

# Newspaper items about Jessie Goldie Matheson

- There are numerous newspaper items about Jessie Goldie Matheson when she was a child and young adult before she got married.
- It was a tight social group with many of the same names repeatedly mentioned in the newspaper:-
  - The McLean boys (Alf, Ben & Jack) – also Lorna
  - Gordon S Davidson who later became a senator in the Federal Parliament and wrote the introduction to the big red book “Donald & Christina McLean and their descendants”
  - LB Young who later married Jessie.
  - Her aunty Isabel Matheson, who was the teacher.
- The newspaper items indicate that Jessie must have been a vivacious child with interests in performance (music, drama and recitation) and sports – as well as being a good organizer with social skills.

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- “25 years ago, ie, May 1918 - Angus Plains : Empire Day was held in the schoolroom on Friday. Mr. Warren occupied the chair. Addresses were given by the Rev. G. C. Love, Mr. Mac. Cheriton, and Mr. Matheson. Miss Aileen Leslie and Jessie Matheson unveiled the framed photos of the King and Queen, and Master Ken Giles gave a recitation.” (ref: 27<sup>th</sup> May 1943, p5)
- “Angus Plains, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> : The most successful bazaar ever held here took place last Saturday afternoon and evening. The bazaar was opened by the well-known lady, Mrs. McLennan, from Adelaide, who gave an excellent address which was much appreciated. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations and ferns by two little girls (Jessie Matheson and Aileen Leslie). The stalls were very attractive, with all kinds of good things. Miss Grace Butler came in for a good deal of praise, her stall, representing a large ship with an aeroplane on top, beautifully got up. Miss Matheson had the fancy stall, that too was exceedingly pretty and loaded with useful and choice articles. Then came the flower stall and a bran pie dip, which was soon emptied by the children, each one anxiously waiting to see what his parcel contained. In the evening the votes in connection with the 1d. vote competition were counted. Mrs Dodd's baby coming first with 1,500, which she collected. Mrs. Warren's 2nd with 1,080 votes collected by Miss Muriel Leslie, Mrs. Butler's baby had 468 votes, and Mrs. Giles's baby 120 votes. All votes counted realized over £12, which was very gratifying for the collectors. The Girls's Guild has been working the whole year under Miss I.C. Matheson's care and had made a lovely lot of things. After supper games were indulged in, and the remainder of articles disposed of by Mr. Hill, who acted as auctioneer. The whole affair was a very great success, and great credit was due to the people of Angus Plains, who raised very close on £40, half of the proceeds to be given to Pt. George Mission and half to the Red Cross. The stallholders consisted of - Sweet and produce, Mesdames. Butler, Brooks, Hill, Leslie, and McLean ; fancy stall, Misses Matheson and Tanner; bran pie. Misses Fiveash and Leslie; flower stall, Misses May Matheson and Butler.” (ref: Southern Argus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1918)
- At the Angus school breakup on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1921, Jessie received a prize for highest marks in the weekly exams. (ref: Southern Argus, 5<sup>th</sup> January 1922, p3)
- “Angus Plains : A social to present prizes won by the scholars of the above school at the Southern Juvenile Exhibition was held in the school hall on Thursday evening, May 15<sup>th</sup>, when a large number of parents and friends assembled. Miss Jessie Matheson played the overture, after which the children staged an Empire pageant, the dominions being represented as follows : — Britannia, Rhoda Fischer : England. Joyce Warren ; Wales, Mary Rose ; Scotland, Donald Warren ; Ireland, Angus Davidson ; Africa, Alfred McLean ; Canada, Marjorie Warren ; India, Gwen Fischer ; Australia, Dorothy Rose ; New Zealand, Jack McLean ; Labrador, Phillip Kempe and Rita Young ; page, Angus Warren; and herald Harry Young. The children attired in their national costumes and their rendering oi patriotic songs reflected great credit on their teacher (Miss I. Matheson; Master Gordon Davidson, who accompanied the children in their songs and dances, then played a pianoforte solo. The chairman then presented the prizes: Grade 7, Work box, Rhoda Fischer and Leah Rose ; grade 7, manual work, D. Warren ; grade 7, neat work book, R. Fischer ; grade 6, manual work, Harry Young and Angus Davidson. During the evening flowers were sold and as a result 10/- was forwarded to the unemployed fund. Games and supper concluded an enjoyable evening.” (ref: Southern Argus, 29<sup>th</sup> March 1930, p3)

- “A social in connection with the newly formed Angas Plains Tennis Club was held in the school hall on Friday evening last, when the president (Mr. L. C. Kempe) presided over a large attendance. Musical items were rendered by Miss **Jessie Matheson** and Master **Gordon Davidson**, and elocutionary items by Miss Rhonda Butcher (Adelaide) and Master **Shirley Cheriton**. Games and competitions were then indulged in, and supper and dancing brought an enjoyable evening to a close. During the evening a cake was won by Mr. S. Davidson and with the takings at the door a successful amount was obtained.” (ref: Southern Argus (Port Elliott), 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1931, p3)
- “On August 20<sup>th</sup> a social evening, in aid of the [Angas Plains] Tennis Club was held, the programme having been arranged by some of the young folk. The school master, Mr. Ware, and his wife, are live wires and ready to help in every way. Items were given by Miss **Jessie Matheson**, Mr Ron Eichner, Master **Len Young**, Miss Jean Rose. Mrs. M. J. Meyer (Finniss), and Mrs Ware. Quartettes and several items by the 'Coons' (Messrs. Ware, Eichner, **H. Matheson** and **Young**) caused great merriment. An excellent dialogue, 'Apartments to Let,' was well given by Misses **Jessie Matheson**, Ethel Rose, Maisie Fisher and Mrs. Ware. Mr. L. C. Kempe was chairman. Supper was provided, and games and a few dances followed, music being supplied by Misses Lynette Dodd, **Lorna McLean** and **J. G. Matheson**.” (ref: Southern Argus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1931, p 3) – **Lorna McLean is referred to on page 325 of the Donald & Christina McLean Book.**
- “A most enjoyable social evening was spent in the Angas Plains schoolroom last Friday night. Funds were in aid of Miss **Jessie Matheson**, who is a candidate in a queen competition in connection with the Tennis Club. An excellent programme was supplied by Messrs. R. Johnston, Jack Blackwell, Eric Cross .and Misses Maxine Blackwell, Addie Ritchie and Dulcie Davis. A vote of thanks WU passed to the visitors by Mr. **H. Matheson**, who presided. A confetti dance, which caused much fun, was won by Mr Angas Davidson and Miss **Lorna McLean**, and a lucky spot by Mr Claude Moar, and Miss Kathleen Warren. Supper was served in the schoolhouse. There was a good attendance, despite boisterous weather. The next social will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>.” (ref: Southern Argus, 4<sup>th</sup> August 1932, p2)
- “On Thursday evening last, in the Angas Plains School, the residents entertained Miss **Jessie Matheson** on the occasion of her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Songs, recitations and dancing provided a pleasant past time. Mr L.C. Kempe, on behalf of those assembled, presented the guest with a gold key pattern brooch. **Mr. Matheson**, on behalf of his daughter, responded. Supper was served and the singing of she's s jolly good fellow concluded a pleasant evening. “ (ref: Southern Argus (Port Elliott), 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1932, p3)
- “Milang : A surprise party was tendered Miss **Jessie Matheson**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. A. Matheson**, of Angas Plains, to celebrate her coming of age. A gold key brooch was presented to **Miss Matheson** by Mr. L. C. Kempe, on behalf of those present. Mr. R. Wyman also spoke. Items were given by Messrs. G. Davidson, **L. Young**, and S. Cheriton, Misses Stella Higgins, Dorothy Pearson. Thelma Jolly. Owen Moar, Beryl Thompson, and Beryl Willshire, and Mr. M. Ware, and Mr. R. Elchner. Dance music was supplied by Messrs. **G. Davidson**, R. Elchner and Miss B. Willshire.” (ref: Adelaide Advertiser, 1<sup>st</sup> June 1932, p7)
- “Milang : A social was held in the Angas Plains schoolroom the proceeds being in aid of Miss **Jessie Matheson**, who is a candidate in a queen competition, which is being held to raise funds for tennis courts. A concert party from Strathalbyn gave the programme. The performers were Miss Maxine Blackwell, Miss A. Ritchie, and Messrs. R. Johnston and J. Blackwell. Miss Davis and Mr. E. Cross also assisted. The visiting performers played for the dancing. Messrs. **G. Davidson** and D. Schemmell assisting. A lucky spot dance was won by Mr. C. Moar and Miss K. Warren, and a confetti dance by Master A. Davidson and Miss **Lorna McLean**. Mr. **Hugh Matheson** was M.C. Supper was served.” (ref: Adelaide Advertiser, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1932, p13)
- “A tennis club has been formed at Angas Plains, with the following officials. Patron, Mr. Arthur Davidson; president. Mr. L. C. Kempe; vice-presidents. Messrs. S. Davidson. L. Eichner and D. B. Warren; secretary. Miss **Jessie Matheson**; treasurer Mr. **G. Davidson**; executive committee, Messrs. L.C Kempe. S. Davidson, D.B. Warren, **H. Matheson**, and G. Vivian; social committee. the president, secretary, and Mesdames L. C. Kempe. A. M. Ware, G. Vivian. S. Davidson. Misses E. Rose. G. Warren. **L. McLean**. Messrs. **H. Matheson**, **G. Davidson**, and R. Eichner.” (ref: Adelaide Advertiser, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 1932, p12)
- “The newly formed tennis club, at Angas Plains, held its first tournament at Easter. It was an American tournament of mixed doubles. The winners were Mrs. L. C. Kempe and Master Angas Davidson who defeated Miss **Jessie Matheson** and Mr. A. M. Ware. A supplementary tournament was won by Miss Molly Rose and Mr. Donald Warren, who defeated Mts. L C. Kempe and Master Angas Davidson.” (ref: Adelaide Advertiser, 21<sup>st</sup> April 1933, p19)

- “Milang : The annual meeting of the girls' hockey club was held in the Institute. Officers elected: — President. Mrs. B. C. Merrett; vice-presidents. Messrs. W. R. Daniel. G. Willshire. F. W. Dunk. W. S. Day. P. W. Woodrow. H. Pearson: captain. Miss Thelma Jolly: vice-captain, Miss **Jessie Matheson**: secretary. Miss Edna Rowden; committee Miss Eva Cremer. Mrs. H. Stewart. Miss R. Howard. Mrs. A. B. White. Mrs. B. C. Merrett and girls of the club.” (ref: The Adelaide Advertiser, 8<sup>th</sup> May 1933, p13)
- “Milang : Miss Stella Higgins arranged a social in the Institute on Saturday evening, and it was well attended. The early part of the evening was set aside for the children's enjoyment, games, etc., being arranged for them. A concert followed, when musical numbers were given by Messrs. **G. Davidson**, Riley Bros., Misses B. and H. Strout, **Jessie Matheson**, Roma Young, Gaynor Merrett and Mavis Schmoock, and songs by Misses Margaret Scott and Mollie Daniel, and a Highland Fling by school children, and an action song by the boys, accompanists being Misses M. Daniel and H. Strout, and Mrs. Beatty. A dance followed, when music was supplied by Mrs. Beatty, Mr. J. L. Daniel giving assistance. Mr. C Rankin was M.C. A Monte Carlo dance was won by Miss Stella Higgins and Mr. M. J. Whitely. Supper was in charge of Mrs. H. A. Higgins and Mrs. E. Bowden, senr.” (ref: Southern Argus, 25<sup>th</sup> May 1933, p3)
- “Miss **Jessie Matheson** arranged a social at Angas Plains on Friday evening in aid of the same competition. Mr. L. C. Kempe presided. Musical and elocutionary items were given by Mr. and Miss Pearce (Belvidere), Mr. **G. Davidson** and Miss Molly Daniels. Supper was in charge of Miss **Jessie Matheson** and Mrs. A. M. Ware.” (ref : Southern Argus, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1933, p4)
- “The 57th anniversary of the Milang Branch of the Band of Hope Society was celebrated on Thursday evening last, when a social was held in the Institute. In the absence of the president (Mr. S. H. Goldsworthy), the chair was taken by Rev. J. R. Digance. The proceedings opened with a trio by Misses Beryl Willshire and Elva Cremer and Mrs. Beatty. A Highland Fling was given by Misses Joyce Pearson and Doreen Pullbrook, Miss Pearson also contributing a sailor's hornpipe later in the evening. Recitations by Misses **Jessie Matheson** and Gaynor Merrett, and a mandolin selection by Master W. Riley. The children contributed a 'Medical Sketch,' and a Highland Schottische was danced by the girls. Competitions were won by Miss Thelma Hill, and Brian and Veronica Graney. Games were played by the people, and supper, in charge of Mrs. S. Noles, served. A very enjoyable evening was spent.” (ref: Southern Argus, 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 1933, p3)
- “MILANG In the Angas Plains school, a concert was given by the school children and others. The chairman of the school committee (Mr. L. C. Kempe) presided. The children were trained by the head teacher (Mr. A. M. Ware) and Mrs. Ware. Items Included action songs, recitations, and dances, given by Joyce Warren. Joy Elchner. **Alfred McLean**, Marjorie Warren. **Jack McLean**. Dorothy Rose, Rita Young, Henry Rove, Phillip Kempe, Leslie Moar, Colin Wyman. **Ben McLean**, and Angas Warren. Assistance was given by Messrs. **Gordon Davidson**, **L. Young**. Misses J. Rose and **Jessie Matheson**. Supper was served, and a dance followed.  
At the annual meeting of the Angas Plains tennis club, Mr. Arthur Davidson was elected patron; president. Mr. L. C. Kempe: secretary. Miss **Jessie Matheson** : treasurer. Mr. **Gordon Davidson**: auditor . Mr. D. B. Warren. **Miss Matheson** has since resigned, and Mr. **Gordon Davidson** has been appointed in her place.” (ref : Adelaide Advertiser, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1933, p 30)
- “PRESBYTERIAN CONCERT: An enjoyable concert was held in St. Andrew's Hall on Wednesday night, April 4th, when a good programme of items, arranged by Mrs. A. Mugg, was given those present. The proceeds were for the Sunday School, and the Superintendent, Mr. J. S. Richardson, presided. The following contributed to the programme — overture, Miss Faith Harvey, Mus. Bac.; song, Mr. R. P. Johnston; recitation, Miss **Jessie Matheson**; song, Miss M. Mugg; xylophone solo, Mr. Jack Blackwell (accompanied on the piano by Mrs Blackwell); pianoforte solo, Mr **Gordon Davidson**; the delightful Gypsy scene offered was composed by the concert organiser, Mrs. Mugg, and was a much appreciated item. There were three girls and two boys from the Sunday School in the scene, and others who appeared were Misses L Joy, E. Mugg and A. Burgess. Miss E. Mugg rendered the solo, 'Play Fiddle, Play' and Mr. J Blackwell accompanied on his violin, and Miss Burgess sang "Gypsy's Warning'. A one-act play entitled, 'A nice quiet morning' caused much, laughter. The cast included Mrs. A. Mugg, Miss Hilje Goed, Messrs. S. Cheriton, R. P. Johnston, M., J. and C. Brideson and K Griffin. The Rev. A. Rose Dean, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to those responsible for the evening's programme. Mr. L. B. Joy was in charge of the door, and the ladies of the Sunday School attended to the decorations, which were a feature of the concert.” (ref: Southern Argus, 12<sup>th</sup> April 1934, p3)

- “A concert arranged by Mesdames W. C. Taverner and C. Jolly was held in the Lake Plains school in aid of school funds. Mr. S. Borrett presided over a good attendance. The programme was opened with an overture by Mr **Gordon Davidson**, who also contributed other musical items. Solos were sung by Miss Molly Daniel, and Messrs. M. and E. Pearce, Mrs. Beatty singing two comic songs; a trio by Misses **Jessie Matheson**, Jean Ross and Edna Horton; a male quartette by Messrs Stacey, Pratt and Pearce (2) ; humorous recitations by Miss Joyce Pearce, and Mr. E. Pearce; recitations were also given by **Mr. L. Young** and Miss Jean Rose. A sketch by members of the Lake Plains Dramatic Club was included in the programme. A dance followed, Mrs. S. Borrett, Miss J. Borrett, Mrs. Beatty and Mr. **G. Davidson** supplying music. Mr. S. Borrett was M.C. Supper was served.” (ref: Southern Argus, 31<sup>st</sup> May 1934, p3)
- “Milang : The committee of the Bremer (Milang) branch of the District Trained Nursing Society is arranging an appeal on Easter Saturday, when a sports meeting will be held. — In the B grade final of Alexandra. Association, held at Angas Plains. Lake Plains (minor premiers) was defeated by Bremer (Langhorne's Creek). Lake Plains will challenge Bremer at Angas Plains on Saturday next. — To assist the funds of the Angas Plains club, the committee arranged for afternoon tea to be sold. Those assisting were Mesdames S. G. Rose. D. B. Warren. Sinclair. Davidson, and L. C. Kempe. Misses G. K. Warren, E. J. and M. Rose. Kathleen Noar. and **Jessie Matheson**. —A dance was held in the Belvidere Memorial Hall in aid of Angas Plains Tennis Club, when music was supplied by tie Scarlet Dandies (Mount Barker) — The Milang Tennis Club has decided to hold Easter tournaments again this year. — In aid of the Milang Cricket Club, a euchre tournament and dance were held in the institute hall. Mrs. M. J. Ross and Mr. **A. Matthews** tied for the prize, which they divided. Music for dancing was played by Miss Mollie Daniel, and Mr. H. Ladner was M.C.” Adelaide Advertiser, 13<sup>th</sup> March 1935, p15
- “Angas Plains: A successful concert was held on Friday, November 22nd, in aid of the Port Adelaide Presbyterian Christmas Relief. It was organised by Miss **Jessie Matheson**, and she was assisted by Misses G. and Kathleen Warren. The items which were given by the Sunday School scholars, were excellent and varied. They consisted of recitations, songs and choruses. Dutch, Indian and nursery rhyme characters were well done, and a one act play, 'A House to Let,' was also included. The scholars taking part in the concert were **Rita and Helen Young**, Joyce and Marjorie Warren, Joy Eichner, Betty Stretton, Mary Heath, Angus Warren, **Alfred, Jack and Ben McLean**, Reg. McVicar and Fay Jolly. Other items were given by Miss R. Hender and Messrs. **H. Young** and **G. Davidson**. A one-act farce was given by the Fellowship members, entitled 'The Obstructive Hat,' and those taking part were Misses K. Warren and **J. Matheson**, Messrs R. Eichner, **A. Matheson**, **L and H. Young**, D. Warren and **A. McLean**. At the conclusion of the programme the Rev. A. Ross Dean moved a vote of thanks to Miss Matheson and her scholars for the fine concert. This was carried with prolonged acclamation. A dainty supper was served, and terminated a successful and enjoyable evening.” (ref: Southern Argus, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1935, p3)
- “Mr. **L. B. Young**, of Milang, has been appointed by the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, as an assistant in the work of the Aboriginal Missions. Mr. Young will be married to Miss **Jessie G. Matheson**, of Angas Plains, at an early date, and will leave Adelaide on September 27 by train for Perth, and thence by boat for Port George IV., Western Australia, to begin work at Kunmunya Mission, which was established by the Rev. J. R. B. Love. Mr. Love is at present inaugurating the Musgrave Ranges Mission at Ernabella. S.A., and will return to Kunmunya next March.” (ref: Adelaide Chronicle, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1937, p14)
- “Farewell at Angas Plains : All parts of the district were represented in the very large crowd that gathered in the schoolroom on Thursday evening last for the social tendered to Miss Jessie Matheson and Mr. **L. B. Young**, on the eve of their marriage and departure for Western Australia. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the large crowd present was a testimony of the popularity of the young couple. Mr. D. B. Warren, who presided, apologised for the absence of the Rev. A. Ross Dean, and made eulogistic references regarding the guests of the evening. He wished them God-speed, health and happiness, and on behalf of the residents of the district, presented them with a handsome cabinet of cutlery **Mr. Y und and Mr. A. D. Matheson** both responded, and thanked those present for their kindness. Other speakers during the evening were Messrs. L. H. Moar (Mutual Improvement Society). T. Q. Rose (Tennis Club) and **G. S. Davidson** (P.F.A. and Sunday School). Community singing was enjoyed, and supper was served.” (ref: Southern Argus, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1937, p5)

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