

MEET THE BLACK SASH

Further Members of Northern Transvaal Regional Executive and Country Organisers



Mrs. TAYLOR



Mrs. LOMBARD

MRS. ZACKIE TAYLOR studied, and is a Demonstrator of, Domestic Science. She was the first woman to be elected Vice-Chairman of the Louis Botha Home, and is a Foundation Member of this home for orphans. She was organising Secretary for the W.S.A.P. at its inception and has worked for most charitable organisations in Pretoria.

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MRS. BETTIE LOMBARD was born at Bredasdorp in the Western Province, and came to live in Pretoria in 1933. She was educated at the Girl's High School in Pretoria and Potchefstroom, and afterwards worked at the Directorate of Demobilisation. She was married in 1946 and has one son of four months.

MRS. ESTELLE LANE grew up in the Eastern Free State and Basutoland. Marrying a Banker, she has lived in all the provinces of the Union, except Natal. Her first deep interest was the National Council of Women, and she became actively engaged in work for the S.A.W.A.S., Toc H and the S.A. Gifts and Comforts during the War. Her eldest son was wounded and captured at Sidi Rezegh, and her younger son, John, a S.A.A.F. Pilot, was killed in action over Alamein.

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MRS. BLANCHE MITCHELL is Chairman of the Tuinplaas-Settlers Branch. While her husband was on active service in World War II, Mrs. Mitchell ran their farm alone and educated their small son. At the same time she was Adjutant of the Nutfield Branch of the S.A.W.A.S. Since then she has served periods as Chairman and Secretary of the Women's Section of the Transvaal Agricultural Union in this area. Her son was awarded his M.A. degree at the beginning of the year.



Mrs. EALES



Mrs. SWART

MRS. YVONNE YORK EALES was born in Cape Town. During the war she was a Captain in the W.A.A.F. and held the responsible post of O.C.W.A.A.F. She assisted in the repatriation of wives and children of R.A.F. personnel, on the cessation of hostilities. For her services she was awarded the King's Commendation. Mrs. Eales, who has lived in Pretoria since her marriage, is the mother of two teenage daughters.

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MRS. M. E. SWART, of Potgietersrus, was born in London and educated at St. Felix School and Reading University. Owing to ill-health she left before qualifying for a degree and came to South Africa to convalesce. Here she met her husband, a farmer and also a worker at Zaaiplaats Tin Mine—so she is nowadays a farmer herself! She has been active in politics since the early days of the last war and joined the Black Sash soon after its inception. She has a grown up daughter and son, and two schoolgoing sons.



Mrs. LANE



Mrs. MITCHELL



MRS. MARGARET SIME was born in Johannesburg and educated at Roedeian School. She went to Studley College in England to take a course in Agriculture, returning later to manage her father's farm in the Northern Transvaal. She served in the W.A.A.F.'s for five years during the war, and then ran a small holding in the Cape Flats with three other ex-W.A.A.F.'s for a few years. She joined the Black Sash after an informal meeting held in an hotel bedroom by members from Pretoria after a first Black-Sashing of Mr. Strydom there—and has done magnificent work in the Northern Transvaal in opening up the country districts.

Mrs. LE ROUX

Mrs. CLOGG

MRS. PHILIPPA LE ROUX. People are her main interest. Perhaps this is as well, for she is a journalist by profession and works in Pretoria on the local branch of a Johannesburg newspaper. Curious by nature, she likes to know what makes people "tick" and why they work, think and act as they do. She also has a deep love of music and art, and is a keen gardener. Her son is aged 5½ years.

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MRS. SHEILA CLOGG looks after the News Letter distribution in Pretoria and the Northern Transvaal. Until quite recently she ran a small art shop. She has three daughters.



Mrs. SIME



English Hostess: "Now Mr. Strydom do tell us all about the dear Black Sash..."