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Brother Paul . . . cramp made him give up. His guide dog was not in the walk — a student showed him the way.

BLIND MONK'S WALK COST MAYOR R90

SUNDAY TIMES REPORTER

A PROMISE made just before the start of a 20-mile charity marathon walk at St. David's (Marist Brothers') College at Inanda last weekend left the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, with a big hole in his pocket.

He had gone along to start the "Walkathon", as it was called and was astonished to find a 63-year-old blind man, Brother Paul Nolan, among the 440 competitors.

The Mayor looked at Brother Paul, who is a small, lightly-framed man and asked an official, "How far do you think he will be able to go?"

"About three or four miles at the most," he was told.

"All right," Mr. Lewis said, "I'll pay R5 into charity for every mile that Brother Paul manages to make."

Not waiting for the finish, the Mayor got into his car and was driven back to the City Hall.

Next day he was astounded to receive a letter thanking him for starting the event and informing him that he owed R90 to charity. Brother Paul had

walked 18 miles!

Brother Paul told me that he felt before the event that he would be doing well if he managed to last five miles.

"That was all I had in mind. Then I heard the Mayor deliver his message. I felt quite a responsibility and said to myself, 'I must walk and walk and walk'.

"I was going so well I thought I would finish the course," Brother Paul recalled. "But at 17½ miles I started getting cramp in the right calf. When it came to 18 miles I couldn't move another step. I just had to give up.

"They took me back in a car. I couldn't walk any more. But next day I was fine. I played bowls and was right as rain."

Twelve years ago Brother Paul underwent an operation in London and went blind.

"When I was told I would never see again, I accepted it as the will of God," he said yesterday.

● Two other blind men, Mr. Henry Hefe of Brixton, and Mr. Willie Kruger of Hamburg, near Randburg, also participated in the Walkathon but retired after a few miles.

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APPROACHABLE MAYOR

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JOHANNESBURG has had many outstanding mayors during its short, but hectic, existence as one of the world's fastest growing cities. But it is doubtful whether it has had a mayor as friendly as Mr. Patrick Robin Brian Lewis, who yesterday handed over to a new holder of the office.

His realisation of the need to communicate with the public made him approachable by all sections, both as Mayor and as man. Unassuming and deeply aware of the need for Johannesburg to prosper for the welfare of both White and Non-White, Mr. Lewis took a profound interest in all affairs aimed at the uplifting of all sections. But his special memorial will be his striving for a better deal for our Non-White citizens. And

as recognition for his services in this regard the University of the Witwatersrand decided to confer on him an honorary Doctorate of Laws.

As first citizen he was always ready to appear at short notice in a good cause and, never lacking in good humour, was able always to generate warmth and goodwill from everybody.

Johannesburg owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Lewis and his wife who supported him so steadfastly and exercised her own full share of charm throughout the "busy and tiring year" — as Mr. Lewis himself described his year in office. We wish them a happy time on the "long holiday" they are taking.

8/8/1969

RAND
Daily Mail

TOO GOOD TO DROP

THE people of Johannesburg are entitled to feel indignant and bewildered. A brilliant idea of great potential value to the city has been sabotaged by the Nationalist Opposition group in the City Council—and for no discernible reason whatsoever.

The idea, the brain-child of the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, was to bring more than 200 Cabinet Ministers, M.P.s, Senators and heads of Government departments to Johannesburg for comprehensive familiarisation tours with the broad aim of improving relations and understanding between the Government and its Administration, on the one hand, and South Africa's largest and most important city, on the other.

These relations and this understanding have not been all that good in recent years, as is perfectly well known. Clearly such a state of affairs is undesirable and the Mayor is to be commended for his imaginative move to try to improve the position. After all, with Johannesburg the industrial, commercial and financial hub of the country, it is of national and not merely civic importance that co-operation between city and Government should be as close as possible. For, as the stock market setback has shown, when Johannesburg sneezes, South Africa catches cold.

Naturally enough, almost everyone was enthusiastic about the Mayor's scheme, including such bodies as the Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Mines, Chamber of Industries, the Sakekamer, the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society and the Johannesburg Publicity Association. They had no difficulty in perceiving the advantages that could flow from this top-level public relations exercise.

Now, however, the project has almost foundered because the Nationalist minority group, led by the unpredictable Mr. Cuyler, has insisted on obstructing it. And here two

questions arise which need a deal of answering.

The first is that the Prime Minister, Mr. Vorster, apparently gave his approval to the scheme—providing it had the unanimous backing of the City Council. So one may well ask why, if the scheme was acceptable to the Leader of the National Party it should be opposed at a much lower level by a group of members of the party. Did Mr. Vorster's qualified approval not signal to Mr. Cuyler and his colleagues that they should fall in with the idea and if not why not?

The second point of doubt arises from the "explanation" of his attitude given by Mr. Cuyler. He said that he was greatly worried by the establishment of direct contacts between the city and the Government. From the time of Union, supervisory functions over local authorities had been given to the provinces but now the latter were being increasingly short-circuited, notably in matters relating to planning, community development, Bantu administration, health and transport.

This is perfectly true but who is Mr. Cuyler suddenly to emerge as the champion of the provincial system? Have not the Nationalists been systematically breaking it down as if they had no regard for it at all? And have not the Nationalists constantly been pressing for powers that override those of local authorities at both provincial and municipal level?

Whatever the answers to these puzzles may be, it would be a great pity if the Mayor's scheme were allowed to die. Either the matter should be taken up again with the Government in a way that would ensure the support of Mr. Cuyler's group or else it should be taken over and run independently by a consortium of other well-disposed bodies such as those referred to above. This is too good an idea to drop if it can possibly be saved.

Sunday Times 19/8/69

Cuyler rapped for vetoing M.P.s' visit

By JACK SACKSE

BY BRINGING petty politics to the forefront, the leader of the Nationalist minority in the Johannesburg City Council, Mr. Eben Cuyler, M.P.C., had "so bedevilled the atmosphere" that there was no chance of reviving a scheme put forward by the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, to bring about better understanding between the Government and Johannesburg: This is the conclusion of Mr. J. F. Oberholzer, M.P.C., chairman of the City Council's Management Committee.

He told me: "I thought at one stage there was still a chance of saving the project. On reconsideration I don't think this is possible now. The harm has been done."

The Mayor's plan grew out of a talk he had with the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Mr. J. H. Klopper towards the end of last year.

Condition

They met at a function, and there the Speaker spoke of the improved relations between the Government and the mining industry. He recalled how the mining industry had invited parliamentarians to see for themselves exactly what was being done.

Mr. Lewis thought it would be a good idea for Johannesburg to do something similar, so he cal-

led a meeting of representatives of industry, commerce and mining—both English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking organisations—and there his proposal received a most enthusiastic response.

Mr. Oberholzer said the mayor then went to Cape Town, where he spoke to the Speaker and to the Prime Minister, Mr. Vorster who told him he liked the idea.

But Mr. Vorster made it a condition of acceptance that the invitation to Johannesburg and the scheme generally should have the unanimous approval of all parties in Johannesburg.

Mr. Lewis returned to Johannesburg feeling pleased with the way things had gone, said Mr. Oberholzer.

"It was then that Mr. Cuyler dropped his bombshell. He had been kept in the picture and he now stated categorically that his group was opposed to the scheme."

"That wrecked it."

"In many ways I consider it a calamity for the city that Mr. Cuyler exercised what amounted to a veto, otherwise a great step forward would have been taken in forging a real understanding of our difficulties and problems and hopes in the minds of the Government."

Boundaries

Mr. Oberholzer said he felt very sad about the attitude taken by Mr. Cuyler. Through the acquisition of an area south of the previous boundaries, Johannesburg had overnight more than doubled its size.

It was at a time like this, when one had to plan and think big, that smallmindedness had prevailed, said Mr. Oberholzer. "A great opportunity had been lost which may never occur again." •

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Crowning ceremony for beauty queen in Sunday Times building

POISED LINDA STEPS INTO HER NEW ROLE AS MISS SOUTH AFRICA '69

By JO ROBINSON

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Linda Collett has stepped unflinchingly into the sudden limelight which has surrounded her since the announcement in the SUNDAY TIMES last week that she is the new Miss South Africa. Faced with the ordeal of her first public appearances this week—including her crowning—she has slipped easily into the new role which has given her celebrity status and netted her prizes to the value of R10,000.

Apart from her "red carpet" treatment during public appearances, Linda has been inundated with flowers and telegrams from friends and well-wishers, has had dozens of requests for her autograph and stares of recognition in the street.

Her first public appearance was on Tuesday at 5 p.m., when she and her escort, Second-Lieutenant L. G. Wilnot of the Transvaal Scottish regiment, arrived at the City Hall for cocktails with the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, and Mrs. Lewis. She was dressed in a black karakul coat from Koseff's. Lt. Wilnot was in full regimental uniform.

Their entry to the Mayor's parlour and conversation with the Mayor and Mayoress were filmed by Killarney Films for South African Mirror/Suid-Afrikaanse Spieël—the bilingual newsreel series.

During their half-hour there, Linda removed her coat to show off her light emerald green lamé brocade cocktail dress from McCall's Patterns.

Her gold lamé shoes, which complemented her dress, were from A. & D. Spitz.

At 5.30 p.m., accompanied by her escort, the Mayor and the Mayoress she left the Parlour. By this time, more people had gathered at the foot of the City Hall steps, and before the group left for the SUNDAY TIMES building in the Mayor's car, a number of women rushed over to her to wish her well.

Preceded by six traffic policemen, they drove to the SUNDAY TIMES building in Main Street, where the Transvaal Scottish pipe band had started playing to welcome them.

Welcome

After walking through a guard of honour formed by members of the band, the party was welcomed at the front entrance by Mr. Joel Mervis, Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES, and Mr. Dirk Richard, Editor of Dagbreek. Linda then left them to change into her ball gown from McCall's Patterns for the crowning ceremony.

By 6.20 p.m., she and her runner-up, Diana Newman, were seated in the flower-decked alcove in which they were crowned

after short speeches by Mr. Richard and Mr. Mervis.

After being crowned by Mr. Mervis, Linda's yellow sash, emblazoned with the words, Miss South Africa 1969, was put on her by Mr. Richard. He then draped her red velvet, ermine-trimmed cloak over her shoulders, and crowned Diana Newman, the runner-up, with a small diamanté coronet.

Both the girls were later presented with bouquets by Miss Stander, Miss South Africa 1968. Among the 300 guests at the party were some of the other Miss South Africa finalists.

On Thursday evening Mr. G. E. R. Eckert, managing director of Volkswagen S.A. Ltd., presented Linda with the keys to her new cream-coloured Volkswagen 411 de luxe car.

The presentation was made at a cocktail party at Lindsay Saker Motors' showroom. Her outfit for the occasion was a Grecian style trouser suit from McCall's Patterns. She is soon to be given a portable Sanyo car radio by Teltron.

Real diamonds

Tired but radiantly happy Linda said yesterday: "Among my most thrilling experiences this week has been the purchase of my first R1 worth of petrol for my own car and wearing my diamond bracelet when everyone knows that the diamonds are real."

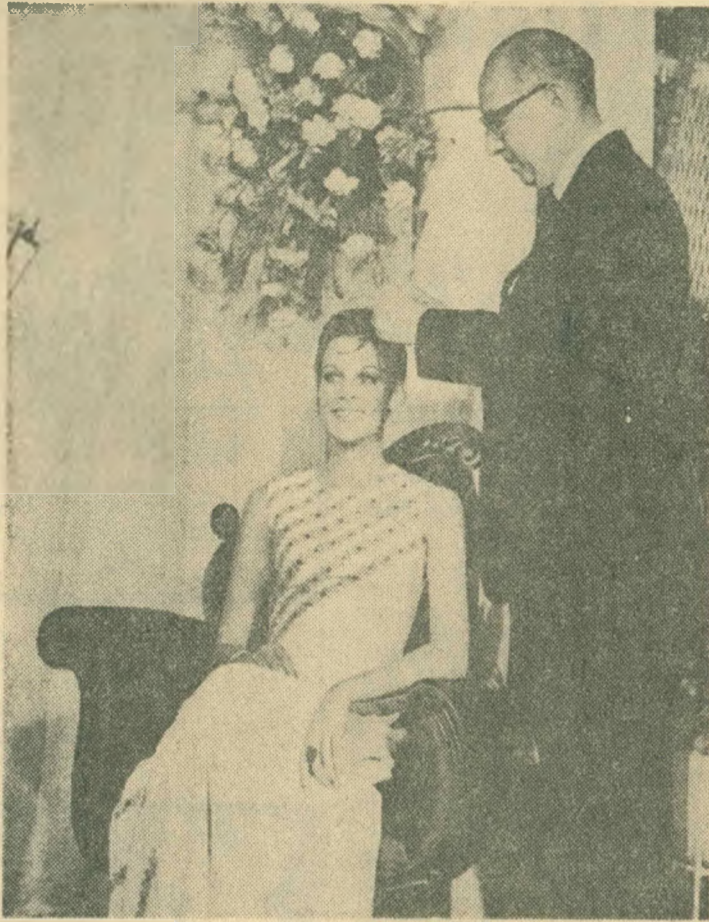
The bracelet, worth R500, was presented by I. Schwartz, the Johannesburg jewellers.

Apart from her public appearances, Linda has had a week of tightly spaced appointments to prepare for them.

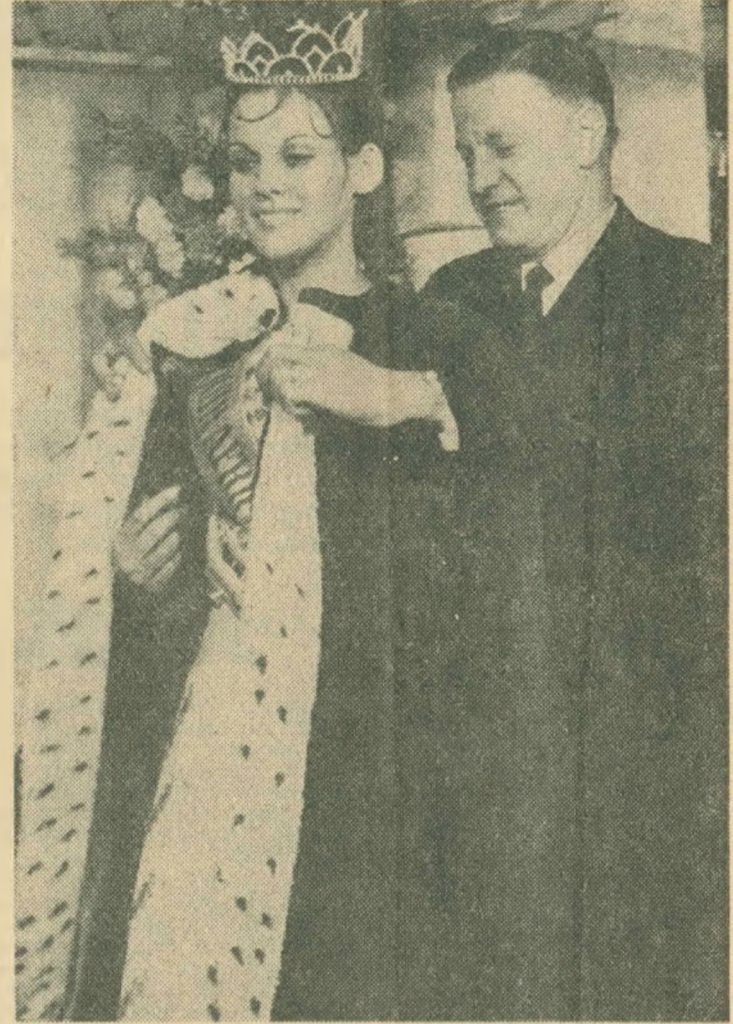
Between visits to her hairdresser, Mr. Jean Mayer of the Carlton in Rosebank, she has spent hours being fitted for the clothes being made by McCall's. She has also chosen clothes from Jay's, St. Lori, Warner Reid, Henry Linton and Jarmode. Modern Hairdressing Supplies have given her a supply of wigs and wiglets, and Wolman's have given her a set of Revelation suitcases.

While in Johannesburg she is living in regal style in the Penthouse at the Langham Hotel. Her mother is acting as her chaperon.

● In November she will be the guest of Iberia International Airlines when she flies to London, via Spain, for the Miss World contest.



The crowning success . . . against a background of pink and white carnations, Mr. Joel Mervis, Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES, crowns Linda Collett Miss South Africa 1969.



● Pictures by James Soullier.

Mr. Dirk Richard, Editor of Dagbreek, which jointly ran the Miss South Africa competition with the SUNDAY TIMES, drapes Linda Collett's red velvet coronation gown over her shoulders.



Linda Collett, overjoyed at being given the keys to her new Volkswagen 411 de luxe by Mr. G. E. R. Eckert, managing director of Volkswagen S.A. Ltd., waves to her mother, Mrs. Ron Collett, who was there to see the presentation.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lewis, prepare to leave the Mayor's Parlour after a reception for Linda Collett, Miss South Africa 1969.

EBEN CUYLER SILENT BUT VISIT POSSIBLE

MR. EBEN CUYLER, M.P.C., the man standing in the way of a V.I.P. visit to Johannesburg that could improve the city's relations with the Government, is maintaining his determined silence on the matter.

The proposed visit, mooted by the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, fell through when Mr. Cuyler, leader of the Nationalist members of the Johannesburg City Council, and his colleagues opposed it.

Mr. Lewis's plan was to invite more than 200 Members of Parliament, Senators and heads of Government Departments to the city.

Approval by the Nationalist City Councillors was essential because when the Mayor approached the Prime Minister about the visit, Mr. Vorster said he would sanction it if the City Council was unanimous on its taking place.

"You won't get me to speak this morning," Mr. Cuyler said today when approached for comments on a plea made to him yesterday by the acting chairman of the council's Management Committee, Mr. J. F. Oberholzer, M.P.C., to drop his opposition to the visit.

SUPPORTED

Mr. Oberholzer said that if Mr. Cuyler did not want the Mayor to organize the visit, then he was sure organizations which had supported Mr. Lewis's plan would be happy to do the job.

Mr. Cuyler said he had no comment at all. He added, however, that "Mr. Oberholzer made a good suggestion about the Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Industries, and all the others."

But he had no connection with them whatsoever, "so why should I consent?"

Mr. Oberholzer and his colleagues, could approach the organizations (such as the Chambers of Commerce, Industries and Mines, the Sakekamer and the Stock Exchange) and see if they were prepared to arrange the visit.

Mr. Cuyler interrupted a question asking if he thought the organizations would be prepared to arrange the visit if they were unsure of his attitude and said again that he had no comment.

OPPOSITION

Mr. Herbert Shield, president of the Transvaal Chamber of Industries, has said that he felt opposition to the visit by Nationalist city councillors might force Nationalist M.P.s to refuse invitations to make the trip.

He emphasized that the organizations would support the visit only if it included a fully representative cross-section of Parliament.

Opinion in city council circles is that unless Mr. Cuyler gives some indication of whether or not he still opposes the trip, any possibility of its taking place may be ruled out.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE TO CUYLER

MUNICIPAL REPORTER

THE LEADER of the National Party in the Johannesburg City Council, Mr. Eben Cuyler, M.P.C., was last night again challenged to make public the correspondence between himself and the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, over the proposed tour of the city by more than 200 M.P.s, Senators and State officials.

The challenge was made by Mr. Harry Schwarz, leader of the United Party in the Provincial Council, at a U.P. meeting at Saxonwold, Johannesburg, last night.

Earlier this month Mr. Cuyler refused a similar challenge to reveal details of the correspondence.

Mr. Schwarz said Mr. Lewis had tried to organise the tour on a non-political basis last year to enable the Central Government to get a greater understanding of the workings of Johannesburg.

"The tour was accepted by all those concerned, including the Speaker of the House, on the condition that it was the unanimous decision of the city council.

Mr. Cuyler had vetoed the tour: "I challenge him to make public the correspondence".

Mr. Schwarz said: "I want to ask Mr. Cuyler why he opposed this non-political tour. Up until now all we've got from him is silence.

"One can only assume he does not want the relations between Johannesburg and the Government to be bettered.

"He wants this for a purely political motive. He wants people to believe that only if he is in power in the council will this relationship be bettered.

"If this is his motive, it should be made public."

Mr. Schwarz said he had an offer to make to Mr. Cuyler on behalf of the United Party.

"If he will be man enough to reverse his opposition to the tour, we promise not to take any political advantage."

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CUYLER UNDER FIRE

Mr. Eben Cuyler, leader of the Nationalist opposition in the city council, came under heavy fire last night for his refusal to agree to the proposed visit of more than 200 V.I.P.s to Johannesburg.

Mr. Harry Schwarz, M.P.C., told a United Party meeting in Saxonwold that if Mr. Cuyler continued to oppose the visit and persisted in refusing to give reasons for his opposition, it could only be assumed that "he wants to oppose because he wants bad relationships between the city of Johannesburg and the central government." It could be assumed too that Mr. Cuyler did not want an improvement in relations for a purely political motive.

Mr. Schwarz, leader of the United Party in the Transvaal Provincial Council, was speaking in support of the United Party candidate in next week's municipal by-election in Ward 8, Brig. J. T. Durrant.

"Mr. Cuyler wants to come along and say: 'Well, you see, if I were in power in Johannesburg, if the Nationalists were in power, then of course you would get on better with the Government'."

Mr. Cuyler would stand in the way of the visit to stop good relations that would be of benefit to the city.

Mr. Schwarz said that when the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, had put his idea to the United Party caucus of inviting more than 200 M.P.s, senators and heads of Government departments to Johannesburg, the caucus agreed and ruled that the visit should be a non-political matter.

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Knock the Progs out now, says Schwarz

The Progressive Party is using the Johannesburg municipal by-election in Ward 8 as a test-run for next year's provincial elections, Mr. Harry Schwarz, leader of the United Party in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said last night.

Addressing a lively, sometimes rowdy, meeting in Saxonwold in support of Brig. J. T. Durrant, the U.P. candidate, he claimed that if the Progressives received a good beating at the poll on August 20, "that will be the last we see of them here."

The Progressives' eventual aim was to create diversions and to dissipate the working force of the United Party when the Houghton seat was fought.

Mr. Schwarz hit out at the Progressive candidate, Mr. Peter Henry, saying he should get his facts straight before criticizing the United Party-controlled Johannesburg City Council.

Criticism was good only if it were based on fact.

Mr. Schwarz was frequently heckled by a number of young Progressive supporters in the hall.

Mr. J. F. Oberholzer, M.P.C., acting-chairman of the city council's Management Committee, said the city council faced many difficulties and problems. It was not the master in its own house and could not apply solutions as it so clearly saw them.

"One of the solutions that we wish to apply is the employment of Coloured people to drive our buses. Over the years we have tried everything in our power. In the last six or seven years we have given something like five increases to the running staff of the municipal Transport Department to—as the trade unions put it to us — solve the manpower situation. It has not been solved."

Mr. Oberholzer said the time had come for South Africa to provide openings for non-White

people in the lower levels so that they could be trained to do the work done by Europeans now on a semi-skilled and skilled basis. This would free White people to acquire greater skills and to provide the technical knowledge required for the advancement of the country.

He promised that no single White man's job would be in jeopardy if non-Whites were introduced into fields of employment where they had not worked previously.

"We have the solutions, but we have to go to the Government to apply those solutions. In the event of a refusal by the Minister of Labour—if we cannot use Coloured people to drive the buses to provide the service the Johannesburg population is entitled to—then I say it is on his head. He will have to answer to the people of Johannesburg, and not the city councillors and the United Party administration of the city."

"Bubbly" galore at Ster's glittering opening

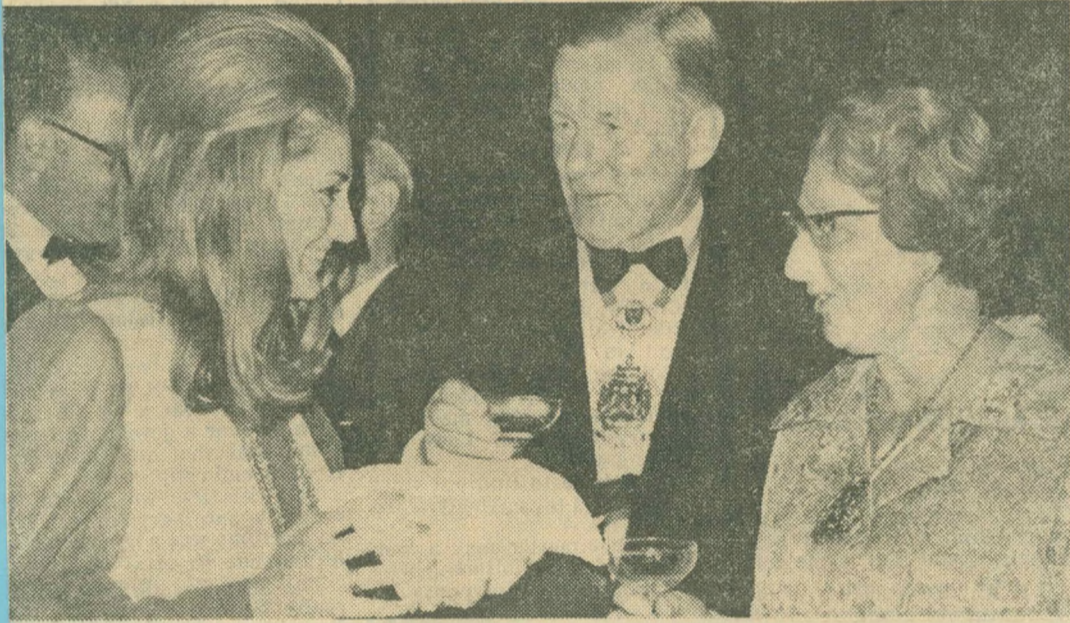
There was champers galore at Friday's gala opening of the R2-million Ster City complex in Johannesburg. Some 2,000 guests crowded the complex to sip champagne and eat biltong and caviar. This was followed by a midnight buffet supper. **RIGHT:** One of the many eye-catching outfits was this peek-a-boo suit worn by Johannesburg model Phillipa Watson.

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BELOW: The Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Councillor and Mrs. Patrick Lewis, chat informally with one of the attractive hostesses at the party



● Pictures by JAN KOPEC.



Early bird

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The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, was an early voter in today's municipal by-election in Ward 8. He is seen depositing his vote in the ballot box while Brig. Jimmy Durrant, the United Party candidate, looks on. Brigadier Durrant is opposed by Mr. Peter Henry, of the Progressive Party.

Dear Mr. Mayor,



WELL, now we have it from someone really qualified to speak — a man who was born and bred in Johannesburg and lived here until five years ago when he was transferred to London.

"What" I asked, "do you think of Johannesburg's progress in the past five years?"

"I am shattered," he said, "really quite shattered."

I was not quite clear. Did he mean shattered by the enormous beneficial change or . . . well . . . just shattered?

He left me in no doubt.

"When I drove through what was Parktown yesterday I can only describe my feelings as one of a surge of anger," he said. "All my schooldays Parktown represented to me everything that was lovely and gracious and elegant in Johannesburg. Those lovely big houses, each in beautifully-landscaped spreading grounds. Those wonderful old trees. The peace and dignity of the place. Today the entire terrain is barren, cold, ugly and, even worse, it is gashed by that hideous fly-over."

But the rest of Johannesburg, the bright red cranes everywhere on taller and still taller city blocks

"Oh, yes," he said, "this is all terribly dynamic. But,

looking over the whole of Johannesburg with fresh eyes I get the feeling that if I were to go around asking people why they were building I would get the reverse of Mallory's famous reply about conquering Everest, 'We have built because it wasn't here'."

He continued: "I simply cannot reconcile myself to the thought that a young city can apparently so easily accept as right the fact that with every step it takes it banishes greenness. You have only to come straight from Europe to Johannesburg to realize that the overall impression here is of brilliant sunshine highlighting concrete. There are no soft, delicately blurred edges, no relief for the soul from the hard vertical pattern of the architecture.

"The Library gardens — will you put 'gardens' in quotes — just shattered me. Yes, I have used that word before but the overriding impression I have is of the shattering of natural things wherever they were to be found. And I hear that somebody has even pinched a bit of Joubert Park — and it was never much of a park to start with."

Well, there you have it, Mr. Mayor. Lots of progress, but no soul.

Yours thoughtfully,

Olga Price

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The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, as seen through the eyes of the famous Fleet Street cartoonist, Mr. Ralph Sallon.

Mr. Lewis, who will be 59 in December, is married and has three grown-up sons.

He was born in Johannesburg and, like so many other men who have played a leading role in the city's civic affairs, was educated at the Jeppe High School for Boys.

Mr. Lewis's charm and infectious grin have won him a wide circle of admirers during the first months of his term as Mayor. He has surprised and pleased all sections of the population with his strict adherence to bilingualism in his speeches, and has even won praise for his Afrikaans from no less a person than Mr. Eben Cuyler, M.P.C., leader of the Nationalist Opposition in the City Council.

He feels there is no place in the city for a politically active mayor and has always put into practice his belief that—like the President—the Mayor should be above party politics.

Mr. Lewis has developed an antipathy towards cocktail parties during his term of office but makes no secret of the fact that he is enjoying his year as Mayor to the full.

STAR 26/8/1969



Mr. Sam Moss, Johannesburg's 47-year-old Deputy Mayor, as depicted by the famous Fleet Street caricaturist, Ralph Sallon. Genial and burly, Mr. Moss is married with three young sons. Like the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, he was educated at the Jeppe High School for boys.

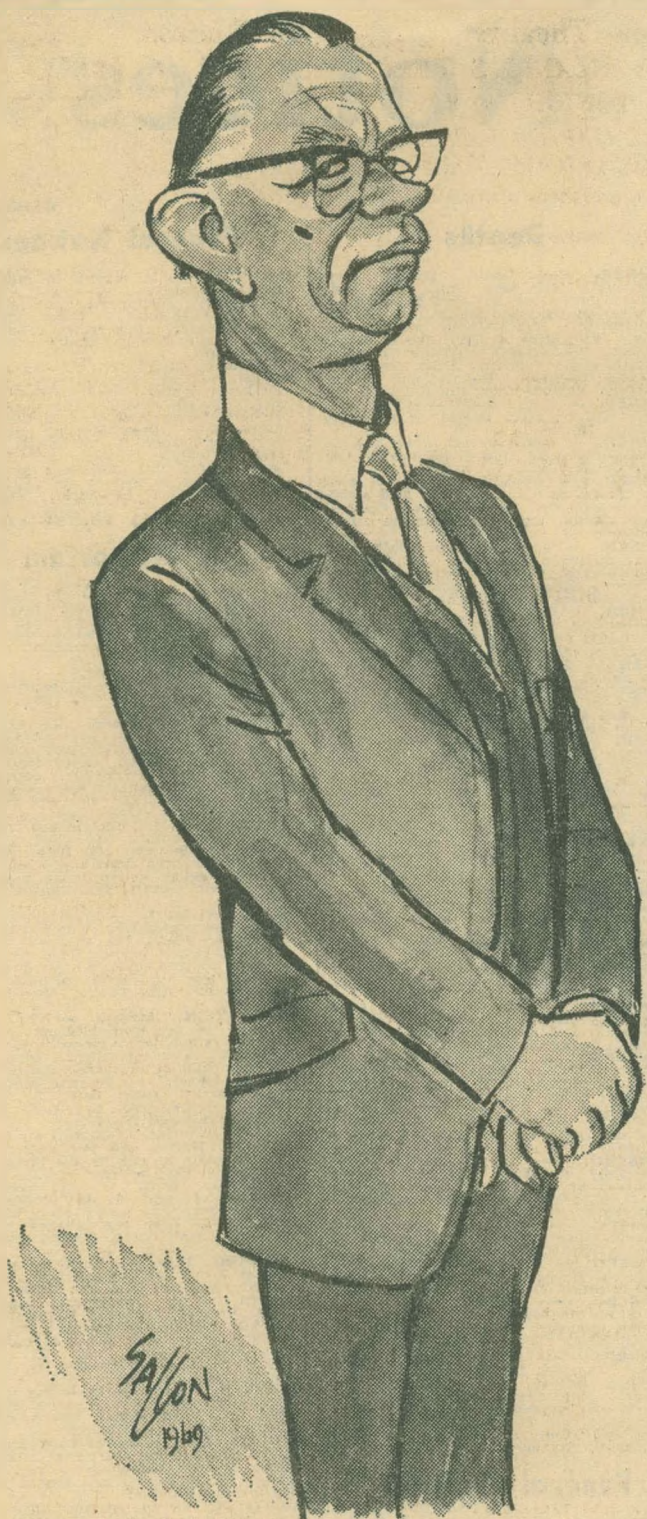
A qualified pharmacist, Mr. Moss now runs a business involving contract packaging for the pharmaceutical industry. He is chairman of the City Council's Non-European Affairs Committee and is an eloquent speaker on the needs and problems of the non-White section of Johannesburg's community.

He also has a strong interest in the theatre, being chairman of the Alexander Theatre, the council representative on the Pact Board, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Civic Theatre.

He was a City Councillor from 1951 to 1954, and came back again in 1962. Mr. Moss has travelled widely—like the Mayor.

He is enjoying his term as Deputy Mayor and says meeting so many people is proving to be a delightful experience. He is not feeling the strain of attending the numerous functions on the Deputy Mayor's programme.

STAR 27/8/69



Mr. J. F. Oberholzer, M.P.C., acting chairman of the City Council's Management Committee. This is another in the series of sketches of leading Johannesburg personalities by Ralph Sallon, the famous Fleet Street caricaturist.

Mr. Oberholzer, who was Mayor of Johannesburg in 1963-64, is one of the United Party front-benchers who have given the Nationalist-controlled Transvaal Provincial Administration such a mauling in recent years. A Southern Suburbs man through and through, 51-year-old Mr. Oberholzer was educated at the Rosettenville Central School and the Simonstown Nautical Training School. His hoped-for career at sea was thwarted by the depression, and Mr. Oberholzer joined the City Deep mine when he graduated from the training school. He is still at the mine today—in the Personnel Section. He is married with four children, three daughters and a son, and has seven grandchildren.

He is a Saturday golfer, with a handicap of 20. Mild-mannered in private life, and possessing a wry sense of humour, Mr. Oberholzer is, however, a hard-hitting speaker in political matters.

In his post as chairman of the City Council's Planning and Technical Services Committee, he has been intimately involved with many of the major developments in Johannesburg in recent years.

STAR 28/8/69



Mr. Alf Widman, M.P.C., leader of the United Party in the Johannesburg City Council and chairman of the Health and Amenities Committee. This sketch by Fleet Street caricaturist Ralph Sallon, shows Mr. Widman in one of his rare relaxed moments.

A lawyer by profession, Mr. Widman is engaged in a large number of activities in and outside the City Council. He is an expert on local government and serves on both the Council of Reef Municipalities, and the Transvaal Municipal Association as well as a number of other bodies—including the South African Kidney Foundation.

He is the Chief Whip of the Opposition in the Transvaal Provincial Council, where he has had some famous verbal duels with his old friend and adversary, Mr. Rob Ferreira, the Executive Committee member in charge of local government.

A cheerful, bustling man, 48-year-old Mr. Widman probably speaks faster—when angered—than any other Provincial or City Councillor in the Transvaal. He has led Johannesburg's fight against noise and air pollution and is the man responsible for the smoking ban in cinemas.

Married, with a teenage son and married daughter, he loves golf, fishing, bowls (which he took up recently) and tennis.

Mr. Widman was born in Cape Town and educated at the Durban High School and University of Natal.

STAR 28/8/69
**Mayor to plant
Amber tree**

THE Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, will plant a Liquid Amber tree at Rhodes Park, Kensington for the Johannesburg branch of the National Council of Women, at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, September 8.

The tree-planting ceremony is being held to commemorate Arbour Day, which was revived in South Africa in 1967 by the National Council of Women. Arbour Day was replaced as a public holiday by Kruger Day before the Second World War.

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**Think green,
think leafy,
think trees**

Think tall, think green, think leafy—think of trees, as the National Council of Women wants everyone to do on Monday, Arbour Day.

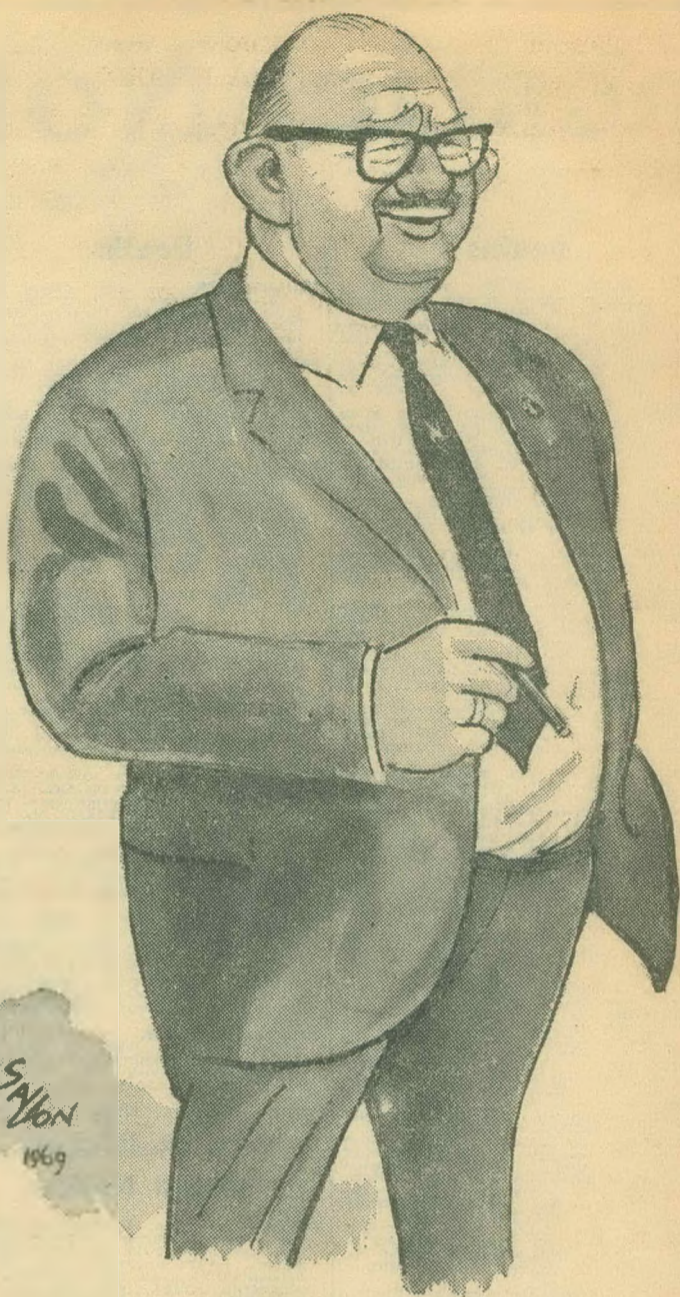
The Johannesburg branch of the N.C.W. holds Arbour Day once a year to encourage interest in trees. So on Monday the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, will plant a Liquid Amber tree in Rhodes Park, Kensington, at a ceremony at 3.30 p.m.

FOR SCHOOLS

Last year a tree was planted in The Wilds, and on the first Arbour Day—in 1967—one was planted in Joubert Park.

Dignitaries and children from several schools in the eastern suburbs will attend Monday's ceremony. The children will take away with them a tree to be planted at each school. These trees will be supplied by the Johannesburg Parks Department. During the ceremony, the general manager of parks, Dr. D. F. van der Merwe, will give a talk on trees.

The Arbour Day ceremony will be open to the public.



Mr. Max Neppe, chairman of the city council's Utilities Committee, as depicted by the Fleet Street caricaturist, Ralph Sallon. Fifty-one-year-old Mr. Neppe is the third member of the Management Committee educated at Jeppe High School (the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are the others).

His main interest in life—apart from his council and communal activities—is teaching. Mr. Neppe is senior lecturer in science at the Damelin College. Education has advanced so much, he says, that matric students studying science are now learning what university students were taught in their third and fourth years before the war.

Mr. Neppe was named Scholar of the Year at Wits in 1936 for his academic achievements. He later became chief chemist with a petroleum firm before turning to teaching in 1948. Married, with two children—a married son and a daughter still at school—Mr. Neppe has lived most of his life in the Jeppe area which he hopes will be returned to its old glory once Johannesburg's first urban renewal scheme gets under way there. He has worked hard and persistently for improvements in Jeppe, and legend has it that the first words Mr. Neppe's son ever uttered were "Neppe for Jeppe." Mr. Neppe is in charge of the council's transport affairs and all its trading departments, which have made great strides under his leadership.

Like his colleagues on the Management Committee, Mr. Neppe is an executive member of a number of organizations serving the community. He is an extremely keen follower of soccer.



Some of the 1,500 pensioners who attended their annual concert, organized by the Johannesburg Council for the Care of the Aged, during a lunch hour last week. Also at the concert, which was held in the City Hall, was the Mayor of Johannesburg Mr. Patrick Lewis.

CITY CHURCH TURNS 80 ^{STAR 11/11/69} ON SUNDAY

JOHANNESBURG'S oldest Anglican church, St. Mary's the Less, near Jeppe Station, turns 80 on Sunday, and the occasion will be honoured by a visit from the Bishop and the Mayor.

The Bishop of Johannesburg, the Right Rev. Leslie Stradling, will sing the Mass at 9.30 a.m., and the service will be attended by Mr. Patrick Lewis, the Mayor.

The church's birthday celebrations began last Sunday, and yesterday there was a recital on the historic organ, by Prof. U. V. Schneider, head of the music department at the University of the Witwatersrand, and the director of music at St. Mary's Cathedral.

St. Mary's the Less, once in a fashionable area, is now surrounded by industrial premises.

Its congregation is largely non-White, and too poor to carry out the urgently needed repairs, especially to the roof and woodwork.

But the future remains bright. An urban renewal scheme should improve the area, and together with the 80th Birthday Festival Week is being run a fund-raising scheme which should raise enough to renovate the church.

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Gift rush

The Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mrs. Patrick Lewis (left), and the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs. Sam Moss (second from right), took an afternoon off from their official duties this week to help in the last-minute rush to pack gifts for the Jewish New Year, starting tomorrow night.

The gifts are being sold to raise funds for the Selwyn Segal Hostel for the Handicapped.

The hostel treats patients regardless of denomination. The other workers in the picture are:

Mrs. J. Bransky, between the Mayoress and Mrs. Moss, and Mrs. A. Mallet. The last of the gifts may be bought at 8 Gerard Street, Observatory (43-9168) or 178 8th Avenue, Highlands North (40-3209).

Memorial to pets

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Miss Evelyn Wood, Matron of Bramley/Helen House in Linden Road, Bramley, stands beside the Pets Corner section of the Home's garden. Last year Miss Wood decided the Home needed a garden so started a Garden of Remembrance, launched by a garden party where visitors donated a rose or a shrub. This year's Garden Party was held last Saturday and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress.



FAMILY ALBUM

The first in a series

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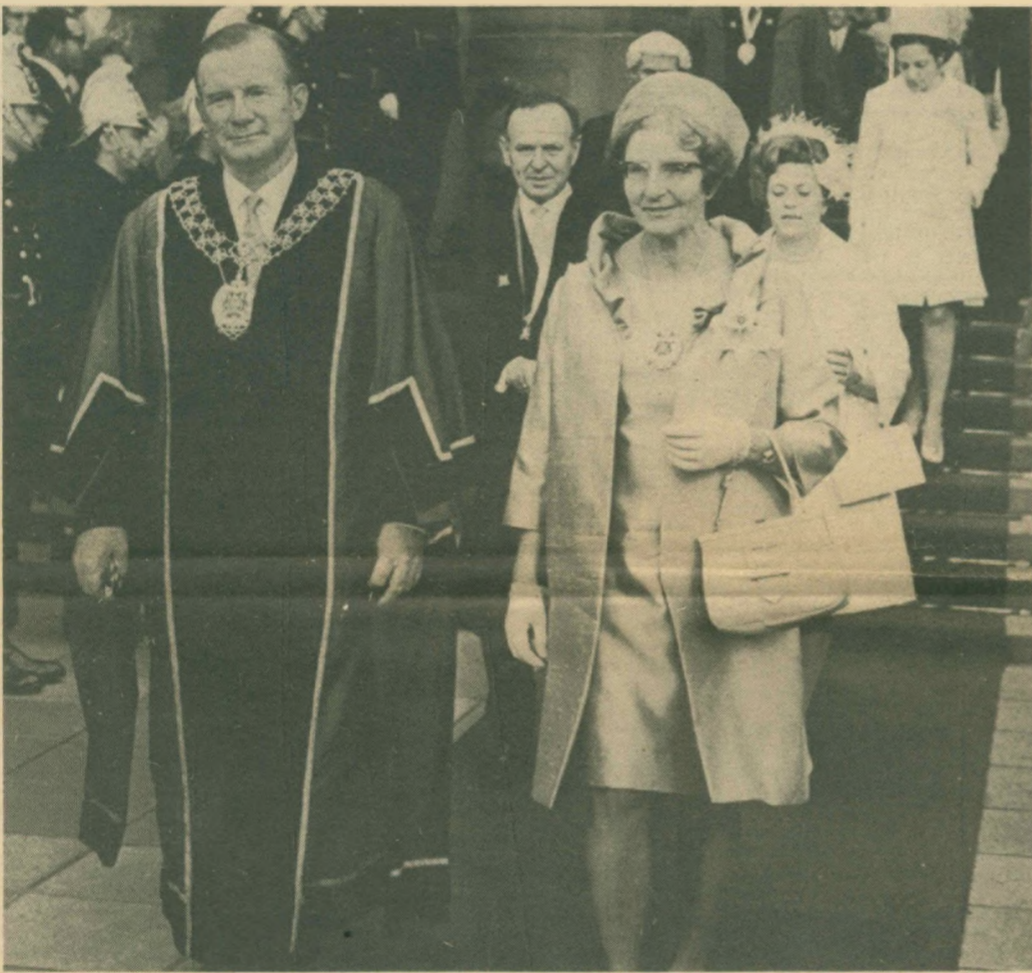
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 Uncle Ernest Gaynor
 Uncle Eric Gaynor
 Aunt Peg Gaynor
 Front Row:

Aunt Mags wife of
 Mr. Ernest Gaynor
 Aunt Lucy Taubert
 (Harold's Mother)
 Granny Gaynor
 Uncle John Gaynor
 Father of Elsie, Molly,
 Lucy and Ernest.
 Mrs. Stakesby Lewis (Granny
 Jane Gaynor)
 Patrick R.B Lewis



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ANOTHER memorable day was March 4 this year when I was inducted as Mayor of Johannesburg. Here (below), my wife and I lead the way to the mayoral reception in the City Hall. Following us are the immediate past Mayor, Mr. Israel Schlapobersky, and his wife.



His "miracle" escape

WHILE turning the pages of the Mayor's family album, I came across the story of his dramatic rescue when the flying boat he was travelling in ditched into mid-Atlantic. It happened in 1947 when Mr. Lewis was flying from Ireland

to Newfoundland on his way to a business conference in Atlantic City.

The plane, the Bermuda Sky Queen, ran out of fuel and came down in the Atlantic during a gale.

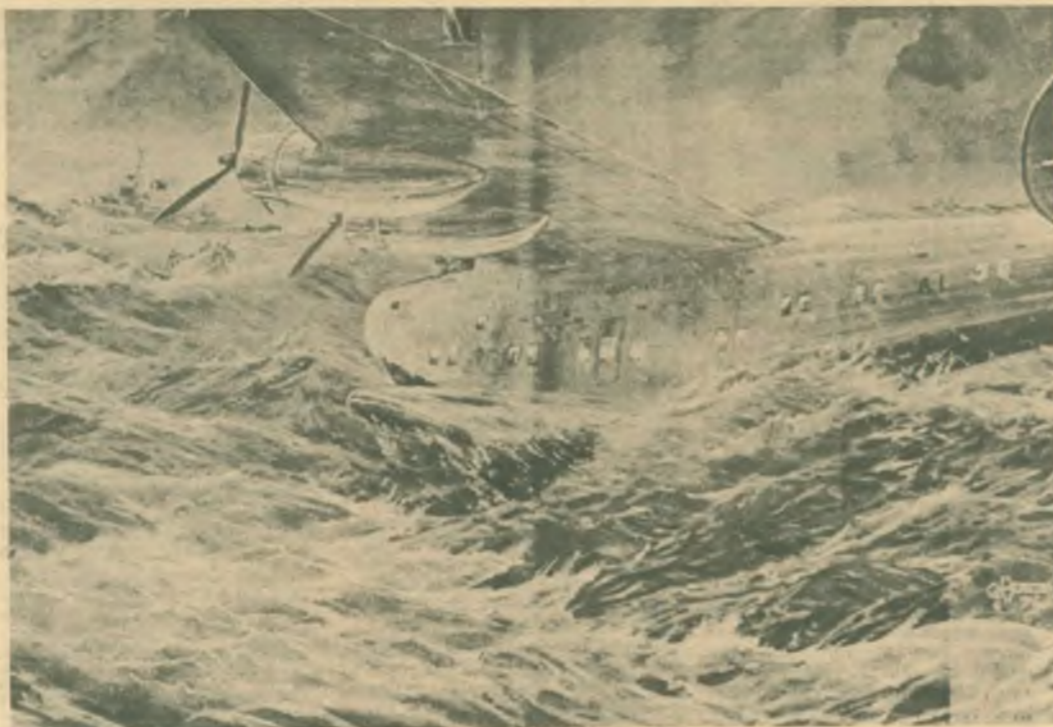
Mr. Lewis spent a rough 24

hours in the storm-battered flying boat before being rescued by a coastguard cutter Bibb.

All the passengers were rescued.

"We really thought we'd had it. It was a miracle we survived," said Mr. Lewis.

AN ARTIST'S impression (below) of the flying boat Bermuda Sky Queen which ditched into the Atlantic 22 years ago. Mr. Lewis was among the passengers.



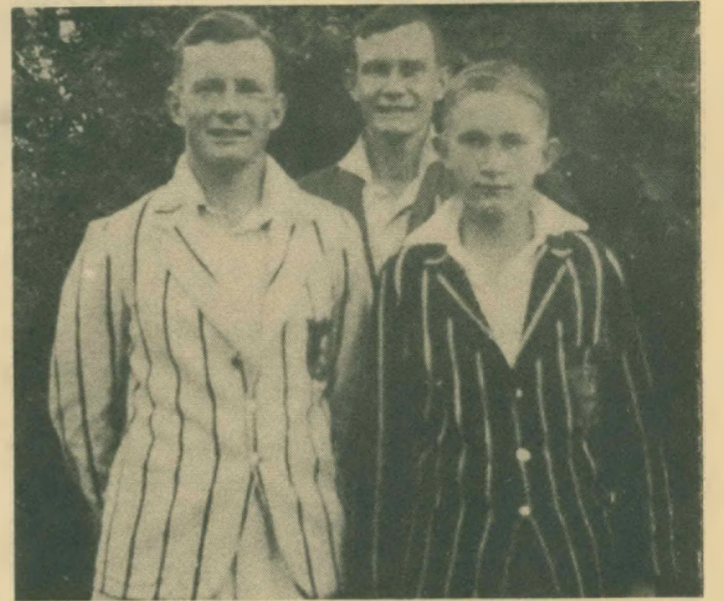
MR. PATRICK LEWIS, the Mayor of Johannesburg, turns the clock back for the Sunday Express in the first of a new series about prominent people — "Family Album."

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I WAS BORN in Johannesburg on December 12, 1910, the son of Stakesby Lewis, a Rand pioneer who arrived in Johannesburg in 1890, and Grace Jane Lewis (nee Gaynor) who came from Tipperary, Ireland.

This (left) is one of the earliest pictures of me, aged eight. You can see me standing by my mother's side on the right. The photograph was taken in Troyeville Park in 1918 on the occasion of my youngest uncle (in the centre holding my younger brother, Digby) meeting my oldest uncle (seated next to my mother).

My youngest uncle, a naval officer serving on submarines, was born in Ireland after his older brothers had left for South Africa. This is their first meeting and they had to be introduced!



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THIS PHOTOGRAPH was taken just after I matriculated at Jeppe High School for Boys in 1928. I used to play for the first football team. In it I'm wearing my Old Boy's blazer, while my younger brother—who still lives in Johannesburg—stands beside me. He was still at the school then. Behind us is my elder brother, now in Kent, England.

The photograph was taken in the garden of our Kensington home in Milner Crescent. While we lived there it was called "the last house in Kensington." The District Commissioner of Police now lives there.



3 WEDDING DAY

RIGHT: WEDDING DAY, September, 1936. I married Doris Grant from Johannesburg at St. Mark's Church.

A year before this I became a partner in my father's firm of chartered accountants.

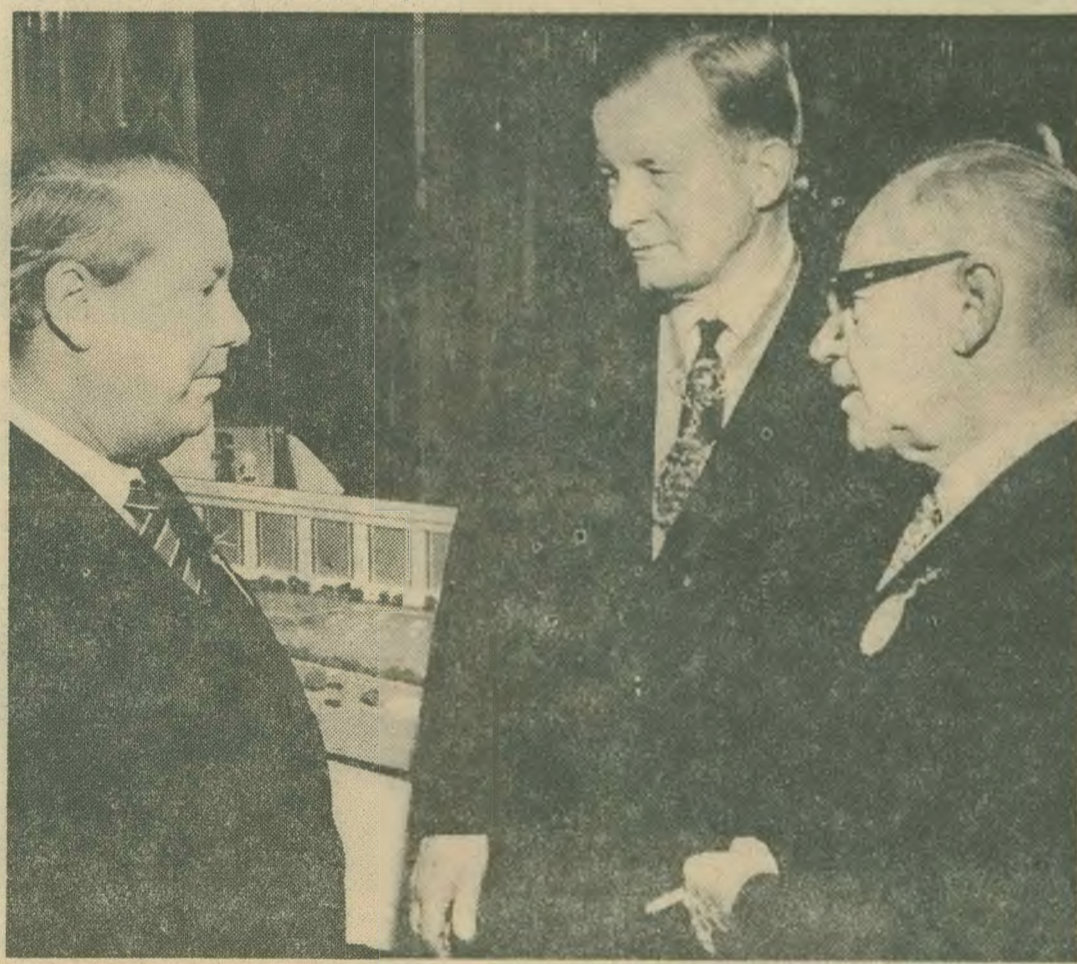
We have now got three sons, Brian (31), Ian (27) and Duncan (24) — and one grandson, Andrew, aged five months.



The State President, Mr. J. J. Fouche, examines a photograph album presented to him yesterday recording the ceremony during which the freedom of the city of Johannesburg was conferred on him on November 27 last year.

The album was given to him at his Pretoria home by the former Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. I. Schlapobersky, left, and the present Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis.

The colour photographs show the function in the city hall, the crowds outside watching the ceremony on closed circuit television, Mr. Fouche delivering his address from the city hall steps, and the lavish civic banquet given that night in the city hall.



More than 30 members of the national council of the South African National Tuberculosis Association are meeting in Johannesburg this week. The conference was opened yesterday by the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, seen here (centre), with Dr. J. J. du Pré Le Roux, national chairman of Santa (right) and Mr. R. A. G. Longfield, manager of Santarama, a model city which is being built on seven acres at Wemmer Pan. The centre is expected to be opened in about two years.

DEAR MR. MAYOR,

NOW you've really got us all right up there rooting for you. What other Mayor of Johannesburg has ever dared to say — outside the privacy of his parlour or his own home, where he doesn't even have to bother to smother his yawns — that he is "sick and tired of cocktail parties" and that "each one is more boring than the last."

The thing that bothers me is that you have welcomed cheese and wine parties as "a refreshing change."

We all agree that South African cheese is pretty good — some of it tremendous — but, though the fare will be different and even the drink, will we not just be changing the decor on the platters?

Does one talk less inanely, or even expound different inanities, over cheese than one does over wilted lettuce and biscuits dotted with slices of egg and caviare?

Admittedly, we can all be bright about the cheese. But more than five minutes' talk about cheese is likely to become somewhat difficult to digest. And what then?

Wine is a civilized drink and under its benign influence we may all end up by liking one another better after a glass or two of vin ordinaire than we do after a more spirited potion of gin.

But I do believe that cocktail parties need to undergo a far more radical change if you are not to find that all you have achieved is the exchange of one type of melancholic boredom for another similar type of monumental tedium.

Even by suggesting, however, that cocktail parties are a pain in the neck, you have given us all some hope. After all, you are talking from the viewpoint of somebody who, chained by links of gold to these affairs, is very often the guest of honour and who can thus expect those around you at least to keep you amused and interested.

We, the assorted guests — and how assorted we are! — unentertained, unamused, unexcited, just have to stand around balancing a glass until a kind of world-weariness overtakes us and we have barely enough life left

to stagger out into the fresh air.

I am sure that you — and many Mayors before you — have longed for the courage to break the tradition which imposes on you the necessity to invite Councillors and the Press to take a little refreshment in the parlour after one of those monthly City Council meetings. What an awful bore it must be to have this chance to recap the triumphs and disappointments of the afternoon's meeting.

However, Mr. Mayor, I have a solution. I don't claim it as my own. The inspiration came from a recent South African P.E.N. Centre invitation to a cocktail party to meet a visiting writer.

"No charge for admission," it said handsomely. "Simply pay for your drinks."

If the P.E.N. folk have not copyrighted this idea, it's all yours.

Very sincerely,

Olga Price

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An act of giving

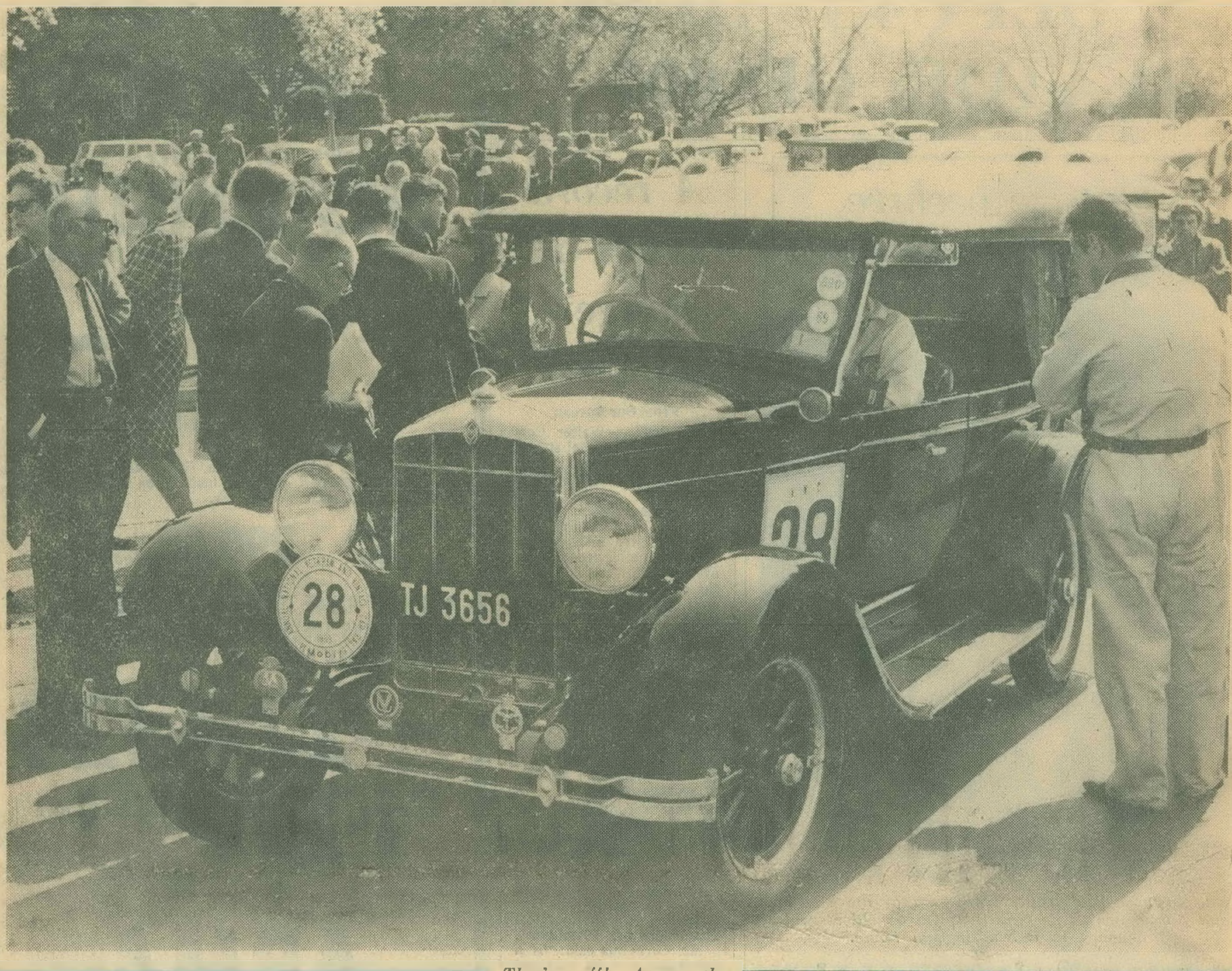


Hundreds of children from Johannesburg schools gathered at a city cinema yesterday to present to the Mayoress, Mrs. Patrick Lewis, the money they had collected in the annual purse collection in aid of the S.A. National Council for Child Welfare, which

sponsors Our Children's Day on November 1. Altogether R2,891 was collected in the schools. In the picture, Irene Spagnolo (6) and Charles Kroft (7), both of Linksfield School, shake hands with Mrs. Lewis after handing over their school's cheque.

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Lowveld trek



They're off! Among the first cars to leave Johannesburg today at the start of the National Veteran and Vintage Car Rally, is this vintage Rugby tourer, driven by Mr. S. A. Saunders. The 650-mile rally will end in Lourenco Marques on Friday. (See story on page 3)

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Cards on sale



Among the first people to examine the catalogue of Christmas cards on sale at the City Hall kiosk today were the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lewis. Mr. Lewis officially opened the kiosk, where the cards of 34 welfare organizations will be on sale from 9.30 every morning from now on. Another kiosk is open in Baker Square, Rosebank. The kiosks are run by the Organization for the Joint Sale of Charity Christmas Cards, which is under the auspices of The Star Seaside Fund.

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Beverley Hugo watches pensively as she waits her turn to follow her classmates in parade before an audience which included the Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mrs. Patrick Lewis, at the Queen's High School in Kensington. The occasion was a teenage fashion show.

A small town in a big, big building

Did you know that when the Carlton Centre is built it will use more power, in peak hours than does a city the size of Kimberley?

Did you know that the Carlton Centre will have to cope with a congregation of 10,000 people at one time — the entire population of a small town on a six-acre block?

Best of all, did you know that Johannesburg is to have a new lake of 650 acres for the pleasure of its citizens?

These exciting facts and many more, are revealed in a letter from the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, to Olga Price in The Star Week-end Magazine tomorrow. Miss Price has been writing her "Dear Mr. Mayor" column for a year now. In his reply the

Mayor writes about Johannesburg's golden future.

In contrast with Johannesburg, another feature deals with the people and problems of Groot Marico, the Herman Charles Bosman country.

The second in a series of articles on the S.A.A.F. tells of the Watussi exploit.

Percy Baneshik asks "Is South Africa's culture pop-heavy?"

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CHATTERBOX

By INGRID LEWIN

You could cut it with a knife

I didn't realise there were so many different American accents till I met the Martha Washingtons this week at their 67th birthday tea. Could have been in Wisconsin or Connecticut. But I was soon gently reminded I was in Johannesburg when I returned to my car and a traffic cop was carefully writing out a ticket for parking on the pavement.

I had no option. There was nowhere else to park outside "Clonmore", the home of Jean Loughlin in Cradock Avenue, Dunkeld. She was the hostess.

About 50 elegantly dressed women stood about her lounge and diningroom. Some were members of the Martha Washington Club and the guests were presidents and chairmen of every woman's organisation imaginable. Mayoress Doris Lewis was there too, telling everyone what a coincidence it was — her father came to Johannesburg from Scotland 67 years ago.

Despite all the important people it was a delightfully informal party.

After Mary Swingler of Berkley Avenue, Bryanston had made a short birthday speech the guests were introduced individually.

Among them were: Marjorie Frames of St. Andrews Street, Melrose, President of the Victoria League; Jean Stroobach of Cardiff Road, President of the Rand Women's Club; Marguerite Week of Grosvenor Road, Bryanston, Chairman of the Housewives League; Heloise Truswell, wife of the Dean of College House, Wits and chairman of the Wits University Goodwill Club who was desperately trying to find the recipe of the cheese cake; Nan Watson of Wallace Street, Waverley, Vice-Chairman of Child Welfare; Ann Zulman of Bristol Road, Parktown, Member of the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society; Mary Howard of Swemmer Road, Viewcrest, President of the National Council of Women; Marie Polack of 16th Street, Parkhurst, President of the Rand Women's Pioneers; Gwendolyn Moore of Argyll Avenue, Hurlingham, Chairman of Johannesburg Business and Professional Women's

Club, National Domestic Safety and Johannesburg Toastmistress; Ethel Balkind of Klip Street, Observatory Extension, Acting Chairman of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League; and Valerie Greenfield of Cecil Avenue, Melrose, Chairman of the Union of Jewish Women in South Africa.

Joan Conroy of 14th Avenue, Lower Houghton, ex New York, made sure that everyone had enough to eat and Betty Cranford of Somerset Hall, Central Avenue, Illovo, ex Connecticut and Margaret Legge of Brookwood, Hyde Park, ex Virginia, handled the tea and coffee with aplomb.

One of the Marthas, Helen Burger of Parklane, Parktown, told me she came to South Africa from Montana "long, long ago" and was almost a founder member of the club. With her was Polly Handrahan of Athol Oaklands Road, Melrose North, a Michiga-

nite who has been in South Africa "just a year". Marj White of Balmoral Avenue, Hurlingham told me she came from Virginia — "yeah, that's ma home".

French for fun

Big night at Redhill School next Tuesday. They're having a French evening and it sounds like fun.

Mollie Fisch of Forest Road, Athol tells me they're doing their best to capture a bistro atmosphere. There'll be French perfume for mademoiselle, and for monsieur a French toiletry. Everyone will sit at long refectory-type tables drinking French wine and enjoying a French cuisine.

The entertainers will be Garth Meade and folk singers Ian and Ritchie. Lesley Ritchfield will compete.

Tickets (R10 double) are available at the school.

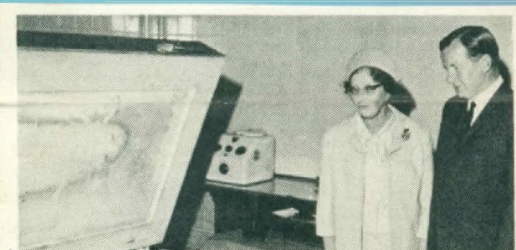


Top: Mary Swingler, President of the Martha Washington Club (left) with Mayoress Doris Lewis and Jean Loughlin at the 67th birthday party of the club held at the Dunkeld home of Mrs. Loughlin. Among the guests were (above): Valerie Greenfield, Ethel Balkind and Gwendolyn Moore.



Above (l. to r.): Mrs. Brenda Silberman of Houghton Drive, Houghton, Chairlady of the Woodside Sanctuary Home, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lawson and their daughter, Mrs. Wilma Turnbull, of Pallinghurst Road, Westdene at the R20-a-ticket charity opening of the "Top of the Town" restaurant on Tuesday night.

Mr. Lawson is Managing Director of Lawsons Centre, which is topped by the restaurant. The money raised was donated to Woodside Sanctuary.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg — Mr and Mrs Patrick Lewis — photographed during a visit to the Johannesburg Tissue Bank. They are inspecting the newly installed liquid nitrogen cabinet for storing tissue at a very low temperature, which was donated to the Bank by Afrox. AFRUX NEWS OCT. 1969.



Marie Polack, President of the Rand Women Pioneers, and Mary Hayward, President of the National Council of Women, at the Martha Washington Club's 67th birthday tea held at the Dunkeld home of Jean Loughlin.

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