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Editorial

This issue of "The Strathallian" must, of necessity, strike a note of regret, for we belong to a nation in mourning. So much has been written about our beloved monarch since his death in February, that it would be both redundant and impertinent for us, the editors of a school magazine, to add anything further. Suffice it to say that our late King was a man endowed with an extremely high sense of public duty. His life, both private and public, was dedicated to the welfare of his subjects, and, during sixteen short but hectic years, he and his Queen did more than any previous sovereign to bring the Royal Family closer to the hearts of the British peoples.

It seems fitting that the Silver Jubilee of "The Strathallian" should coincide with the beginning of a new reign. Throughout twenty-five years of continuous publication there have been numerous changes in its design, layout and production. Launched in the Spring Term of 1927, the magazine appeared in the form that it was to take until 1947 — almost double its present size with approximately half as many pages as there are to-day. Originally three issues were produced per annum, but with the introduction of the new size this was reduced to two.

While on the subject of jubilees, we should like to extend our congratulations and thanks to Mr. McIntyre who has served the school continuously for twenty-five years. In April he was presented by the Governors with a wrist watch in token of his services. Strathallians past and present will, we are sure, join us in hoping that "Mac" will enjoy many more years at Strathallan.

In conclusion we should like to thank all those who answered our appeal for contributions last November. It almost seemed that the study of Shakespeare, Lamb and Milton had borne fruit and blossomed out in the tangible form of original poems and articles, but alas, when March came round the well of inspiration seemed to have run dry, for it was only with much cajoling that people were persuaded to put pen to paper. Old Boys must not take offence here, for their section has been well supported this time — a change from November.

We are not yet certain when the next issue will appear, as the possibility of publishing three numbers a year is being considered, but when we ask for articles again we hope that we shall not be appealing in vain.

School Notes and Notices

SINCE our last issue there have been many more changes, the most important being the removal of Riley House from the old Ruthven wing to the Sanatorium block, the "San" being now situated in the old Sick Ward wing. This removal has not been without its attendant problems, and our praise must go to Mr. Bain and his staff who have been working at high pressure since February. Two masters and approximately sixty boys are accommodated in the block. The four senior houses have thus been able to spread out considerably, Nicol and Freeland occupying the old part of the building and the other two houses being accommodated in the remaining eleven dormitories.

The magazines and daily papers in the Saloon have been joined by pamphlets and maps from the Current Affairs room over at school, and informal discussions are held on the subject by Mr. Appleby. This change should arouse a fresh interest in world happenings and developments.

The winter now past, while perhaps not one of the severest in memory, was nevertheless noteworthy for its general inclemency. The gales at the end of the Autumn Term and in the Christmas holidays were responsible for blowing down one of the largest trees in the valley, and for tearing a branch off another tree which in falling uprooted a young fir tree and ripped up several yards of fencing opposite the bridge. The Spring Term will long be remembered for the wintry conditions in January and February. For the better part of a month snow and ice covered the ground. Three weeks of skating were enjoyed by about sixty of the boys and masters on the school ponds, which after rigorous testing were deemed safe, and on the flood waters of the Earn. Four light sledges were purchased out of house funds, and two good and very fast runs were discovered on the lower slopes of Drum Finn.

Times are changing, and one familiar figure has disappeared. After many years of slow, plodding faithfulness, "Major", the school horse, has been pensioned off and is now spending his declining years in a rest home. His place has been taken by a new Ferguson tractor which arrived in the middle of the Spring Term.

The end of the Christmas Term was spent in the traditional festive manner. Many parents and friends were present for the Saturday evening performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore"—an unqualified success, full details of which will be found elsewhere in the magazine. On Sunday the 16th, the annual carol service, which took the usual form, was held in the chapel. This was followed almost immediately by the Senior Common-room Dinner held in the Senior Commonroom. Monday evening was the date of the School Supper, an affair whose success was largely due to Mrs. Pinkney and her staff. The evening was rounded off with a film, "Odd Man Out", shown in the gym.

The end of the Spring Term was a busy period for the whole school, as the "Highers", house sevens, athletic heats, cross country and beacon dance were all squeezed into three weeks. The sevens, postponed until March, were played off in three days of brilliant sunshine, Ruthven emerging the victors. Freeland, by winning all its matches in the Junior League, is the first house to have its name inscribed on the new Junior Rugby Cup. With the presentation of this cup there comes a change in the award of the old House Rugby Cup which now goes to the winner of the sevens. The flag points are, however, still determined by the combined placings of the houses in the Senior and Junior Leagues.

The Beacon dance, usually a Christmas Term "fixture", was postponed until March, and held this time at Strathallan in the school library, with a running buffet in the Saloon.

With the Easter Term there was an expansion in the choir in the form of a choral society under Mr. Cutforth. This society gave an informal concert in the gym on the last night of the term, 31st March. Members are drawn chiefly from the choir together with a few chapel back-benchers. The society meets this term every Sunday.

In the middle of March the Ruthven Shield disappeared from its place on the dining-room wall, and there was some speculation as to its whereabouts. Minds were, however, set at rest not long after when it came back repainted in the correct Ruthven colours, which are, to use the standard heraldic terminology, "paly of six argent and gules", or to the uninitiated, six alternate vertical stripes of silver and red. The coat-of-arms also contains a ram's head, which is, however, not included on the actual shield.

Since we last "went to press" there have been two outings to the Perth Theatre, one in November to "Macbeth" by the Perth Theatre Company, and the other in March to "Iolanthe", the annual performance of the Perth Amateur Operatic Society.

A.C.M.

Sports and Speech Days

THE Sports were held this year on Friday, 6th June, and following the custom adopted last year, Speech Day was celebrated on the following day. The weather, although not so warm as last year, was nevertheless very pleasant on both days.

The outcome of the House Championship was never in any real doubt, and, despite some excellent running by the Simpson competitors, Freeland emerged victors with a lead of thirty-six points. Although no records were broken, there was good competition, and the times, with one or two notable exceptions, compare favourably with those of last year. N. V. Upsdale won the Senior Championship without very much difficulty, and R. A. Paterson was successful in gaining the Bruce Mackay under sixteen Victor Ludorum Cup.

On Speech Day, accommodation for seven hundred had been arranged in the dining-hall, and, at 11.15 a.m., following his introduction by the Headmaster, Vice Admiral Sir James Troup, K.B.E., C.B., presented the school prizes. The address which he then delivered was obviously enjoyed by parents and boys, for he blended amusing anecdotes, stirring reminiscences, and shrewd advice into an inspiring whole. His popularity was assured long before he informed the school that he had asked for a half-holiday on their behalf.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors rounded-off this part of the day's proceedings very neatly when, after thanking Sir James and Lady Troup, who was later to present the sports prizes, he called for a vote of thanks to the boys themselves, since in his opinion the assembly would have been pointless without them!

Although there was no cricket match this year, there were several other attractions for the visitors, including the school orchestra, which gave its maiden performance after the prize-giving, and then contributed to a concert held in the gymnasium in the afternoon. Some impromptu squeaks were heard but the indulgence of the audience was less required than had been expected. Then the school pipe band rounded-off the morning's proceedings by marching past as the assembly left the dining-hall. In the afternoon they again gave of their best, and in view of the fact that they have only existed as a unit for a few months were wisely content to limit their repertoire on this occasion.

All parts of the school buildings were open for inspection during the afternoon and there were two exhibitions — by the Photographic Society and the Art Society — apart from displays in other activity rooms. Simultaneously, Riley House sports were held on the Paddock.

At half past four, Lady Troup presented the Senior sports prizes from the pavilion on the lawn, and at quarter to five, tea was held in the dining-hall, after which boys were allowed out with their parents.

A.C.M.

Lectures and Entertainments

THERE must be few, if any, of us who have had in recent terms time on our hands. Activity Hour is indeed an active hour and a relaxation only in that the effort called for is different to that demanded in the class-room.

For this reason it was decided last term to invite only one lecturer to speak to us, and to increase instead the number of entertainment films. The showing of films on Leave Sunday afternoons was an innovation approved of by those boys whose parents live too far away to call and collect.

Film titles are frequently misleading but the many suggestions which were forthcoming led to some happy choices being made, and there was even the parent who complained that her son did not wish to go out with her because the school film promised better than the ones advertised in Perth.

Our only lecturer last term was Mr. Donald Grant who spoke to us about "China, Russia and Asia"—an ambitious theme but rendered digestible for most of us by an easy manner and judicious use of two blackboards and some very large maps.

Dr. Roger, of University College, Dundee, visited us this term. His lecture entitled "Chemistry and the Community" was an enjoyable affair and there was keen competition to examine the many chemicals and concoctions which he brought with him and laid out for display.

Later this term we hope to welcome a well-known journalist who has promised to speak to the Senior School.

Three or four entertainment films have been booked for this term, and the school is now obtaining a series of films on scientific subjects for showing during wet activity periods.

A.J.S.G.

Chapel Notes

On the evening of 16th December the annual service of lessons and carols was held in the school chapel which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. There was a good attendance of parents and friends and our thanks go to the choir for their fine singing and especially for their beautiful rendering of the "Nunc dimittis" by Stanford.

On the day of the funeral of His Late Majesty King George the Sixth a memorial service was held during which a period of two minutes' silence was observed. The form taken was simple and the whole service lasted approximately half an hour.

This term we are to have two important services. Founder's Day is to be commemorated on 28th June instead of in October as in the past. Then, later on in July, the new chapel furniture will be dedicated by the Rev. W. Campbell, an Old Strathallian.

The choir have once again given worthy service, working very hard together to raise the standard of singing in chapel. This term, for the first time, they will sing an anthem every Sunday.

We thank all those who have come to preach on Sunday evenings, and we should like them to be assured of our sincere appreciation of their help.

J.A.G.

The Dramatic and Operatic Society

"H.M.S. Pinafore"

On 14th and 15th December the school Dramatic and Operatic Society gave a performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore". For most of the boys this was an entirely new experience, since it is some years since a Gilbert and Sullivan opera has been presented, and only one or two boys in the cast had previously taken part in a production of this kind. Thus, one of the greatest difficulties to overcome was that of combining singing with acting, which as two separate accomplishments could be rehearsed successfully, but like oil and water when merged refused to mix. Another difficulty was the technical one of singing with an orchestra for the first time.

Almost all the principals had a natural barrier of diffidence to overcome before they could begin to act, especially those who were playing feminine roles, and yet the standard

of proficiency which they eventually reached seemed quite unattainable when rehearsals began. This applied particularly to Hay, who not only showed real feeling and absorption in his acting, but also sang his difficult part with rhythmic sense and an unusual fullness of tone for a boy of his age. For example, his song "The hours creep on apace", which is often omitted from school performances, was sung with apparent ease and a confidence which was imparted to the audience.

No small part of Hay's success can be attributed to the full and intelligent co-operation he was given by Little, whose infectious enthusiasm quite made up for any inadequacies in his voice. On the other hand, Finlay, possessing perhaps the best voice and certainly the clearest diction, was not entirely at ease in his acting. Hood made an impressive figure as Captain Corcoran, and although his voice suffered at times from a temporary roughness, not yet being fully developed, he made the most of the more dramatic moments of the second act.

One of those who made the greatest progress was Baird who came on surprisingly well in the last few weeks, and was helped considerably by very effective make-up.

Urquhart was a jovial Boatswain, fully at home with the music, who gave a firm lead to the chorus. And here it should be said that Sailors, Sisters, Cousins and Aunts, after much tedious work, contributed very effectively to the atmosphere of the production. Both the entrance of the Sisters, Cousins and Aunts in the first act and the stealthy appearance of the Sailors in the second went over well, but more difficult though less spectacular was their sustained support of the action to which they formed the background.

Marshall, the most experienced actor, was a convincing Admiral. If his interpretation of the part appealed more to the school than to the parents it is nevertheless "greatly to his credit" that he carried off what was undoubtedly the most difficult acting part with such assurance.

Finally, in addition to all the other essential people whose share in the production was contributed offstage, and for whom space permits only a mention in the excerpts from the programme printed at the end of this review, we should like to renew our thanks to all outside members of the orchestra for giving so much of their valuable time, and to Mr. D. Stratton Watt for his work in designing and painting the scenery.

Scene: Quarter-deck of H.M.S. Pinafore, off Portsmouth.
Act I — Noon. Act II — Night.



[Courtesy of "Star Photos", Perth]

H.M.S. PINAFORE**CAST — IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE.**

Bosun's Mate	L. M. Urquhart
Carpenter's Mate	I. A. Robertson
Midshipmite	B. G. Kenny
Little Buttercup (a Portsmouth bumboat woman)	R. E. Finlay
Dick Deadeye (Able Seaman)	K. A. Baird
Ralph Rackstraw (Able Seaman)	R. S. Little
Captain Corcoran (Commanding H.M.S. Pinafore)	J. D. Hood
The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. (First Lord)	L. D. Marshall
Hebe (Sir Joseph's first cousin)	J. M. Duncan
Josephine (The Captain's daughter)	H. R. H. Hay
Sergeant of Marines	J. F. Padkin

**Sailors, First Lord's Sisters, Cousins and Aunts
played by**

F. M. Allardice, A. C. Duncan, J. W. Durie, E. F. C. Gilmour, J. S. H. Hamilton, D. M. Morrison, C. McCreadie, R. G. M. Philip,
A. R. M. Adams, G. M. Fergusson, S. W. Grierson, C. D. Haddow, N. F. Maguire, N. H. Morrison, A. S. MacDonald, A. D. L. MacTaggart, T. C. Paterson, D. B. Pirrie, D. H. Smith, R. B. D. Weeks.

Producer: A. M. Appleby.

Musical Director: D. E. Cuthforth.

Stage Manager: A. W. Clark.

Stage Assistants: W. Brown, M. D. Dawson and R. A. Paterson.

Electricians: H. L. Stuart, J. P. Stirrat.

Make-up: J. M. Paterson, F. M. Scott.

Prompt: I. F. B. Stewart.

Properties: J. A. D. McIntyre. Members of the orchestra: R. T. Lawrie, H. A. Macmillan, C. W. Ross.

Scenery painted by D. M. A. Dillon and I. J. MacDougall.



[Courtesy of "Star Photos", Perth]

H.M.S. PINAFORE

Music Notes

The last six months have shown a marked increase in the variety and standard of musical activities carried on throughout the school. The obvious keenness and enthusiasm shown by all those connected with the performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore" was a great encouragement for the future, and something of the enormous pleasure and satisfaction obtained from working together in a team, each single member contributing an essential part to the whole, was plainly realised by everyone, at least over the last few weeks if not at the start of rehearsals. This applied also in connection with the School Concert held at the end of last term. Details of both these performances will be found on pages 6 and 11.

Gradually looming into shape over the harmonic horizon is the School Orchestra. By the time these words are read it will have given its first public performance on the occasion of Speech Day. At present it consists of two violins, one 'cello, a flute, oboe, three clarinets and two trumpets, but besides these instrumentalists who are able to meet successfully in a group, more than an equal number are learning an instrument, and in a year or two will be able to join the orchestra's ranks. This term eleven junior boys with this goal in mind

have taken up the fiddle in two classes under the patient eye (or should it be impassive ear?) of Mr. McGlynn. Already they have shown great keenness, as one of them put it, at having a "bash"!

The Chapel Choir is gradually widening its repertoire and gaining greater confidence. This term, for the first time, it will be performing an anthem in the service each Sunday. The school too, in its singing in chapel, has shown more alertness and enjoyment, probably because of greater awareness of what it should be singing.

The Choral Society, some sixty voices in all, meeting for the first time, tackled manfully the unaccustomed difficulties of the Hallelujah Chorus and were greatly appreciated in their singing of the negro songs at the end of the concert last term.

Since January a small enthusiastic group, now numbering sixteen, has been meeting informally on Sunday evenings in Mr. Cutforth's room to practise part-songs. It performed some of these last term, Sir Hugh Robertson's arrangement of an Eriskay Love Lilt being particularly popular.

In December the choir and a few others went to a concert in Perth given by the Vienna Boys' Choir. This was a real experience. The Vienna Boys' Choir has been in existence for over four hundred years, and such giants as Haydn, Mozart and Schubert have all been members of it. From the moment the boys, dressed like sailors in their traditional white costumes, came onto the stage, their perfect training and discipline was obvious. Singing the complete programme from memory, their performance was above criticism, their variety of tone, attack, intonation, balance, all appearing easy to achieve. The gorgeous way in which they performed the little Strauss operetta in costume with such perfect sense of timing had the entire audience in fits of laughter.

On a separate plane altogether, also very enjoyable and well performed, was a production of "Iolanthe" by the Perth Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. Two packed busloads of about ninety boys in all attended this, many of them with their critical faculties whetted by their own experiences in "H.M.S. Pinafore".

Over the last six months, smaller parties have also attended concerts in Perth given by the Ernest Element String Quartet, the Czech Trio and the Dundee Orchestral Society; also a rather disappointing concert performance of "Die Fledermaus" given by the Vienna Opera.

On 25th January we had a piano recital given by Mr. Kendall Taylor. His choice of programme was long and on

the heavy side for many of the audience, and it lacked variety. His playing, though technically assured, was not allowed to explore the finer poetic feelings. However, for the more erudite members of the audience, there was much in the performance that afforded considerable enjoyment, and we are grateful to Mr. Taylor for his visit.

The following successes have been gained in the Associated Board Examinations in November and March :

Pianoforte : D. A. Laird, Grade V ; J. D. Thompson, Grade III ; S. W. Grierson, Grade II.

Theory of Music : R. S. Hamilton, Grade IV.

D.E.C.

PROGRAMME OF SCHOOL CONCERT

given on Monday, 31st March, 1952.

1. Chorus. Songs of the Sea Stanford
 1. Drake's Drum. 2. Homeward Bound. 3. The "Old Superb".
 Baritone Solo: J. D. Hood.
2. Part Songs: Love is Made to Make us Glad (Merrie England), German
 An Eriskay Love Lilt arr. Hugh Robertson
 'The Campbells are Comin' arr. Mansfield
3. Piano Solo: Sonatina in F Beethoven
 1. Allegro. 2. Rondo.
 D. M. Sinclair.
4. Chorus: Hallelujah (Messiah) Handel
5. Part Songs: Strange Adventure (Yeomen of the Guard) ... Sullivan
 Cherry Ripe C. E. Horn, arr. Geehl
 Rolling Down to Rio German
6. Piano Solos: Sheep May Safely Graze Bach
 Waltz in C Minor Chopin
 L. M. Urquhart.
7. Duet: The Two Gendarmes Offenbach
 R. S. Little and L. M. Urquhart.
8. Chorus: Negro Plantation Songs arr. Stanford Robinson
 1. Kemo Kimo. 2. Who's dat a-calling? 3. Li'l Liza Jane.
 4. De Old Folks at Home. 5. Polly-Wolly-Doodle.
 Baritone Solo: L. M. Urquhart.

The Stamp Club

THE Stamp Club has an enthusiastic following, its members all coming from the middle and junior schools. During the Winter and Spring Terms an exhibition case containing stamps belonging to members was displayed in the Saloon. The contents of the case were changed every week.

D.E.Y.



GOATFELL

J. D. Hood

Photographic Society

THE Photographic Society has this year proved to have been one of the more popular activities, and now that the Summer Term has come, with its better weather and greater opportunities for photography, we hope to see an even greater interest.

As usual, the annual society exhibition and competition was held on Speech Day. This was, as before, divided into two sections: juniors and seniors.

A second but smaller competition is to be held at the end of this term. The requirements for it are that photographs have to be taken within the school grounds; the idea being that we propose to have the winning photographs printed on this year's school Christmas cards.

I.F.B.S.



SCHOOL DRIVE

[R. A. Shaw

Aeromodelling

ONCE again there has been a dearth of members owing to the proximity of the "highers". This, however, failed to damp the ardour of those who could spare the time, and the aeromodelling section still flourishes.

Added interest was provided during the Easter Term by the constant hope that an R.A.F. "Eton" training glider would be delivered, but at present we still await its arrival.

Gliders (model) have been the vogue during the Easter Term and many excursions have been made to Drum Finn and other neighbouring hills. On these expeditions all the previous club records have been eclipsed. Notable record breakers are E. J. E. Smith, the president of the club, whose models set up times which will no doubt last for several terms, and J. Hofstetter who particularly excelled in the sphere of hand-launching.

The Summer Term has yet to reveal the branch of the hobby which will become most popular, but it is hoped that interest will be centred on control-line flight.

A new committee was elected with Mr. Gibbs as hon. president, E. J. E. Smith as president, J. Hofstetter as secretary, R. M. D. Dillon as treasurer and F. M. Scott as committee member.

C.McC.

The Gramophone Club

SINCE the club was founded over a year ago, following the most generous presentation to the school of over two hundred records in perfect condition by Mr. H. B. Rowan, membership has been increasing steadily.

In January the first batch of new records, chosen from among the suggestions of members, was added to the library, and a further addition is to be made shortly.

For the benefit of those who are interested, but who may not already know, membership of this club entitles one to use the gramophone and record library at any free time throughout the week. The subscription is 3/6 a year or 1/6 a term, and this money is used for the purchase of any new records members may wish to suggest.

D.E.C.

Scripture Union

ONCE again it is heartening to report that the numbers in the school branch of the Scripture Union continue to grow. The three sections — junior, intermediate and senior — meet regularly every week. The Scripture Union badge is now a common sight on the lapels of many school jackets.

For those who do not know exactly what the Scripture Union is, may we inform them that it is a world-wide union of people of all races who, in their endeavour to deepen their own Christian faith, read a set portion of the Bible each day. It is to this union that the school branch is affiliated.

J.A.G.

Library Notes

THROUGHOUT the Winter and Spring Terms the library was in constant use. During the Easter holidays the partitions were removed from the far-away table, thus making more room.

A great incentive was given to reading by the addition of a considerable quantity of new books. There is, however, still room for many more books, and owing to ever rising costs we are unable to purchase as many as we should like. We would therefore be very grateful if any Old Boys, who have suitable books which they no longer require, would care to give them to the school library.

A.C.M.



[R. A. Shaw

Ralph Rackstraw, Carpenter's Mate and Bosun's Mate. (Trio, Act I)

H.M.S. PINAFORE

Art Society

FOR nearly a year now the Art Society has been under the guidance of Mr. J. Stratton Watt who is well known in Perthshire art circles. There are about twelve or so boys who regularly turn up for tuition on Wednesday afternoons and evenings, and some of these boys contrive, rather miraculously, to find time for private sketching at other times during the week.

Besides this enthusiastic and reasonably talented group, another dozen or so members attend classes less frequently. This irregular attendance is due in most cases to the counter demands of other activities, but we take this opportunity of reminding them that art is one-third inspiration and two-thirds training and practice.

Seven or eight members have submitted work in connection with a competition sponsored by an industrial firm. The results have not yet been published, but the society is not without hope of pulling off a small prize or at least a modest mention.

A.J.S.G.

Scout Notes

IN our last notes we forecast the possibility of a new lighting system for the "Hut". This has now been installed, thanks to Rural Gas and a mortgage, and has proved more than useful. Repairs to the fabric are our next concern and the Summer Term should provide the opportunity.

During the winter three of the troop gained the First Class badge and are now on the way to Bushman's thong and Queen's Scout; these three are R. A. Shaw, E. F. C. Gilmour and H. A. Macmillan. Our quota of Second Class badges is also on the increase, but with only one Scouter these things are more difficult of accomplishment than they might be.

Summer camp is the next question: where and when? We must wait and see how present plans mature.

L.G.

Workshops

ALTHOUGH the longer summer evenings tend to attract boys to outside activities, our numbers this term convince us of the necessity of finding more benches and working space.

In general, our members have tended to make useful articles rather than fancy and complicated models: and they are tackling their tasks much more carefully and methodically than previously. The new lathe is proving a great attraction and the results are encouraging. A certain amount of maintenance work is done, as breakages occur, and it is pleasing to note the general enthusiasm and air of activity which pervade the workshops during all hobbies periods.

A.J.T.

Ruthven House Shield

THE coat-of-arms of Lord Ruthven, Earl of Gowrie, who lived at Freeland House (now the school building) in the 17th century, is shown on next page. The title dates back to the 12th century. Since Ruthven House bears the name of this old Scottish family, permission has been sought for the adoption of the shield in place of the former one, a light blue cross on a fawn background, which was taken from the arms of the school.



RUTHVEN HOUSE SHIELD

The first reaction of many old boys, to whom the old shield was familiar, will naturally be to regret what appears to be a change for something new, and it should perhaps therefore be pointed out that the new shield is in fact not only a link with something very old but that it also represents a connection with a Scottish family whose record, on more than one occasion in the past, has been a stirring one.

Patrick, the third Lord Ruthven, was the first to strike Rizzio on the 9th of March, 1566, having risen from a sickbed to do so. It was his son, who had fled with his father to England, who was created Earl of Gowrie by King James VI in 1581 but was beheaded only three years later. In 1600, after the alleged Gowrie conspiracy, the name of Ruthven was abolished, but in 1651 the title was revived and conferred upon Sir Thomas Ruthven of Freeland, whose coat-of-arms is shown here.

The shield itself is "a paly of six, argent and gules", that is to say, six alternate red and silver stripes, the crest a ram's head and the motto "Deid Schaw" — Deeds Show.

Combined Cadet Force Notes

Army and Basic Sections

It is good to be able to report that since this magazine last went to print we have achieved 100 per cent. success in the annual Certificate "A" examination, when thirty-seven cadets were successful in Part I, whilst seven passed Part II. As always happens at this stage in the session we lost a number of successful cadets to the R.A.F. Section. This time twenty-three were transferred.

Systematic training has continued during both Easter and Summer Terms, and mention must be made of the able way in which the N.C.O.s have shouldered their responsibilities in training, though a great deal yet remains to be done to make this training fully efficient. It is perhaps invidious to single out any cadets, but special mention must be made of the efforts of C.Q.M.S. Morrison and Sgt. Millar. Besides giving valuable help with the elementary work, the N.C.O.s have worked conscientiously at their signal training and we hope that several will go forward to their Classification Test. Details of the No. 12 set activities will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Considerable keenness is being shown this term over the shooting on the miniature range. Numbers, unfortunately, have to be limited, but every member of the corps will at least complete the Empire Test. The school team again competed in the "Country Life" Schools Shooting Competition, though results are not yet known.

Pipe Major A. Sinclair and Cpl. Brogan of the Scottish Horse continue to give piping and drumming instruction each week. We now have five sets of pipes, a bass drum and four side drums. These form the nucleus of a band which will perform on Speech Day. A band is unfortunately a very expensive item to equip. We are, therefore, still short of pipes, whilst dress is largely a matter of improvisation.

Camp this year is to be held at Buddon where we shall meet contingents from other schools and be able to compare our own standards and achievements.

Finally we should like to acknowledge the able assistance in training given us by the Officer Commanding 6/7 Black Watch. We hope that C.S.M. Speres has enjoyed his service with us as much as we appreciate his help.

E.A.P.

R.A.F. Section

ONLY three candidates took the Proficiency examination held in March. They had been unable to sit in November due to illness. Two passed, both with credit (79 per cent.), and we

congratulate Cadets I. Guthrie and E. J. E. Smith. Lecturing is proceeding apace, and we have the September, 1951, intake from the Basic Section taking the Proficiency examination this July. We have high hopes of a 100 per cent. pass, so that once again we may go to summer camp as a completely proficient unit.

The summer camp will be held at R.A.F. Hawarden, Wiltshire, during the last week in July. Not a great deal of flying has been had this term, but it is hoped that this will be improved on at Hawarden.

Thanks to the kindness and co-operation of Sqd. Ldr. H. M. Gass, two Oxford aircraft were flown from R.A.F. Dalcross to Scone, and some twenty-two cadets were airborne during the day.

Flying Officer J. A. Gibbs is taking a party of some twenty cadets to R.A.F. Leuchars where they will be flown in Ansons of 66 Group, Communication Flight. Owing to the dearth of available aircraft and flying personnel, flying is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.

We have not as yet received our glider. An "Eton" type should have arrived during the Easter Term but word was received that the "Eton" had been withdrawn in favour of the "Slingsby", which has a reputedly better performance. The Home Command order shows that we are fifth in the list for Britain and first in Scotland, so we do hope that the glider may arrive this term.

Our cadets did particularly well in the field of sport this year and, in all, five "blues" were obtained.

F. C. T. McLay skippered the Scottish side which was narrowly defeated by Northern Ireland, by six points to three, at Westerlands, Glasgow, in January. Ian Lochtie was at his best as scrum half, and both the Strathallan players had an excellent game.

In March, Scotland were defeated by Wales in the Leitch Cup at Glamorgan. W. A. McMillan was captain of this side, McLay led the pack, and Lochtie was again at scrum half. Both defeats were in a measure due to the lack of practice of the Scottish side, as frost in Scotland had prevented rugby being played for some five weeks. We are pleased to note, however, that in recent years Strathallan has had a good representation in the Scottish side, and the high standard of play of our boys has always brought favourable comment.

Again it is a Strathallan cadet who has been chosen to represent Scotland in the reciprocal visits scheme of the R.A.F. Cadet Flt.-Sgt. W. A. McMillan has been chosen after

competitive interviews at R.A.F. Turnhouse and R.A.F. Detling (Kent). He will fly to America on 27th July and remain there for some three weeks. When Cadet Flt.-Sgt. K. A. C. Brown was chosen to visit Canada in 1950 it was thought that it would be quite some time before the honour came again to Strathallan. We have every reason to be proud of this plum falling to us twice in three years.

Cadet E. J. E. Smith has been awarded a Flying Scholarship and is soon to commence his flying instruction at Scone.

The fact that most of the aeromodellers are members of the air section is sufficient reason for the society to have moved into the crew room, and it is our object to afford them every facility for their constructive needs.

It was no real surprise for the unit when we were asked not to compete in the Dundee and Central Scotland Wing Rally at R.A.F. Leuchars. For some years now we have won the trophies and were therefore quite content to withdraw graciously.

All in all, the unit is strong in numbers and achievement; consolidation is our future aim.

W.S.H.

Scottish and Inter-Command C.C.F./A.C.F. Wireless Net

DURING the Easter Term the efforts of the operators were demanded in a different sphere, namely the Scottish Leaving Certificate, but since then considerable keenness has been shown by new members of the Signal Section, who will, it is hoped, shortly be able to operate the 12 set by themselves.

As several of our cricket fixtures are with schools on the net it is intended to broadcast commentaries from the pavilion with the aid of the remote control unit. Other schools do likewise for our away games and it is hoped that this practice will be continued in future terms, for rugby as well as cricket.

Among those stations that we speak to are: Trinity College at Glenalmond, Loretto School, Merchiston Castle School, Fettes College, Beaumont College, Leeds Grammar School, Uppingham School, Marlborough School, Sedburgh School, Warwick School, 5th Lanark Battalion and several T.A. units. On several days we are in control of the Scottish Command Net.

D.M.M.

The Open Road

MR. TAIT, the huge horse-dealer, shook with laughter when we asked him the pony's name. "I mean to say boys, he's not got a name y'ken, but youse give him one, and if the wee cart suits you, off you go, and we'll see you when you come back. I mean to say — aye definitely!"

Thus came about the fruition of a holiday that had been planned for almost two years: two sometimes dull, sometimes interesting years at the Veterinary College, swotting chemistry and physics and dissecting horses and dogs, and wondering when we would be able to take to the road with a pony and flat, two-wheeled cart with yellow wheels.

Well, the time had come at last. The cart had red wheels and the shafts were long for the pony (which was promptly christened "Fred" after our physiology lecturer) but what did these details matter? We piled on our belongings, jumped up, and with an assumed air of nonchalance and a flick of the reins, moved off down the road, trying hard to look like two professional tinkers instead of what we were: a pair of amateurs whose experience of the live variety of horse was, to say the least, rather restricted.

As we turned into the main road we looked behind to find ourselves attended by an ever increasing band of small boys on foot and on bicycle. We had little time to give them our attention: our first testing time was upon us. The pony had stopped, ears upright, eyes rolling, facing a van entering from a side road. The next thing we knew we were on the pavement with the pony endeavouring to enter a field by way of a very thick hedge. We had looked knowledgeably at teeth, felt cannons and pasterns, examined for broken wind, but how were we to know that our quiet little pony was a shy?

Eventually we were back on the road. The small boys re-appeared from the cover into which they had dived. One urchin reached the nadir of understatement by declaring "Hey, mister, did ye get a fright?". As motor followed motor the pony repeated his tricks. The crowd of small boys, their initial fear overcome, clustered round, eagerly advising us in tones of happy anticipation rather than apprehension, "Here's another motor, mister!". Eventually we started muttering about the whip and the crowd dwindled. Suddenly a large, red 'bus appeared round the corner; Fred, eyes rolling, made a leap to the left, mounted the pavement and climbed the bank, followed, of necessity, by the cart. We were at a dangerous angle of forty-five degrees to the horizontal, and as I was driving I called to David, who was sitting behind, to go to the pony's head. On receiving no reply I looked round

to see Dave, like some modern Atlas, bearing the weight of the tilting cart on his own shoulders, thus preventing complete capsize.

Shortly after this incident Mr. Tait, passing in his car, stopped. On hearing of our trouble he remarked, "I mean to say, the powny's a wee bit fresh y'ken, but youse batter on when he shies — aye definitely". This proved good advice, if somewhat exciting. We always seemed to have a good stout hedge to stop us, except on one occasion when, following the advice given, we left the road completely, there being no retaining hedge, cantered across a stretch of grass and only managed to prevent the pony from jumping into a garden by much application of the reins.

However the freshness wore off and our blood pressures returned to normal. Fred merely cocked an enquiring eye at the larger vehicles and soon ceased to do even that. We started to enjoy ourselves. It was a fine day and we had a fortnight ahead of us.

In attempting to assume the role of tinkers we had donned our oldest clothes, but were rather doubtful of our success until, in passing through a small village, we were twice asked if we were buying old rags. We swelled visibly!

With memories of hiking holidays, burdened with gigantic rucksacks, how wonderful it was to pile our food and belongings on the back of the cart, leaving us free to wander alongside or to jump on, and with a shake of the reins, and with our legs dangling over the wheels, to trot along for a mile or two!

Sometimes we would stop by the roadside, either for a rest or for the night. We would loose the pony and tether him nearby, and then sit with our backs against the uptilted cart and drink tea and have a smoke. Or at night we might choose an out-of-the-way site, perhaps even on a farm, if we made ourselves pleasant enough to the farmer.

There were, however, hazards attached to this easy-going attitude. Heading north for the Trossachs we stopped at Drymen where, incidentally, two Strathallians were not a little surprised to be hailed by two scruffy tinkers. Here we had some difficulty in finding a site for the night, and eventually had to enter a field by opening a gate at its hinges, its other end being unfortunately secured by a padlock. We watered, tethered and groomed the pony, then had a swim in the river, followed by a good meal cooked over a roaring fire. Then we tumbled into bed and were soon asleep. About one or two o'clock in the morning we were wakened by voices and a torch shining outside. My first reactions were that tinkers — real tinkers — were making off with all our gear. However the mysterious strangers soon announced themselves as the police

and wanted to know why we were camping on the Duke of Montrose's land. Avoiding any facetiousness, David gave them some "blarney" and we were let off with a warning "to clear off in the morning". They even forgot to ask us about the gate. However they defeated us slightly by telling us that they thought we were tinkers, until they saw our tent. We had, indeed, tried to make a tinkers' "beehive" tent with an old tarpaulin, but had had to fall back on a manufactured article, there being more skill in making the former than one would imagine.

Soon we were in the Highlands, with no more fences, hedges or suspicious farmers. We stopped for lunch one day in the heather by the roadside looking down on Loch Venacher. As bus-loads of staring English tourists passed by we felt we were contributing a little local colour to our native land in this our Festival year. The effect was heightened when David, after unpacking his bagpipes and climbing a knoll, marched up and down, blowing for all his might. The scene was shattered, however, by one dear old lady who lowered the window of her car and threw out a penny onto the road. If she had looked back she would have seen the piper collapse with mirth, while the air escaped discordantly from the drones.

And so on we went in fair weather and foul, by Loch Achray, and right round Loch Katrine by the private road. To those who have only seen Loch Katrine from the steamer, let me thoroughly recommend the journey round the Loch by road to Stronachlachar. No cars are allowed here, only hikers, cyclists, and gentlemen with ponies and carts. One might have been hundreds of miles from Glasgow instead of only forty to fifty. The hay was being raked on the crofts we passed and the women folk were out along with the men. There were no horse rakes, and everything was being done by hand in the time-honoured tradition.

That night we camped on a beautiful stretch of sward studded with oak trees, stretching right down to the edge of Loch Conn. What could be better than to recline by the embers of the camp fire and to enjoy the glorious experience of a Highland gloaming? One had the feeling of the night being strange and beautiful, and the coming of another day being as unlikely as it was unthinkable.

More days were spent in travelling by Aberfoyle to Loch Lomond and up to Rowardennan. Soon the holiday would be nearing its end, and we planned to move round to Luss on the other side of the loch, stop for one night there and then make for home the next day. How we were to be disillusioned, in the first part of our intentions at least!

It was a very hot day, and as soon as the road approached the west side of the loch we started looking for somewhere to camp. We found that the rule was "no camping" anywhere, due to the damage caused by vandals. Besides this, almost a fortnight's growth of beard did not inspire confidence in the breasts of the farmers we interviewed. Eventually we were forced to stop for a meal on the foreshore, but even here we were told we must move on. Fortunately, Fred, who had been rather jaded up to this time, had worked himself into a high state of nervous tension by getting all excited by the pleasure boats with large colourful awnings which passed just off-shore. In fact he behaved as he always did when the stopping place did not meet his requirements. He trotted round and round, neighing and tripping himself up on his tether until we were quite glad, having eaten, to yoke up and move on.

Fred was glad to be on the road again, and trotted at great speed up the road towards Helensburgh. It was a beautiful evening and all three of us were once again in good form. We were in sight of Helensburgh before we quite realised it. Just then we noticed the obvious campsite for our last night out. Indeed the traditional site for gentlemen of the road in these parts: the Helensburgh public coup. We found a grassy disused part, and turned in that night with some trepidation and two large sticks. Some passers-by had told us that the place was "hoatching with rats"; however the only creatures that bothered us were earwigs, which staged a minor invasion.

The following morning we made our porridge in the blackened "billy" for the last time, hitched-up Fred in his queer assortment of harness, and set off for home. In a fortnight we had basked in the sun, been soaked in the rain, been treated with kindness and surliness, been taken for tinkers, been offered rags, lead and old iron. People had laughed at us for our unusual appearance; others had envied us the originality of our holiday. But what mattered to us was that we had had a glorious experience which we would remember and chuckle over for years to come. Next year it is to be a four-wheeler — and a hawker's licence.

D.S.

Tennis

THANKS to much hard work by many boys the six hard tennis courts have all been put into commission once more, and two grass courts have also been constructed on the Paddock. Several new nets have been purchased and the courts are in as good a condition as is possible, although they are still not all that could be desired. It is hoped that systematic coaching will enable a regular Tennis VI to be established this season with a view to playing other schools in due course.

L.D.M.

Inspice-Solem-Minorem

MANY moons ago, on the island of Il Penseroso,
There lived a man who revelled in the name of Bozorozo.
The island was small, and this man was alone,
So to pass the time away, he had grown
To be a talented poet, who could do nothing more,
By the shore,
But sit and write sonnets and odes,
Until he had loads
Of script which he bound into volumes of "Works by Bozorozo
On Il Penseroso".

His isle was so small and his volumes so many,
That soon he found that there hardly was any
Room where he'd been,
As it was filled with verses which no-one had seen;
So he moved nearer the sea as the years passed by,
Till he knew if he moved any further he'd die,
So he wrote one last poem before he was drowned,
Which he put in a bottle which later was found
By a man who'd pass
As Lycidas,
Who read it and felt there was something amiss,
Which you'll see, when I tell, that poem was this.
So in history Bozorozo will be known as the man
Who could make his lines rhyme, but never, though he tried
till he died, could he make the things scan.

A BOZOROZIAN.

Rugby Football, 1951-52

As a glance at the table of results published in this issue reveals, 1951-52 has not been a successful season for the school. Out of a total of forty-three matches played by all the school XV's only six have been won and three of these victories were gained by the youngest and most junior team in the school.

As far as the 1st XV is concerned, however, the table of results does not give an accurate picture or assessment of the team's worth and there is much that can be said in extenuation of its lack of success. W. A. McMillan, who showed great keenness as captain throughout the season, was never really fit, first suffering from sinus trouble and later from a torn muscle which would not respond to treatment, and he was, therefore, seldom able to play at top speed. The forwards were very light and thus we were always at a disadvantage in the tight scrum throughout the season. It was, therefore,

all the more unfortunate that a broken wrist kept McLay, our heaviest and most experienced forward, out of the game for most of the Winter Term. Finally, the majority of the results in school matches were very close, and there were no run-away victories scored against the school. The forwards, in spite of their weight handicap, generally played with great dash in the loose and showed much determination, but the three-quarters lacked speed and thrust, although Lochtie at scrum half improved steadily throughout the season and should be a real asset next year. The defence of the whole team was good and it was their determination in the face of much pressure that kept the score down in many matches.

With regard to the remainder of the teams in the Senior School, there is little that can be said in defence of their poor showing. It was here that the present main general weaknesses of Strathallan rugby, below the 1st game, were most apparent and it is hoped that those coming back next year will pay due attention to the following points.

First, a match against another school is a serious business and must be treated as such. An "away" match is not merely an "outing" to Glasgow or wherever it may be; the minds of the whole team must be concentrated on winning and on going onto the field determined to give of their very best — and more if possible! This means careful attention to what one is taught before the match and trying to put this teaching into practice in the game; linked with this is the need for a careful check on equipment. For example, it is hopeless expecting to be able to scrum or, if you are a three-quarter, to sidestep on a wet day without sound studs and laces in your boots.

Secondly, and this is the most obvious failing in the lower games in the Senior School, matches will never be won by a side that cannot tackle hard and fall on the ball with resolution. In fairness to the Under 15½ and Under 14½ teams, it must be said that there was a marked improvement in this respect towards the end of the season, but there is still much to be done next year.

The most encouraging feature of the season was the play of the Under 13½ team, generally selected from Riley House. Here great determination and keenness were shown and the tackling and falling were first-class. There is plenty of sound material here on which to build in future years — as indeed there is in the Under 14½ and Under 15½ teams if they will go really hard.

The Junior House League, a 12-a-side, was played in the Winter Term and was deservedly won by Freeland, which had the most mature and experienced side. It is in this com-

petition that the spirit of determination can best be built up. The House "sevens" were deferred until March and were won by Ruthven, after an exciting final match with Simpson. The glorious weather in which these games were played confirmed the wisdom of the decision to hold them in this part of the season.

W. A. McMillan was selected to play for the Scottish Schools in the Schoolboy International at Richmond—a distinction never before gained by a Strathallian. He, McLay and Lochtie were chosen to play against Wales and Northern Ireland for the Scottish A.T.C. team.

Full colours were awarded to:

W. A. McMillan, F. C. T. McLay, R. M. D. Grant, I. M. Lochtie, W. A. Tulloch, W. P. Roger, A. D. Pottie, C. M. Turnbull, M. N. Bendell, S. M. Henderson, R. M. Barbour, J. W. Durie, K. A. Baird and F. M. Allardice.

Half colours were awarded to:

I. F. B. Stewart, R. S. Little, R. H. M. Dillon, T. A. Kerr, J. R. C. Beveridge, A. A. Arneil, D. Cullen, J. Hofstetter and J. A. D. McIntyre.

A.D.D.M.

	1st XV	Record	F	A	Result
George Heriot's	II	0	19		L
Glasgow Academy	A	0	8		L
Old Boys	II	3	3		D
Edinburgh Academy	II	0	14		L
Hillhead High School	A	3	6		L
United College, St. Andrews ...	A	0	18		L
Allan Glen's	II	14	0		W
Pannure	II	3	3		D
George Watson's	A	0	0		D
Morrison's Academy	A	3	6		L
University College, Dundee ...	H	3	3		D
Aberdeen Grammar	II	0	12		L
Dollar Academy	II	0	5		L
Glenalmond	A	3	5		L
Perthshire	II	3	8		L
Old Boys	II	5	28		L

	Summary				Points	
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	F	A
1st XV	16	1	11	4	40	138
2nd XV	7	0	7	0	3	241
3rd XV	2	0	2	0	3	63
Under 15½ XV	9	1	7	1	29	176
Under 14½ XV	4	1	3	0	27	101
Under 13½ XV	7	3	3	1	26	73

Fives

DURING the Easter Term enthusiasm for fives increased considerably, perhaps because of the absence of rugby during the icy weeks of January and the beginning of February.

In the course of the term a fixture with Glasgow University was played but, though the school put up a good fight, we were no match for the hard hitting students who won a decisive victory by 8—0. However, some of the games were closely contested.

During the term the House Tournaments were also played off. In the past it has been the custom for each house to "field" one senior and one junior pair, but this year it was decided to have two senior pairs and one junior pair. The result was that more boys were encouraged to learn the game.

The final results of the tournament were: Nicol, first; Simpson and Ruthven, a close second; and Freeland, fourth.

During the last two terms the masters have taken a keen interest in the game and provide good opposition for the more senior members of the Fives Club.

This term enthusiasm has waned slightly in the face of opposition from tennis courts, but there will no doubt be competition for the team to play the Old Boys.

R.S.L.

Swimming

THE pond is as popular as ever, being in constant demand and frequent use from before breakfast until late evening. A door has been made through into the "showers" in the old laundry. This should facilitate the whole changing arrangements, and as soon as the cubicles are removed there will be more space on the surround.

A large number have entered for the Royal Life Saving Society Examinations, and it is hoped that they will be as successful as last year's candidates.

It is hoped that one or two swimming matches will take place this term, and training for these events has already started.

The following appointments have been made for this season: Captain of swimming, F. M. Allardice; vice-captain of swimming, I. G. Macintyre.

J.A.G.

Badminton

A GREAT deal of badminton was played last term with the newly acquired equipment. A club was formed, the membership reaching forty. The main attractions were the singles tournament and the match against Forgandenny. In the finals L. D. Marshall beat R. G. M. Philip (15-10; 15-17; 15-13). The fixture played with the village last term was lost by eight games to one. It is hoped that this game will be an annual event.

R.G.M.P.



1st RUGBY XV. 1951-52

BACK ROW: K. A. Baird, M. N. Bendell, A. D. Pottie, W. A. Tulloch, I. F. B. Stewart, S. M. Henderson, R. M. Barbour, C. M. Turnbull. MIDDLE ROW: I. M. Lochtie, C. F. T. McLay, W. A. McMillan (Capt.), R. M. D. Grant, W. P. Roger. FRONT ROW: J. W. Durie, F. M. Allardice.

Golf

GOLF in the past has always been a popular sport at Strathallan, but owing to a lack of facilities organised games have been vastly neglected. Last year an attempt was made to construct a nine-hole course. Unfortunately the conditions were unfavourable and the project had to be abandoned. This defect has, however, been remedied by allowing the keen golfers to play several times a term in Perth. It is hoped that the school can produce a team good enough to challenge and defeat the staff side. The Strathallan entry for the Scottish Boys' Championship at North Berwick was disappointingly small, only J. F. Padkin entering. He was defeated in the second round, after receiving a bye.

T.A.K.

Rugby Fixtures, 1952-53

1st Fifteen

Oct. 8	—	Glasgow Academy	Forgandenny
" 18	—	Edinburgh Academy	New Field
" 25	—	Edinburgh University "Variables"	Forgandenny
" 29	—	Pannure	Forgandenny
Nov. 4	—	George Watson's College	Myreside
" 22	—	Morrison's Academy	Forgandenny
Dec. 3	—	United Colleges, St. Andrews, 2nd	Forgandenny
" 6	—	Aberdeen Grammar School	Rubislaw
Jan. 17	—	Dollar Academy	Dollar
" 28	—	United Colleges, St. Andrews, 2nd	St. Andrews
Feb. 18	—	Glasgow University "Wednesday" XV	Forgandenny
" 25	—	Perth Academicals	Perth
" 28	—	Glenalmond	Forgandenny
Mar. 25	—	A Strathallian XV	Forgandenny

Under 15½

Oct. 8	—	Glasgow Academy	Forgandenny
" 11	—	Dollar Academy 5th	Forgandenny
" 16	—	Fettes	Fettes
Nov. 4	—	George Watson's College	Edinburgh
" 12	—	Loretto	Musselburgh
" 19	—	Merchiston	Forgandenny
" 22	—	Glenalmond	Glenalmond
Dec. 6	—	Aberdeen Grammar School	Forgandenny
Feb. 7	—	Morrison's Academy	Forgandenny
" 28	—	Glenalmond	Forgandenny

Sports Results, 1952

OPEN

- Cross Country: 1, N. V. Upsdale (F.) ; 2, R. M. D. Grant (F.) ; 3, F. M. Allardice (F.). 19 mins., 59 secs.
Mile: 1, N. V. Upsdale (F.) ; 2, R. A. Paterson (S.) ; 3, R. M. D. Grant (F.). 4 mins., 53 secs.; record, 4 mins., 39 secs.
880 yards: 1, N. V. Upsdale (F.) ; 2, J. F. Padkin (F.) ; 3, R. M. D. Grant (F.). 2 mins., 11.2 secs.; record, 2 mins., 9.9 secs.
440 yards: 1, D. G. Brown (S.) ; 2, N. V. Upsdale (F.) ; 3, P. H. Simpson (R.). 55.4 secs.; record 55 secs.
220 yards: 1, I. F. B. Stewart (F.) ; 2, D. G. Brown (S.) ; 3, P. H. Simpson (R.). 24 secs. (equal to record).
100 yards: 1, I. F. B. Stewart (F.) ; 2, D. G. Brown (S.) ; 3, P. H. Simpson (R.). 11.6 secs.; record 10 secs.
High Jump: 1, W. A. Tulloch (R.) ; 2, R. B. Leishman (F.) ; 3 (equal), J. F. Padkin (F.) and I. F. B. Stewart (F.). 4 ft., 11½ ins.; record 5 ft., 4½ ins.
Long Jump: 1, W. A. McMillan (S.) ; 2, P. H. Simpson (R.) ; 3, K. A. Baird (R.). 17 ft., 2 ins.; record 20 ft., 5 ins.

MIDDLE

- Cross Country: 1, R. A. Paterson (S.) ; 2, M. D. Dawson (F.) ; 3, P. Davidson (R.). 16 mins.
880 yards: 1, R. A. Paterson (S.) ; 2, J. A. D. McIntyre (S.) ; 3, J. R. Beveridge (F.). 2 mins., 12.6 secs.
440 yards: 1, R. A. Paterson (S.) ; 2, J. A. D. McIntyre (S.) ; 3, P. Davidson (R.). 61 secs.
220 yards: 1, R. M. Barbour (N.) ; 2, H. L. Stuart (F.) ; 3, E. C. F. Gilmour (R.). 25.4 secs.
100 yards: 1, E. C. F. Gilmour (R.) ; 2, R. M. Barbour (N.) ; 3, H. L. Stuart (F.). 11.3 secs.
High Jump: 1, J. R. Beveridge (F.) ; 2, J. S. H. Hamilton (S.) ; 3, M. D. Dawson (F.). 4 ft., 8 ins.
Long Jump: 1, J. D. Hood (S.) ; 2, E. C. F. Gilmour (R.) ; 3, D. W. McIntosh (F.). 16 ft., 4½ ins.

JUNIOR

- Cross Country: 1, D. Houston (N.) ; 2, C. MacRae (N.) ; 3, A. J. Durie (N.). 11 mins., 52 secs.
440 yards: 1, D. Houston (N.) ; 2, C. Kenneth (N.) ; 3, C. MacRae (N.). 63 secs.
220 yards: 1, D. Houston (N.) ; 2, D. M. Stuart (F.) ; 3, G. Anderson (F.). 25.6 secs.
100 yards: 1, D. Houston (N.) ; 2, D. M. Stuart (F.) ; 3, W. Prophet (S.). 12.5 secs.
High Jump: 1, D. M. Stuart (F.) ; 2, C. MacRae (N.) ; 3, D. Houston (N.). 4 ft., 5½ ins.
Long Jump: 1, A. McMurray (F.) ; 2, J. G. Clark (R.) ; 3, D. M. Stuart (F.). 14 ft., 8½ ins.
House Relay Race (220 yds., 110 yds., 110 yds., 440 yds.) : 1, Freeland ; 2, Simpson ; 3, Ruthven.

Result: 1, FREELAND, 156 points; 2, SIMPSON, 120 points; 3, RUTHVEN, 88 points; 4, NICOL, 82½ points.

Old Boys' Notes

President for 1951 - 52



J. ALISTAIR DOW

To follow in the footsteps of two older brothers, whose record of service to school and club had been outstanding, cannot have been easy for J. Alistair Dow, our President for 1952, but he has worthily upheld the Dow tradition.

At Strathallan from 1931 to 1935 he played his part enthusiastically in all the activities of the school: social, academic and athletic; and in this latter connection played quite frequently for the First Fifteen. On leaving, he spent a year in Glasgow learning something of the wine trade before going up to St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1936 to join at least eight other Strathallians who were in residence at the university then. He read economics and law, and took his honours degree in 1939.

On the outbreak of war, holding a commission in the R.N.V.R., he was appointed to destroyers operating in the Western Approaches, and during these early years saw much hectic service in the North Atlantic. Qualifying as a torpedo expert, he was appointed to Captain (Destroyers) Staff, Greenock, where he spent the remaining two years of hostilities. He is now a director of his family firm of Samuel Dow Ltd., of Glasgow.

Forthright, and possessing a mind of his own, Alastair Dow has many friends who can testify to his vivacious personality, strength of character, and the fiery zeal he displays in support of "The Club" and all matters pertaining thereto. His interests are his family, good company and golf.

That the club will flourish under his presidency there is not the slightest doubt, and Strathallians far and wide will wish him and his council the very best of good fortune in 1952.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

At the time of writing, the Annual General Meeting of the Club and the Dinner, which was held at the Salutation Hotel, Perth, on 8th December, 1951, seems to belong to the far distant past. The function was, as usual, well attended, and it was pleasing to note that quite a few old boys travelled up from south of the border to renew old friendships. Due to an electrical failure the hotel was in darkness during part of the proceedings, but this hospitable act was rather wasted on our all male gathering.

Both the meeting and dinner were under the able chairmanship of our then President, Dunlop Linton, who conducted the A.G.M. expeditiously and explained away the year's "deficit" on the club accounts like a true "capitalist".

The dinner was a merry affair in candlelight, which did not detract in any way from the good fellowship. Before commencing the speeches John Blanche was presented with the Bogie Cup which he won at Gleneagles with a net 62.

Each speaker on the toast list was expertly introduced by our chairman, who later capped a successful evening by a speech that enhanced the dignity of his office.

Jim Dow, in proposing the toast of "The School", spoke with sincerity of the achievements of the school based on the solid foundations laid by our founder. His humorous reminiscences of the Boss were both kindly and typical. After his visit to the school earlier in the day, he was able to echo the words of H.R.: "All is well at Strathallan". Mr. Hoare, in reply, drew an up-to-date picture of the school which was equally re-assuring.

The principal toast of the evening, "The Club", was in the capable hands of the Conservative member for West Perth, Col. A. Gomme-Duncan, M.C. In the course of an admirable speech he said that the reputation of Strathallians stood high in his constituency, and Perth would always welcome the club for its annual dinner.

The chairman, in his reply, gave a resumé of the club's activities during his year as President, a year upon which he would always look back with pleasant memories.

Mr. Jack Scott handled the toast of "Our Guests" in a delightfully humorous vein which was replied to in like fashion by Charles D. Pagan.

The installation of our new President, Mr. J. A. Dow, and the presentation of the past president's badge to Dunlop Linton, wound up the proceedings of a memorable evening.

News from the Universities

THE Editorial Board has had excellent support for this issue from the university scribes. They are most willing and helpful, but all express a desire for new entrants and O.B.s in the vicinity to contact them so that the news they supply will be complete and up-to-date. Contact should be made as given in the last paragraph of each article.

GLASGOW

SINCE our last letter only a few Strathallians have left, but many have arrived, and quite a number have attained prominence both locally and nationally. However, we shall confine ourselves to items of local interest.

Beginning medicine this session are J. M. Maguire and D. S. C. Brown, whose brother, K. A. C. Brown, is in second year with L. J. McCarroll. The latter two are noted players for the Varsity Rugby Club, and K. A. C. Brown swept the boards with distinction in his first year subjects. Somewhere between second year and fourth year is to be found R. L. Peters, while definitely in fourth year are Graeme Sandeman and Robin Newton. We note with interest how Robin avoids his father's clinic! It is sad that Graeme Sandeman has so little time for rugby these days and we are also a little surprised, our recollections of fourth year being that it was the least busy. Red-eyed and weary-limbed in preparation for the finals in June are E. C. McCracken, J. D. Stevenson and A. R. Pate. Our admiration goes out to Eric McCracken who is successfully dealing with academic and domestic worries. The other two are just living.

Engineers are next in numerical order and a welcome is extended to R. G. Stuart (brother of Alan), N. Milne and H. I. B. Fitzpatrick. They will have sat their exams. (in company with the rest of the engineers) by the time this has reached print, but we wish them every success. In second year are M. J. Thomas and G. Wolfe, while A. A. Stuart, in third year, has retraced his steps slightly and has been elected to the Union Board. Rumour has it that G. Vernon is in his final year but he has not been seen much recently and nobody will swear to it.

The most prominent Strathallian at the university is T. R. L. Fraser who has displayed great versatility of talent. Having taken an M.A. degree, he stood as a Liberal candidate in the 1950 election, was returned to study—which now takes the form of B.Sc. (Agriculture)—and has become Secretary of the Union. He was also the President of the Liberal Club and has now been elected President of the Union. Well done, indeed! However, he is thinning on top quicker than most. We think he should be classed as a gentleman farmer on account of his lack of ploughing. Other straw-chewers are W. A. D. McFadzean and A. McLelland, and M. Cessford who is at present doing a year's practical work in connection with the course.

Taking the allied veterinary course are J. Smith, I. McLachlan, D. Barr, R. Hill and J. I. M. Hart. Little or nothing is seen of them as their classes are necessarily away from the university for the most part. John Smith and Ian McLachlan are in their final year, while D. Barr is in third year and R. Hill and J. I. M. Hart are in second year.

The intellectuals (?) of the Strathallian community are I. W. M. Hendry and I. R. K. Falconer who are, of course, taking law classes. However, we extend our heartiest congratulations to Ian Falconer on his engagement. Ian Hendry's fame rests on his work as Secretary of the Law Society—a very important society at university—and on his stubborn persistence in playing rugby for High School!

Isn't it funny how we never seem to change when we all change together? We met Douglas Simpson the other day after a long interval and he was exactly as he had been at school, only blacker on account of his pipe! He is hoping to graduate B.Sc. (applied Chemistry) this year—good luck to him! Also in the science faculty is I. R. Stevens, but nothing is known of him beyond this.

As a lone wolf in dentistry is R. I. F. Stewart. Apart from the two aforementioned activities he also participates in university sport to a considerable degree, having sampled soccer, rugger and basketball.

Will someone please tell us about Frank Reid? Every six months somebody catches sight of him at Gilmorehill but nobody knows what classes he takes.

It is too early to give a report on examination results as the engineers are in the midst of exams, just now and the others have exams, in May and June; but we hope there will be a complete success story in the next letter.

Our correspondent, Alex. R. Pate, "hopes" to graduate this year, so J. M. McGuire will be taking over the position as correspondent. Alex. modestly says "hopes" but, sorry as we are to lose him as correspondent, we are confident he will be successful and we offer him our best wishes to that end. Thanks, Alex., and congratulations on your excellent articles for this and past issues.

ST. ANDREWS

Two of the Strathallan community will be leaving us at the end of this term, Mr. John Anderson and Mr. Archie Wallace. John is sitting his final M.B., Ch.B., in June and Archie his final B.Sc. John has just been awarded his rugby colours and with this achievement behind him he should go forward with confidence to "his final game of the season" in June. Best of luck to both—they will be missed.

While on the subject of exams., we should like to congratulate Ian Russell for passing the first part of his 1st M.B., Ch.B., last March.

Ian Aitkenhead and Laurence Barclay, both studying medicine, were seen to take a very active part in the charities campaign held in Dundee last month. Laurence has not lost any of his old acting ability which we knew so well when he took the leads in many Dramatic Society productions. Ian Birss also had a lot to do with the charities campaign, but behind the scenes—C.O. counting money and organising the procession.

Raymond Philip, at present studying for a combined M.A., B.Sc. degree, has just been awarded an exchange scholarship to Union College, Schenectady, U.S.A. This is a very high honour (one is awarded per year). He is keeping the Strathallan flag flying—Scott Anderson won the award two years ago.

Douglas Boyd has been a member of the University Boxing Club this year and put up a very brave fight in the inter-university championships held in St. Andrews last term. He is also playing cricket for University College, Dundee, this term.

Norman Mitchell was a member of the university rugger fifteen this season and at the A.G.M. of the club held recently was elected treasurer. He also took the part of Jean Paul Marat, a French revolutionary, in the annual Kate Kennedy procession held through the streets of St. Andrews last March.

Finally, I know this is not the best place to say it, but I would like to make a plea — a plea for Strathallians to think about coming to this university. I don't know of any other university which has the atmosphere in the lecture rooms and in the games fields which is so similar to the one that exists at Strath. The advantages of a residential university are many and well worth considering. Think about it—and think about it early. There are numerous scholarships to be had every year which may help to overcome a major problem. We would like more of the Strath. type here, and once here they won't regret it.

Our correspondent: Norman Mitchell, jun., Hamilton Hall, St. Andrews. You will notice in the last paragraph what Norman suggests and we hope that many Strathallians on leaving will take his advice.

EDINBURGH

News from Edinburgh is little different from that given in the last magazine, since, for the majority of Strathallians, their annual milestone in the shape of the professionals has, at the time of writing, yet to come.

Last term saw our new rector, Sir Alexander Fleming, suitably, if noisily, installed in office. His success in the rectorials was largely due to mass voting by the medical faculty. Other less scientific types preferred the Aga Khan or Jimmy Logan!

Monthly lunches were held in the Christmas Term but have since been in abeyance for a variety of reasons. However, Jack Shaw hopes to be sending out his usual circulars again shortly.

We are pleased to hear that Rob Wighton is now better after his illness. He has left the medical faculty and we wish him success in his new work.

Leaving us soon will be our "wood-chopper" member, Neil Patterson, who should shortly graduate B.Sc. Forestry.

Ian Turnbull is doing well in 2nd year B.Sc. Agriculture and along with David Shamon of the Vet. College is so engrossed in the study of the birds and the bees that they occasionally attend the Strath. lunches a day or two after the advertised date.

Alan Baxter, Heriot Watt Engineering College, has not been seen yet this term. We presume he has been kept in at night to oil the engines.

Our correspondent, David Shannon, suggests that new entrants send their names to Jack Shaw, 1a St. Bernard's Crescent, Edinburgh, who will keep them in touch with other members and inform them of lunches and local activities.

CAMBRIDGE

Just now in Cambridge, as always at this time of the year, time can be pleasantly spent lazily punting on the Cam (along the "backs") or playing tennis. It is only the thought of exams, later in the term that prevents one from entirely neglecting one's work. (Ed. note: This is the answer to "Are exams really necessary?")

A. A. Chisholm is finishing the second year of the engineering course and takes the normal end-of-year exams.

Colin Guthrie is making final preparations for his degree examinations at the end of May, but still manages to find time, with other members of the "Reel Club", to give public demonstrations of "Highland Dancing". Although now in his third year Colin hopes to return again next session to take a two-year course in chemical engineering.

Hamish Lowden, who is living in Cambridge with his wife, continues with the research work which he needs for his Ph.D. He has had to give up cricket and now confines his sporting activities to an occasional game of golf.

Our correspondent, A. A. Chisholm, E3 Chapel Court, St. John's College, Cambridge, would also be pleased to see any O.B.s who might be staying or passing through Cambridge.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Annual Dinner-Dance took place at the Marlborough House, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 20th March, and a most delightful function it was. Mr. and Mrs. Hoare attended as guests of the president and had an extremely busy and enjoyable evening. With such a charming company of pretty and beautifully gowned partners the dance was bound to be a success. Jimmy Smith, the convener, deserves our thanks for the excellence of the arrangements.

On 26th March a Strathallian XV played the School XV at Forgandemy. The O.B.s were well supported by an equal number of touch-line strategists and after the game all were entertained to an excellent supper at the school by the headmaster. The result of this match is modestly reported elsewhere.

The spring golf meeting was held on 1st May at Cathkin Braes Golf Course when a bogie competition was played. President Dow and ex-president Melrose shared the first prize and B. L. Carlaw was second. The golf was good considering the conditions and the fellowship was excellent. The president would like a larger turnout in future as the sweepstake money is very small.

Thomas Menzies Ferguson, 1915/17, has retired from Government service in Burma and is now sheep and cattle farming at "Comer", Kinlochard, by Aberfoyle. His younger brother, S. S. Ferguson, is now on the Malayan Directorate of the I.C.I. and is located at Singapore.

Norman James Allison, 1918/22, is now employed by Inter-provincial Pipe Line Company at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, as assistant chief engineer, and can be contacted at 8714 120th Street, Edmonton.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. G. G. Baker, 1923/27, on his recent appointment as Queen's Counsel. Mr. Baker is the first Strathallian, but we venture to hope not the last, to achieve this distinction.

Further to our news in the June, 1951, issue we now hear that Wing Commander J. B. Ross, 1924/30, has left Edinburgh and has been appointed to a post in the R.A.F. Medical Directorate at the Air Ministry, London.

We hear that Captain Thomas J. Dodd, 1935/39, who is stationed in Korea and Japan, will be on duty over there for another one and a half years. His address is: Headquarters, Sasebo Replacement Depot, A.P.O. 27, c/o P.M. San Francisco, California. His marriage is reported later in the magazine.

David J. Whitton, 1937/41, became a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in November last, reading law for the Bar, and will be pleased to hear of any Strathallians who are members of any one of the four Inns of Court.

Leonard Barrett, 1940/44, is at present serving two years' National Service in the R.A.M.C. with the Field Ambulance in 6th Armoured Division, B.A.O.R. During March, while performing temporary duty as Medical Officer to Prince Rupert's School, Wilhelmshaven, he met Mr. L. S. Harris who, in the early twenties, was an English master at Strathallan.

John G. Bushe, 1939/44, will now be settled down back in Trinidad after his twelve years' sojourn in this country. He was sorry to leave all the friends he made in Scotland, especially old Strathallians, but he is taking one back with him in his brother, Harry, as both have now finished their engineering training. They can be contacted: c/o Gordon

Grant & Co., Ltd., Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I. Charles (Shrub), the youngest brother, who left Strathallan in 1940, is now a lieutenant in the navy and is stationed at Rosyth. If either Harry or Shrub wish club membership applications sent to them the secretary will be happy to oblige.

J. S. D. Craig has been granted a National Service commission, having passed out successfully on Chipmunk trainers, and is now at Advanced Flying Training School flying Oxfords at Dalcross (R.A.F.). He tells us that Mackellar has also been granted a National Service commission and is at Sywell doing basic flying training on Chipmunks.

We hear that Jimmy (Tubby) McGregor, of Monifieth, Dundee, is now in charge of A. M. Mair (jute brokers) in Naranganj, Pakistan.

Douglas M. Hastings, 1943/45, is now Medical Officer on Britain's latest destroyer, H.M.S. Daring, 2nd Destroyer Squadron, Mediterranean Fleet.

Dr. J. C. Paterson, 1940/45, who has his wife living with him at the R.A.F. Station, Abingdon, Berkshire, recently became the father of a son.

J. C. Dawson continues to uphold Strath's rugby reputation by representing his country in all the international matches this season. Congratulations, Hamish!

Arthur K. Findlay, 1941/45, "Cranford", 11 Southpark Avenue, Prestwick, passed his C.A. finals in December, 1951, and graduated in March, 1952.

BIRTHS

HOOD.—At Leicester on 2nd December, 1951, to Dr. and Mrs. Derick R. Hood, 10 Elmfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, a daughter (Morag Ruthven).

TAYLOR.—At Ayr on Sunday, 9th March, 1952, to Dr. and Mrs. Wm. O. G. Taylor, 11 Park Circus, Ayr, a daughter (Catriona Martin).

TORRANCE.—At Glasgow on Friday, 7th March, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Keighley Jeffrey Torrance, 96 Brackenbrae Avenue, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, a son (Michael Gordon).

MARRIAGES

CALDERWOOD-URQUHART.—At St. Andrew's Church, Bellshill, on Saturday, 9th February, 1952, William Murray Calderwood, 2 Town-end Terrace, Dalry, Ayrshire, to Charlotte Horne Urquhart.

DODD-UTTER.—By proxy on Monday, 10th March, 1951, Thomas J. Dodd, 1457 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A., to Kathryn G. Utter, Manhattan, Kansas.

ENGAGEMENTS

McCULLOCH-INGLIS.—The engagement was announced on 22nd March between Robert G. McCulloch, 24 Stamperland Avenue, Clarkston, and Elizabeth C. Inglis, 92 Maxwellton Road, East Kilbride.

JOHNSTON-JOHNSTON.—The engagement was announced between Ian J. Johnston, Calcutta, India (formerly 12 Rugby Terrace, Broughty Ferry, Dundee), and Anne B. Johnston, Calcutta, India (formerly of Dundee).