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# YANKS AT RECEPTION AT REINET HOUSE

AT THE LOVELY WEDDING reception of Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rubidge, and David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beal, of the United States, set in the grounds of the historic Reinet House on Saturday, The Advertiser reporter had the chance of speaking to some of the Beal family who had travelled thousands of miles across land and sea to attend the bridal pair and rejoice with them on their happy day.

Unfortunately Mr. Beal suffered a heart attack shortly before the ceremony and was therefore unable to attend the reception.

He has done much for Moral Rearmament in the States and elsewhere and when in South Africa a few years ago met Mr. Nico Ferreira, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rubidge.

Mr. Beal has been a Rotarian for 40 years.

Miss Polly Beal, a brunette, whose whole face lights up

when she talks, comes from Los Angeles.

She graduated from Stanford University in California and is now the production manageress of the Moral Rearmament magazine, Pace.

She is in charge of the magazine from the time it is set for printing, through its various stages, until it is ready for sale. This is her first trip to South Africa.

Unfortunately she has only three weeks leave, but, with her quick and ready smile, said she liked what she had seen and hopes to return one day to see more of this country.

Mis Barbara Beal, attractively dressed in a lime-green and yellow frock is a nurse from Michigan. She also graduated from Stanford University.

She is working with clinics for the Moral Rearmament at Mackinac Island, in the Northern part of the States, which is a tourist attraction. This M.R.A. Centre has now become a four-year Liberal Arts College.

It is her first time out of the States and, like her sister, she is enjoying her visit to the Republic.

She is more fortunate in that she has six weeks holiday and is hoping to visit Cape Town and the Kruger National Park before she returns home.

Miss Beal explained that nursing training in the States differs from that here, in that there are several different courses from which a nurse-to-be can choose.

To be a State registered nurse one has to do a three-year course; a Diploma Nurse, which entails practical nursing with quite a lot of administrative work. To get a degree in nursing entails another two years at a University.

The ordinary bedside nursing is done by practical nurses, who take a one- or two-year course, and also do examinations.

She said that the powers-that-be are trying to get more uniformity in the training of nurses in the States.

Another attractive visitor from the States was Miss Kathleen Bohaker, who comes from Oxford, Maryland.

She graduated from Western University, Ohio, and is a full-

time worker for the M.R.A.

She took part in the very successful musical show "Sing out '66."

Miss Bohaker came to South Africa in April and was invited by Miss Charlotte Daniel, daughter of the Springbok rugby player, George Daniel, to help with the organisation of the South African musical show "Springbok Stampede" which was much enjoyed when it was staged here in Graaff-Reinet in July.

She took part in the show and enjoyed touring with it, and hopes to do more in this line.

Another M.R.A. worker who comes from far afield and who

attended the wedding was Miss Jane Hopcraft.

She is originally from Kenya, but has been in South Africa for some time and is no stranger to many Graaff-Reinetters.

She was asked by special request to sing at the reception.

Her choice was "Water for a Thirsty Land," which was one of the theme songs from "Springbok Stampede."

Her lovely voice, as clear as a bell, was a joy to hear.

Miss Hopcraft, who was the musical director of the above-mentioned musical show, is a graduate of the Royal College of Music, London.