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## Editorial

THE dead brown leaves flutter slowly down to earth. The chill wind moans quietly through the dark beech trees, whose long black limbs reach appealingly upwards to an opaque sky. The Chapel bell, whose note carries far in the clear air, tolls the knell of the parting year.

All around are sounds and signs of Winter; the poignant reek of the bonfire, the mournful cawing of the crows wheeling slowly under the mighty vault of the sky, the rustle of dead leaves crushed unresistingly underfoot, the sudden flash of red as a squirrel darts eagerly up the trunk of a tree, and the feeble red glow of the sun, sinking slowly, relentlessly down—down behind the hills, dimmer and dimmer with each succeeding day. All around is change and decay. Earth appears to have lost the art of living; she seems indeed, with an almost audible sigh, to have turned over and gone to sleep.

Nature may be at low ebb, but life is still strong and vigorous. Christmas, with its spirit of goodwill, comes to cheer us through the long winter night, and already one term is nearly over. The weeks now past have brought to some pleasure, and to others sorrow. For some, September was the beginning of a new life, and for others, it was the first page of a last chapter; but for all of us, it was the beginning of the new school year, the year 1952-53—a year that can be different, one in which a new spirit can arise in the school,

“Which, taken at the flood”,  
will lead to great achievements.

## School Notes and Notices

IN September two new masters joined the staff: Mr. H. M. E. Haines, from St. Andrews University, who teaches History and Mathematics, and Mr. R. Heron, from Cambridge, who represented his university at Athletics and Rugger. He is taking charge of P.T. and athletics throughout the school and helping with rugger.

In May, Miss V. W. Moffat became Matron of the newly separated Riley House. Miss A. W. Ireland joined the staff in September as Sister in place of Nurse Anderson, and Miss B. M. H. Ross is the new Senior School Matron, in succession to Miss Pinkney, who has gone to a post in England. We are grateful for her good work for the school, and our best wishes go with her.

Work on the new building is going ahead well. Provided that the weather does not become too unfavourable, the roof should be on before the New Year and, if so, there is a good chance of the building being ready for use in the Summer Term.

It is situated in the old garden beside the dining-hall and consists of separate common-room and study accommodation for each of the four senior houses. It is hoped to provide studies for 80 to 100 boys, and this will be a marked improvement. Seniors in future will be able to enjoy some privacy and immunity from the usual disturbances of communal prep.

Even this year it has been possible to give each House a separate common-room. Nicol and Freeland occupy the two halves of the old Senior common-room over the stripping-rooms, while Simpson and Ruthven have a third of the old Middle school common-room (now partitioned), the other portion of which is now a Simpson dormitory. The Saloon is temporarily the Senior common-room, now composed chiefly of sixth formers.

In the Easter Term, 1951, two hockey pitches were laid out on the Paddock. This term the experiment has been repeated, with one pitch on the Lawn and the other on the Paddock. Under the guidance of Mr. Haines, most boys now have at least one game per week, and it is intended to raise a scratch eleven to play other schools next term if the standard attained warrants this. The Lawn, which usually goes into hibernation with the close of the cricket season, has thus been vested with new Winter life.

Not for many years has the House Championship been so closely contested. The four Houses started the year on almost equal terms, and right until the last tie of the Cricket League the issue was still in doubt. The flags went eventually to Simpson, who just managed to beat Ruthven.

This term the Junior House League rugby games have been very keenly contested, and it is good to see them being taken so seriously with preliminary coaching.

This term saw the reappearance, after a lapse of almost two years, of a small band devoted to swing music and the lighter



SCHOOL GATES — R. A. SHAW.

types of jazz. Plans for this enterprise had been under discussion for some months, but not until this term was it felt that a successful group might be formed: a sextet comprising two clarinets, trumpet, piano, bass and drums.

The band is not playing in opposition to the School Orchestra. Most of the players are already members of the Orchestra, and consequently all rehearsing is done in spare time. It is hoped that by next term the sextet will be proficient enough to present a popular programme for those interested in swing music.

This term has seen the introduction of another new society—the Film and Film Strip Society, under the Honorary Presidency of Mr. Greig. The object of the society is to promote an interest in films, mainly of a documentary variety.

The Chess and Stamp Clubs, also the Art Society, continue to meet in the Activities Period every week, as also do all the other societies which are not reported on elsewhere in the magazine.

The passage of time is marked in the dining-hall by the Honours Boards. The Dux Board is now completely filled, and the Sports Champion, Rugby and Cricket Captain's Boards have only space for one more year.

Last term, after the General Certificate Examination, all candidates paid a visit to the Carrongrove Paper Mill, Denny. A most enjoyable and interesting day was spent, in which the whole process of paper manufacture was revealed. We are very grateful to the managing director, himself an Old Strathallian, for his hospitality, and also to all the assistants who gave up so much of their time to act as guides.

In June, a party of South African schoolboys, on a caravan tour of Britain, paid a visit to the School. They stopped for two nights, and during their stay at Strathallan they watched the First Eleven, bathed in the School Pond, and saw the various School Activities.

It is intended to have Volume Four of *The Strathallian* bound by Wood's of Perth. Would all Old Strathallians who are interested send their loose copies to the Secretary at School. The cost is not yet known.

At the end of next term, on the evening of the 31st March, the Dramatic and Operatic Society will present for the benefit of parents and friends the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera, "The Mikado".

## Examination Results

### Scottish Leaving Certificate, 1952

The following were successful in various subjects:

Baird, K. A.	Leishman, R. B.	Millar, A. C.
Duncan, A. C. I.	Little, R. S.	Paterson, J. M.
Gowans, S. I.	Macintyre, I. G.	Pottie, A. D.
Grant, R. M. D.	Marshall, L. D.	Raitt, C. J. C.
Hamilton, J. S. H.	McCreadie, C.	Urquhart, L. M.
Hood, J. D.	McMillan, W. A.	

### University of Cambridge General Certificate of Education, 1952

#### Advanced Level

Guthrie, I. M.

#### Ordinary Level

The following obtained certificates in four or more subjects:

Allardice, F. M.	Hamilton, J. S. H.	Padkin, J. F.
Barbour, R. M.	Hofstetter, J.	Philip, R. G. M.
Bendell, M. N.	Hood, J. D.	Pottie, A. D.
Butler, A.	Leishman, R. B.	Raitt, C. J. C.
Cullen, D.	Little, R. S.	Roger, W. P.
Davidson, P.	Lochtie, I. M.	Scott, F. M.
Duncan, A. C. I.	Macintyre, I. G.	Sinclair, J. H.
Durie, J. W.	McBain, R. M.	Smith, E. J. E.
Edwards, W. M.	McCreadie, C.	Stirrat, J. P.
Gilmour, E. F. C.	McMillan, W. A.	Stuart, H. L.
Gowans, S. I.	Marshall, L. D.	Tait, W. G.
Grant, R. M. D.	Millar, A. C.	Urquhart, L. M.
Gray, R. A.	Orr, K. C. L.	



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## Founder's Day

**Saturday, 28th June**

THE service in memory of our Founder, held in the school chapel in the forenoon, was most impressively and ably conducted by the Rev. A. Cameron, B.D. His well-chosen words, the appropriate setting and the delightful singing of the school choir made this a memorable occasion for the O.S.s present.

The Headmaster and the Chairman of the Governors led the procession to the grave in the village churchyard, where wreaths were laid by the Vice-President for the Club, and by the School Captain representing the School. The Rev. Cameron conducted a short service at the graveside.

After a sumptuous fork luncheon provided by the School for the O.S.s in the library, the opposing teams prepared to do battle.

Youthful enthusiasm easily won the relay but age and experience reversed the decision at tennis and the points were level. The cricket was drawn, but we might not immodestly

claim a moral victory in that event. The School Captain deserved great praise for carrying his bat and playing out time to give his side a share in the points. The swimming relay race was won in good time by the School and the water polo drawn at 3 goals each.

The Headmaster presented the Cup to the School and the Vice-President in accepting the wooden spoon voiced the sentiments of all when he said it had truly been a great day's sport. He complimented the School teams on their ability and congratulated them on their splendid victory.

## Chapel Notes

ON Sunday, June 28th, the Rev. W. Campbell, an Old Strathallian, dedicated the new Chapel furniture at a very simple but moving service.

Our increased numbers have made the seating accommodation so cramped that some boys have now to sit in the vestry during the services. This is, of course, disappointing, and we look forward to the time when the Chapel can be enlarged so that all may worship together. It is hoped that the Chapel Fund may be gradually built up, so that such an extension can be undertaken. We should like to thank all those who came to preach to us during the term, and to assure them of our gratitude for this service.

The School Carol Service will be held on Sunday, December 14th, the last Sunday of term.

J.A.G.

## Scout Notes

"A SCOUT smiles and whistles under all difficulties"—sometimes the eighth law seems to be the greatest difficulty of all. One lone Scouter submerged under forty smilers and whistlers milling around, came perilously near to losing his sanity as well as his temper. Not all knots are made for untying, and this one was cut—we have retained only those who were Second Class Scouts or very nearly so, and now with ten boys well established on the road to First Class we should find the difficulties much less formidable. Badge Tests are being tackled intelligently and successfully, and before very long the roll of Queen's Scouts ought to need extension.

L.G.

## Literary and Debating Society

THERE have been two debates so far this term. In the first one, the House debated whether professional soccer was an evil thing or not. Mr. Burnet opened the attack by indicating the harmful effects it had on players, spectators and pool-fillers. Although he recognised the merits of the game itself, it was debased by the fact that it was now more a business than a sport. Mr. Potts then rose to champion the game, and managed to put up a spirited and witty defence, wherever his real sympathies lay. R. A. Gray seconded the motion, and H. L. Stuart seconded the opposition. Among those who spoke from the floor, supporters of Celtic and Rangers threw various verbal bottles at the speakers, but the motion was carried fairly comfortably.

On November 5th the House held a debate to decide in which of the three Armed Services it would prefer to serve. The speakers spent rather too much time sniping at the opposition, and rather too little bringing out the good points of their own service. The result was closer than might have been expected, the Air Force winning with twenty votes, the Navy coming second with fifteen, and the Army close behind with fourteen. The Army was recommended by A. C. Millar, the Air Force by C. McCreadie, and the Navy by J. D. Hood.

D.E.Y.

## Music Notes

SINCE the last appearance of these notes in June, parties have attended several concerts in Perth. In September about thirty boys went to a concert given by the Scottish National Orchestra. It was interesting to hear this orchestra under its new conductor, Dr. Karl Rankl, who is newly arrived in Scotland from Covent Garden. Unfortunately the concerto (Tchaikovsky's No. 1, with Colin Horsley as soloist) was painfully unrehearsed, and Dr. Rankl seemed out of sympathy with the Beethoven 8th Symphony. However, the Tannhauser Overture which concluded the concert was first class, and showed the orchestra's and the conductor's true potentialities. This overture had already become a firm favourite with many in the School, and its appearance in this programme was most fortunate.

Other smaller parties have been to concerts by the Bolzano Trio, and the Perth Madrigal Choir with Richard Lewis (tenor). In addition, all those who are in any way connected with the production of "The Mikado", which is to be performed here in March, attended a performance of this opera in Edinburgh on November 15th, given by the D'Oyly Carte Company.





PORTENCROSS — C. MCCREADIE

As a result of an appeal made to all parents during the Summer Holidays, over £150 has been raised for the Music Fund, and in addition several violins have been presented to the School. The response to this appeal has been most gratifying, and already it has enabled us to buy three additional clarinets, and to start a class on this instrument. We are expecting to buy a couple of flutes shortly, and it is hoped to be able to start a similar flute class next term.

In the Associated Board Examinations in July, J. M. Duncan gained a credit for pianoforte in Grade IV.

D.E.C.

## Photographic Society

As usual, at the beginning of a new school year, the Society has gained a fresh influx of members, all of whom we hope will show as keen an interest in our activities as those who have now left.

We bade farewell at the end of last term to many of our senior members, among them I. F. B. Stewart, our President. The Society continues under the Honorary Presidency of Mr. M. S. Maxwell, with I. G. Macintyre as President and R. A. Shaw as Treasurer.

I.G.M.





ARRAN FROM AYRSHIRE COAST — C. MCCREADIE.

## Radio Club

THE scope of the work now undertaken by the School wood-workshops has become so great that the Radio Club again becomes an orphan. Our own workshop has moved next door, and is now amalgamated with the Aeromodelling Club.

Our numbers this year are small, but we are busily engaged in building a one-valve set of slightly more advanced design than previously. Once more we appeal to anyone possessing old but still serviceable parts to pass them on to us.

J.A.G.

## Combined Cadet Force

### Army and Basic Sections

THIS term has seen a big increase in our numbers. The contingent is now one hundred and fifty-five strong—including over a hundred in the Army Section. Numerous Certificate “A” commitments with 1, 2 and 3 Platoons have meant that the training of the three recruit platoons has evolved entirely upon the N.C.O.s. Since one of the points of chief value in a corps

training is to encourage potential leaders, this has been a very good thing. The fact that already recruit platoons are beginning to move about in a "smart and soldier-like manner" says much for the efforts of the N.C.O.s. Special mention must be made of the work of C./Sgt. D. M. Morrison, Sgt. A. C. Millar and Sgt. J. F. Padkin, who have been enthusiastically and willingly supported by L./Cpls. J. S. H. Hamilton, I. G. Macintyre and W. P. Roger.

Every fourth year the contingent is exempt from an annual inspection and is required to organise a ceremonial parade instead. This year, for the first time, we were able to carry out a march-past with the aid of the Pipe Band. We then had six drummers and five pipers. This term, however, new piping and drumming classes for beginners have been started and some promising talent has presented itself. Activities in the winter are confined largely to chanter work and the learning of new tunes, but when the band restarts we hope to have a number of additional pipers and a repertoire sufficiently large to enter for the inter-schools competition at Edinburgh. Pipe-Major Sinclair and Mr. Brogan of the Scottish Horse continue to give regular instruction, for which we are very grateful.

An outbreak of sore throats at the end of the summer term slightly reduced our numbers at annual camp at Buddon this year. The weather, however, was good to us and many enjoyed the experience for the first time of life under canvas. We had an opportunity of mixing with contingents from other schools and were able to compare our achievements with theirs.

An increasing number of shooting competitions has given an added interest to the miniature range. Only practice in shooting can make perfect and, although considerable keenness has been shown, numbers have to be limited. The result is that insufficient boys have reached "match" standard.

Our programme on the Inter-Command Number 12 Wireless Net has been curtailed recently owing to the increasing demands of other school activities on the time of the senior members of the Signal Section. More volunteers in this direction are required from Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Platoons, so that we can build up an adequate reserve.

General enthusiasm this term has been encouraging, so that we may hope to have a successful year.

E.A.P.

### **R.A.F. Section**

PROFICIENCY Examination results have been good. All the 22 candidates passed, Corporal I. A. Robertson and Cadet C. W. Ross with Credit. The names of the remainder are: Bruce G. R.,

Clark A. W., Dawson M., Dinsmore H., Edgar D., Gilmour E., Lawrie R., Levick H., McGregor J. S. M., McIntosh D. W., Menzies J. C., Paton J. S., Scott D. H., Stuart H. L., Stewart I. O., Stirrat J. P., Tait W. G., and Wiseman A. Training is now well in hand for the Advanced Proficiency examinations in 1953.

Summer camp was held this year at R.A.F. Hawarden, North Wales, during the last week in July. About fifty cadets travelled overnight to Crewe, where they were met by R.A.F. buses and conveyed to camp, one of the finest this unit has attended. The programme was a pleasant mixture of training and visits to places of interest. Radar, Ground Combat, Cannon fire tests of Vampire Jet Aircraft, Link Trainer, Air Frames, Navigation and Meteorology formed a sound basis for practical training. Every cadet was flown in both an Anson and a Tiger Moth. Corporal R. S. Little and Cadet C. W. Ross took a glider course.

For our lighter moments, visits were organised to such places as the Mersey Tunnel, Liverpool Docks, Cammel & Laird's shipbuilding yards, also a flying display at Hooton Park. The entire unit was flown to Squire's Gate and spent the day in Blackpool. During the week a special Guard of Honour was mounted for a visit by Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

J. W. Durie, I. A. Robertson, F. M. Allardice and C. McCreadie were all awarded Flying Scholarships after competitive interview at Group Headquarters. Unfortunately, the two last named failed to pass the eyesight test in the final medical examination. Strathallan have so far been awarded eight Scholarships.

Our greatest honour, however, is in the matter of overseas trips. Three years ago Corporal J. Shaw was selected to visit the island of Sylt. A year later Flt./Sgt. K. A. C. Brown was voted the "Best cadet of the year" by Headquarters' officers and was the first cadet to fly in a jet aircraft. He then toured Canada under R.C.A.F. auspices. Flt./Sgt. W. A. McMillan was selected to be the Scottish cadet to tour America during the summer holidays this year. He was the Captain of the Scottish R.A.F. Cadets Rugby XV in the season 1951-52 and had been awarded his rugby blue the year before.

The climax came, however, when in September, Flt./Sgt. E. J. E. Smith was chosen as the cadet to accompany Air Chief Marshal Sir William Dickson, Chief of the Air Staff, on a world tour. He was considered to be the best of those cadets who are proceeding to Cranwell next year.

It is too early yet to report on Sport but, as the majority of the School 1st XV are R.A.F. cadets, it seems likely that this unit will be well represented in the Scottish team for this season.

After a long wait, our glider eventually arrived. A Slingsby Primary Training Glider, it surprised most people by its size. Due to a fault in the tail-plane it has been grounded up to the present, but technicians from the Group have remedied the defect and soon the glider will be launched on its first flight. Pilot-Officer Gibbs, who took a gliding course at R.A.F. Detling last December, will be at the controls. Lectures on assembling the various parts have proceeded well and the unit can do this in record time. Each candidate for the Advanced Proficiency must have made four launches, so a busy period is indicated. As Officer Commanding the unit, it was my privilege to name the glider and it is to be christened "Icarus".

During the Winter Term the unit has been competing in the Group Small Bore Shooting Competition. The team, which has a weekly shoot, consists of Cadets Guthrie I., Philip R. G., Paton J. S., and Hood J. D. We are indebted to Mr. Spurgin, who acts as the neutral observer and recorder.

The following promotions have been made: Cpl. E. J. E. Smith to Flt./Sgt., Cpl. L. D. Marshall to Sgt., Cadets I. A. Robertson and H. L. Stuart to Cpl.

W.S.H.

## Volunteer Reserve

"AND this, of course", said L——, "is the crew-room".

Though I could see that it was, I did not require eyes to tell me. The smell was the same. Compounded with the dope-and-high-octane-petrol smell that gave to the whole airfield its permanent tang were the ingredients that, fitly mixed, comprise a crew-room smell. There was the dry reek of old wallboarding, much tobacco, and warm sheepskin boots. There was the leather air of flying helmets; and, in puffs and warm gusts that surged and heaved about as its door was opened and sprang shut again, the parachute hanging-room exhaled its dry breath of coke stoves and high-class gentlemen's drapery shops.

The sounds were the same. Engines being run up nearby and buzzings overhead competed to drown somebody's anecdote at the far end of the room, and the galumphing swish of someone in boots and flying-suit. The spasmodic conversation, as was natural, had less of the intimacy bred of long weeks lived wholly in the closeness of real service, and had curiously a mild scholarly air to it, but it was largely the same—"... it was sheer hell on earth".

It was in appearance that the crew-room presented the greatest difference from its wartime relation. Though the walls were brightened by maps, notices, and the posters in that bright

purple ink that, it seems, the R.A.F. regards as the official artistic symbol of night-time, the gaps between them were gaily and cleanly distempered. Uniforms were scarce, and the array of urbane gentlemen in sober suits or gaudy tweeds looked more harassed, and plumper than their younger selves. You sat, not on wooden forms, but in armchairs.

"Sit ye down", said L——, "and wait". That at least was familiar. We sat. A tiny man put his head through a hatch.

"Anybody not flown for some time?" he asked. This was it.

"Five years", I replied. The head retreated in pain.

"All right", it said when it had considered the matter, "get your things and then wait there". I got my things. These, I made very sure, included a parachute. Now, I am not very much larger than the tiny man whose head bulked so large in this tale a moment ago. All parachutes have a cushion attached. Small men's parachutes have two cushions, which allows them to see more easily where they are going. This, though often helpful, is less of a comfort, on a cold day in an open aircraft, than you might suppose, as it leads to a condition rapidly becoming known as A.A. Man's Face. I chose one with two cushions, got my other things and waited, pondering, as I did so, about solo. Should I sound keen to go solo again to-day, or was it necessary to humour the man by sounding as if it were of no moment?

"Come away, then", said another small man, and away we went. The aeroplane sat resignedly on the tarmac. It had sat there every morning for years, and, indeed, was reputed to have been doing so since long before the war.

"We walk round them nowadays, looking for loose bits", said the man. This we did, and since everything appeared to be attached quite firmly, made bold to clamber in.

How curious! The cockpit was much smaller than I remembered. I considered my small, hemispherical paunch. That could not be the trouble. My head was sticking out into the cold air. Level with my chin I saw the bounce-pad. A repulsive object, this was a piece of sorbo-rubber against which your head was intended to bounce if you hit a tree. It was as old as the aircraft and had been sprayed, on some occasion, with buff cellulose enamel. Countless encounters with people entering the cockpit had cracked the enamel, which was less flexible than the pad, so that now it looked for all the world like the edge of a large chapped hand. Why was I so high? The double cushions: I must have grown. This was not surprising, as I was only eighteen when I last flew a thing like this.

"Tirra-lirra", said the man. "I'll start her up". He did so, taxied out, and checked various things in a loud voice. "Now", he said, "we turn into wind, open the throttle, and off we go with a rush and a roar". To his credit, and even more to the credit of the pre-war aeroplane, that is precisely what we did. I looked over the side at the receding ground. "You have control", he remarked.

"I've got her", I replied. We were at one or two hundred feet. The throttle was suddenly whisked from my fingers, closed, and the engine ticked over. The trees below looked sharp.

"What are you going to do now, hahee?" he enquired.

"Land straight ahead", I said with what stolidity I could muster.

"Wouldn't like to be in this aircraft with no engine if that's what you'd do", he snarled, seizing it and ingeniously whisking it towards a field that loomed up to port. "That, and *that*, and here we are, and just you remember . . ."

We climbed away up again. I was told to do a gentle turn to port. I tried. Heavens! I could no more turn than . . . than fly in the air. We walloped about the adjacent piece of the heavens until he retrieved control and began to humour me. We went far away and practised, after which co-ordination slowly returned.

"Land her", he remarked after a while. To my surprise, we were back at the airfield. Dusk was assembling. I duly set about landing her.

"Watch your airspeed", he said. I tried to, but could see no airspeed indicator. Where had it gone? There must be one somewhere. The double cushions! I bent into an S-shape. There it was, lurking invisibly behind the chapped hand. We were in truth going much too slowly. I adjusted matters and straightened my pained backbone.

"Watch your airspeed, and if there's one thing I detest it's having to tell people twice about the same thing". I stayed bent and suffering until we were again on the ground. I had contrived to land it. We repeated the process of take-off and landing twice more, our only damage being curvature of the spine. The moment had arrived. "You're quite safe to go solo. Would you like to it's getting dark and I'm cold and they'll want the aircraft back in the hangar to shut up shop for the day and I'll have to stand here in the cold and there's a nice cup of tea waiting for us but go solo if you want to".

"Tea", I said.

"You'll do well here", he replied.



## Prelude to a Holiday

It was still quite early. Mighty Glasgow was slowly coming to life, the air of rest was lifting, the traffic was thickening every moment, and the bowler-hatted and dungareed figures were starting their race against time. All this, however, passed virtually unnoticed to me as I edged up the gangway of the small ship flying the Blue Peter. The ordeal of the customs was over. Weeks of planning, hoping, longing and dreaming had slipped slowly by, and all that now waited was a glorious holiday in Canada. Little wonder I was excited. This was the real thing, not just what I had dreamed about for so long.

Slowly we made our way down the Clyde, past first the busy docks and shipyards, and then, as the river widened, the quieter rural scenes. Soon after, we were out on our own, and all that I could see of land was a rapidly receding coastline. All around was the sea rising and falling, and all that could be heard was the low moan of the wind mingling with the distant regular throb of the engines, and the coarse cries of the gulls which wheeled hopefully around us. To me this was music of the sweetest kind. Unconsciously I had fallen in love with the sea.

The next day, however, my passion had evaporated somewhat; for as I lay in my bunk trying in vain to read a novel, and occasionally taking a disinterested bite at a revoltingly tasteless soda biscuit, I could not help laughing at myself. After all my boasts of immunity to seasickness, here was I laid low by that most terrible blight. Truly pride comes before a fall!

The following day I felt very much better. The angry seas had now subsided, and the sun added its blessing. After my day of misery the voyage was pleasant, and to me it was an unbroken routine of eating, playing deck games and sleeping.

The first sign of anything but water was two half-melted, rather scraggy icebergs. Soon after, the barren coastland of Newfoundland came into view. On entering the River St. Lawrence things gradually livened up. As we steamed up the estuary, at first wide and then gradually narrowing, I could not help noticing the little fishing villages on each side. There were little whitewashed cottages with roofs of different colours, some green or blue, others red or orange, and in the middle of them all was the little village church with its high spire gleaming merrily in the bright sunshine. These picturesque villages blended with the scenery to form a picture I shall long remember.

Our first stop was at Quebec, which is a city, very French in influence, and perched a trifle precariously on the top of the

Heights of Abraham. The dominating building in the scene is the Chateau Frontenac, now a luxurious hotel.

On leaving Quebec the scene rapidly became more industrial, and at midnight we arrived in Montreal. It was a fresh night, but over the water came the smell of leather, camphorated oil, and cooking. Neon lights flashed, and over the water came the roar and bustle of humanity. Standing apart from the city was the illuminated cross on Mount Royal, which dominates the whole scene.

After a few hours of sleep, we disembarked and planted our feet on solid Canadian land. So started the happiest holiday of my life.

J.H.S.

“—L—”

THERE cannot be many of our number blessed with the seventeen years necessary to participate lawfully in the elevated pursuit of driving a car.

The few who have achieved sublime maturity must be well aware of the fact that around their seventeenth birthday they were consumed by a burning desire to get into the driving seat of a motor vehicle, and be the means of promoting movement in a forward direction. There is no thought for the harmless pedestrian, suffered to dwell in the same neighbourhood, walking the pavements in jeopardy of his life; no, no, the call of the road is felt in the blood!

For a meagre five shillings and a deceitful declaration that one has carefully studied the highway code, a beautiful yellow driving licence may be obtained from the taxation office. Thus equipped, the only other item is a car. This is fairly easy, as one's father is normally simple enough to permit his car to be temporarily turned into a lethal weapon.

Once seated behind the wheel, with Father alongside, a scene like the following usually ensues:

“Switch on the engine”.

A little fumbling, then the admission,

“How?”

“Oh, don't be silly! Here”. Father reaches for the ignition, hesitates, and then guiltily delves into his pocket for the key. Inserting it in the dashboard, he turns it and pulls the self-starter. After a few splutters the engine starts, revs feebly and is about to fade out once more when Father yells “accelerator”. Son, after trying clutch and brake, hits on the right idea, and flattens it to the floor. There is a deafening roar, heard many miles around, and the car shakes to its very foundations.

At last the engine is running smoothly, and Father proounds: "Clutch down, straight into second. Second? Oh, second gear, here let me show you, to the left and back. Yes, that's it. Now lift the clutch, very slowly, and depress the accelerator".

Son, who now has visions of himself on the track at Silverstone, again brings the offensive pedal parallel to the floor, and the car leaps like a Thing Possessed.

Fortunately, Father has refrained from mentioning the existence of the hand brake, and for a time, disaster is averted . . .

Oh, it's great fun. I know, I've tried it.

L.M.U.

## Battle Lament

ON either side of great Tahoran's banks  
The sullen forces sprawl in gaunt array.  
Oppressed and silent in their serried ranks,  
Weary, they wait the dawn of fateful day.

The fitful light of gutt'ring camp fires, flares,  
Falls on recumbent forms of tired men,  
Frets their lined faces with its baleful glare,  
Showing their distraught masks of fear and pain.

The awful notes of preparation brand  
The still night air, dispelling restful sleep,  
Assail the quiet of the peaceful land,  
As weary weary moments onward creep.

Troubled, their king stands, wracked by doubts and fears.  
Upon his brow there lies no golden crown,  
But life's cold diadem of grief and tears;  
A heavy price for transient renown.

The groans of anguish, from death's awful grove,  
Fly to his heart in merciless reproof,  
As did the linked thunderbolt of Jove  
Strike the rash Phaethon from the sky's great roof.

But lo, dawn's gilded heralds now appear,  
Tinting with golden hues the eastern sky.  
Night flees before her awe-inspiring fear,  
As both the mighty hosts, with mournful sigh,  
Rise each in solid wave, a towering crest,  
The pick of all the brave, that ere the womb  
Of woman, by the mighty gods was blest;  
Onward they come, towards their awful doom.

As when two mighty bulls together clash,  
Locked in a mortal grip, their breath afire,  
And with their deadly horns, strive hard to dash  
The other to the gory trodden mire;  
So the two met headlong in bitter strife,  
Till great Tahoran's waters running red,  
Coursed between banks, upon whose side lay life  
Slaughtered and maimed, discarded—honour dead.

The might of man, laid low by battle's power,  
No more shall proudly flaunt its great array,  
No more, in princely greatness now shall flower,  
Until, with peace, there dawns a brighter day.

L.D.M.

## Cricket, 1952

ON paper as well as on the field the 1st XI had a slightly better record than last year by winning four matches instead of only one. The worst feature of the side was its batting. In only two games were respectable scores achieved. This was, perhaps, partly due to lack of confidence but, in the majority of cases, wickets were just thrown away. Concentration, perseverance and patience were often sadly lacking, and without these no boy is likely to make a good reliable batsman. Practice, above all, must be taken seriously, and the batsman must never lose sight of the fact that it is his job to hit the ball and hit it hard! Another common failing was the calling and running between wickets, which must have lost us many runs in each game. "Gardening" has also become very popular, but this tendency must be discouraged, especially by batsmen who have only just come to the wicket.

The general standard of bowling in the 1st XI was higher than the batting, and the three regular bowlers, K. A. Baird, A. D. Pottie and J. M. Paterson, put in much hard work. Unfortunately our side seldom had enough runs on the board to give the chance of dismissing our opponents, and, when Strathallan fielded first, there never was the confidence that the batsmen would knock off the runs. Paterson is a most promising bowler and should get many wickets next season provided that he remembers to pitch the ball well up to the bat.

Fielding, which is in many ways the most important department of the game, was usually keen, though not entirely reliable. There is little doubt that had every catch and every run-out been taken the final number of wins would have been

higher. Throwing in was also wild at times, and players should remember always to give a full toss to the wicket-keeper, or, failing this, a long hop to the top of the stumps. It can safely be said that, if all these points are concentrated on next season, the standard of play will improve considerably.

This year more coaching was given to the Colts and Juniors, who both showed considerable promise for the future. Additional incentive was given by the re-introduction of Junior House Matches, which were won this year by Simpson.

M.S.M.

Full colours were awarded to:

W. A. McMillan, C. F. T. McLay, A. D. Pottie, K. A. Baird, J. M. Paterson.

Half colours were awarded to:

D. G. Brown, I. M. Guthrie, W. A. Tulloch, D. H. Scott, J. G. Clark, M. D. Dawson, R. S. Eason, I. M. Lochtie, R. J. Dagg.

THE SCHOOL versus GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL at Forgandenny.

# Strathallan

A. D. Pottie, b Pirie	...	...	...	5
I. M. Guthrie, b Pirie	...	...	...	3
J. F. Padkin, b Ferguson	...	...	...	1
W. A. McMillan, c Patience, b Forbes	...	...	...	7
K. A. Baird, b Pirie	...	...	...	4
M. D. Dawson, lbw, b Pirie	...	...	...	2
C. F. T. McLay, lbw, b Ferguson	...	...	...	47
J. M. Paterson, lbw, b Pirie	...	...	...	0
R. J. Dagg, b Patience	...	...	...	7
I. F. B. Stewart, not out	...	...	...	7
R. G. F. Walker, b Ferguson	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	7

Total 90

Pirie 5 for 25; Ferguson 3 for 23.

# Glasgow High School

J. G. Deane, lbw, b Paterson	...	...	...	1
J. Patience, c McLay, b Pottie	...	...	...	15
L. Turpie, lbw, b Baird	...	...	...	1
R. Andrews, b Baird	...	...	...	7
D. Pirie, b Baird	...	...	...	0
J. Ellison, lbw, b Paterson	...	...	...	4
W. Finlay, b Baird	...	...	...	4
N. D. McCandlish, b Baird	...	...	...	0
J. S. Ferguson, not out	...	...	...	6
M. Peek, b Pottie	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	5

Total 47

Pottie 2 for 5; Baird 5 for 5.

## THE SCHOOL versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at New Anniesland.

**Strathallan**

A. D. Pottie, st Mann, b Cormack	...	...	0
I. M. Guthrie, b Belch	...	...	0
J. F. Padkin, b Belch	...	...	4
W. A. McMillan, b Belch	...	...	2
M. D. Dawson, b Cormack	...	...	6
C. F. T. McLay, lbw, b Burnside	...	...	18
K. A. Baird, c Cormack, b Colquhoun	...	...	1
W. A. Tulloch, c Colquhoun, b Belch	...	...	29
I. F. B. Stewart, b Belch	...	...	1
J. M. Paterson, not out	...	...	2
R. G. F. Walker, b Belch	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	13

Total ... 78

Belch 6 for 8.

**Glasgow Academy**

Mann, c McLay, b Pottie	...	...	26
Richards, b Paterson	...	...	0
Brodie, lbw, b Paterson	...	...	1
Cormack, b Baird	...	...	15
Colquhoun, b Pottie	...	...	1
Belch, c Padkin, b Paterson	...	...	1
Isaacs, lbw, b Baird	...	...	0
Aitken, lbw, b Baird	...	...	0
MacArtney, not out	...	...	3
Burnside, b Pottie	...	...	0
Cannon, b Baird	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	9

Total ... 59

Paterson 3 for 8; Pottie 3 for 7; Baird 4 for 21.

## THE SCHOOL versus J. F. MENDEL'S XI at Forgandenny.

**Strathallan**

A. D. Pottie, lbw, b Munro	...	...	15
R. J. Dagg, b Syme	...	...	10
M. D. Dawson, c and b Timms	...	...	42
C. F. T. McLay, c Potts, b Sutcliffe	...	...	8
W. A. McMillan, b Sutcliffe	...	...	2
W. A. Tulloch, b Sutcliffe	...	...	0
J. F. Padkin, c Henderson, b Munro	...	...	0
K. A. Baird, lbw, b Sutcliffe	...	...	0
D. H. Scott, st Potts, b Henderson	...	...	4
J. M. Paterson, not out	...	...	2
I. F. B. Stewart, st Potts, b Hoare	...	...	14
Extras	...	...	21

Total ... 118

Sutcliffe 4 for 26.



**J. F. Mendl's XI**

P. Henderson, b Paterson	...	...	28
G. Richardson, b Pottie	...	...	21
I. A. W. Syme, c Padkin, b Paterson	...	...	22
G. Whurr, c Tulloch, b Paterson	...	...	21
J. Sutcliffe, b Paterson	...	...	14
A. C. Munro, c McMillan, b Baird	...	...	0
B. A. Timms, lbw, b Paterson	...	...	0
W. N. S. Hoare, not out	...	...	9
M. S. Maxwell, not out	...	...	1
E. A. Potts and J. F. Mendl did not bat.			
Extras	...	...	9

Total for 7 wickets ... 125

J. M. Paterson 5 for 50.

**THE SCHOOL versus CUPAR CRICKET CLUB.**

**Cupar C.C.**

M. H. Stewart, lbw, b Paterson	...	...	8
W. M. Harper, st McLay, b Paterson	...	...	54
W. W. Law, not out	...	...	54
W. P. Hendry, c and b Pottie	...	...	7
D. Bell, lbw, b Pottie	...	...	2
A. D. Livingston, c Baird, b McMillan	...	...	15
P. Lawson, lbw, b Paterson	...	...	1
J. L. Stewart, not out	...	...	0
W. Bell, D. H. Scott and J. A. Barclay did not bat.			
Extras	...	...	4

Total for 6 wickets ... 144

**Strathallan**

R. J. Dagg, b Barclay	...	...	1
M. D. Dawson, c Hendry, b Lawson	...	...	0
R. S. Eason, b Barclay	...	...	2
W. A. McMillan, c Stewart, b Barclay	...	...	16
W. A. Tulloch, b Lawson	...	...	6
A. D. Pottie, b Barclay	...	...	9
C. F. T. McLay, c Scott, b Bell	...	...	20
J. G. Clark, not out	...	...	14
J. M. Paterson, b H. L. Stewart	...	...	3
D. G. Brown, lbw, b H. L. Stewart	...	...	0
K. A. Baird, c Harper, b H. L. Stewart	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	0

Total ... 71

H. L. Stewart 3 for 4; J. A. Barclay 3 for 11.

## THE SCHOOL versus PERTH ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

**Perth Academy**

R. Alexander, c Pottie, b Paterson	...	...	9
M. Rennie, c Dagg, b Paterson	...	...	0
P. S. Gardiner, c McMillan, b Pottie	...	...	12
A. S. Watson, c McMillan, b Pottie	...	...	51
G. S. Birrel, lbw, b Pottie	...	...	8
J. J. Smith, b Paterson	...	...	0
R. H. Adam, lbw, b Baird	...	...	2
I. D. Keay, b Baird	...	...	0
Mcl. McLauchlan, b Baird	...	...	0
D. M. Grassie, not out	...	...	18
J. Buchan, c Guthrie, b Baird	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	11

Total ... 111

Baird 4 for 29.

**Strathallan**

A. D. Pottie, b Alexander	...	...	3
R. J. Dagg, b Alexander	...	...	22
M. D. Dawson, b Baird	...	...	7
W. A. McMillan, lbw, b Alexander	...	...	0
I. M. Guthrie, c Birrel, b Alexander	...	...	0
W. A. Tulloch, c Buchan, b Birrel	...	...	6
J. F. Padkin, b Birrel	...	...	1
J. G. Clark, b Adam	...	...	3
D. H. Scott, b Alexander	...	...	0
K. A. Baird, b Alexander	...	...	8
J. M. Paterson, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	11

Total ... 61

R. Alexander 3 for 6; G. Birrel 3 for 32.

## THE SCHOOL versus STAFF XI at Forgandenny.

**Staff**

E. A. Potts, b Pottie	...	...	8
D. E. Young, b Brown	...	...	1
A. Boag, b Pottie	...	...	36
W. N. S. Hoare, b Brown	...	...	14
A. D. D. McCallum, b Brown	...	...	0
M. S. Maxwell, b Brown	...	...	10
A. J. S. Greig, b Brown	...	...	4
D. S. Silver, b Brown	...	...	0
R. A. L. Burnet, b Pottie	...	...	0
P. R. Spurgin, not out	...	...	2
W. S. Haldane, c Dawson, b Pottie	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	6

Total ... 81

D. G. Brown 6 for 25; A. D. Pottie 4 for 43.

# Strathallan

D. G. Brown, c Burnet, b Young	53
D. H. Scott, lbw, b Hoare	11
J. G. Clark, b Boag	1
W. A. McMillan, b Hoare	3
R. S. Eason, lbw, b Boag	0
A. D. Pottie, b Young	40
I. M. Lochtie, c Potts, b Young	1
M. D. Dawson, not out	1
J. M. Paterson and K. A. Baird did not bat.	
Extras	6

Total for 8 wickets ... 124

D. E. Young 3 for 8.

## OTHER RESULTS

10.5.52.

THE SCHOOL versus MORRISON'S ACADEMY at Crieff.

Morrison's Academy 115 for 7 decl. (Wanlees 43, Watson 30 not out; Paterson 4 for 30).

Strathallan 19 for 4 (Wanlees 3 for 4).

14.5.52.

THE SCHOOL versus R. P. THOMAS'S XI at Forgandenny.

R. P. Thomas's XI 169 for 7 decl. (W. Ellis 101 not out).

Strathallan 49 for 8 (A. D. Pottie 18; R. Pearce 2 for 2).

24.5.52.

THE SCHOOL versus FETTES "A" XI at Forgandenny.

Strathallan 32 (Bowman 4 for 3, Cumming 4 for 12).

Fettes 115 for 6 decl. (J. M. Davidson 48; A. D. Pottie 3 for 31).

31.5.52.

THE SCHOOL v. DANIEL STEWART'S COLLEGE at Forgandenny.

Strathallan 41 (W. A. Tulloch 16; S. R. Sinclair 3 for 8, A. J. Willis 6 for 20).

Daniel Stewart's 42 for 4 decl. (A. W. Mowat 17; K. A. Baird 3 for 20).

14.6.52.

THE SCHOOL versus CRIEFF C.C. at Crieff.

Strathallan 87 (W. A. Tulloch 27, A. D. Pottie 24; D. Blyth 5 for 6).

Crieff C. C. 74 (Brig. W. L. Alston 19; A. D. Pottie 6 for 20).

17.6.52.

THE SCHOOL versus PERTHSHIRE at Forgandenny.

Perthshire 125 for 7 decl. (G. T. Lodge 38 not out, G. W. Morris 23).

Strathallan 39 (G. Moses 4 for 4, G. W. Morris 2 for 3).

28.6.52.

THE SCHOOL versus OLD STRATHALLIAN XI at Forgandenny.

Old Strathallians 131 (W. W. Law 41, W. W. Watt 30, N. G. Brown 27; A. D. Pottie 5 for 41).

Strathallan 47 for 9 (W. A. McMillan 24 not out; E. Somerville 5 for 20, W. W. Watt 3 for 3).

2.7.52.

THE SCHOOL versus E. A. BONTHRONE'S XI at Forgandenny.

Strathallan 86 (A. D. Pottie 38; R. Stark 4 for 25, J. Stewart 3 for 8).  
 Bonthrone's XI 87 for 7 (W. Peterkin 19; J. M. Paterson 4 for 27).

12.7.52.

THE SCHOOL versus TRINITY COLLEGE, GLENALMOND,  
at Glenalmond.

Glenalmond 158 for 3 decl. (Mundell 63 not out, J. N. D. Scott 43).  
 Strathallan 54 (A. D. Pottie 14; J. Murray 4 for 13, J. Scott 3 for 9).

19.7.52.

THE SCHOOL versus FORGANDENNY C.C. at Forgandenny (School).

Forgandenny 93 (N. Smith 28; A. D. Pottie 6 for 23).  
 Strathallan 37 (R. S. Eason 14 not out; W. Mackie 5 for 13).

**SECOND XI**

21.5.52—versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

Strathallan 52 (D. G. Brown 29, P. H. Simpson 12).  
 Glasgow Academy 59 (Henderson 18; D. G. Brown 7 for 18).

31.1.52—versus DANIEL STEWART'S COLLEGE at Forgandenny.

Strathallan 107 (J. F. Padkin 50, F. M. Scott 14).  
 Stewart's 37 (D. G. Brown 7 for 8, M. N. Bendell 3 for 17).

5.6.52—versus PERTH ACADEMY at Viewlands, Perth.

Strathallan 54 for 8 decl. (R. S. Eason 15; Harris 5 for 27).  
 Perth Academy 44 (Georgeson 23; D. G. Brown 6 for 15).

12.7.52—versus TRINITY COLLEGE, GLENALMOND,  
at Forgandenny.

Strathallan 77 (J. F. Padkin 21; Darroch 4 for 20).  
 Glenalmond 233 (Kinnear 51, Valentine 48).

**COLTS XI**

21.5.52—versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at New Anniesland.

Strathallan 102 for 7 decl. (J. G. Clark 44, D. A. Laird 19; Cannon 4 for 32).  
 Glasgow Academy 46 (Page 27; R. S. Eason 6 for 12, M. Rossie 2 for 5).

21.6.52—versus ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL at Aberdeen.

Strathallan 36 for 4 (H. Dinsmore 14, R. S. Eason 11; Bruce 2 for 10).  
 Aberdeen Grammar School 84 (Taylor 25 not out, Bruce 17; Eason 5 for 21).

### JUNIOR XI

- 10.5.52—versus MORRISON'S ACADEMY at Crieff.  
 Strathallan 49 (Mackay 33; Harris 5 for 3).  
 Morrison's Academy 65 for 9 (Murray 16; Mackay 4 for 12).
- 17.5.52—versus BELMONT HOUSE at Forgandenny.  
 Strathallan 74 (M. R. B. Smith 18; Macdonald 4 for 11).  
 Belmont House 59 (Crosby 16; Smith 5 for 19).
- 21.5.52—versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Forgandenny.  
 Strathallan 35 (Henderson 3 for 3).  
 Glasgow Academy 51 (Sloan 21; Mackay 8 for 13).
- 11.6.52—versus CRAIGFLOWER at Craigflower.  
 Strathallan 66 for 5 decl. (MacCallum 24).  
 Craigflower 87 (Pillans 32, Hoare 29; Mackay 6 for 27).
- 14.6.52—versus BELMONT HOUSE at Belmont.  
 Strathallan 83 (Mackay 42; Crosby 6 for 17).  
 Belmont House 93 (Macdonald 26, Fitzgerald 26; Miller 7 for 25).
- 21.6.52—versus ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL at Aberdeen.  
 Strathallan 45 for 6 decl. (Mackay 24; Simpson 2 for 2).  
 Aberdeen Grammar School 22 (Burr 11; Miller 4 for 3, Smith 2 for 3).
- 5.7.52—versus LATHALLAN at Forgandenny.  
 Strathallan 101 for 5 decl. (Lilley 31, Pirrie 28 not out; Fairbairn 3 for 24).  
 Lathallan 40 (Mavor 10; Jamieson 7 for 13).
- 9.7.52—versus CRAIGFLOWER at Forgandenny.  
 Strathallan 73 (Mackay 20, Miller 21; Grant 3 for 4).  
 Craigflower 63 (Hoare 36; Mackay 6 for 22, Miller 4 for 23).
- 16.7.52—versus DRUMTOCHTY at Forgandenny.  
 Strathallan 55 (Lilley 23; Massey 6 for 23).  
 Drumtochty 34 (Miller 5 for 9, Jamieson 2 for 6).

### JUNIOR "B" XI

- 12.7.52—versus CRAIGFLOWER 2nd XI at Strathallan.  
 Strathallan 58 (McKenzie 13; Watt 6 for 14).  
 Craigflower 52 (Shiffnén 18 not out; Noble 6 for 11).

### FIRST XI

#### BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Top Score	Aggregate	Times not out	Average
A. D. Pottie	16	40	178	1	11.86
D. G. Brown	9	53	79	1	9.87
C. F. T. McLay	14	47	121	—	9.30

#### BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. D. Pottie	148	34	386	41	9.44
J. M. Paterson	183.30	33	523	39	13.40
K. A. Baird	123.16	25	319	21	15.19

**Summary**

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI ... ..	16	4	9	3
2nd XI ... ..	4	2	2	0
Colts XI ... ..	2	1	0	1
Junior XI ... ..	9	6	3	0
Junior "B" XI ...	1	1	0	0
Scratch XI ... ..	1	1	0	0

**HOUSE MATCHES, 1952****Senior**

SIMPSON beat Ruthven, Nicol and Freeland.

RUTHVEN beat Nicol and Freeland.

NICOL beat Freeland.

**Junior**

SIMPSON beat Ruthven, Nicol and Freeland.

RUTHVEN beat Nicol and Freeland.

NICOL beat Freeland.

Result: 1st, Simpson; 2nd, Ruthven; 3rd, Nicol.

**HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1951-52**

	Freeland	Nicol	Ruthven	Simpson
Rugger ... ..	5	0	15	10
Cricket ... ..	0	5	10	15
Sports ... ..	15	0	5	10
Tennis ... ..	0	8	3	5
Fives ... ..	0	8	4	4
Cross-Country ...	8	3	0	5
Swimming ... ..	8	5	3	0
	36	29	40	49

1, SIMPSON (49 pts.); 2, RUTHVEN (40 pts.); 3, FREELAND (36 pts.);  
4, NICOL (29 pts.).

**Award of Cups**

Rugger Cups—Senior, Ruthven; Junior, Freeland. Cricket Cup—Simpson.  
Sports Cup—Freeland. Fives Cup—Nicol. Sports Champion Cup—  
N. V. Upsdale. Bruce Mackay Junior Sports Champion Cup—R. A.  
Paterson. School Captain's Cup—W. A. McMillan. Houston Medal—  
W. A. McMillan. John G. S. Forrest Memorial Shield—Old Strathallians.  
Founder's Day Championship Cup—The School.

**Rugby Football, 1952****Summary**

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV ... ..	6	2	4	—	52	104
2nd XV ... ..	4	—	4	—	11	99
Under 15½ XV ...	4	1	3	—	17	61
Under 14½ XV ...	5	3	1	1	54	29
Under 13½ XV ...	5	1	2	2	9	17

**1st XV Record**

		For	Against
Glasgow Academy ...	H	11	34
A Perthshire XV ...	H	14	13
Edinburgh Academy ...	A	0	14
Edinburgh U. Variables	H	27	3
Panmure R.F.C. ...	H	0	19
Morrison's Academy ...	A	0	21
George Watson's College	A	6	19



*FIRST XI, 1952.*



J. G. CLARK, R. S. EASON, D. G. BROWN, W. A. TULLOCH, M. D. DAWSON, D. H. SCOTT,  
K. A. BAIRD, C. F. T. MCLAY, W. A. McMILLAN (Captain), A. D. POTTIE, J. M. PATERSON.

**Strathallan v. Glasgow Academy**

The first game of the term ended in an overwhelming victory by 34 points to 11 for Glasgow Academy, and served to expose the fundamental weaknesses of the School XV.

After a bustling and promising start the ball was heeled on the half-way line and the School backs set in motion, Durie running well to score in the corner. A touch-down by Durie, which was converted, and a penalty goal by Lochtie brought the score at half-time to 18-11 in favour of the visitors. Here the School's effort flagged.

A slowness to cover up, and tackling which entirely lacked conviction and determination, allowed the Glasgow side to penetrate the defence with no great difficulty.

Long before the close of play it should have been apparent that, in order to win any match, it is necessary to think and work without any respite for eighty long minutes.

The team was—M. D. Dawson, E. Gilmour, \*R. M. Barbour, R. B. Leishman, \*J. W. Durie, \*W. P. Roger, \*I. M. Lochtie (Capt.), \*F. M. Allardice, D. W. McIntosh, H. L. Stuart, I. G. Macintyre, D. M. A. Dillon, \*M. N. Bendell, H. R. Levick, J. A. D. McIntyre.

\*Cap.

**Strathallan v. Edinburgh Academy**

Played at Newfield, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 18th October, in ideal conditions. Result: Edinburgh Academy 1 goal, 3 tries—14 points; Strathallan—nil.

It was obvious from the start that the Academy were too big and heavy for Strathallan, especially forward, and it was not surprising that they were able to get a much greater share of the ball both in the set and loose scrums and in the line outs. Strathallan were, therefore, thrown onto the defensive for the major part of the game, and their only chances of setting up an attack lay in seizing on their opponents' mistakes. This they did to good effect and play was by no means as one-sided as the score would suggest. The defence was excellent and the tackling, falling and covering showed a marked improvement on those of previous games.

Right from the kick-off the Academy gained possession of the ball regularly and went on to the attack but they had a substitute fly-half—their regular player being off with an injury—and he was most uncertain in the taking of his passes and the Strathallan forwards were quick to start rushes from his mistakes. The play, therefore, switched from end to end and one dribble by Barbour and Leishman might have led to a score if the ball had run more kindly for them. The Academy, as was bound to happen with so much of the ball, looked dangerous on several occasions but good tackling and covering up kept them out for the first quarter of an hour.

Then a well sustained attack on the left brought their only score in this half when the Strathallan back row defence broke down under the pressure and the Academy scrum half was able to dive over for a try which was converted (5-0). Strathallan were in no way disheartened and one remembers many good rushes, one good run by Scott and, when half-time came, the play was well inside the Academy half.

The second half followed the pattern of the first, with the play swinging from end to end, and Lochtie nearly scored from a good attempt at a penalty from wide out on the right, on the Academy twenty-five line. In the last quarter of an hour, however, Strathallan tired slightly and the Academy scored two tries in quick succession, but they had to fight for both of them and neither was converted. Their last try came in the closing minutes of the game and was the only "soft" one of the game, their captain (Simpson) being allowed to run round a number of defenders

who could have tackled him. So ended a good hard game from which the School can take great credit for a lively and plucky performance in which everyone played his part. Lochtie captained well and was a tower of strength throughout; time and time again it was breaks by him that relieved the pressure.

The team was—A. A. Arneil, D. H. Scott, \*R. M. Barbour, R. B. Leishman, \*J. W. Durie, \*W. P. Roger, \*I. M. Lochtie (Capt.), \*F. M. Allardice, D. W. McIntosh, H. L. Stuart, I. G. Macintyre, D. M. A. Dillon, \*M. N. Bendell, H. R. Levick, J. A. D. McIntyre.

\*Cap.

### **Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy**

The School were beaten by 21 points to nil at Crieff. What looked like being a very exciting game was, after the first three minutes, turned into a rather uneven battle. Roger went down on a loose ball and the XV lost his services for the rest of the match.

Playing with fourteen men, the School defended stoutly, but the ball was seldom heeled cleanly and the backs were never sent away. Time after time the Morrison's three-quarters were put into action by their pack—superior in weight, and now superior in numbers—and it was to the School's credit that until five minutes from half-time there was still no score. Then from a quick heel Morrison's went over in the corner for an unconverted try, and scarcely two minutes later, Scott, playing rather unhappily at full-back, fumbled for an opposing forward to dribble over. Half-time score was 6-0.

The loss of a man was now beginning to tell and the School had their backs very close to the wall. Lochtie, fighting hard, found all roads blocked on the blind side. When it did get out on the open side Arneil played a neat game in place of Roger but the legs and lungs of the School backs were giving way. A break-through under the posts, which was turned into a goal, was quickly followed by the last try scored, unfortunately, very close to the same spot, due to the unsteadiness at full-back.

It was unfortunate that the referee should have allowed this rather uneven struggle to be dragged on for nearly ten minutes over time, and if tempers became a little frayed, then all the blame cannot be laid on the School's forwards, all of whom—particularly Allardice and Bendell—fought hard until the very end.

The team was—A. A. Arneil, D. H. Scott, \*R. M. Barbour, R. B. Leishman, \*J. W. Durie, \*W. P. Roger, \*I. M. Lochtie (Capt.), \*F. M. Allardice, D. W. McIntosh, H. L. Stuart, I. G. Macintyre, D. M. A. Dillon, \*M. N. Bendell, H. R. Levick, J. A. D. McIntyre.

\*Cap.

### **Strathallan v. George Watson's College**

Played at Myreside, Edinburgh, on 11th November, 1952, in perfect conditions. Result: Watson's 2 goals, one penalty goal, 2 tries (19 points); Strathallan 1 penalty goal and 1 try (6 points).

Strathallan were without Roger at fly-half, his place being taken by Arneil, while Dawson came into the side as full back. From the Strathallan point of view this was a disappointing game, although there were periods when the team played up to their best form, at other times there was far too much hesitation and lack of "snap"—particularly among the three-quarters—in getting up on their men. Possibly a series of hard games (all of them ending in defeat) against faster and heavier opponents had caused a degree of staleness but, whatever the cause, much of the team's play was not up to standard.

Watson's kicked-off and pressed from the start. All through the game they were able to dominate the set scrums and it was not long before some weak and hesitant tackling allowed them to score an unconverted try wide out on the left. This roused Strathallan and for the next quarter of an hour they played up to their best form and were able to keep Watson's pinioned in their own half. Both Barbour and Leishman were quick to seize on several dropped passes by the Watson's centres and Lochtie struck a post with a penalty kick from an easy position in front of the posts which, if successful, would have levelled the scores. After this Watson's regained the initiative but, although on more than one occasion they looked very dangerous, they threw away two good scoring chances by over-elaboration and only scored one more converted try before half-time.

Strathallan attacked at the beginning of the second half but, as in the first half, allowed Watson's to score a soft try; one of their centres, breaking through in his own half and running spectacularly without a hand being laid on him, scored near the post; the kick at goal was missed. After this, as in the first half, Strathallan rallied but were unable to get their three-quarter line moving smoothly and their only attacks came from forward rushes and breaks from the scrum by Lochtie. Watson's were still getting a much larger share of the ball in the tight and they drove Strathallan back into their own half but once again over-elaboration prevented them from scoring except from a penalty goal.

Then followed Strathallan's best period of the game. Several good rushes by the forwards took play into the Watson's twenty-five and at his third attempt Lochtie kicked a penalty goal; with a good goal kicker the result might have been much closer. Again Strathallan attacked with rushes and, from a loose scrum on the Watson's twenty-five, the ball reached Durie who eluded several defenders and scored a good try too far out for Lochtie to convert. He deserved this success as he had defended and covered well throughout the game. Weight now began to tell. Watson's pressed hard again and just before "no side" scored a further converted try after a good sustained movement between three-quarters and forwards.

Once again Lochtie was a tower of strength to the side, and the forwards were often good in the loose, while for Watson's their fly-half Allan was their outstanding player behind the scrum, being constantly elusive and altogether too much of a handful for Arneil.

The team was—M. D. Dawson, D. H. Scott, \*R. M. Barbour, R. B. Leishman, \*J. W. Durie, A. A. Arneil, \*I. M. Lochtie (Capt.), \*F. M. Allardice, D. W. McIntosh, H. L. Stuart, I. G. Macintyre, D. M. A. Dillon, \*M. N. Bendell, H. R. Levick, J. A. D. McIntyre.

\*Cap.

## Tennis

Two grass courts were constructed this Summer on the verge of the Paddock and these, although rather soft at the moment, should by next year be quite effective. The hard courts are now in very poor condition, but owing to rising costs, the task of resurfacing them is by no means easy.

The House competition was, this year again, won by Nicol. Ruthven being second, and Simpson a close third.

The Senior tennis tournament was won by L. D. Marshall, the runner up being J. Hofstetter. The Junior competition was won by R. J. Dagg, and the runner up was G. MacRae.

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N. V. UPSDALE WINNING THE HALF MILE.

[By courtesy of the "Perthshire Advertiser."]

## Swimming

THE pond was once again as popular as ever, and by the end of the term there were very few left in the non-swimmers' class. However a mild epidemic of heavy colds did stop all swimming for two or three weeks in July.

The School had one swimming match, against Morrison's Academy, and we were beaten by 85 points to 170. Morrison's took first place in most of the events, showing us that we have much work to do before we can reach average competitive standard.

The match against the Old Boys was, as usual, enjoyed by everyone, and this time the School were successful in the relay race, whilst conceding a draw in the water polo.

On Speech Day, the life-saving class gave a demonstration of the work they had learned and practised throughout the term. It was interesting to note that those who are able to swim the fastest are not necessarily the best life-savers, for the technique required for life-saving does not demand the qualities required for competition work. In the Royal Life Saving Society's Examination held in July, the following results were obtained:



1. Award of Merit: I. G. Macintyre, I. W. G. Taylor, R. S. Little, H. A. McMillan, J. F. Padkin, R. B. Leishman, R. G. M. Philip.
  2. Bronze Cross: I. G. Macintyre, I. W. G. Taylor, H. A. McMillan, R. G. M. Philip, J. F. Padkin, N. V. Upsdale.
  3. Bar to the Bronze Medallion: I. W. G. Taylor, H. A. McMillan, R. G. M. Philip.
  4. Royal Life Saving Society's Instructor's Certificate: F. M. Allardice, I. G. Macintyre.
  5. Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificate: L. D. Marshall, R. M. D. Grant, J. D. Hood, I. M. Guthrie, H. L. Stuart, A. A. Arneil, R. D. Houston, R. C. Ross, V. D. McMillan, C. I. R. MacRae, C. J. C. Raitt, C. McCreadie, I. C. Mitchell, R. S. McFarlane, J. R. Johnson, J. M. Swan.
  6. Intermediate Certificate: G. R. Johnston, D. S. MacCallum, T. C. Paterson, A. McMurray, D. M. Sinclair, A. S. McDonald.
- Captain of Swimming: F. M. Allardice.  
 Vice-Captain: I. G. Macintyre.

J.A.G.

## Old Boys' Notes

THE principal event of the Club's activities, the A.G.M. and Annual Dinner, was held in the Marlborough House, Glasgow, on Saturday, 6th December, and the Dinner Dance will be held there also on Thursday, 19th March. It is hoped that members have refrained from sending us news for this issue in order that they may impart such information personally to their friends at these gatherings. If such is the case, there will be a record turnout, and members should write to the Secretary now for their tickets.

Strathallians are well to the fore in the various Rugby Clubs and members will be pleased to note that A. D. Headrick was recently elected Captain of the 1st XV Glasgow Academicals.

It is with pleasure we record further distinction to two Ex-Presidents of the Club. In Glasgow Incorporation of Coopers, the offices of Deacon and Collector were held by S. Dow and O. Melrose respectively during the past year.

Those who knew F. W. Blacklaws (1944-47) at school will be gratified to know he is now a member of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, London, and has his Teacher's Diploma for solo singing.

R. K. Common (39-42) is now a Dental Surgeon in partnership with his father in Stirling, and his brother D. K. Common (41-44) has graduated B.Sc. Engineering at Cambridge, and is now working in Newcastle.

Our belated congratulations to N. A. Gillanders (27-32) on his appointment last year to a Directorship with Messrs. Howe & Bros. (Dundee) Ltd.

A. E. Dawson has successfully completed his studies at Aberdeen University, graduating as B.Sc. (Agriculture) last



month. He now holds an appointment at the Rowett Research Institute for Animal Nutrition, Bucksburn, Aberdeenshire.

Dr. D. McColl (30-37), B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., likes to give us all his news at one time. He is now married with two young daughters, and is living at Ardrossan, Ayrshire. He is the Works Medical Officer, I.C.I. Ltd., at the Ardeer Factory.

It is with deep regret that we intimate the untimely death in a car accident of D. F. McKenzie, who was one of the leading younger farmers in the North. He leaves a wife and four young children. To them and his immediate family, we offer our sincere sympathy.

### GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

WE open with a warm welcome to this year's newcomers and hope that they will take part in the numerous extra-curricular activities of the University. We must also congratulate those Strathallians who were successful in the summer examinations.

In the medical faculty and intending to sit their finals this year are J. D. Stevenson, E. C. McCracken, G. Sandeman, R. Newton and A. R. Pate. Last year Pate rose to great heights in the athletic activities of the Varsity. He not only captained the 1st XV but was the President of the Glasgow University Athletic Club. Beginning the third year are K. A. C. Brown and L. J. McCarroll, both of whom are keen members of the Rugby Club. The former, a member of the Junior Selection Committee, plays for the first XV while McCarroll turns out regularly for the second. Brown's brother, D. S. C. Brown, in his second year and one of the leading lights in the Boat Club, is now Secretary we believe. J. M. Maguire, continuing his studies of medical chemistry and botany, is joined in the first year by F. Noble.

Will someone please tell us about J. Smith, I. McLachlan and D. Barr? We know they are taking the allied veterinary course, but nothing is known of their progress as no one seems to have seen them at Gilmorehill for some considerable time.

We have now two Strathallians studying dentistry, R. I. F. Stewart (fourth year) and A. D. Pottie (first year). Stewart continues to represent the University at rugger and basketball, while Pottie is a notable member of the Fives Club. Also interested in the Fives Club is our sole representative in the Faculty of Arts, D. I. Muir, who is also working for his C.A. degree.

Of I. W. M. Hendry's progress in law little is known, although he has been seen on the rugby field with Glasgow High F.P.'s. Also taking law is W. A. McMillan who has started first year classes. Although a Fresher, he has already gained his place as a three-quarter in the 1st XV.

T. R. L. Fraser, M.A., is now in his second year B.Sc. (Agriculture) and has added to his list of praiseworthy achievements the Presidency of the Union. Also studying for a degree in agriculture are W. A. D. McFadzean, A. McLelland and M. F. Cessford. The first two are in their third year, while Cessford is taking further classes in Chemistry and finding time for University rugby at the week-ends.

Our high hopes for D. Simpson's success were justified—he graduated B.Sc. (Applied Chemistry) in the summer. I. R. Stephens is taking Honours in Chemistry and has reached the third year. We hear that his activities include a keen interest in the T.A.

C. F. T. McLay begins the engineering course this session. In the second year are R. G. Stuart, H. I. B. Fitzpatrick and N. Milne, who continues in the Varsity T.A. the interest in the Signal Corps which he formed at school. G. Wolfe is taking Mathematical classes in connection with his course and puts his knowledge of engineering into practice by entering his home-made racing car—"The Wolfe Special"—for all local hill-climbing events. M. J. Thomas is in the third year, while G. Vernon is entering his final year. A. Stuart, who was elected to the Union Board of Management, passed his final groups of subjects in June but has still one more examination to sit before graduating.

In conclusion, if we have failed to mention anyone despite our extensive enquiries, we apologise most sincerely and hope that before we compile the next University letter they will have made their presence known to us.

*Editorial Note.*—Strathallians are certainly making their presence felt at Glasgow. Our correspondent J. M. Maguire deserves our sincere thanks for the trouble he has taken to give us this information.

### **EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY**

It is not so easy to follow the fortunes of old Strathallians at Edinburgh. The University is so large and dispersed while we are well distributed among the Faculties. However chance meetings do occur and on these the correspondent must rely for his reports on Old Boys at the University.

We have a large representation studying Agriculture. I. Turnbull is now in his third and H. Stewart in his second year of the B.Sc. Course. We have heard that C. Wallace after a preliminary year at the University's Boghall farm is now at the College in George Square. When he sees this will he please contact us so that we may have a look at him and get his name in our book? That also goes for D. Rossie, who we understand is studying Technical Chemistry and is in the second year.

R. Caldwell has been at the Botanic Gardens but we must mark him down as "occupation unknown". E. Spink is our sole representative in the Medical Faculty where he is doing well.

A. Baxter, Heriot-Watt Engineering College, and D. Shannon, Dick Veterinary College, had a surprise meeting in the Old Quad in September. Both were suffering from that perennial disease—Resits!

At the end of last session we bade farewell to D. Hunter, now B.L. At the time of writing he is waiting to go off to the forces. D. Slight, B.Sc. (Agriculture), has also left and we understand is now an Agricultural Advisory Officer.

We cannot close without a word about our cousins, the C.A. apprentices. Among these we have heard from the brothers Frost, "Ping" McKenzie, and the newly arrived I. F. B. Stewart.

J. Shaw is still as busy as ever and hopes to recommence the Edinburgh lunch meetings at an early date.

All new entrants to Edinburgh University should contact our correspondent:—D. Shannon, c/o Innes, 8 Lauriston Park, Edinburgh. Telephone No. Fou. 4922.

### **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY**

With "May-Balls", examinations and a long-vacation behind us, we in Cambridge, at this time, are once more turning our attentions to the work and pleasures of the new academic year. However, before we do so entirely, it is only fitting that we should record C. Guthrie's brilliant success in the Tripos Examinations last May. In these he obtained first class honours (and is surely the first Strathallian to do so at Cambridge), and has consequently been elected to a college scholarship. We offer him our heartiest congratulations and hope that he will have similar successes.

Nothing has been seen of H. Lowden and we assume he continues with his studies and research work. Your correspondent, A. Chisholm, now in his final year, prefers that details of his activities should remain unpublished; and regrets that again another session has been started without the appearance of further Strathallians in Cambridge.

### **BIRTHS**

GILLANDERS. On 16th July, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil A. Gillanders, 10 Balgillo Crescent, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, a daughter.

LEWIS. On 7th September, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Lewis, 46 Beechlands Drive, Glasgow, a son.

McALLISTER. On 14th July, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McAllister, Arran, Drummond Crescent, Inverness, a daughter.

**MARRIAGES**

COMMON-CARLIN. At Stirling on 2nd July, 1952, R. K. Common, 12 Berkeley Street, Stirling, to Miss Lea Carlin.

CRAWFORD-McFADYEAN. At Dumfries on 30th September, 1952, Hugh B. Crawford, Craigley, Castle Douglas, to Miss Grace Wendy McFadyean, Barrachan, Rockcliffe, Kirkcudbrightshire.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

BOYD, I. N. (1946-49), Sunnysbrae, Victoria Road, Burnside, to Miss Margaret M. C. Scott, Craigmore, Hornchurch, Essex.

MASON, D. L. (1939-47), C.A., to Miss Lucy MacCallum.

NAIRN, W. M., 222 Titwood Road, to Cynthia J. Vernon, 150 Titwood Road, Glasgow.

NAISMITH, W. B. (1942-46), 21 Craignethan Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire, to J. Dorothy Judd, 3 Broompark Drive, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire.

**DEATH**

McKENZIE. David Fraser McKenzie, Stratton Farm, Inverness, on 7th October, 1952, as the result of an accident.

**SALVETE**

September, 1952: Anderson, D. M.; Benson, R. McC.; Booker-Milburn, H. I. C.; Bruce, D. R. D.; Caldwell, I. F.; Chapman, R. A.; Christie, J. M.; Clark, G. L.; Clark, J. M.; Clark, J. O.; Clark, R. B.; Crabb, D. I. C.; Crabb, K. F. H.; Craig, W. G.; Crawford, K. M.; Dickie, A. S.; Dinsmore, J. W.; Eastwood, I.; Fleming, J. N.; Galbraith, W. G.; Hellon, R.; Hibbs, G. McG.; Hepperton, H. M. E.; Hutcheson, A. J. C.; Hutton, I. C.; Kilpatrick, W. P.; Leishman, D. A.; Lindsay, L. C.; Logan, A.; Logan, D. F.; Low, J. M.; MacGregor, R. C.; Macpherson, W. T.; McBain, N. S.; McEachran, D.; McInnes, J. W.; McLean, A. C. J.; McLellan, P.; Mitchell, J. G. R.; Mitton, D. N. G.; Padkin, M. C.; Paton, J. G.; Pope, M. I.; Porter, F. M.; Pullar, A. L.; Robertson, B. A. S. G.; Robertson, D. M.; Sellar, G. L.; Sim, I. D. E.; Thorburn, J.; Weir, R. M.; Willcox, H.; Willcox, I. J.; Yellowley, D. C.

**VALETE**

July, 1952: Adamson, D. R.; Baird, K. A.; Benz, G. M. C.; Beveridge, J. R. C.; Brown, D. G.; Bruce, G. R.; Butler, A.; Clark, A. W.; Cullen, D.; Cuthill, W. J.; Dagg, R. J.; Dillon, R. H. M.; Gowans, S. I.; Grant, R. M. D.; Kerr, T. A.; Lawrie, R. T.; Little, R. S.; Mateer, D. H.; McLay, C. F. T.; McMillan, V. D.; McMillan, W. A.; Miller, C. B.; Noble, J. M.; Pottie, A. D.; Raitt, C. J. C.; Scotland, D. C.; Scott, F. M.; Simpson, P. H.; Stewart, I. F. B.; Tait, W. G.; Tulloch, W. A.; Turnbull, C. M.; Upsdale, N. V.; Watt, W. G. B.

**OUR CONTEMPORIES**

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