

No. 52—Miss Mavis Wauchope

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR

Prof. Tucker for Adelaide

MISTRESS AT ROSE PARK

Miss Mavis Wauchope, B.A. (infant mistress at Rose Park Public School) was born at Kensington Park, where she has lived ever since.

At the age of five she entered Marryatville Public School and went thence to Norwood High School, where she studied for the primary and junior University examinations. As there were then no higher classes at Norwood she went to Adelaide High School, whence she passed the senior and higher public examinations.

Miss Wauchope entered the service of the South Australian Education Department as a student at the Teachers' Training College, where she took the special course of infant training. At the conclusion of her term there she received her first appointment as assistant at Wellington Road School. While there she continued her studies at the University, and also attended Miss Lydia Longmore's classes for games, handwork, and rhythm.

Took Bachelor of Arts Degree

When practising schools for training young teachers were established Miss Wauchope was transferred to Gilles Street Infant Practising School as one of the original demonstration assistants under the supervision of Miss E. Simpson (mistress of method), to whom she is deeply indebted for the practical help received.

In 1923 she completed the necessary course at Adelaide University and was admitted to the degree of bachelor of arts. In 1925 she received her present appointment as infant mistress at Rose Park.

Miss Wauchope has a loyal and enthusiastic staff, comprising Misses M. Bennett, V. Haworth, D. Curnow, R. Coombs, and V. Coventry, who have spent a happy time together. The number of infants on the school roll is 314.

Miss Wauchope has had to contend with rather adverse conditions in the way of accommodation, and she has eagerly watched the new infant school building grow, and is looking forward to a happy time early in the new year, when her dreams of an up-to-date school will have materialised.

Importance of Mothers' Clubs

"The foundation of Mothers' Clubs in connection with infant schools is a stepping-stone to the attainment of the ultimate ideal of every teacher," said Miss Wauchope. "In this age of large organisations and crowded days one is apt to overlook the personal touch that means so much in life. Through the agency of the club mothers have realised that they



MISS MAVIS WAUCHOPE, B.A. Infant mistress at Rose Park School.

Early in March the ranks of Adelaide University staff will be strengthened by the arrival of Prof. T. G. Tucker, C.M.G., Litt.D., M.A., Emeritus Professor of Classics at Melbourne University. He will occupy the chair of classics and comparative philology and literature vacated by Prof. H. Darnley Naylor, M.A.

Prof. Tucker has had a distinguished scholastic career, and local students of classics are anxious to reap the benefit of his knowledge and experience. He has a remarkable faculty for breathing life into the dry bones of antiquity. Students have said that Prof. Tucker can extract beauty and sweetness from the most formidable of the ancient writers. He hails from Burnham, Bucks, England, where he was born 67 years ago. His early education was received at the Royal Grammar School, Lancaster, whence he proceeded to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he won many distinctions for his classical attainments.

In 1882 he was elected a Fellow of St. John's College, and the following year he arrived in Auckland University College, New Zealand, where he was first Professor of Classics and English. For two years he was a member of the Board of Education for Auckland Province, and then he was appointed Professor of Classical Philology in Melbourne University, a post he held from 1885 to 1919. In recognition of his Greek publications he received the degree of Hon. Doctor of Letters (Dublin).

Although his professorial duties at Melbourne University absorbed much of his life he published several classical works which won recognition in Europe and America. On his retirement from active work at the eastern university the council paid a high tribute to his scholarship and to his service, which it said had established a fine tradition in Melbourne. He was closely associated with the Classical Association in Melbourne, of which he was one of the most distinguished members.

In 1920 Prof. Tucker was appointed a companion of the most distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George.

NEWS 1-1-27

New Inspector of Schools

To be appointed Inspector of Schools at 31 years of age is surely a record in South Australian education annals. Mr. William Valentine Leach, M.A., has achieved that distinction after a brilliant career at college, and in State schools.

A son of Mr. W. Leach, of Port Adelaide, he was born at Lake Bolac, Victoria, on February 14 (St. Valentine's Day), 1895. He entered the service of the Education Department in January, 1913, when he took the short course at the old Observation School, Currie street. Six months later he was appointed provisional assistant at Lefevre's Peninsula School.

A year at the Unley School in a similar capacity followed, and in January, 1915, Mr. Leach entered the Teachers' Training College. Obtaining leave in the following July he enlisted in the Aus-



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tralian Imperial Forces, and went abroad. Good service won him a commission. He was discharged wounded in 1917.

Returning to the State he was appointed acting assistant at the Port Adelaide School, and subsequently did relieving duty at Frances and Cherry Gardens schools.

He then re-entered the Teachers' Training College, where he remained three years. In January, 1921, he was appointed assistant at the Adelaide High School, and three years later senior master at the Port Pirie High School, where he was stationed when he received his inspectorship. At the northern seaport he supervised the teaching of English, history, and geography.

Mr. Leach has been appointed an inspector in the third division, and he will probably be detailed to inspect River Murray schools.

He passed the junior public examination in 1911, and completed his senior public examination subjects in 1921. In 1922 he took his B.A. degree at the Adelaide University, his M.A. degree in 1923, and a diploma in economics and political science in 1925.

NEWS 5-1-27

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Mr. Bruce Honored at Toronto

TORONTO, January 4.

Aboard a special train provided by the Canadian Government, Mr. S. M. Bruce (Prime Minister of Australia) arrived early this morning and proceeded to Government House for breakfast. He was the first notable visitor since the appointment of Mr. W. D. Ross, a leading financier, as the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

At noon on New Year's Day Mr. Bruce visited the site and buildings of the Canadian National Exhibition, and later received an honorary degree of LL.D. from Toronto University.

NEWS 5-1-27

DUMPING DEGENERATES

Opposed by Prof. Robertson

FOOLISH FANTASY

"A foolish phantasy," was how Prof. T. Brailsford Robertson, Ph.D., D.Sc. (professor of physiology and bio-chemistry at Adelaide University), described the suggestion of Prof. MacBride, the Liverpool University zoologist, that mental defectives from Britain would develop into a respectable people if transferred to the wilder parts of Australia.

"Apart from the basic absurdity of this theory, why should Australia be a refuge for ineffectives from England?" asked Prof. Robertson. "Probably such a simple solution of the British problem is satisfactory to Prof. MacBride, but I think the Australian would object strongly to its being put into effect."

"Although theoretically Britain is proud of its overseas dominion there is a tendency to look upon it as a dumping ground for degenerates. The only statement made by Prof. MacBride in his address at the educational conference with which I agree is his view that Britain will shortly be forced to face compulsorily the checking of degenerates."

"This question is becoming acute in all the civilised countries of the world. In fact, the more civilised a country is the more numerous are its defectives. The reason is this. A tendency to shelter the weakest members of the community and the fostering care of a paternal Government permit the existence and reproduction of degenerates who in an earlier and rougher stage of civilisation would never have lived."

On the other hand, the reproduction of intellectuals slows down with the advance of civilisation, while the percentage of degenerates becomes higher. If nothing is done to check their growth they will ultimately overwhelm the community."

"The only way to cope effectively with the problem is to stop the reproduction of defectives. This is done in some parts of America. Unfortunately, all communities cannot be made to realise the necessity of this drastic but efficacious measure."

Reverting to the statement of Prof. MacBride that a community of degenerates would attain normal powers if let loose in the interior of Australia, Prof. Robertson said that on the contrary they would be wiped out of existence. "There is no place in the world where a higher degree of intelligence is needed to succeed than in Australia," he declared.

NEWS 5-1-27

LEAVING EXAMINATION

Results This Week

Mr. F. W. Eardley, B.A. (Registrar of Adelaide University), stated this morning that the results of the leaving examination would be available at the end of the week. The examiners had finished their part of the work and the results were being checked.

These results would affect 118 candidates, the majority of whom took the full examination, so that 5,000 or more papers had to be checked. The leaving examination was a public examination, open to all schools, whether privately or State-owned. It attracted many candidates, for it constituted the entrance examination to Adelaide University, and it must be passed by candidates who wished to enter in a degree course.

Our Oodnadatta correspondent writes on Monday Dr. Ray and Campbell with Professors Davies, Cleland, and Jeffries, and Mr. Hackett, of the Adelaide University, arrived here by Friday's train. The party will journey to Alice Springs by motor on Thursday. They are at present staying at Sir Sidney Kidman's station, Macumba, where they will witness a big native corroboree.

ADV. 6-1-27

MENTAL DEFECTIVES.

Professor T. Brailsford Robertson, of the University of Adelaide, describes as "a foolish phantasy" the suggestion of Professor MacBride, of Liverpool University, that mental defectives from Great Britain would develop into normal people if they were transferred to the wilder parts of Australia. In any case Australia would object to the experiment being made. The only way to cope effectively with the problem was to stop the reproduction of defectives, and that had been done in some parts of America. There was no place in the world where a higher degree of intelligence was needed to succeed than in Australia.

NEWS 5-1-27

COMBATING CANCER

Work at Sydney University

MONEY FOR RESEARCH

Commendable efforts are being made at Sydney University to fathom the origin of cancer and discover methods for overcoming it.

Prof. H. G. Chapman (Professor of Physiology at Sydney University), who arrived in Adelaide this morning, was among those who first suggested in 1919 that cancer research should be undertaken in Sydney. As a result of efforts of a council which was formed a public appeal on behalf of Sydney University was launched for the establishment of a fund. During the last eight months £125,000 has been raised. Realising the necessity and urgency of such an investigation the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments have subscribed £7,500 each.

Prof. Chapman is hopeful that other States will become interested in the work and that an Australian research council will be established in the near future.

Although actual research was started only in 1923 encouraging results have rewarded the efforts of investigators. Dr. W. Monpett (medical biologist) has made an important discovery regarding the effect of ravs on the living tissues of the chick embryo, which is expected to lead to improved results in the radiological treatment of cancer.

At Sydney University five bio-chemists, two bio-physical investigators, and a medical biologist are engaged in laboratory tests, their efforts being directed chiefly to the effects of radium and X-ray in the treatment of the dread disease.

What is believed to be the largest X-ray plant in the world will shortly be installed at Sydney.

ADV 7-1-27

The council of the University has appointed the following lecturers in the Faculty of Law:—Law of evidence and procedure, Mr. R. N. Finlayson, LL.B.; property, parts I and II, Mr. E. W. Benjamin, LL.B.; and Roman law, Mr. C. C. Brebner, LL.B. As a result of the endorsement of the Chair of Law by Sir Langdon Bonython, the council has established a separate lectureship in jurisprudence, to which Mr Herbert Mayo, LL.B., has been appointed.

ADV 7-1-27

TOMATO WILT.

The glasshouses required by the Waite Agricultural Research Institute for the observation of tomato wilt, which were described in a special article in "The Advertiser" about 12 months ago, are now being erected at Urrbrae, as the result of a grant from the Commonwealth Bureau of Science and Industry. There are 3,000 bushes, comprising 20 varieties, being grown at the institute under open-air conditions, under the control of the acting director (Professor A. J. Prescott). The glasshouses will be insect-proof, so that it can be found by elimination whether or not the disease is transmitted by insects, and they will be divided into compartments, whose temperature can be regulated. Two-thirds of the bushes now growing are of the Early Dwarf Red variety, which is the usual type grown in South Australia.