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## Editorial

With this issue we welcome to the School two newcomers: I. D. C. Ross, who took up his appointment as Music Master in January; and Captain I. T. Rees, R.N. (retired), who came as Bursar in April.

We offer our warmest congratulations to the Headmaster and Mrs. Hamilton on the birth of their son, Anthony James, on March 5th. The holiday that was granted to mark the occasion was welcomed with enthusiasm, but, although we admit that a day celebrated in such a universally popular way cannot easily be forgotten, we fear there is no precedent for the realisation of the hope we heard expressed, that March 5th should be declared a holiday *in perpetuum*.

We also offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Faull, whose wedding took place in London on April 1st—another day which should prove not easily forgotten. Mr. Faull leaves us at the end of this term to take up an appointment at Durham School, and we thank him now for all he has done in the classroom, in the House, and on the playing fields, and wish him the best of luck in the future.

We thank Mr. R. P. Coutts for his generous gift of four new easy chairs to the Library. This time we have no hesitation in declaring that such a thoughtful gesture forms an admirable precedent, and are by no means afraid that the added comfort will be more conducive to sleep than study: we have seen zealous students of Shakespeare and Cicero slumber in relative tranquillity in much less comfortable surroundings.

A year ago we welcomed the formation of three new societies. It is with regret, therefore, that on this anniversary we have to record that the Wireless Club and the Alchemists' Society now exist solely in a state of suspended animation. However, the Angling Club, we understand, will fish as hopefully this term as they did last summer; and this year the omens are certainly propitious, if the twenty-pound salmon landed during the Easter holidays by J. E. Hoftetter, fishing in Loch Lomond, is any criterion of the catches-to-be.

A year ago we also had occasion to lament the late arrival of contributions to the magazine. There was a much better response for the last issue, and we flattered ourselves that some people had read the Editorial right through; but, for this issue, only one contribution was received by the day so hopefully appointed. The day next appointed is October 14th. *Dum spiro, spero.*

## School Notes

COMMEMORATION Day will be June 3rd, when Sir Hector Hetherington, M.A., LL.D., D.Litt., Principal of Glasgow University, will present the prizes.

Old Strathallians' Day will be June 24th.

Founder's Day will be October 7th.

The following were successful in the Cambridge School Certificate examination, held in December, 1949: D. Boyd; K. Campbell; J. Donald; D. O. Hinshaw; J. A. M. Innes; D. M. McIlveen.

### SALVETE

Dawson, M. D.; Duncan, A. C.; Edwards, W. M.; Forgan, D. W. N.; Grandison, G. A.; McBain, R. M.; McIntosh, D. W.; Paterson, J. W.; Pirrie, D. B.; Scott, C. D.; Spray, D. W. M.; Urquhart, L.

### VALETE

Anderson, I. D. S.; Cadman, R. J.; Calderwood, J. T.; Campbell, K.; Dewhurst, R. H.; Donald, J.; Falconer, I. R. K.; Hamilton, D. C.; Hepburn, G. J.; Horner, D.; Innes, J. A. M.; Leitch, G. B.; Marr, B. E.; Rome, G. K.; Smith, G. W.

## Seascapes

ONE of the most popular branches of photography is "seascapes," probably because successful pictures are relatively easy to obtain. The mistake, however, that many amateurs make is trying to imitate the professional. Too often the average holidaymaker takes a photograph of a seaside town from the summit of a hill overlooking the bay. What is the sense in wasting an exposure when such views can be obtained so cheaply in the post office? It is the duty of the professional to photograph for record and interest, while the amateur should endeavour to produce photographs of artistic value and originality.

There are many good subjects to be taken in places where there is a rocky coast line. On stormy days the wind breaks the crests of the waves, and the "white horses" come

galloping over the rocks, sending up showers of spray, which should be caught by the photographer just as the foam has reached its peak. At this point the "molecules" of water are shot out and, in the sun, appear like minute crystals. One fraction of a second too early or too late may lose the whole texture of the photograph, because then the water is inclined to clump together. Slight movement should be shown, or the water will appear frozen; but to overdo it would produce a mass of blur. A low viewpoint is necessary in order to reproduce the delicate folding of the water into waves. For this work a time should be chosen when the tide is full, and, as back lighting is apt to produce flat photographs, the sun should be either in front or to the side of the photographer.



"THE BAY, PORT ERIN"—R. B. BLANCHE

Interesting pictures can be recorded in the harbour of a seaside town, especially if that town is important for fish, because there are sure to be numerous vessels unloading their catch; this is the time for the photographer to busy himself. He may photograph the whole harbour, the men at their jobs, or even fishermen leaning over the harbour wall smoking their pipes while watching the others work. Seagulls add great interest to such photographs, but care is necessary because their movement is quick, and there is the possibility of including some in unwanted places.

Shipping, ranging from rowing boat to liner, is a subject on its own; but a few points may be mentioned here. It is better to deal with one or two vessels at a time and build them into a picture, remembering not to go too close and not to release the shutter just because a ship is present. They should blend in with their surroundings, as do cargo vessels in the docks or rowing boats pulled up on to the beach during heavy seas; but the steamer leaving the pier reminds us too much of the picture post-card. On regatta day, when the yachts are forming up at the starting point, the photographer should position himself in a small boat so as to be on the leeward side of the yachts when they pass. This is one occasion when the photograph may be taken at close quarters, because if a stiff breeze is blowing there is nothing more attractive than a ship in full sail cutting through the waves in dignity and splendour.

As in landscapes, so in seascapes: cloud is an important factor. Not only does it break the monotony of a mass of white above the horizon, but it helps to complete the picture. Various effects can be obtained by using filters. A light green is most suitable, because it darkens the blue to a normal depth and at the same time does not produce so much contrast as would a yellow. Occasionally, however, orange or even red filters are required to produce dramatic effects or to darken a very pale blue sky.

Sunsets, especially at the seaside, are liable to be very disappointing, as people are often tempted by the marvellous colouring and not by the actual cloud formation. Many fine photographs, however, have been taken just as the last rays of light shine across the water and are reflected by the wet sand at low tide; and it is worth remembering that, even when the last twinkle of twilight has disappeared, the sleepless camera, given the opportunity, can still take fascinating photographs.

R. B. B.

### THE WYVER

Sweein on a silken threid,  
Scilminn up wi' unco speed,  
Nabbin flees tae sook their bleed,  
See yon wyver, lane survivor,  
Lane survivor mang the deid  
Victims o' his cantrips dreid.

Wyver, I hae thocht tae dang  
A besom's birse your hoose amang  
And soop your hame tae flinders,  
But shored bodies aye lee lang,  
Your tenement's secure and strang,  
Fu' mony months you'll haud and hang  
Afore your moosewab sinders.

And no tae interrupt your feast,  
Although you're coonted mang the least,  
Tae God's richt haun you're sittin neist,  
His ferlies move within ye, beast,  
His miracles are massed;  
And in your sma', still, douce-like breist  
God's mighty cannons blast.

S. A. J.

## My Favourite County

I HAVE not seen the mist-enshrouded mountains of Westmorland, or the green fields of Limerick; but I have tasted the sweet cider of Devon, and seen the view from Exmoor of the rocky coastline, and the enchanting blue waters of Barnstaple Bay.

I have been impressed by the tall mountains of the North, and I liked the quaint beauty of the Downs; but I have always hoped that some day I should see a land that surpassed even these in its splendour. That day came last summer, and the land was Devon.

I went by Taunton—Waterloo of the ill-fated followers of Monmouth—through the beautiful country around Lynton—the country which inspired the author of “Lorna Doone”—and, as I came down the steep, winding lane which leads into the little fishing village of Clovelly, I saw, for the first time, the sun setting behind Lundy Island.

In Devon, Nature's power is manifest. On two sides of the county is the sea, and in the middle rise the wild upland regions of Exmoor and Dartmoor. Fast-flowing mountain streams gurggle through little valleys, reaching the sea at such picturesque spots as Dartmouth and Bideford.

Swimming in the Bristol Channel is a sheer delight. There is, moreover, nothing I like better than exploring the caves which honeycomb the Devon cliffs. Devon cider is the best in the world, and there is nothing more fascinating than hearing a Devon farmer speak.

Devon has a romantic past, too. It used to be the abode of smugglers, who, on a stormy night, would land their cargoes in some sheltered cove. Many a stout fight took place between Cavaliers and Roundheads in Devon's now peaceful valleys, and in 1643 a Parliamentary army surrendered at Lostwithiel, near Plymouth. Near Minehead, where the purple heather of Exmoor runs down to the Bristol Channel, is Dunster Castle, the ancestral seat of the De Luttrell family; and on Hartland point, in the south, is Tintagel Castle, stronghold of King Arthur.

Devon was the home of such famous men as Sir Richard Grenville of the gallant “Revenge”; Tavistock, on the edge



of Dartmoor, was the birthplace of Sir Francis Drake—"Drake he was a Devon man, and ruled the Devon seas"—and it was the beauty of this county which inspired Kingsley to write "Westward Ho!".

I cannot hope to be as famous as Drake or Grenville; but I can admire the beauty of the land for which they thought fit to die.  
J. M. G.

### THEFT

It was no thing of value that you stole,  
And had it been the sole  
Spoil of your cunning,  
Its loss I would have suffered without pain:  
More precious far the other jewel—  
A thing most wonderful  
Snatched from my keeping,  
A loss indeed, nor anybody's gain.  
Besides the bauble that you took  
By sly and stealthy plan,  
Think well on this, my little crook,  
You stole my trust in man.  
G. E. R.

## Desert Victory

It was not so much a day as a burning, fiery furnace. The merciless sun blazed down on the vast waste of monotonous sand that stretched as far as the eye could see. Through the shimmering heat could be seen the figure of a man plodding wearily through the wilderness.

It was not so very long ago that Graham Delt had been sitting in the coolness of his veranda, sipping his iced whisky and soda. He was a plantation owner who had gone on an archaeological expedition in search of a buried city in the middle of the great Sahara desert. The expedition had been disorganised by a sandstorm and Graham had been left to the torture of sand and sun.

Hour after hour he stumbled on, hoping to find some oasis. The sand was everywhere; in his mouth was sand and his hair was covered with it. Small, irritating particles of gritty substance filled the cracks in his dried lips and stuck to his body with the heat and the moisture of his sweat. At about noon he stopped. After rubbing the sand from his tired body, he finished the little water that was left in his water bottle, and then again lurched forward over the endless dunes.

Suddenly, in the midst of all that waste, he saw a single palm tree. His first thought was that there must be water at hand, and for an hour he vainly searched the desolate sand. Then an idea occurred to him: he began to dig at the roots of

the tree. Deeper and deeper he went, spewing the sand out with his raw and frantic hands, and imagining he could feel the moisture of a stream as he dug. Suddenly he stopped; there beneath him, embedded in the mixture of sand and gravel, lay two uncut, glittering diamonds. He eagerly pocketed them and returned to his digging with renewed enthusiasm. Soon he found more, and more; but there was no water.

Night-fall found him with his pockets full of diamonds and his mouth still full of sand. Although the freezing chill of the desert night had fallen, his thirst had by now become a burning necessity which he could not for a moment forget.

Somehow, the night passed. At last, when the sun rose, he slept a little, until the increasing heat awoke him, and he staggered onwards aimlessly, but in an instinct to survive. It was not long before he was reduced by his weakness to scrambling over the sand on his knees, and soon he was crawling on his stomach, leaving a wavering wake of ruffled sand behind him. Then, inevitably, came the moment when he knew he could go no further, and amid his tortured imaginings he felt what he thought was the agony of death. In the terror and frenzy of madness he screamed aloud, thinly, hysterically, and, for a time, unceasingly.

There is an old saying that runs: "It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good." When, in the scorching heat of noon, a party of roaming Arabs found a gibbering Englishman lying on his back with his pockets full of diamonds, what more could they do but mercifully put a bullet through his head—and enrich themselves in the process? M. F. S. J.

### THE WINNING TRY

The Captain runs up to the ball  
And kicks it up on high;  
"Up, up, my men, up, up", he cries,  
"And score the winning try".

Up, up, I run; wild beats my heart,  
The crowd is madly cheering:  
Between two burly men I dart,  
A snake-like passage clearing.

I see a gap; I make a spurt,  
I wonder, "Will I do it?"  
Afraid of neither hurt nor dirt,  
I've found the gap, I'm through it.

The whistle blows, the game is done,  
And I am carried high—  
'Twas but my dream to beat their team  
And score that winning try.

D. M. S.

## Ski Touring in the Norwegian Jotunheim

Most people who visit Norway for ski-ing go to the better known stations on the Bergen Railway (Geilo, Ustaoset, Haugestol, Finse) or to the Gudbrand Valley (Lillehammer, Sjørsjøen, Fefor) where comfortable up-to-date hotels give good service and provide excellent facilities for down-hill running and day tours. But there is one centre which stands out above all others for ski touring. This is the Jotunheim Upland, which I had the good fortune to visit over Easter, 1948, accompanied by my wife, who being Norwegian was familiar with the district.

We started our tour from Gjendesheim, but on the eastern fringe of the range. The huts of the Norwegian Tourist Association vary greatly in size and the number of people they can accommodate. Some have been recently erected, whilst others are of older vintage; but all are built of solid whole timber which blends naturally into the surrounding landscape. Inside they are extremely comfortable. The old Norwegian hand-carved and gaily painted furniture and the huge open fireplaces make a characteristic atmosphere. Many have the Norwegian type of Turkish bath where on coming in from ski-ing one can enjoy the relaxation of steeping in a steam-heated room followed by a cold shower, or, as the Norwegians do, by a roll in the snow. Conveniences in many cases are not exactly modern, but they are built by specialists and rurally adequate. All huts have excellent drying facilities and as one can be assured of having dry clothes by the morning it is only necessary to carry one change of clothing in the rucksack.

The farmers and their families who staff the huts during the three weeks or so when they are open at Easter are extremely hospitable, and at every hut one is greeted with a warm spontaneous welcome. Their language is old Norwegian and the dialect varies almost from valley to valley. Although my knowledge of any Norwegian was nil, I was very little worse off in conversing with them than my Oslo companions, who can make themselves understood only with difficulty in these parts.

Especially over Easter week-end many of the smaller huts were full to overflowing, and the rule on these occasions is first come, first choice of accommodation. No one, of course, can be turned away, there being nowhere else to go, and I was amazed how the hut proprietors managed to find a place for everyone. Supplies of mattresses and blankets appeared to be unlimited. Although I was invariably the last to arrive at any hut, fortunately someone had always warned the proprietor





that there was a Scotsman and his wife heading for the hut and on all occasions a double room had been kept for us.

It would be too lengthy to describe here each individual day, although every tour from hut to hut provided many new experiences and fresh circumstances and great variety of terrain and snow conditions. I was told that 1948 had been a poor year for snow, but there were few bare patches, and throughout our tour snow conditions were generally good.

At first the whole business of ski touring seemed a very arduous and trying form of pleasure, weighed down as I was by a rucksack, slogging uphill, falling downhill and plodding across flat snow-covered lakes; but as I copied the technique of my Norwegian companions I gradually got into the rhythm of things and began to appreciate the pleasures of cross-country ski-ing.

Ski touring in any high mountains demands flexibility of plans. When the weather is fine high routes over glaciers can be followed and peaks ascended, but always of course with an eye on the weather, which is liable to change quickly, even on the best of days. On doubtful days valley routes should be followed, and in the Jotunheim the direct valley routes between huts are marked out by the hut keepers a day or so before Easter with sticks placed at intervals of about a hundred yards. One day in particular we were more than thankful to have these guide posts to follow. Shortly after leaving Glitterheim a blizzard caught us and although we were following a valley the cold was intense and visibility was reduced to about ten yards. It was a day one must be prepared for in these parts, when good wind-proof clothing was absolutely essential and a compass necessary to guide us from post to post. This was the worst day of our tour and we were glad to get into the warmth of Spiterstulen.

Probably the best day was when we ascended Uranostind on the way from Skogasdalboen to Tyinholmen. The weather could not have been better and the view from this peak is one of the finest in the Jotunheim. From the summit we had a magnificent run of about five miles down a glacier on smooth powdered snow. Glaciers are generally considered safe at this time of the year, although it is advisable to obtain local knowledge on this point before setting out on such a tour. It was on this day that we passed a large herd of reindeer being driven by their colourful Lapp attendants to fresh grazing ground.

For the last few days we toured through Filefjel, the range bordering the Jotunheim to the south—country not quite so rugged as the Jotunheim, but wonderful ski-ing ground. During these days we were graced with ideal weather, there was not a cloud in the sky, and with the sun beating down on our

already scorched bodies. I personally was glad to crawl into any available shade when we halted. On days such as these careful waxing was necessary, as the snow became soft during the day, but iced over in the evenings. The Norwegians never use skins when touring, but depend entirely on wax, which they carry in large assortments.

Our tour ended at Finse on the Bergen Railway. When we were back once more in civilisation, the general air of a luxury hotel was better appreciated than ever before.

It had not been possible to explore the whole of the Jotunheim in this one visit. The region has so infinitely much to offer that I shall most certainly be returning at the first opportunity.

R. B.

## Chapel Notes

At the end of the Winter Term a service of lessons and carols was held in the school chapel. Those carols sung by the choir included one or two well-performed solos, and the lessons were read by representatives of the different age-groups within the school. The singing and the Nativity story combined with the holly and the warm lights of the Christmas tree to fill us all with the true spirit of Christmas.

We have been exceptionally fortunate in the preachers who have visited us on Sunday mornings during the last two terms. For the many excellent sermons we have heard our thanks are due to the following:—Rev. P. Brodie (St. Mungo's, Alloa); Rev. R. S. Thompson (St. Stephen's, Broughty Ferry); Rev. G. Cameron (St. John's, Dundee); Rev. J. F. Marshall (Aberdalgie); H. Scott, Esq. (Governor of H.M. Institution, Polmont); Dr. C. Sutherland (Holyrood, Stirling); Rev. L. Derrick-Large (St. John's Episcopal, Perth); Rev. R. Selby-Wright (Cannongate, Edinburgh); Rev. H. Walker (Secretary of the Church of Scotland Home Board); J. Beveridge, Esq. (Secretary of Scotland P.S.S.U.); Rev. E. B. Potts (Middle Lane Methodist Church, London); R. M. M. Barlow, Esq. (Warden of Trinity College, Glenalmond); and D. Silver, Esq.

Voluntary evening prayers are still conducted by the House Tutors, although the number of those attending has dropped considerably. We should like to thank Stokes, whose quiet organ voluntaries have helped immeasurably in creating the right atmosphere for those brief evening services.

K. D. M.

## Scripture Union

IN the past six months the Scripture Union has again prospered. Many new members have joined us and the junior section, under Mr. Silver, has also grown.

We were favoured by a visit from Rev. E. B. Potts, who helped us considerably at a discussion on the colour question in South Africa and America. Mr. Beveridge also came up and showed us many interesting photographs about the Annual Summer Camp.

We look forward to many more discussions and a pleasant holiday at the Camp.

J. McK.

## Dramatic and Operatic Society

TAKEN as a whole this session has been a relatively satisfactory one. But, in common with most other sessions, when examined more thoroughly it arouses mixed feelings: we welcomed, for instance, the return of the play to Strathallan, but had to say good-bye, at least for this year, to the opera. In this connection we should like to thank Mr. Mordecai for all the work he did in operatic production and wish him all good fortune in his new post.

Throughout the Winter and Spring terms rehearsals of the end of term play "Tons of Money" went unremittingly forward. Unfortunately, owing to lack of time, it was possible to hold only a few general meetings of the society. However, the majority of members must have felt the policy of concentration on the school production justifiable when the play proved so successful.

In conclusion we should also like to thank all those who helped the society in any way this session and to wish those members returning next session every success.

I. M. W.

### "TONS OF MONEY"

THE close of the Easter term was enlivened by the Dramatic Society's sprightly performance of "Tons of Money".

"Tons of Money" is a light-hearted farce in three acts and it can be said at once that both players and packed audience were quick to attune themselves to the spirit of gaiety and absurdity which accompanies the attempts of an impecunious couple to evade the clutches of their creditors.

Brackenridge, obviously at ease and enjoying himself, skilfully conveyed the discomfitures of a young husband involved in one ludicrous situation after another; later, when



he assumed the guise of a canting cleric, the audience heartily appreciated the ease and exuberance of his clowning.

The quality of the lead was equally well sustained by Marshall, the ingenious—if rather impetuous—wife whose “bright ideas” produced most of the complications and comedy.

In a more sophisticated female part Padkin was elegant and assured, while McMillan as the long-lost brother returned from Mexico, and McLay as the latter’s smooth-tongued impostor, excelled in the final act and succeeded in appearing preposterous but never implausible.

A word of praise, too, for Little, who added sixty opinionated years to his existing number in order to impersonate the caprices of a deaf and crotchety old lady. Calderwood as the capable and painstaking solicitor; McKee as the butler whose dignified appearance cloaked secret and amorous ambitions; McCombs as the monosyllabic gardener (a really clever caricature); and McCreadie as the sedate maidservant, all helped to keep the fun rolling from start to finish.

Some of those in the “back-stalls”, however, must have found difficulty in catching the fast-moving dialogue. The quality and clarity of enunciation contrasted unfavourably with the standard of acting talent, but in extenuation it must be remembered that illness reduced rehearsal time and involved two last-minute changes in the cast.

To the producer, Mr. Minty, to the cast, and to those responsible for the excellent stage setting, effects and make-up (done entirely by boys), congratulations are sincerely offered.

A. J. S. G.

## Lectures and Entertainments

SINCE our last issue the school has been entertained by a particularly varied programme of lectures and films. Walter Higham, the well-known bird photographer and author, brought us his beautiful colour film on “Birds in Britain”, while, in “Here and There with a Camera” Mr. Allan C. Browne showed us a delightful series of coloured slides of many parts of this and other countries.

We shall long remember the Rev. R. Selby-Wright’s absorbingly interesting story of his experiences in Europe, as Senior Chaplain to the Forces.

We were fortunate in having three visits from the Senior Service. Firstly, Lieut. Button, R.N., showed us two excellent films on life in the Navy and also brought with him a fascinating scale model of a Destroyer, which he explained to groups



of boys in the Library. Later on Commander Findlay, who is an Old Strathallian, gave us a talk about the R.N.V.R.; and thirdly, Commander Marquesi described prospects for National Service in the Navy and showed a film.

Finally, we must thank Professor Greig, Director of the Moredun Institute, for his interesting talk on "Animal Research".

On two Saturdays, cinema programmes were arranged, in one of which the film "Henry V" was shown.

R. P. C.

## Music Notes

In the realm of music the outstanding success of the term was the visit to the school of the Amadeus String Quartet, who played a programme of music ranging from Haydn to the Moderns. The silken tone, polished phrasing, and ensemble make the playing of this quartet an exemplar of what Chamber music should be, and the applause which greeted the performance left no doubt that it had received the appreciation it deserved. Indeed, a number of us were so delighted with the Amadeus that we went to hear them play again in Perth at the concert given by the Perth Chamber Music Society the following evening.

A second group of players who visited the school during the term was The London Wind Trio. This group gave a well designed programme and polished performance, which was preceded by an informal talk on the instruments. After the concert the players allowed a number of boys to try their hands and their lungs at blowing a few notes.

Parties of boys attended the various concerts given in Perth. Of these the most notable and enjoyable was that given by The Scottish Orchestra under Susskind. At a concert given by the Perth Choral Society it was felt that the choir, who gave a very good account of themselves, deserved to be supported by a larger orchestra. Justice could not be done to Brahms' "Song of Destiny" or Mozart's "Requiem" with so many wind parts lacking. It was disappointing, too that the "Requiem", which is a magnificent work, should have been disfigured by being sung to a poor English translation.

On Sunday mornings the school choir scored a number of minor successes with their anthems. These, as a rule, went according to plan, but the Psalmist who wrote "The singers go before, the minstrels follow after" would have felt his words amply justified had he heard the "Love one another" passage from Wesley's well-known anthem sung by two of our trebles. In spite of a certain amount of speed wobble they reached a triumphant conclusion in a photo finish, and

must, into the bargain, have set up a world's record for that hazardous course. But if variety is the spice of life it was all to the good, since in Chapel the Psalmist's words are frequently reversed during the Hymns, with the organ going before, and the singers bringing up the rear.

Many of us will be glad to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Shaw for the time and trouble he has taken in arranging informal gramophone recitals at his house, and of thanking him and Mrs. Shaw for the kind way in which they have entertained us. Art for art's sake is all very well for the high minded, but for lesser breeds a concerto is even pleasanter when seated in a comfortable chair and provided with some dainty refreshment.

The Summer term as a rule is so full that concerts and lectures have to give way to other activities. Nevertheless, those who heard Mr. Boyd Neel's talk during the Christmas term will be glad to hear that it is hoped to be able to arrange that he will pay us another visit early in June. Mr. Boyd Neel has built up for himself an international reputation; his talks about music are really worth hearing and we shall be delighted to see him if he can fit in another visit to us.

I. D. C. R.

## The Aeromodellers' Society

THE society got off to a good start this session, and it was not long before several embryo "pilots" were gingerly handling their control-line aircraft for the first time. We had our ups and downs, in more senses than one, but there were remarkably few serious crashes, although this was due more often to good luck than good management.

Now that the difficult initial flights have been successfully accomplished we should soon see some more advanced "stunters" in the air; it is only when one of these sensitive models is performing in the hands of a good pilot that the spectators and pilot can experience the full thrills of this sport.

It is pleasing to note, also, that interest is once again being shown in free-flight models. Until recently this was the only type of flying done in this country and it suffered considerably upon the advent of control-lining. It is however, slowly recovering, and the two branches will probably continue side by side from now on.

It is hoped that when we have attained some strength in both these fields, we shall be able to link up with the Perth Aeromodellers' Society both in competition and exhibition.

Finally, we should like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Greig and to Mr. Shaw for their invaluable assistance and co-operation.

S. C. E. S.

## Debating Society

BECAUSE of the scarcity of time, and the number of other activities which took place on Saturdays, only four Saturdays were allotted to the Society.

The first debate was on the motion that Comics should not be allowed at school; and was heavily defeated, because of the opposition of the Juniors *en masse*, by 37 votes to 14. During this debate the proposer of the motion, while pointing out the bad effect comics are supposed to have on grammar, was heard to say "... and so you can see what a bad effect comics has".

The second motion was that "Public Houses should be abolished". However, Strathallan seemed to have other views on the matter and the motion was defeated by 27 votes to 25.

The next debate was on Euthanasia, and the Captain of the School put up a spirited argument in its defence. The result was that, despite the best efforts of the opposition, the motion that Euthanasia should be made legal was carried by 45 votes to 23.

The speakers at the fourth and last debate were members of the Sixth form, on the motion that "A liar is a greater social menace than a thief or a murderer". However, none of the speakers put sufficient conviction into what he had to say, and a comparatively lifeless debate ended in the carrying of the motion by 21 votes to 20.

I. D. S.

## Photographic Society

IN the past two terms, the society has done well, showing increasing interest in trying to improve its standard of photography and also in darkroom work. Facilities for the latter are greatly improved, and further additions to equipment should be seen this term.

The society would thank the Headmaster for a most interesting lecture on portraiture which he gave last term, and also Jack Shaw for his talk on Switzerland.

This term there will be practical demonstrations in the darkroom and even individual instruction for those who wish it, as well as other meetings of the society throughout the term.

We hope to see a large and pleasing variety of photographs for the exhibition on Commemoration Day.

G. W. S.



"LOCH TAY"—G. W. Stokes

## Pioneers

THE sound of axe and saw has been heard in some part of the grounds on most Sunday afternoons during this session. While much remains to be done a considerable area of woodland has been cleared of dead undergrowth and stunted trees, while Mr. Bain has been assisted in the clearing of trees blown down in the gale during the Christmas Holidays. Another hard job completed was the clearance of a site for the bicycle sheds.

Pioneering is a voluntary effort and the keenness shown by numerous boys throughout the middle and lower school has been admirable. A special word of thanks must go to those seniors who have found time to give a helping hand. It is quite impossible here to name all who have done good work; but mention must be made of the following, who have seldom failed to turn out and whose work has always been in the true Pioneering tradition:—J. C. Appleby, W. S. Braid, J. C. Scott, T. Kerr, W. Innes Smith and R. A. Grant.

R. P. C.

# Combined Cadet Force

## ARMY AND BASIC SECTIONS

The new session began with a large intake which brought the strength of the whole contingent to 125, our maximum number yet.

The first obstacle was the Certificate examination for Pt. I and Pt. II, held on the 19th November. Good standards were again attained and congratulations go to the eight cadets successful in the Pt. II examination and the thirty in the Pt. I.

Intensive training continued during both the Winter and Spring Terms, and mention should be made of the able way in which the N.C.Os. have shouldered their responsibilities in training. A great deal yet remains to be done to make this training fully efficient, but a grand start has been made. The Summer Term will provide further opportunities to measure up, practise and test the training already carried out.

Besides giving valuable help with the elementary training, the N.C.Os. have worked conscientiously at their Signal Training, and we hope several will go forward to the Classification Test. Again, we tender thanks to Mr. Steele for his untiring help in organising and administering this Signal Section.

R.S.M. Jack continues to fill everyone with enthusiasm, not only during normal training and on Company drill parades, but also in tutoring a promising class of pipers. He has also arranged instruction by a drum-major of the Black Watch for another class of drummers.

The range is now completed apart from the "frills" which we hope to add from time to time, and it is anticipated that the opening ceremony will take place in the new term when the "Safety Certificate" has been received. By then, too, the large sand table should also be in situ, which will provide yet another great aid to instruction, particularly during the Winter months. Many deserve grateful thanks for the work they have put in on this range, and while remembering those boys who have toiled "voluntarily" long and hard with pick and shovel, we wish to acknowledge most the invaluable advice and assistance from Mr. Bain and his staff in the really tricky portions of the work and also the work put in by R.S.M. Jack.

We welcome Mr. Coutts, who, after helping us for such a long time, has now accepted a commission with the contingent.

Finally, we acknowledge the able assistance in training given by O.C. 6/7 Black Watch, and express the hope that Sgt. Masson will continue to enjoy his service with us.

J. R. B.



### **R.A.F. SECTION**

This session six cadets were presented for the Advanced Training Badge, which is our highest possible award. All six candidates were successful and the squadron has every reason to feel proud. Special congratulations must go to K. A. C. Brown (92%) and I. D. R. Stevens (86%), who both won a Pass with Distinction, and to I. D. S. Anderson (77%) who passed with credit. The remaining three, who all scored above 60%, were K. Campbell, S. C. E. Spink and G. K. Rome.

In the Part B Proficiency Examination M. F. S. Jamieson, H. W. McClure, I. R. N. Simpson and A. N. Stevenson were successful, so that only a few cadets are left to take this test, and the unit may yet be in the enviable position of going to camp as a fully efficient squadron.

J. T. Calderwood, J. A. Chalmers, K. A. C. Brown and H. W. McClure all played in the International Rugby Trials. Cadets Calderwood and McClure were chosen to play for Scotland against Wales at Ebbw Vale, and Brown to travel as one of the reserves. Unfortunately, McClure developed influenza a few days before the game and was forced to withdraw. The game in Wales was drawn at six points each (after extra time), but Scotland won the replay at Turnhouse by 8 points to 3. In the final match for the championship the Scottish side, which included both Calderwood and McClure, were narrowly defeated by England by 3 points to 0. Brown again travelled as reserve.

On May 13th the squadron, along with some fifteen other squadrons from Perthshire, Dundee and Fife, attended a Wing Rally at Leuchars. The results of the various competitions were:—

#### **MASTER TROPHY FOR AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION**

**Best Team**—Strathallan (Flt./Sgt. Brown, Sgts. Stevens and Spink, Cpl. Stott).

**Best Individual Spotter**—1. Cpl. Stott ; 2. Flt./Sgt. Brown. Both received medals.

#### **WING CUP FOR SHOOTING**

**Best Team**—Strathallan (Flt./Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Spink, Cpls. Stott and Stevens, Cadet Russell).

**Best Individual Shot**—1. Cpl. Simpson ; 2. Sgt. Spink. Both received medals.

#### **DRILL AND EFFICIENCY CUP**

1, City of Dundee ; 2, Strathallan.

#### **MOST EFFICIENT WING CADET OF THE YEAR**

Flt./Sgt. Brown was adjudged the best all-round cadet within the Wing. After being congratulated by the A.O.C. 66 Group, Air Commodore Wardle, Brown was given a thirty-minute flight in a Meteor jet 'plane. We understand he is the first A.T.C. cadet to fly in such a 'plane.

Flying this session has been carried out at Scone in Tiger Moths. Squadron Leader H. Gass has been our friend and mentor in these matters and the Squadron owe him a real debt of gratitude.

The unit will go to its annual camp on 25th July, probably at R.A.F. Hulavington (Wiltshire) or Cranwell. Admittedly, the journey is long and rather tedious, but there is finer camping weather down south. At camp this year there will be only R.A.F. Sections of the C.C.F. and we hope to make contact with some of the English Public Schools.

We congratulate K. A. C. Brown (promoted to Flight Sergeant), S. C. E. Spink and I. D. R. Stevens (promoted to Sergeant), and I. R. N. Simpson and I. G. Stott (promoted to Corporal).

In conclusion we bid farewell and wish all success to the following members of the squadron now gone from our ranks:— R. Russell, G. K. Rome, I. D. S. Anderson, K. Campbell, J. A. Innes, J. T. Calderwood.

W. S. H.

## Scout Notes

DURING the last two terms there has been some steady progress in the general level of proficiency in the Troop: four members have been working towards First Class, while there are ten others who have only a very little to do before gaining their Second Class. It is confidently expected that before the end of this Summer Term their badges will have been gained; so that next Christmas Term will see a satisfactorily large section on the way towards First Class.

Last Winter Term's activities were devoted to badge work, raft building and a patrol corner competition which, although not so productive of ideas as had been hoped, was fairly keenly contested. It resulted in a win for the Curlews (P/L. I. O. Stewart) with the Eagles (P/L. R. A. Paterson) two points behind. The cup for the best individual exhibit went to H. A. Macmillan (Curlews), whose work greatly contributed to his patrol's success.

In the Winter Term, too, time outside that of Troop meetings was given to First Class estimation and mapping, and N. M. Milne and D. C. Hamilton succeeded in gaining the Collective Scientist (Electrician) Badge.

The Spring Term saw two new departures: the first, that of taking Patrols into districts unfamiliar to them to give them practical tests in map reading; and the second, that of presenting N. M. Milne with the new maroon epaulettes now worn by all Scouts over fifteen. It is to be hoped that before

very long there will be many members of the 73rd Perthshire with these epaulettes: they proclaim the loyalty of their wearers to the ideals of the Scout movement.

This Summer Term will be spent in outdoor work—in camping and in pioneering. Week-end camps will be held and, at the end of term, the Troop will go to Glentarf, near Courie, from 22nd July to 1st August. At the time of writing nineteen Scouts will be coming to the camp and as this number will probably increase during the term, we shall have quite a satisfactory attendance; though it would be really pleasing to say that everybody in the Troop had volunteered to come.

F. S. L.

## Rugby Football

With only four of last year's 1st XV returning on September 20th, we began the season with a certain pessimism. The first two games, played without any practice at all, emphasised the fundamental weaknesses. The forwards were small and light in comparison with other packs; the "threes" were adequate in defence, largely due to the energy and resolute tackling of Rome, but the absence of a capable scrum-half and the weakness of the pack meant that the three-quarter line would have few opportunities in attack; much more serious was the general lack of experience, which made the play somewhat indecisive and aimless. It was not until we played Hillhead High School that we saw the 1st XV with the initiative and spirit which have characterised Strathallan teams in the past. The next game, against Allan Glen's School, proved that our pack possessed the fighting spirit and that we were playing as a team at last. From that moment we did not look back, and in those games we lost the issue was in doubt until the final whistle. Outstanding among the games which followed were our victory over George Watson's College, our first victory there for many a long year; the defeat of the very fast and capable Aberdeen Grammar School XV; the delightfully open game against Trinity College, Glenalmond; and, finally, the defeat of the Dundee United College 2nd XV, in which we saw three-quarter play reminiscent of last season's team at its best.

The season can best be summed up as one in which performance far exceeded expectation. It is quite true to say that never before have we witnessed such steady improvement in spirit and technical ability throughout the whole season. Much of the credit for this goes to the able manner in which Hinshaw assumed the responsibilities of captaincy, and the inspiration provided by the older hands such as Rome, Marr, Calderwood and Bruce.

Full Colours were awarded to D. O. Hinshaw, G. K. Rome, B. E. Marr, J. T. Calderwood, J. A. Bruce, C. T. Hamilton, D. M. McIlveen, W. A. McMillan, M. Cessford, J. M. Maguire, J. McKee, H. W. McClure, R. P. Thomas and K. A. C. Brown. Half Colours were awarded to K. Frost, J. A. Chalmers, D. A. Gray, I. M. Walker, I. R. N. Simpson, I. J. S. Hepburn, I. J. Turnbull, J. P. Genasi, D. C. Rossie, E. W. Bannerman and W. G. McCombs.

We congratulate Calderwood and McClure, who were selected to play for the Scottish A.C.F. XV against both the English and Welsh teams.

From the final results it will be seen that once again the Under 15½ XV have an excellent record. Generally, the technical ability was of a satisfactory standard, but the outstanding feature was their obvious enjoyment of the game.

The House Matches, once again on a league basis, were played with typical keenness. Simpson emerged as victors, winning all their Senior games and conceding only one drawn game in the Junior league.

## RESULTS

### 1st XV

Played 14; won 4; lost 9; drawn 1. Points for, 91; points against, 172.

						For	Agst.
Sept. 28	Glasgow Academy	...	...	...	Away	0	22
Oct. 1	George Heriot's School ...	...	...	...	Away	3	31
" 8	Old Strathallians	...	...	...	Home	0	19
" 15	Morrison's Academy	...	...	...	Home	8	11
" 22	Hillhead High School ...	...	...	...	Home	8	14
" 29	Allan Glen's School	...	...	...	Home	3	3
Nov. 8	George Watson's College	...	...	...	Away	9	6
" 16	Melville College	...	...	...	Away	18	14
" 26	United College 1st XV, St. Andrews	...	...	...	Home	6	14
Dec. 3	Aberdeen Grammar School	...	...	...	Home	11	8
Feb. 4	United College 1st XV, St. Andrews	...	...	...	Away	8	13
" 11	Trinity College, Glenalmond ...	...	...	...	Home	3	6
" 18	Dundee High School	...	...	...	Away	3	8
" 25	United College 2nd XV, Dundee	...	...	...	Home	11	3

### 2nd XV

Played 11; won 3; lost 7; drawn 1. Points for, 74; points against, 151.

						For	Agst.
Sept. 28	Glasgow Academy	...	...	...	Home	23	6
Oct. 1	Stirling High School 1st XV ...	...	...	...	Home	3	2½
" 15	Dundee High School	...	...	...	Away	21	6
" 22	United College 2nd XV, St. Andrews	...	...	...	Home	3	14
Nov. 12	Madras College 1st XV	...	...	...	Home	0	13
" 26	Bell Baxter School 1st XV	...	...	...	Away	0	3
Dec. 3	Aberdeen Grammar School	...	...	...	Away	3	3
Feb. 4	United College 2nd XV, St. Andrews	...	...	...	Away	0	27
" 11	Stirling High School 1st XV ...	...	...	...	Away	3	14
" 18	Madras College 1st XV	...	...	...	Away	3	33
Mar. 4	Bell Baxter School 1st XV ...	...	...	...	Home	15	9

**3rd XV**

Played 7; won 4; lost 2; drawn 1. Points for, 63; points against, 43.

				For	Agst.
Oct. 15	Dundee High School ...	...	Home	13	0
Nov. 12	Madras College ...	...	Home	12	0
" 19	Trinity College, Glenalmond ...	...	Home	0	6
" 26	Bell Baxter School 2nd XV ...	...	Away	8	8
Feb. 18	Dundee High School 2nd XV ...	...	Away	9	15
" 25	Trinity College, Glenalmond ...	...	Home	12	6
Mar. 4	Bell Baxter School 2nd XV ...	...	Home	9	8

**Under 15½ XV**

Played 12; won 8; lost 3; drawn 1. Points for, 278; points against, 46.

				For	Agst.
Sept. 28	Glasgow Academy ...	...	Away	6	3
Oct. 1	Stirling High School 2nd XV ...	...	Away	18	3
" 15	Dundee High School ...	...	Home	99	0
" 22	Hillhead High School ...	...	Home	31	0
" 29	Allan Glen's School ...	...	Home	30	5
Nov. 8	George Watson's College ...	...	Away	8	3
" 19	Trinity College, Glenalmond ...	...	Home	0	11
" 26	Bell Baxter School ...	...	Home	26	0
Dec. 3	Aberdeen Grammar School ...	...	Away	6	10
Feb. 11	Stirling High School 2nd XV ...	...	Home	45	0
" 18	Madras College ...	...	Away	0	0
" 25	Trinity College, Glenalmond ...	...	Home	9	11

**OTHER RESULTS**

	...	...	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Under 14½ XV	...	...	6	3	3	87	80
Under 13 XV	...	...	6	1	5	29	94

**HOUSE MATCHES****Senior League**

Simpson	v. Ruthven	...	...	...	won	5	0
	v. Nicol	...	...	...	won	6	0
	v. Freeland	...	...	...	won	6	3
Freeland	v. Ruthven	...	...	...	won	6	0
	v. Nicol	...	...	...	won	6	3
Ruthven	v. Nicol	...	...	...	won	5	0

**Junior League**

Simpson	v. Ruthven	...	...	...	lost	3	8
	v. Nicol	...	...	...	won	6	3
	v. Freeland	...	...	...	won	32	0
Freeland	v. Ruthven	...	...	...	lost	0	38
	v. Nicol	...	...	...	lost	0	23
Ruthven	v. Nicol	...	...	...	won	14	0

Final placing and award of Flag points :

Simpson, 15; Ruthven, 10; Freeland, 5; Nicol, 0.

**RUGBY FIVES**

THERE has been a steady increase in the popularity of fives during the past year. A School team has been formed and the first School match for many years has been played. Although our opponents, Glenalmond, out-classed us on their visit here,



a considerable improvement was noticeable when the return match was played later in the Easter Term.

An Inter-House competition has been instituted for senior and junior pairs, the first results of which are given below.

We hope that the Old Strathallians will produce a team on June 24th, and that they will meet with considerably stiffer opposition than last year.

### HOUSE MATCHES

#### Seniors

Nicol beat Freeland, Ruthven and Simpson  
 Ruthven beat Freeland and Simpson  
 Freeland beat Simpson

#### Juniors

Nicol beat Freeland, Ruthven and Simpson  
 Freeland beat Ruthven and Simpson  
 Simpson beat Ruthven

Final placing and award of Flag points:  
 Nicol, 5; Freeland, 3; Ruthven, 2; Simpson, 0

H. T. S.

## Athletics, 1950

This year saw the introduction of a new system of Inter-House Athletic Competition. The date was brought forward to the Spring Term, the number of events was curtailed, and all were conducted on a team-relay basis. Standard Time Heats were held as usual. Competition was, as always, very keen, with the House Championship result in doubt right to the last.

### RESULTS

#### STANDARD TIME HEATS

Simpson	...	...	50 points
Ruthven	...	...	42 points
Nicol	...	...	41 points
Freeland	...	...	33 points

#### TEAM RESULTS

##### Group A (over 16 years 6 months)

4×100 yards	...	1—Simpson, 2—Nicol, 3—Ruthven
4×220 yards	...	1—Simpson, 2—Freeland, 3—Ruthven
3×440 yards	...	1—Nicol, 2—Simpson, 3—Ruthven
3×880 yards	...	1—Nicol, 2—Simpson, 3—Ruthven
2×1 mile	...	1—Nicol, 2—Simpson, 3—Ruthven
High Jump	...	1—Simpson, 2—Nicol, 3—Ruthven
Long Jump	...	1—Simpson, 2—Nicol, 3—Ruthven

**Group B (over 15 and under 16 years 6 months)**

4×100 yards	...	1—Ruthven, 2—Simpson, 3—Nicol
4×220 yards	...	1—Ruthven, 2—Nicol, 3—Simpson
3×440 yards	...	1—Ruthven, 2 (equal)—Nicol and Simpson
3×880 yards	...	1—Ruthven, 2—Nicol, 3—Freeland
2×1 mile	...	1—Ruthven, 2—Nicol, 3—Simpson

**Group C (under 15 years)**

4×100 yards	...	1—Simpson, 2—Freeland, 3 (equal)—Nicol and Ruthven
4×220 yards	...	1—Freeland, 2—Simpson, 3—Ruthven
3×440 yards	...	1—Freeland, 2—Nicol, 3—Simpson
High Jump	...	1—Freeland, 2 (equal)—Ruthven and Simpson
Long Jump	...	1—Simpson, 2—Freeland, 3—Nicol

**TUG-OF-WAR**

1—Simpson, 2—Nicol, 3—Ruthven

The result of the Inter-House Competition, and award of Flag points, were:

1 — Simpson (156 points)	...	...	15 points
2 — Nicol (135½ points)	...	...	10 points
3 — Ruthven (127½ points)	...	...	5 points
4 — Freeland (67 points)	...	...	0 points

**CROSS COUNTRY****Group A**

1 (equal)—Chalmers, J. A. and Kennedy, I. (Nicol)

Time: 23 min. 58 sec.

3—Brown, K. (Simpson)

**Group B**

1—Upsdale, N. (Freeland). Time: 22 min.

2—Wallace, W. C. (Nicol)

3—Little, R. (Nicol)

**Group C**

1—Beveridge, J. (Freeland). Time: 18 min. 20 sec.

2—Lochtie, I. (Simpson)

3—Barbour, R. (Nicol)

Final placing and award of Flag points:

Nicol, 5; Simpson, 3; Freeland, 2; Ruthven, 0.

**VICTOR LUDORUM AND BRUCE MACKAY CUPS**

Competitions for individual championships were held at the beginning of the Summer Term. Results are as follows:—

**VICTOR LUDORUM (over 16 years)**

100 yards	...	1—Mellvean, D. M. 11.2 secs. 2—Bruce, J. A. 3—Banks, D.
220 yards	...	1—Bruce, J. A. 24.8 secs. 2—Kennedy, I. 3—Banks, D.

*Victor Ludorum (over 16 years) — continued*

<b>440 yards</b>	...	1—McIlveen, D. 59.8 secs. 2—Blanche, R. B. 3—Chalmers, J. A.
<b>880 yards</b>	...	1—Chalmers, J. A. 2 min. 11.6 sec. 2—Bruce, J. A. 3—Brown, K. A. C.
<b>One mile</b>	...	1—Chalmers, J. A. 4 min. 39.8 sec. 2—Kennedy, I. 3—Rossie, D. C.
<b>Long Jump</b>	...	1—McIlveen, D. M. (18 feet) 2—Bruce, J. A. 3—Morton, J. M.
<b>High Jump</b>	...	1—Stevens, I. D. R. (5 ft. 2½ ins.) 2—McIlveen, D. M. 3—Bruce, J. A.

**Victor Ludorum**—McIlveen, D. M. (11 points)

**Runner-up**—Bruce, J. A. (10 points)

**BRUCE MACKAY CUP (under 10 years)**

<b>100 yards</b>	...	1—Stewart, I. F. B. 11.8 secs. 2—Wallace, W. C. 3—Todd, J.
<b>220 yards</b>	...	1—Stewart, I. F. B. 28.4 secs. 2—Wallace, W. C. 3—Upsdale, N. V.
<b>440 yards</b>	...	1—Yates, M. 64.8 secs. 2—Upsdale, N. V. 3—Wallace, W. C.
<b>880 yards</b>	...	1—Upsdale, N. V. 2 min. 20.2 sec. 2—Wallace, W. C. 3—Kerr, T. A.
<b>Long Jump</b>	...	1—Wallace, W. C. (16 ft. 5 ins.) 2—Farquharson, A. M. 3—Roger, W. P.
<b>High Jump</b>	...	1—Wallace, W. C. (4 ft. 11 ins.) 2—Upsdale, N. V.

**Winner of Bruce Mackay Cup**—Wallace, W. C. (15 points)

**Runner-up**—Upsdale, N. V. (11 points)

D. S.

# Cricket Fixtures, 1950

## 1st XI

DATE		OPPONENTS	GROUND
Wednesday, 3 May	—	Perth Academy ... ..	Away
Saturday, 6 "	—	Morrison's Academy ... ..	Away
Saturday, 13 "	—	Glasgow High School ... ..	Home
Saturday, 20 "	—	Hillhead High School ... ..	Away
Tuesday, 23 "	—	Trinity College, Glenalmond ... ..	Away
Saturday, 27 "	—	Cupar Cricket Club ... ..	Home
Saturday, 10 June	—	George Heriot's School ... ..	Home
Thursday, 15 "	—	H. B. Rowan's XI ... ..	Home
Tuesday, 20 "	—	Perth County ... ..	Home
Saturday, 24 "	—	Old Strathallians ... ..	Home
Wednesday, 28 "	—	Glasgow Academy ... ..	Home
Saturday, 1 July	—	Daniel Stewart's College ... ..	Home
Wednesday, 12 "	—	Bonithrone's XI ... ..	Home
Wednesday, 19 "	—	Staff XI ... ..	Home

## 2nd XI

DATE		OPPONENTS	GROUND
Saturday, 6 May	—	Morrison's Academy ... ..	Home
Saturday, 13 "	—	Glasgow High School ... ..	Away
Saturday, 20 "	—	Crieff Cricket Club ... ..	Home
Saturday, 27 "	—	Perth Academy ... ..	Away
Saturday, 10 June	—	George Heriot's School ... ..	Away
Saturday, 17 "	—	Trinity College, Glenalmond ... ..	Home
Wednesday, 28 "	—	Glasgow Academy ... ..	Away
Saturday, 1 July	—	Daniel Stewart's College ... ..	Away
Saturday, 22 "	—	Forgandenny Cricket Club ... ..	Home

# Old Strathallians' News

## THE NEW PRESIDENT

At the Annual General Meeting on 26th November, 1949, Mr. J. Alastair Montgomerie, B.A., D.S.C., was unanimously elected President of the Club for 1950, a fitting honour for one whose unbounded energy and sparkling enthusiasm have been untiringly devoted to furthering the interests of the Club and School for many years.

"Monty" went to School in 1928. He took part in many and varied activities while there, both sporting and social, eventually completing his last year, 1932, as Vice-Captain. He played for the 1st Rugby XV, and represented the School in the Swimming, Water Polo and Cross-Country teams. On leaving School, he went up to Cambridge University, where he took his degree in Economics and Law. He represented the University at Ice-Hockey and Lacrosse. Many of his contemporaries remember vividly his fearlessness and courage as the goal-keeper on the ice. He also represented his College at Rugby, Swimming and Athletics, and even found time to row in the College second boat in the May Races.

"Monty" thereafter transferred his energy to the making of bread, but it was not long before the outbreak of war called on him for further duties. During the war he served with distinction in the R.N.V.R., gaining the Distinguished Service Cross and a "Mention". On the cessation of hostilities he



J. ALASTAIR MONTGOMERIE, B.A., D.S.C.

returned to business, and is now Chairman of Montgomeries Bread Company Ltd., and director of other companies. He is also Chairman of the West of Scotland Branch of the King George's Fund for Sailors, Chairman of the R.N.V.S.R., and Vice-Chairman of the R.N.V.R. Club, Carrick. As a member of the Council of the Club he displayed a very keen concern in the affairs of the Club and School, and he was appointed a Governor of the School in 1949.

Married, with three daughters, "Monty" is interested in such diverse subjects as antique furniture, sporting prints, heraldry and sailing.

In his year of office as President he carries with him the good wishes of all members of the Club.



## **FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

THE Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Salutation Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 26th November, 1949, at 6 p.m. Mr. J. B. Maitland Cowan, President, was in the Chair, and the Meeting was attended by approximately 70 members.

The first motion before the Meeting after the opening formalities had been observed was the approval of the admission of 30 new Life and 12 new Ordinary Members; the motion was unanimously carried.

The Meeting then approved the Annual Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expenditure Account submitted by the Honorary Treasurer, and it was noted that in terms of the Constitution the sum of £30 was available for investment by the Club Trustees. The Meeting also approved the Income and Expenditure Account of the War Memorial Fund, which was submitted by the Honorary Treasurer.

The Meeting then proceeded to elect Office Bearers and Members of Council for 1949-50. The names of those elected is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The Chairman then reported on the War Memorial Fund and explained to the Meeting why the Memorial Scholarship Trustees had requested the Members of the Club to grant a Supplementary Deed of Trust. The terms of the Supplementary Deed of Trust had in no way deviated from the principles of the original Deed of Trust approved at the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting, and the Council had therefore authorised the principal Office Bearers to execute the Supplementary Deed of Trust on behalf of the Members; this had been duly done on the 13th September, 1949. The Meeting unanimously approved of this action.

The Meeting then heard the Chairman's Report on various matters which had been remitted to the Council from the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting. It had been decided that it would not be convenient to recommend any change in the date of Founder's Day, and that this should stand as at present, i.e., a Saturday, early in October, convenient to the School. The Council had also considered the question of increasing the Honorary Secretary's Honorarium and had approved this. A formal motion authorising the increase was then unanimously approved by the Meeting.

## **THE ANNUAL DINNER**

THE Annual Dinner was held in the Salutation Hotel, Perth, on 26th November, 1949. This was the first time it had been held outside Glasgow, and the experiment was fully justified by the large number of members who attended, some of whom

were attending their first Club Dinner. All who were present were agreed that it was as enjoyable and convivial a function as ever.

After the toast of The King, the chair was taken by the newly elected President, Mr. J. A. Montgomerie, from the past President, Mr. J. B. Maitland Cowan. In a short speech, Mr. Montgomerie thanked members for the honour bestowed upon him.

The toast of the School was proposed by Mr. Stewart Gowans one of the first pupils of Strathallan, and he delighted his audience with a description of life at School in the early days, interspersed with a few well chosen anecdotes illustrating his subject and giving members some idea of the character and personality of the Founder.

In reply, the Headmaster made an excellent speech, in the course of which he treated members to a detailed description of the activities of the School since he became Headmaster and outlined future policy and aims. The impression left on his audience by his speech was enough to assure all Strathallians that the affairs of the school are in capable hands, and that its future will be safe and sure for many years to come. That he could confidently rely on the wholehearted support of the Club in furthering the interests of Strathallan was apparent by the appreciation accorded to his speech when he sat down.

The toast of the Club was proposed by Sandy Bonthrone. He expressed himself as acutely aware of his position as an Old Boy proposing the health of the Club of which he was a member, but he overcame any embarrassment occasioned by that situation and made an admirable speech.

The retiring President, Mr. J. B. Maitland Cowan, replied. He need not have apologised so profusely for making another speech. Since the inception of the Club, John Cowan has safely guided its course by his oral advice, and his audience made it abundantly clear to him that a speech from him was always welcomed. After discoursing upon the activities of the Club during the year, he ended with a story, the details of which have now been forgotten, but which at the time stirred members to rise to their feet and end his term of office with "For he's a jolly good fellow". And so say all of us.

After the dinner proper, members lingered for a long time talking to each other and renewing old acquaintanceships. For those who stayed overnight in the Salutation Hotel, breakfast next morning was a somewhat protracted and somnolent affair, but all were agreed that the dinner was a great success.

### **MONTHLY LUNCHEONS**

MONTHLY luncheons have been held regularly during the past year in Glasgow, except in the summer months. In general there has been a good turnout of members. Among the speakers have been Mr. Douglas McNaughton, M.C., Deacon-Convenor of the Trades House of Glasgow; Lieut.-Col. A. D. Pearson, D.S.O., M.C.; Mr. Herbert Waddell, Scottish rugby international Selector; Mr. David Buchanan; and Mr. Eric A. Buchanan. It is intended to continue these functions on the same scale.

Strathallians may be interested to learn that a series of monthly luncheons has also been held in Edinburgh, the guiding inspiration being Mr. J. C. Shaw. The luncheons have been held on the first Wednesday of each month and so far five altogether have been held. They have aroused keen interest among Strathallians in and around Edinburgh. Although organised on an unofficial basis, co-operation has been received from the Council of the Club and one of the meetings was graced by the presence of the President. The meetings have been generally well patronised, some eighteen to twenty persons being the average attendance. A welcome is extended to all Strathallians to attend these functions, which it is intended to continue on the existing basis.

### **SPRING GOLF MEETING**

THE Spring Golf Meeting was held over East Renfrewshire Golf Course, Newton Mearns, on Thursday, 11th May, 1950. Weather conditions were ideal and approximately twenty members were able to attend. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Robert Patterson of Troon for winning the Competition with a score of one down on bogey. The runners-up (two down on bogey) were Messrs R. Barr, R. B. Reid and J. M. McGregor.

### **FROM OUR ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENT**

A COMPARATIVELY large contingent of Strathallians were welcomed this session. For the second year in succession numbers have been doubled—a healthy sign and we hope for further advances in numerical strength in the future.

The newcomers were from both School and the Services. From the School have come Raymond Philip (Arts), who has been playing rugger with commendable vigour, and I. R. Birss (Science). From the Services we welcome Ian Aitkenhead and Norman Mitchell, who are both reading Medicine, A. W. Wallace (Science), and G. C. Donald (Dentistry). Congratulations to Norman Mitchell and Ian Aitkenhead on satisfying the examiners in the first M.B. professional examinations, the latter with merit in Zoology.

Congratulations also to Ian D. Stuart, who recently graduated B.A. at Cambridge and who has been taking classes at University College, Dundee, on being awarded the Medal in Scots Law.

Kenneth M. Anderson has lost none of his innate cheerfulness during his studies here and is now on the last lap of the Science Course. John Anderson is in his first year of clinical study at Medical School, Dundee, after two years on this side of the Tay. Another member of the clan, D. Scott Anderson, graduated M.A. last June, and has now left St. Andrews. With him go our best wishes.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The Annual Dinner will be held in Glasgow on 25th November, 1950.

The Annual Dance was held in the Burlington House, Glasgow, in February. This year it took the form of a Dinner and Dance and was preceded by a reception by the President and his wife. An excellent dinner, followed by a somewhat curtailed dancing period, made up a most enjoyable function.

Dr. Derek R. Hood (1933-39) is in General Practice in Leicester. His address is 10 Elmfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, and he would be glad to see any Strathallians who might happen to be in that district.

R. A. Marshall Kennedy (1942-47) has taken up an appointment as Housemaster at Woodford House School, Birchington, Kent.

Dr. Lyall Stuart Scott (1935-38), M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), F.R.F.P.S.G., has left Taunton Hospital and is now engaged at the Glasgow Royal Cancer Hospital and West of Scotland Radium Institute.

Dr. John Calder, M.B., Ch.B., R.N. (1935-41) is now Surgeon Lieutenant attached to H.M.S. *Whitesand Bay* patrolling the coast of Malaya.

Dr. William C. Smith, M.B., Ch.B. (1929-34) is now in general practice in the Manchester and Stockport area. His address is 412 Didsbury Road, Heaton Mersey, Stockport.

We have heard that Robin Brechin, who is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Highland Light Infantry and has been serving in Hong Kong, has now left that station and is bound for home and demobilisation.

We should like to congratulate C. M. Lyle Thomson, C.A., on his appointment as Secretary to British Textiles Limited.

George S. Murray (1937-43) has left Brazil after three years there and has taken up cattle ranching in Queensland. We should like to wish him all the best of luck in his new venture.

We have heard from Dr. Ronald Gjertsen who has been promoted Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) R.N. He is at present serving in H.M.S. *Devonshire*. He was recently in the Trinidad area and hoped to meet some of the Strathallians living in that part of the globe, but his ship was ordered away from the area before he had the chance.

We congratulate Dr. L. S. Smith on obtaining the degrees of M.R.C.P.(Ed.) and M.D.(Ed.).

J. Alastair Davidson (1939-44) has been training to become an actor at the Highgate Branch of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, and has gained admission to the Royal Academy itself. He has a further period of training to undergo and we wish him success in that sphere. Ian Macnaughton is also training for the stage at the Highgate Branch and is a member of the Highgate Repertory Group. So far as we know they are the first Strathallians to make a career for themselves in dramatic art.

We congratulate Douglas S. Gardner, M.I.B.F., A.M.I.P.E., A.M.I.W.M. (1929-33) on his appointment as Production Controller of the well-known Company of Glenfield & Kennedy Ltd., Kilmarnock.

John C. Ballantyne (1928-31) has given up his career in the railway service and has taken up dairy farming at Tinwald House, Dumfries. We wish him success in this sphere.

W. M. Falconer (better known as "Plug" Falconer) is working in Lagos as Shipping Agent for John Holt & Co. Ltd., Liverpool.

Congratulations to our Past President and present representative on the Board of Governors of the School, N. Guthrie Reid, on his appointment as President of the 6/11th H.L.I. Ex-Members Association.

Grant Carrie (1935-38) has been admitted to the Society of Writers to the Signet, Edinburgh. He is presently with the firm of Baillie & Gifford, W.S., Edinburgh.

Congratulations to Hamish Dawson (1939-42) on representing Scotland in all four Rugby Internationals this season.

We also congratulate Sandy Pate (1939-47) on his selection for the Scottish Universities Rugby team and appointment as Captain of the Glasgow University R.F.C. for 1950-51. We hear glowing reports of his prowess on the rugby field from time to time, and all Strathallians will assuredly join us in wishing him further success and in expressing the hope that he may in time join the ranks of Strathallians who have represented Scotland at Rugby.

To D. Morrison Paul (1933-37) we also extend our congratulations on obtaining the degree of C.A. after the most recent examinations.



D. S. Smith (1918-22) has retired from business in Calcutta and intends to take up farming in this country. His address is now 3 Hill Street, Broughty Ferry.

In conclusion we would remind Strathallians that the Secretary of the Club is always glad to receive information suitable for inclusion in these Notes, and Strathallians are invited to assist in their compilation by sending in news of their own appointments and activities, or those of other Strathallians. We recognise that these Notes are by no means complete and we are anxious in the future to give as much information to our readers about their fellow members of the Club as is possible.

### BIRTHS

BROWN — On 5th January, 1950, to Nan, wife of Alan J. G. Brown, a daughter.

LOWDEN — At Marbank Nursing Home, Dundee, on 18th January, 1950, to Helen, wife of Victor S. Lowden, 9 Seymour Avenue, Dundee, a daughter.

MILNE — On 3rd April, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Milne, "Dunedin," Cannich, Beauly, Inverness-shire, a son.

TURNER — At Irvine, on 21st February, 1950, to Margaret, wife of George C. Turner, "Roseland," Kilmaurs, a daughter.

### MARRIAGE

ANDERSON-HOSIE — At Rubislaw Church, Aberdeen, on 1st June, 1949, Francis A. Anderson, 121 Hamilton Place, Aberdeen, to Isobel C. Hosie, Newlands House, South Aberdeen Drive, Aberdeen.

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