



ANOTHER SIDE TO SCHOOL LIFE... There is a lively interest in the schools among Bulawayo boys and girls. This is a flashback to the 1955 Milton production of "The Ghost Train".



SHARE IN SOCIAL SERVICE

EVELINE girls are well known for their fine record of social service. Their initiatives, Mrs. E. C. Davis, said a warm tribute to them at last year's school magazine when she wrote:

"You have never failed to answer an appeal for help for those less fortunate than yourselves, whether it be to stand at a

street corner selling flags to raise money to support the Centre; to write letters for the people at Hopewell or escort them round their town; to collect patients and materials for Impoverished Africans.

"This is a long list and probably an incomplete one, but it is one of which I am proud."

In recent years, the school's annual party has become one of the annual highlights. All the organising and catering for many hundreds of guests is done by the staff and girls, and the money raised at the party provides funds for the year, and also helps without limit.

When Christmas draws near, the girls spend good-will by such means as a

party for African children of 10 patients (providing gifts of clothing as well as good things to eat), and cheering old people by putting up festive decorations for them.

When one of their school-fellows, Frances Hopwood, was severely injured in an accident some years ago, they raised about 34,000 to help to provide for her future.

It's all written down in her log-book...

MOST of the history of the Milton School is beautifully recorded by hand in an old-fashioned, log-like book known as "Miss Langdon's Log-book".

She wrote the first entry on Monday, July 23, 1810, and the last in a second volume was made by Miss Petelope Gordon when she became headmistress on January 30, 1940.

The image of Miss Grace Anne Langdon is inseparable from Bulawayo's history from that of Evelyn. The school was her life, and the care with which she recorded every detail her girls achieved reflected her pride in them.

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Another fascinating relic is Miss Langdon's personal Cash Disbursement book, which provides a fascinating insight into the character of the famous headmistress. It reveals her as a shrewd businesswoman, who disciplined herself as strictly as she did her pupils.

Every item she bought for herself, down to writing paper and cups of tea, was noted, and balanced at the end of the month against the total "pocket money" she allowed

herself — usually in the region of £10 then.

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The rest of her money she saved for holidays in Cape Town, usually twice a year, for long leave overseas, and for investments which included buying and selling cows and calves.

Her list of savings and dividends shows that by the time she resigned she could live in comfort.

Her interest in her school never waned, and she paid several visits to it after she left.

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A HERO



SOON after the 1955 Scout movement was started in Bulawayo, about 1911, by the Rev. T. G. Denton, with Milton lads forming the majority of those involved, there occurred an accident which resulted in the award of a life-saving medal being made by Lord Gladstone as Chief Scout of South Africa.

The Scout who received the medal was Harold Ricketts, and he was the first Milton boy to be decorated for valour.

The presentation was made by Sir Lewis Mitchell.

The incident happened during the Christmas holidays (1911-12), when Harold, his mother and stepfather (Mr. Powell) were in a hut that was struck by lightning.

All three were knocked unconscious. Harold recovered first, to find the hut in flames. He dragged Mr. Powell out and returned for his mother, but was not strong enough to pull her out.

He rushed for a bucket of

water and dashed it over her, then "with what must have been an almost superhuman effort, managed to drag her out, then went for help".

Mr. Powell died from shock, but Mr. Powell, who was headmaster of Soutwest Public School, recovered.

Harold himself, a Ball Schooler, was killed in France in 1916 while serving as a 2nd Lieutenant with the machine gun — Royal West Surrey.

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