



# New school formed for junior girls

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*Eveline High School as the first pupils saw it. The Allan Welsh Hall, opened in 1926, now stands in the foreground, but from the outside at least the original buildings remain practically unchanged.*

Education. Coins were also placed there by the Mayor, Councillor H. R. Barbour.

## junior girls

The following March the hall was opened by Sir Charles Coghlan, the Premier, who had been present at the school's opening ceremony.

who sent the Milton key to that school at the same time.

On December 19, 1925, Miss Langdon, the first Headmistress, resigned. She was succeeded by Miss Lilla Y. Pote, whose term of office lasted less than five years, after which Miss Lillian Burnet took her place.

Miss Margaret Swales, on behalf of the Old Girls' Association, gave the school a portrait of Lady Milton.

This tall, quiet woman was unfortunately destined to have an even shorter spell as head, for she died in 1935 — on the first day of the term which she was due to spend on leave.

The new Headmistress in 1936 was Miss S. L. T. Blake-way, who was soon faced with a major reorganisation of the school, due to the breaking away of the junior division.

### 25 YEARS

Miss E. C. Greenfield, a brilliant foundation pupil who had joined the staff some years earlier, was acting headmistress for a few months, during which the Silver Jubilee was celebrated. She then left to get married, and Miss Penelope Godon took her place until the end of the year.

Although the two halves remained under the same roof for the time being, the staffs were entirely separate, with Miss J. D. Morgan appointed head of the junior school.

At the same time the new "Modern Course" was introduced into Form I, which consisted of four classes, two of them Academic, and two Modern.

During the Silver Jubilee celebrations Mr. A. R. Welsh presented to the school the silver key with which Lady Milton had unlocked the doors 25 years previously. The presentation was made on behalf of her son, Mr. H. C. Milton,

The year 1938 was marked by one other memorable note — and a very noisy one. A swarm of bees descended on the whole senior school while it was assembled in the hall during a community singing period.

The buzzing bees and terrified girls produced sounds never before heard in community singing!

It was a frightening episode,

and many girls were stung. The following year the bees again swarmed into the hall during assembly, and stung many of the girls, although the list of casualties was not as long as before.

In December, 1938, the junior school ceased to be part of Eveline. It was moved over to Coghlan School, which was reorganised as the Bulawayo girls' junior school, with Miss Morgan as Head.

### NORTHWARD

Until Coghlan had its own hostel, however, the young boarders continued to live at Eveline. In 1939 they occupied Northward House, (so-called because of Rhodes' constant plea to his associates to "look North").

Eveline began its existence as a high school only with 239 day scholars and 126 boarders. The majority of forms were Academic, some Modern, and one Commercial.

At the end of 1939 Miss Blakeway left to take charge of the Girls' High School in Salisbury, and for the next 28 years the life of Eveline was shaped by two more outstanding Headmistresses, each of whom served the school with

complete dedication for 14 years.

They were Miss Penelope Gordon and Miss W. Powell. Each in her own way held before the school the ideal of service to others.

Miss Gordon was for years one of the leaders of the Girl Guide movement in Rhodesia and her dynamic personality spurred many a girl to surprising achievements, both in school and out.

### SOCIAL WORK

Miss Powell encouraged the girls to undertake social services which have earned the school the respect and gratitude of many individuals and organisations.

Since Miss Powell retired in 1968 her successor, Mrs. E. C. Burke, has carried on the tradition of service, together with the school's many others.

Close on 1,000 girls will celebrate Eveline's Diamond Jubilee Day. They will remember with pride its achievements in the classrooms and many fields of activity.

They know that the school's 60 years of history have exceeded the most optimistic hopes of those who watched it come into being on that winter's day so long ago.

## LIGHTER SIDE OF AN EPIDEMIC

A PART from the 1918 influenza epidemic, and outbreaks of scarlet fever, measles and chickenpox, the Eveline records have little to say about health troubles.

There is no mention of malaria, although when the schools were built, Bulawayo, like all sub-tropical towns then, was plagued by mosquitoes.

"They bit like rats and barked like dogs", one (early)

resident used to declare with rueful pride, and certainly at one stage Sir William Milton was reported to have refused to let a school be built in Borrow Sreet because the site was unhealthy.

Perhaps the strangest infection that ever attacked the school was a form of conjunctivitis which struck Langdon House about 1928. Although not serious, it kept a large number of girls away from the

classrooms for several days. It was comical to see groups of cheerful victims strolling or sitting about with heavily bandaged eyes — although they always made sure they could see where to put their feet, and to eat their food.

The treatment — drops of castor oil in the eyes — was painful and unpopular, but effective. Most of the invalids went — reluctantly — back to work in four or five days.

