.B. PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: Kathleen Gatenby.

LILY A. HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL PRIZES:—

English: Gillian Ditchburn. French: Gillian Ditchburn.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS: Anna Pembely, Gillian Ditchburn, (daughter of Kathleen Bellamy); Missie McMillan won a Nuffield Exhibition at Somerville, Oxford, and Supplemental State Scholarship and a National Coal Board Scholarship.

FROM NOVEMBER, 1959 to NOVEMBER, 1960.

These have become Life Members:—Peggy Allan (Irvine), Dorothy Blencarn (Manning), Shirley Bonnell (Graddon), Lorna Carter (Bittlestone), Winifred Krupper (Lonsdale), Phyllis Lodge, Dorothy Metcalfe (Price), Agnes McIndoe (King), Doreen Murgatroyd (Boyes), Joyce Prince (Ayles), Amy Waggott.

These have become Members:—Marjorie Balmer, Nancie Behrman (Simon), Margaret Beresford, Aiyda Black, Marjorie Brown, Elaine Caves (Annaburn), Helen Chambers, Madge Colwell, Kathleen Conley, Brenda Cowings (Morris), Marion Cunningham, Margaret Davison, Pat Deans, Anne Fambely, Dorothy Hawkins, Pat Hoey, Valeria Hught, Marjorie Jackson, Ann Jeffrey (Robinson), Anita Judge, Jacqueline Kent, Eileen Kirkaldy (Gibson), Ann McClelland, Doris McCree (Pygott), Anne Nichols, Nancy Oldfield (Barnes), Mariel Orr (Sheriff), Elsie Scott (Book), Winifred Smith, Dorothy Stephenson, Dorothy Stewart, Audrey Watson (Shaw), Marjorie Watson (Leonard), Ann Wiggins.

Married are:—Violet Addison, Isabel Barnett, Dorothy Hasdon, Dorothy Hopper, Dorothy New, Joyce Newcomb, Moyna Prior.

Babies too:—Marial Anderson (Kerworthy), Norma Bellerby (Sellers), Vera Barn (Wilson), Pat Campbell (Price), Margaret Chappell (Hall), Anne Chevalier (Thompson), Sheila Fenwick (Hamilton), Andy Goldsbrough (Laverick), Marcella Goodall (Gibb), Norma Hall (Pybarr), Jeanne Hayton (Botherington), Betty Hedinburgh (Bowman), June Hoskins (Stewart), Audrey Hudson (Henderson), Lilian Hulce (Coggin), Rita Jessop (McLaughlin), Joyce Leiths (Brass), Ruth McBain (Harrison), Wynon Naden (Bash), Moira Owen (Mushens), Celia Pipe (Shppard), Jocelyn Pritchard (Oliver), Dorothy Raine (Wood), Mildred Raine (Ellison), Edith Richardson (Trembath), Jean Rossmain (Turpin), Francis Sharp (Oliver), Gladys Sidney (Wales), Joan Sigworth (Curworth), Shirley Sinclair (Russell), Gladys Tait (Noton), Avril Trembath (Ridley), Marie Walker (Waring), Margaret Young (Thompson).

In Memoriam:—Joyce Bagley, Lottie Brantingham (Mrs. Littlehales), Sarah Cohen (Mrs. Gombosi), Annie Macdonald, Amy McLachlan (Stuart), Sara Patria, Peggy Rae, (Mrs. Wakeford), Nancy Taylor (Mrs. Adie).

On August 21st, 1960:—Mrs. Dawson (Miss Bessie Smith), who was a member of Bede staff 1932—35 and a former hockey international. She will be remembered by many old Bedans of the new school for her cheery friendliness and vivacity.

We have just learnt of the death, some two years ago, of Miss Ethel Graydon. A pupil and pupil-teacher under Miss Todd, she later returned as one of our earliest graduates to teach in her old school, and afterwards became a Headmistress in London. Gentle and capable, she will be remembered by our older readers.

Notes on Former Members of Staff.

Miss Moxal, in London since March, was visited by Nellie Blacklock (Ald. Mrs. Hadley) who was attending a conference at Oxford. Other old Bedans saw Miss Moxal at the Dinner in April. Miss Ewart is well, writes from Reading and likes to hear Bedan news. She never forgets to send a generous gift for our Social Service. Miss Birchall sent greetings in December and Miss Logie in May. In July, Miss Hilda Martin visited Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer, and in April Mrs. Anderson (Marjole Brace). We got news of Miss Franklin from Joyce Irlington who met her in Harrogate. Mrs. Nicholson (Miss D. Thompson) was, last Christmas still singing in the London Philharmonic Choir in many interesting

works. Her health had been poor, though, and we hope she has got rid of her arthritis long ere this. Miss Collis has a post at Abinger College and Miss A. K. Thompson is to be Warden of the new Wearside Youth Holiday and Training Centre. Mrs. Kenny (Miss Wedderburn) hopes to return to England shortly from Port of Spain with her husband and baby son. Recently she contributed an informative and entertaining article to THE HOCKEY FIELD on women's hockey in the West Indies in which she has taken an active part. Mrs. Baskett (Miss D. Marsh) a former teacher of Spanish, now lives in Birmingham and has two sons.

Mrs. Horton (Miss Parkin) met Mrs. White (Miss French) in Sheffield. Later, staying two days with Miss Wilman, she managed not only to visit old colleagues at School but also, thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Bearey (Gladys Littlehales), had a great chat with Misses Lloyd, Arkle, Shearer, Harris and Stirk and of course Gladys, who had hastily invited the others to her home. Miss Gibbons, also invited, could only send remembrances.

BEDANS AT WORK

KATHLEEN MAIR is the first woman to be appointed permanently to an administrative post in Sunderland Public Libraries. She is Senior Technical Assistant. Many of us miss her very much at the West Branch. Anna Wilson, Jean Redman and Judith Hind have passed the first professional examination of the Library Association.

DORGEN MURGATROYD (Bopus) is Superintendent of the Pricing Bureau for the National Health Service at Crawley, and has lectured on new types of drugs.

KATHLEEN ROMON (the third) has been appointed to a newly-created post at the Cosent Garden Opera House. She will be responsible for auditioning and training children for operatic work. For the past two and a half years, Kathleen has taught in a London school and has done this work on a part-time basis only. It is the first post of its kind in the country.

JOAN AYSBURY (Birds) still continues her work as a Quantity Surveyor in Durham. She made a very timely appearance on the afternoon of the Guild of Help Autumn Market and was able to give a somewhat harassed Miss Shearer, on her way to Bishop Auckland Girls' Grammar School's 50th birthday celebrations, a very acceptable lift to Durham.

DOROTHY STEPHENSON is attached to the Underwood Secretarial College, Newcastle, but visits other similar colleges to train new staff. Her work has taken her to Bournemouth, Carlisle, Liverpool, Chester, Dublin and Norwich.

PHYLLIS BYFIELD (Gibson) has a part-time nursing post at Sunderland General Hospital.

New Old Bedan Headmistresses in Sunderland are Una Broadley, Ann Pace, Cicie Solley, Olga Stone and Annie Sanderson. Barbara Turn (daughter of Hannah Wright) is teaching French at Fulwell Secondary Modern School. Mary Bess has joined the many Old Bedans on the staff at West Park, where she teaches French. (How we wish all the Old Bedans there would join or rejoin the Guild!).

Sylvia Thatcher is now teaching at Reading. Vera Bibby (Dawson) teaches French at Whinney Hill and took some sixty of her pupils there to Spain for a short Easter holiday. Ursula Magrill is teaching in a Jewish School in a London Garden suburb. Sheila McElin (daughter of Elma Neilson) is teaching Domestic Science in Sunderland.

It must have been a great change for Isabel Mashers when she left the 106 year-old Bishopscarmouth Church School with its twenty-eight children to become Deputy Head teacher of the new Grindon Infants' School. At the old school's 106th birthday party attended by parents, past pupils and children, Isabel was presented with a Bible, a Prayer Book, a folding picnic chair, and a bouquet.

Retired from teaching are Thirza Davies (from Hill View Infants), Stella Laws (Grange Park Infants'), Alice Scorer (Redby Infants'), Nancy Welch (Basingstoke High School).

When Ruth Richardson (the first), retired from her post as welfare officer with the Wear Sub-area of the North-Eastern Electricity Board, she was presented with a stereophonic record player and a transistor radio at an informal cocktail party and dinner.

SOME OLD BEDANS AT WORK

Some Old Bedans at work—entertaining—April 29th, 1960.

Past, Present and Future—A suitable theme for a seventieth birthday!

To bring Miss Bradbury up to date "For it's definitely a handicap", sang our entertainers. "To find that you're the one that came in last," they would repeat a few snippets from past shows. First, as in 1957, we applauded Kathleen and Mary in a scene from *ROMEO AND JULIET* spoken in the local dialect, and "night's cardies" were "burnt out" all too soon. Then our medicine, Hattie Mac, revisited us "with her designer Jen and her model Kirton," and her apt poetical descriptions enhanced our joy in the clever confections drawn forth so carefully from elegant Paris hat-boxes. We admired *MAISON MARTIN MARGIELA'S* Salad Days—a becoming 1954 inspiration revised, three dainty soufflés in pastel shades from the House of Delacy and *SAN STROES TO COSQUER*—a tall bunch of hay tied at one end. Our favourite was *BREATH OF SPRING*, a red string potato-bag starched and delicately interlaced with spring onions and "guaranteed to keep its wearer always two steps ahead of fashion"; but *SLICE OF LIFE* from Jen's oven ran it close—a hollowed-out fadge trimmed with two croissants.

Then came Travel. The *BEDANVILLE AGENCY* of 1957 delighted us with the much-encored choros of the Tyrolean Happy Wanderers. You remember too how in 1958 we were *ROUND THE TOWN*? This year we were borne on the wings of a wonderful song *ROUND THE COUNTY* with short detours into Northumberland. (v. page 9).

Words were forsaken now for feet. On the stage appeared surely Dr. Barbara Moore herself (or was it Mary?). In varied walking garb Mary became in turn at lightning speed, each of the *Butlin* Competition walkers she kept coming upon on a journey to and from Scotland, describing them in her own inimitable style. We saw feet walking in Wellingtons, in high-heeled shoes, in plimsols, in bandages, the red track-suit, the halachava helmet sagging wearily over one eye, the indie girl in the nylon mac, the dapper gentleman complete with town suit and umbrella, the two jaunty chatters. When the last competitor, an ancient man with his feet wrapped in rags, had hobbled on his way the scene changed again.

Looking straight at our President, Winnie said: "This is *BRAD'S BAR*." From the breath-taking vivacity of Mary's enjoyment we found ourselves abruptly in an atmosphere of abject youthful misery. Never, in a life-time spent with adolescents and their moods and crazes, had we met anything like the batch of changelings that replaced all our actors—Margaret, Winnie and Joyce: the most

horridly transformed. The Bar-tender (Margaret) was Boredom's lifeless self, and from fearsome garments emerged the expressionless faces of five versions of simlessly-chewing and shaplessly lounging youth in miserable teenage enjoyment. As we were still gasping with shock they roused themselves enough to sing to Miss Bradbury (in the style of Adam Faith):—

What did you think when you came to Sunderland?

What did you think when you first saw Bede?

and slouched off to some new pleasure.

Lastly, with the thought of School's 70th Birthday, we beheld the future. Five old, old ladies hobbled up and in voices that "grow thinner as each Old Bede dinner" sang, a la Martha Kitt's old-fashioned girl, of their old-fashioned ways and their simple wants:

A pot of Minnie's meat paste or a piece of Betty's pie,

Or a parcel of grub from the Social Service Club,

And we'd feel like a millionaire.

"Still young at heart," they moved painfully down from the stage, their poor old joints creaking loudly. We loved them and were delighted to give to each of them and to their pianist who with them had "done these Bede entertainments from the very start," a posy of flowers.

ROUND THE COUNTY

(Absent friends—sing to the tune of 'Delaware')

How did Shirey Row, girls? How did Shirey Row?

How did Shirey Row, girls? Surely you must know.

His rowing made the Cox Green, His rowing made the Cox Green,

His rowing made the Cox Green, So well did Shirey Row.

What makes Anfield Plain girls, What makes Anfield Plain?

She keeps her mouth Wideopen, that's what makes her plain.

But she must be a Boldon, I guess she is a Boldon,

I'm sure she is a Boldon, to flirt with Percy Main.

What d'ye think this Silkworth? What d'ye think it's worth?

I always had a Ryhope, That it would suit my girls,

I Fischale make a Biddick, I Fischale make a Biddick,

I Fischale make a Biddick, To see what it is worth.

What's that at the Dawdon? What's that at the door?

If it's our Stanley, what's he knocking for?

I divvent want to Seaham, I divvent want to Seaham,

I divvent want to Seaham, So clash the bloomin' door!

Please don't Pity Me girls, Please don't Pity Me,

I've got a brand new Hett-on, For all the world to see,

I'm going to a Consett, I'm going to a Consett,

I'm going to a Consett, with my Petaloo.

Where did Bishop Auckland? Where did the Bishop land?

He landed on his Wallsend, His Monkwearon on sand,

It made him Ferryhill, girls, It made him Ferryhill girls,

It made him Ferryhill, girls, So askward did he land.

Spend your Pennywell, girls, Spend your Pennywell,

If you've Benton travel, Know your route Falwell,

You go by the Eastgate, I'll go by the Westgate,

We'll all meet at Hebburn, Hope you will Harwell!

Meetings

Lakeland produced quite a complicated reunion in the summer. Gina Wright (Hunter) holidaying at Ambleside came face to face with Annie Hutchinson (Price) from South Shields who was staying nearby. Later she met Doris Foster (Pleuret) and finally both their families met again along with Joan Wise (Crosby) from Manchester. Doris and Joan had already met at Tarn Howes. Amy Scott (Robinson) stayed with Ella Sumner (Siddle) at Carlton, near Blackpool to which Ella had lately removed.

Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer met Irene Hall (Bennett) at Seaburn and D'Arcy Hogg from Stainton in one of Sanderland's last fields. Irene was on holiday from London and D'Arcy on one of her recent short visits to her sister Gladys (Whitfield). Miss Shearer also waved through a window to Ella Solley (Edwards) from Barstead, has seen Winnie Talbot often when on holiday from London, and met Thelma Henderson (Williams) from Darlington whom she had long known by name and hockey reputation and with whom she had had long ago some Old Baden correspondence. Thelma was staying, as was also Nancy Welch from Basingstoke, with Mirrie McMillan.

Winnie Talbot is a lecturer at Avery Hill Training College and found that a student there was Elizabeth Laws, daughter of Winnie Falken. Elizabeth is now qualified and teaching in Sunderland. Agnes Melland (King) had been voyaging for months among faraway islands with her husband whose ship had just put into the Tyne. She came straight to Sunderland, called on an old friend and then spent an hour or two at "40 Ashwood" before going off to Bridham on the night train. Elsie Crowe, from London, spent a few days at Christmas with Miss Shearer, visited Florence Jackson and saw also Gladys Thornley (Miller), Elizabeth Mee and Molly Topel. Muriel Bruce (Anderson) and her husband stayed at Ashwood Terrace over the dinner and then, with Miss Arkle, had a week's holiday at Whitey. They brought Miss Arkle back and stayed the night, before going to visit Muriel's sister Jennie (Todd) at Brighthouse on the way to Birmingham to see about selling their house there. In November another visitor to 40 Ashwood Terrace was Amy Hussey (Deryer) who came from York for a couple of nights.

The evening after the dinner a little group met at Betty Powley's and reminisced: Mary Robertson, Kathleen Walton (Wood), Ethel and Lena Thompson, Maizie Curry (Metcalfe), Miss Shearer and Betty. Ruth Marley (Green) in Sunderland from Manchester for a few days found time to call on Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer and Winnie Scott. Elsie Davidson met Muriel Woodruff (Heron) enjoying "hot dogs" at the Durham City Barbecue in aid of World Refugee Year, and at the County Show persuaded Elsie Scott (Rock) to join the Guild.

She also met Eva McCrirk (Millican) here on a brief visit from Harrogate. Joyce Gallon (Hodgson) visiting her sister Sheila at Aylesbury met Kathleen Smith (Pickworth) who also lives there, while Marjorie Smith (Jamieson) visiting Kathleen was able to meet Sheila. Gracie Forrest (Douglas) sees fairly often Isabel Scott (Hinkley) from Riding Mill and Brenda (Lambert) from Leeds, and Dorothy Hawdon (Dinning) keeps in touch with Pat Scorer (Beardsworth). Dorothy Stephenson has visited Madge Colwell at Torquay.

Miss Seddon whose home is in Kensington, had tea with Doreen Ward (Macrae) whom she had not seen for 29 years! Doreen writes "She is very jolly and smart as she always was." Phyllis Lodge met Stella Lawson in Helmsley and visited Hilda Weatherall at her lovely new bungalow at Swanby.

Helen Reed (Perry) on her way to Norway with her family met Lily Border on the boat, then came across Irene McLachlan (Jamieson) in a hotel in Northairland.

Further afield Lacy Postgate (Nichol) in Collinwood and Ida Walker (Earl) in Johannesburg meet as often as possible. Lacy's welcome letter of greetings, always full of interest, arrives after the current "Old Bazaar" has gone to press; so does that of Elsie White (the first) from Vancouver, and we are a year late in acknowledging publicly her generous cheque for our Old Folk.

Noteworthy:

Ursula Field, daughter of the late Annie New, and former head girl at Bede was top of her year in both Spanish and French at King's College, 1960.

Invited to the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in July were Sybil Brown and Vera Sheraton from Sunderland Sceptomani Club, and later Vera who is its President, attended a reception given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London.

Among past Mayoresses of Sunderland who have just received new medallions commemorating their term of office are: Sybil Brown, Mary Blacklock (Smith) and Ethel Summerbell. In 1961 Murielle Cohen will be Mayoress; Murielle is pharmacist at the Royal Infirmary, a post formerly held by Eleanor Garraway (Brookins).

Sybil Brown, already a J.P. has been appointed to act as a Visitor to Institutions for Defectives under the Mental Deficiency Act. Marion Prowley (Munday) is President of the Federation of Congregational Women in Sunderland. Margaret Turner recently became President of the Sunderland Branch of the Darlington Training College Old Students' Association. At the same meeting Flora Macdonald gave a talk with colour transparencies on her holiday in many parts of South Africa.

Joyce Miller (Crooks) who is now a Headquarters Training Officer in the G.T.C. was present by invitation at a civic luncheon given in Newcastle for Princess Alexandra.

The Arts:

Patricia Jackson who is at present working with the Foreign Compensation Commission in London was chosen to sing the solo part in the first public performance of Alan Rawsthorne's Symphony No. 2 with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra in November. Her sister Marjorie (Nichol) continues to sing at North-East musical functions. Brenda Riddles (White) enjoys the rehearsals of the Sheffield Philharmonic Choral Society, and when she wakes, was looking forward to the choir's broadcast with Sir Adrian Boult and the B.B.C. Orchestra.

Marjorie Short has worked for two years on the embroidering of a stole for use at St. Peter's Church, Bishopwearmouth. The six embroidered figures on the stole, St. Mary, St. Andrew, Benedict Biscop, King Eggerith (who presented the land for the building of the monastery at Monkwearmouth) the Venerable Bede, and St. Lawrence, are exact in every detail, and are worked in conventional embroidery materials together with imported non-tarnish gold threads, and the working of shadows and highlights make the figures look more like paintings than needlework.

Gladys Foster (Hodgson) was awarded the Evening Chronicle Cup for a bowl of roses adjudged to be the best exhibit in the confined section of the Gosforth Flower Show.

Sport:

NETBALL: Sheila Bagley was chosen to play on the England netball team.

SWIMMING: Connie Parkinson won the 100 yards backstroke championship at the Sunderland A.S.C. Gala, and was third in the 3-length all round ladies' championship of Sunderland in the Corporation Gala.

Margaret Beresford is now at Bedford College of Physical Education, and, therefore, a temporary loss to North-East swimming.

HOCKEY: For the season beginning September, 1960, Valerie Northcote and Kathleen Wheeler (a new member of Bede staff) were chosen to play on Durham County 2nd XI.

GOLF: Kathleen Carr (Ritch) who is ladies' Vice-Captain of Wearside Golf Club, won the Hunter Cup, and Hilda Edwards (Shaw) the Foster Cup. Lucy Horan (McCormell) holed in one at the 3rd on Boldon Golf Course. She was presented with a Ladies' HOLE IN ONE CLUB scarf on this achievement.

An enthusiastic quartet of Old Bedans, Hilda Edwards, Kathleen Carr, Mary Mackintosh and Winnie Scott went down to Lindrick for two days to see the Curtis Cup golf matches in May. Tracker dogs were almost needed to keep up with Mary as she dashed from one green to the next, delightedly following the particularly wonderful play of the American Golfers.

BADMINTON: Gladys Forster (Hodgson) won a singles cup in her club tournament at Gosforth.

BOWLS: Evelyn Blacklock, a founder-president, presided at the 21st birthday celebrations of the Durham County Women's Bowling Association.

Homes of Bedans not recently mentioned:—

Evelyn Aird (Armstrong), now Kingston-on-Thames; Erid Bagley (Elgie), Catherine Mallen (Elmes) and Joan Tweedie (Sanderson), Leyburn; Mariel Bruce (Anderson) now Broadway, Worcs.; Dorothy Hopper (Kafford) Windsor; Ann Jeffrey (Robinson) Hasleforth; Annie Hutchinson (Pricet), South Shields; Ray Lock (Hawdon), Middlesbrough; Jean Rough (Alderson) now West Bromwich; Maryna Stockdale (Rennie), London; Joan Wise (Crosby), and Jane Witten (Henderson), Manchester. Edna Richardson (Philliskirk), Harrogate; Ella Munton (Walker), Wolsington; Olga Paltzer (Hartley), Bagley; Hilda Andrews (Moore), Broughton, Lancs.; Edith Richardson (Trenbath), Morib, Cheshire; Peggy Anderson (Roberts) Beverley, Yorks; Joyce Newcomb (Lodwick), Edinburgh. Dorrle Behrman (Cohen), Nansie (Simon) and Cicie (Birico) all in London; Doris McCree (Pygott), Upton-by-Chester.

Abroad: Vera Booth is visiting Singapore by way of France, Northern Italy, the Arabian Desert to Colombo, then by sea to Singapore.

A card from Washington in June from Librarian Flora Cook said she was "having an interesting busman's holiday in the United States and Canada". Ann Marson and Marjorie Smith (the second) are in New Zealand and hope to have teaching posts there in the New Year. Margaret Ann Armitage left Sunderland in the Summer to take up a teaching post in the Falkland Islands for three years. Julia Reed has left her post in a Leeds Grammar School to teach English in a school at Woodend, Victoria, Australia.

Margaret Gallant has started her second year of teaching in Germany at Detmold, in a school described as an educational showpiece. Her first year was spent at Wunstorf near Hannover, teaching the children of British pilots and American soldiers working on the Radar station there.

Doris McLeod, now in Bahrain, is still interested in the Sunderland Womens' Junior Air Corps Unit of which she was formerly commander. She recently gave an inscribed plaque to be presented annually to the best all-rounder in the unit.

Marjorie Burn (Anderson) is still living in Zornha, Nyusaland, but is due to return to England in 1962.

Dr. Pat Campbell (Price) is back in Kasauli in the Simla Hills after being on leave in England. She wrote in May 1960, that the poverty in that part of India where she worked as a medical missionary with her husband, struck her afresh after her year in England. "We'll never forget the pathetic gratitude of one old man when we gave him an old shirt". Pat was asked by the Cantonment Board (equivalent to a town council) if she would be willing to help in their Civil Hospital in an honorary capacity. She now goes once a week for an outpatient session. As a result of this work she has also done a number of minor operations in the Hospital. It is not easy to do anything "major", partly because of the lack of equipment but mainly because there cannot be adequate nursing afterwards. The "nursing staff" of the hospital consists of one government trained dai. This means that the girl has had some very elementary training in midwifery. Pat finds all this work very interesting and it gets her into many homes which otherwise she would be unable to reach.

Home from Abroad, Joyce Prince (Aylan) on leave from her missionary work in Jeyi, Northern India, was able to thank personally the Sunderland people who helped financially in the rebuilding of the Indian village destroyed by floods. She was able to attend our Winter reunion in February and addressed Bode S.C.M. while she was here. Since her return to Jeyi "her" village has been adopted by St. Andrew's Church, Boker. The missionary centre which consists of school, teachers' training class and hospital is also St. Andrew's.

Marion Watson (Julavka) has been home from Niagara Falls (Canada) and Miss Shearer met Cecilia Lakin (French) home indefinitely from Kenya. Lilian Senior (West) from Ontario, home for the first time since she left England, visited her sisters, Nora at St. Annes and Betty (Comfort) in Wiggin Hill, and she saw Elsie Wilson (Hooker) in Sunderland. Jane Charlton has been brushing up her knowledge of English teaching methods in a Salisbury Boys' School after spending the last two years teaching in Bermuda. She formed a drama group at the High School there and was an active member of the Bermuda Musical and Dramatic Society. She intends to return to the island in the summer of 1961.

Jean Mitchell (Pentolfe) on holiday from Salisbury (Rhodesia) visited several old friends, including Jean Carter in London, but has now returned to Salisbury. Dorothy Coady (Hardman) stayed in Wolsingham on her return from Brazil but visited Connie Wray (Reed) while in Sunderland.

Invitation Corner.

We quote:— If any of my old friends from Bode are ever north of the Border, I should be very pleased to see them — Joyce Newcomb (Ladwick), 21 Barnston Park View, Barnston, Edinburgh 4.

Phyllis Lodge, who is headmistress at the school would be delighted to see any old Bodean friends in Helmsley. Her address is Church School House, Helmsley, Yorks.

Freda Smith (Phillips) writes from Canada—"Have we any Old Bedans around Montreal? I thought if we did I would try to contact them and see if we could have a little get-together sometime. If anyone is interested in Canada I would be only too pleased to send her the Montreal Star which is like the Sunderland Echo, but on a bigger scale, and it might give her some ideas." Freda's address is P.O. Box 1019, 139 Chenier, Ste Rose P.A., CANADA.

From Your Letters.

From Amy Waggott, who since her retirement from Bede Staff in 1959 lives in Winchester: "I have been reading the Old Bedan with so much pleasure although it made me feel homesick. I miss Sunderland people, especially the Staff and girls at school and send my best wishes to all members of the Guild of Old Bedans."

Dora Metcalf writes: "While visiting Jean and Grace Ross at Liphook last August, I contacted Cornelia Visser (Hughes). Grace and I spent a very happy day with her and her husband at High Solvington. Cornelia and I sat together at school for several years and I hadn't seen her since leaving school in 1906 except for one or two visits to Pelaw. She stayed on at Bede till 1908 then went to Armstrong College and took her B.Sc. During World War I she went to Farnham and worked as a scientist for the Air Force. Later she married, and has one daughter."

From Leeds Marjorie Watson (Leonard) writes: "I have read the magazine from cover to cover. I hadn't realised what I'd been missing all these years. It has been fascinating hearing about old pupils and mistresses. My mother Nellie Jarman, also an Old Bedan, was just as thrilled when I stayed with her and took the magazine to show her."

Eleanor Cartill who is a lecturer and tutor in the Department of Education of the Deaf at Manchester University writes: "Last October I had a most interesting contact with the daughter of Hannah Dean, of our generation at school. We were registering our new students and one of them, Ann Ross, asked me if I had been to school in Sunderland. Then she asked me if I remembered Hannah Dean who was her mother! Indeed I did and was able to produce a snap of the Hockey Eleven of 1924 much to Ann's entertainment. When we were in Birmingham for school practice I went to visit Hannah whose home is there. Since the death of her husband she has gone back to teaching. We had a most delightful chat and made up miles of news items for we hadn't met since 1925 (35 years!)."

Editorial.

Our membership is now past the 600 mark, and we are always delighted to have news and letters from all our readers to help in the compiling of our magazine. We appreciate the fact that members of the present school staff continue to come to our reunions, and we are always delighted to see them and Miss Bradbury. Our Chairman, Betsy Powley, is now almost wholly recovered from her illness, and we hope that she will soon be radiating the energy and cheerfulness which we have come to associate with her. Mr. Milner Taylor has given his help as usual in the auditing of the Guild's accounts and Winnie Graham and Gina Wright kindly helped with typing. Wherever you are in 1961—at home or abroad—let us hear from you!

W.T.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON 31st AUGUST, 1960

Summary of Balance Sheet for the Year — 1st September, 1959 to 31st August, 1960.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Subscriptions	100 16 0	Suitcases, Printing & Old Books	38 10 4
Interest	17 0 4	Postage & Telephone	14 18 9
Balance from Meetings... ..	8 11 1	Gifts	3 16 6
		London Branch	5 0 0
		Cheque Book & Engraving	8 0 0
		Balance on Year's Working	68 10 10
	<u>£126 7 5</u>		<u>£126 7 5</u>

TOTAL FUNDS

£		s.		d.	
Balance on 31st August, 1959	650	3	3		
Balance on Year's Working	68	10	10		
	<u>658</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>		
Less unpaid into Bank, 1959	9	8	9		
	<u>659</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>		
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Made up as follows:—
 31% War Stock
 24% Defence Bonds
 Balance in hand:—
 On Deposit Account
 On Current Account
 Cash in hand

I have examined the Receipt Books, Stock Receipts, Defence Bonds Receipt, Current and Deposit Accounts and I certify that everything is in order.
 ELSIE J. KERR-WOOD,
 Hon. Treasurer.

E. M. TAYLOR,
 September, 1960.

