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Editorial

EDUCATIONALISTS have often said that schools are separated from the rest of the life of the community and that there is the ever present danger that education may become artificial and remote from the real things of everyday life. Nowadays, when dock strikes seem almost continuous, when we can be deprived of newspapers for weeks and of rail transport for a threatened three months, one wonders whether a school's isolation is not more splendid than otherwise!

But, of course, some contact with the life outside its walls is invaluable for a boarding school; and although such contact has long been a feature of Strathallan's policy, it is more than ever noticeable to-day. A brief study of the Headmaster's Speech Day report, which is given elsewhere, provides ample evidence of this.

And so, although much of our strength has had to be devoted to purely internal problems arising from increasing our numbers by a hundred in only four years, it is gratifying to realise that we have not been so wrapped up in these home affairs as to ignore the fact that "There is a world elsewhere".

We hope to make an increasing impact on that outside world as the years go by.

School Notes and Notices

OUR best wishes go with Colonel Anderson who left us at the beginning of the Easter term to take up a post in the Foreign Office.

Mr. H. G. Macintosh leaves us this term to go to Dean Close School, Cheltenham. During his two years' stay, he has been responsible for much of the enthusiasm for hockey in addition to his other activities. He has been an enthusiastic member of the staff and we wish him all good fortune at his new school.

We welcome Mr. P. J. Robinson, a Cambridge athletic Blue and Captain of Cambridge Athletic Club in 1954, who represented Great Britain in the mile in 1952. We are fortunate in having him to help Mr. Heron to look after our Athletics.

Our warmest congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. McCallum and Mr. and Mrs. Heron on the births of their respective sons.

The School is most grateful to Mr. I. Wood of Perth for the gift of some sixty-eight new books to the library, to which the School itself added a further forty-nine.

Throughout this term, Big Acre is to be used for athletics. The rugby posts have been removed, a 330 yard track made out, and jumping pits made. This is not the only change in the games fields, for the two new fields are now in commission. The one adjoining the Paddock is used for hockey and the other for cricket, although the latter has yet to be drained.

At the time of writing, the plot of ground behind the Studies block has just been ploughed, and study holders, remembering last year's crop of potatoes, are awaiting more colourful surroundings.

The old open-air fives courts have been roofed and connected to the gymnasium, the intention being to use the courts as store rooms for chairs and scenery.

As usual, the dance with the Beacon School was held at the end of the Winter term. Held at Bridge of Allan, it was, needless to say, enjoyed by all who attended.

Burns' night was celebrated in the traditional manner by piping the haggis into the Dining Hall.

Speech Day

SPEECH DAY was on Saturday, 4th June, when the guest speaker was Rear-Admiral J. H. F. Crombie.

After welcoming the parents, the Headmaster in the course of his address said that the transition period to take the G.C.E. at the Ordinary and Advanced levels was now over and we could look forward to implementing the success we had gained at the Ordinary level at the Advanced level without the difficulties we had encountered in the change-over.

He said that the School was trying to steer an even course between the demands of education and a genuine form of culture. He then instanced the many activities in which it was possible to take part and pointed out that there were opportunities for everyone to make good use of their spare time.

The School had grown from 170 to 270 in the last four years and there was now a waiting list. Although this was a healthy state of affairs, it did mean that some people would be disappointed unless they made early application for entry.

Admiral Crombie then presented the prizes and went on to compliment the newly-formed naval section of the C.C.F. for the guard of honour which had been present when he arrived.

In his address Admiral Crombie mentioned that the boys in the industrial areas, with little sense of responsibility, very often dressed in curious garb, were the foremen, inspectors and N.C.O.s of the future. It would be boys from public schools such as Strathallan who would set an example for others to follow: thus he stressed the necessity for an adventurous spirit which takes responsibility when it is offered.

During the afternoon a science display was held in the physics and biology laboratories, in addition to the usual exhibitions arranged by the various School societies.

A gymnastic display was also held on the lawn, followed by a "feu de joie" by the Royal Naval Section, in the course of which they accorded three cheers to Admiral Crombie.

The launching on the pond, by Mrs. Crombie, of a rescue punt built by members of the sailing club completed the day's activities.

Principal prize winners were:

Smith Cup for the Captain of the School, R. A. Paterson. Houston Medal for General Merit, R. A. Paterson. English Prize, R. G. F. Walker. French, R. G. F. Walker. Geography, W. R. Brown. History, R. G. F. Walker. Latin, R. G. F. Walker. Mathematics, C. D. Haddow.

Chapel Notes

THE following preached at the Sunday services during the Winter term:

Sept. 19, The Headmaster; Sept. 26, Rev. A. Cameron, B.D.; Oct. 3, Rev. W. Drummond Hunter, M.A.; Oct. 10, Dr. N. A. R. Mackay; Oct. 17, Rev. D. F. Ferguson; Oct. 24, Rev. W. H. L. Wright; Oct. 31, Mr. A. W. Woodhead; Nov. 7, Mr. A. D. D. McCallum; Nov. 14, Rev. Canon H. Sutcliffe-Hay; Nov. 21, The Headmaster; Dec. 5, Rev. L. Derrick-Large.

The Headmaster preached at all services in the Spring term, except on the following Sundays: Feb. 13, Rev. A. Cameron, B.D.; March 20, Rev. W. Campbell; March 27, Rev. N. S. Metcalfe, D.S.O., B.A.

The following anthems have been sung by the Choir this year: "And the Glory of the Lord" (Handel), "Lord for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" (Farrant), Magnificat in B (Stanford), "Declare His Honour" (Purcell), "Now Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Bach), "The Strife is O'er" (Vulpius, arr. Ley), "God is Gone Up" (Croft).

On some Sundays a prose psalm has been sung to a chant instead of an anthem. The idiom of these psalms, which was difficult to acquire at first, is now gradually becoming more familiar.

The Carol Service, which consisted of nine lessons and carols, was held as usual on the last Sunday of the Winter term.

Lectures and Entertainments

LECTURES in the Spring term were restricted to one, mainly because so much time was devoted to rehearsals for "The Pirates of Penzance". The single lecture was given by R. W. Wigley, Esq., on behalf of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and the subject was "Eclipses". Though the talk contained some interesting information, and was illustrated with some good slides, it was somewhat marred by the inaudibility of the speaker.

There were also three films shown during the Spring term: The Marx Brothers in "A Night at the Opera", "Three Little Words", and "The Harlem Globetrotters".

J.A.B.

Music Notes

MUCH of the musical activity of the past two terms has been devoted to "The Pirates of Penzance", which is reported elsewhere. It is perhaps worth noting here, however, that five members of the School orchestra played with the semi-professional orchestra that was brought in for the performances and that they acquitted themselves very creditably.

Since last year there have been many additions to the orchestra: two clarinetists, two trumpeters, two violinists, and a tympanist. Although some of them are relatively inexperienced, next year should see them playing with more precision and confidence. It is a pity, however, that the string section is not larger in numbers. One would like to see more juniors learning the violin.

At the end of the Christmas term the orchestra played at an informal concert given in the Music Room, at which, in addition to the concerted items, solos were given by individual members. At this concert the Steinway Grand Piano which the School had just acquired received its first hearing. At present rehearsals are in progress for the Speech Day Concert, at which the orchestra is performing pieces by Handel, Schubert, Brahms and Grieg, three members are playing solos, and a group of eighteen members of the Choir are singing some madrigals and part-songs. Later on in the term, the orchestra will be accompanying an anthem in Chapel—"Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer", by Mozart—an occasion postponed from the Christmas term.

A number of boys have attended recitals given at the Perth Chamber Music Society by the Boyd Neil Ensemble, the New Edinburgh Quartet, and Jean Harvey (violinist and pianist). A large party attended the concert given this term by the Perth

Symphony Orchestra in the City Hall. This orchestra has improved very much in the past year and we hope that next year some members of our orchestra will be playing at its concerts.

The following are to be congratulated on passing Associated Board Examinations:

In December: J. M. Duncan (Theory), Grade 5; G. L. Clark (piano), Grade 3; A. D. L. Mactaggart, I. D. Cruickshank (piano), Grade 2.

In March: W. S. T. Pottinger (violin), K. F. L. Leishman (horn), Grade 3; J. C. Macdougall, E. A. Davidson, A. B. Pirrie, R. I. M. Kerr (clarinets), I. C. Hutton (flute), and J. M. Tennant (trumpet), Grade 1.

G.W.

Literary and Debating Society

At a Senior Debate, held in the School library, on 12th February, R. J. Kinvig proposed that "This house deplores the influence of money on modern sport". J. W. McInnes seconded this with scathing remarks about professionalism. In opposing the motion R. Hellon poured withering sarcasm upon his opponents, emphasising the importance of the speciator. D. M. Sinclair seconded him, drawing attention to the "honourable game of cricket". There was little constructive comment forthcoming from the floor of the house and the motion was defeated by 27 votes to 14.

Later in the term, instead of a Debate, a session of "Any Questions", based on the popular B.B.C. programme of the same name, was tried out. The Chairman was Mr. Burnet and the team, which consisted of two masters and two boys, was Mr. Young, Mr. Hewson, M. C. Padkin and K. R. Hunter. The questions asked ranged from the abolition of the Grand National to the merits (or de-merits) of women drivers and from Trade Unionism to Myxomatosis. Many interesting aspects of the various questions were brought out both by the team and by the audience when their time came, and the experiment was considered a success.

A Junior Debate was also held during the term on 16th February. The motion was "This house deplores the fact that wild animals are kept in captivity". C. R. Wilson and J. C. Walker proposed the motion, W. D. Blanche and H. G. Galt opposing it. The meeting was well attended and the motion was carried by a rather overwhelming majority—by 64 votes to 31.

K.R.H.

Dramatic and Operatic Society

"The Pirates of Penzance"

THE climax of the Spring term was the presentation of "The Pirates of Penzance". There are a number of rousing choruses and melodious airs in this musical comedy, but some of the music is uninspired and requires the full experience and voice of a professional artiste. In such parts the performance, understandably, was weakest. The plot and characters are well suited to a school production; the latter were so well cast that one hears insinuations that many of the characters still act their parts.



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A responsive audience can contribute a considerable amount to the performance of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, as well as to reducing the "on-stage" tension. Perhaps school audiences are too aware of the actual personages of the performers, or perhaps schoolboys feel that they are all Slaves of Duty. However, it was not until the last night of term that the cast as a whole seemed relaxed and the performance was bolder.

The major part of the singing was admirably performed by Frederic. The most popular roles were those of the Major General and the Sergeant of Police, both of whom were admirably portrayed. The Pirate King lacked the deep resonant voice which befits the part, but sang creditably. His Lieutenant was efficient and appropriately malicious. Mabel had to remember to be a young lady by action as well as by voice; Ruth was not so restricted and the role was assumed more easily.



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The desperados (pirates and policemen alike) were a noisy, kind-hearted, maligned, but completely harmless band and susceptible, and not without good cause, to the charms of the Major General's surprisingly extensive family. The chorus singing of the pirates, policemen and maidens was a strong feature of the production; their diction was particularly good.

The School orchestra, certain sections of which were appropriately fortified, played well. It never dominated or distracted attention from the singers (as frequently happens in amateur productions of musical comedy), and was always ready to assist them when necessary. The production and decor were successfully combined to overcome the restrictions imposed by a large cast on a small stage.

For those who expended time and energy on the presentation, its undoubted success made it all worth while.

K.V.B.

CAST.

Major General Stanley	K. F. L. Leishman
The Pirate King	D. A. Laird
Samuel (His Lieutenant)	R. M. Benson
Frederic (The Pirate Apprentice)	J. A. Binnian, Esq.
Sergeant of Police	R. J. M. Philip
Mabel	E. B. R. Hair
Edith	J. O. Clark
Kate	A. W. Beattie
Isabel	J. M. Aitken
General Stanley's Daughters	
Ruth (A Pirate Maid of All Works)	W. G. Drybrough

Chorus of General Stanley's Daughters.

N. F. Clark, A. S. Dickie, H. Galt, J. B. Gray, A. J. C. Hutcheson, I. Q. Jones, J. H. W. Lang-Rose, L. C. Lindsay, N. S. McBain, I. M. Miller, R. A. C. Miller, H. Pottinger, J. M. Robertson, W. Robinson, S. R. Roselle, M. W. Shaw, M. B. Shields, I. D. E. Sim, I. K. R. Smith, G. E. M. Steven, J. M. Tennant, P. G. Wallace, W. R. S. Young.

Chorus of Pirates.

G. C. Baxter, G. L. Clark, A. B. B. Gilmour, A. S. Macdonald, D. McEachran, J. W. McInnes, N. H. Morrison, R. A. Paterson, R. J. M. Philip, N. S. Shaw, D. H. Smith, A. R. Wilson.

Chorus of Police.

G. C. Baxter, G. L. Clark, A. S. Macdonald, J. W. McInnes, N. H. Morrison, R. A. Paterson, A. R. Wilson.

Act I—A rocky sea-shore on the coast of Cornwall.

Act II—A ruined chapel by moonlight.

Producers: A. M. Appleby, Esq., Mrs. R. A. L. Burnet. Conductor: G. West, Esq.; Assisted by J. M. Fifer, Esq. Stage Managers: J. C. Shuttleworth, Esq., D. M. Anderson. Stage Assistants: A. G. McMurray, P. D. Gill. Electricians: K. R. Hunter, C. D. Haddow. Prompt: R. S. Hamilton. Properties: B. G. Kenny. Members of the Orchestra: D. E. Young, Esq. (percussion), R. J. Kinvig (percussion), I. C. Hutton (flute), R. I. M. Kerr (clarinet), W. S. T. Pottinger (violin), D. M. Sinclair (oboe).

Combined Cadet Force

THE six months since December have been productive of some very useful work by the contingent as a whole. The Naval Section has made its appearance and by next year it should be making a good contribution to the work of the contingent as a whole. The Army and the R.A.F. Sections have enjoyed successful camps, and there have been two Certificate "A" Boards. These Boards have produced fairly satisfactory results, but the pass rate has not been as high as it should have been although some individual pass marks have been good. Cadet McMickan's mark, at 75%, is clearly the average level at which we must aim. All camps were held during the Easter holidays, and upwards of 80% of the contingent attended either camp or some form of course.

Army Section

Promotions: L/Cpl. Gill to Sergeant i/c Freeland House Platoon.

The Section went to Dreghorn Barracks for camp, and there met with nothing but co-operation from the Royal Signals Regiment in residence. In every respect the camp appears to have been a success, and an enjoyable one at that. Six cadets worked for Part II of their Cert. "A" during the week, and five passed easily in May. A small scale ceremonial parade was held by the cadets alone, and the Colonel of the Signals Regiment expressed himself as being favourably impressed with this after taking the salute and carrying out an inspection. Food was excellent and the weather was really quite kind. It is probable that camp will be held at the same period of the year in 1956, for despite some minor inconvenience experienced in the sending of luggage to school the experiment has proved very worthwhile so far as the training of the contingent is concerned.

Shooting has continued despite delays due to the reconstruction of the miniature range, and under the guidance of Cpl. Padkin a twenty yards firing point has been constructed. This should greatly facilitate the firing of the Empire Test, enabling more time to be spent on the marksmen with a view to competition training later on.

M.H.

R.A.F. Section

The highlight of a year which has been beset with instructional trouble and accidents to the glider, was undoubtedly the annual camp, held this year for the first time during the Easter holidays, at Kinloss. This was the best camp for many years

and the only complaints received were from those sick with too much flying.

In examinations six cadets gained their proficiency and one the advanced. Two cadets represented A.T.C. Scotland at rugby and the section shooting team won their division of the 66 Group Winter Small-bore Rifle League, two being selected to shoot for the Group. F/Sgt. Ross was selected for a reciprocal visit to the U.S.A. and Canada in the summer and it is hoped that he will be successful in gaining his entrance for Cranwell next year.

With the coming of summer and a new glider, Capt. Heron has been giving cadets ground slides every Friday, and it is hoped that by the end of the year every cadet will have had at least two.

N.C.O.s: F/Sgt. Ross; Sgt. Barclay; Cpls. Clark, Forgan, Wiseman, Leishman, K., and Anderson, D. M.

H.G.M.

R.N. Section

Under the command of Lieutenant J. C. Shuttleworth, R.N.V.R., at the beginning of the Winter term, a Royal Naval section was added to the C.C.F. at Strathallan. There were a great number of volunteers, but because of official restrictions only sixteen could be taken. The newly formed section paraded for the first time on 26th November, in army uniform supplemented by naval caps and lanyards. During the remainder of the Winter term the new recruits learnt naval drill and routine. The Scout Hut was taken over as a headquarters and all the gear is now stowed there.

At the beginning of the Easter term the uniforms arrived and at last the section turned out looking like the Navy. During the Easter term training began for the Able Seaman's examination which was taken at the end of the term.

On the 5th and 6th March the section went to the R.N.V.R. headquarters in Dundee for a week-end's training. This was the first view of naval life in reality, and the cadets were given a general instruction in many different branches of naval routine, including a night in a hammock, which some people found rather uncomfortable.

A fortnight later, as it was the Corps' field day, the section went to Dundee for an afternoon's training in the whalers.

Camp was held at the end of the Easter term at Dundee, where the section lived and worked aboard H.M.S. Chediston, a new minesweeper, which is the R.N.V.R.'s sea-going tender. The camp consisted of a week's training for the Able Seaman's examination which came at the end of the week, and twelve passes were obtained out of fourteen candidates. The section enjoyed two days at sea, including a trip to St. Andrews.

Training this term has been for the display on Speech Day, the Guard of Honour, and the training of recruits who have just joined after passing Certificate A, parts 1 or 2.

We extend our congratulations to O.S. R. C. H. Mackay on winning a scholarship to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

H.W.D.

Pipes and Drums

This has been a year of continued good progress. Piping strength is now ten, with more to come for the replacement of inevitable losses at the end of the year, and there is a healthy element of competition for places in the Corps of Drums. On the tenth of June the Band competed in the West of Scotland Schools' Competition at Glasgow, and at the beginning of July it will compete in that for the East of Scotland Schools at Edinburgh. Two new sets of pipes have been acquired and a start has been made in the matching of pipe chanters. The Band is now an established part of the School and though membership will be restricted in future to cadets in the Army Section this is a logical development and should not affect its strength adversely.

M.H.

Mathematical Society

THE Society held frequent meetings during the Easter term. At one of these, Dr. Rutherford from St. Andrews University gave an interesting talk entitled "Straight Lines". He did not, however, confine himself within the narrow limits of his subject, and he touched upon many interesting aspects of mathematics which both amused and bewildered his audience.

At the time of writing, preparations are being made to contribute some exhibits to the Science Display which is to be held on Speech Day.

K.R.H.

Angling and Fly-Tying

THERE has been more activity, and a higher standard of workmanship, in the Fly-Tying Club recently than last year, when many members were complete beginners. Before Christmas some ten members at different times paid visits to look over the Fly-Tying department of Messrs. Malloch in Perth, where they witnessed the varying stages in the manufacture of some beautifully neat and attractive salmon flies. Messrs. Malloch also kindly judged a competition during the Spring term in which the

winners of the two classes were T. P. S. Robertson and H. M. Williamson; it is intended to exhibit about a hundred club-made flies on Speech Day.

Earlier this term an interesting visit was made to a Fishery near Stirling to see thousands of artificially reared trout of varying weights up to four pounds. Fishing in the Earn has been poor, and those going there might be saved frequent disappointment if they regarded it as an opportunity for casting practice rather than as a source of fish. Water further afield has been reconnoitered, though time rarely permits such outings.

J.A.B.

Workshops

A LARGE NUMBER of boys have joined the Club, most of whom show great enthusiasm, so that each boy has been limited in space and time. However, irregular attendance by others resulted at first in a greater restriction than was necessary.

On the lathe and on the benches many useful articles have been made, including table lamps, fruit bowls and coffee tables.

We have to thank Messrs. Birks, Bain and Boag for organising and advising within the workshops, and for giving up much of their valuable time.

J.R. and J.R.J.

Country Dancing

THIS activity has continued quite satisfactorily under house arrangements. A noteworthy feature has been the instruction of Riley House boys, from time to time, by senior school experts, while Highland Dancing now extends to the first and second year level. This should be of great value in two or three years' time. For the first time also one of the Band pipers will accompany a foursome reel team on Speech Day—an encouraging development both for Piper Stuart and the dancers, for they thus become independent of unsatisfactory gramophone records.

M.H.

The Photographic Society

THIS has been a year of expanding membership and widening interest, both good bases for a better future. Our exhibition this year was generally considered better than last year's, and we hope to do even better in the future. Although photography these days is not impeded by dull winter or even dark nights, the summer is still the best time for amateurs like ourselves, and most of next year's competition pictures should have been taken by this autumn.

During the Winter and Spring terms a regular course of instruction and practice will be organised for the beginners. All members should realise that they can never hope to become proficient without considerable effort. In conclusion, we hope to improve the equipment and facilities in the dark room.

Shooting 1954-55

IN the C.C.F. Schools' Small-Bore Rifle Match for the Staniforth Cup the First Eight improved on their score of the previous year (when they came 59th) by 38 points. We were placed above every other Scottish School except Glenalmond, who beat us by four points. The First Eight were placed 25th and the Second 56th.

FIRST EIGHT

N. P. S. Macleod	100
A. R. Wilson	98
N. E. H. Crosby	98
C. D. A. Adams	97
H. I. C. Booker-Milburn	96
D. W. N. Forgan	95
I. C. Mitchell	90
K. M. Crawford	89

Total 763

SECOND EIGHT

J. M. Clark	96
R. C. Ross	95
J. S. McGregor	95
D. H. Scott	94
A. J. Durie	94
R. B. Clark	93
T. M. Crosby	90
J. C. Patullo	86

Total 743

A cup has been presented for Inter-House Shooting and a competition takes place every Winter term to decide who will hold it for the following year. Freeland were the first winners.

1st — FREELAND.

A. R. Wilson, 100; D. W. N. Forgan, 97; H. F. Wilson, 97; D. M. Anderson, 87. Total	381
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2nd — NICOL.

N. P. S. Macleod, 98; H. I. C. Booker-Milburn, 95; R. C. Ross, 92; D. H. Scott, 89. Total	374
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3rd — RUTHVEN.

H. R. Brown, 94; D. H. Smith, 92; D. B. Pirrie, 90; J. E. B. Taylor, 84. Total	360
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4th — SIMPSON.

N. E. H. Crosby, 95; J. S. McGregor, 89; T. M. Crosby, 84; C. D. A. Adams, 83. Total	351
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For the Winter League organised by 66 Group, R.A.F., the R.A.F. Section entered a team, which is to be congratulated on coming top of its division. The following assisted in winning the trophy awarded for this feat: D. H. Scott, J. S. McGregor, D. W. N. Forgan, R. C. Ross, A. R. Wilson, D. B. Pirrie and T. M. Crabb.

There was very little shooting last term owing to improvements on the miniature range, which is now exceedingly well equipped.



Riley Courtyard

As a result of shooting on the Perth Rifle Club range, R. C. Ross and A. R. Wilson have been chosen to shoot for 66 Group, R.A.F., the first time that this honour has been accorded to cadets. A. R. Wilson also obtained a score in the "Forces Day" Inter-Services Shooting Competition only a point below that of the winning cadet last year. The results of this competition, in which H. I. C. Booker-Milburn also obtained a very creditable score, have not yet been published.

Some .303 shooting has been done this term by courtesy of the Perth Rifle Club on the range at Kinfauns, sufficient to prove the value of miniature rifle shooting as preparation for shooting on the open range.

P.R.S.

Strathallan Woods

IN past years rabbits have prevented almost all natural regeneration in the woods around Strathallan, but as a result of myxomatosis rabbits have almost been wiped out. The first victim of the disease at Strathallan was found about a fortnight from the end of the Winter term, and despite the unusually hard winter the disease spread rapidly. Evidence of this was too clear, for throughout the whole of the Easter term dead or dying rabbits

were to be seen all over the estate. This large-scale slaughter was however not without its advantages.

With the decline in the rabbit population the number of ravaged seedlings also declined, until, at the present moment, there is a fine crop of seedlings in most parts of the woods.

Attempts to replant were to be made during the winter months, but these were baulked by the long and exceptionally severe winter. It appears now, however, that no planting will be necessary. If only a fraction of the existing seedlings survive, thinning rather than planting will constitute the bulk of the forestry work.

During the Summer term the dead wood is being collected and cut up for firewood. This process will continue for several terms, interrupted in the Winter terms by the planting of trees in the existing gaps and on waste ground. The ultimate aim is to fell and replace trees in rotation as they pass their prime, thus making the woods not only a beautiful setting for the school, but also an economic asset.

P.B.

A Gunnery Course at Aldershot

DURING the ten days, the 5th to 15th of January, we were on an artillery course at Mona Officer Cadet School, Aldershot.

The course was organised for some ninety or a hundred cadets from Combined Cadet Force and Army Cadet Force units all over the country, but we were sorry to find only five cadets from Scottish units amongst them.

The first two days of the course were occupied by a series of demonstrations, lectures and films. The remainder of the course was all practical work on the twenty-five pounder light field gun, the Bofors 45 millimetre light anti-aircraft gun and the 5.5 heavy anti-aircraft gun, together with all their necessary radar, predictor and radio equipment.

On Tuesday the 11th we were taken to the range at Larkhill where we were shown nearly every type of gun, both past and present, and the damage they could do. During the afternoon we went on to the range where we saw all the types of shell that can be fired by these guns. We saw the guns being fired and some of us were lucky enough to fire the 25 pounder or 4.5 inch heavy field gun.

The use of the helicopter and Auster aeroplane was demonstrated to us as an "air observation post".

This was the first time that the School had been represented at this course and it proved to be a great success. The rest of the gunnery section should try to go if they get the chance next year.

N.S.S., J.R.

An Athletic Course

A PARTY of five boys attended an athletics course at Larbert in the Easter holidays, supervised by Mr. Chapman, a Senior Scottish Athletics Coach. A typical day during the course, which was held at Carronvale House, a Boys' Brigade centre, would run as follows:

At 8.30 a.m. the gong sounded and we tumbled out of the two-tier beds to wash. Tracksuits were worn all the time, and after a two-course breakfast the morning's training began. This was divided into four periods with a break for biscuits and milk. After a three-course lunch came a lecture and a practical period. (On the second day some of us complained of leaden legs and difficulty in walking!) After tea there were film strips of Olympic and Empire Champions in action. We could then have a cold shower and go to bed or listen to the radio. Lights-out were at 11 o'clock.

All the coaches were very friendly and we all had a thoroughly enjoyable and beneficial week-end.

N.H.M.

B.A.O.R. 29

BETWEEN 13th and 23rd April a party of eight cadets under the command of Lieutenant Shuttleworth, R.N.V.R., spent ten days with the 1st Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment stationed at Minden in Germany.

The sun shone every day, so that nothing had to be cancelled owing to inclement weather. Visits to the Royal Engineers and the 12th Lancers, who are equipped with armoured cars, filled our first two days. A move to Rheinsehlen Camp, near Soltan, brought more primitive conditions, but also new excitements. Everyone had a flip in an Auster aeroplane. The R.E.M.E. field workshops and the Royal Signals platoon were visited, while a morning was spent clambering around Centurion tanks. Among visits to places of interest there were two day trips, one to Hamburg, the other to Hanover. It rained for the first time on the last afternoon—we can only conclude that Germany was as sorry to see us go as we were to leave.

Our thanks are due to the Commanding Officer and officers of the Royal Sussex Regiment who were responsible for giving such an interesting programme and for making our stay so enjoyable.

R.G.F.W.

A Christmas Holiday in Norway

ALTOGETHER we were twenty-three boys and two masters. We had had a comfortable journey and were conscious of a feeling of expectancy and exhilaration as we stood staring out towards the wide horizons, across rugged mountains, and over great ever-green forests which stretched out beneath us as far as the eye could see. Here and there was visible an icy lake or a clearing, glittering in its winter mantle of snow, and for a brief moment the hotel and the bus, manoeuvring behind us for its return to Oslo, were forgotten. The sun threw our shadows onto the snow round about and gave a pleasant sensation of warmth and well-being which instantly dispelled any possible doubts or fears concerning this foreign land.

The exterior of Norefjellstua was unspectacular, but inside the comfort and cleanliness of this typically Scandinavian resort were striking. However, we had no eyes for the hotel that first morning, but as soon as possible were strapping on our skis and floundering about in the yard outside, to the vast amusement of the Norwegians. Fortunately everyone was extremely enthusiastic and therefore it was not long before we could stop without falling and avoid a tree without going straight into it. Each day followed much of a pattern, with two hours' very good instruction in the mornings and individual ski-ing during the remainder of



Norefjellstua



The Sky-Lift

the day, so that we became rapidly more daring, and in some notable cases, reckless, with the result that numerous ankles and knees were twisted and one ankle broken.

Nearby was a ski-lift which had been built for the Olympic Games and was subsequently used by the hotel guests for a fee of two shillings a time — although “season tickets” were available at a slightly less crippling cost. Naturally it was not long before we were taking six or more trips a day on the lift and “zig-zagging” down the long slopes to the hotel. For a change our instructor, Thorvald Prebensen, took us on two cross-country “tours”, the second one during a snowfall, which proved to be very tiring, but very enjoyable; we had quickly learned that skiing is a sport which can never be content with second place.

The days were short in Norway, but very full and active; the evenings were long but never dull. A day of constant ski-ing left us pleasantly weary, but a hot shower and a Finnish bath ironed out our knotted muscles and produced a wonderful freshness and contentment which added infinitely to the pleasure of good company and good food. Scottish country dances proved to be very popular and immediately enabled us to draw closer in spirit to the Norwegians, who were at first somewhat reserved.

Our stay culminated on the last morning with a short cross-country competition, for which prizes were presented by the hotel manager after dinner. The last night, spent in the Viking Hotel in Oslo, served to round off a holiday which was in some respects educational, but in every respect thoroughly enjoyable.

D.W.N.F.

Rugby Retrospect 1954-55

It was extremely disappointing that the year's football should suffer such great interference and interruption at the hands of the weather. Late in November rain caused all the grounds to be almost water-logged, so that not only had our first fixture with Gordonstoun to be cancelled but also practice for the 1st XV, and games generally throughout the School became almost impossible for a period of three weeks or more. In the Spring term we came back to snow and persistent frost, with the result that the only matches played were the 1st XV against Stewart's — also a new fixture — and the Under 13½ match against Dalhousie Castle. House matches could not be completed until late into March, and generally it was a season of frustration.

This was particularly unfortunate as there were real signs that the standard of football throughout the School was on the up-grade, and there was an increased air of confidence in all teams' attitude to their matches. While it may seem hard to justify this statement from a study of the results, it will be noticed that in all instances — particularly the 1st XV scores — matches have been much closer than in recent seasons, and our opponents have had to work very hard for their wins.

The 1st XV, starting with a pointless draw against Glasgow Academy, throughout the season showed a marked reluctance to concede points, finishing with 41 points in their favour and 46 against, and displayed a dogged determination no matter what the state of the game, which has not been consistently apparent in recent years. At the same time it is true to say that there was a pronounced inability to convert scoring opportunities into tries and goals. This was largely due to the lack of any real pace among the forwards and the three-quarters.

The best wishes in the world could not overcome a natural lack of speed, and this remains a serious drawback throughout the School. Most of the play therefore, of the 1st XV, though spirited, was unproductive so far as points were concerned, except in the case of the match against Aberdeen Grammar School in which almost half of our points total for the season were scored. The main strength of the team was among the forwards who, being much stronger, larger and generally more mature than in the past two seasons, lost little in combat and often dominated play for long spells.

As captain, R. A. Paterson played at all times with enthusiasm, and by his own personal fitness set a good standard for the others. Ross and Dinsmore formed a strong second row, and while the defence of the side all round was reliable, one remembers in particular the robust tackling of Rossie and Anderson at half



[P. K. McLaren

Back Row—D. F. Barclay, R. D. Houston, J. C. Pattullo, I. Eastwood, R. C. Ross, J. G. Clark, D. A. Leishman, I. B. Johnson. *Middle Row*—D. M. Anderson, M. D. Brown, P. J. Brown, P. J. Brown, P. J. Brown, P. J. Brown.

back, D. Leishman at wing forward and W. R. Brown first at full back and latterly as a strong-running centre.

Of the other teams, the 2nd XV was the most affected by the weather and suffered from lack of fixtures, and it is appropriate to mention here that this is a question that needs tackling for the future, as it looks very much as if the School will be able to field regularly both a 2nd and 3rd XV, quite apart from the Under 15½ XV, and suitable fixtures must be arranged for them.

One of the most heartening features of the season has been the keenness displayed by the 2nd XV and, as forecast last year, the improved general standard of play in the first game has been reflected in the showing of the 1st XV.

The Under 15½ team, like the 1st XV, suffered from lack of pace behind the scrum, but had a sound and energetic pack. Although no matches were won, it must be remembered that both this team and the Under 14½ XV have to face a stiff fixture list, and results show that they are very little inferior in quality to those of the other schools they meet. The Under 14½ XV, while possessing more scoring power than the other teams, were less sound in defence, and too often lost their matches by starting sluggishly and by not waking up until it was too late. But they deserve mention for a meritorious victory over Merchiston Castle. The Under 13½ XV had their customary successful season, and much good work is being done by getting teams "blooded" to competitive football at this early age.

Senior House matches produced a definite improvement in standard, and although Ruthven were undefeated and worthy winners, no runaway victories were recorded, and play was even and exciting in all the games. Freeland had without doubt the best Junior House side, but here again the standard showed improvement, and play was more determined and more scientific. For all this, all that was written in this report last year concerning the need for a closer study of the game and its techniques by the players, and for more intensive and constructive individual practice, still remains true and applicable. A great deal remains to be done and the fruits of hard work do not appear overnight, but it would be wrong to end this retrospect on anything but a note of optimism.

Finally, thanks are due to the coaching members of the staff who displayed such interest and enthusiasm, in spite of much disorganisation of their plans owing to the weather.

A.D.D.M.

Summary of Results

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			Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XV	-	-	9	1	1	7	41	46
2nd XV	-	-	2	-	-	2	13	42
Under 15½ XV	-	-	4	-	-	4	6	48
Under 14½ XV	-	-	7	2	-	5	65	88
Juniors	-	-	5	3	1	1	65	18

HOUSE COMPETITION**Senior League**

Ruthven beat Freeland 6-0
Ruthven beat Nicol 6-0
Ruthven beat Simpson 9-3

Simpson beat Nicol 19-3
Freeland beat Simpson 9-3
Nicol beat Freeland 9-0

Senior Cup: 1st Ruthven, 2nd Nicol, Simpson and Freeland.

Junior League

Freeland beat Simpson 19-0
Freeland beat Ruthven 21-0
Freeland beat Nicol 45-3

Nicol beat Simpson 3-0
Ruthven beat Simpson 6-5
Ruthven beat Nicol 3-0

Junior Cup: 1st Freeland, 2nd Ruthven, 3rd Nicol, 4th Simpson.

Flag Points: 1st Ruthven, 15; 2nd Freeland, 10; 3rd Nicol, 5.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School

Played at Aberdeen. Result: Strathallan 20, Aberdeen Grammar School 0.

Aberdeen won the toss and chose to play down-hill with the gale. For the first quarter of an hour these disadvantages and good work by the home forwards kept Strathallan pinned in their own "25", and only very sound mid-field defence prevented a score. The visitors were also very lucky to find the Aberdeen goal kicking badly off target with three or four quite close attempts. Gradually the pack began to follow the example of their hard-tackling backs and play with more fire, and a number of forward rushes took play up to their opponents' half. Just before half-time Anderson broke from the base of a set scrum on the Aberdeen "25" and shook off several attempts to tackle before hurling himself over for a try which Rossie did well to convert.

With the wind at our backs Strathallan took complete control of the game in the second half. The pack, although considerably out-weighted, gained a monopoly of the ball. Rossie used the wind and touchline very effectively and, apart from a few individual bursts by Aberdeen, the whole half was spent hammering at the home goal line. W. R. Brown (2), Rossie and Paterson crossed for tries and Rossie scored a penalty goal.

Team: J. G. Clark, R. D. Houston, W. R. Brown, H. R. Brown, M. D. Rossie, D. M. Anderson, A. McMurray, D. A. Leishman, R. C. Ross, H. W. Dinsmore, J. R. Johnson, J. C. Pattullo, N. H. Crosby and I. Eastwood.

Strathallan v. Daniel Stewart's

Played on Big Acre on 29th January. Result: Daniel Stewart's 5, Strathallan 0.

With nearly half of our side away, and six of them forwards, we did not expect to win this match. Stewart's broke away in the first five minutes and indifferent tackling by a side which had not settled down let one of their centre three-quarters in under the posts. After this reverse, Strathallan rallied strongly but could never get enough of the ball with a re-arranged pack to test Stewart's. At half-time the score was 5-nil. A heavy ground made conditions difficult for passing and a rather dull second half provided no further score.

Team: J. G. Clark, R. D. Houston, W. R. Brown, R. A. Paterson, H. R. Brown, M. D. Rossie, D. M. Anderson, R. J. M. Philip, D. F. Barclay, P. D. Gill, R. C. Ross, H. W. Dinsmore, J. R. Johnson, A. G. McMurray and D. A. Leishman.

Hockey

THIS season proved a great disappointment, as owing to the weather all outside matches were cancelled. Much hard work, however, was put in, particularly in the gymnasium, and considerable improvement was made. The two great faults at present are a lack of determination in front of goal by the forwards, slow cornering and a tendency to dribble on the part of the defence. In the practice games Barclay showed himself to be above average as a full back, Yellowley and Anderson to be competent halves and Paterson a hard-working inside forward with greatly improved stick work. The latter's selection to represent the North Midlands and Highlands in the final Scottish Schoolboys' Trial was a merited reward for his enthusiasm and keenness. Hockey continues throughout the Summer term and in addition to our annual match v. Glenalmond there is a match arranged v. Edinburgh Academy, and two teams have been entered for the Dunfermline Civic Six-a-side Tournament in June.

I should like to thank Mr. Burnet, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hewson and Mr. Spurgin for the great help they have given me during the last two years.

The following represented the School v. the Staff in the only match played: Anderson, D. M., Baird, Brown, W. R., Barclay, Leishman, K., Yellowley (capt.), Hudson, Rossie, Eastwood, Paterson, R. W. W., and Galbraith. (Clark, J. G., was injured.)

H.G.M.

Fives

IN the Easter term two matches were played by the School. Merchiston Castle again produced a very strong team and only our first pair were able to give them a close match. Both our pairs were defeated 0-2, but gained useful experience.

The other match, against Glasgow University, we won by six games to three. One of our first pair was unable to play because of an injury, but the rest played well against a hard-hitting team.

M. D. Rossie and J. D. Thomas entered for the Public Schools fives championship in London, reaching the fourth and second rounds respectively. Unfortunately, a damaged hand prevented Rossie from playing with Thomas in the doubles.

In the Inter-House fives Ruthven justified expectations and won the cup again, followed by Freeland, Nicol and Simpson in that order.

D.E.Y.



Skating on the Pond

Swimming

MR. GREEN has taken over swimming this term, and the standard of swimming in the School is perceptibly rising as a result of his coaching.

It is intended to enlarge the Inter-House swimming gala this year and include individual events in both age-groups.

Life saving classes are, as usual, well filled, and a large number of passes in the various examinations is expected.

K.R.H.

Boxing

THE main interest in the Spring term was the training and selection of a team to box against Morrison's Academy, whom it will be remembered, the School narrowly defeated in its first Inter-School contest last year. The match this year took place at Crieff on 21st March and resulted in an overwhelming victory for Morrison's Academy by ten bouts to one — R. M. McLellan being the only winner for Strathallan. Many of the bouts, however, were evenly contested, and without trying to make excuses, it should be recorded that many of the School team were both younger and less experienced in competitive boxing than their

opponents. Equality of age in boxing is almost of as great importance as weight. Provided, however, that this year's team do not give up boxing — and they have no reason to be disheartened by their showing this year — the School should be able to field a reasonably strong side next season.

The team was: J. E. B. Taylor (capt.), P. McLellan, D. S. MacCallum, N. F. Maguire, J. W. Dinsmore, S. H. Solley, J. Gibb, R. I. M. Kerr, R. M. McLellan, R. M. Miller and I. S. Gray.

A.D.D.M.

Sailing Club

LAST term the Sailing Club was busily engaged in fitting out their "Cadet", Mr. Shuttleworth's "Firefly" and a "Cadet" kindly loaned by Mr. Baxter, a member of the Perth Sailing Club. Alongside these boats a rescue punt grew up, built by J. M. Clark and I. Gillespie, and passed her trials in the swimming pond this term.

The boats were transported to the Tay at the beginning of this term and sailing now takes place in the afternoon every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. On one of these outings Mr. Shuttleworth had the misfortune to see the mast of his "Firefly" bent by the breeze, and he now awaits the arrival of a new mast which we hope will stand up to the strong summer breezes on the Tay.

A "Tadpole" Club has been formed, whose members are only eligible after they have, by accident, felt the cold waters of the Tay! These, under the presidency of J. C. Pattullo, are: R. M. Benson, I. Gillespie, H. I. C. Booker-Milburn, J. W. Dinsmore and J. Peters.

D.A.L.

Strathallian Club

The Club President

AT the Annual Meeting prior to the Dinner on 27th November, 1954, the Club elected, as its President for 1955, Mr Thomas Macfarlane. In so doing, the Members of the Club endorsed the feelings of all those who were at school with Tommy between 1932 and 1938 that he was destined to hold a prominent position in the affections of those with whom he was associated. The schoolboy nickname of "Moke" might suggest a form of stubbornness, but this is now more clearly evidenced as determination, and a determination to do what he knows to be right in his own mind, regardless of the inconvenience to himself that



THOMAS MACFARLANE.

this may cause. If you wish an honest opinion, there is no doubt that you will obtain this from him.

At school, he was a member of the Rugby XV from 1934 till 1938, being captain during the last season. He appeared for the Cricket XI for several seasons and was well-known for his stabilising influence rather than his brilliance in any particular aspect of the game. He also played water polo and ran for the school teams and could be relied upon to take up with gusto any form of sport which was suggested.

On leaving school, he joined his father in the well-known preserves and confectionery business of Macfarlane Paton,

where he applied himself most conscientiously to learning as much as possible about the many aspects of this particular line. At the outbreak of war he was an Ordinary Seaman in the Clyde Division R.N.V.R. and, in this capacity, went to sea until the inauguration of the Cadet Rating system at the beginning of 1940 when he was one of the first class of forty-nine such candidates whose success convinced their Lordships of the possibilities of such a scheme, which latterly provided the Navy with a very large proportion of its Officer man-power. On being commissioned, he elected for big ships and, never being one to do things in halves, he went to the aircraft carrier "Illustrious" which saw a great deal of action in the Mediterranean. On being badly damaged, the "Illustrious" went over to America for refit and Tommy returned to the Mediterranean in the "Malaya", which was part of the famous Force "H", keeping the sea lanes open to Malta at the height of this particular phase of the war.

After the war a change in business brought him to William Porteous & Company in Exchange Place, in which firm he is a partner and where he is well known to many Strathallians who seek his guidance in the world of books. There is little doubt that he is at home in this medium, as can be seen from the apt way in which he can select the appropriate book or periodical for the man or the occasion.

Married, with two young sons, he is essentially a family man, but retains a balanced outlook which still has time for golf and gardening as well as a reasonable amount of social activity. The Club is indeed fortunate in their choice of President and there is little doubt that he will contribute greatly to the office which he now holds. We wish him all good fortune.

E.S.U. World Conference

New York, November, 1954

IN November, 1954, the English-Speaking Union held a World Conference in New York, and it was my good fortune to be invited to attend it as one of the two delegates representing Scotland there. At this Conference the objects and aims of the E.S.U., those of furthering mutual understanding and co-operation between Britain, America and the Commonwealth, were thoroughly discussed, and ways and means explored of widening at all levels, visiting exchanges between these countries. Particular attention was paid to the development of school-boy exchanges between Britain and America, where boys in their last year at public school spend this at an American school and vice-versa. Merchiston, Trinity College, Glenalmond, and George

Watson's School are so far the only public schools in Scotland to have engaged in this very worthwhile project, but it was hoped that, in future, it might be possible to extend the scheme to other schools.

The highlight of our visit was a Dinner given in honour of the Queen Mother by the English-Speaking Union. This was held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, and was attended by about 3,000 persons. At it the Queen Mother received a cheque for \$400,000 raised in America as a memorial to the late King George VI, to be used to provide Fellowships for study in the U.S.A. by young people from Britain and the Commonwealth.

During our stay in the United States, we visited Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. In this latter city I spent three weeks and had ample opportunity to see its many fine buildings and of getting a first-hand glimpse of the American way of life. As the guest of Senator Estes Kefauver, I had lunch in the Capitol and was shown over all the Senate buildings. Through his good offices, too, I was able to see the Army v. Navy football game in Philadelphia, which was indeed an astonishing spectacle, both on and off the field.

My main impressions of America were of the tremendous hustle and bustle everywhere, with little opportunity for relaxation; of the most fantastic expense, with a normal hotel breakfast costing £1 and a haircut 10/-; and finally, of overwhelming kindness and hospitality coupled with a genuine interest in the Scots and Scotland.

The Strathallian Memorial Scholarship Trust

Report by the Trustees

THE Trust was originated in 1948 by the Members of the Strathallian Club for the foundation and endowment of a Scholarship Fund as a memorial to those Strathallians who gave their lives for their country in the World Wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45.

The Deeds under which the Trust is constituted provide for the application of the Trust income towards Scholarships tenable primarily at Strathallan, but the Trustees have been given discretionary powers and may make awards for post-school education either in whole or in part. They may also in certain circumstances cease to grant Scholarships and apply the Trust Funds towards such charitable purpose as they think fit for the commemoration of those Strathallians who died in the two World Wars.

Scholarships may be awarded to a person who has no previous connection with Strathallan and the Trustees are empowered, when making an award, to take into consideration the financial circumstances of an applicant.

Since the inception of the Trust it has been the Trustees' privilege to provide a Scholarship at Strathallan, and the first award of £50 per annum, which was made in September, 1951, terminates in July, 1955. The Trustees have been gratified to receive the Headmaster's favourable report on the boy concerned, who is the son of a Strathallian.

It is hoped to commence a second award in September, 1955.

Appeal for Additional Funds

It is the Trustees' regret that the income from the funds at present under their control will only provide one Scholarship of £50 per annum, and being deeply conscious of the object for which the Trust was founded, this opportunity is taken to remind those persons who have or may have had an interest in the School of the existence of the Trust and of the part it plays in the life of the School and as a living memorial to those former members of the School who gave their lives in the two Wars.

The Trustees wish to invite the support of all having an interest in the welfare of the School and would welcome contributions to the Trust Funds in the form of donations, legacies, bequests or annual payments under covenant. For use in this connection specimen forms of covenant and bequest are appended. Completed forms of covenant should be forwarded to the Clerks to the Trustees, 150 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2, who will receive payments and donations on behalf of the Trustees.

For the Trustees,

JOHN LUSK, *Chairman.*

FORM OF BEQUEST

I hereby leave and bequeath to the Strathallian Memorial Scholarship Trust for the purposes of the said Trust the sum of £..... pounds Sterling, the receipt of the Clerks to the Trustees of the said Trust for the time being to be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors, etc.

FORM OF COVENANT

I
Considering that I have resolved for the period and on the terms after-mentioned to contribute to the Strathallian Memorial Scholarship Trust per the Clerks to the Trustees, 150 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2, an annual sum to be devoted to the charitable purposes of the said Trust, Do Hereby Bind myself to pay to the said Trust on the receipt of the Clerks thereof yearly for the period of seven years from and after the date hereof or until my death whichever shall be the shorter period such a sum as will after deduction of Income Tax at the standard rate from time to time in force leave in the hands of the said Trust a net sum of²

beginning the first annual payment at the³
 Nineteen hundred and _____ for the year succeeding:
 In Witness Whereof I have subscribed these presents at
 on the _____ day of _____ Nineteen hundred and _____
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Notes:

1. Insert full name and address, street numbers being written in full.
2. Insert here in words the actual sum you are willing to give.
3. Insert here in words a date later than the date of signing.

Old Boys' News

WE congratulate Mr. W. G. Leburn, ex-President of the Club and a former Chairman of the Governors, on being elected a Member of Parliament for Kinross and West Perthshire. He has the distinction of being the first Old Strathallian to be elected a Member of Parliament.

Our sincere congratulations go to R. S. Johnston (1930-36) of Edinburgh who, in March this year, was appointed Queen's Counsel.

We have had news of A. Murray Gordon, presently living in Grantham, Lincs. Murray, married in 1949, has two sons and is in general practice in Grantham as well as being clinical assistant in orthopaedics at the local General Hospital.

L. C. Lauderdale (1923-29), now living at 19 Thorncliffe Rd., Southall, Mx., was recently admitted to Gray's Inn and is reading for the bar.

S. I. Gowans (1913-19) of Aberfeldy recently had news of a Strathallian presumed lost: C. P. Mallison (1913-17) is now living in Osaki and trading in Kobi. He is fit and well and was, along with Stewart Gowans, a boarder at Bridge of Allan in 1913.

J. A. McIntyre (1939-44) of Balker Home Farm, Castle Kennedy, Stranraer, tells us he was married in April, 1953, and now has a young daughter born last November. He also tells us that A. M. Nicol refereed the local seven-a-side rugby at Easter and

that Alistair Headrick and Sandy Stephen paid a short visit to further the local interest in rugby at the end of April.

J. Anderson (1940-46) has now completed his House appointments at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and is now in the Medical branch of the R.A.F. stationed at P.M.R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, Bucks. No doubt he would be glad to hear from any Strathallian in the area.

J. M. Macharg (1939-44), now resident in London, has recently been appointed Assistant Actuary to the Scottish Provident Institution.

T. R. L. Fraser (1944-46) of Onich Toward, Argyllshire, graduated B.Sc. Agriculture of Glasgow University in April this year and was Liberal candidate for West Aberdeenshire in the General Election.

R. A. Paterson (1943-47) of St. Johns, Bentinck Drive, Troon, was married in January to Patricia Ann Macintosh of Troon. Robert was assumed a partner in William Martin & Co., insurance brokers, Glasgow, at the beginning of this year.

I. W. G. Taylor (1950-53) has now completed one and a quarter years of his National Service in the R.A.O.C. He recently met J. C. Menzies in Portsmouth, the latter having just joined the Royal Navy for his National Service.

We hear that J. D. Hood (1949-54) has completed 1st year Engineering at Glasgow University and is now on a vocational apprenticeship course in Manchester, while R. S. Eason (1950-54) is working in Messrs. Richard Johnson & Nephew in Manchester, and R. T. Lawrie (1947-52) is a 1st year Engineering student at Heriot Watt's.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

THERE seem to be very few Strathallians at Edinburgh this year: plenty around town and a shortage at 'Varsity.

B. Rodger and R. Shaw are in first year Agriculture, not together, however, as Rodger is in for Diploma Agriculture, while Shaw seeks a Diploma Dairying. Their respective pastimes are rugby (Madras) and motor cycling.

H. Stewart can often be seen in the Union despite studying in fourth year Agriculture.

R. Little completed his Chiropody Course in December and is now in the R.A.F.

I. Stewart continues his third year studies for a C.A. degree and, apart from the golf course, can occasionally be seen in the Old Gold Common Room.

D. Rome finishes Technical Chemistry this term and then joins the R.A.F. for National Service.

E. Spink continues motoring and flying enthusiastically in fifth year Medicine: says Strathallan looks quite different each time he flies over.

J. Calder shortly leaves Edinburgh after a Residency at the Royal Infirmary in the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital. He goes into general practice.

I. Tough took his place in the "Royal" last September and is now with Sir James Learmonth studying for F.R.C.S.

I. Walker recently left Edinburgh with an Honours English and is now in Singapore.

I. Turnbull, with a B.Sc. Agriculture, is now running the home farm in Fife.

D. Northam has gained admission to Sandhurst where he goes in September, joining the Royal Horse Artillery.

We hope to see many more Strathallians in Edinburgh next year. This, too is a sociable University.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

THIS year the full part played by Strathallians in the corporate life of the University has certainly been maintained, but the main feature of the year is our generally improved record of academic success — this we measure not only by the number of Strathallians who have graduated, but also by the general level of performance in degree examinations at any stage of a course.

However, as graduation is the climax of an academic career, we give first place to those who have achieved this distinction. Ronald Stuart was awarded first class honours in Mechanical Engineering at his graduation in May, and at the same ceremony George Wolfe received second class honours. Earlier in the year Gavin Vernon also graduated B.Sc. in Engineering. Our other Science graduate is Ian Stephens, who was awarded first class honours (pure chemistry) last June. He is still with us, however, studying for a Ph.D. in organic chemistry. Graeme Sandeman has now his M.B., Ch.B. degree, and R. I. F. Stewart his B.D.S. (Dentistry). T. R. L. Fraser, M.A., who was again elected to the union board and is now at the end of a distinguished University career, graduated B.Sc. (Agriculture) in May. To all of them we offer our sincere congratulations.

In the faculty of Medicine, C. McCreadie is in second year, as are J. S. Hamilton and A. C. Duncan this month. Alistair is president of his year club. C. D. Scott, one of our two freshers this year, is through his first year of the Veterinary course.

Our other fresher, J. D. Hood, is through first year Engineering and is interested in the University Traditional Jazz Club, at

whose meetings he no doubt sees committee member H. L. Stuart (now through his second year) drumming with the Ayrshire Jazz Band. Colin McLay has third year exams. in September --- he is on the Rugby Club Selection Committee and is the Engineering Faculty Representative to the Student Christian Movement. H. I. B. Fitzpatrick has passed his third year exams., and along with R. G. Stuart and G. Wolfe has been fairly successful in the University Car Club rallies.

On the whole then, it has been a good year for Strathallan at Glasgow University. We hope to see several new faces in October and assure any prospective undergraduates of a warm welcome.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

UNITED COLLEGE, ST. ANDREWS

We might say our numbers here remain the same but, though he still lives in St. Andrews, one of our members has "crossed Jordan".

We congratulate A. Clayton in successfully passing his second M.B., Ch.B. examinations in March and hope he will forge ahead in Dundee as he has done here in St. Andrews. Last year he played hockey with merit and hopes this summer to find time for tennis.

Now in his final year, Raymond Philip tackles his honours degree B.Sc. in Physics in June. Already an M.A., we wish him every success again. Somehow we shan't expect to see him too often on the tennis courts.

Ronald Philip is in his second year of Medicine. On occasion he is to be seen tramping round the Old Course.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, DUNDEE

L. Barclay and I. Aitkenhead are in fifth year Medicine.

D. Boyd, in fourth year, has his Dental Mechanics examinations in June. We congratulate him on being selected to box for Scottish Universities at Dublin.

With C.A. and 1st B.L. examinations facing him this term, C. Raitt is very busy; in the winter months, however, he turned out for Panmure 2nd XV.

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On 13th January, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Anderson, at Inchlea, Drummond Road, Inverness, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Vost, David, on 5th February, 1955, to Elizabeth Younger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew.

Hepburn, Ian J. S., on 27th December, 1954, in the Presbyterian Church, Toronto, to Maureen Boyd of Belfast.

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