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MANY Faringdon people will feel an era has ended with the death at her Devon home of Miss - Anstace Moore, aged 88.

From 1910 - 1956, Miss Moore was head of Faringdon's County Grammar School for Girls while Faringdon was still located in the Royal County of Berkshire.

She had succeeded Miss Buntels as head of the original private school set up at Dundas House and did much to create what later became well known as 'The Elms'.

Inheriting 60 pupils — and the forceful, formidable character of a late-Victorian — Miss Moore had built up a roll-call of 500 girls when she retired in 1956.

She supervised building extensions carried out by A. E. Baker & Sons to ensure the new blocks were in character with the old house — with such success it's difficult now for newcomers to the town to define the difference.

A keen gardener, Miss Moore turned her attention to the rear of the school buildings, developing the borders and rock-garden under the famed cedar-tree which dominates the old garden.

Recalls Miss Grizel Bell, a grammar school teacher during Miss Moore's time: "She was always prepared to help staff and pupils.

"Her high moral and academic standards influenced all who worked with her and many old girls and staff will always remember with gratitude the training they received under her leadership."

Miss Moore became a JP in 1937 and was chairman of the juvenile court.

During the war, she ran a successful boarding hostel for evacuee and refugee children and always continued to take an interest in their progress in later years. She was awarded the OBE in 1953.



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