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## Editorial

SINCE our last issue, the School has been in grave danger of destruction owing to the fire which broke out during the summer holidays. A full account is given elsewhere in these pages; but we might add that the inconvenience of an extra week's holiday was borne stoically by all!

It would have been ironic had the main building been destroyed at the very moment when, after five years of solid reconstruction, we had expanded to accommodate a maximum of two hundred and seventy-five boys. The work is, of course, unfinished; and in a sense it never will be completed. Within the next few years, other alterations will be undertaken which were not sufficiently vital to be included in the scope of the initial replanning. Chapel, tennis courts and swimming baths must be high on the list of priorities. It is the healthiest possible sign that all these matters are under consideration, for, as Tennyson has it:

“Not in vain the distance beacons. Forward, forward let us  
range,

Let the great world spin for ever down the ringing grooves  
of change”.

## School Notes and Notices

WE welcome the following new masters who joined the staff in September:

Captain I. T. Williams, who is looking after Physical Training in the School and succeeds Mr. Green. We congratulate him and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

Mr. M. Gray, Durham University, who is teaching Mathematics and Physics.

During the summer holidays an armoury was built outside the drying room, and was provided with a barred window and

a securely padlocked door. We have no doubt that these safety precautions were intended solely to thwart the purposes of the Irish Republican Army, but it is doubtful whether any member of this rebellious branch of society would take the risk of spending the rest of his life awaiting Her Majesty's pleasure for the sake of the handful of antedeluvian rifles which are kept there.

Once again we find ourselves indebted to Mr. Lilley, who, by the loan of a bulldozer and scraper, has enabled the School to initiate a scheme for increasing the number of playing fields and laying a running track.

The main wash corridor has been entirely renewed. Another change has been wrought by the plumbers in the "Prison Gates" area. The gates themselves have been removed and four new lavatories installed.

The editors are very disappointed by the poor response to their appeal for material and take this opportunity of reminding the readers of a simple fact so clearly set down by Dr. Johnson: "A man may write at any time if he will set himself doggedly to it".

## Examination Results

### CAMBRIDGE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The following were successful:

#### Advanced Level

Barclay, D. F.: Mathematics; Physics.  
Brown, W. R.: Mathematics; Physics.  
Forgan, D. W. N.: English.  
Haddow, C. D.: Mathematics; Physics.  
Laird, D. A.: Mathematics; Physics.  
Mackay, R. C. H.: English; Latin.  
Walker, R. G. F.: English; Latin; French.

#### Ordinary Level (in five or more subjects)

Baxter, G. C.	King, N. R.	MacTaggart, A. D. L.
Benson, R. M.	Kinvig, R. J.	Marsland, C. J.
Clark, R. B.	Lilley, F. J. C.	Mitchell, I. C.
Crosby, T. M.	MacCallum, D. S.	Pirrie, A. B.
Dinsmore, J. W.	MacDougall, J. C.	Pirrie, D. B.
Durie, A. J.	McInnes, J. M.	Pottinger, W. S. T.
Galbraith, J. B.	MacMillan, I. R. A.	Sinclair, D. M.
Grierson, S. W.	MacPherson, W. T.	Wilson, A. R.
Kerr, R. I. M.		

## Founders' Day

AS in previous years, the number of Old Boys at the morning service had considerably increased by two o'clock and there was quite a large attendance when the cricket match started in brilliant sunshine. The Old Boys batted first. The score had reached forty-five for three when three more wickets fell without any increase in the score. The Old Boys were dismissed for sixty-eight, and the School anticipated an easy victory; but this was not to be. Two quick wickets fell, and batsmen continued to replace each other with disconcerting regularity until, with eight runs still needed for victory, the last man took his place at the wicket. In the next over Brown, who had batted well, took a four off Hinshaw, the Perthshire bowler, and Hibbs guided a ball from Chalmers through the slips for another boundary. So the match was won, after a rather shaky start, by the narrow margin of one wicket.

The Old Boys took their revenge in the relay race, in which they comfortably defeated the School. It must, however, be mentioned that the School were only able to field their second team, as the Scottish Inter-School Sports at Goldenacre were held the same day.

As the rugby and the tennis had been cancelled, the School, by winning both the swimming and the fives, retained the cup and left the Old Boys to take home the wooden spoon.

R.H.

## Chapel Notes

THE following preached at our Chapel Services during the Summer term: 1st May, the Headmaster; 8th May, Rev. J. Beveridge; 15th May, Rev. N. S. Metcalfe; 22nd May, School visited Forgandenny Church; 29th May, Rev. J. Mackie; 5th June, Rev. A. W. Macdonell; 19th June, Rev. V. C. Alexander; 26th June, Rev. S. Merriam; 3rd July, Rev. A. O. Robertson; 10th July, Rev. W. H. L. Wright; 17th July, Rev. A. Cameron; 24th July, the Headmaster.

Twenty-four candidates were admitted to full membership of the Church of Scotland at the Service on 24th July.

Anthems sung by the choir since the last issue have been: "Let us now praise famous men" (Vaughan Williams); "Rejoice to-day with one accord" (Bach); "Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer" (Mozart); "God so loved the World" (Purcell); "Almighty God, who hast me brought" (Ford); "Thou visitest the earth" (Greene); "Creation's Hymn" (Beethoven); "Blessed be the God" (Wesley).

The Carol Service this term is to be held on the last night of term instead of on the last Sunday.

## Music Notes

LAST term's musical activities ended with an informal concert which was held in the Music Room. The programme consisted of pieces by the orchestra, wind instrument solos, piano solos and duets, and a clarinet trio. Interspersed with these items were a number of well-known songs, which were sung by the school accompanied by the orchestra. This was a new departure which proved very successful. At present, members of the orchestra are rehearsing for a similar concert to be held at the end of this term, in which it is hoped to include some sea-shanties and Christmas carols as the audience's part.

The Choral Society is rehearsing "King Arthur", by Purcell, for a performance at the end of the Spring term.

Boys have attended concerts in Perth given by the Rubbra Trio and by the Perth Madrigal Choir. However, both of these concerts were rather disappointing. The Rubbra Trio played very well, but their performance was rather "heavy going", and the Madrigal Choir's performance was both too long and lacking in variety.

The number of boys learning wind instruments is now at the maximum that Mr. Maiden can take and there is a waiting list. It is a pity that the same cannot be said of the stringed instruments. However, the present members of the string section of the orchestra are doing well and are now playing with much more confidence.

G.W.

## Combined Cadet Force

IN general the Contingent appears to have a more workman-like air to it, coupled with a trace or so of more enthusiasm. Something of this improvement may be attributed to its re-organisation, something to the greater degree of responsibility exercised by the cadets themselves in the running of affairs, and something to the appearance of the Naval Section, with its different attitude towards life.

Whatever the cause, the Contingent should soon reach the stage at which for all practical purposes it will run itself, its officers even restraining rather than encouraging the cadets, and it will then be serving a truly useful purpose in the School.

Annual camp this session will probably be during the Easter holidays once again, though it may be reduced in length from

eight to six days. The first Contingent appointment has been made this term and R. J. M. Philip is now a Cadet Under Officer.

### **Army Section**

Promotions and appointments: D. A. B. Palmer to be Sgt. and Training N.C.O. I. Eastwood to be C.S.M. McLellan, P., Ridley, J. K., Sinclair, D. M., and Padkin, M. C., to be Sgts. i/c Platoons.

This session the Section enters what it is hoped will be the last stage of its re-organisation. Training is now carried out almost entirely under house arrangements, co-ordinated by a single Training N.C.O., and the number of cadets to any one instructor at any one time is now seven. This arrangement is profitable to both instructor and the instructed, besides enabling the maximum possible numbers of senior cadets each to carry out a reasonably well-defined task. On the administrative side the same principle has been followed as closely as possible, and the Contingent Under Officer is now responsible for every aspect of administrative and disciplinary duties within the Contingent as a whole.

The Signals Section continues to function effectively, biding its time till the end of March, at which time it should once again increase to about 15 cadets in number. The Gunner Section is still with us, but works under difficulties imposed by somewhat unsympathetic War Office regulations, and will probably do so until next term.

One Field Day has already been held, under ideal weather conditions, and the smoke of battle was visible from Dunning. The Drumfin area is likely to be used again for this purpose, offering as it does so wide a variety of ground, and its owner and his tenant have been most co-operative.

M.H.

### **R.N. Section**

On the whole last year was a successful one for the Section. A.B. Dinsmore was on board H.M.S. "Montrose" when she escorted the Royal Yacht "Britannia" into Dundee on the Queen's return from Norway, and ten cadets formed part of a berthing party for the Royal Yacht at Dundee. The same week, a crew from Strathallan won the Guthrie Trophy in the annual lightship handicap race of the Royal Tay Yacht Club, beating the Duke of Edinburgh's "Bluebottle" in a whaler belonging to the Tay Division, R.N.V.R. The Section also won the Royal

Naval Sailing Association Service Boat Points Cup in a regatta on the River Clyde during August. In both these races Lieut. Shuttleworth was coxswain.

At the annual inspection, the Section, in addition to providing nine cadets for the combined guard of honour, and of course taking part in the ceremonial march past, carried on with various activities during the afternoon. There was a field training class under instruction on the Quarterdeck, while the rest of the Section sailed the "Cadet" on the pond and rigged shear-legs with which they lowered the punt into the water.

Nearly all the cadets attended a course for the Quarter-master's Badge which was run by Lieut. Shuttleworth on board a motor fishing vessel on the River Clyde during the latter part of August. Those who attended this course learnt many of the practical details of elementary seamanship and the rudiments of cookery.

On October 30th, the whole Section attended a service on board H.M.S. "Cressy" at Dundee to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

A party of eleven cadets visited Rosyth Dockyard on November 2nd, and they were conducted round H.M.S. "Diamond", a destroyer of the "Daring" class.

Throughout this term the section has been preparing for the Leading Seaman's Examination and the Able Seaman's Test which are to be held in November.

K.R.H.

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

THE Section now has 22 cadets including Flight Sergeant Ross and Corporals Leishman, K., Anderson, D. M., and Clark, J. G. The work during this term and the next one will be primarily directed towards the passing of the two Proficiency Examinations in March, although a fair number of other activities will be fitted in, including ground slides with the glider and, perhaps, an elementary course on the internal combustion engine. The glider hangar, which was destroyed by a falling tree, is now repaired, thus saving considerable time in assembling the glider and enabling a greater number of cadets to make ten or more slides during the year.

Four of the section have announced their intention of attending a glider course in the Easter holidays, while for the rest there will be the annual camp, with, it is hoped, plenty of flying.

The following cadets passed their Ordinary Level Proficiency last term: Crabb, D. I. C.; Davidson; Grierson; Kenny; Kerr; Leishman, D. A.; Leishman, K. F.; Paterson, R. W. W.; Willcox, H.

P.J.R.

## Chapel

Strathallan of their Chapel are, I think, extremely proud.  
They do grumble on a Sunday? Well it is an awful crowd  
To jam three hundred people in, no standing room allowed.

There are seniors in the vestry and seniors in the choir,  
There are juniors in the glass-house, of which they quickly tire;  
For there is no form of heating, not the vestige of a fire.

So when the preacher's preaching, which may take some little  
time,  
And uttering wise sayings to help their halos shine,  
They chafe their frozen little limbs and curse this wretched  
clime.

The seniors 'mong the trebles find that it's a dreadful squeeze,  
And small squashed boys are often nearly sitting on their knees  
Though it has this one advantage, that it does not let you freeze!

They are cosy in the benches — just like sardines in a can;  
They reach for their collection, squashing up their next-door  
man  
And wonder if they'll ever see some other seating plan.

The fellows in the vestry can scarcely hear a thing,  
Although when the organ thunders they know that they should  
sing;  
But "We love the place, O God" has a sycophantic ring.

"When the organ thunders" — I exaggerate I fear:  
It's a puny little whistle than can scarcely reach the ear:  
(The squeaking of its pedals is the most I ever hear).

O yes, we have our Chapel, and of it we're justly proud,  
Though our feet are sadly frozen and the organ's not so loud,  
And we cannot hear a blessed thing—O yes, we're justly proud!

R.J.K.

## Swimming

THE inter-house gala this year was won comfortably by Freeland House, but the standard of swimming in both senior and junior sections was obviously much higher than it has been in previous years.

There was, as usual, a large entry for the life-saving classes, and all the thirty-five candidates were successful in the various examinations of the Royal Life-Saving Society.

K.R.H.



## Piping and Drumming

AS in previous years the band is working hard under the tuition of Pipe-Major Sinclair.

H. Willcox has taken over the position of Pipe-Major this term.

Although we lost three very useful pipers at the end of last term we are pleased to say that their places should be adequately filled in the near future by those boys who have steadily been improving in the junior class of last year. Indeed if matters proceed as they have been there will be a fair amount of competition for places.

As there are several boys jostling for positions in the drum corps the standard should improve, and by the end of the year, when the competitions loom ahead, there will be considerable difficulty in choosing the best three.

At present the band are practising in the gymnasium in preparation for St. Andrew's Night, when there will be the annual dance.

The junior class is progressing steadily, and should have reached band standard in time to fill the positions of those members who must leave at the end of the year.

D.S.M.

## The Fire — August, 1955

"PANCAKES Frizzle While School Blazes": "Headmaster's Son Saves Father's School". In comparison with the highly dramatic versions that appeared in the daily press, of whose headlines the two quoted above are representative examples, the following account will probably strike readers as extremely dull, but it seems appropriate that the bare facts should be put on record.

The first alarm was raised at about 2.15 p.m. by two cooks working in the kitchen, who noticed that smoke and a roaring sound were coming from the kitchen ventilator. One of these cooks went to find the clerk of works and his staff, while the other passed the warning to Mrs. Hoare.

After sending for the fire brigade, Mrs. Hoare went to the kitchen to find the whole ceiling was ablaze, and the remainder of the domestic staff were immediately cleared from the building. It was extremely fortunate that men were so quickly available to fight the fire. Mr. Bailey was at that time painting the changing rooms and had noticed the smoke and the School plumber and his mate were working in the "Wash Corridor".



With their help and that of Ronald Hoare and of the remainder of the "outdoor" staff, Mr. Boag was able to muster a fair-sized fire fighting party to operate the School hoses until the fire brigade arrived, and there is no doubt that but for their gallant efforts the damage would have reached major proportions.

The fire brigade — eventually three engines were sent to the School — reached Struthallan within twelve minutes of receiving the alarm, and with all the water in the swimming pool at their immediate disposal, were quickly able to get their pump and hoses into action. At this stage the fire appeared to be confined to the domestic staff quarters above the kitchen and to the kitchen ceiling itself. But when this was almost under control, suspicious eddies of yellowish smoke were seen issuing from the ventilators in the walls of the Freeland dormitories above the swimming pool, and in a short time smoke was also "puffing" out from under the tiles on the roof, and it was obvious that the fire brigade had a second fire to deal with. This was caused by a spark or sparks being blown across from the kitchen. It is easy to be wise after the event, but it does seem that this might have been foreseen. Although this outbreak was swiftly brought under control, sufficient damage had been done to the beams and rafters to make it necessary to strip the whole roof.

As a result of the main fire, the whole of the domestic quarters above the kitchen were completely gutted except for the walls, and the kitchen ceiling collapsed. There was also, of course, considerable water damage to walls and plaster, though the main bulk of the water was drained back into the swimming pool by boring holes in the floors above. The repairs might have been completed by the date fixed for the beginning of term had not difficulties been met in obtaining steel girders for the kitchen ceiling and floor of the rooms above.

Although of a decided nuisance value — except to those who like a nine week summer holiday — the fire has brought good out of evil. The maids' quarters when completed will be both more spacious and more modern, and the repairs to the matron's sewing room have resulted in a more economical use of the space.

That we were lucky to get off so lightly cannot be doubted, for had the wind been from the east the whole of the main building must have been involved. This and the fact that Mr. Boag and the staff acted with such energy and promptitude were mainly responsible for preventing a major disaster.

Some points of fire fighting interest emerge from this experience. The water in the swimming pond is a tremendous

asset in dealing with a fire, and that of course is why it is always kept full.

The official cause of the fire was stated to be a spark or sparks from a bonfire lit by a timber firm which was at that time felling trees in the School grounds.

A.D.D.M.

## The Radio Club

THIS small select club, which shares the old book store with the aeromodellers, is still flourishing, and a wide range of both medium and short wave sets have been built with varying degrees of success. It appears that the main reason for the construction of the short wave sets is an all-compelling desire to listen to "Radio Moscow".

J. McG.

## Hell's Bells

O toneless tocsin, herald of the test,  
Thy first is cursed, thy last so often blessed.  
Why with fell clang usurpest thou our ease,  
Those moments rare, when left alone, we seize  
Some respite from the turmoil and the haste?  
When, resting from this weary life, we waste  
A happy moment, lost in dreams of what  
Our courses might have been, had not the call  
Of learning intervened, to end them all.

The leaden-footed minutes slowly pass.  
Their fingers numb, some gaze out through the glass  
At desolation. Others, more alive,  
Immerse themselves in books. The busy hive  
Of industry is, for the moment, stilled.  
But lo! sweet dulcet tones around the chilled  
Quadrangle ring. Gone is the silence still.  
Instead a raucous clamour destroys rest.  
As in a wood, the pigeons leave their nest  
With screaming cry, when on the wind is brought  
A distant shout, or far-off gun's report.  
So from their fusty class-rooms rush the boys,  
And fill the vacant air with piercing noise.  
Until, five minutes later, rings the knell  
That summons them -- to heaven? No, to hell!

R.H.

## Highland and Country Dancing

ALL boys in their first year in the senior school are now expected to learn the basic minimum of Scottish country dances during their first two terms. This is arranged on a house basis, under the general direction of Leishman, K. Each Wednesday evening there is a class in Highland Dancing, under the supervision of the S.S.I., and there are more boys doing this this year than has been the case previously. I hope that there will be a team entered for the Foursome Reel and Highland Fling when the band goes to the East of Scotland Schools Band Competition in July next year.

M.H.

## Fly-Tying and Angling

THE Fly-Tying Club has resumed activity this term with a membership of about twenty, after going into recess during the summer. It is proposed, if there is sufficient enthusiasm and money forthcoming for the purchase of materials, to manufacture some rods during the year; even if these, when finished, do not quite resemble a professional job, they will have cost about half the price of those sold in shops.

Fishing this season has again been poor, although this can be partly attributed to the drought. Catches seem to have been limited to trout from the May, where the fish are numerous but very small; a one pound trout from the Earn; and a pike of about one and a half pounds. We are glad to report, however, that both the Headmaster and Mr. Boag have recently been successful with salmon in the Earn, the largest being a fish of sixteen pounds. These were taken on the worm, and came from the same lie, a place that should be well worth a visit in the spring.

J.A.B.

## The Aeromodeller's Society

A NEW burst of activity this term is a good omen for the future. The number of members is over twice that of last year, and everyone is displaying more than average keenness. We are pleased to see that sailplanes are once again the fashion, and that even the juniors are tending to manufacture these most graceful models. One large glider has been built and several smaller ones are being constructed at the time of writing.

J. McG.

## The Sailing Club

THIS term the Sailing Club has continued to function smoothly, and many enjoyable afternoons have been spent on the Tay. For the winter, however, it is planned to bring the boats up to the School Pond, which at the moment is being filled, after being drained to kill the thick weeds which grew round its edges.

During the summer holidays, a team consisting of H. W. Dinsmore, J. C. Pattullo and J. W. Dinsmore competed with schools from all over Britain for the Clark Cup. The position of tenth out of the thirty entrants gained in this competition (which was held on the Gareloch) was a great improvement on previous efforts, and next year we hope to bring the cup back with us.

Last term a team went to Glenalmond, where Strathallan were defeated on a day of strong winds and high waves on Loch Freuchie. The races were full of excitement, and one Strathallan boat capsized. The team was H. W. Dinsmore, J. C. Pattullo, J. W. Dinsmore, R. M. Benson, J. Peters and J. M. Clark, the last of whom did well to win his race.

This term the sound of sawing and hammering can frequently be heard issuing from the R.N. Section H.Q., where three "Yachting World" cadets are taking shape under the watchful eyes of some of the members. We would like to thank Mr. Harrison, who has kindly given us the bonded plywood to enable us to build these boats, and Mr. Wilson, who has promised sufficient mahogany for one of them. We hope to have enough money by next season to get them completely fitted out in time for the fair weather expected in the latter half of the Spring term.

J.W.D.

## A Hydro-Electric Scheme

ON Sunday, November 6th, a small party from Strathallan was privileged to be shown round a section of the Breadalbane Hydro-Electric Scheme near Comrie. This visit, kindly arranged by Messrs. Mitchell & Company, the contractors, was, because of the short time available, restricted to only a small part of the whole project, although a study of the plans when we arrived enabled us to gain a reasonably clear idea of what was involved.

It is not possible, within the confines of this brief article, to give more than an outline of what we saw during the day — the site for a small underground generating plant at St. Fillans, the Glenlednock dam under construction, and numerous tunnels

which all looked very similar inside. These were all devised in order to find a larger catchment area to bring water to the generating plant.

The highlight of the expedition was a journey by miniature railway through a seventeen thousand foot tunnel under the mountains, connecting Glenlednock and Glenalmond. This is cut entirely through solid igneous rock, though in places, where the strata was weak, the roof had been strengthened with girders. It was on this stretch that the world tunnelling record was broken recently.

Inside the tunnel we lacked only the periodic explosions, the nauseating gelignite fumes and the noise to appreciate what it would be like to work there. We formed the opinion that anyone who could endure an eight-hour shift fully deserved the money he gained, and it was not without a certain feeling of relief that we re-emerged to daylight and fresh air.

J.A.B.

## Riley House

AFTER five years it is probably appropriate that we should graduate to a place in "The Strathallian", since we feel that we have now a secure and permanent place in the School. We shall try to keep you informed of the major events in our life, that you may judge for yourselves our progress.

Our internal organisation remains much as it has always been, and we are glad that Mrs. Shuttleworth, who came to help us out last term, has decided to remain as Matron. The results of her efforts are clearly to be seen.

Twenty new boys joined us in September and seem to have settled in very well. Dormitory Monitors are M. W. Shaw (Head of House), C. M. T. Cornish, E. A. Fraser, A. M. Pate and S. M. Renton, with P. G. Lawson as librarian.

Competition for the Headmaster's Cup, which was presented last year, is very keen and helps to keep up the standard all round. Winners last term were Islay.

D.S.

## Shooting

THE score of the first eight in the Staniforth Cup Competition was a little disappointing—some twenty points below what it might have been—but the general standard of shooting continues to improve.

Shooting is now organised on a house basis, and each house has its own team shooting weekly in the Perthshire League. While no official results have yet been received, Nicol House "A" Team, shooting in the 5th Division, scored over 475 out of 500 in the first round. The remaining teams from Strathallan are all in the 6th Division, where they will have to compete against each other as well as other rifle clubs.

We have had lectures and demonstrations from two riflemen who have shot for Great Britain in international matches, Mr. Tom Walker, who is the official representative of the N.S.R.A. in Scotland, and Mr. Turnbull, who organises the teams for the Scottish banks. These talks have undoubtedly been very helpful, not only by giving authoritative information about the technique of small-bore shooting, but also by increasing enthusiasm for the sport. In this connection it is hoped that senior boys in each house will help by encouraging and coaching the less experienced and so help to maintain and improve upon the standard we have now reached.

P.R.S.

## Ski-ing and Mountaineering

THIS year there will be a party of about twenty-four boys at Lillehammer in Norway. The trip will cost a little less than last year's, and in certain respects there are greater facilities for enjoyment offered. The party shows a slight diminution in overall seniority, and this is a pity, for expeditions of this nature should really be of fifth and sixth form boys, who are better able to appreciate being in a foreign country than are juniors. The sailing date is the 31st December, but no doubt there will be many compensatory delights in place of Hogmanay.

There has been no mountaineering this term, and none is envisaged until the New Year, when, perhaps, some ski-mountaineering will be possible.

M. H.

## The Photographic Society

THE society is at maximum strength and very active. The highlight of the term was the arrival of the Rangefinder enlarger, a new instrument, permitting accurate focusing and giving very good definition up to whole plate. Members realise now, as perhaps never before, the necessity of seeing that negatives are not scratched, pitted or thumb-printed, because the slightest mark on a negative severely counters its suitability for enlargement. The standard of work in the darkroom is improving

rapidly under the impetus of the Rangefinder, and the society should be able to put on a good exhibition in the summer.

The latest very fast films and flash equipment bring winter photography within reach of everyone, and there is no lack of subjects. The editors are interested in pictures for "The Strathallian", and I am offering a prize for any photograph taken by a boy and chosen for next year's Christmas card.

C.P.H.

## Works Courses

DURING the last two years some ten or more boys from Strathallan have attended holiday works courses, organised by the Public Schools Appointments Bureau in conjunction with industry. These have been an undoubted success in that they have enabled those who attended them to see industry from the inside for a period of a week or so, usually with free accommodation and sometimes with pay. The courses here afforded such diverse things as quarrying, brewing and insurance, and as they become more popular the competition for places grows keener.

It should perhaps be emphasised that the organisers of the courses take great trouble to show boys as many sides as possible of their industries, and do not employ them as workers on the factory floor. It is hoped that their efforts may encourage young men from the Public School to enter industry and commerce, where the opportunities for promotion, and also for service to the community, are so great.

A report on one of the courses attended by a Strathallan boy is shown below.

J.A.B.

### **Report on Vacation Course at Rootes' Group:**

**12th—16th September**

The course at Rootes was magnificently organised by the Group Education Officer, Mr. Deares, and his staff and it ran smoothly from start to finish.

The accommodation supplied at Brandon Hall Hotel was far above expectations, even although it was far from any public entertainment, but the television set and billiard table made up for that.

I think that it was a very good idea to show us round the complete works in one day because, even although it was a



lightning tour which did not really teach us much about the production of the motor cars, it showed us later on when we spent more time in the various shops where the components came from and where they went to. We spent half a day in seeing each shop in detail under the guidance of Rootes' pupils, who taught us all that they could and all we wanted to know about the shop. Half a day may seem rather long to spend in one shop, but I am sure that we were never bored except perhaps in the engine testing shop where there was not very much to see.

The talks which we were given at the beginning of each day were very interesting. Mr. Dearn's talk on introducing us to the Group was very helpful, and Mr. Keeley, the head of the engineering department, also gave a most stimulating address on "The Birth of a Motor Car". Mr. Bampfylde's talk, dealing as it did with personnel, was perhaps not so appealing but still very important. We had a very good tea with Mr. Pryon, the works manager, and he gave us excellent advice about entering upon a career.

This course certainly gave me an excellent idea of what life in a factory is like, and I was very pleased to see that the employees all seemed to be in good spirits.

D.A.L.

## Cricket, 1955

A GLANCE at the results is enough to show that the 1st XI had a very good season, winning three and losing one of their seven school matches. Considering this, it is odd that at no time was there a settled team. In all seventeen players were called upon, and only Clark seemed able to produce consistently good performances. Almost everyone else, however, made at least one match-winning effort. Brown, Kenny, Rossie and Yellowley each played some fine innings, but on the occasions when most or all of these failed such lower order batsmen as Baird, Hudson and Lilley usually rose to the occasion.

The bowling successes were fairly evenly distributed in most matches, although some fiery spells from Clark and persistently good ones from Rossie must be mentioned.

Thus, although few individuals were sufficiently versatile to cope with changing conditions, the team as a whole were. This says much for the judgment of Clark; and whenever he changed the side the newcomers always justified their selection.

The worst feature of the team was the fielding, although it did improve towards the end of the season. In the early games it was quite a common thing to see as many as five fairly



BACK ROW: F. J. C. Lilley, G. T. Hudson, D. M. Anderson, D. B. Pirrie, R. C. H. Mackay.  
SEATED: B. G. Kenny, N. D. Rossie, J. G. Clark (Capt.), D. C. Yellowley, W. R. Brown.  
FRONT ROW: M. J. [illegible]

simple catches refused in one innings. Such lapses, although not always disastrous, were responsible for making several close struggles out of what should have been easy victories, and were usually due to a decline in concentration after the first few wickets had fallen cheaply. However, even the fielding is not without its brighter memories; the immaculate ground fielding of Brown and Anderson, some spectacular catches by Rossie, and behind the stumps Hudson was always sound.

Of the regular players only Brown and Kenny have left and, if the improvement in fielding continues, the prospects for the coming season are bright.

The 2nd XI, as the results indicate, showed considerable improvement, and their only defeat was by Glenalmond. Several of the team played at various times for the 1st XI.

The Colts also had an encouraging season although the need for constant practice is still apparent.

D.B.

#### SUMMARY OF LAST SEASON'S RESULTS

	No. of Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI ...	14	7	3	4
2nd XI ...	5	4	1	—
Colts XI ...	6	3	2	1
Junior XI ...	7	4	2	1

#### FIRST XI BOWLING AVERAGES

Bowlers must have bowled fifty overs or taken more than ten wickets to qualify.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Hibbs ...	29.5	8	92	12	7.67
Rossie ...	129.8	34	304	37	8.21
Anderson ...	63	21	166	19	8.73
Clark ...	170.2	46	346	37	9.35
Crosby ...	86.6	31	167	12	13.91

#### FIRST XI BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Times Not Out	Aggregate	Highest Score	Average
Clark ...	14	1	374	73	28.8
Brown ...	11	3	194	80	24.25
Rossie ...	13	1	232	74	19.3
Yellowley ...	15	1	220	38	15.7
Pirrie ...	9	2	91	26	13
Kenny ...	14	—	166	69	11.85
Mackay ...	8	2	61	28	10.15

14.5.55

STRATHALLAN versus GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL at Old Anniesland.

<i>Glasgow High School</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Forbes, c Pirrie, b Clark .....	68	Yellowley, lbw, b Smith .....	1
Andrews, b Brown .....	28	Pirrie, c and b Tough .....	0
Cook, lbw, b Clark .....	0	Kenny, lbw, b Smith .....	6
Little, not out .....	15	Lilley, b Smith .....	0
Finlay, lbw, b Brown .....	0	Clark, lbw, b Forbes .....	24
Cooper, c Kenny, b Clark .....	0	Rossie, b Smith .....	39
Leechman, lbw, b Brown .....	3	Mackay, b Cook .....	0
Sinclair, lbw, b Brown .....	0	Brown, b Smith .....	9
Howie, b Anderson .....	5	Hudson, b Smith .....	0
Smith, run out .....	3	Kilpatrick, not out .....	0
Tough did not bat.		Anderson, not out .....	0
Extras .....	6	Extras .....	6
Total for 9 wickets dec. 128		Total for 9 wickets 85	
Brown 4 for 16.		Smith 6 for 9.	

16.5.55.

STRATHALLAN versus KIRKCALDY C.C. at Forgandenny.

<i>Kirkcaldy</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Stark, run out .....	5	Yellowley, not out .....	3
Donaldson, c Kilpatrick, b Anderson .....	3	Pirrie, not out .....	2
Watters, lbw, b Rossie .....	13	Extras .....	5
McLean, c and b Kilpatrick .....	15	Total for no wickets 10	
Robertson, not out .....	32	Rain stopped play.	
Bowie, b Clark .....	7		
Colville, run out .....	1		
Bisset, lbw, b Clark .....	0		
Halley, Innes, Smith did not bat.			
Extras .....	3		
Total for 7 wickets dec. 79			

18.5.55.

STRATHALLAN versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

<i>Strathallan</i>		<i>Glasgow Academy</i>	
Yellowley, c Anderson, b Naismith .....	1	Anderson, run out .....	3
Pirrie, hit wicket, b Garland .....	3	Henderson, not out .....	5
Kenny, run out .....	3	Sloan, b Clark .....	0
Lilley, b Garland .....	6	Naismith, b Clark .....	1
Clark, lbw, b Henderson .....	28	Steel, c Hudson, b Clark .....	0
Rossie, b Naismith .....	15	McAllister, not out .....	7
Mackay, c and b Naismith .....	0	Garland, Mackie, Macrossan, Symington and Eckersley did not bat.	
Brown, c McAllister, b Mackie .....	6	Extras .....	1
Kilpatrick, b Naismith .....	1	Total for 4 wickets 17	
Hudson, c McAllister, b Sloan .....	10		
Crosby, not out .....	0		
Extras .....	9		
Total 82			
Naismith 4 for 8			

24.5.55.

STRATHALLAN versus BONTHRONE'S XI at Forgandenny.

<i>Strathallan</i>		<i>Bonithrone's XI</i>	
Yellowley, b Bonithrone .....	19	Frost, c Hudson, b Clark .....	1
MacCallum, c Porter, b Stark .....	0	Breuer, b Clark .....	1
Kenny, run out .....	10	Gordon, c Hudson, b Clark ...	0
Clark, c Gordon, b Barclay ...	18	Livingstone, b Rossie .....	7
Rossie, c Breuer, b Frost .....	8	Stark, c and b Crosby .....	5
Pirrie, c Breuer, b Bland .....	1	Scott, b Rossie .....	30
Hudson, b Bland .....	0	Bland, lbw, b Crosby .....	0
Baird, b Stark .....	2	Porter, st Hudson, b Crosby ...	16
Brown, b Stark .....	1	Barclay, Bonithrone A., Bon-	
Kilpatrick, b Barclay .....	3	ithrone G. did not bat.	
Crosby, not out .....	0	Extras .....	4
Extras .....	1		
Total	63	Total for 8 wickets	64

26.5.55.

STRATHALLAN versus FETTES UNDER 17 XI at Fettes.

<i>Fettes</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Cameron, c Yellowley, b Hibbs ..	26	Yellowley, c Lumsden, b	
Coatsworth, lbw, b Clark .....	12	McCloy .....	38
Hoare, c Hibbs, b Rossie .....	58	MacCallum, run out .....	2
Ferguson, b Hibbs .....	47	Kenny, c Hamilton, b Bain ...	69
McCloy, b Clark .....	8	Clark, lbw, b Lumsden .....	44
Lumsden, c MacCallum, b		Rossie, b Bain .....	8
Crosby .....	13	Lilley, c and b Hamilton .....	17
McGlashan, not out .....	7	Hudson, not out .....	20
Bain, b Rossie .....	20	Baird, c Talbot, b Bain .....	0
Hamilton, not out .....	13	Brown, Hibbs, and Crosby did	
Scott and Talbot did not bat.		not bat.	
Extras .....	4	Extras .....	5
Total for 7 wickets dec.	208	Total for 7 wickets	203

8.6.55.

STRATHALLAN versus DOLLAR ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

<i>Dollar Academy</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Chapman, R., b Clark .....	1	Yellowley, b Parsons .....	10
Boyd, b Rossie .....	3	MacCallum, b Hunter .....	1
Wight, b Rossie .....	5	Kenny, c Chapman, b Parsons ..	2
Hunter, lbw, b Rossie .....	7	Clark, b Hunter .....	9
Shaw, b Rossie .....	0	Rossie, b Parsons .....	5
McKay, not out .....	34	Lilley, b Parsons .....	16
Chapman, C., b Crosby .....	6	Hudson, b Stalker .....	17
Parsons, b Crosby .....	0	Baird, not out .....	15
Stalker, b Crosby .....	8	Brown, lbw, b Hunter .....	1
Campbell, c Kenny, b Hibbs ...	13	Hibbs, run out .....	1
Crawford, lbw, b Clark .....	0	Crosby, not out .....	1
Extras .....	8	Extras .....	9
Total	85	Total for 9 wickets	87

Rossie 4 for 16.

Parsons 4 for 40.

1.6.55.

STRATHALLAN versus PERTH ACADEMY at Viewlands.

<i>Perth Academy</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Rae, c Rossie, b Brown	14	Yellowley, c Fleming, b Fair	15
Crichton, lbw, b Clark	2	MacCallum, b Fair	6
MacDonald, b Crosby	29	Kenny, b Smith	18
Fraser, b Rossie	0	Clark, not out	52
Fleming, c Rossie, b Clark	17	Rossie, not out	0
Pullar, b Clark	8	Lilley, Baird, Hudson, Brown,	
Smith, c Rossie, b Clark	3	Hibbs, and Crosby did not	
Munroe, c Rossie, b Hibbs	4	bat.	
Fair, c Yellowley, b Crosby	3	Extras	8
Thomson, c Brown, b Crosby	7		
Court, not out	6	Total for 3 wickets	99
Extras	3		
Total 96			

Clark 4 for 28.

11.6.55.

STRATHALLAN versus CRIEFF C.C. at Forgandenny.

<i>Crieff C.C.</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Bell, b Brown	18	Yellowley, c McKay, b Murphy	24
Alston, c Rossie, b Yellowley	15	Hudson, c Laing, b Ewing	13
Laing, c Hibbs, b Rossie	4	Kenny, c McKay, b Ewing	12
Ewing, c Hudson, b Rossie	3	Clark, c Blyth, b Murphy	7
Blackwell, b Clark	0	Rossie, lbw, b Murphy	3
Blyth, b Crosby	19	Lilley, b Murphy	7
Ryan, c Galbraith, b Rossie	16	Galbraith, not out	21
McKay, c Galbraith, b Hibbs	5	Baird, b Murphy	4
Murphy, b Rossie	1	Brown, not out	4
McIntosh, b Rossie	3	Hibbs and Crosby did not bat.	
Cousins, not out	0	Extras	1
Extras	9		
Total 93		Total for 7 wickets	96
Rossie 5 for 15		Murphy 5 for 41.	

15.6.55.

STRATHALLAN versus PERTHSHIRE at Forgandenny.

<i>Perthshire</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Lodge, st Hudson, b Anderson	65	Yellowley, c Thomson, b Bland	9
Dudman, c Hudson, b Clark	2	Hudson, b Hinshaw	4
Hewson, c Kenny, b Clark	6	Kenny, c Hinshaw, b Kerrigan	6
Kerrigan, b Rossie	41	Lilley, b Bland	2
Hay, c Clark, b Anderson	18	Clark, b Breuer	17
Thomson, not out	23	Rossie, st Thomson, b Kerrigan	6
Glen, st Hudson, b Rossie	22	Galbraith, c and b Kerrigan	0
Breuer, not out	0	Pirrie, c and b Kerrigan	8
Leask, c Clark, b Rossie	0	Baird, st Thomson, b Kerrigan	5
Bland and Hinshaw did not bat.		Anderson, c Glen, b Breuer	2
Extras	8	Hibbs, not out	0
		Extras	5
Total for 7 wickets dec. 185		Total	64
		Kerrigan 5 for 13	

18.6.55.

## STRATHALLAN versus OLD STRATHALLIANS at Forgandenny.

<i>Old Strathallians</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Smith, b Clark	2	Yellowley, b Chalmers	1
Muir, c Anderson, b Hibbs	29	Hudson, c Frost, b Hinshaw	0
Pottie, b Rossie	1	Kenny, c McMillan, b Hinshaw	3
Balfour, lbw, b Anderson	11	Lilley, b Chalmers	12
Chalmers, b Hibbs	0	Clark, b Hinshaw	5
Mitchell, b Anderson	0	Rossie, b Chalmers	4
McLay, b Hibbs	11	Brown, not out	17
McMillan, b Rossie	1	Mackay, b Chalmers	15
Baird, b Rossie	8	Anderson, b Chalmers	1
Hinshaw, b Clark	2	Baird, b Chalmers	0
Frost, not out	1	Hibbs, not out	4
Extras	2	Extras	7
Total 68		Total for 9 wickets 69	
Hibbs 3 for 10.		Chalmers 6 for 23.	

23.6.55.

## STRATHALLAN versus FORGANDENNY C.C. at Forgandenny.

<i>Forgandenny</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
Mackie, b Anderson	6	Yellowley, hit wkt., b Boag	16
Boag, b Rossie	3	Brown, not out	35
Nichol, c Rossie, b Anderson	3	Mackay, not out	28
Smith, c Hudson, b Clark	24	Kenny, Clark, Rossie, Lilley,	
Peter, run out	21	Hudson, Pirrie, Anderson,	
Kettles, c Lilley, b Rossie	0	Hibbs did not bat.	
Kemp, not out	2	Extras	5
Barrie, c Hudson, b Rossie	9	Total for 1 wicket 84	
Kemp D., not out	6		
Kettles S., Henderson did not bat.			
Extras	6		
Total for 7 wickets 80			
Rossie 3 for 18.			

2.7.55.

## STRATHALLAN versus FORGANDENNY C.C. at Forgandenny.

<i>Strathallan</i>		<i>Forgandenny</i>	
Yellowley, b Kemp	23	Mackie, lbw, b Jamieson	11
Brown, b Boag	80	Boag, b Clark	0
Pirrie, lbw, b Nichol	26	Nichol, b Anderson	11
Mackay, b Boag	1	Peter, b Brown	6
Clark, b Boag	41	Barrie, lbw, b Jamieson	0
Rossie, not out	29	Kemp, c Mackay, b Clark	1
Kenny, c Mackie, b Nichol	1	Kettles, b Jamieson	0
Lilley, not out	0	Kemp A., b Clark	0
Hudson, Anderson, Jamieson did not bat.		Kettles A., b Jamieson	0
Extras	11	Henderson, not out	0
Total for 6 wickets dec. 206		Henderson J., b Clark	4
Boag 3 for 47.		Extras	10
		Total 43	
		Jamieson 4 for 11	



6.7.55.

STRATHALLAN versus MASTERS' XI at Forgandenny.

<i>Strathallan</i>		<i>Masters' XI</i>	
Brown, c Birks, b McIntosh ...	25	Breuer, c Hudson, b Jamieson	0
Pirrie, lbw, b McIntosh .....	24	McIntosh, lbw, b Rossie .....	25
Anderson, st Birks, b Breuer ...	0	Bland, b Jamieson .....	0
Clark, st Birks, b Bland .....	21	Birks, c Anderson, b Rossie ...	3
Rossie, st Birks, b Breuer .....	74	Silver, c and b Rossie .....	0
Kenny, c Birks, b Young .....	20	Burnet, c Lilley, b Rossie .....	15
Mackay, run out .....	6	Heron, c Anderson, b Jamieson	1
Lilley, run out .....	6	Young, b Rossie .....	2
Hudson, not out .....	5	Yellowley, b Rossie .....	0
Galbraith, Jamieson did not bat		D'Angibau, not out .....	5
Extras .....	10	Haines, b Clark .....	0
		Extras .....	0
Total for 8 wickets dec. 191		Total 51	
		Rossie, 6 for 13	

9.7.55.

STRATHALLAN versus GLENALMOND at Forgandenny.

<i>Glenalmond</i>		<i>Strathallan</i>	
MacPherson, b Clark .....	6	Yellowley, run out .....	6
Stephen, b Jamieson .....	0	Brown, lbw, b Crawford .....	13
Denholm, c Mackay, b Anderson		Anderson, b MacDonald .....	1
son .....	40	Pirrie, b Murray .....	18
Harvey, b Anderson .....	4	Clark, c Crawford, b MacDonald	
Stowell, b Yellowley .....	41	Donald .....	23
MacDonald, c Yellowley, b		Rossie, lbw, b MacDonald .....	0
Anderson .....	5	Kenny, b MacDonald .....	3
Murray, b Anderson .....	1	Mackay, b Murray .....	0
Roxburgh, lbw, b Yellowley ...	9	Hudson, lbw, b Murray .....	0
MacDonald J., not out .....	26	Lillev, c Roxburgh, b MacDonald	
Crawford, not out .....	16	Donald .....	1
Kennedy did not bat.		Jamieson not out .....	0
Extras .....	4	Extras .....	13
Total for 8 wickets dec. 152		Total 78	
Anderson 4 for 23.		MacDonald 4 for 17.	

## THE SECOND XI

18th May—versus GLASGOW ACADEMY.

Glasgow Academy 57 (Anderson 4 for 17).

Strathallan 58 for 1 wicket (Baird 21 not out, MacCallum 34 not out).

26th May—versus Daniel Stewart's.

Daniel Stewart's 71.

Strathallan 73 for no wicket (Mackay 37 not out, Pirrie 36 not out).

1st June—versus Perth Academy.

Perth Academy 122.

Strathallan 123 for 5 wickets (Mackay 68).

8th June—versus Dollar Academy.

Dollar Academy 96 (Anderson 5 for 23).

Strathallan 99 for 6 wickets (Galbraith 55 not out).

9th July—versus Glenalmond.

Strathallan 87 (Kilpatrick 22).

Glenalmond 88 for 6 wickets.

## JUNIOR XI CRICKET MATCHES.

- 28.5.55—versus Drumtochty Castle (H) Won by 10 wickets.  
 Drumtochty Castle 8 (Jones 5 for 1, Sim 3 for 3).  
 Strathallan 51 for 5 (Wallace 28).
- 8.6.55—versus Croftinloan (A) Won by 9 wickets.  
 Croftinloan 21 (Jones 5 for 8, Wallace 3 for 2).  
 Strathallan 24 for 3 (Galt 19).
- 11.6.55—versus Belmont House (A) Lost by 11 runs.  
 Strathallan 58 (Galt 15).  
 Belmont House 69 (Mackenzie 3 for 13).
- 22.6.55—versus Lathallan (A) Lost by 112 runs.  
 Lathallan 143 (Galt 4 for 28).  
 Strathallan 31 (Jones 15 not out).
- 29.6.55—versus Ardvreck (H) Won by 11 runs.  
 Strathallan 76 (Jones 20).  
 Ardvreck 65 (Wallace 4 for 17).
- 6.7.55—versus Craigflower (H) Won by 36 runs.  
 Strathallan 65 (Galt 36).  
 Craigflower 29 (Jones 7 for 6).
- 16.7.55—versus Dalhousie Castle (H) Drawn.  
 Dalhousie Castle 161 (MacKenzie 5 for 40).  
 Strathallan 131 for 8 (Sim 30, Galt 54, Shaw 27 not out).

## JUNIOR SECOND ELEVEN.

- 9.7.55—versus Craigflower 2nd XI (A) Lost by 1 run.  
 Craigflower 2nd XI 58 (Dow 5 for 14).  
 Strathallan 2nd XI 57 (Miller, D. M., 20).

## Hockey

HOCKEY was played with enthusiasm throughout the Summer term and as a result there has been a general improvement in the standard of play. This progress is in no small measure due to the untiring efforts of Mr. H. G. MacIntosh, whose loss will no doubt be much felt.

As has already been mentioned, the standard of play has risen throughout the team, but it is most noticeable in the defence. The backs on the whole were sound, with D. F. Barclay outstanding. The halves were thrustful, frequently supplying the forwards with the ball, and they were reasonably fast getting back into defence. Our main weakness, however, still lies in the forwards. Although quick in approaching the opposite goal, there seems to be a curious reluctance, once in the circle, to shoot, and an annoying inability to score. This defect must be remedied, for however good our defence, without a goal-scoring attack we cannot win matches. Stick work has improved and there is better passing and combination, but there is still ample room for improvement.



*Athletics versus Morrison's Academy*

Playing away this year, we were beaten in our annual match against Glenalmond by two goals to one, and our defeat was largely due to the lack of thrust and inability to score on the part of the forwards.

An exciting fixture was played against Edinburgh Academy at Forgandenny, and although winning by one goal to nil at half-time, we found ourselves, with one minute of playing time left and one goal down. This produced a desperate effort on our part, as a result of which we succeeded, after a breath-taking scuffle in the goal-mouth, in forcing a draw.

The two sides which were entered for the Dunfermline Civic six-a-side tournament in June met with no great success, but several exciting games were played and valuable experience gained.

Not, perhaps, an inspiring record, but under the guidance of Mr. Haines, who has assumed control of hockey this term, and R. W. W. Paterson as Captain, we hope to present a more attractive picture next year.

The following represented the School: R. W. W. Paterson (Capt.), D. F. Barclay, H. Willcox, D. W. N. Forgan, I. Eastwood, K. Leishman, P. D. Gill, D. Leishman, W. T. Macpherson, I. F. Caldwell, J. G. Paton, G. A. Burns, A. L. Pullar.

H.W.

## Athletics

THIS year it was decided to confine track and field athletics to the Summer term. This proved to be advantageous in two ways, for it allowed full scope for the Spring term hockey and cross-country and at the same time afforded to the athletes an uninterrupted three months of good weather for their training and competitions.

For the first time we had a five-laned, radially symmetrical track on Big Acre with the sprint and hurdles straight in the centre, and jumping pits alongside, so that the training facilities were satisfactory.

The results of the Standards competition showed such a marked improvement again that it will at last be possible to raise the standards to a higher, and proper, level next year.

The competitive programme proved to be both interesting and successful. The Schools Championships in Edinburgh, a match against Morrison's Academy, and a sports meeting at Dunblane, led up to the School Sports — held this year on 23rd July.

The School had two first in the Scottish Schools Championships: C. P. Roselle won the Junior High Jump and R. A. Paterson the Senior Half-Mile in 2 mins. 0.1 secs. Paterson improved on this performance several weeks later when he won the Scottish Open Junior Half-Mile in the very good time of 1 min. 59.6 secs.

R.H.

### SCHOOL SPORTS, Saturday, 23rd July, 1955

† indicates new School record.

EVENT	FIRST, SECOND, THIRD		
1 100 yds., Riley Ho.	Holloway, Roselle, Rowand	12.6 secs.	
2 100 yds., Junior	Craig, Roselle, Duncan ...	11.2 secs.	
3 100 yds., Middle	Morrison, Lilley, Sloan ...	10.7 secs.	
4 100 yds., Senior	Anderson, D., Clark, Pirrie	10.7 secs.	
5 Shot Putt., Senior	Rossie, McMurray, Laird ...	†35 ft. 4 ins.	
6 Hurdles, Middle	Lilley, Sloan, Hannah ...	12.0 secs.	
7 Hurdles, Senior	Anderson, D., Leishman, Pattullo	12.2 secs.	
8 440 yds., Junior	Craig, Boxwell, Wingate ...	†57.9 secs.	
9 440 yds., Middle	Morrison, Irvine, Chalmers	†55.8 secs.	
10 330 yds., Riley Ho.	Holloway, Rowand, Roselle	48.4 secs.	
11 Long Jump, Senior	Pirrie, D., Galbraith, Clark	17 ft. 9 ins.	
12 High Jump, Junior	Roselle, Lyle, Thorburn ...	†5 ft. 1½ ins.	
13 High Jump, Riley Ho.	Bremner, Pottinger, Smith ...	4 ft. 3 ins.	
14 220 yds., Junior	Craig, Roselle, Boxwell ...	26.9 secs.	
15 220 yds., Middle	Morrison, Sloan, Lilley ...	24.9 secs.	
16 220 yds., Senior	Galbraith, Anderson, D., Durie	24.9 secs.	
17 Shot Putt., Junior	Craig, Robertson, Sinclair ...	31 ft. 10 ins.	
18 880 yds., Middle	Irvine, Solley, MacCallum ...	2 m. 15 secs.	
19 Shot Putt., Middle	Morrison, Pirie, Booker-M.	34 ft. 4 ins.	



R. A. PATERSON  
Scottish Junior Half-Mile Champion  
1955

The following events were held before Sports Day:

Long Jump, Middle	Lilley, Sloan, Pirrie, A. ...	16 ft. 5½ ins.
Mile	Paterson, Houston, Crabb ...	†4 m. 32 secs.
High Jump, Middle	Grierson, Mackay, MacCallum	†5 ft. 2 ins.
Long Jump, Junior	Boxwell, Roselle, Duncan ...	15 ft. 9 ins.
880 yards, Senior	Paterson, Houston, Crabb ...	†1 m. 59.5 sec.
High Jump, Senior	Clark, Brown, W., MacMurray	5 ft. 2 ins.
440 yards, Senior	Paterson, Houston, Anderson	†52.4 secs.

#### Result of Athletic Championship

1st, Freeland; 2nd, Ruthven; 3rd, Nicol; 4th, Simpson.

Senior Victor Ludorum: R. A. Paterson.

Bruce Mackay Junior Cup: N. H. Morrison.

Junior Championship: W. G. Craig.

**School v. Morrison's Academy on Big Acre, 11.7.55.**

In winning this match by 130 pts. to 81 pts., the School improved considerably on its last year's victory. During the afternoon a number of School records were broken, indicated by \*.

EVENT	FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH	
100 yards, Jun.	Craig, Roselle, M.A., M.A. ...	*11 secs.
" Mid.	M.A., Pirrie, Morrison, M.A. ...	10.5 secs.
" Sen.	M.A., M.A., Anderson, Durie ...	10.4 secs.
Put. Shot, Jun.	Craig, Sinclair, M.A., M.A. ...	32 ft. 8 ins.
440 yards, Sen.	Paterson, Anderson, M.A., M.A. ...	*52.4 secs.
" Mid.	M.A., M.A., Crabb, Irvine ...	54.5 secs.
" Jun.	Craig, Boxwell, M.A., M.A. ...	57.8 secs.
High Jump, Sen.	Laird, Clark, M.A., M.A. ...	5 ft. 2 ins.
" Mid.	Chalmers, M.A., M.A., Pirrie ...	5 ft. 0 ins.
" Jun.	Roselle, Lyle, M.A., M.A. ...	*5 ft. 0 ins.
Long Jump, Sen.	Anderson, M.A., M.A., Clark ...	17 ft. 9 ins.
" Mid.	Sloan, Pirrie, M.A., M.A. ...	16 ft. 11½ ins.
" Jun.	Roselle, Boxwell, M.A., M.A. ...	16 ft. 4½ ins.
220 yards, Sen.	M.A., Anderson, Durie, M.A. ...	24.7 secs.
" Mid.	Morrison, Pirrie, M.A., M.A. ...	24.9 secs.
" Jun.	Roselle, Craig, M.A., M.A. ...	26.5 secs.
880 yards, Mid.	Crabb, Shaw, M.A., M.A. ...	*2 m. 7.6 secs.
Mile, Open	Paterson, Houston, M.A., M.A. ...	*4 m. 37 secs.
Put. Shot, Mid.	M.A., MacMurray, M.A., Morrison ...	39 ft. 6 ins.
" Sen.	M.A., Rossie, Laird, M.A. ...	

M.A. indicates Morrison's Academy

The School won all three relays.

## Old Boys' News

### ENGAGEMENTS

**BARR, John Douglas** (1940/46). On 9th July, 1955, to Margaret Elizabeth Bardgett, Green Ridges, Rotherham.

**CRUICKSHANK, D. A.** (1946/49), to Miss Isobel K. Christie, M.C.S.P., 451 Kilmarnock Road, Newlands.

**FINGLAND, Dr. Ian W.** (1941/45). On 20th July, 1955, to Dr. Margaret J. Croall, of Orcadia, Airdrie.

**SANDERSON, George.** On 10th September, 1955, to Margaret Sinclair, Bonnington, Deniliquin Road, Finley, N.S.W., Australia.

### MARRIAGES

**BIGGART, D. A.** (1943/48), to Miss Patricia Rosemary Wilson, 98 Newlands Road, Glasgow, S.3.

**CRAWFORD, James A. S.** On 15th June, 1955, at Alloway Parish Church, to Jeanette Muirhead Beattie.

**NAIRN, William Main.** On 5th July, 1955, at St. Margaret's Church, Newlands, Glasgow, by Rev. Canon E. H. Brereton, O.B.E., T.D., to Cynthia Joyce Vernon.

**PATON, Walter McGregor.** On 17th September, 1955, at Bonnington Church, Leith, to Barbara Leitch Scott.

**SHANNON, David.** On 10th October, 1955, at Old Kirk, Kilmacolm, to Julia McG. Edwards, M.A.

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Ronald MacLeod, Westering, 31 Pendicle Road, Bearsden, on 15th September, 1955, a daughter, Deirdre Alean.

To Mr. and Mrs. David D. Robinson, Mill House, N. Walsham, Norfolk, on 8th February, 1955, a daughter, Prudence Elizabeth.

### DEATH

On 2nd June, 1955, George Murray Dobson, of Lauder.

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A. Stuart (1944/49) passed the C.A. finals held in May, 1955.

David Shannon (1940/46) is now working as Government Veterinary Officer in an African reserve on the slopes of Mt. Kenya. He tells us that he recently met Edgar Yates serving in the Kenya Police but who is now an Agricultural Officer and who recently married a Kenya girl.

A. Ronald MacLeod (1938/41) is Convener of the Glasgow Congress Liaison Committee for the World Congress of Junior Chambers of Commerce in Edinburgh. Around 500 delegates are expected to attend from 35 countries.

George D. W. Campbell (1934/38) has been appointed optician to the Co-operative Society Ltd., in Lincoln.

John Douglas Barr (1940/46) is now working as an assistant in Retford, Nottingham, and graduated B.V.M.S., M.R.C.V.S., at Glasgow on 9th July, 1955.

William M. Nairn was assumed a partner of Messrs. Nairn, Bowes & Craig, chartered accountants, on 1st September, 1955.

Dr. Ian D. Henderson (1926/30) was the winner of the Kildalton Cross Amateur Golf Tournament at Machrie, Isle of Islay, in August, 1955.

David J. Whitton (1937/41) is being posted to R.A.F. Leuchars, Kinross, with effect from 15th November. He hopes to get in touch with fellow Strathallians on his return to Scotland. He would like to contact any members connected with journalism or publishing in the United Kingdom.

James Mason Paterson (1946/53), of Kilmacolm, was a bronze medallist at Glasgow School of Architecture.

Alan Watt (1935/38), a director in Watt Brothers, Glasgow, has been appointed President of Appeal for Scotland for the Wholesale and Retail Drapery Trade Benevolent Fund.

T. R. L. Fraser (1944/46), of Toward, Argyllshire, has been appointed Assistant Agricultural Economist at King's College, Newcastle.



Iain W. G. Taylor (1950/53), of Aberdeen, has been promoted L/Cpl. i/c Medical Documentation Office of the R.A.O.C., Portsmouth. He writes to say that he met by chance Flight Cadet E. J. E. Smith (1950/54) on a visit to Portsmouth from R.A.F. College, Cranwell — a lively reunion resulted!

N. E. H. Crosby (1951/54) has now returned to Glasgow and is shortly taking a regular commission with the Gordon Highlanders.

William Steel (1929/37), now living at 29 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, writes that he would be glad to welcome any Strathallians passing through Geneva. Billy Steel was a glider pilot during the war, completing his service as Staff Captain, 6th Airborne Division. He has been with the United Nations Organisation for the last eight years and has now been appointed Chief Accountant and Budget Officer with the European Organisation for Nuclear Research.

## Golfing Notes

ON Thursday, 9th June, the Spring Meeting was played over the Royal Burgess Course, Edinburgh. The weather was magnificent and the eleven entrants spent a most enjoyable afternoon. The winner, R. S. Johnston, O.S., was closely followed by R. B. Reid, the scoring being of a high order.

The Summer Meeting was as usual held on the King's Course at Gleneagles. Sunday, 19th June, was a dry, warm but windy day, and the field of sixteen enjoyed the golf. The winner of the Bogie Trophy was Leonard Galloway (8) 68 net, the runner-up being club secretary George C. Turner (13) 72 net.

Old Prestwick Course on Thursday, 8th September, was the scene of the Autumn Meeting. Fifteen entrants battled round the bone dry and well burned course which was a real test for the experts. Ian MacEwan, of Stirling, and Dr. Ian Henderson, of Erskine, tied for first place, with a well-spun coin electing the former winner. Dr. L. S. Scott, of East Renfrewshire, was a worthy runner-up and the outing was a great success.

Mention should be made of the Strathallian Club team's excellent showing in the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy held on the Royal Burgess Course, Edinburgh, from 24th to 26th September.

The Club team consisted of :

1. J. W. Draper and I. McEwan.
2. R. Neill and R. H. Patterson.
3. R. S. Johnston and J. F. Padkin.

The team had a bye in the first round but played a friendly game with Old Rossallians, winning 3-0.

Glasgow High School were worthy opponents in the second round when the team won 2-1. The first pair beat F. W. Deighton and R. McAndrew 7 and 6: a very fine effort. The second pair winning at the 19th hole after a closely fought match clinched the result in favour of the Club.

In the third round the team had a good victory over Boroughmuir, the first couple losing and the second and third winning by 2 holes and 6 and 5 respectively.

The team met Hillhead High School in the semi-final when the first couple won at the 20th hole against W. D. Smith and Pitrie. This should have been easily won but Draper went off his game and only the excellent match temperament of Ian MacEwan saved the game. The second couple won 4 and 3 against B. Lennox and G. Ross, but the third couple went off form, losing 5 and 4.

In the final the team lost 1-2 to Watsonians. The first pair had a bad round and lost 4 and 3. The second pair won a convincing victory of 5 and 4, while the third pair lost 7 and 5. The better team won.

The team as a whole, and the second pair in particular, deserve our sincere congratulations for their excellent showing against some stiff opposition. Can we hope to see the trophy held by the Club in the not-too-distant future?

## **EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY**

TERM has only just started at the time of writing, so many people here may have been missed out, especially among the newcomers or "Freshers". Apologies to them.

Only two Freshers heard of so far: A. Clement and R. Hamilton, both in Agricultural College. Alan, who is doing a short diploma in Dairying, hopes to find time to play rugby; no doubt he will. Robert is doing the longer Dairying course; both are settling in rapidly. C. Rogers will be in the final year of his Agricultural course now.

Among the Accountants, J. Shaw has now qualified and left to join the R.A.F. — just last week in fact. He looks forward to a good time, an easy life, and hopes to go abroad.

H. Stuart, having obtained a B.Sc. Agriculture, has now joined the C.A.s. A glutton for punishment, or perhaps he just enjoys 'varsity.

D. McKenzie, now sitting first final C.A., has taken up gliding as a hobby. Seems to be getting on well. He flies from Balado Bridge, so he may be seen over Strath. He has joined the Motor Club with an M.G. Magnette.

Ian Stewart, now in the fourth year C.A., divides his spare time between golf and the Union, and collected valued pieces of gossip for this article.

D. Rossie has qualified in Technical Chemistry. He expects to go to the R.A.F. any day now.

We hear that Mike Edwards is enjoying himself in second year Law and that Alan Arneil is doing likewise in Surveying.

Ewan Spink is now in final year Medicine. He divides his spare time between the Air Squadron, the Motor Club and the Union.

### **GLASGOW UNIVERSITY**

OF those who joined the Strathallan contingent this term W. R. Brown is studying Naval Architecture and plays rugger for one of the University teams. D. Laird and D. Barclay are in first year Engineering and Veterinary Surgery respectively.

J. D. Hood and H. Stuart are both in second year Engineering, while I. Fitzpatrick is in his third year.

F. C. T. McLay is in his final year in Civil Engineering.

S. Chalmers, A. Campbell, W. Tulloch and M. Dillon are all chartered accountants in Glasgow.

L. D. Marshal occasionally plays fives at the University, where D. Muir is fives captain.

C. McCready, A. C. I. Duncan and A. Campbell are going into second "professional" examinations in Medicine.

K. Baird is waiting to do his National Service and in the meantime is working in his father's engineering firm.

J. McIntyre celebrated his twenty-first birthday in September.

### **ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY**

THIS year appears to be one of the fullest we shall have here in St. Andrews. From the Medicals' point of view it will be the

busiest. The British Medical Students Association are holding their A.G.M. here in November. The policies of the B.M.S.A. are determined at the Annual General Meeting and each member school sends at least one delegate to the conference. The highlight of the week, of course, is the Bute Medical Ball held on the Friday night.

Another item on the extra curricular course is the Rectorial. Two candidates so far have been put forward, namely Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, the Lord Chancellor, and Lord Beveridge. The Rector is the students' representative at the University Court over which he presides. Famous names among past rectors include Andrew Carnegie, Field Marshal Haig, Sir James Barrie, Kipling, Nansen, Smuts, Marconi and the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres who was our last Rector. We hope to present a full account of the Rectorial in our next issue.

#### **UNITED COLLEGE OF ST. SALVATOR'S AND ST. LEONARD'S.**

This year we welcome two new Strathallians to the University: R. G. F. Walker is in first year Arts and has joined O.T.C.; in first year Science is John McInnes. Both students are to be seen at badminton every week.

Ronald Philip is now in third year Medicine. We wish him every success in his second professional exams, in March. He is playing badminton for the 2nd VI.

#### **QUEEN'S COLLEGE, DUNDEE**

A fog seems to have fallen over Dundee. None of the Strathallians over there have an idea what the others are doing.

Alistair Clayton would like any Old Boys at Queen's to get in touch with him. Alistair is now in the fourth year Medicine and plays hockey regularly.

In final year Medicine are Lawrence Barclay and Ian Aitkenhead. Douglas Boyd is in fifth year dentistry and is boxing for the University. Attending the College is Colin Raitt. Colin is combining Law classes and Chartered Accountancy.

### IRISH UNIVERSITIES' LETTER

It would appear that there are four Strathallians studying in Irish Universities.

At the Queen's University at Belfast, J. McKee (1947-51), the senior representative, is in his final year of an honours course in Modern History. He also finds time to serve the R.N.V.R. as a sub-lieutenant and occasionally to play rugger. J. H. Sinclair (1948-54), second year Arts, is to be seen now and then flitting between Union and Library. He is a committee member of the University Unionists Association. A. C. Millar (1949-54), reading History, also second year, occasionally plays rugger and has also taken up fencing.

At Trinity College, Dublin, is A. A. Barclay (1948-52), now a third year Medical student, and presently working feverishly for his second M.B. exam. in March. He is sometimes seen in Belfast at the week-ends.

A welcome will be extended to any other Strathallians venturing across the sea to Ireland, and also to those, should there be any, studying in the outposts of learning in Ireland.

### SALVETE

Blackwood, J. B.; Bucher, M. J.; Cook, V.; Dobson, W. G. M.; Duff, T. G.; Findlay, M. A.; Gibson, J. G.; Goodall, P. T.; Grant, P. M.; Gray, R. B.; Griffith, S. C.; Harron, S. M. B.; Hallgren, J. L.; Hayward, J. J. U.; Houston, A. M.; Hutton, B. W.; James A. R. M.; Johnston, A. G.; Lawson, E. A.; Lindsay, N. D. M.; Martin, J. C.; Massam, J. B. W.; Mitchell, M. R.; Munn, G. S.; Paterson, N. D. L.; Paterson, R. S.; Porter, J. G.; Quin, P. R.; Robertson, I. A.; Scott, R. H.; Smith, R. B.; Smith, R. M.; Stark, R. C.; Turner, D. I.; Valentine, F. P.; Woolley, I. G.

VALETE

Barclay, D. F.	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. 1st XI Hockey. Pipe Band.
Baxter, G. C.	2nd XI Cricket. Athletics Team. Pipe Band.
Brown, W. R.	School Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. 1st XI Cricket. 1st XI Hockey. Sergeant (Army).
Bruce, D. R. D.	
Cleland, A. E.	
Dinsmore, H. W.	House Captain of Nicol. 1st XV Rugby.
Durie, A. J.	Athletics Team.
Forgan, D. W. N.	House Captain of Freeland. Pipe-Major.
Gill, P. D.	House Prefect. 2nd XV Rugby. Sergeant (Army). Fives Team.
Haddow, C. D.	House Prefect.
Hamilton, R. S.	Orchestra.
Johnson, J. R.	1st XV Rugby.
Kenny, B. G.	House Prefect. 1st XI Cricket.
Laird, D. A.	House Prefect. 2nd XI Cricket. Pipe Band.
Law, D. B.	
Mackay, R. C. H.	1st XI Cricket.
Miller, D. M.	
Miller, H. G.	
Mitchell, I. C.	2nd XV Rugby.
Paterson, R. A.	School Captain. House Captain of Simpson. 1st XV Rugby (Captain). Athletics Team (Captain). Sergeant-Major (Army).
Porter, F. M.	
Robertson, W. D.	
Roselle, S. R.	
Sellar, G. L.	
Solley, S. H.	
Walker, R. G. F.	House Prefect. Sergeant (Army). 2nd XI Cricket. Dux of School.
Williamson, R. G.	
Wilson, A. R.	
Wiseman, A. W.	House Prefect.

### OUR CONTEMPORARIES

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