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Editorial

LIKE most of Scotland, Forgardenny has been waterlogged quite often in recent weeks, although the Rugby programme has been surprisingly little affected. But there have been times when crash-diving rather than crash-tackling has been in order, and, indeed, when the coaches' cry of "dive!" has been ambiguous. As a result of the rains, Little Acre has been definitely proved a better pitch than Big Acre, so that all First Fifteen matches are now played there.

However sensible, such a break with the past will be regretted by many, but the other recent change—in electrical supplies—is an almost unmixed blessing. Of course, the new link to the power lines will be deplored when a really difficult prep. is being done. Once we were able to hope that sudden darkness would intervene, but in weather which would have produced many electrical failures before the new installation, the lights have never even faltered.

We are now thoroughly settled into the Study Block, and this is reflected in the individual studies, which present a comfortable, lived-in appearance. It may be imagination, but we also feel that the more solid appearance of the First Fifteen is possibly due to the building-up derived from evening snacks cooked in the brewing rooms. Certainly, results would indicate that our opponents have found us much more difficult to deal with than they did last season.

But as always there is little room for complacency, although we have obviously progressed a long way during these last few years of solid reconstruction. The School has a wonderful opportunity to rise to new heights, if all are determined that it shall. In the words of Brutus:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

School Notes and Notices

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

Mr. K. V. Birks, late Scholar of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. He is in charge of the school Physics.

Mr. D. F. Bland, Cambridge University, Geography and Mathematics. He has played rugger for Cambridge University, East Midlands and Northampton, and since he came here he has been playing for Edinburgh Wanderers. He is helping Mr. Heron to coach the first XV.

Mr. P. Breuer, London University. He is in charge of the school Chemistry.

Mr. J. M. Fifer. Mr. West has taken Mr. Cutforth's place in charge of the Music and Mr. Fifer has succeeded Mr. West to help with the music and teach some Mathematics.

Mr. T. C. Green. He is in charge of physical training. He played rugger for Loughborough College and Swansea University.

Mr. J. C. Shuttleworth, Bristol University. He is in charge of the Mathematics Department. He is a keen sailor and is going to take charge of the naval section when it comes into being.

We were sorry to say good-bye to Mr. Cutforth, who left in July to take charge of music at Maidstone Grammar School, where he has control of three school orchestras. He came in January, 1951, and under his enthusiastic guidance the school orchestra has taken its present shape. He did much to encourage the music in the school. Whilst he was here the school performed "H.M.S. Pinafore", "The Mikado" and Haydn's "Creation". In addition the choir grew and flourished under his care.

Mr. Thomas, who joined us in June, 1951, left to become Headmaster of the Residential Training Centre, Sauchie, Alloa. He was a great help in the workshop, where he spent many hours helping those keen on this hobby.

Mr. Maxwell, who came here in January, 1951, and looked after the school cricket and taught Geography, also left in the summer.

Mr. Kershaw came to help out for a year with the P.T. and left to take a course in Social Welfare at Liverpool University.

On the east side of Rothesay Pier the plots of grass have been removed. In the place of one a pavement leads from the cloak-room to the studies while the remainder of the pier, right down to the end of the studies, has been resurfaced with grey chips. The final result is very satisfactory and greatly appreciated by

parents visiting by car, and by the army drill instructors on Fridays.

The scout hut has now been taken over by the Sailing Club, who recently moved in with a "Cadet" and a "Firefly".

Only two of the hard tennis courts remain as such. The lines of the other four have been raised, the surrounding netting removed, and from now they will be used for Hockey and Basketball.

The laboratories have received much new equipment and a little office has now been built in the anteroom for the use of the Chemistry masters.

A new classroom (the old tuckshop beside the Fives Courts) has been obtained for the Upper Sixth. The Aeromodelling Room is now being prepared for Biology, which is to become a major subject in the school curriculum, and the Aeromodellers, in their turn, have moved into the old book store.

The eclipse was watched with interest by the school, but although several snaps were taken, the photographers were too inexperienced to obtain any results.

The showers in the old laundry have had new composition walls and floor fitted, and it is now no longer necessary to paddle through inches of water in order to bathe.

Award of Cups, 1953-54

Victor Ludorum, R. A. Paterson. Bruce Mackay Cup, D. B. Pirrie. President's Cup, Old Strathallians. Senior Rugger, Ruthven. Junior Rugger, Simpson. Cricket, Simpson and Ruthven. Sports, Simpson. Fives, Ruthven. J. G. S. Forrest Memorial Shield, Old Strathallians. House Championship Flags, Simpson.

Examination Results

Cambridge General Certificate of Education

The following were successful:

Advanced Level

Edwards, W. M.: English; Latin.
Hood, J. D.: Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
Millar, A. C.: History.

Ordinary Level (in five or more subjects)

Beveridge, R. F.	Hellon, R.	Prophet, W. T. D.
Clark, J. G.	Hunter, K. R.	Robertson, A. I.
Clement, D. A.	Inglis, E. J. M.	Rossie, M. D.
Davidson, E. A.	Jack, W. D.	Swan, J. M.
Eason, R. S.	Kenny, B. G.	Thain, D. A.
Eastwood, I.	Leishman, K. F. L.	Thomas, J. D.
Edgar, D. S.	McInnes, J. W.	Willcox, H.
Galbraith, W. R.	Palmer, D. A. B.	Wiseman, A. W.
Hamilton, R. S.	Paterson, R. W. W.	

Scottish Leaving Certificate

The following were successful in various subjects:

Barclay, D. F.	Gray, R. A.	Paton, J. S.
Crosby, N. E. H.	Haddow, C. D.	Philip, R. J. M.
Davidson, P.	Laird, D. A.	Prophet, P. I.
Dinsmore, H. W.	Mackay, R. C. H.	Ross, R. C.
Edwards, W. M.	McGregor, J. S. M.	Scott, C. D.
Fitzpatrick, A. J.	Menzies, J. C.	Stewart, I. O.
Forgan, D. W. N.	Paterson, R. A.	Walker, R. G. F.

Founder's Day

THE weather was very dull, but the rain kept off, allowing the Old Boys' Cricket Match to be played in the early afternoon, soon after the morning service. The highlight of the cricket match was the first wicket partnership between Scott and Yellowley of 120 and the School declared after tea at 141 for 2 wickets. The Old Boys had the misfortune to lose their first wicket (and incidently their captain) on the first ball of the innings; and their final score was 40 all out.

Also during the course of the afternoon, two pairs of doubles played remarkably strenuous games of fives, the School narrowly beating the Old Boys: but not far away on the lawn tennis courts, the Old Boys soundly beat the School.

Without the usual water polo the swimming was relatively dull, but despite all the School's efforts, the Old Boys outswam us.

The result of the afternoon's contest depended on the relay race. In this, however, the School was greatly handicapped by the Scottish Schools' Championship falling on the same day, so that we had to field a second relay team. As was expected, the School lost, and the Old Boys finally won the day.

The Headmaster presented the President's Cup to the Old Boys, and the School was duly presented with the wooden spoon.

R. N. B.

"BETTER is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit", says the preacher.

We in Strathallan cannot agree with the first part, but perhaps Mr. Bain might—it has certainly taken much patience to put up with the vagaries of schoolmasters (and boys) over the last thirty years.

His connection with the estate goes back twice as far: for he came as a child to a house whose name has a familiar ring to



post-war Strathallians, and one of the door posts still bears the initials of the apprentice trying his skill at lettering. That apprenticeship was very thorough, and was followed by seven years' service in Glasgow in the consolidation of his craft. Then came a workshop of his own in a beautiful Highland strath. A picture of that workshop is still one of his prized possessions.

The call of Forgandenny was strong, however, and when Mr. Riley needed some able person to care for the material side of his school, who better than the man who had grown up in its grounds? That the choice was right is evidenced by the state of those grounds to-day. Mr. Bain has been associated with Mr.

Riley and then with his successors in the continuous improvement and bringing up-to-date of the school buildings, culminating in the latest addition, the Studies block opened in July this year. The fact that all these buildings, as well as being our pride, are the admiration of all who visit the school is further witness to the skill and unceasing care of our Clerk of Works. He has, besides, gathered round him a staff of whose efforts and support he is rightly proud and whose constancy is further proof of their leader's being the right man in the right place.

Nor has he been concerned only with the school. Forgan-denny itself owes him more than a little. For many years he has been an Elder in the Parish Church—he is the senior member of the Session—and there his loyalty to all worthy causes is ably supported by Mrs. Bain. The splendid Village Hall owes much to his interest and enthusiasm.

Into their retirement, when, fortunately, they are not completely lost to us, Mr. and Mrs. Bain carry our most grateful thanks for their loyal and devoted service to the School. Our best wishes go with them, and we sincerely hope that the years of retirement will be long and happy.

D.S.

Chapel Notes

THE following preached at our Chapel Services during the Summer Term: 2nd May, Mr. H. G. Newman; 9th May, Rev. R. Selby Wright; 16th May, Rev. W. M. Aitken; 23rd May, the Headmaster; 30th May, The Rev. D. Porter; 6th June, Rev. Professor W. S. Tindal; 13th June, School visited Forgan-denny Church; 20th June, Rev. W. Campbell; 4th July, Mr. C. P. Hewson; 11th July, Rev. Dr. T. B. Stewart Thomson; 18th July, Headmaster.

12 candidates were admitted to full membership of the Church of Scotland at the Service on 18th July.

Lectures and Entertainments

THIS term, so far, three separate entertainments have been presented to the School. The first of these was the film "Morning Departure" which depicted the loss of a British submarine in peace time as a result of detonating a floating mine. Preceding this was a short film showing the joint Anglo-Norwegian expedition to the island of Spitzbergen, to prevent the Nazis over-running its valuable coal reserves.

On the 23rd of October, we were honoured by another visit from Lady Forbes. After the standard set by her lecture on Peru, expectation ran high, and we were not disappointed. She

*Chorley Hall, Cheshire*

[M. C. Padkin]

began by saying that her love of South Africa was the result of her being born there. She then followed this up with a brief history of her land: her friendly informal manner making this a pleasure to listen to. She then described the natural beauty of the country, laying special emphasis on both the nocturnal splendour of the veldt and the colour variety of the flowers on Table Mountain. She mentioned a hunting trip with the late Cecil Rhodes, a visit to the Kruger National Park, and an ostrich farm, and lastly the mysterious city of Zimbabwe deep in the Rhodesian bush. She had made the acquaintance of Rudyard Kipling, Oom Paul Kruger and General Smuts, for whom she expressed great admiration. Her whole lecture was punctuated by many amusing anecdotes, mainly about her experiences. Lady Forbes ended by presenting a map and three books on South Africa to R. A. Paterson, the School Captain, to be given to the School library.

The School's appreciation of such an entertaining lecture was marked by enthusiastic applause.

Two days later Captain Peter Churchill, the famous war-time secret agent and author, arrived to deliver a lecture on the

French Resistance Movement during the last war. He began by comparing the French resistance to that of the Poles, and went on to portray the defence of Warsaw against Russian treachery and German attack. The admiration which he felt for the Poles, and brave commander, General Bor-Komorovski, was amply manifested to us by the statement that the siege was "an epic of human bravery". He continued by describing the work of the French resistance and his own experiences with them on one of his missions to the South-East Zone of France. His terse, humorous style came into full play when he went on to describe, during this mission, the adventures of a woman agent named Lise, and in the same style, which he found had a great appeal to his young audience, he carried on with the story of the first Maquis (French resistance group) to be armed by the British. This story of men who fought against odds of thirty to one, the massacre of the hundred local people, who, going home, were betrayed by their countrymen, the final description of the beautiful cemetery in which they were buried, and the monument erected to them made a profound impression on the school.

He ended by relating the personal story of his parachute landing to aid these men and of his meeting on a mountain top with his wireless operator (Arnaud) and Lise. The lecture was concluded with the dramatic declaration that Lise was the famous "Odette", his wife. Captain Churchill, who was captured by the German Gestapo and naturally did not bring this subject into his lecture, held the school's interest throughout. It was a lecture which we will not forget for a long time.

A.W.W.

Music Notes

MUCH of the musical activity this term has been concentrated on learning the music for the "Pirates of Penzance", which is to be performed at the end of March next year. It is hoped that by the end of term all the music of the first act will have been staged. At the time of writing, we are realising just what a large amount of work lies ahead of us.

The orchestra is rehearsing for an informal concert at the beginning of December at which it will perform a number of short pieces in various combinations of wind instruments and strings as well as "tutti". This concert will be the first occasion on which the tympani, which the school acquired last term, will have been used. It is also expected that the brass section of the orchestra will be considerably augmented—to the extent of two or three trumpets, French horn and trombone.

At the end of last term the orchestra accompanied the anthem "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", in chapel. D. M. Sinclair playing the difficult oboe solo very creditably. Next

term it is hoped that it will accompany another anthem "Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer", by Mozart.

Two members of the orchestra, K. Leishman (French horn) and D. M. Sinclair (oboe), are widening their musical experiences considerably by playing at rehearsals of the Perth orchestra every week; Mr. Fifer (viola) and Mr. Binnian (cello) also play in this orchestra.

Among the anthems that have been performed by the choir last term and this term have been: "We love the place where thy honour dwells" by Brahms; "Rejoice in the Lord" by Purcell; and "Praise him" by Bach; and on the Sunday before the Carol Service we expect to do the first chorus from Handel's "Messiah"—"And the glory of the Lord".

Finally, there will have been two concerts at the school this term: one, a recital of songs given by David Malcolm, who sang the part of Raphael in the "Creation", and the other, a concert by the Dundee orchestra, which is being given in the Gym. on November 27th.

The following boys have passed Associated Board examinations for the pianoforte:

I. D. E. Sim—Grade I.

R. J. Kinvig—Grade II.

G.W.

Combined Cadet Force

Appointments

C.S.M., R. J. M. Philip; C.Q.M.S., R. A. Paterson.

Flt. Sgt., D. H. Scott; Pipe-Major, D. W. N. Forgan.

Senior Sgt., D. A. Laird.

GENERAL: The contingent is now organised on a Platoon basis, separate from training arrangements, for administration. There are four House Platoons and a House "Efficiency" Competition is being run this session. It is hoped to obtain a trophy for this at some future date. Each House Platoon has now become the responsibility of a senior cadet for administration and general efficiency, under the C.S.M. Contingent training is now the responsibility of Colour-Sgt. Paterson, and the future "Q" staff is beginning to learn its job. A start has thus been made in the process of turning the contingent over to the cadets themselves.

The main difficulty confronting the contingent at the present time is the shortage of senior N.C.O.s. Millar and Arneil, who left the School last term, are very considerably missed, especially on the instructing side.



Guard of Honour for Brigadier T. L. Binney, C.B.E.

A "Log" of contingent activities has been commenced and should prove interesting reading in a year or so. An N.C.O., L/Cpl. Padkin, is in charge of this project.

Another year of substantial progress on the Miniature Range is recorded elsewhere in this magazine by Mr. Spurgin who, now with the assistance of the S.S.I., continues to give generously of his time to this important activity. A House Shooting competition is to be held this term, and a trophy has been presented for this.

A Royal Navy Section is to be formed by the beginning of next term under the command of Lieutenant J. C. Shuttleworth, R.N.V.R., whom we welcome to the contingent. It is intended that there should eventually be an R.N. Section of about twenty cadets, and this would absorb, with the existing R.A.F. Section, about forty-five cadets of the estimated overall total of 200.

Army Section

3 officers and 55 cadets attended camp at Cultybraggan. General opinion was that compared with Buddon the accommodation and training facilities were excellent, and even without this comparative standard, they were certainly very good. Training was rendered easier than expected by the loan of a

subaltern from the K.O.S.B. company which administered the camp, and his enthusiasm easily made up for our ignorance. Our thanks are due to Lt. Col. Little, K.O.S.B., whose staff, Lt. Col. Grassie, D.S.O. (Perth Academy), and Major Jardine, M.B.E., as Liaison Officer and Welfare Officer respectively, made life very easy for us. Our stay was pleasant and profitable, and although it rained on occasion we returned home without any ill effects.

Next year (as an experiment), camp will probably be from 21st to 28th April, but its location is still being debated at the Highest Level. The unusual date proposed for this camp may at least save us from the burden of official visits from all and sundry which we had to bear in July, and the weather is very often better, if cooler, than in summer.

The Signals Section continues to flourish under Corporal Haddow and the Gunner Section remains unofficial yet active within the framework of the Cert. A training programme. The Section will, we hope, become "official" in the Summer term.

M.H.

R.A.F./C.C.F. Section

Camp this year was a definite disappointment, and although the contingent created a good impression in the first day or two, flooding of the camp site forced an early departure.

The results in the proficiency and advanced proficiency examinations were not so good as usual and more serious work is required in this direction. We welcome Mr. Shuttleworth who is lecturing on both navigation and meteorology, two previously weak subjects.

During the latter part of September, the long awaited glider replacement arrived, and we are now looking for favourable conditions before training and gliding work will again be in progress. We are considerably luckier in this respect this year as last Easter Mr. Heron took a gliding course at Edzell and is now a proficient instructor. This insures regular training periods whereas before we relied upon the irregular visits of Flight Sergeant Scholfield, from Turnhouse.

Promotions: Cpl. Macgregor to Sergeant; Cadets Dinsmore, Clark and Barclay to Corporal.

D.H.S.

The Photographic Society

THE Society has been meeting regularly every Friday this term for talks and demonstrations in various branches of the art, such as contact printing, enlarging, dry mounting, and composition. A keen, but at present, small group is making full use of the

facilities in the dark room, and it is hoped to put on a good exhibition in the Summer with the accent on "It's all my own work".

The Society will welcome new members and is interested in any photographs suitable for the School Magazine or for next year's Christmas Card. Do not look upon Winter as a season when no good pictures can be made.

C.P.H.

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

THE interest in the signals section has increased lately and the classification results were satisfactory. Unfortunately, however, only one of the classified signallers has stayed on to help with instruction.

The Scottish Command net has been reorganised on a geographical basis and as a result no contact has been made with any members of the net, namely army units. The Inter-Command net has been reorganised on a free for all basis, but it has not been working long enough for opinions to be formed. On the old system we contacted a large number of English schools, among them Marlborough College, Repton School, Rugby, Uppingham, Tonbridge and Warwick School.

C.D.H.

Mountaineering

THIS term there has been one meet, at Glen Clova Youth Hostel. This is a memorable event in that the party spent the night of Saturday at the Hostel, and were thus enabled to make a full day out of Sunday. Tolmount and Tombuidhe were climbed without undue effort and in brilliant sunshine during the morning. From the summits, which are true Cairngorm tops in that they are broad and relatively flat for all their 3000 feet above the sea, the whole of the main Cairngorm plateau could be seen, the tops neatly cut off by low cloud. To the South some averred that they could see the Forth Bridge (well, nearly) and the Ochils were quite easily identified. There was no rain, and that made the whole week-end even more memorable.

A party of some twenty boys with two masters are to go to Norefjell this coming January. They will do their best to learn to ski, and a fair measure of their enthusiasm is to be seen in their acceptance of the afternoon of 1st January as the departure date, from Newcastle. Norway offers all kinds of snow conditions, and those who go will be very well equipped to make the best possible use of normal ski-ing facilities in Scotland when they return.

M.H.

*The Pipe Band*

[M. C. Padkin]

Pipes and Drums

WE shall hear little of the Pipes and Drums playing by the Lady's Well this term, but massed chanters blow each Wednesday evening and already five new tunes have been added to the repertoire of the senior members of the band, both Pipers and Drummers. The contingent did well to come as high on the list as it did at Goldenacre in the Public Schools' Piping Competition, but next year we must try to do even better. An encouraging number of beginners is available this year, with useful talent amongst them, so that the replacements that will be needed for those leaving in the summer are assured. A leopard skin has been cheaply obtained for the use of the bass drummer, and only the fact that some necessary alterations are being made to it has prevented its public appearance before now. This will more or less complete the equipment for the band for two or three years to come.

P/M. Forgan won the Solo Piping Cup in June and Drummer Smith that for the Solo Drumming.

M.H.

The Fly-Tying Club

THIS season we have had an increase in members, many of whom are able to tie a recognisable trout fly. Mr. Binnian, the president of the club, has offered a prize for the twelve best flies of a recognisable type. These are to be judged by a professional from Perth. Also it is hoped to exhibit some specimens on next Speech Day.

Fishing, however, has been disappointing, although we are hoping for better results next season.

P.M. and H.I.C.B-M.



[M. C. Padkin

Anstruther Harbour

Art Society

THIS is the fourth year of the Art Society under the careful guidance of Mr. J. Stratton-Watt. We sadly miss E. J. E. Smith and R. A. Gray, but there are many promising new members whose zeal and talent will soon make up for their loss.

The classes are held on Wednesday and Saturday evenings during the activities period. The class finds the need for a new room of its own and a safe place to keep the paintings and drawings. It is at present using the room beside the workshops, which will soon be turned into a biology laboratory.

The Art Society holds its exhibitions in the summer term. This is a representative fraction of the hard work done during the year and the painting adjudged the best receives the much coveted Art Prize.

The internal organisation of the society is carried out by Mr. Young, who is responsible for its upkeep.

R.F.B. and N.E.H.C.

Radio Club

AFTER the departure of Mr. Gibbs at the end of the Summer Term, 1953, the Club was disbanded until the beginning of the Winter Term, 1954, when it was reformed with Mr. Shuttleworth as Honorary President. At present the Club is sharing the old book store with the Aeromodelling Club, but in the near future it is hoped that a separate room will be obtained.

The Club has nine members who, between them, have five "Medium-Long" sets and four short wave sets.

A.S.M.

Dancing

SCOTTISH Country Dancing continues under House Arrangements whenever the "Pirates of Penzance" permit. A Record Player has been purchased by and for the four senior houses, and this enables two groups to dance on the same evening, if need be—the Headmaster's Deccalion continuing on its most generous loan to the School.

It is intended to hold a dance on St Andrew's Night, as last year, when the band will play and Pipe-Major Sinclair will probably assist us with a reel or two.

Highland Dancing is progressing favourably under the S.S.I., Mr. Price, and a very passable Foursome is under construction. The Sword Dancers are increasing in number and a Highland Fling is probable within a few weeks.

K. Leishman is General Secretary to the organisation and N. S. Shaw has charge of the records.

M.H.

The Mathematical Society

WHEN Mr. Shuttleworth arrived he initiated a new society. This society intends to deal with topics of mathematical interest which are outside the normal school syllabus. Although there have been no outside speakers as yet we hope to have some in the future, and we have had some interesting discussions amongst ourselves. Among other mathematical models we are in the process of constructing, an electronic brain is being built, and we hope this will be on display next Speech Day.

J.W.M.

El Alamein

The desert sand ran with their blood,
Just twelve short years ago;
That gallant band who gave their lives
To subjugate the foe.
They lie in perfect silence still,
Beneath the blazing sun;
O'er-topped by countless crosses
Their course of life is run.
That we should ne'er forget them
A sepulchre we raise,
To mark the eternal resting place
Of those we love and praise.

Kenya's National Parks

IN common with many other countries of the "Dark Continent", the history of Kenya is brief if unspectacular. A hundred years ago Kenya was a land of great, sun-baked plains and pathless scrub, of high mountains and primeval forests—inhabited by a few scattered tribes of primitive natives and by huge herds of game. Life in this land was difficult and utterly remote from the outside world, so that when the first explorers arrived they found a country of mystery and unknown resources—peopled by tribes of strange men, sometimes friendly, sometimes inquisitive, and often hostile.

In the wake of these pioneers the first of the white men trickled in; slowly at first, but in ever-increasing numbers until at last the natives were subjugated and their land taken from them. With them the white men brought their marvellous inventions, and on the introduction of the rifle it seemed as though the wild life of Kenya was to be doomed. It is true that to begin with the animal life in this part of Africa existed in unparalleled numbers, but it was not long before this living wealth revealed its great possibilities to the new arrivals, resulting in the setting up of an extensive traffic in ivory, skins and trophies.



A Rhino in the Tsavo National Park

The slaughter continued unabated until, by the end of the First World War, and in the years following it, the herds began to dwindle, leaving vast areas of the Athi and Serengeti Plains—formerly so widely habited—bare and unvisited except for the occasional groups of animals passing on to the comparative security of the Bushveldt. The alarming rate at which the game was disappearing presented a difficult problem to the authorities; a problem which was only solved by the formation of National Parks and the decision to make the rarer species, such as leopard, eland and kudu, royal game, thus checking their probable extinction.

Each of Kenya's National Parks embraces thousands of square miles of territory which is ideally suited to all the types of game found in the country. Perhaps the best known of these is the one on the Athi Plains, within easy reach of Nairobi, being so close to the country's capital it is more developed than its contemporaries and incorporates quite a complex system of roads which enable the motorist to visit practically any part of its area. Situated as it is in very open country, this part is frequented mostly by Gazelle, Antelope, Giraffe and Lion, whilst in the pools of the Athi River are to be found numerous Hippo, Crocodiles and water Pythons. Due to the dangerous nature of some of these animals, visitors are warned never to leave their



Sunset on Lake Jipe



Typical bush country of Southern Kenya

cars on any account, and since it is forbidden to carry fire-arms the wiser ones keep to the rules.

The most recently formed, and almost certainly the least visited, is the Tsavo National Park, situated just north of Ziwani, and stretching as far as Mtito Andei; westwards it skirts the Kilimanjaro foothills and the Masai Reserve, and includes all the country eastwards to Maktau. This park covers a tremendous area and contains a great variety of scenery, including small, reed-fringed lakes, salt lakes, muddy water holes and great swirling rivers such as the Tsavo itself. It has no roads in the proper sense of the word, but only tracks which are seldom passable by car during the rains, and in its wilderness of dry, dusty bush roam countless herds of Impala, Zebra and "Kongoni", whilst in the denser parts are Buffalo, Rhino, Elephant and numerous Lions.

These National Parks were originally rather a gamble but, in spite of the tremendous expenses involved, have proved such an outstanding success that in many parts of Kenya the camera is taking the place of the rifle. Slowly, but surely, the huge herds are returning, and at last the great slaughter is at an end.

D.W.N.F.

Rugby Football, 1954

Strathallan v. Glasgow Academy

Played on Little Acre on 6th October. Result: Glasgow Academy 0, Strathallan 0.

The School gave a very sound display without showing any signs of an ability to score tries. Apart from two periods of just over five minutes on each side of half-time and occasional bursts by the Academy, the whole game took place in the visitors' half. The Strathallan pack dominated line-outs, set and loose scrummages. This, combined with good tactical kicking by Rossie and effective spoiling by Anderson, avoided any likelihood of defeat, but the School's own attacks rarely looked dangerous and victory at no time seemed imminent.

However, this workmanlike performance, against a side whose backs looked as though they might have been dangerous if given the opportunity, was most encouraging.

Strathallan v. Edinburgh Academy

Played at Edinburgh on 16th October. Result: Edinburgh Academy 6, Strathallan 0.

After a good start the School settled down, and the forwards, working well together, supplied a fair share of the ball to the backs, who were sent off on several brisk runs.

In the fifteenth minute a quick heel on the School's 25 yard line, and weak covering, resulted in an Academy try on the blind side. Immediately the School, following the kick, and looking still the surer in attack, forced their way upfield and for the remainder of the half scarcely set foot outside the Academy 25. The advantage was gained by the forwards and several good heels sent first Rossie then Clark up to the goal line. With five minutes to go before half-time, Rossie slipped out of a tackle and his dash was halted inches short of the line under the posts.

In the second half, the forwards continued to hold their own in the set scrummages though the opposition were allowed a measure of freedom in the line-out. The Academy's second try was due to the one rush allowed, coupled with a marked disinclination of the backs to go down on the ball. This try, too, being scored in the corner, was unconverted. In the closing minutes of the game Clark slipped through the centre to be brought down just short of the line.

All in all it was a good game, played with great fire and spirit, and one which the School might well have won.

Strathallan v. George Watson's

Played at Edinburgh, 9th November. Result: George Watson's 9, Strathallan 3.

The School was thoroughly beaten in an unexciting game. Although considerably outweighed, the pack were not shoved badly in the tight scrummage but were completely out-hooked. Neither side had any consistent success in the line-outs but, since these most often resulted in set scrummages, Watson's ultimately received the ball. Only once did it get to the Strathallan three-quarters in an orthodox way.

Watson's first try came soon after the kick-off when the fly-half rounded the entire defence to cross in the corner after running about 50 yards. The other two tries were opportunist ones, made possible by the home team's much greater speed on to a loose ball.

Throughout the game the whole team defended pluckily, H. R. Brown's tackling being particularly sound, and a belated assault on the Watson's line produced a penalty goal by Rossie.

School v. Dollar Academy

Played at Dollar on 28th October. Result: Dollar Academy 6, Strathallan 3.

In a game which was played on a water-logged pitch and, latterly, in heavy rain the School was beaten by a try and a penalty goal to a penalty goal.

The game, played at a very sluggish pace owing to the state of the ground, was in the hands of the forwards, who kept the play well in hand in the early stages.

The only sign of pace came, however, from the one good move of the game in which the Dollar backs very crisply sent the wing away for the solitary try. Rossie replied with a well placed penalty goal before half-time and this remained the only School score.

Cricket, 1954

ALTHOUGH a young and inexperienced side, the 1st XI had a fair season and the cricket throughout the School maintained the general improvement shown in 1953. However, the weakness in batting recorded last year was still evident. While the majority of boys have now acquired an orthodox style and a reasonable defence, they have yet to master the foot work and timing essential for run-making on slow wickets. The running between the wickets was poor at the beginning of the season but improved towards the end.

As often happens in Scottish cricket, the bowling was superior to the batting. R. S. Eason, the Captain, with 55 wickets for less than 8 runs apiece, was the most dangerous

bowler and could usually be relied on to keep an end quiet through most of an innings, but he was handicapped in handling his attack by the uncertain batting potential of the side. J. G. Clark, with a nice loose action, bowled with considerable fire on some unhelpful wickets and produced several good performances towards the end of the season, notably 5 for 22 v. Cupar and 6 for 34 v. Glenalmond. M. D. Rossie's slow off-spinners of immaculate length were less innocuous than they appeared and were often successful against batsmen who failed to use their feet.

The best individual batting scores were Clark's 50 not out v. Glasgow Academy and F. J. C. Lilley's 41 v. Crieff, while D. H. Scott (52) and D. C. Yellowley (58) put on 100 for the first wicket against the Old Boys. Scott, on his day an accomplished batsman, just headed Yellowley, a more consistent performer, in the averages. The latter, though lacking in strokes, watched the ball carefully and was difficult to dislodge.

The fielding on the whole was keen and clean and the catching usually safe, except in the slips.

The Glenalmond match provided a very creditable finale to the season. In an exciting finish W. D. Jack at No. 11 refused to be intimidated by a ring of close-in fielders and swung his bat to good effect, if in a somewhat "Royal and Ancient" fashion!

The 2nd XI, which included several Colts, were more successful than last year and finished up with an unexpected victory against a strong Glenalmond side.

The Colts and Junior XIs produced several players of promise and a general atmosphere of enthusiasm which was encouraging. Once they learn to get their head well over the ball they should do quite well.

Riley House had on the whole a successful season and some good scores were made but against really good bowling they tended to forget the lessons they had been taught. Their fielding was good.

Full Colours were awarded to:

*R. S. Eason, J. G. Clark, M. D. Rossie, D. H. Scott, D. C. Yellowley.

Half Colours were awarded to:

W. D. Jack, W. T. D. Prophet, R. C. H. Mackay, F. J. C. Lilley, B. G. Kenny.

*Re-date.



Standing (l. to r.)—B. G. Kenny, W. T. D. Prophet, F. J. C. Lilley, R. C. H. Mackay, W. D. Jack, D. B. Pirrie.
Sitting—M. D. Rossie, J. G. Clark (Vice-Captain), R. S. Eason (Captain), D. H. Scott, D. C. Yellowley.

Summary of Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	14	4	6	4
2nd XI	6	3	1	2
Colts XI	3	1	—	2
Junior XI	10	7	3	—
Junior 2nd XI	1	1	—	—

House Matches

1st, Ruthven and Simpson, 12½ pts.; 3rd, Nicol, 5 pts.

First XI Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. S. Eason	203	65	433	55	7.87
J. G. Clark	136.1	41	252	26	9.69
M. D. Rossie	84.3	17	225	21	10.71

First XI Batting Averages

	Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	Highest in Innings	Average
D. H. Scott	12	1	148	52	13.45
D. C. Yellowley	14	1	169	58	13.00
R. C. H. Mackay	12	4	104	36*	13.00
J. G. Clark	15	3	142	50*	11.83
F. J. C. Lilley	8	—	89	41	11.12

*Not out.

12.5.54.

THE SCHOOL versus the STAFF at Forgandenny.

Strathallan

R. S. Eason, run out	30
M. D. Rossie, c Cutforth, b McIntosh	0
W. T. D. Prophet, st McCallum, b Maxwell	1
J. G. Clark, c Heron, b Cutforth	1
D. C. Yellowley, c Burnet, b Cutforth	3
B. G. Kenny, st McCallum, b Heron	0
J. D. Thomas, lbw, b Heron	0
D. H. Scott, not out	3
D. A. Laird, run out	15
R. G. F. Walker, c Kershaw, b Anderson	12
R. C. H. Mackay, not out	1
D. B. Pirrie did not bat.	
Extras	15

Total for 9 wickets 116
D. E. Cutforth 3 for 29.

Staff

C. P. Hewson, lbw, b Prophet	12
D. E. Cutforth, b Clark	7
H. G. Macintosh, c Laird, b Eason	22
F. H. Anderson, b Prophet	7
M. S. Maxwell, st Yellowley, b Mackay	2
A. D. D. McCallum, c and b Eason	0
D. Silver, run out	0
R. A. L. Burnet, c Clark, b Eason	1
J. C. Kershaw, not out	7
R. Heron, b Mackay	4
D. E. Young, c Prophet, b Mackay	0
P. R. Spurgin, b Eason	0
Extras	6

Total 68
R. S. Eason 4 for 16, R. C. H. Mackay 3 for 9.

15.5.54.

THE SCHOOL versus GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Glasgow High School	
R. S. Eason, b Tough	6	Howie, c Prophet, b Eason ...	8
D. H. Scott, c and b Forbes ...	3	Lorimer, c and b Eason	11
J. G. Clark, run out	0	Forbes, c Laird, b Eason	5
B. G. Kenny, c Couper, b Tough	8	Andrews, c Eason, b Brown ...	2
W. T. D. Prophet, c and b		Lawrie, b Mackay	0
Tough	0	Marshall, lbw, b Eason	0
D. A. Laird, b Forbes	3	Hamilton, c Clark, b Mackay	10
R. G. F. Walker, b Tough	0	Roy, b Mackay	0
D. B. Pirrie, b Tough	0	Berrstain, c Clark, b Mackay ...	3
W. R. Brown, b Tough	2	Tough, b Mackay	0
D. C. Yellowley, b Forbes	0	Couper, not out	6
R. C. H. Mackay, not out	0	Extras	4
Extras	0		
		Total	49
Total	22	R. C. H. Mackay 5 for 9.	
Tough 6 for 12, Forbes 3 for 10.		R. S. Eason 4 for 19.	

19.5.54.

THE SCHOOL versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Glasgow.

Strathallan		Glasgow Academy	
R. S. Eason, b Mackie	0	Mitchell, lbw, b Eason	15
D. H. Scott, b Graham	0	Anderson, lbw, b Eason	2
J. G. Clark, not out	50	Cannon, c and b Eason	7
M. D. Rossie, c Garland, b		McAlister, not out	18
Mackie	2	Ritchie, b Eason	0
B. G. Kenny, run out	14	Macrossan, c Yellowley, b	
W. T. D. Prophet, lbw, b		Eason	18
Ritchie	0	Mitchell, not out	3
W. R. Galbraith, b Mackie	0	Graham, Mackie, Garland and	
G. C. Baxter, b Mackie	2	Stewart did not bat.	
D. B. Pirrie and D. C. Yellow-		Extras	13
ley did not bat.			
Extras	5	Total for 5 wickets	76
		R. S. Eason 5 for 19.	
Total for 7 wickets dec.		73	

24.5.54.

THE SCHOOL versus KIRKCALDY C.C. at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Kirkcaldy	
D. H. Scott, b Barrie	3	Donaldson, run out	22
D. C. Yellowley, b Halley	3	Woods, b Eason	9
F. J. C. Lilley, b Halley	3	Innes, lbw, b Clark	4
R. S. Eason, b Halley	11	Calville, b Eason	7
J. G. Clark, c Stark, b Halley	0	Halley, b Eason	1
M. D. Rossie, c Woods, b		McLean, c Kenny, b Clark ...	1
Barrie	4	McGregor, b Clark	0
R. C. H. Mackay, lbw, b Halley	3	Robertson, b Clark	1
B. G. Kenny, not out	9	A. Stark, b Clark	0
D. S. MacCallum, b Stark	0	Barrie, not out	1
W. R. Brown, b Stark	2	R. Stark, b Eason	4
W. T. D. Prophet, b Stark	0	Extras	0
Extras	4		
		Total	50
Total	42		

26.5.54.

THE SCHOOL versus A. BONTHRONE'S XI.

Strathallan		Bonthrone's XI	
R. S. Eason, c Livingston, b Barclay	1	W. W. Law, b Eason	2
B. G. Kenny, b Livingston	0	T. Mitchell, lbw, b Eason	10
J. G. Clark, b Sherratt	15	W. M. Innes, lbw, b Eason	3
M. D. Rossie, b Livingston	2	J. R. Tully, c Eason, b Clark	27
W. T. D. Prophet, b Barclay	1	W. N. S. Hoare, b Eason	20
W. R. Galbraith, c Law, b Sherratt	1	A. Livingston, lbw, b Eason	10
R. C. H. Mackay, not out	36	E. Sherratt, b Eason	3
G. C. Baxter, c Law, b Sherratt	1	W. Barclay, c Prophet, b Eason	4
D. B. Pirrie, b McDonald	2	G. McDonald, b Clark	9
W. R. Brown, b Tully	4	A. Bonthrone, not out	3
D. C. Yellowley, not out	15	G. Bonthrone, c Prophet, b Clark	12
Extras	3	Extras	4
Total for 9 wickets	82	Total	109
Livingston 2 for 7.		R. S. Eason 7 for 40.	

27.5.54.

THE SCHOOL versus FETTES at Forgandenny.

Fettes—1st Innings		Strathallan—1st Innings	
Steel, lbw, b Rossie	33	R. S. Eason, c Bain, b Brown	5
Cameron, lbw, b Eason	5	B. G. Kenny, lbw, b Bain	0
Hoare, b Rossie	30	J. G. Clark, c Millar, b Brown	0
Lumsden, run out	8	M. D. Rossie, b Brown	0
Horne, lbw, b Eason	8	W. R. Galbraith, run out	3
Ferguson, retired hurt	17	R. C. H. Mackay, c and b Cameron	7
Millar, c Yellowley, b Eason	0	D. C. Yellowley, lbw, b Cameron	5
Cumming, c and b Eason	6	W. R. Brown, run out	1
Brown, lbw, b Rossie	0	G. C. Baxter, st Ferguson, b MacBean	4
Bain, not out	1	W. T. D. Prophet, c Millar, b MacBean	5
MacBean, c Mackay, b Rossie	0	D. B. Pirrie, not out	1
Extras	5	Extras	0
Total	113	Total	31
		Brown 3 for 4.	

Strathallan—2nd Innings		Fettes—2nd Innings	
R. S. Eason, b Brown	10	Cameron, lbw, b Eason	0
D. C. Yellowley, c Cameron, b Brown	3	Lumsden, b Clark	0
J. G. Clark, lbw, b Brown	1	Horne, lbw, b Rossie	11
B. G. Kenny, c and b Brown	6	Millar, c Pirrie, b Eason	1
M. D. Rossie, c Cameron, b Brown	11	Cumming, not out	39
W. R. Galbraith, b MacBean	3	Hoare, not out	18
R. C. H. Mackay, lbw, b Brown	0	Steel, Ferguson, Brown, Bain, MacBean did not bat.	
W. R. Brown, st Brown, b Millar	5	Extras	1
G. C. Baxter, st Ferguson, b MacBean	0	Total for 4 wickets	80
W. T. D. Prophet, b MacBean	0		
D. B. Pirrie, not out	3		
Extras	5		
Total	47		

2.6.54.

THE SCHOOL versus PERTH ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Perth Academy	
R. S. Eason, lbw, b Harris	5	Harris, b Clark	3
D. H. Scott, b Harris	31	Maclaren, run out	11
J. G. Clark, lbw, b Harris	27	Georgeson, c Prophet, b Eason	22
B. G. Kenny, b Fair	3	Crichton, lbw, b Eason	0
D. C. Yellowley, b Harris	18	Fraser, b Eason	0
M. D. Rossie, lbw, b Harris	1	McCormack, c Clark, b Rossie	6
R. C. H. Mackay, b Macdonald	5	Macdonald, c Prophet, b Rossie	1
W. R. Galbraith, lbw, b Macdonald	2	Nicol, run out	1
F. J. C. Lilley, run out	0	Munro, not out	0
W. T. D. Prophet, not out	7	Fleming, lbw, b Eason	0
W. R. Brown, not out	0	Fair, not out	0
Extras	8	Extras	6
Total for 9 wickets 108		Total for 9 wickets 57	
Harris 5 for 30.		R. S. Eason 4 for 21.	

9.6.54.

THE SCHOOL versus DOLLAR ACADEMY.

Strathallan		Dollar Academy	
R. S. Eason, c Chapman, b Hunter	0	Keith, b Eason	1
D. H. Scott, run out	5	Chapman, run out	9
J. G. Clark, c Simpson, b Hunter	0	Campbell, b Eason	10
D. C. Yellowley, c Stalker, b Hunter	12	Shaw, c Anderson, b Clark	1
F. J. C. Lilley, c and b Parsons	10	Hunter, b Rossie	20
M. D. Rossie, c Keith, b Parsons	0	Hall, c Anderson, b Eason	2
B. G. Kenny, c Johnston, b Hunter	2	Fyfe, b Rossie	11
R. C. H. Mackay, lbw, b Stalker	2	Johnston, run out	3
W. R. Galbraith, not out	8	Parsons, b Rossie	11
W. R. Brown, not out	1	Simpson, run out	12
D. M. Anderson did not bat		Stalker, run out	0
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total for 8 wickets 42		Total 85	
Hunter 4 for 16.		M. D. Rossie 3 for 23.	

12.6.54.

THE SCHOOL versus CRIEFF C.C. at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Crieff C.C.	
D. H. Scott, b Bell	1	Bell, b Eason	0
D. C. Yellowley, c Milton, b Bell	1	Milton, b Eason	19
J. G. Clark, lbw, b Bell	3	Ewing, run out	6
R. S. Eason, played on, b Sinclair	7	Laing, c Clark, b Eason	0
F. J. C. Lilley, b Sinclair	41	Sandilands, b Rossie	5
M. D. Rossie, c Bell, b Ryan	8	Sinclair, b Rossie	0
B. G. Kenny, hit wkt., b Ryan	3	Blyth, b Eason	2
R. C. H. Mackay, not out	22	Duncan, not out	15
D. A. Laird, b Sinclair	0	Douglas, c Rossie, b Eason	3
W. R. Brown, not out	25	Ryan, c Kenny, b Rossie	6
D. M. Anderson did not bat		Walker, b Eason	6
Extras	1	Extras	8
Total for 8 wickets 112		Total 69	
Sinclair 3 for 17.		R. S. Eason 6 for 33.	

15.6.54.

THE SCHOOL versus PERTHSHIRE C.C. at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Perthshire C.C.	
D. H. Scott, b Wiltshire	5	E. Ross, b Clark	3
D. C. Yellowley, b Kerrigan ...	11	H. Macintosh, st Yellowley, b	
J. G. Clark, b Lodge	3	Prophet	34
R. S. Eason, c Macintosh, b		C. T. Thomson, not out	31
Kerrigan	1	The remainder of the team did	
F. J. C. Lilley, lbw, b Lodge ...	9	not bat.	
M. D. Rossie, b Lodge	0	Extras	2
R. C. H. Mackay, b Hay	2	Total for 2 wickets dn.	70
B. G. Kenny, lbw, b Hay	4		
W. R. Brown, hit wkt., b Hay ..	0		
W. T. D. Prophet, b Lodge	0		
D. M. Anderson, not out	0		
Total		39	
Lodge 4 for 7.			

19.6.54.

THE SCHOOL versus OLD STRATHALLIANS at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Old Strathallians	
D. H. Scott, c Muir, b Dawson	52	Smith, b Eason	0
D. C. Yellowley, st Wolt, b		Leburn, lbw, b Eason	1
Hinshaw	58	Dawson, b Eason	10
J. G. Clark, not out	3	Muir, lbw, b Rossie	16
R. S. Eason, not out	5	Hinshaw, run out	1
F. J. C. Lilley, M. D. Rossie.		McMillan, b Rossie	0
B. G. Kenny, R. C. H.		Wolt, c Mackay, b Eason	10
Mackay, W. R. Brown.		Baird, run out	0
D. S. MacCallum and W.		Nicol, b Eason	0
T. D. Prophet did not bat.		Henderson, not out	0
Extras	8	Extras	2
Total for 2 wickets	141	Total	40
		R. S. Eason 5 for 15;	
		M. D. Rossie 3 for 10.	

23.6.54.

THE SCHOOL versus CUPAR C.C. at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Cupar C.C.	
D. H. Scott, b Houston	0	Stewart, lbw, b Rossie	17
D. C. Yellowley, c Marshall, b		Livingstone, b Rossie	24
Houston	25	Low, run out	0
J. G. Clark, b Dooland	7	Stewart, lbw, b Eason	19
R. S. Eason, b Dooland	8	Anderson, not out	6
F. J. C. Lilley, st Marshall, b		Harper, b Rossie	0
Dooland	0	Bell, b Eason	6
M. D. Rossie, c Marshall, b		Houston, b Rossie	35
Livingstone	2	Bonthrone, b Eason	0
R. C. H. Mackay, b Houston ..	26	Marshall, b Rossie	0
D. S. MacCallum, b Houston ...	0	Dooland did not bat.	
W. R. Brown, run out	1	Extras	4
W. T. D. Prophet, not out	0	Total for 9 wickets	168
D. M. Anderson, st Marshall, b			
Dooland	4		
Extras	11		
Total	81		

3.7.54.

THE SCHOOL versus FORGANDENNY C.C. at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Forgandenny C.C.	
D. H. Scott, c Kettles, b Boag	1	W. Mackie, b Clark	4
D. C. Yellowley, run out	13	T. Mackie, b Clark	0
F. J. C. Lilley, c and b Boag	16	Henderson, run out	0
R. S. Eason, not out	39	Peter, not out	13
J. G. Clark, not out	22	Nicol, c Prophet, b Eason	0
M. D. Rossie, R. C. Mackay,		Boag, c Yellowley, b Clark	4
B. G. Kenny, W. R. Gal-		Lihoy, b Clark	8
braith, W. D. Jack and		J. Kettles, c Jack, b Clark	2
W. T. D. Prophet did not		A. Kettles, b Clark	0
bat.		Barnie, c Galbraith, b Eason	9
Extras	3	Tulloch, c Eason, b Clark	0
		Extras	4
Total for 3 wickets dn.	94		
		Total	44
		J. G. Clark 7 for 15.	

10.7.54.

THE SCHOOL versus GLENALMOND at Glenalmond.

Strathallan		Glenalmond	
D. H. Scott, c Crawford, b		Scott, b Clark	63
Kennedy	11	Adam, run out	2
D. C. Yellowley, lbw, b		Hay, lbw, b Prophet	15
Crawford	2	Scott, b Clark	3
F. J. C. Lilley, c and b Kennedy	10	Kinnear, c Mackay, b Clark	25
R. S. Eason, b Murray	11	Jones, c Rossie, b Eason	6
J. G. Clark, lbw, b Crawford	13	Denholm, b Clark	5
B. G. Kenny, b Kennedy	11	Murray, c Rossie, b Clark	0
R. C. H. Mackay, b Macdonald	0	Kennedy, b Clark	0
M. D. Rossie, not out	14	Macdonald, not out	0
W. T. D. Prophet, b Macdonald	0	Crawford, b Eason	0
D. B. Pirrie, not out	1	Extras	3
W. D. Jack, c Macdonald, b			
Kennedy	8	Total	122
Extras	4	J. G. Clark 6 for 34.	
Total for 9 wickets	85		
Kennedy 4 for 32.			

SECOND XI

19.5.54—versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

Glasgow Academy 81 (Page 25, D. M. Anderson 6 for 21).

Strathallan 55 (D. A. Laird 26, Cannon 5 for 19).

2.6.54—versus PERTH ACADEMY at Perth.

Perth Academy 63 (Whyte 24, D. M. Anderson 3 for 15).

Strathallan 57 for 7 (Pullar 5 for 11).

9.6.54—versus DOLLAR ACADEMY at Dollar.

Dollar Academy 120 for 8 (Wight 53, Hall 35, N. R. King 4 for 19).

Strathallan 48 for 9 (Eastwood 17 not out, Wight 4 for 10).

12.6.54—versus CRIEFF C.C. at Crieff.

Strathallan 108 for 7 (D. S. MacCallum 45).

Crieff C.C. 64 (Sinclair 26 not out, W. T. D. Prophet 7 for 12).

26.6.54—versus **BRIDGE OF EARN HOSPITAL** at Bridge of Earn.
Bridge of Earn Hospital 24 (D. M. Anderson 4 for 11, W. D. Jack
3 for 0).
Strathallan 65 for 3 (D. B. Pirrie 27 not out).

10.7.54—versus **GLENALMOND** at Forgandenny.
Glenalmond 50 (D. M. Anderson 4 for 12).
Strathallan 54 for 8 (W. P. Kilpatrick 20, Scott 3 for 9).
Played 6. Won 3. Drew 2. Lost 1.

STRATHALLAN "B" XI

26.6.54—versus **QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL** at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 116 (B. G. Kenny 32, Baird 28).
Queen Victoria 37 (G. C. Baxter 3 for 12, G. M. Hibbs 4 for 1).

COLTS XI

19.5.54—versus **GLASGOW ACADEMY** at Glasgow.
Glasgow Academy 52 (T. M. Crosby 4 for 11, M. S. Jamieson
4 for 20).
Strathallan 105 for 3 (D. S. MacCallum 58 not out, W. P. Kilpatrick
21 not out).

9.6.54—versus **DOLLAR ACADEMY** at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 88 (A. B. Pirrie 23, W. P. Kilpatrick 22, Crawford
4 for 23).
Dollar Academy 58 for 7 (T. M. Crosby 3 for 6).

10.7.54—versus **GLENALMOND** at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 74 for 5 (D. B. Pirrie 30 not out, Todd 3 for 27).
Glenalmond 56 for 4 (Macpherson 24 not out, Todd 21, G. M.
Hibbs 2 for 1).

JUNIOR 1st XI

19.5.54—versus **GLASGOW ACADEMY** at Forgandenny.
Glasgow Academy 21 (Willcox 4 for 2, Wallace 3 for 7).
Strathallan 57 (Hutton 23).

27.5.54—versus **FETTES** at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 116 (Wallace 26, Hutton 30).
Fettes 22 (Jones 3 for 4, Willcox 3 for 4).

29.5.54—versus **BELMONT HOUSE** at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 69 (Roselle 27).
Belmont House 48 (Roselle 4 for 6).

2.6.54—versus **DRUMTOCHTY CASTLE** at Drumtochty.
Drumtochty Castle 92 (Jones 3 for 31).
Strathallan 60 (Hutton 16).

9.6.54—versus **DOLLAR ACADEMY** at Forgandenny.
Dollar Academy 34 (Wallace 5 for 12, Willcox 3 for 8).
Strathallan 84 for 4 (Beattie 38, Wallace 29).

12.6.54—versus BELMONT HOUSE at Glasgow.
Strathallan 124 for 5 (Willcox 37 not out, Beattie 37).
Belmont House 21 (Jones 5 for 6, Roselle 5 for 10).

23.6.54—versus LATHALLAN at Forgandenny.
Lathallan 80 (Jones 4 for 12, Willcox 3 for 9).
Strathallan 35.

JUNIOR 2nd XI

7.7.54—versus CRAIGFLOWER at Forgandenny.
Craigflower 51 (Lilley 6 for 13, Mackenzie 3 for 6).
Strathallan 77 (D. M. Robertson 26, Lang 18, Dunlop 2 for 6).

30.6.54—versus ARDVRECK at Crieff.
Strathallan 113 for 2 dec. (Beattie 69 not out, Willcox 18).
Ardvreck 70 (Roselle 5 for 28).

10.7.54—versus CRAIGFLOWER at Torryburn.
Strathallan 59 for 5 (Willcox 23).
Craigflower 49 (Willcox 5 for 20, Jones 3 for 12).

14.7.54—versus ARDVRECK at Forgandenny.
Ardvreck 97 (Wallace 3 for 9, Roselle 3 for 23).
Strathallan 46.

Athletics

THE School Sports were held on Saturday, 17th July. Although the track was far from perfect, owing to previous inclement weather, performances were generally better than those of last year, and the following School Records were beaten:

SENIOR (880 yards): R. A. Paterson, 2 mins., 7 secs. (old record); 2 mins., 6.8 secs. (new record).

MIDDLE (long jump): D. B. Pirrie, 17 ft., 2½ ins. (old record); 18 ft., 5½ ins. (new record).

JUNIOR (440 yards): D. A. Sloan, 62.4 secs. (old record); 60.4 secs. (new record). 100 yards: C. P. Roselle, 12.5 secs. (old record); 11.8 secs. (new record). Long jump: D. A. Sloan, 14ft., 8½ ins. (old record); 17ft., 1½ ins. (new record). High jump: C. P. Roselle, 4 ft., 5½ ins. (old record); 4 ft., 6½ ins. (new record).

The following records were established:

JUNIOR (8 lbs.): Shot putt, D. A. Sloan. Distance, 32 ft., 10 ins.

SENIOR (12 lbs.): Shot putt, D. A. Laird. Distance, 30 ft., 4 ins.

Sports Finals, 1954

Mile, Senior—1 Paterson, R. A. (S.), 2 Houston (N.), 3 Shaw (S.); 4 min., 42 secs.

440 yards, Junior—1 Sloan (F.), 2 Irvine (F.), 3 Hamilton (S.); 60.4 secs.

Middle—1 Pirrie (R.), 2 Shaw (S.), 3 MacCallum (F.); 58.8 secs.

Senior—1 Paterson (S.), 2 Anderson (F.), 3 Edgar (S.); 54.6 secs.

880 yards, Middle—1 Shaw (S.), 2 Rossie (R.), 3 Crabb (F.); 2 mins., 17.0 secs. Senior—1 Paterson (S.), 2 Houston (N.), 3 Anderson (F.); 2 min., 6.8 secs.

- 100 yards. Junior—1 Roselle, C. (R.), 2 Irvine (F.), 3 Sloan (F.); 11.8 secs.
Middle—1 Morrison (F.), 2 Pirrie (R.), 3 Prophet (S.); 11.0 secs.
Senior—1 Paterson (S.), 2 Arneil (F.), 3 Clark (R.); 11.0 secs.
- Shot. Junior—1 Sloan (F.), 2 Hamilton (S.), 3 Gillespie (S.);
Middle—1 Rossie (R.), 2 McMurray (F.), 3 Bruce (R.); 36 ft., 4 ins.
Senior—1 Laird (S.), 2 Eason (S.), 3 Hood (R.); 32ft. 5½ ins.
- High jump. Junior—1 Roselle (R.), 2 Pirrie (R.), 3 Murdoch (N.); 4 ft., 6½ ins.
Middle—1 Pirrie (R.), 2 Grierson (N.), 3 Shaw Prophet; 4 ft., 7 ins.
Senior—1 Eason (S.), 2 Clark (R.), 3 Scott (N.); 4 ft., 11½ ins.
- Long jump. Junior—1 Sloan (F.), 2 Irvine (F.), 3 Roselle (R.); 17 ft., 1½ ins.
Middle—1 Pirrie (R.), 2 Baxter (R.), 3 McMurray (F.); 18 ft., 5¾ ins.
Senior—1 Arneil (F.), 2 Anderson (F.), 3 Clark (R.); 18ft., 6ins.
- Hurdles. Middle—1 Lilley (N.), 2 Pattullo (N.), 3 Leishman (F.); 12.2 secs.
Senior—1 Paterson (S.), 2 Arneil (F.), 3 Stuart (F.); 11.4 secs.
- 220 yards. Junior—1 Roselle (R.), 2 Sloan (F.), 3 Irvine (F.); 26.8 secs.
Middle—1 Pirrie (R.), 2 Leishman (F.), 3 Morrison (F.); 25.4 secs.
Senior—1 Paterson (S.), 2 Edgar (S.), 3 Durie (N.); 24.4 secs.
- Cross-country. Junior—1 Burns (F.). Middle—1 Shaw (S.). Senior—1 Paterson (S.).
- Relays. 1 Nicol, 2 Simpson, 3 Freeland.
- Results of competition—1 Simpson, 2 Freeland, 3 Ruthven.
- Individual championship. Senior—R. A. Paterson (Simpson). Middle—D. B. Pirrie (Ruthven). Junior—D. A. Sloan (Freeland).
- R.H.

School v. Morrison's Academy, 19th July

Result: Strathallan 77 points, Morrison's Academy 75 points.

After having suffered such an overwhelming defeat in the first athletic contest held with Morrison's Academy last year, the school athletes won a splendid if narrow victory in their second contest held on the Academy's ground at Crieff.

The victory was a fitting reward for many weeks of steady training, and although it would be unfair to cite individual performances, mention should be made of C. P. Roselle's junior high jump, which was more than 5 ins. higher than the old school record for his age group. Results:—

- 100 yards. Senior—1 Morrison's, 2 Morrison's, 3 Clark, 4 Arneil; 10.8 secs.
Middle—1 Morrison's, 2 Durie, 3 Ritchie, 4 Morrison's; 11.1 secs.
Junior—1 N. H. Morrison, 2 Morrison's, 3 Roselle, 4 Morrison's; 11.7 secs.
- 220 yards. Senior—1 Morrison's, 2 Morrison's, 3 Edgar, 4 Paterson; 24.8 secs.
Middle—1 Durie, 2 Morrison's, 3 Pirrie, 4 Morrison's; 24.9 secs.
Junior—1 Sloan, 2 Roselle, 3 Morrison's, 4 Morrison's; 26.6 secs.
- 440 yards. Senior—1 Morrison's, 2 Paterson, 3 Morrison's, 4 Edgar; 52.6 secs.
Middle—1 Anderson, 2 Rossie, 3 Morrison's, 4 Morrison's; 58.0 secs.
Junior—1 Morrison's, 2 MacCallum, 3 Sloan, 4 Morrison's; 58.0 secs.
- 880 yards. Senior—1 Morrison's, 2 Morrison's, 3 Barclay, 4 Kenneth; 2 mins., 4.8 secs.
Middle—1 Morrison's, 2 Houston, 3 Shaw, 4 Morrison's; 2 mins., 7 secs.

High jump. Senior—1 Eason, 2 Clark, 3 Morrison's, 4 Morrison's; 5 ft., 1 in. Middle—1 Morrison's, 2 Pirrie, D. B., 3 Morrison's, 4 Robertson; 4 ft., 10 ins. Junior—1 Roselle, 2 Morrison's, 3 Morrison's, 4 Pirrie, A. B.; 4 ft., 11 ins.

Long jump. Senior—1 Arneil, 2 Scott, 3 Morrison's, 4 Morrison's; 18 ft. Middle—1 Baxter, 2 Pirrie, D. B., 3 Morrison's, 4 Morrison's; 17 ft., 6½ ins. Junior—1 Morrison's, 2 Sloan, 3 Irvine, 4 Morrison's; 16 ft., 5 ins.

Shot putt. Senior—1 Morrison's, 2 Morrison's, 3 Eason, 4 Hood; 38 ft., 10½ ins. Middle—1 Morrison's, 2 Rossie, 3 Laird, 4 Morrison's; 35 ft., 1 in. Junior—1 Morrison's, 2 N. H. Morrison, 3 Morrison's, 4 Sloan; 43 ft., 10 ins.

Relays. Senior—1 Morrison's, 2 Strathallan (Paterson, Hood, Edgar, Clark). Middle—1 Strathallan (Anderson, Pirrie, Durie, Thompson). Junior—1 Strathallan (Roselle, Sloan, Irvine, Morrison).

In the Scottish Schools Championships held at the University ground, Glasgow, on 19th June, R. A. Paterson was third in the senior half-mile in the time of 2 min., 4.7 secs., a good time on a rain-sodden grass track, which, being the customary quarter-mile circuit, is unfortunately unfamiliar to Strathallians.

On the same afternoon an Old Boys' team defeated a school relay team at Strathallan.

In general there has been an increased interest in athletics throughout the School, and in view of some good Middle and Junior achievements there is every reason to look forward to better performances next year, in both track and field events.

R.H.

Swimming

THIS year the school swimming team travelled to Crieff, where a keen contest took place with Morrison's Academy. Morrison's won the first few races, but Strathallan fought back, and in the end were only beaten by two points, the under 16 team winning the last relay by over a length.

There was again a large entry for the badges and certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society this year, and a large number of boys were successful in obtaining various awards.

On Old Boys' Day there was only one swimming event—the relay—which the Old Boys won.

The inter-house swimming was held at the end of the Summer Term. Freeland won both relay races and Nicol won the plunge, Ruthven gaining first place in the diving. In the final placings, however, Freeland, Ruthven and Simpson all tied for the first place.

K.R.H.

Sailing

THANKS to the arrival of Mr. Shuttleworth, a Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R., a school sailing club has been formed. The response to our invitation for members was so great that we had to limit

the membership to twenty, plus any boys who could provide their own boats. So far we have managed to have one Sunday afternoon's sailing with the Perth Sailing Club but owing to the squally weather it became more of an afternoon's swimming! On other Sundays we have been busy helping the Perth club to shift their site, while in the workshops back at school a rescue boat is being built. We have managed even in spite of our financial difficulties to purchase a "Cadet" dinghy. At the moment the main difficulty is a means of transporting boys into Perth.

Our crew in the schools cup on the Gareloch last summer met with moderate success in the first two days' sailing, but, unfortunately, they failed to maintain this standard throughout the competition, and finished 19th in 29.

D.A.L.

Boxing

THERE was, of course, no Boxing in the Summer Term, but classes have been held twice weekly in the evenings since the beginning of this term. Numbers attending these classes have not increased noticeably since last year, but there are still some forty boxers in the school, the majority coming from among the more junior members. And it is disappointing that one or two who were in the school team last year have for one reason or another given up boxing this year.

A match against Dollar Academy was arranged for the 15th of November, but in order to give the team more time for practice this has been postponed till February. This means that there will be two matches in the one term, as Morrison's Academy wish to make the match held last year an annual event. The Club is indebted to Mr. Heron and Mr. Green for their enthusiastic help in coaching.

A.D.D.M.

Strathallian Club

Old Boys' News

"TIMES change but Shell doesn't". This slogan has been thrown at us for many years now—in fact we might almost have grown up with it; but whether or not it has been succeeded or even passed by tigers "leaping into the lead" or boxing gloves "packing punch" on bridges, bends and bumps, we retain a kindly affection for the old timer.

And with so many changes altering our day to day lives it is refreshing to know that the *Strathallian* in its familiar form will continue to reach us with news of School and Old Boys' activities.

Indeed, one of our overseas members writes at some length to inform us, *inter alia*, "I have been very grateful to the *Strathallian*". We gain the impression of avid reading of news—however scant—by O.S.'s, in households, offices, clubs and pubs in divers foreign parts.

Our friends abroad want news, as do our fellows at home, of events, appointments, whereabouts, etc., concerning Old Boys primarily of their own period of time, whether of "Fearless Freelandier" or "Naughty Nicolite".

Let us resolve to provide this material for future issues of the *Strathallian* and to give, albeit for a fleeting second, a happy memory to those of us not so handily placed geographically.

G. S. Murray (1937-43) is now the owner-occupier of a 350-acre farm at Finley, New South Wales, while from Arthur Forbes (1933-36), one of the Trinidad contingent, we learn that he has now settled in this country and is presently managing a family glove factory in Bideford, N. Devon. Forbes has two sons born in 1949 and 1951 respectively, and his present address is "Will-parks", Bay View Road, Northam, Bideford.

By the time this edition appears in print David Shannon (1940-46) will have arrived in Kenya to take up post as Veterinary Officer in the Colonial Service.

An appointment of local interest (Glasgow area) is that Frederick W. Strachan (1915-20) has been appointed Manager with the Union Bank of Scotland, Ltd., Clydebank, as from 1.10.54.

News from R. M. McBain (1950-53) informs us that D. W. Macintosh (1950-53) has left Aberdeen University and is now teabroking in London: he is playing for one of the London Scottish XV's this season.

A. J. Macgregor (1934-37) is secretary with Messrs. W. Thyne, Ltd., Edinburgh, and R. Hunter Wallace (1933-37) has been appointed Inspector with Airwork, Ltd., at Blackbushe Airport, Camberley.

From Lima, Peru, comes a most interesting account of travel in that land from T. F. Docherty (1924-30). Whether journeying by rail at the world's record height of 15,850 feet—proceeding serenely by steamer across Lake Titicaca, which incidentally is half the length of Scotland, or by llama, he appears equally well at home. Docherty hopes to be back in this country on leave within two years.

Hugh A. Macmillan (1948-54) has started his period of National Service and is with the R.A.F.

M. J. Williams has passed M.B., Ch.B., at Aberdeen University with three distinctions.

George W. Pate (1939-45) has now completed his National Service and is with the English Electric Co., Ltd., Metal Industries Division, while T. R. L. Fraser advises us of his new address—"Onich", Toward, Argyllshire.

We have a small waiting list for entry to the school in 1955 and 1956 at the moment. Old boys who wish to enter their sons should do so well in advance to ensure that there is a firm place for them.

David J. Whitton (1937-40), Flt. Lt., R.A.F., at present with the Secretarial Branch of the R.A.F., specialising in Air Force Law and now at Hillingdon, Middlesex, divides Strathallians as follows:

1. The Regulars—"who are fortunate enough to take an active part in the sporting and social activities of the club", etc.
2. The Irregulars—"whose vocation keeps them outside the field of happy familiarity with things, Strathallians", etc.
3. The Banished—"those who rely solely on *The Strathallian* to keep them in touch", etc. In this last category he places himself, and we look forward to meeting him again next year at the several Club activities.

Golf News

OUR warm and hearty congratulations are extended to J. W. Draper on his winning the Scottish Amateur Golf Championship this year at Nairn. We are indeed proud that a Strathallian has won this title.

The spring meeting of the Club was held on Thursday, 20th May, at Old Prestwick, and was attended by 11 members. In the teeth of a stiff north-west gale, R. Patterson was a worthy winner with a score of 3 up on bogey.

The Bogie Trophy was competed for on Sunday, 20th June, the day following Founder's Day, at Gleneagles, and 18 entrants took part. The result was a tie between Messrs. E. S. Dawson, R. Patterson and G. S. Lowden, all returning nett scores of 73. This trio played off together and the trophy was won by E. S. Dawson with a remarkable nett 69. Eben has now won this competition for the second time, previously being successful in 1949.

The Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy commenced this year on Tuesday, 28th September, at Barnton, Edinburgh, and the team, ably led by the Scottish Amateur Champion, J. W. Draper, was as follows:

J. W. Draper and I. Macewan, J. T. Johnston and G. S. McInroy, R. S. Johnston and E. S. Dawson.

Old Oundillians were defeated by 2-1 in the first round, but the Club team fell to Stewart's College F.P., the eventual winners, in the second round by 1-2. During their matches J. W. Draper and I. Macewan were unbeaten.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

UNITED COLLEGE, ST. ANDREWS

Our numbers have dwindled to three this year. Raymond Philip, M.A., is studying for his Honours Degree in Physics and is in his final year. He has moved out of residence into a "Bunk", as lodgings are called in St. Andrews, and his coffee parties have become an institution.

Ronald Philip is now in his second year of Medicine. He plays Rugby regularly and is often seen indulging in Highland dancing.

Alistair Clayton, a third year Medical, is feverishly preparing for his second professional examinations in March. He finds relaxation in golf and an occasional game of Carpet Bowls.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, DUNDEE

In fifth year Medicine are Lawrence Barclay and Ian Aitkenhead. Barclay, back from a summer holiday in Majorca, is now studying for finals. He has transferred his interest from Fencing to Squash. Aitkenhead swims regularly for the 'Varsity and also has taken up Fencing.

Douglas Boyd is now in fourth year Dentistry with his fourth professionals coming up in June. Having had to retire because of injuries from Rugby he has found a new outlet for his energies in Boxing, and also plays a keen game of Golf.

Colin Raitt is occasionally seen at Law classes, and is also preparing for his C.A. examination.

We hear also that David Nicoll is in final year LL.B.

We should like to encourage more Strathallians to come to St. Andrews for, being primarily a residential University, it offers an academic life unequalled elsewhere.

BIRTHS

LEWIS (1936-38), on 25th October, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Lewis, a son.

MACKENZIE (1939-43), on 18th March, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Mackenzie, a daughter.

MASON (1937-42), on 21st June, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. David Mason, a daughter.

MONTGOMERIE (1928-32), on 31st July, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Alastair Montgomerie, a son.

SCOTT (1935-38), on 31st August, 1954, to Dr. and Mrs. L. Stuart Scott, a son.