

MRS JILL M. READ

Mrs Jill M. Read, the senior Technical Editor of *Animal Production*, died on 4 November 1983 at the early age of 51.

Jill was a graduate in zoology (with first-class honours) of the University of Liverpool, held a postgraduate diploma in animal genetics from the University of Edinburgh and, until her marriage in 1957, worked with the Animal Breeding Research Organisation as a wool biologist. Through Dr Gerald Wiener, the first Senior Editor, she became associated with *Animal Production* in the early 1960s and continued to contribute to the technical editing of the journal until her death. For the last 2 years she had overall responsibility for the preparation of the journal for publication.

Together with her knowledge of animal science, she had a concern with clarity of presentation and an attention to detail, with a necessary sense of fun, that made her ideally suited to the onerous task of technical editing. The scientific Editors, the Publications Committee and the many authors who have benefited greatly from her efforts are much in her debt.