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School Authority

Captain of the School

I. C. BORLAND (Captain of Freeland)

School Prefects

R. N. Harrison (Capt. of Nicol)	R. S. Peters (Capt. of Ruthven)	
G. W. V. Birnie (Capt. of Simpson)		
D. M. Lawson (R)	R. H. Scott (F)	J. J. W. Davidson (N)
Appointed Feb. 1962:	J. A. Bruce (Capt. of Ruthven, Summer 1962)	
Appointed July 1962:	P. L. Marsland (F)	D. M. Stewart (N)

School Games Captains

Rugby	R. H. Scott		
Cricket	A. J. Harvey-Walker		
Athletics	I. C. Borland		
Boxing	R. N. Harrison	Hockey	A. Nairn
Cross Country	R. C. Dow	Sailing	R. N. Harrison
Fencing	A. P. D. Wilkinson	Shooting	R. N. Harrison
Fives	A. G. Johnston	Swimming	R. N. Harrison
Tennis	A. C. d'Angibau		

Editors of "The Strathallian"

D. G. Linton and T. G. Crabb

Editorial

THIS, our jubilee year, has been a significant and a successful one in the history of the school. A perusal of the examination results of last summer will show that we have at least maintained the same satisfactory standard with the new as with the old board, and we hope that this year's results will continue the upward trend in the school's scholastic affairs. The more sophisticated brand of rugby played by the XV and the improved experience of the XI left its mark on the games of the lower sections of the school, and everywhere the school records continue to tumble with the advent of improved training facilities and the keener competition. We continue to contribute to schoolboy international teams and our games reputation has never been higher.

The most important event of the year has, of course, been the completion and dedication of the Chapel. The school has been without a worthy focal point for far too long, and we feel that there is an entirely new atmosphere in the school now that we have such a beautiful place of worship. Like many good things it has aroused considerable controversy, initially over its size, then over its seating plan and finally over its side windows; but these are merely indicative of the considerable interest it has aroused. It is not the editorial policy to praise individuals, nor is it to distribute praise wholesale, but we cannot allow the considerable effort put in by the tradesmen, the household staff, the grounds staff, the masters, and not least the boys, to pass without comment. All the effort they put in was very well worth it for the school was looking its immaculate best for Speech Day and the Dedication on the following Sunday. The utilitarian beauty of the Chapel has now taken its rightful place in the scenery of Strathallan and it is to be hoped that the Chapel will continue to be used as often as it has been in the last few weeks.

Up to now the reputation of the school has been based almost entirely upon its games record, and the jubilee year seems to be an excellent time to begin to establish our reputation in the less energetic scholastic field. Although we do get boys into Oxford and Cambridge, we do not get enough, and it is largely a result of an intense and deep-seated apathy towards anything which could be labelled "classical" or "cultural". This disregard for the finest in the language and life of our country must be removed before we can make any claim to being educated. And a love of the highest and the best can come only as the spontaneous action of the individual, if it is to be of any value at all. Too much specialisation can also lead to a narrow and bigoted view of life which does not do justice to

the individual or to his intellect. Learning gives the veneer, but culture the balance and shine. As a school is judged upon those it sends out into the world, so its reputation depends upon the breadth of learning of its former pupils. The future prosperity of the school depends to some extent upon what is done now by the boys, on the games field, where much of our present reputation has been won, but it is in the study that the true foundation of greatness can be laid.

Staff Notes

Two masters left us at the end of the year. After eight years at Strathallan, Mr. Breuer has been adopted as Conservative candidate for Govan, and is moving to be nearer the scene of his operations. The Science Department has grown considerably under his influence and is now a large one. In addition to the good work he has done in the laboratories, Mr. Breuer has given splendid service in his capacity as House Tutor in Nicol and as Careers Master; the second XV and second XI have benefited greatly from his coaching. We wish him every success in the future.

Mr. Birley left to become Senior History Master at Gordonstoun. He has been a valuable member of the staff as, in addition to his historical and archaeological interests, he has given us considerable assistance with rugby, cricket and the Corps. Our best wishes go with him and his family.

During the year we have welcomed to the staff three new masters. Mr. H. C. Addison of St. Andrews University and Mr. S. C. Pollard, Late Exhibitioner, Jesus College, Oxford, have joined the Science Department, and Mr. W. S. Wilkie, Snell Exhibitioner, Balliol College, Oxford, teaches the senior Classics.

School Notes

THERE have been numerous improvements within the School grounds, most of them directed at providing a suitable setting for the new chapel. The drive has been widened and resurfaced from the Lady's Well right up to the Main Entrance. The large clump of rhododendron bushes, which obscured the last bend as one drove up to the School, has been removed, and part of that area has been added to the lawn in front of the Chapel. The remainder of that space has been utilised to provide a larger car-park at the Main Entrance. Many new bushes and shrubs have been planted.

A new causeway has been constructed across the valley, directly over the old "Masters' Path", which had been built by a squad of boys once the old bridge was condemned. The causeway was built towards the end of the Summer holidays and, once the earth and stones used in its construction have had time to settle, it will be completed for permanent use.

The gymnasium has been improved in several ways. A new floor of Nigerian wood has been put in; two new counter balance turn beams and two new sets of four climbing ropes on trackways have been introduced; and there are new wallbars and parallel bars. The main new piece of equipment is a box-horse. New lighting was provided as a gift from a parent, and this has improved the visibility enormously, especially for fencing and badminton.

Within the main School buildings there has been extensive redecorating. The Tuckshop area has been re-floored, and the passage from there as far as the kitchen has lost its dingy appearance through the application of light-coloured paint and the introduction of strip lighting. All the dormitories are being redecorated.

W. R. Galbraith and A. M. Pate are to be congratulated on being picked to play for Cambridge University 60 Club against Oxford University Greyhounds. Pate has gained a Second Class Honours in Economics Part I; Galbraith a Third Class Honours in Economics Part II. P. G. Lawson gained Second Class Honours in Mods. at the end of his first year at Oxford. J. M. McInnes has gained a Second Class Honours degree in Physics at St. Andrews.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Young on the birth of their daughter recently, and Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn on the birth of a son.

Speech Day

"PROPHETS who forecast the end of the public school system in Britain immediately after the last war have been completely confounded", the Earl of Mansfield, Lord Lieutenant of Perthshire and Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, told the boys at the jubilee-year Speech Day in the City Hall, Perth, on Saturday, 2nd June, 1962.

"From their point of view everything has gone wrong and all the public schools are crowded to full capacity", added Lord Mansfield. "Many boys whose parents wish them to go cannot get into one".

The reasons for the popularity of public schools were not those advanced by some people—that it was merely because of the snob value attached to having been at a public school.

“I believe it to be because more and more people have come to realise what the benefits are that are derived from having attended such an institution”, continued Lord Mansfield. “Public schools as a whole inculcate into those who attend them a sense of decency and proper conduct in life which, although by no means unattainable in other types of education, does not seem by any means to be as often found. The public schools have a standard, a code in which it is made perfectly clear to those who are there that they have got to consider other people as well as themselves”.

Speaking of the School’s golden jubilee, Lord Mansfield said, “You are still comparatively young by public school standards, but you have come up very fast and you are now knocking on the doors of the exclusive band of the greater Scottish public schools. There would seem to be no reason why, before very long, you should not be admitted to them”.

The public schools, concluded Lord Mansfield, were trying to provide not only scholastic progress but also a sense of leadership.

“I am entirely at variance with those who say public schools should not try to inculcate such a sense, because never in the history of the world was leadership of the proper sort so badly needed and never has it been so conspicuous by its absence”.

Referring to the School’s fifty years’ existence, the chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. R. S. Johnston, Q.C., said, “We must look forward to the next half-century. We cannot afford to stand still or we will slip back. At the moment the demands for the kind of education which Strathallan offers seem boundless, but we must be prepared for other times and for other days which lie ahead. The foundations are here and they are well laid and I think we can look forward with some confidence to the future”.

In his annual report the headmaster said that one interesting feature in the increase in numbers of pupils was that the School now had boys from a wide area and the school roll included pupils from North and South America, Finland, Thailand, Turkey and Persia.

Because of increased competition and shortage of places at the Universities nowadays, the mere possession of entrance qualifications did not guarantee a place. This meant, inevitably, that there would be more and more demands on boys and staff alike in the future.

Speech Day Prize Winners, 1962

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School I. C. Borland

Prize for the best all-round achievement
in work in the School R. H. Scott

Houston Prizes for all-round merit:

	D. M. Lawson and R. S. Peters
English	D. G. Linton
Classics	J. G. P. Wiseman
Honourable Mention	V. A. Barron
Mathematics	J. L. Young
Biology	G. W. V. Birnie
Physics	D. M. Stewart
Chemistry	N. A. Thomson
History	R. C. Dow
Geography	J. M. Prophet and J. A. Bruce
French	D. I. Turner
Music	P. Pradipasen
Art	M. P. Taitt

Other Prizes, 1961-62

Dux of School, 1961	R. H. Scott
Prize for best G.C.E. in IV A, 1962	L. W. Bell
Prize for best G.C.E. in V A, 1962	J. R. Keech
Prize for best G.C.E. in V B, 1962	J. H. Kilgour

FORM PRIZES, 1961-62

IV B—A. M. Cumming; IV C—A. H. S. McLeod; III A—A. Y. Lawson;
III Inter.—W. D. Wilson; III B—R. A. S. Huthart; III C—A. A. Nicol-
son; II—A. R. Sharpe; I—A. J. Stuart.

CUPS, 1961-62

Melville Cricket Cup	Ruthven
House Tennis Cup	Ruthven
Open Singles Cup	A. C. d'Angibau
Argentine Trophy for Junior Cricket ...	Ruthven
Hunter Cup (Solo Piping)	R. H. Scott
Inter-House Swimming Cup	Freeland
Corps Efficiency Cup	Freeland
Junior Solo Piping Cup	A. D. Reid
House Music Cup	Nicol
Hunter Cup (Solo Drumming)	W. C. Roy
Sailing Cup	Nicol/Simpson
Shooting Cup	P. M. Fisher

Cricket Prizes:

Batting Prize	A. J. Harvey-Walker
Bowling Prize	J. J. W. Davidson
Fielding Prize	W. S. Pate
2nd XI Prize	J. B. Scott

EXAMINATION RESULTS

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SCHOOLS EXAMINATION BOARD

The following were successful:

Advanced Level

C. Benson	Chemistry, Biology
G. W. V. Birnie	Chemistry, Biology
R. S. Chalmers	Geography
A. C. d'Angibau	Geography
R. C. Dow	Latin, History
P. M. Grant	Maths for Science, Physics, Chemistry
M. G. G. Laidlaw	Maths for Science, Physics, Chemistry
N. D. M. Lindsay	Chemistry
D. G. Linton	Latin, English
M. J. Linton	Maths and Higher Maths, Physics, Chemistry
P. L. Marsland	Maths for Science, Chemistry
E. A. Nelson	Chemistry, Biology
S. M. Renton	Chemistry, Biology
E. M. G. Reynolds	French
J. A. W. Sangster	Maths for Science, Physics
P. G. F. Sleep	Physics, Chemistry
R. C. Stark	Maths for Science, Chemistry
D. M. Stewart	Maths for Science, Physics
B. G. Stuart	Physics, Chemistry
N. A. Thomson	Maths for Science, Physics, Chemistry
D. I. Turner	English
J. W. Walker	History, Geography
A. P. D. Wilkinson	English, History
J. L. Young	Maths for Science, Physics

The following boys obtained passes in five or more subjects in the G.C.E. "O" Level Examinations in July, 1962:

Anderson, D. R.; Atherton, J. C.; Beattie, J. S.; Bell, F. R.; Bell, L. W.; Borland, B. M. S.; Brown, J. D. A.; Cappon, J. P.; Clark, B. G.; Coubrough, C. M.; Cranston, D. A.; Currie, D. J. S.; Dangerfield, P. H.; Donald, A.; Ferguson, D. L.; Fleming, A. J.; Gilmour, J. M.; Gray, T. I.; Gunn, R. H. D.; Henderson, T. A. N.; Johnston, I. F.; Keech, J. R.; Kilgour, J. A.; Kincaid, J. D.; Kyle, R. D.; Lamont, I. K.; Logan, R. G.; Lowden, G. R.; Manson, K. A. I.; Martin, J. B.; Moffat, R. E. K.; MacMillan, N. F.; Paton, N. D.; Quarry, W. W.; Reid, C. D.; Reid, W. G.; Robertson, B. A. A.; Ross, I. C.; Roy, W. C.; Scott, R. M.; Shanks, A.; Steven, I. W.; Strachan, D. N.; Swindall, V. A. N.; Taylor, R. A.; Thomson, G. M.; Wilkie, R.; Wilkinson, A. W.

SALVETE

New Boys, 1961-62

September, 1961

Aitken, G. R. (Ri); Balfour, R. A. (R); Bell, L. W. (S); Black, J. H. S. (R); Booth, A. J. (F); Browne, I. R. (R); Carswell, D. F. (R); Cartledge, P. C. (F); Clark, A. W. (S); Clark, M. G. (F); Clinton, C. W. (N); Davidson, J. F. (F); Elder, R. J. (F); Fairbairn, D. M. (N); Fea, A. W. S. (F); Fenwick, M. K. (R); Ferguson, C. A. (F); Gillanders, C. S. Y. (Ri); Gillanders, K. W. (Ri); Gloag, M. I. (N); Gray, A. (Ri);

Guthrie, A. N. H. (Ri); Henriksen, S. (F); Hicks, R. M. (F); Huthart, R. A. S. (F); Jeffrey, D. I. (S); Lawson, A. Y. (R); McGill, S. R. (S); Mackie, D. P. (Ri); McLaren, A. H. M. (S); McLeod, A. N. (R); Marshall, I. G. (S); Marshall, J. M. (Ri); Mills, K. (R); Monteith, J. D. (S); Mulhall, A. C. (Ri); Murray, I. (F); Mure, G. L. H. (F); Nicolson, A. A. (S); Paton, R. C. (N); Reid, A. D. (N); Rennie, I. J. (F); Scott, D. A. (N); Settles, R. L. (Ri); Sharp, G. R. (N); Sloan, A. J. (N); Smart, E. A. V. (R); Smith, J. C. S. (N); Sproat, J. B. (Ri); Stevenson, S. J. S. (F); Stirling, A. A. (Ri); Taylor, J. D. (Ri); Wallace, J. D. (S); Wallace, R. M. (Ri); Watson, G. D. (F); Weddell, C. J. (S); Willson-White, C. A. (R).

January, 1962

Anderson, J. W. B. (S); Beatton, A. G. (S); Brunton, W. A. T. (N); Burt, T. W. (R); Fergusson, A. F. (N); McCallum, P. G. (F); McIntyre, J. O. (Ri); Mutch, A. C. (Ri); Prain, I. D. R. (Ri); Watson, R. N. (F).

May, 1962

Anderson, C. B. H. (F); Brown, G. I. M. (R); Cochran, J. N. (R); Cruickshank, D. M. (R); Fawcett, J. F. (Ri); Fraser, N. (N); Lawson, R. G. (R); Moodie, I. A. G. (Ri); Murray, J. C. (Ri); Riddell, A. J. S. (S).

VALETE

Leavers, 1961-62

December, 1961

I. P. G. Bell . . . Willesdene, 87 Greenock Road, Paisley, Renfrewshire.
 †P. G. Joy . . . Barnkin of Craigs, Dumfries.
 *H. J. Lochore . . . Burgie Mains House, Forres, Moray.
 G. O. Tourlmain . . . Easterhill, Munro Drive East, Helensburgh.

April, 1962

A. Grosset . . . Glenlyon, Church Road, Leven, Fife.
 *D. M. Lawson . . . c/o McCallum, 172a Glasgow Road, Paisley.
 A. D. Peters . . . Glen Orchy, Bishopton, Renfrewshire.
 *R. S. Peters . . . Glen Orchy, Bishopton, Renfrewshire.
 R. M. Smith . . . Seafeld Lodge, Seafeld Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.

July, 1962

Benny, R. E. . . . P.O. Box 284, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.
 †Benson, C. . . . Kent Cottage, 113 West Argyle St., Helensburgh.
 *Birnie, G. W. V. . . . Dunavard, Garelochhead, Dunbartonshire.
 *Borland, I. C. . . . Datchworth, 20 Hillside, New Barnet, Herts.
 *Bruce, J. A. . . . 13a Midmar Gardens, Edinburgh 10.
 Chalmers, R. S. . . . 13 Carrick Park, Ayr.
 Coubrough, C. M. . . . Cransley, Douglas, Lanarks.
 Coulter, E. J. . . . Carnesure, Comber, Co. Down, N. Ireland.
 †d'Angibau, A. C. . . . Treetops, St. Boswells, Roxburghshire.
 *Davidson, J. J. W. . . . 6 Atholl Place, Perth.
 †Dow, R. C. . . . 1 Lennox Street, Edinburgh 4.
 Garvie, I. J. . . . 3 Comely Bank, Perth.
 Gilmore, B. L. . . . 35 Airthrey Avenue, Glasgow, W.4.
 Grant, P. M. . . . Glenburnie, Leven, Fife.
 †Halliday, W. D. . . . Penfillan, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire.
 †Hardy, M. H. . . . "Totterdown House", Countess Road, Amesbury, Wilts.

*Harrison, R. N.	86 Broom Road, Teddington, Middx.
†Johnston, A. G.	4 Brights Crescent, Edinburgh 9.
Johnston, I. F.	Cunmont Farm, Kingennie, by Dundee.
Keith, M. P. H.	39 Kingston Road, Willerby, Hull, E. Yorks.
†Kidd, D. M.	Fernleigh, Sharples Park, Bolton, Lancs.
Kincaid, J. D.	20 Townsend Crescent, Kirkcaldy.
†Lindsay, N. D. M.	18 Broomieknowe Road, Rutherglen.
†Linton, D. G.	10 Edinburgh Way, Queens Park, Chester.
†McKenzie, D.	Parks, Inverness.
Marks, R. J.	41 Ashgrove Street, Ayr.
*Marshall, P. L.	Westerlands, Valley Prospect, Newark, Notts.
Martin, J. B.	Felkington, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Moffat, R. E. K.	14 Whitburn Road, Cleadon, Sunderland.
†Munro, D. W. M.	Laxford House, by Lairg, Sutherland.
†Nairn, A.	Ellamatta, 222 Titwood Road, Glasgow, S.1.
Nairn, J. H.	Largo 31 de Janeiro 13, Parede, Portugal.
†Nelson, E. A.	c/o Guthrie, 119 Drymen Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.
Peacock, J. G.	21 Fotheringay Road, Glasgow, S.1.
†Renton, S. M.	Melon Park, Elie, Fife.
Reynolds, E. M. G.	12 Huntly Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow.
Robson, W. S.	Ford Way, Horncliffe, Berwick-on-Tweed.
†Ross, K. I. R.	5 Cammo Grove, Edinburgh 4.
Sangster, J. A. W.	67 London Road, Kilmarnock.
Scott, J. B.	Easter House, Jackton, East Kilbride.
Shanks, A.	Pedwarden House, Pedwarden Road, Perth.
†Stark, R. C.	Croft House, Croft Road, Markinch, Fife.
Stuart, B. G.	2 Beverley Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.
Thomson, G. M.	Pathhead, Dunbar, E. Lothian.
†Turner, D. I.	27 Glasgow Road, Kilmarnock.
Vickery, P. R. G.	Eaves Cottage, Fairley, Ringwood, Hants.
Walker, J. W.	4 Donaldson Gardens, St. Andrews.
Wardhaugh, D. R.	Cortachy House, Cortachy, Kirriemuir, Angus.
†Wilkinson, A. P. D.	69 Shepherds Hill, London, N.6.
†Wiseman, J. G. P.	94 St. Andrews Drive, Glasgow, S.1.
†Young, J. L.	52 Monreith Road, Glasgow, S.3.

* SCHOOL PREFECT

† HOUSE PREFECT

Dedication of the Chapel

As part of the golden jubilee ceremonies at the School, the new chapel was dedicated on Sunday, 3rd June, 1962, by the Very Rev. Dr. A. C. Craig, immediate past-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, who also preached the sermon.

Designed by the school architect, and built from private subscriptions at a cost in the region of £35,000, the chapel accommodates 470. Its construction, mostly of stone, and strikingly simple lines blend well with the solid grandeur of the main school buildings.

In the afternoon a service was held for parents who had travelled a long distance, friends of Strathallan who had donated

*Interior view of the Chapel*

to the Chapel Fund, and boys who were leaving school that term. The preacher was the Rev. Professor Edgar P. Dickie, St. Mary's College, St. Andrews. Both Dr. Craig and Professor Dickie have a rare gift for speaking to young people and their words were listened to with the attention they deserved. A third service was conducted by the School Chaplain on Sunday, 10th June, for parents who live within the school area.

When the new chapel was dedicated, the largest and most complete electronic organ to be installed in Britain was heard for the first time. It is a 3-manual organ with as many as 636 tone generators. The volume and tone effect very closely resemble that of a pipe organ of similar range—yet at £5,000 its cost is about a third of what such a pipe organ would cost.

The type of organ was decided upon before the chapel was built, and its installation was planned as an integral part of the chapel itself, through close co-operation between the architects (Messrs. Gillespie & Scott), the Director of Music and the Miller Organ Company.

Two features resulting from this are the building of special sound chambers into the structure and the placing of the console. The sound chambers are cleverly concealed behind a false wall at the back of and to the side of the pulpit facing the



The Chapel

congregation. The sound is thrown upwards at a correctly-designed acoustic angle. The tone generators are housed in a small room on the opposite side of the chancel. So far as the congregation is concerned, the only visible unit of the installation is the simple, unobtrusive console, which is located on the west side of the chapel, with the choir seats around it.

The chapel, which has now been in use for six months, has proved a tremendous asset and is fulfilling splendidly a long-felt need.

CHAPEL PREACHERS, 1961-62

Rev. R. B. Gorrie, Rev. John Nelson, Rev. D. H. Whiteford, Bishop of St. Andrews, Rev. J. B. Torrance, Canon L. Derrick-Large, Rev. Prof. E. P. Dickie, Rev. A. Q. Morton, Rev. Dr. A. C. Craig, Rev. Dr. Adam Burnet, Rev. A. B. Robson, Rev. Robert Dollar, Rev. Dr. D. P. Thomson, Dean Ernest Gordon, Rev. John Scott, The Chaplain, Mr. R. A. L. Burnet, Mr. P. E. Grigsby and Mr. A. S. Gillespie.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES, 1962

Church of Scotland

Thomson, N. A.; Logan, J. S.; Grant, P. M.; Gilmour, J. M.; Garvie, I. J.; Martin, J. B.; Lindsay, N. D. M.; Renton, S. M.; Thomson, G. M.; Weatherston, P. M.; Mackenzie, K. L.; Peacock, J. G.; Laidlaw, M. G.

Episcopal

Wingate, A. L.; Hardwick, C. A. L.; Reynolds, P. M. G.; Fitzpatrick, D. W. J.; Franklin, D. B.; Wilkinson, A. W.; Manners-Wood, C. H.; Garden, D. F.; Garden, R. W.; Cranston, D. A.



*The Very Reverend Dr. A. C. Craig
preaching at the Chapel Dedication Service*



Dedication Service



*The Clerk of Works sowing the seed
for the Chapel lawn*

Music Notes

THE foundation of an orchestra is its string section and so it is encouraging to be able to say that the standard of the school orchestra strings is steadily improving under the enthusiastic tuition of Mr. Begbie. It is also encouraging to note that there are several budding viola-players and cellists in the junior part of the school, so that, in a year or two, the string section should be well balanced.

There have been three concerts this year, two informal ones and the usual Speech Day concert, and it has been the orchestra that has provided the main items. Programmes of the concerts are given at the end of this article. Many of the instrumentalists have played solos and also in small ensembles. Among the most successful of the latter have been P. Pradipasen and R. C. Dow playing the first movement from the concerto in D minor for two violins by Vivaldi.

A group of six musicians played the incidental music for "The Taming of the Shrew" at the end of the Easter term, and, by the professional way in which they directed themselves, contributed considerably to the success of the production.

The choir, apart from providing the anthem each Sunday and singing a few short—but none the less appreciated—items at the informal concerts, had a fairly uneventful year up to the end of the Easter term. But in the summer term there was much more singing to do: "Zadok the Priest" with the orchestra and organ on Speech Day, and the numerous services concerned with the dedication of the Chapel.

For the dedication service itself, it had been arranged that the choir and school would combine to sing Vaughan Williams' "Te deum" in D minor, in which the congregation unison part is essential to the performance of the work as a whole. But ten days before the scheduled opening of the Chapel the inside was still in the hands of the decorators and it looked as though the choir would have to divide and sing the congregational part as well as the choir part in the Dedication service, as was the intention for one of the services where the congregation was to consist of parents. However, the workmen were eventually induced to move their paint pots, planks of wood, and wood shavings, and to make room for the school, and, in the last week, numerous practices were held at all sorts of unlikely times. As a result the school learned their part in record time, and when the day of the service came they were well able to sing it, and did so with considerable enthusiasm.

There have been two recitals given to the school during the year: one in the winter term given by the Chantry Ensemble (flute, clarinet and piano), and one in the Easter term given

by the Linden Singers. The latter recital was particularly appreciated, both for the fine singing and also for the informal way in which it was presented.

A musical society has been started this year and has had two meetings, which have been reported elsewhere.

G.W.

ANTHEMS SUNG BY THE CHOIR

O Saviour of the world (Goss); From all that dwells beneath the skies (Bach); Jesu, Lamb of God (Mozart); Magnificat in B (Stamford); 150th Psalm (Franck); He that shall endure to the end (Mendelssohn); Glory be to God the Father (Rachmaninof); Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell); My heart ever faithful (Bach); O Bone Jesu (Palestina); He that is down need fear no fall (Vaughan Williams); God be in my head (Walford Davies); This joyful Eastertide (arr. C. Wood); The strife is o'er (Henry Ley); Te deum (Vaughan Williams); Gloria in excelsis (Haydn); "Sanctus" from Requiem (Mozart); Lead me Lord (Wesley); Lord, who has made us for thine own (Holst); Nunc Dimittis in G (Stamford).

Among the carols sung by the choir at the Carol Service on the 16th of December were:

The Lord that first did Adam make (Traditional); Ding dong merrily on high (Old French); In dulci jubilo (arr. Pearsall); Sans day carol (Traditional); O little one sweet (Bach); I saw a maiden (Old Basque); Psallite Unigenito (Praetorius); Christ is born in Bethlehem (Catalan).

The following have passed the Associated Board Music Exams:

W. J. Speirs, Theory and Piano, Grade V; M. M. Miller, Theory and Piano, Grade V; P. Pradipasen, Theory and Violin, Grade V, distinction; D. R. Wardhaugh, Trumpet, Grade V; J. M. Fletcher, Violin, Grade IV, merit; R. C. Stark, Clarinet, Grade IV, merit; W. B. Melville, Oboe, Grade IV, merit; B. M. S. Borland, Piano, Grade III; W. S. Robson, Flute, Grade III; K. L. McKenzie, Trumpet, Grade III; I. A. Russell, Clarinet, Grade III; R. J. H. Neil, Violin, Grade III, distinction; M. W. MacEwen, Oboe, Grade III; R. A. Lamb, Violin, Grade II, merit.

INFORMAL CONCERT

8 p.m. 15th December, 1961

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| 1. Orchestra: | Country Gardens | <i>Grainger</i> |
| 2. Recorder, violin and piano:
(R.C.S., R. C. Dow and A. C. d'Angibau) | Trio Sonata | <i>Sammartini</i> |
| 3. Choir (trebles and altos): | Three Carols: | |
| | (a) Infant Holy | <i>Polish</i> |
| | (b) Entre le boeuf et l'âne gris | <i>French</i> |
| | (c) Hasten now, ye shepherds | <i>Puerto Rican</i> |
| 4. Orchestra: | (a) Sarabande | <i>Handel</i> |
| | (b) Boree | <i>Handel</i> |
| 5. Violin solo:
(P. Pradipasen) | 1st movement from | |
| | Concerto in A minor | <i>Bach</i> |
| 6. Piano duet:
(K.C.J. and G.W.) | Slavonic Dance in F | <i>Dvorak</i> |
| 7. Clarinet solo:
(R. C. Stark) | My heart ever faithful | <i>Bach</i> |
| | Waltz: Springtime | <i>Wooller</i> |

8. Orchestra: 2nd movement from
Symphony in D *Schubert*
9. Oboe, clarinet and
bassoon:
(R.C.S., R. C. Stark
and N.D.T.) (a) Allegro vivo *Ibert*
(b) Le Coucou *Milhaud*
(c) Tambourin *Milhaud*
10. Choir (tenors and
basses): Three Carols:
(a) Steeples, set your bells a-ringing *Russian*
(b) What Child is this? *English*
(Tune: Greensleeves)
(c) Somerset Wassail *English*
11. Orchestra: (a) Grand March from "Aida" *Verdi*
(solo trumpet—D. R. Wardhaugh)
(b) Trepak (Russian Dance) *Prosper Morand*

INFORMAL CONCERT**6 p.m. 20th March, 1962**

1. Orchestra: Hungarian Dance No. 5 *Brahms*
2. Violin solo: Serenade *Schubert*
(P. Pradipasen, acc.
by P. Dangerfield) Scottish Air and Reel *arr. Radmall*
3. Orchestra: Slavonic Dance Op. 46 No. 6 *Dvorak*
4. Trumpet solo: Trumpet Voluntary *J. Clarke*
(D. R. Wardhaugh,
acc. by W. J. Speirs)
5. Orchestra: Two Bourrées from 4th Suite *Bach*
6. Clarinet solo: "Stranger on the Shore" ... *Mr. Acker Bilk*
(R. C. Stark) "Bess you is my woman" *Gershwin*
(Porgy and Bess)
7. Woodwind quartet: Summer Time *Gershwin*
(R. C. Stark, I. A. Russell, D.A.R.W.
and N.D.T.) (Porgy and Bess)
8. Tenors and basses: Drill ye tarriers ... *N. American Folk Song*
The Housewife's
Lament *N. American Folk Song*
9. Violin duet: 1st movement from Concerto
(P. Pradipasen and in D minor for 2 violins *Vivaldi*
R. C. Dow)
10. Orchestra: March: Folk Songs
from Somerset *Vaughan Williams*

SPEECH DAY CONCERT

1. Orchestra: March: Folk Songs
from Somerset *Vaughan Williams*
2. Woodwind trio: "Sheep may safely graze" *Bach*
(R. C. Stark and I. A. Russell—clarinets, W.
B. Melville — oboe)
3. Orchestra: Allegretto from
Symphony No. 3 in D *Schubert*
Grand March from "Aida" *Verdi*
(solo trumpet—D. R. Wardhaugh)

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| 4. Choir (tenors and
basses): | Drill ye tarriers ... <i>N. American Folk Song</i>
Simple Gifts <i>arr. Copland</i>
The Housewife's
Lament <i>N. American Folk Song</i> |
| 5. Orchestra: | Suite of Scottish Dances <i>arr. Alwyn</i> |
| 6. Violin duet:
(P. Pradipasen and
R. C. Dow) | 1st movement from Concerto
in D minor for 2 violins <i>Vivaldi</i> |
| 7. Choir and Orchestra: | Zadok, the Priest <i>Handel</i> |

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Dramatic Society

"The Taming Of The Shrew"

REALISTIC comedy, bordering on farce, is very difficult to put over on stage, and it is to the credit of all concerned that the school's production of "The Taming of the Shrew" was a definite success.

In this production the Induction was omitted and the inset play was presented alone to an audience (represented by D. H. Martyn's remarks).

Inevitably on these occasions there are one or two actors upon whose performance a great deal depends. In this case, Katherine and Petruchio are especially important parts, and they were handled well by Swindall and D. M. Lawson respectively. Occasionally the Shrew was loud-mouthed rather than shrewish, but Swindall more than made up for any deficiency in that direction by matching Lawson's vital swiftness and clarity of speech in their conversational sallies. He delivered Katherine's final words of advice to "headstrong women" particularly well, although one could almost hear Mrs. Pankhurst revolving in her grave at the expression of such sentiments as:

"Such duty as the subject owes the prince,
Even such a woman oweth to her husband".

Lawson's Petruchio was as coarsely masculine as the author must have intended and he gave an honest picture of a real man, such as one would never meet in Illyria or the Forest of Arden. What could be more realistic, and less romantic, than the sight of a man pricking up his ears at the news that there is a fortune to be gained by any man who will take "Kate the Curst" off her father's hands, and hurrying off to strike the bargain before somebody else picks it up? Lawson had both the presence and the personality to project this engaging but



The Cast of "The Taming of the Shrew"

unscrupulous adventurer in what was a mature and confident performance.

Benson was an able foil as his servant, Grumio, and was responsible for several bouts of laughter in the course of the evening. It was interesting to see many of the usual years removed from the shoulders of D. M. Stewart's Gremio and transferred to those of J. G. P. Wiseman's Hortensio, that other suitor for Bianca's hand. Certainly the transformation allowed Stewart the proper use of his bass voice, and Wiseman had more scope for his undoubted acting ability in portraying the senile suitor. Moffat's Bianca was suitably contrasted both physically and mentally with the shrewish Katherine, and made a fitting prize for the conventional romantic hero Lucentio, as played by Pickard. Wilson and Barron, as his servants, provided several entertaining moments.

The remainder of the cast gave performances ranging from adequate to good, although space does not permit me to go into individual details.

As always, the Stage Staff contributed much more to the evening's entertainment than one can possibly visualise. But a special word of praise is due to anyone concerned with the construction of the English Tudor style setting: it was really excellent. Finally, there was the performance of members of the School Orchestra in accompanying the two dances. It was a fine example of teamwork both on and off stage. That really sums up the entire performance.

R.A.L.B.

CAST

Baptista, a rich gentleman of Padua	I. C. BORLAND
Vincentio, an old gentleman of Pisa	R. N. HARRISON
Lucentio, son to Vincentio, in love with Bianca	E. PICKARD
Petruchio, a gentleman of Verona	D. M. LAWSON
Gremio) suitors to Bianca (D. M. STEWART
Hortensio)	J. G. P. WISEMAN
Tranio) servants to Lucentio (K. R. WILSON
Biondello)	V. BARRON
Grumio, servant to Petruchio	C. BENSON
Pedant	A. V. HITCHING
Katharina) daughters to Baptista (V. A. N. SWINDALL
Bianca)	R. E. K. MOFFAT
A Widow	M. M. MILLER
The Tailor	A. L. WINGATE
The Haberdasher	D. M. RITCHIE
Servants	F. B. McKEEVER
	D. R. MORRISON
	J. B. MELVILLE
	D. R. WARDHAUGH
A Page	G. L. H. MURE

STAGE STAFF

Stage Manager	R. S. Peters
Assistants	P. M. Grant, R. J. Marks, A. I. Smith, G. M. Thomson, P. G. Wedgwood
Electricians	B. L. Gilmore, D. F. Garden
Prompter	M. H. P. Keith
Make-up	P. H. Dangerfield, J. A. Kilgour, B. M. S. Borland, W. J. Speirs

ORCHESTRA

R. C. Dow, P. Pradipasen, D. M. Kidd, A. C. d'Angibau

Long-Time Dream

WINDS blow and sands shift. sea tides beat upon a nameless shore. Green clouds swirl in a turquoise sky. Rains fall softly on the long red cliffs, fall and drain away into the languid sea. The suns rise and the moon sets, nights and days pass like a secret dream, unremembering. There is no yesterday, no tomorrow. There is not even today. The cycle goes on, and the sea is the sea. All is new, yet everything is immeasurably old. There is no beginning, and end has no meaning. Ten million orbits of the double suns, and it has not begun to be. The winds

are silent, the waves are still; the suns are invisible. There is no life to hear, to see to remember.

It is now. This is the first moment of time for this world, though its matter has been since infinity. A dot appears in the East, in the white of the rising suns. Nearer, it flashes in their light, silver-gleaming, silent. It hangs there in the dawn-pink, then drops — slowly, carefully, beautifully. It touches, settles, rests. It sniffs in the morning air — the First Morning's air — and considers it. Delicate probes question the world, and get the First Answer. All is ready. A circular blister opens in the shiny skin, a ladder descends. Three stand in the hatch, and look, and breathe, and hear. One by one (there are now Numbers) they climb down and stand in thought.

They knew already; they had known long before they landed. But they had to see for themselves. They stood, the Three, and were sure. A long silence lay between them.

"There is nothing". Flat, dull, disappointment. "It is dead" They stood there, alone and not alone. "No — not dead. It has never lived". Soon (Oh, so soon, so soon. It has hardly begun to begin) the Three climbed back into their ship. They had come through space and time, and had found a waste. The silver rocket mounted on a pillar of thrust, and was gone. A dark spot in the sky, and beyond the atmosphere into the void or the Heavens.

That day passed, and another, and many more. The winds blew on the shifting sands, the sea-tides beat upon the Shore of Beginnings. The rains fell, and the sea was the Sea. The suns rose and the moon set, and the days were numbered. For the Three had left, but not left. The planet existed in their memories, and they in the planet's. For in their breath, in their sweat, in their clothing, was Life. And Life was left behind them, to live and grow in the new Sea. And in the course of the new Time

There was a drowsy holiday mood in the air, and the drone of the bluebottles blurred into the rhythmic line of shining cars along the sea-front. The sweep of the pier half-concealed the ship gliding out of harbour. The grass was very green, and the sky very blue, and the solitary blaze of the sun warmed the brown earth into a pleasant reverie. Oh, no, it could not be . .

L.W.B.

These Trials. . . . !

"Hot chocolate crazy, hot chocolate mad! My, she's got it bad!" comes over the air from "your friendly station", and vibrates across the auditory ossicles, gets tangled up with the cochlea,

and somehow reaches the cerebral hemispheres, where it is interpreted.

Two molecules of hydrogen and two atoms of oxygen float towards one eye, combine somewhere inside, and a droplet of water emerges from the other eye. The mouth opens wide, and a tired blast of air is emitted from the deflated lungs. The red book of chemical knowledge slams shut, the blue book of biology opens. "You're following me . . ." blares across the study, reverbrates round the walls, and disappears down the corridor. The digestive tract bounces up and down with "that crazy beat" from the latest "twist". Somewhere in the stomach a lonely protein is being assaulted by a bunch of chemical cannibals called enzymes. "Ten o'clock by your ever right watch" Work ceases. The brain seizes and the bags under the eyes gain another millimetre in girth. The much laboured body drags itself up to bed and collapses owing to a supposedly undiscovered and undiagnosed disease, caused by the interaction of equations and mammalian physiology coupled with Elvis P. and the like. Another day thus ends.

Excerpt from "How to be a Success" by a notable Sixth Form delinquent.

G. W. V. Birnie.

The Unfortunate One

In fiery hunger from the heights they race.
In blue and grey and green their hosts arrayed,
They seek for spoil and in their ugly grace,
Do dance in honour of a perfect raid.

The starlings come, in glistening colours clad,
And then the robins with their ruddy breast,
The blackbird in its mourning costume sad,
Is by the waxwing with its tufted crest.

The blue tits hop around in pastel colours soft,
And with their brother coal-tits add more colour to the scene,
Until, just when a chaffinch has arrived from high aloft,
The garden is a mass of blue and black and verdant green.

They live the life they love — alas, not long —
For then from nowhere comes the dreaded feline cry,
A tabby in its fury leaps among the startled throng,
And snatches one poor sparrow while the rest flee to the sky.

I. T. Carruthers.

The History of the Ruthven Family

THE original owners of Strathallan, known then as Freeland House, were the Ruthven family. Ruthven origin is traceable to Thor, son of Sweyn, a viking chief who settled in Scotland under David 1st. One of the early chiefs married the heiress of Cameron of Balgarno, and Sir William Ruthven of that ilk was created a peer as Lord Ruthven in 1487. There is a long period in the family's history from this time on, when the family were engaged in numerous plots, the culmination of which was the murder of the third Earl of Gowrie after the Gowrie plot on the life of James 1st. Their peerage was extinguished and their arms abolished in 1600. Dr. Patrick Ruthven escaped to England and assumed the title of Lord Ruthven. When that line became extinct the title and arms went to Alexander Ruthven of Freeland, who had been excluded in the act condemning the Ruthven family, and his descendant, Sir Thomas Ruthven of Freeland, was created a peer by Charles 1st in 1651. The line descended through the female line to the Baroness Ruthven, Jean, and then to her niece, Isobel, whose son, James, became the 5th Earl of Ruthven. Here all clear records of the family cease until the descendant, Walter, became the tenth Earl. He had a distinguished military career, and was created a peer of the United Kingdom, as Lord Ruthven of Gowrie, in 1919. In 1945 he was created Earl of Gowrie, thus reviving the ancient and historic title of his ancestors.

D. M. Ritchie

The Odyssey

"We were the worst that ever burst into that silent sea", Coleridge (almost).

The argonauts concerned in this saga of the Narrow Channels, and what they will ever be remembered for:

- I. C. Borland: Our accountant and liability.
- R. N. Harrison: The engineer and navigation checker.
- D. M. Kidd: Purser and Dinghy Wrecker-in-chief.
- D. G. Linton: Navigation and Loud Hailer.
- P. L. Marsland: Off duty for the duration.
- R. H. Scott: Log Keeper and Fire Prevention Officer.

The cook wishes to remain anonymous, as do the various drivers, and the entire crew wishes the Norfolk Constabulary better hunting in the future.

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Our planning was long and complicated and, as a direct result, the two sections of the crew missed each other in Norwich.

This gave both parties the firm impression that the other had been unable to raise the capital required, and that they had pulled out leaving the others to sink, or less desirably, to swim. This was confirmed when Kidd and the author had their wallets very efficiently cleaned out by the owner of the boat yard on their arrival (he was sorry later), and they wandered down to a boat the size of an average liner in penniless gloom. Who should they meet there but the cheerful owners of four well stuffed wallets, and it says much for the good effect of but three days at home that the above mentioned four scruffy owners paid up with the minimum of persuasion. Marsland, declaring loudly that he had passed his test, took the wheel and proceeded to scare the living daylights out of all and sundry by weaving geometrical patterns on the River Yare (and its banks) with a forty-foot cruiser.

The dinghy behind was soon pressed into service, for we had not gone very far down the river when the mop disappeared into the river. Kidd promptly jumped into the dinghy, equipped with moth-eaten oars, and cast himself off. A minute or two later, the mop and Kidd were in the dinghy, and the oars were in the water and the whole lot were well and truly entangled in six-foot high rushes. The remainder of the crew then rescued the prodigal before the entire population of East Anglia saw him and his mop, in spite of the desperate attempts of Marsland, to drown the lot of us. Kidd and the dinghy never really hit it off together and the latter involved the former, or vice versa, in some very regrettable accidents. There was, for instance, the problem of the goose-neck fitting which, so we were told, dropped out of the mast every time one looked at it, and had to be screwed in at a boat yard, which is not as easy to find as the hire company would have you believe. There was the occasion when the boat was lying head to wind and the dinghy, for some obscure reason, was secured by the stern painter. It was in this position that Kidd hoisted all possible sail, untied the painter, and stepped straight into the river up to his thighs as the dinghy hammered down stream, for all the world like a Flying Fifteen. Had not the lady, in the boat astern, been smarter than the average with the boat-hook, the crew might well have had a rather difficult chase on their hands as the dinghy headed like a bullet for a far distant Great Yarmouth. When the goose-neck did stay in position it was designed to occupy, it apparently prohibited movement by the boat against the wind, and the less experienced helmsman of our number had a very long row after their idle few minutes.

There were three cabins with two bunks in each, all of which purported to be at least six feet in length. The author and Kidd occupied the two for'ard berths right in the bows, which were

a sight nearer five feet in length than the stated six, and daily decreased in length as the boat was rammed into more and more banks. Scott and Marsland shared the double bunk amidships, but the author cannot record their impressions as neither has yet regained the power of speech after his ordeal. Borland and Harrison shared the aft cabin with the stores, which, we later discovered, was a serious error, as they were partial to a little snack of a pound and a half of fruit cake at 2 a.m. almost every morning. The cider flagon suffered a similar fate.

The cooking was, to say the least, interesting. Linton perfected a way of mashing potatoes without ever laying a fork on them. It involved leaving them in the pan until they had reached an amorphous state, straining them, and finally, getting rid of most of the moisture by wringing in a sock. Or at least, so it tasted. Scott made us some real Italian spaghetti, which only a real Italian would have tried to eat, and the entire crew were confined to their bunks for a considerable time. One of our number funk'd this little task of feeding the ravenous crew, and, very decently, invited us out for lunch at a restaurant . . . Yarmouth Transport Cafe. We cannot, I'm afraid, recommend it to any but the hungriest.

We sang almost all the time it wasn't raining, and there was a constant rivalry between the members of the choir, who preferred quality, and those who are heard only at rugger matches and like functions, and who very clearly preferred quantity. The favourites of the mob as a whole turned out to be versions of "Michael" and "Santiano", which would have put the "Highwaymen" out of business in less time than it takes to say "David Jacobs". We sang them at every opportunity possible, the most notable of which occurred shortly before Borland went for a row in Lowestoft harbour at 11 p.m. with no navigation lights and was almost run down by a swan. He accused the swan of being drunk in charge. The swan made its views very clear by maintaining a dignified silence.

We met Mr. D. E. Young at Ranworth. It is hard to say *who* was the more astounded, us from thinking ourselves far from any trace of school and seeing James galloping up and down an otherwise peaceful staithe, or Mr. Young, who suddenly encountered a group of apparently responsible prefects draped in various attitudes of lethargy all over an otherwise respectable cruiser. We buried the hatchet in the pub that night where Mr. Young's mathematical precision on the dart board was narrowly beaten by the noble art of gamesmanship—acquired through years of experience. Mr. Young recommended the screen at Ranworth church but the crew were on holiday from culture, and we did not take his advice.

The custom on the broads is to wave to every craft one passes, and we began each day with cheery waves to all we passed, but some of those to whom we waved did not return our greeting. This enraged the author, who had hitherto doffed his hat to every craft irrespective of size, and Harrison, who was always in a bad temper first thing in the morning, to such an extent that the loud hailer was brought into use, and such rude crews who did not return our salute were loudly informed "your dinghy's floating". This infallibly produced a mad, panic-stricken rush to the stern to check on the statement. They always waved next time.

We made many friends in the pubs, especially with the landlords, who sensed quick, easy money. Borland and the author were well beaten by one, however, at the Stracey Arms, to whose hour-long tirade on the wonders of America they listened in the hope of at least one drink on the house, only to find at the end of it that it was closing time. The author converted one to being a militant follower of Canon Collins and we prepared a budget with an exorbitant tax on all M.P.s, among many others, with the landlord of another, well after closing time. We saw many interesting signs outside these "places of refreshment", one of which had what appeared to be teeth marks half way up it. We were told, rightly or wrongly, that this had been a growing tree until but a few years ago, and these were the marks left by an itinerate herd of swine while the tree was in its prime.

Three of the things which amused the author particularly: a local in a yacht tacking frantically through a herd of cruisers who called the well dressed author in his bowler a "bloody cowboy"; a large cruiser swarming with small children, clearly labelled "Freedom"; the boat that got half way through Potter Heigham bridge and no further. There were some very nice wood shavings going very cheaply shortly after this.

Our advice for a happy cruise on the Broads? Go with a bunch of half-wits, there are plenty about, let the insurance people worry, and please take a bowler.

D. G. Linton.

Spain, 1962

VICTORIA station was cold and draughty that Sunday morning in April as the party slowly assembled, most people looking as if they could have done with another six hours in bed. The main topic of conversation was the briny deep, and whether seasickness was psychological.

The journey to Paris gave our stomachs the necessary time to acquire our usual Strath appetites, and before we got to Paris the prospect of a night without couchettes had paled into insignificance.

After stowing our luggage away, we were solemnly warned by Mr. Barker of the awful fate of those who were late for trains on school parties, and went off for something to eat.

Returning to our train an hour or two later, we were just getting settled when Mr. Rymer told us that Mr. Barker and Mr. Craig, with two boys, had been left behind in Paris. Luckily, however, this did not matter much, as the tickets were in Mr. Barker's case (locked), but this soon yielded to the touch of the expert. After a few apparently ridiculous suggestions as to how they could have missed the train and how they would have dreadful trouble keeping themselves amused in Paris at night, the party settled down to the serious business of getting some sleep, a thing which proved virtually impossible. As a direct result, we could not fully grasp the scenic grandeur of the Pyrenees which greeted us with the beautiful dawn.

We changed into Spanish trains at 10 a.m. that day and it is possible that on favourable stretches, the train to Barcelona may have almost touched thirty miles an hour, but this record has still to be ratified. After a wash, and lunch at the hotel, we went out to see what the city had to offer in the way of sights, and this so exhausted us that we were glad to go to bed after dinner.

Tuesday, like the previous day, dawned bright and clear, and, after breakfast, we sallied forth to inspect as much of the town as we could cover. We walked for many, many miles down the broad and beautiful avenues, looking in all the shop windows, buying a souvenir here, and a bunch of bananas there. We were amazed by the tremendous difference between the rich avenues and the really poor side streets which meander off at all angles, and are seldom wide enough to take a car. Here was the home of the poorer Spaniard, and much of his life seems to be spent pounding the streets with a look of resignation on his face, totally unlike the older people of this country.

On one afternoon we went on an official sight-seeing tour of the city and the high cliffs of Tidibado, which overlook the city and rise to some 1,200 feet. From here the view is tremendous and is naturally a very popular excursion for the inhabitants.

In the city there is a perfectly preserved Spanish village which houses many of Spain's distinctive craftsmen, and, in

complete contrast to this, there is a very modern cathedral which has but one facade complete, and such is the style of the architecture that it looks as if this were the sole remaining wall, and as though all the rest had crumbled away and left it on its own.

The zoo is a very remarkable one, unlike any we have in this country in that it has very few cages, and it looks as though many of the animals could easily escape if they wanted to — in fact when Renton and I were walking around the gardens, a seal clambered out of the pool, flopped over to us, and eyed us suspiciously.

One of Spain's most famous monasteries is at Montserrat in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Its boys' choir is the best in Europe — or so we were told, and to hear it, we had to go along a road carved out of the cliff, as well as the railway, to a place which had been frequented by hermits in days of yore. Later on in the day we saw "the Black Virgin" (the blackness was due to the smoke from candles).

The following day we carried on to Lloret de Mar which is a small village on the Costa Brava, with no proper roads, but only sandbanks. As Sunday morning was bright and sunny, we all dutifully trooped down to the "Med."

In the afternoon we all ventured to Barcelona to sample the Spaniard's favourite sport — bull-fighting. The fights proved very exciting especially as the first bull gored one of the matadors. As time went by, however, we became sickened by the mass brutality of the spectators and matadors alike, and most of us left with a foul taste in our mouths.

Here the weather broke, and we soon exhausted the entertainment facilities of Lloret. On the last night, those of us who had taken our kilts were taken by Mr. Barker to a small bar where a young guitarist, Miguel, played and sang. In return, our dancers gave a demonstration to the well-spirited bagpipe imitations of Mr. Craig.

The following day saw the start of the long trek home, but it did not seem as long as the previous one, for we had couchettes, and the channel was like a mill pond. We would like to thank Mr. Barker, Mr. Craig and Mr. Rymer for the excellent organisation which contributed so much to our enjoyment.

In conclusion, I think I can speak for the whole party when I say that we thoroughly enjoyed the holiday, in spite of the fact that the weather broke down at the end of the stay in Lloret. However, I am sure that all of us would like to return, but not, perhaps, by rail!

R. C. Stark.

The College of Air Training

THE college is situated at Hamble, a few miles south-east of Southampton, and is equipped to train up to 220 cadets at one time. It is sponsored jointly by the Ministry of Aviation, B.O.A.C. and by B.E.A. Its aim is to give a two years' (comprehensive) course of basic and advanced flying together with the necessary technical and academic training to fit the cadets for a career as an airline pilot.

Selection for the college is a very prolonged business requiring three separate attendances at the college and one in London.

I was called to attend the college in October 1961. I and four other prospective cadets were met at Southampton by transport which took us out to the college. After a good dinner we were shown around the college by some of the cadets and the quarters were, to put it bluntly, luxurious.

The next day we were wakened at 7 a.m. and after paying a visit to the mess we went over to the Selection Block. Here we received the usual brief introduction, and very shortly after I found myself facing a battery of questions about my past, present, and plans for, the future. This ordeal was followed by an essay, and other tests to determine the candidate's agility of mind, and these did not finish until well after 5.30 when we were free to go, the primary stage having been completed.

Those candidates who were successful in this stage went on to the secondary stage in mid-March. This consisted of group discussions and the solving of problems by the group. The problem we got has never been finished completely, and it remains so. This was followed by dinner with the interview board, two of whom were operational captains, who told us many interesting and amusing stories of their life with the airlines. In spite of their amusing approach to life, they did a very good job of muddling the candidates a few minutes later in the board interview, and many of us were almost beaten by the simple arithmetical problem which ended it.

Again I was successful, and accordingly later produced myself at the Ministry of Aviation, where I was prodded and poked for six hours (Bridge of Earn has nothing on that place), before being passed fit to attain the Ministry's airline transport pilot's licence. B.O.A.C. checked this the next day (five hours this time).

This was followed soon after by my flying acceptance course. I had no idea what this meant, and on the first morning my worst fears were confirmed when the Chief Flying Instructor gave us each a check list for a Chipmunk. We were provided

with flying suits and communications equipment. The weather was very poor then, and I could only get in about 3 hours' flying in as many days, but at the end of this brief time, or so it seemed to me, I took my test, which involved my doing everything except radio communications. This lasted an hour, and as I am still alive to tell this tale it can't have been as bad as it felt.

I passed, and have a place there if I get my "A" levels. Good luck to all who come this way, it's not really as hard as it all sounds.

K. R. Wilson.

Gilwell Park

LAST summer holidays we attended a week's "Leadership in Scouting" course, which is held twice a year at Gilwell Park in Kent. The aim of the courses there is to bring out the qualities of leadership in each boy and to give him an insight into the running of the Scout movement.

Gilwell Park, which covers an area of 110 acres, was presented to the Scouting movement in 1919, and is the International Training Centre of the Scout International Conference. Between 1945 and 1960 over eleven thousand scouters attended courses there.

There were about forty boys at the camp we attended from various public schools in the country, but it is worthy of note that only three of us were from Scottish schools.

During our week's stay at Gilwell we learned a lot about scouting in general, and we had plenty of opportunity to put it into practice in the park. We were given instruction in axeman-ship, pioneering, knotting, and observation, and we completed several tasks, such as the construction of bridges, rafts and over-head runways. We also went on a 48-hour hike which proved to be both interesting and amusing, and on this occasion Birnie achieved the distinction of being the winning P.L., for which he was presented with a memento.

We were also taken on a conducted tour of the new B.P. House in London, which was very interesting.

We all felt that our week went by much too quickly, and we were very sorry to leave at the end of it.

The course was both instructive and enjoyable, and we are sure that we both benefited greatly from it. If any of our readers are thinking of going on such a course, we can thoroughly recommend it to them.

T. A. F. Jenkins and G. W. V. Birnie.



Sir John Hunt talking to Duke of Edinburgh Award Winners

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

DIARY

Aug. 1961: H. J. Lochore presented with Gold Award by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh at St. James' Palace.

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13th Feb.: Visit of Sir John Hunt. Bronze Awards presented to K. J. Darling, D. L. Ferguson and C. C. Wearmouth.

3rd. Feb. to 24th Mar.: Day training expeditions to Ben Ledi, Bencleuch, Ben Vorlich, Glen Lednock and Ben Chonzie.

17th May: Series of 12 First Aid Classes commenced under Nurse Stanton.

4th July: First Aid Exam by Dr. Clark, Perth. 20 British Red Cross Society Junior First Aid Certificates awarded.

28th May, 25th June and 8th July: Pursuits and Projects Tests — Stamp Collecting, Drawing, Music and Photography.

26th/27th May, 9th/10th June and 23rd/24th June: First Series expeditions to the Cairngorms.

16th/17th June and 21st/22nd July: First Series expeditions in the Ochils.

21st/23rd July: Second Series expeditions: Pitlochry area.

27th June to 7th July: Fitness. Athletics standards (track, swimming and gym).

2nd July: G. W. V. Birnie presented with Gold Award by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh at Holyrood House.

Oxford Hockey Festival

FOR the first time the school was invited to send a team to the Oxford hockey festival for the public schools. This gathering is intended to improve the standard of school hockey generally, and also to provide an opportunity for the boys of various schools to meet. It was indeed a worthwhile venture for the school, and the team was most enthusiastic when it departed at the end of the Easter term on the south-bound sleeper.

In spite of the fact that the members of the team breakfasted individually and made their own way to Paddington, everyone managed to arrive just in time for the train to Oxford; perhaps because they were travelling on a party ticket. On our arrival at Hertford College, where we were to stay during the festival, we were met by Mr. Spurgin, who had arrived earlier, and shown to our rooms.

Outwardly, Hertford is not one of the more impressive of the Oxford colleges, but we found the inside very interesting and it gave us a very good picture of what life there is like.

The accommodation was excellent, although two members of the team had their rooms at the top of long flights of stairs, and the ascent of these was quite a feat at dead of night when one was unfamiliar with the stairs and the lighting systems. Each room had a large study attached to the well-furnished bedroom with a heater. There were showers and these were eagerly contested for with the two other schools there after each match. Excellent meals were served in the college dining rooms, and we seldom chose to eat elsewhere. Our only complaint was over the lack of hot running water in the rooms. The substitute for this was a supply of hot water in cans, but these invariably cooled before we could get out of bed to make use of their contents.

The first evening there, Doctor Farmer showed five boys round Stowe, the nearby school where he now teaches.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we had ample time to look around the city, in fact, perhaps too much time, for we soon exhausted the entertainments it had to offer. It was unfortunate that two of the matches had to be cancelled because of rain, but we were by no means bored.

The festival was very much enjoyed by the entire team, who, without doubt, came away with very happy memories. Thanks are due to Mr. Spurgin, who ably organised the many different aspects of the visit. Although we only played three matches, the experience thus gained should prove of considerable value next season. I think I can safely say that all of us can recommend a return to the festival next year.

R. H. Scott.

School Library

THIS year has seen the beginnings of a major change in the library. The old system of classification is being replaced by the Dewey decimal classification system. The scheme demands that each book be carded, numbered, and catalogued, and it is hoped that the library will have been converted to the new system by the end of the year.

The benefits of the scheme are limitless. In the future, books will be easy to find on their respective shelves, which will be clearly labelled, and they will seldom be found on the wrong shelves, as the librarians alone will be permitted to replace books.

We should like to thank J. A. Montgomerie, Esq., for his presentation of a set of "The proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland".

It has been noted with some anxiety, however, that there are few boys who make use of the wide range of books available for their own serious reading in their spare time. It is to be hoped that next year more boys will take to reading as a hobby.

Well over twelve hundred books have been taken out of the library this year, but despite the plea of last year's librarians, it has become apparent that many of the users of the library have no sense of the orderly neatness required in a library.

Despite the reshuffle, the library has been expanding, and over sixty new books have been bought. They are:

Cambridge Ancient History, Vol. V; The Tudor Age; Scotland under Charles I; England in the reigns of James II and William III; Louis XIV; England under the Tudors and Stuarts; The English Revolution 1688-89; The Industrial Revolution; The Wealth of England; Roman Britain; Central Europe; Cambridge Ancient History, Vol. VIII; Wellington and his Army; Organic Chemistry, Vols. 1 and 2; Mammals of the World; Birds of the World; Marine Life of Coastal Waters; the World of Insects; Introduction to Anglo-Saxon England; Modern Scientists at Work; Plant Marvels in Miniature; Everyday

Science; Glossary of Geographical Terms; Chemistry Diagrams; Dictionary of Musical Terms; Everyman's Dictionary of Music; Structure and Change; Physical Science; First Principles of Chemistry; Bach—a pictorial biography; Groves' Dictionary of Music and Musicians; Sir Thomas Beecham; Aneurin Bevan: Cautious Rebel; The Kennedy Government; Greek Art; The Arts of Man; Looking at Pictures; Picasso's Picassos; Gagarin; Handbook of Greek Literature; College Chemistry; Handbook of Latin Literature; Farming as a Career; Banking as a Career; Teaching as a Career; Wentworth — a Reappraisal; Statistics; Dictionary of Musical Themes; Dictionary of Vocal Themes; Great Composers; Talking about Symphonies; English Madrigal Composers; Electronics as a Career; Physical Geography of Asiatic Russia; History of the Earth; Mechanisation in Agriculture; Human Relations and Modern Management; Depreciation and Replacement v. Policy; Dental Surgery as a Career; Whitaker's Almanack 1962; Wisden 1962.

The librarians this year were: D. M. Lawson; D. I. Turner; A. V. Hitching; and T. G. Crabb.

D. I. Turner.

Perth Theatre Visits

VISITS to the Perth Theatre continued this year. Owing to the lack of support, however, and a change in the system of running the plays, the schools' special rate matinee performances had to be discontinued. This meant that the visits took place on Saturday evenings, and we were able to choose the plays which we considered worthwhile seeing. It also meant that we were able to enjoy the plays, unhampered by the hitherto youthful and somewhat inattentive audiences. Despite the fact that there were no longer any reduced seats, attendance was still high. The plays attended once again covered a wide range, and were as follows:

"Corinth House" by Pamela Hansford Johnson.

"The Hamlet of Stepney Green" by Bernard Kops.

"Quality Street" by J. M. Barrie.

"The Same Sky" by Yvonne Mitchell.

"Much Ado About Nothing" by William Shakespeare.

Perhaps the most interesting of these was "The Hamlet of Stepney Green" because of its insight into Jewish life and folk-song, and it was entertaining to see a play written by the well known actress Yvonne Mitchell. The last play, "Much Ado About Nothing", was of particular interest as, shortly before the visit, three of the leading players had been guests at our own Shakespeare Society.

J. G. P. Wiseman.

Young Farmers' Club

ONCE again the club has had a very successful season, and the guests, masters and boys have all played their parts in its success with the many lectures on various agricultural topics and in the "Any Questions" sessions.

The lecturers during the winter term were Mr. P. Hamilton on his dairy farm; Prof. Hendrie on the West of Scotland College of Agriculture; Mr. S. C. Pollard on the cultivation of rice in Burma; and Mr. Chapman on cattle rearing. We also saw a film entitled "Red Sky at Night" which dealt with the cycle of events on a Scottish hill farm.

During the Easter term, a large party of boys attended the Perth Bull Sales and, as a supplement to his talk, we also visited the farm of Mr. Hamilton in Forgandenny. Mr. D. Wardhaugh gave us a very interesting talk on the problems of marginal land and its uses, and this was followed by a talk given by Mr. Studholme on the sheep farmers of New Zealand. Mr. Grigsby showed us the slides he took on a recent holiday in Denmark, which, although they were all agricultural, were, none the less, very interesting. At the end of the term a party from the club visited the jute mills in Dundee, and the conducted tour we were taken on was both instructive and enjoyable.

In conclusion, the committee would like to thank Mr. Grigsby for his advice and help in making the club's year such a success.

W. S. Robson.

Shakespeare Society

THE society has functioned most successfully this year. The standard of the reading has definitely improved and this has added greatly to the enjoyment of the plays read. This may be attributed to the more thorough preparation of plays beforehand.

The following plays have been read this year:

"The Merchant of Venice" (Oct. 26th).

"Rhinceros" by Eugene Ionesco (Dec. 15th).

"King Richard" (Dec. 7th).

"King Henry VIIIth" (Feb. 8th).

"A Man for All Seasons" by Thomas Bolt (March 1st),
a modern play about the life of Sir Thomas More.

"Macbeth" (March 21st).

"The Cocktail Party" by T. S. Eliot.

"The Tempest" (July 19th).

The hosts, to whom the society is most grateful, have been, respectively: Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn; Mr. and Mrs. Young; Mr. and Mrs. Spurgin; Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie; the Headmaster and Mrs. Hoare; Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby; Mr. and Mrs. Burnet; and Mr. and Mrs. MacLellan.

At the reading of "Macbeth", the society was glad to welcome four members of the Perth Repertory Company: Miss Pamela Craig, who read Lady Macbeth; Mr. Christopher Greator, who read Macbeth; Arthur Cox who read Banco; and Randall Kincaid who read MacDuff. The polish of their reading gave much pleasure to the forty people who attended the reading.

The younger members of the sixth form, in the latter part of the year, have been taking an increasingly active and significant part in the affairs of the society, and it is hoped that their interpretation of the plays will prove enjoyable and beneficial next year.

When copies of the plays have not been available inside the school, they have, as last year, been borrowed from the British Drama League.

Mr. Rymer and the secretary have taken it in turns to introduce the plays and to act as narrator during the reading.

The secretary next year will be A. V. Hitching.

G. W. V. Birnie, Sec.

Archaeological Society

IN September, a number of enthusiasts got together and founded an archaeological society. Mr. Birley appointed himself President, Messrs. Walker and A. P. D. Wilkinson assumed the titles and duties of secretaries, and a notice on the School board appealed for volunteers to do some excavating. A cursory study of the Ordnance Survey Map of Roman Britain suggested that there were only two Roman sites within striking distance of the School, and one of those, Bertha above Perth, was so heavily cultivated that it was deemed undesirable even to approach the landowner for permission to dig. The other, at Carpow, near Abernethy, didn't look very promising either. Apart from casual rummaging in 1783 and 1846, no excavation had previously been attempted, and Dr. St. Joseph's aerial photography had failed to reveal more than one rampart of the fort. However, the site was visited. It must be admitted that the first visit was a distinct failure. Armed with the One Inch map of the area, the President, in company with a learned Professor of Archaeology, failed to locate anything remotely resembling a Roman

*Excavations at Carpow*



Excavations at Carpow

fort, and it was only when the landowner directed their attention to some overgrown humps in the grasspark that they found the site of the earlier excavations.

This early visit at least secured permission to excavate, and armed with a motley variety of C.C.F. picks and shovels, the first band of Strathallan archaeologists set out one Sunday in September, with little idea of what they would find. The first trench was sited some sixty yards north of the known ruins, as the owner, Mr. William Smith, had noticed scorched marks there earlier that summer — a sure sign of buried masonry. Within five minutes of lifting the first sods, a massive concrete-packed wall was revealed. The Society was in business.

The full story of the Society's excavation cannot be reported here. Those interested in reading the official account of the discoveries must refer to volumes of the *Journal of Roman Studies* as they appear, and eventually to the excavation report which will be offered to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. It must suffice here to say that excavation has revealed a hitherto unsuspected legionary fortress, in a fine state of preservation, built almost certainly by the Emperor Severus when he was engaged in dealing the Caledonians a blow that kept them quiet for over a hundred years — a blow only equalled in 1746. The repercussions of this news on the history of Roman Britain are considerable; their full extent has not yet been analysed. But one thing is certain, we now know a good deal more about the history of Scotland, and that is a fine achievement for an infant School Society.

But it has been hard work. Over sixty boys have at one time or another taken part in the work, giving up their free time on Sundays to labour for hours with pick, shovel, wheelbarrow and trowel, often in depressing weather conditions. Whilst memories of pink and peeling backs in June will not fade in a hurry, one will equally remember the sight of dim figures wheeling barrows away through a minor blizzard, and sitting huddled in the trenches eating their lunches, in the days before the arrival of the R.A.F. Section tea-urn eased their lot. Other memories are plentiful. Dunbar's scholarly chatter to visitors: Wingate's discovery of "Caesar's fly-button"; Pickard's blistered hands, the elaborately posed photographs for the Press, — all contributed to the lighter side of the excavation. But there were serious contributions without which we could not have continued. The grant from the School Governors that paid for proper tools, the provision of transport every Sunday, the packed lunches willingly supplied by Miss Phillips, and lastly the generous funds in great part provided by the School, that will enable us to go ahead with a full-scale excavation in the summer holidays; all deserve their due praise.

The future of the Society is uncertain, but excavations will be continuing at Carpow for a number of years, and it is hoped that Strathallan boys will continue to play a major part in the work. This summer nearly 20 members will be spending a week or more on the site, and if local archaeology continues to receive this kind of support, the gaps in our early history will gradually narrow.

Astronomical Society

THE society was formed at the beginning of the year under the guidance of Mr. Thomson, who was later chosen to be the first president. After the hordes of novelty seekers had evaporated, and the nucleus of enthusiasts had crystallised, the society's serious business got under way. We spent long cold evenings under the stars "gazing". Numerous observations and apparently aimless calculations were made, but all those concerned were interested and we found much enjoyment.

The climax of the year came in March, towards the end of the term, when a group travelled to Dundee. This, coupled with the various talks on astronomical subjects, filled up the first two terms of the year. No meetings were held over the summer term because of the length of the light and the weight of other activities.

A. R. Thomson.

Modern Languages Society

THIS year the society has met regularly with D. M. Lawson in the chair. For the most part, films dealing with life on the continent were shown, and these were supplemented by several political films on Germany. These films included "Attentat auf die Freiheit", "Gebirge Selbstgebaut", "Mars et Neptune" and "Les nieges".

In order to break the weekly run of films there was a debate on de Gaulle's Algerian policy, and one session of "Any Questions" for which the panel consisted of: D. M. Lawson; T. G. Crabb; D. M. Kidd and E. M. G. Reynolds. On one occasion Mr. R. C. Studholme kindly acted as Disc-jockey for records from his own collection which illustrated the trend in modern French music. These included records by Juliette Greco and Yves Montand.

We were very fortunate in having three lectures from outside speakers this year. Herr Henkel of Brunswick came over from Glenalmond to speak on "The problems in Germany, primarily in Berlin". Mr. P. Willis, A.R.I.B.A., talked on "America with

the lid off" and Monsieur G. Shricke lectured on Brittany. We should very much like to thank these gentlemen for their most interesting talks.

We have been pleased for the most part with the attendances at the meetings of the society, especially so as many of the audience come from the more junior forms, but it is hoped that in the future more sixth formers will make an effort to attend.

D. I. Turner.

What Makes The Wheels Go Round

WHILE most of the Army section were in the hills surrounding Comrie, I was in Glasgow at one of the short works' courses arranged by British Railways. The main idea of the course was to show us the problems and varied tasks facing the civil engineers of British Railways, who have the tricky job of keeping some of the trains running to time.

We were taken round the planning and drawing offices of some of the sections: bridges — steel and cement; and permanent ways, and on the following day we were taken to see some examples of these bridges, either rebuilt or renovated by the railways.

Arroll's engineering works was very interesting, particularly because they had plans of the Forth road bridge which they are helping to construct. We walked across the "old" Forth bridge, which was a very interesting experience for all concerned.

Millerhill was, however, the most interesting of all. This massive gravity shunting yard was built to take the vast tonnage of coal from the neighbouring coalmine, which, however, did not manage to fulfill the expectations of the planners with regard to coal output, and so has become yet another white elephant. One structural problem which faced the engineers was the rapid rate of subsidence of the area adjacent to the coalmine, and they had to keep the gradients built up to maintain the slopes at the correct gradients to keep the electric computer for slowing the trucks from blowing a valve.

The course, although it had its several uninteresting parts, was a very informative one and I would recommend it to anyone who is thinking of Civil Engineering as a career.

R. C. Stark.

Musical Society

THIS society was formed early in the Christmas term with the two-fold intention of encouraging a broader outlook in music and to provide an occasion for the younger musicians of the school to perform. This applied particularly to the pianists, as they do not have the same opportunity as the other instrument players of the school to experience public performance, as the others have in the school orchestra.

The first meeting was the occasion of an excellent violin recital by Mr. J. Moulard Begbie, sensitively accompanied by Mr. West, which made a very enjoyable first night for the society.

In the Easter term it had been hoped to have two meetings: one being a concert by as many musicians as possible, which did not, however, materialise; but an opportunity for those who had practised pieces was afforded at the impromptu concert held at the end of term.

At this, Pradipasen gave a faultless and beautiful performance on the violin to the accompaniment of Dangerfield at the piano, while Wardhaugh's playing of the "Trumpet Voluntary", although not note perfect was at least very spirited. R. C. Stark gave us the wind instrument in its more modern setting with his own interpretation of "Stranger on the shore".

The second meeting of the society was devoted to a lecture by Stark on the history and development of jazz, and by his choice of records and his attention to detail, he showed a wide knowledge of his subject.

The main difficulty in increasing the number of meetings of this society is in getting members of the school to take an active part in the meetings. Too many people would rather sit and listen to the music of today, than go out and make it for themselves. When they do take the trouble to play it for themselves, they will find it will give them far more enjoyment than they could possibly have expected.

R. C. Stark and D. G. Linton.

Aero-Modelling Club

THE club's membership has doubled over the last year and many entertaining models have been built. The most outstanding of these was a fine, if somewhat ungainly, model by Quarry, which according to its inventor, flew well, if briefly. The club's activities have widened to include marine modelling and the construction of cars.

The new room in the corps hut down the drive, has been a very welcome change, although some of the members have found this a bit too far to walk on a cold winter's night. On the whole, however, it has been an unusually successful year for the club.

The Classical Society

THIS society was founded at the start of the Easter term to further the interest already shown by the "diggers" in the life of the ancients.

The first meeting was held with a promising attendance, and, after the preliminary election of the office-bearers, the society launched itself enthusiastically into a series of talks and discussions. Mr. Wilkie "started the ball rolling" with a talk on "Baths and Beatniks" taking in each extremity and much of the ground between them. During the term we were at various times, interested by the Carpow excavations, enthralled by the life of Caligula, and amused by a description of how to don the Toga.

This term we have begun on an even more vigorous programme, including play readings and talks from visiting speakers. We thank Mr. Wilkie very much for the hard work he has put into the society's activities and hope that it will continue to flourish as it has to date.

R. A. Taylor.

"Wing-Forward"

THE start of the 1961-62 school year also saw the birth of a new project — the establishment of a new internal school magazine. This was to come out about once a month, and to cover more fully than the once-yearly *Strathallian*, the many varied activities practised by the school. Also, it was hoped, it would encourage more people to bring some of their literary and creative talent to the fore.

The first problem was the name. After much speculation, and some rather peculiar suggestions, it was at last decided that an appropriate name for the magazine of a rugger-playing school would be "Wing-Forward", which, after all, was what the magazine hoped to do. Production was simple. Articles were typed on to foolscap size stencils which were then run off on a printing machine. The sheets were then stapled together, and the title stamped on with a wooden printing block.

And so in October 1961 the first issue appeared, and from the sales it seemed that the idea was appreciated by the school.

The second edition was much bigger — 6 foolscap sheets instead of 3 — and had a much more attractive mauve title stamped on in place of the previous black. The third edition was even more adventurous, and had a very fine drawing on the front cover which, considering that it was originally drawn on a stencil, was remarkably clear and accurate. From then on, sketches and drawings became an acknowledged part of the magazine, which also began to include various quizzes and crossword puzzles. Because of exams, and the work and excitement caused by Jubilee celebrations, there was only one edition printed in the summer term. It is to be hoped, however, that the good work will continue, and that “Wing-Forward” will become an integral part of Strathallan.

Riley have also begun their own internal magazine on the same principle. This also has been a considerable success, and it is to be hoped that when the original enthusiasts graduate to the Senior School, others will come forward to take their places.

J. G. P. Wiseman.

Fishing Match Against The Old Boys On Loch Leven

ON July 7th a party of five boys and Mr. Studholme set out for Loch Leven equipped with tackle for the day's fishing.

The new boys were introduced to the nine Old Boys, who included the present Scottish Champion, Mr. Biggart, and proceeded to the 18-foot Loch Leven rowing boats. The conditions were poor. A bright sun shone and there was little wind. Only one trout was caught — by F. R. Bell.

The afternoon proved more rewarding. There was abundant cloud and a fresh breeze arose. The Old Boys “bagged” eight. The boys five. F. R. Bell, D. I. Turner, D. B. Wright and A. J. McIntosh all caught one — and none got away! The result of the day's fishing was a draw. The day ended with a fishy conversation around a splendid meal in a Motel in Kinross.

F. R. Bell and G. Birnie.

Strathallan School F.T.C.

THE fly-tying club, after a dormant period of several years, has once again been revived, with considerable success. Though the membership of some sixteen at the beginning of the year has dwindled to ten, enthusiasm makes up for the lack of numbers. It is hoped that this spirit will inspire newcomers to the club next year.

The ordering of equipment and the finance have been under the charge of the Secretary, J. D. Kincaid, who, unfortunately, is leaving. His office will be taken over next year by I. K. Lamont. The president of the club next year will be F. R. Bell.

G. W. V. Birnie.

Strathallan School Debating Society

THE Society suffered a severe blow with the departure of its former president and chairman, Dr. Farmer, and at the beginning of the year there seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm concerning the society's activities, especially among the more senior boys. Nevertheless, a small group of people assembled on 28th September, and a committee was elected with J. G. P. Wiseman as secretary and W. R. Duncan as vice-secretary, while the presidency was taken by the new English master, Mr. Payman.

To give the new committee time to settle down, and allow for future orators to think about their prospects, a distinguished panel of masters — Mr. Young, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Studholme, and the Chaplain — kindly assembled for a session of "Any Questions" on 30th September. There was a wide variety of interesting questions, asked by a surprisingly large gathering. They ranged from the definition of a well dressed man to the nuclear bomb question, from the problem of alcohol to the careers the panel would choose if they were not schoolmasters, to which both humorous and serious replies were given.

The first debate of the term was held on the 19th October, the motion being "This house believes that the bomb should be banned in Britain". In favour were R. C. Dow and D. G. Linton, while opposing were A. G. Johnston and A. V. Hitching. Dow's speech was undoubtedly the finest of the evening. Putting his views forward in a clear concise manner, he backed up his argument with many relevant facts, that the bomb was of no use, even as a deterrent, and that its possession carried no prestige value. Johnston and Linton spoke forcibly, though without much factual evidence, and this left Hitching, who, although nervous at making his maiden speech, showed promise as a speaker in the way he put forward a well-thought-out argument. He denounced anti-nuclear demonstrations as publicity stunts, stressed the importance of Anglo-American relations, and expressed the hope that we would not let communism triumph over Christianity. It was clear from the reception of the speeches, however, that wit and dramatic presentation were more to be appreciated than a logical argument, and that most people had, in any case, already made up their minds before the debate, and the motion was defeated.

The 20th October saw the debating of the motion "This house believes that crime on the screen leads to crime on the streets". Proposing were E. Pickard and N. F. MacMillan, opposing, W. R. Duncan and A. J. Fleming. Duncan and Fleming were somewhat unconnected and hesitant in their delivery, leaving the field open to the much more confident manner of Pickard who argued systematically, and was well supported by MacMillan who was quiet due to nervousness, but also promising. The most notable event of the evening was the discovery of an experienced and capable speaker in the person of L. W. Bell who, speaking from the floor, was unfortunately interrupted by a constant murmur from the audience. The motion was defeated, the meeting ending in a series of arguments led mainly by M. H. P. Keith and B. M. S. Borland, both of whom could hardly be prevailed upon to sit down for any length of time. Thus, ending in some confusion, the meeting could hardly be called an orthodox debate, but all present enjoyed themselves, and in that it was successful.

On 18th November, the society experimented in the form of a "balloon debate"; ten "celebrities" in a leaking balloon give their reasons why they should remain, and why the others should be thrown out. The "celebrities" were: Jack the Ripper, Shakespeare, Kruschev, Donald Duck, Sherlock Holmes, Sir David Eccles, Brigitte Bardot, President Kennedy, Charlie Drake and Stirling Moss, and were played in the same order by: T. G. Crabb, L. W. Bell, B. M. S. Borland, N. F. MacMillan, D. A. R. Gordon, M. H. P. Keith, M. J. Ryder, N. A. Thomson, B. G. Clark, and R. S. Chalmers. This proved to be by far the most popular meeting of the term, and the music room was filled to capacity. Crabb made a good speech, but was soon overshadowed by Bell who spoke extremely well. Borland was confident and amusing, informing us that he "Did not dig Shakespeare's jazz", and was followed by MacMillan who spoke rather hesitantly on what must have been the most difficult character to defend. The next three speeches were all good, particularly Keith's, but they were all put in the shade by Thomson who, with lively eloquence, convinced the audience, amid loud bursts of cheering, that he was the man to stay in the balloon. Although the last two speeches were quite good, they could not come up to the standard set by Thomson, and so President Kennedy swept to another electoral victory.

On 9th December, the last meeting of the society took the form of an "Any Questions" session, with a panel consisting of N. A. Thomson, A. G. Johnston, A. A. Nelson-Cole, and A. V. Hitching. Attendance was very poor, and although what questions were put, were interesting, the meeting was, on the whole, unsuccessful.

The policy of the society this year was to meet more frequently, especially during the winter term, and make the society more of the boys' concern. It was with this in mind that the last two meetings of the society were chaired by Wiseman, with no master present. This means that the society can now function as a regular activity, run by the boys, during the long dark night terms, instead of the once-monthly meetings as before. Instead of the usual three sessions, the society met six times in all in the winter term, and this is an almost all time record in its history. The main drawback is the apparent lack of imagination, and unwillingness to speak on the part of the sixth forms, and it is to be hoped that this will be remedied in the future. Certainly there seems to be a great deal of talent springing up from the lower forms, and with their co-operation it looks as if this aim will soon be realised.

The society also sent representatives in the persons of Wiseman and D. M. Lawson, to compete in the English Speaking Union's inter-school's debating competition. They had the good fortune to reach the semi-finals, where they were unfortunately defeated by Dundee High School. It is to be hoped, however, that the school will continue to send representatives and that they will be as, if not more, successful in the future.

J. G. P. Wiseman.

Film Society, 1962

SINCE its inception in 1960, the Film Society has grown to become the largest society in the school, with some 142 members in all.

During the last year, a total of ten shows were produced. The main features were: Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo"; "The Third Man"; "Battleship Potemkin"; "Blackboard Jungle"; and "Smallest Show on Earth".

Of these perhaps the most popular was the thriller "Vertigo", which was 120 minutes of pure suspense, but "Blackboard Jungle" was a close second with a new slant on the life of a school master. In a more cultural vein, "Battleship Potemkin" gave the communist side of the Black Sea mutiny of 1905, and while clearly propaganda, the film had many merits.

Peter Sellers and a fine cast made the "Smallest Show on Earth" a delightfully amusing film, and the "Third Man" produced some fine photography; but the film, as a whole, was marred by a poor plot.

Constitutionally, the society's aim is to bring films of cultural and artistic merit to the school and I feel that during this past year it has accomplished this task well through the smaller, and unfortunately clearly less appreciated, meetings of the society.

In a series of short shows, the society showed a series of tantalising excerpts from "Oliver Twist"; "Wages of Fear"; and "Kameradschaft", which all gave the members examples of brilliant direction and photography.

The society's president leaves us this year and it is to be hoped that his high standard of selection and presentation will be maintained by his successor.

N. A. Thomson.

Photographic Society

THIS year the society has expanded considerably and now has 28 members as compared with the 9 of last year. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Doctor Farmer for all his valuable service, and to thank Mr. Thomson for his hard work this year.

A Picture of the Week competition has been instituted, whereby the winner of the week has his exhibit displayed on the notice board, and receives a prize of half a crown. The winners were Smith, Primrose, Walker and Grant.

Instead of the normal Speech Day exhibition this year, there was a very well produced slide show by Stark and Mr. Thomson in the Corps Hut. The show was very successful and there were numerous requests for transparencies and prints. Those who contributed slides were Mr. Thomson, Mr. Rymer, Mr. Studholme, Grant, and Stark.

J. W. Walker.

Science Society

UNDER the chairmanship of R. S. Peters, and in the summer, R. H. Scott, the society has prospered, and 25 new members have joined the society, making the total membership up to a little over 60.

A large variety of films have been shown to the society during the year; some purely scientific, and some a little more general. Among the more notable have been those on powered flight, the car engine, time, and the history of motor racing. It is, I feel, fitting that mention should be made here of the companies, such as Shell-Mex and I.C.I., who sponsor the vast majority of our films.

Dr. D. Bigl, lecturer in Natural Philosophy at St. Andrews University, gave a most interesting talk on some aspects of the low temperature phenomena and illustrated his talk with many startling demonstrations with liquid air.

Other lecturers have been: Mr. P. E. Grigsby; Mr. G. Giles; R. S. Peters; N. A. Thomson; and M. G. G. Laidlaw.

The society is very grateful to Mr. Giles who, in his position as vice-president, has shown a keen and unflagging interest in all our activities.

M. G. G. Laidlaw.

Archery Club

THE Archery Club this year consists of some thirty members, who normally shoot on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Owing, however, to adverse weather conditions, we have been unable to stick to this plan at all closely this term. Under the coaching of Mr. Barker, many of the members show considerable promise, and there is much enthusiasm among the less expert beginners.

The office bearers for the club this year have been as follows:

President: D. MacKenzie.

Treasurer: D. A. R. Gordon.

Committee: A. C. d'Angibau, A. J. Harvey-Walker, and P. L. Marsland.

D. A. R. Gordon.

Ski-ing

THIS year saw the inauguration of the Scottish Inter Schools Ski Race, in which there were twelve schools competing.

The race was judged on two counts, one of individual, and one of team performance. The School entered a team of six boys: R. M. Smith, J. C. Bosshardt, D. Clark, R. C. Dow, D. MacKenzie and A. R. Bucher. The race was held in appalling weather with a blizzard lasting throughout the day. A. R. Bucher finished third, and in actual fact there was only .6 of a second between first and third places. His performance earned him a place in the Scottish Schools team. The School came a close second to Glenalmond, but unfortunately, precision and style made way for haste and cost us the vital seconds. J. C. Bosshardt deserves special praise as he is only twelve years old, and still in Riley House.

During the other Sundays of the Easter term, at least a dozen boys managed to get up to Glenshee each week-end. Dow's ski-ing was of a high standard although his spectacles were continually steaming up.

Owing to the school trips to Austria and Switzerland in previous years, the standard of ski-ing has noticeably improved. In the past not everyone could go ski-ing due to the lack of

transport. This difficulty has to be overcome if the sport is to be taken seriously. With a ski-ing trip to Italy this Christmas, we can look forward to an even better standard of ski-ing next year.

D. Clark and A. R. Bucher.

Pipes and Drums

THIS year, with the high standard of last year's junior pipers and drummers, we increased our strength in the band to fourteen pipers and nine drummers.

As usual the band played during the afternoon of Speech Day, and during the Annual Inspection, and, in addition, we played during the visit of the prep. school Headmasters. We also had two outside engagements; the first was at St. Leonards' Open Day, where we played for two periods of twenty minutes during the afternoon; a week later we played at the fete of Dalhousie. Both engagements went off very well and the band thoroughly enjoyed them.

We again competed in the Glasgow Highland Band Competition held on the 12th of June at Glasgow Academy. We failed to retain the banner, which was won by Morrison's Academy. Fisher, however, was placed second in the senior section of the individual piping.

We reduced the numbers of the band to ten pipers and seven drummers for the East of Scotland Schools C.C.F. Band Competition at Merchiston. The result of this was that we were placed fifth, which is an improvement of three places over last year, and very encouraging.

The band is very grateful for the expert tuition of Pipe Major Sinclair, Drum Major Wilson, and Mr. Henderson, and for the keen interest they have shown during the year.

The band should have a very successful combination next year as there are only six of this year's band leaving at the end of this year.

The winners of the school band competitions this year:

Senior Piping: Scott. Junior Piping: Reid.

Senior Drumming: Roy. Junior Drumming: Watson.

Promotions within the band:

To Pipe Major: Pipe Corporal Fisher.

To Drum Sergeant: Drum Corporal Duncan.

To Pipe L/cpl.: Pipers Munro, Nairn, and Stuart.

To Drum L/cpl.: Drummers Garvie and Gray.

P. M. Fisher.



Rear-Admiral I. G. Aylen, C.B., O.B.E., D.S.O., about to receive the General Salute at the Annual Inspection

Combined Cadet Force

THE climax of the year's training was, as usual, the General Inspection, when Rear-Admiral I. G. Aylen, C.B., O.B.E., D.S.O., was the Inspecting Officer. The turn-out was very good and the Admiral commented on the excellent rifle drill. The march past was very disappointing however, especially in view of the performances in practices.

For Field Day in the winter term, transport was provided to the Comrie area. There the operation was two-fold: the attacking section of 90 boys had to make their way to a map reference, there to overcome the defence, capture the flags they guarded and thus destroy the "buildings" they were guarding. The plan for the attack and the co-ordination were both good but the attack was rather disorganised because of the stubborn resistance of the defence. It was a tiring but very enjoyable day.

The results of the Cert. A exams this year have been very good. On March 23rd, 24 cadets passed part II, while only one failed, and Borland, B. M. S., passed with credit. On the same day 28 out of 32 cadets passed part I, and on July 6th we had a 100% record when a further 32 passed. The N.C.O.s are to be congratulated on the obviously improved standard of instruction.

This year, night exercises have been continued, which are a great help to the cadets and allow them also to enjoy themselves.

Again the Sunset Ceremony on Speech Day was very successful, in spite of the midgets, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the parents.

The Inter-House Drill Competition was won by Freeland. Harrison, R. N. is to be congratulated on being awarded the Joint Services Cadet Badge.

It was with considerable regret that we said good-bye during the year to Mr. Birley, who will be sadly missed in the C.C.F., and we give him our thanks for his adventurous work and encouragement with the Corps, and wish him all the best in the future.

I.C.B.

Senior Army N.C.O.s:

Under Officer: I. C. Borland.

C.S.M.s: K. I. R. Ross and R. H. Scott.

Sgts.: Bruce, Dunbar, Hardy, MacKenzie, Turner.

Pipe Major: P. M. Fisher.

Drum Sgt.: W. R. Duncan.

Army Camp, 1962

HAVING sampled the delights of far-away Catterick last year, Tuesday, April 24th, saw us once again assembled at our home from home, Cultybraggan Camp. This year's camp will undoubtedly be remembered for the magnificent weather. An untiring sun blazed down from a cloudless sky for the whole of our stay. Officers appeared in shirt sleeves and many cadets in far less, and Riviera-type tans were acquired in a couple of days.

Perhaps less memorable, but not less important, was the progress of our training, which was smooth and uninterrupted throughout the whole of our stay at the camp. Though this was not a large camp (there were in fact fewer than 60 attending), it was undoubtedly both profitable and instructive for everyone, from the most junior cadets to the senior N.C.O.s.

We began the week's training with a solid useful sort of day's training — section exercises on the attenuated but versatile strip of land attached to the camp. The afternoon was filled with practising the L.M.G., and we spent the evening sampling the delights of Crieff.

On Thursday we were entertained, and very busily employed, by the staff of the Royal Engineers W.E.T.C. at Drip, near Stirling. The name was appropriate as many of our activities

were amphibious, though the worst accident involved no more than a pair of wet feet -- perhaps more by good luck than by skill. We left Drip well satisfied with our day, in which we had erected sheer legs, launched and paddled assault craft, and even constructed a floating pontoon bridge, on which we proudly paddled up and down the river, aided by a pair of temperamental out-board motors, and looking for all the world like the *pièce de resistance* of a Venetian carnival.

"Something attempted, something done, has earned a night's repose" -- but not for us, for it was time for our night exercise. Back we went to our normal strip of battle ground, and the patrols stumbled through the night looking for dim and hidden lanterns, while the officers disturbed the night with a variety of bangs and flashes, to our discomfort, their own amusement, and the greatest danger to the Forestry Commission land. At length all was over and we returned to our beds with little damage to trees or troops.

We should mention at this point the assault course, the joyful spurt of activity with which we began each day. Gingerly we tottered across over holes containing half bricks and similar debris; wildly we swung from one dangling rope to another; manfully we clambered over a ten-foot wall which seemed nearer 15 going up and 30 coming down; and finally to the resounding rip of denims, we negotiated the last obstacle, the barbed-wire tunnel. Teamwork and stamina improved as the week wore on and the N.C.O.s finally went round in the impressive time of under a minute.

On Friday morning we divided into two groups. One was very ably looked after by two regulars from the Depot, the Black Watch at Stirling, who gave us a well organised and very enjoyable two hours on the 30-yard range, where, as well as firing our own rifles and brens, we were able to try our skill with the new self-loading rifle. The other section had a strenuous escape exercise on the nearby steep and well-wooded hillside.

This, however, proved to be too much for the grouse, not to mention the game-keepers, and so a dip in the river was substituted for this part of the programme in the afternoon, the range running a second house.

By Saturday it was considered that we had limbered up sufficiently to do some strenuous cross-country marching, and a group of N.C.O.s climbed Ben Vorlich with Mr. Henderson and were delighted to report on their return that they had enjoyed a snow-ball fight.

Sunday was spent in Edinburgh, where we attended morning service at St. Giles Cathedral.

Monday was the day of exercise Surprise. Preparations for this were secretive and mysterious, and speculation was rife. After packing our kitbags, and then leaving them behind, we were transported in small groups to remote parts of the countryside and given instructions to proceed to even more remote parts to collect further instructions. At first these appeared to be leading us further astray. "Proceed to hut at map reference 093185". Some hasty map reading and then the surprise, or perhaps the confirmation of our suspicions, as the building thus designated with typical military precision was the famous Corps Palace. So back we trudged to the Palace, to find our kit and hot baths and showers awaiting us.

In the evening we de-briefed, congratulated ourselves on a good camp, well carried through, and were well entertained by a showing of that old war-time classic "The Way Ahead".

And finally, on Tuesday, our select band passed a busy day removing furniture for Mr. Henderson which earned us a free afternoon in Perth till the school re-assembled in the evening.

And so passed yet another camp. U/O Borland and the other N.C.O.s are to be congratulated on the important part they played in the organisation of the camp, and to those who were not present we say "Join us next April, it's a week well spent"

P. E. Grigsby.

Royal Naval Section, 1961-62

THE section this year was smaller than in previous years, with a total of 32; of these, 20 have their Advanced Examinations, which shows the effectiveness of the instructors and bodes well for the section in future years. After the examinations at Easter, exercises were designed for the section, which included the erection of an Aerial Runway stretching from the Scout Wood to the Study Block, and a pair of davits, improvised from sheer-legs and incorporating a Robinson's Disengaging Gear, for the 14-foot dinghy on the pond. The Aerial Runway proved a great success when the school was allowed to attempt a descent, one Activities.

Before these could be put into practice however, many hours were spent practising for the Annual General Inspection, which were judged well worth it, when we were complimented on our excellent turn-out, and the Speech Day Parade was credited as being the best ever.

Our Annual Field Day in the winter term was spent aboard an M.F.V. on the Clyde, where we visited U.S.S. Proteus in the Gareloch and many of the section saw a nuclear submarine

(from a distance) for the first time. We also had an interesting 2-hour visit to H.M.S. Maidstone, the submarine depot ship. We then sailed up the Clyde to Dunoon, noting the many and varied places of interest.

A dozen cadets, who were looking forward to a week's sea-time aboard H.M.S. Grafton were disappointed to find her alongside a jetty in a general state of disrepair, and they spent the week cleaning ship and pulling a whaler with a visit to the U.S.S. Roy O' Hale, an American frigate, included. We hope that the Admiralty will be able to provide us with some positive sea-time next year.

In the summer a party of 8 enjoyed a strenuous week at Loch Ewe, aboard ships of the Home Fleet and on exercise in the neighbouring mountains.

The section has continued to run smoothly and efficiently under Sub.-Lieutenant Rymer, who took over as the commanding officer of the section this year from Lieutenant McLellan.

Appointments and promotions:

Coxswain: R. N. Harrison.

Senior P.O.: E. A. Nelson.

P.O.: J. L. Young, D. M. Stewart.

L/S: A. Nairn, J. J. W. Davidson, A. C. d'Angibau,

R. C. Dow (Pre-service), D. W. M. Munro, C. Benson.

P. M. Fisher, A. P. D. Wilkinson, D. Clark.

Advanced Proficiency:

Martyn, Pickard, Scott, Nairn, Jenkins, Grant, Kilgour, Wedgewood.

Proficiency:

Roy, Wilkinson, Currie, Ferguson, McKenzie, Clark.

Rentoul, Ryder.

R. N. Harrison.

R.A.F. Section

It was immediately apparent at the beginning of the year that the section was a very senior one, and as a result of this, new and interesting ideas had continually to be found to keep those who had passed their exams occupied.

At the beginning of the year, twelve members of the section had their Advanced Proficiency, and the majority of these had their Gliding Proficiency as well. The latter number has since been increased considerably, but the former, unfortunately, remains steady.

Projects attempted during the year included a route march, an escape and evasion exercise, and a cruise down the Earn

in the rubber dinghies. Camp cooking was another project, but few have lived to tell of its success.

The R.A.F. room has been redecorated in R.A.F. colours and many of the section have spent a considerable amount of their spare time on this task.

The Link trainer has also been given a new lease of life through the strenuous efforts of Kidd and Thomson.

The following were the N.C.O.s at the end of the year:

Warrant Officer: P. L. Marsland.

Flight Sergeant: D. M. Kidd.

Sergeants: J. S. Hendrie, K. R. Wilson.

Corporals: D. G. Linton, M. J. Linton, J. M. Prophet.

Sergeant Technician: N. A. Thomson.

Corporal Technician: M. G. G. Laidlaw.

P. L. Marsland.

R.A.F. Leeming

FOURTEEN of us arrived at this station in the midst of Yorkshire to find that we were to share it with 110 other cadets from Hampton Grammar School, St. Ignatius' College, and St. Mary's College.

Our quarters were excellent, and improved by the fact that the ubiquitous Tannoy remained as silent as the grave.

The station was Number 3 Flying School (last year's camp was at Number 1) and the squadron was equipped with Jet Provosts. We were shown all parts of the station, and received many interesting lectures, as well as films on First Aid, the explosion of Britain's first atomic device, and many other interesting topics.

The very high standard of .303 shooting was maintained, 11 of the section being classed as R.A.F. marksmen, while at Ripon baths 8 of our number were awarded swimming proficiency certificates.

On the Saturday of the week's camp the contingent was divided up into 20 groups, 2 of which we provided. We were dropped at different times along a road, given our map reference, and told to get on with it. This was a race requiring careful navigation, but in spite of this we won overall with second and third places.

On Sunday there was a visit to the town of Redcar and on Tuesday a tour of York was arranged.

We spent Monday evening winning a seven-a-side tournament which was organised by F./Lt. Wormald.

Everybody had a flight in a Chipmunk and most of us had a flight in an Anson.

Our off-duty was excellently catered for in the N.A.A.F.I., the camp cinema, and the Airmen's Club. For the more adventurous there were trips into Northallerton.

Altogether, it was a pleasant camp.

K. R. Wilson.

HOUSE NOTES

Freeland House Report, 1961-62

THE previous year we had been the smallest and youngest House; this year we have had a large number of seniors. Freeland boys held the following offices: School Captain, Captain of Athletics, Cadet i/c C.C.F., I. C. Borland; Captain of Rugger, R. H. Scott; Captain of Hockey, A. Nairn; Captain of Fives, A. G. Johnston; Pipe Major and Captain of Shooting (Summer Term only), P. M. Fisher; Cadet i/c R.A.F. Section, P. L. Marsland.

R. H. Scott won the Dux Medal for the best "A" Level results of 1961, and secured a place at Cambridge, and D. G. Linton won the English Prize. Despite some excellent "A" Level results, the general standard was poor this year: some candidates were weak and others counted on scraping a pass instead of aiming to get the highest possible score. At "O" Level the average number of passes obtained by an entry of 13 was 6.7, and next year we should have double the number sitting the "O" Level Exam.

Throughout the year we have been very well represented in School teams except at 15½ Level, and have played our part in the success of the School on the games field. In House competitions we began the year well by winning the Senior Rugger Cup and the Shooting Cup (the only winter term competitions), but in the spring term we were less successful, losing both the Hockey and Fives to Ruthven. In the summer the cricketers, captained by A. G. Johnston, who made 254 runs in three House matches, provided some close finishes, and we won individual Piping and Shooting Cups as well as the Swimming Cup for the first time for some years. For this D. G. Linton was primarily responsible by his organisation and training of the House relay teams. Our performance in the Boxing was honourable, but in Athletics and in the Cross Country we did not do as well as we should have done. In the House Run I. C.

Borland again broke the studyholders' record, which now stands at 11.10, and C. H. Manners-Wood broke the Commoners' record, which now stands at 11.27.

In the course of the year I. C. Borland won the Scottish Schoolboys' Steeplechase Championship, and ran for the Scottish Schools in the $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile. A. Nairn played hockey for the Scottish Schoolboys against Ireland.

House Captain:

I. C. Borland.

School Prefects:

R. H. Scott, H. J. Lochore, P. L. Marsland.

House Prefects:

A. Nairn, A. G. Johnston, D. M. Kidd,
D. G. Linton, D. W. M. Munro, J. S. Hendrie.

Nicol House Report, 1961-62

THIS year has not been a good one from the point of view of success on the games field. Our teams, by and large, failed to come quite up to expectation, the only real triumph coming in the Minor Rugger. A number of very promising new boys and Riley promotions joined us during the year; an encouraging sign which may be an indication of success in the future. The Senior Rugger Cup very nearly came our way, but we had to be content with second place when we were defeated 3-0 in the vital third match with Freeland. The Junior team did not meet with as much success, but the Minor team, under the leadership of J. M. S. Fleming, completely overwhelmed the opposition, winning all three matches by margins of twenty points or more. A disappointing failure in the Cross-Country, for three years Nicol's forte, caused us to lose the cup to Ruthven, in spite of a magnificent record-breaking win by R. C. Dow in the senior event.

In the summer, we were second in both Senior Cricket and Athletics, both times to Ruthven. A new ruling which provided that only regular cricketers might play in House matches forced us to play six juniors in our senior team, which nevertheless did extremely well, under the captaincy of J. J. W. Davidson. R. C. Dow's enthusiastic organisation of the house athletics almost brought us victory in the competition, but we did manage to win the newly instituted Junior Victor Ludorum Cup, thanks to the efforts of R. A. Taylor. The house choir and orchestra, under the direction of J. G. P. Wiseman, met with a most welcome success in the Music competition.

At the end of the year we had three school prefects, one of whom, R. N. Harrison, as well as following in his brother's footsteps as house captain, was appointed vice-captain of the school, in addition to being school captain of boxing, swimming and shooting, vice-captain of rugger, and Coxswain i/c Naval Section. We had five regular players in the First XV in Harrison, K. I. R. Ross, A. A. Nelson-Cole, V. A. Barron and J. L. Young. R. C. Dow performed wonders on the athletics track, beating the school mile record time and again, and finishing second in the Scottish Schools Athletics Championship in Glasgow. Of the twenty-three members of the Pipe Band this year, ten came from Nicol, and of these, two succeeded in winning individual cups: W. C. Roy the Drumming Cup, and A. D. Reid the Junior Piping Cup.

Throughout the year Nicol has had individual talent in abundance but has been rather lacking in team spirit and co-operation. This latter quality being very often found where individuals are scarce, we may perhaps look forward to better fortune in 1962-63.

D.M.S.

House Captain:

R. N. Harrison.

School Prefects:

J. J. W. Davidson, D. M. Stewart.

Ruthven House Report, 1961-62

THE House has had an excellent year and more boys than ever have played a part in its successes. On the academic level D. M. Lawson set the pace with his Trevelyan Scholarship to Oxford, followed by R. S. Peters gaining a place at Magdalene, Cambridge, and a Ford Scholarship. P. M. G. Reynolds was awarded the Strathallian Scholarship on entering the Sixth Form, and there have been eleven candidates for A and S levels in G.C.E. In addition, an unusual number of lower-school boys have done well in work, several gaining promotion to higher forms during the course of the year, in particular A. Y. Lawson (brother of E. A.) setting the pace for 3A, and R. G. Lawson (brother of D. M.) winning an Exhibition in his first term.

On the sporting side we have never had such a year. Though none of the rugger cups came our way (despite the determined play of the seniors), most of the others did, and the trophies on our shelves include those for Boxing, Cross Country, Hockey, Fives, Senior and Junior Cricket, Tennis and

Athletics. Many of these teams were trained and led by D. Mackenzie—indeed everything he touched seemed to turn to silver! Though we have had many fine individual performances—R. E. Benny was the senior Swimming champion, A. C. d'Angibau contested the Tennis Singles title with A. I. George, A. J. Fleming and D. Mackenzie won eight of the senior athletics events, and many others too numerous to mention—the whole House has contributed to these successes.

Other points worth mentioning are that the junior cross-country team of eight runners were all home in the first sixteen, that at one time the four school cricket teams contained twenty-two from the House, and that although we had the least number of eligible boys attempting athletic standards, we gained the greatest number.

Though house spirit has been outstanding, school interests have always been predominant, and again members of the House have played a leading part in the C.C.F., and all school activities and societies.

Again we are sorry to see so many leave, but our best wishes for further success in the future go to C. Benson, P. M. Grant, S. M. Renton, R. C. Stark and J. W. Walker, who hope eventually to go up to university; to J. A. Bruce, D. I. Turner and D. R. Wardhaugh, who will be starting professional courses; and to R. E. Benny, C. M. Coubrough, A. C. d'Angibau, I. F. Johnston, D. Mackenzie, R. J. Marks, J. B. Martin and W. S. Robson, who go to a variety of careers. House Captain next year will be W. R. Duncan.

Heads of House:

R. S. Peters (left Easter), J. A. Bruce.

School Prefect:

D. M. Lawson (left Easter).

House Prefects:

D. Mackenzie, A. C. d'Angibau, W. R. Duncan, R. C. Stark,
S. M. Renton, D. I. Turner, C. Benson, M. P. Taitt.

House Captains of Sports:

Rugby: R. S. Peters, D. Mackenzie.

Cricket: D. Mackenzie.

Hockey: D. Mackenzie.

Athletics: W. R. Duncan.

Boxing: D. Mackenzie.

Cross Country: S. M. Renton.

Fives: D. Mackenzie.

Music: A. C. d'Angibau.

Sailing: C. Benson.

Shooting: J. A. Bruce.

Swimming: R. E. Benny.

Tennis: A. C. d'Angibau.

House Colours were awarded to:

C. Benson, D. M. Lawson, M. I. M. Dawson,

C. A. L. Hardwick, R. E. Benny, A. Shanks.

Simpson House Report, 1961-62

Birnie won the school Biology prize, N. A. Thomson the Chemistry prize, P. Pradipasen the Music prize, and J. M. Prophet shared the Geography prize.

New boys related to Old Boys: J. W. B. Anderson, son of John, and nephew of William Anderson (both here 1931-36), and J. D. Wallace is a cousin of R. W. Armstrong.

House colours are held by Birnie, Pickard, Halliday, Nelson, Harvey-Walker and D. N. Strachan.

We have not had a good year from the games point of view, with the junior rugger and a share in the Sailing cup our only successes.

Birnie has been a much respected House Captain, and he is now reading Vet. Surgery at Glasgow. P. R. G. Vickery has a place at Sandhurst, and M. H. Hardy hopes to get one in October. Halliday is heading for Agricultural College, Lindsay for chartered accountancy, E. M. G. Reynolds for hotel management and G. M. Thomson for a career in auctioneering. Next year the House Captain will be T. A. F. Jenkins.

This term's achievements included: D. A. Cranston's scholarship, in which the Army pays him to stay here for two more years; Birnie's Gold award in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme; A. M. Cumming was middle Swimming Champion and D. N. Strachan was middle Victor Ludorum. J. M. Prophet went one day to Singapore and arrived back a week later (something to do with the R.A.F.), and if that isn't more fun than sitting an exam

House Captain:
G. W. V. Birnie.

House Prefects:

E. A. Nelson, M. H. Hardy, T. A. F. Jenkins, E. Pickard,
W. D. Halliday, N. D. M. Lindsay, M. G. G. Laidlaw,
A. J. Harvey-Walker, and P. G. Joy (who left at Christmas).

Rugby Retrospect

AGAIN the 1st XV had a good season, winning eleven and losing only three of the seventeen matches played. 133 points were scored for the school, as opposed to 59 against.

The pack, though strong, was initially rather slow. Latterly, however, it was very fast, and excelled at backing up the three-quarters, and in gaining the ball from the loose scrums. Consequently the best games were played towards the end of the season—in fact 83 points were scored in the last eight matches, as opposed to only 50 in the first nine.

The improved standard of play was due largely to the efforts of Mr. Bland, who, as usual, infused a high degree of enthusiasm into the team.

The record of the 2nd XV could have been better, for there were many good players in the team. However, their performances were hampered by the various changes in the team during the season, which prohibited the establishment of a settled side.

With a large number of these two teams returning next year, it is hoped that the standard of rugby will continue to improve.

1st XV colours were awarded to the following:

V. A. Barron; C. Benson; I. C. Borland; M. I. M. Dawson; W. R. Duncan; R. N. Harrison; A. G. Johnston; H. J. Lochore; D. Mackenzie; A. A. Nelson-Cole; R. S. Peters; J. M. Prophet; K. I. R. Ross; R. H. Scott; D. N. Strachan; J. L. Young.

Half-colours were awarded to the following:

C. C. K. Dunbar; J. S. Hendrie.

2nd XV RECORD

2nd XV colours were awarded to the following:

D. R. Anderson; J. A. Bruce; D. J. S. Currie; J. J. W. Davidson; W. D. Halliday; J. R. N. Keech; D. M. Lawson; P. L. Marsland; A. Nairn; E. Pickard.

RESULTS

Opponents	F.	A.	Opponents	F.	A.
Dollar Academy (A)	3	6	Loretto (A)	0	8
Glasgow Academy (H)	0	6	Morrison's Academy (A) ...	35	5
Perth Academy (H)	33	0	Allan Glen's (A)	3	3
Fettes (A)	11	9	Gordonstoun (A)	25	0
Scotus Academy (H)	26	5	Daniel Stewart's Coll. (A)	3	8

R. H. Scott.

1st XV MATCH REPORTS

October 4th—v. Glasgow Academy—Away—Lost 6-3 (0-0).

Team: Strachan; Nelson-Cole, Lochore, Scott, Duncan; Dawson, Mackenzie; Prophet, Benson, Bruce; Ross, Dunbar; Borland, Harrison, Barron.

In drizzling rain, Strathallan kicked off, and from the whistle the Academy pressed hard. Initially they had the advantage in the tight, but Strathallan recovered quickly, and tactical kicking relieved the situation. Both sides missed penalties following scrum infringements, but despite useful work, by the School back row in particular, and by the three-quarters in general, there was still no score at half-time.

Shortly after the resumption, play was carried to the Academy "25", and at the ensuing set-scrum an Academy centre was caught off-side and Cole kicked a fine three points. The home side redoubled their efforts after this and converted a penalty in similar circumstances. Although we now had a monopoly in the tight, the forwards were too slow on the loose ball, and too often penalised. One of the few heels from a set-scrum which the Academy obtained resulted in a well-taken

score, in which the Academy right winger ran strongly to score in the left-hand corner. Both sides played well, but the Academy speed and skill were the deciding factors in a hard game.

October 10th—v. Perth Academy—Away—Won 6-0 (0-0).

Team: Strachan; Nelson-Cole, Lochore, Scott, Duncan; Dawson, Mackenzie; Hendrie, Benson, Bruce; Ross, Dunbar; Borland, Peters, Barron.

Perth kicked off with a stiff dry breeze at their backs. Early on play was marred by poor handling and kicking by both sides. After a scrappy start, Strathallan improved throughout the game, but poor handling, exploited to the full by the lively Academy wing-forwards, spoilt many very promising moves. By half-time there had been little excitement and no score.

Shortly after the interval Strathallan were handicapped by a thigh injury to Borland, who had to be helped from the field. In spite of this, Strathallan played with renewed vigour, and a forward rush was suitably concluded when Peters dived over for an unconverted try. The Academy defence was, for the most part, sound, and despite improved handling Strathallan could not penetrate the line. The final score came from a well judged penalty by Cole after an off-side infringement. When compared to the Glasgow match this was a disappointing performance on the whole, apart from a very determined recovery when reduced to only fourteen men.

October 14th—v. Edinburgh Academy—Home—Lost 11-0 (8-0).

Team: Strachan; Nelson-Cole, Lochore, Scott, Duncan; Dawson, Mackenzie; Hendrie, Benson, Bruce; Ross, Dunbar; Peters, Harrison, Barron.

The Academy team kicked off in damp, slippery conditions. From the start they had a definite weight advantage and despite the uncertain performance of their half-backs were always a potentially more dangerous side. Their first try came from a hook by the home side; the Academy wing-forwards robbed Mackenzie of the ball almost as soon as he had got it, and after dribbling on, they completed the score with some fine inter-passing to score an unconverted try. The Academy pressure continued, interrupted by two unsuccessful but difficult penalty attempts by Strathallan, until at a line out on the home "25" an Academy forward broke away to score what soon became five points.

In almost all respects the second half was identical. The Strathallan backs lacked penetration, and their tackling was sometimes suspect, while the forwards, despite several quick heels in the loose, were subdued by the heavier Academy pack. Several dangerous situations for Strathallan were only relieved by their opponents' scrum infringements, but this could not continue, and after a set-scrum on the Strathallan line the opposition attained double figures, thus concluding what was for Strathallan a disappointing display, and for the Academy a well deserved victory.

October 25th—v. Dollar Academy—Home—Drawn 3-3 (3-3).

Team: Strachan; Lochore, Nelson-Cole, Scott, Duncan; Pickard, Mackenzie; Harrison, Benson, Hendrie; Ross, Dunbar; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

A very strong wind and an exceedingly wet and muddy pitch spoilt an otherwise very promising fixture. From the start Strathallan looked livelier in most aspects of the game, despite the size of the Dollar forwards. Strathallan pressure was rewarded when Nelson-Cole converted a penalty goal. His next attempt missed, but prompted him to

drop a goal at the next opportunity. Further scores were only avoided by some excellent tactical kicking into the wind by the Dollar captain. Then play was carried to the Strathallan "25", yet another penalty was awarded, and Dollar equalised.

From the resumption of play, Dollar were a different side. Their attack, previously listless, now displayed the fire and determination expected of them, and their forwards monopolised the ball in the tight and the loose too. Despite the shaky Strathallan defence however, hesitation, with the line in sight, cost Dollar victory.

October 28th—v. Edinburgh Wanderers Colts—Home—Won 6-5 (6-5).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Young, Scott, Lochore; Dawson, Mackenzie; Harrison, Benson, Hendrie; Ross, Dunbar; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

The early stages of this game were marred by a plethora of penalties for and against both sides. Neither team, however, seemed to be able to use them constructively, and at this time Barron's spoiling play was the most effective means of attack. Indeed, it was while under pressure from the back row that the Wanderers' full-back failed to make touch, and Duncan took a difficult ball on the run, to be held just short of the line; but good backing up by Hendrie was evident when he scored an unconverted try from Duncan's pass. Thereafter the three-quarters played enterprising, attacking rugby: a good movement, taking full advantage of shaky midfield defence, and involving Young, Lochore, Harrison and Duncan, was ended just short of the line, but an infringement by a Wanderers' forward gave Cole the opportunity to kick a penalty, and he obliged with a fine kick.

Throughout the first half Strathallan continued to improve and showed a distinct aptitude for fast, open rugby. However, a lapse in defence enabled the Wanderers' scrum-half to score an opportunist try after play had been carried to the home "25" by a strong running opposition winger.

The second half, in which Ridland, an opposition second-row forward, proved his jumping ability, was punctuated by the missed penalties of Wanderers, although Strathallan were still throwing the ball about and were pressing when the final whistle went.

November 4th—v. Morrison's Academy—Home—Won 9-0 (3-0).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Young, Scott, Lochore; Dawson, Mackenzie; Hendrie, Benson, Harrison; Ross, Dunbar; Barron Borland, Johnston.

Morrison's kicked off with a slight wind, and from the start Strathallan opened out adventurously. The forwards monopolised the ball in the loose and the tight, but the backs were unable to exploit their large share of the ball. All too often the three-quarters passed unnecessarily, when their outside man was even more closely marked. It was from a kick ahead, therefore, that the first really dangerous Strathallan movement materialised. Lochore, following up fast, caught the full-back in possession, and with the forwards at his back, carried play on to the Morrison's line. From there, a quick heel once more gave the three-quarters the ball, and after Young had beaten his man on the inside, and Duncan had been held short of the line, Cole scored a try which he was unable to convert.

In the second half Strathallan had a definite territorial advantage, effected and exploited principally by Cole's tactical kicking and the lively support of the forwards. Too often, however, the over-eager forwards were penalised for scrum infringements, although it was a forward, Hendrie, who broke through for a try after a good foot-rush.

and Barron soon scored another after some lively inter-passing with Benson. A lack of cohesion among the backs prevented further scoring.

November 11th—v. West of Scotland Colts—Home—Won 8-0 (3-0).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Strachan, Scott, Lochore; Dawson, Mackenzie; Hendrie, Benson, Harrison; Ross, Dunbar; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

In cold, wintry conditions Strathallan kicked off, and the home team got off to a very good start; five minutes had scarcely passed when Lochore scored a well-taken try following early Strathallan pressure. The difficult conversion failed. Thereafter play on both sides was lethargic and lacked fire, but Cole's steadiness in defence relieved many potentially dangerous situations after strong running by the West wings. There seemed to be an inexplicable lack of cohesion in all aspects of the game in the first half, but after the interval both sides played with fiery determination. The back-row were particularly effective, with Barron always prominent, and their good work helped to press home Strathallan's territorial advantage. Indeed, following missed penalties by both sides, and a dropped goal by Cole, it was a forward, Johnston, who was at hand to score Strathallan's second try when the ball went loose near the opponents' line. Cole's successful conversion concluded the scoring.

November 18th—v. Allan Glen's—Away—Won 9-3 (3-3).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Strachan, Scott, Lochore; Dawson, Mackenzie; Harrison, Benson, Hendrie; Ross, Dunbar; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

This was a very promising display by the Strathallan team and was a well deserved victory, although both teams played some attractive rugby. Excitement and interest, the two qualities sadly lacking in the previous game, were the two factors which combined to produce worthwhile watching. Whereas the excitement came in the form of devastating runs by Lochore and excellent breaks by Dawson and Scott, who were well served by Mackenzie, the interest centred upon the vast number of penalties awarded by the referee. The first score came from a quick heel from the loose, near the home side's line, and the ball was whipped out to Duncan; Cole, backing up well, took Duncan's pass, and scored a well deserved try in the corner. The Strathallan forwards, perhaps because of their enthusiasm, were penalised all too often, even for orthodox offences, and it was from a penalty of this nature that Glen's equalised.

In the second half there was again plenty of excitement, and the results were decidedly encouraging, with enterprising changes of direction by the backs, and lively interpassing amongst the forwards. From one such move Lochore scored a very good try, and shortly afterwards Cole, by kicking a drop-goal from a set-scrum in front of the posts, completed the scoring.

November 25th—v. Gordonstoun—Away—Won 6-0 (0-0).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Strachan, Scott, Lochore; Dawson, Mackenzie; Harrison, Benson, Hendrie; Ross, Dunbar; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

Gordonstoun kicked off against a slight wind and wintry sun on a very hard pitch, and after a short, scrappy period in which Strathallan were rather the quicker at settling down, the visitors soon gained the mastery in the scrum, and the three-quarters penetrated increasingly further into the opposition's territory as the game progressed. The ground thus gained was, however, too often lost by poor falling during

the foot-rushes of the fiery Gordonstoun pack. Benson hooked well throughout to obtain possession, even when his forwards were being pushed, and the halves combined well on almost all occasions to set the line moving. Strathallan missed two penalty attempts in the first half and the standard of place kicking throughout the game, on both sides, was very poor indeed.

In the second half the prolonged territorial advantage of the visitors was rewarded with a good try by Lochore on the wing. This, and the shouts of a considerable crowd, spurred Gordonstoun on to great efforts, and they gave Strathallan a very uncomfortable five minutes but failed to score. After this Strathallan regained the mastery and played some very attractive, open rugby which was rewarded when Harrison was brought down just short of the line and the ball was passed right along the line again for Lochore to complete the scoring in the corner.

December 16th—v. Trinity Coll., Glenalmond—Home—Won 17-3 (6-0).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Scott, Strachan, Lochore; Dawson, Mackenzie; Prophet Benson, Peters; Ross, Harrison; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

On December 16th we at last played Glenalmond. Although a rather dull, overcast afternoon threatened to mar the enjoyment of this game when Strathallan kicked off towards the pond, excitement was forthcoming; fast up under the well placed kick-off, the Strathallan forwards started a loose rush, and although the retreating Glenalmond pack managed to heel the ball from the ensuing loose scrum, Barron caught the College scrum half in possession, neatly deprived him of the ball, and handed on to Mackenzie, whose long accurate pass was taken at full speed by Duncan; the left winger evaded a tackle to score in the corner. Although the difficult conversion failed, the ruthless and swift efficiency with which this early blow was dealt left the Glenalmond team dispirited and demoralised. The Strathallan forwards continued to shine in the loose, while the covering was extremely reliable, and Barron's close marking of the opposing scrum half nipped many potentially dangerous Glenalmond moves in the bud. The Strathallan backs used their ample share of the ball intelligently, and high kicks from the centres in particular frequently troubled the College full-back, and gained valuable ground. It was after a move of this nature, after Lochore had caught the opposition full-back in possession and a loose scrum had formed, that a Glenalmond forward attempted to dribble on and was caught offside. Cole made no mistake with a well taken penalty. Half-time came with the home side still pressing hard and looking dangerous.

The pattern in the second half was similar; from a high kick by a Strathallan three-quarter, the Glenalmond full-back misjudged his clearance, and although their left winger recovered quickly, he was stopped by one of Lochore's memorable tackles; from the lovely quick heel which ensued, Mackenzie sent out a long pass which went via Dawson to Scott; a clever left-footed kick ahead by this centre bounced awkwardly for the opposing defence, and Strachan burst through with the ball at his feet to score a well taken try. Nelson-Cole's conversion from far out was flawless.

At last pricked into action, the Glenalmond team made a determined attempt to reduce the deficit. Hardie, their schoolboy international centre, broke through and kicked ahead, but a remarkable burst of speed by Borland saved the situation. The fiery home pack, excellently supported by the clever kicking and reliable handling of their backs, soon carried play to the Glenalmond line once more. A

foot rush by the opposing pack temporarily relieved the situation, but Mackenzie deftly gathered the ball from the feet of the onrushing forwards and, despite their attempts to smother him, sent out a lovely pass to Dawson. The ball then travelled to Strachan and Lochore who beat their opposing numbers, and Nelson-Cole, following up well, was at hand to make the extra man and score an excellent try in the right-hand corner. Although the try was unconverted, a fourteen points lead at this stage of the game seemed invincible; the backs were running hard and straight, while the home forwards outclassed the opposition eight in all respects. Not content with their impressive lead, however, the Strathallan side continued to attack, and a skilfully executed reverse pass by Mackenzie, from a scrum on the ten-yard line, sent Dawson away on the blind side; the home stand-off, rising to the occasion magnificently, made a lovely break, before handing over to Lochore who scored in the corner.

It was only at this late stage that the Glenalmond team began to mount any semblance of an attack. From a good tight heel the Glenalmond backs handled well and their left winger ran from the half-way line to score underneath the posts. The easy conversion failed, however. The visiting side did launch one more attack, but this was ended just short of the home line by Nelson-Cole's beautiful tackle.

Seventeen-three was, in fact, the final score, and I am sure this game will long be remembered by all those Strathallan boys on the touch line; it was memorable, not simply because it was such a decisive victory, but because it was an excellent example of team play, and, if individuals did shine on occasions, the credit for this well deserved win goes to the team as a whole, and the result emphasises the success of their display.

January 27th—v. Daniel Stewart's College—Away—Won 11-3 (3-3).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Scott, Strachan, Young; Dawson, Mackenzie; Harrison, Benson, Peters; Ross, Davidson; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

Stewart's kicked off deep into Strathallan territory with the advantage of a slight wind. The home side settled down rather the slower of the two sides and their pack failed to stop a foot rush. The referee's whistle did, however, and Cole faultlessly kicked the penalty from two-thirds of the way out on the left wing. The home side counter-attacked and for a long time pressed Strathallan, while both sets of backs found their feet on the very soft pitch. During this time the handling, falling and running were poor when compared to that of the last match in 1961, and it was not surprising when the Stewart's left wing scored an unconverted try. The back row, in particular Barron, spoilt the opposition's play very effectively, but on occasions too enthusiastically. Much of Benson's good hooking was lost when the pack were pushed off the ball in a slow heel, but Mackenzie was able to give a good service when the ball came back quickly. In the line-outs and the dour battles of the loose the visitors had the edge, but in spite of this the Strathallan centres accomplished little more than their more unfortunate opponents.

This situation was greatly improved in the second half when Strachan and Scott, with Dawson less often but just as well, reproduced the form they showed against Glenalmond, and the whole team threw the ball about far more confidently, with rewarding results. Barron and Mackenzie between them charged down the scrum half's kick for touch and Barron was in the right position to scoop it up and score a try which Cole failed to convert. Apart from this, Cole played a good game, as did the two wings. The final score came as a result of a fine

break by Dawson, followed by a neat run by Scott which he finished with a magnificent dive. Cole made no mistake with the conversion just before the final whistle was blown.

February 10th—v. Kelvinside Academy—Home—Won 21-0 (8-0).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Strachan, Scott, Young; Dawson, Mackenzie; Prophet, Benson, Peters; Ross, Harrison; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

The visitors kicked off into the wind and it looked at first as though the Kelvinside pack were going to be able to master the home scrum, but this was merely the result of the usual slow settling down of the Strathallan team. After this initial period, Benson succeeded in gaining the ball at almost every scrum, and this superiority was rewarded when Cole, having joined in the line of an orthodox backs' movement, scored a try which he next converted. Soon after, Young scored an excellent try, having carried three of the visitors, as well as the ball, for about eight yards. Here, perhaps, there could have been more scores for, perhaps as a result of the number of times the scrum got the ball, kicks ahead became wild and relatively unproductive.

In spite of the fact that we played into the wind during the second half, Strathallan threw the ball about in a way which always produces results. The first of these came when Dawson scored a very fine try below the posts after some good work by Strachan and Young, and Cole turned the three points into five. Strachan gained his reward for some fine runs when he scored in the left corner after yet another run by Young.

About this time the backs apparently became complacent about the opposition and allowed them to make several dangerous moves, one of which was almost rewarded.

The final score came as a result of some excellent harassing work by Johnston and a good three-quarter movement which gave Young his second try. Cole finished off his near perfect display by converting the try.

February 14th—v. Scottish Wayfarers—Home—Won 11-8 (8-5).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Keech, Strachan, Young; Dawson, Mackenzie; Prophet, Benson, Peters; Ross, Harrison; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

Strathallan kicked off into the wind on a very hard pitch and against a very large team. These had the effect of deterring tackling until Strathallan realised that this would be disastrous, and a few more respectable attempts at tackles were to be seen. Early on Duncan hurt his knee in a tackle and it was while he was a virtual passenger on the wing that Cole joined the line to score a try, which he failed to convert from the touch-line. The absence of Scott was felt in the centre, where Keech, deputising, seemed a little over-awed by the occasion, and it was left to Strachan to make the breaks in the centre we have come to expect. After a typically excellent break by Dawson, he weaved his way over to score a fine try, which Cole kicked to obtain full value. Meanwhile the visitors had demonstrated their running capabilities with a beautiful run by their right winger, perhaps the best seen at Strathallan this year. Borland was unlucky not to score on one occasion and Prophet did some excellent work in the line-outs. Ross, Barron and Harrison were conspicuous in the loose and Benson's hooking was of the usual high standard. Young took advantage of the visitors' early reluctance to tackle with some intelligent running and, in spite of close marking, was very unlucky not to score.

The second half was not as entertaining to watch as the first, because of closer marking by both sides, especially the Strathallan back row, and in particular Johnston, who had some very well executed tackles. A bad mistake by Dawson on the loose ball, in spite of valiant attempts by Barron and Borland to fall on it, gave the Wayfarers a scrum-five from which they equalised. Soon after Strathallan gained the victory they deserved for sheer hard work, when they pushed a far heavier scrum over the line for a try. Who did in fact score is open to doubt, but Harrison and Borland were at the very bottom of the pile.

This concluded the scoring in what was one of the best games seen in recent years at Strathallan.

February 24th—v. George Watson's—Home—Drawn 6-6 (0-3).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Strachan, Scott, Young; Dawson, Mackenzie; Prophet, Benson, Peters; Ross, Harrison; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

Strathallan kicked off into a fresh breeze on a firm Big Acre and took the usual long period to settle down. During this time the scrum were pushed off the ball, the opposing stand-off was allowed too much latitude, and while Strathallan fumbled when they were trying to open out the play, it was the Watson's backs who impressed rather than the home threes. The exception was Scott, who right from the kick-off gave his best performance of the season with frequent changes of both pace and direction. After about ten minutes Barron gave away a penalty for assaulting an apparently innocent scrum-half and Strathallan were three points down after a well judged kick by the Watson's full-back. Cole failed to match this when he missed what one would normally have called a mere formality in front of the posts; an expensive mistake. Towards the end of the first half the Strathallan pack got on top of the visitors, but in spite of this and the excellent service by the halves, little came of their work, for it was too often wasted with ineffectual kicks by the centres.

The oranges at half-time apparently removed the back-bone from the Watson's attack, while revitalizing their opposition and the hopes of the spectators, for Strathallan immediately took the initiative, and with the aid of the wind, pressed hard on the Watson's line. Unfortunately the visitors promptly produced a passing movement which deserved, and received, a try. This, however, was the last the spectators saw of the Watson's attack, for they were reduced to courageous defence of their line, which while strong, was not strong enough to withstand the long, raking passes to the wings or the speed of Duncan, who soon scored a try in the corner. Just after this, Barron covered some thirty yards at an unprecedented speed, and Harrison's similar run was ended just short of the line by a subsequently very penitent full-back. Again, Barron was held just short of the line by three Watson's forwards. Dawson produced some fine breaks, and Scott, with very little room to move, had a good try at a drop-goal. Mackenzie backed up his good performance at scrum-half with a penalty which only narrowly missed and Strachan alone of the backs was disappointing. At last Strathallan earned their just reward, when Young bulldozed his way over for a try from which he emerged with concussion.

Thus the scoring ended, and shortly after, the match, with a result which both sides deserved; Watson's for their unflagging defence and intelligence in attack, and Strathallan for their relentless and faultless battering of the opposition's line during the second half.

January 31st—v. Panmure—Home—Drawn 3-3 (3-0).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Young, Scott, Strachan, Duncan; Dawson, Mackenzie; Harrison, Benson, Peters; Ross, Davidson; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

The weather was not at all promising for this fixture, for a strong wind and later rain swept Big Acre, making handling and kicking difficult. Early on, the fiery Panmure forwards had the better of the exchanges in the line-outs, but the Strathallan forwards were quicker and more active in the loose. Indeed it was a perfect quick heel from the loose, after consistent pressure by the home team, which led to a well taken try by Duncan in the corner, after the halves and Scott had all handled well.

In the second half it looked very much as if the three points lead and the superior fitness of the home team would steer them to a convincing win, but the rain slowed the game up sufficiently to make weight equivalent to speed; the opposition excelled in the former. Breaks by Dawson and by Young were only just halted by stout defence tackling, paralleled by Barron in particular when the visitors mounted an attack. It was against the run of play, therefore, that Panmure equalised when the ball went loose during a Strathallan handling movement and was dribbled over the home line.

Not an outstanding game, but typical for the Strathallan attempts to keep play fast and open.

January 24th—v. United College, St. Andrews—Home—Lost 3-0 (0-0).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Strachan, Scott, Young; Dawson, Mackenzie; Harrison, Benson, Peters; Ross, Davidson; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

This was a disappointing game, marred by many infringements of the off-side rule and the prevailing rain and mud of Little Acre. Initially the Strathallan backs got a regular supply of the ball from both tight and loose, and used it well, but their finishing was ragged. As the elements came to dominate the game more and more, the fluctuating pattern of play was only interrupted by Scott's purposeful kicking, and the very narrow penalty misses of both sides. Nevertheless, in all aspects of the game, the school team was, in general, superior, and the halves, in particular, handled well.

In the second half the college team again had little to offer, but many potentially dangerous moves by the Strathallan threes and forwards, with the back row always prominent, were thwarted with the line only inches away. Another penalty attempt, a near pushover, and a devastating break by Dawson, all but clinched the elusive points, but in the end it was to the visitors that victory went, after a penalty in front of the Strathallan posts shortly before "no-side" was called. St. Andrews held out grimly to win, despite a rousing Strathallan revival before the whistle.

March 3rd—v. Old Boys—On Big Acre—Won 14-5 (3-0).

Team: Nelson-Cole; Duncan, Scott, Strachan, Young; Dawson, Mackenzie; Prophet, Benson, Peters; Ross, Harrison; Barron, Borland, Johnston.

On Saturday, 3rd March, the school played the Old Boys on Big Acre. It was very cold and the ground was hard to fall on, but had a treacherous layer of mud on top. The Strathallians' team presented a colourful spectacle as they came on to the field in an assortment of bright jerseys, which raised almost the biggest cheer of the match.

The Old Boys kicked off, and took the game straight into the school half, where neither side had much advantage. Gray made a fine break right across the field, from which Carswell very nearly scored, but was well tackled by Borland. For a time the school was hard pressed, but a break by Nelson-Cole took the ball into the other half and a movement by Scott and Strachan almost ended in a try. There followed a period in the Old Boys' half, with the school pressing hard; then Barron bulldozed his way to the first try, in the corner, which Strachan failed to convert. After this play returned to the school half, and the Strathallians were awarded a penalty. Armstrong's kick, however, failed. At half-time the Strathallians were 3-0 down, rather unluckily.

In the second half, the school team's superior fitness made itself shown, and they were largely on top. A good break by Dawson, exploited by Scott and Young, just failed to score, but Nelson-Cole soon sprinted down the touch-line to score a try in the corner, which was not converted. Then the Strathallians made a brief recovery, and Sim scored a fine try by the posts, weaving through the School team easily. If he had been given the ball more often, the Old Boys might have done better. This try was easily converted by Armstrong, making the score 6-5 to the school.

This was only a temporary setback, and the game returned to the Strathallian's half, where Duncan scored a try for the school in the corner. The last try of the game followed, when Duncan made a long break down the touch-line, from which Strachan scored. This try was converted by Barron, the only school try to be converted, making the final score 14-5.

The main criticism of the game was that the handling was very poor at times, and the play as a whole rather scrappy. Gray played well throughout for the Old Boys, and Barron, Dawson, Duncan and Nelson-Cole all played well for the school. The result showed that the school team were considerably fitter than the Strathallians, and more confident as a team, demonstrating the doleful effect of civilian life upon the prowess of former heroes.

UNDER 15½ RUGBY RESULTS

Played 7; Won 5; Lost 2; Points For 87; Points Against 43.

Opponents	F.	A.	Opponents	F.	A.
Rannoch "A" XV (A)	18	8	Merchiston (A)	3	11
Fettes (H)	6	3	Glenalmond (H)	3	16
Loretto (H)	24	0	Rannoch (H)	6	5
Morrison's (A)	27	0			

Team: Ferguson, D. L.; Reid, C. D., Darling, Carver, Galbraith; Brown, J. D. A., Fleming, H. A.; McGhee, Borland, Brown, I. W. L.; Matthew, Cumming; Robertson, B. A. A., Wilkie (Capt.), Fleming, J. M. S. Robertson, J. D. A. and Wingate also represented the XV on a number of occasions.

ON paper this was the strongest Colts side for a number of years, and but for a succession of injuries before the Merchiston match it might have gone through the season without defeat. But such a feat would not have been deserved. The pack worked hard and well, ensuring the backs an ample supply of the ball, but too often handling errors let the opposition in, and at times the tackling was little better than formal obstruction.

There were two outstanding moments during the season: the first was in the opening ten minutes of the Morrison's match, when the team played brilliant attacking rugby and piled up 18 points; the second was in the Glenalmond match, when some of the most feeble defensive tackling ever seen at Strathallan gave Glenalmond a runaway victory. However, there was some very good material in this XV, and the future must be bright.

Cricket, 1962

THE CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

A. J. Harvey-Walker. He has batted well, but his bowling has not fulfilled last year's promise. His captaincy of the side has contributed considerably to its success, and he will be remembered for his remarkable luck with the toss.

D. Mackenzie. He has played some very useful innings, especially late on in the season. He has always fielded keenly and has been a useful supporting bowler.

J. J. W. Davidson. The side's character has also been its most consistent bowler. He has also fielded and batted well.

A. G. Johnston. He has been the side's top scorer, but, had it not been for lapses of concentration, he could have scored even more. A useful, if inexperienced, wicketkeeper.

A. J. Fleming. A devastating bowler on occasions.

D. N. Strachan. He has scored his runs when they were most needed. A keen and effective fielder.

W. S. Pate. An effective all-rounder, particularly strong in his fielding. He has the potential to make a lot of runs next season.

D. J. S. Currie. He has batted well throughout the season, but lost his touch towards the end of it. A good slip fielder.

D. R. Anderson. He has been a sound number nine batsman and has fielded keenly in the gully.

A. R. Bucher. He is inexperienced, but has proved his potential, particularly against Glasgow Academy.

D. G. Linton. He had little batting or bowling to do, but was a useful member of the side.

1st XI AVERAGES 1962

	Total	Innings	Not Out	Top Score	Catches	Average
A. J. Harvey-Walker	356	14	2	56*	3	29.7
W. S. Pate	205	12	5	66*	10	29.3
D. Mackenzie	306	15	3	69	—	25.5
A. R. Bucher	153	8	2	64*	2	25.5
A. G. Johnston	372	15	—	80	10	24.8
D. N. Strachan	190	12	4	59	—	23.7
D. R. Anderson	113	10	5	30*	4	22.6
D. J. S. Currie	301	16	1	53	7	20.1
J. J. W. Davidson	231	13	1	40	3	19.2
D. G. Linton	37	3	1	22	2	18.5

* Not Out

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Davidson	234	58	508	43	11.82
Fleming	168	36	432	35	12.3
Harvey-Walker	147.5	42	363	20	16.65
Pate	63.5	18	166	6	27.6
Also bowled:					
Anderson	24	8	67	6	11.2
Mackenzie	21	9	56	3	18.6
Linton	18	4	51	2	25.5

Also played:

M. I. M. Dawson, J. B. Scott, D. I. Turner and D. M. Stewart.

Strathallan v. Crieff C.C. At Forgandenny, Sat. 5th May.

Team: D. Mackenzie; J. J. W. Davidson; A. G. Johnston; D. N. Strachan; A. J. Fleming; D. I. Turner; W. S. Pate; D. R. Anderson; D. J. S. Curry; M. I. M. Dawson; D. M. Stewart.

Crieff won the toss and batted on a firm wicket. As last season, Fleming and Davidson opened the bowling and seemed to retain their last season's form. In fact, the first eight overs yielded six wickets, the opening bowlers sharing the honours. With the score at 22 for 6, Donaldson, the Crieff number 6, and Ryan, number 8, put on 93 runs, and it was not until at 115 that Anderson took the wicket of Ryan, who scored 59. In Anderson's only over he took three wickets to leave Davidson to take the remaining wicket. The visiting side were all out for 118.

After tea, Strathallan started their innings poorly and were 7 for 2. Johnston joined Mackenzie and the partnership realised 30 runs before Johnston was caught at forward short leg. Strachan then joined Mackenzie and at 68 was bowled for 14. Three School batsmen were quickly returned to the pavilion with only the addition of 9 runs. But once again Anderson relieved the situation and the School won with two wickets in hand. Mackenzie, standing in as captain for the injured Harvey-Walker carried his bat for a very good 59.

School

D. J. S. Currie, lbw, Sinclair	1
D. I. Turner, b Sinclair	2
D. Mackenzie, not out	59
A. G. Johnston, c Douglas, b Sinclair	18
D. N. Strachan, b Ryan	14
D. M. Stewart, c Smith, b Ewing	1
W. S. Pate, c Smith, b Ryan	5
D. R. Anderson, not out	13
J. J. W. Davidson, b Ryan	3
Extras	5
Total	121

Did not bat: M. I. M. Dawson
and A. J. Fleming.

Bowling: Ewing 1 for 11; Sinclair
3 for 48; Ryan 3 for 38.

Crieff

P. G. Brander, b Fleming	5
A. Douglas, b Davidson	8
A. W. Sinclair, c Johnston, b Fleming	2
S. Black, b Davidson	1
R. Sinclair, b Davidson	0
G. R. Donaldson, not out	36
J. Scott, c Johnston, b Fleming	2
J. W. Ryan, c Johnston, b Anderson	59
M. Dennis, b Anderson	0
W. Strang, lbw, Anderson	0
G. N. Ewing, c Johnston, b Davidson	0
Extras	5

Total 118

Bowling: Davidson 4 for 46; An-
derson 3 for 1; Fleming 3 for 56.

Win for Strathallan by 3 wickets.

Strathallan 1st XI v. Edinburgh Academy. At Forgandenny.

Sat. 12th May.

Team: Harvey-Walker; D. Mackenzie; J. J. W. Davidson; A. G. Johnston; A. J. Fleming; D. N. Strachan; W. S. Pate; D. R. Anderson; D. I. Turner; D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson.

The School won the toss and batted on a wicket softened by the preceding week's rain. Strachan opened with Currie but with the score at 19 he was L.B.W. for four. Johnston followed Strachan in the pavillion with only 13 runs added with a similar decision. Harvey-Walker followed and batted well but was involved in an unfortunate run-out with Currie, who returned for 35 with the score at 63. The School's other batsmen batted well with Mackenzie, Turner and Davidson all adding a useful contribution to the School's 195 all out.

After tea, the Academy batted from the very start as if they were going for a draw. The School's bowlers all tried hard to get the opposition out, but they only managed to account for 8 of them. Sands, Academy skipper, carried his bat for 73 in an innings perhaps marred by some dropped catches and a missed stumping. Davidson and Harvey-Walker both took three wickets and Pate accounted for the other two. The Academy were, at the close of play, 119 for 8.

School		Edinburgh Academy	
D. J. S. Currie, run out	35	J. N. Sands, not out	73
D. N. Strachan, lbw, Hewitt ...	4	G. R. Bond, c Currie,	
A. G. Johnston, lbw,		b Davidson	6
Calderbank	7	J. O. Hewitt, c Fleming,	
A. J. Harvey-Walker,		b Davidson	5
c Calderbank, b Masterton	49	N. Calderbank, st Johnston,	
D. Mackenzie, b MacMillan	15	b Pate	5
D. I. Turner, st Sands,		A. I. Masterton, c and b Pate	0
b Masterton	15	M. S. Elcock, lbw, Harvey-	
J. J. W. Davidson, c Elcock,		Walker	0
b Masterton	26	J. H. W. Fairweather,	
D. R. Anderson, c Masterton,		c Harvey-Walker,	
b Calderbank	7	b Davidson	3
W. S. Pate, b Masterton	16	J. K. N. Cochran, b Harvey-	
M. I. M. Dawson, not out	13	Walker	14
A. J. Fleming, c Bond,		P. H. Marshall, b Harvey-	
b Jackson	1	Walker	0
Extras	7	D. C. Jackson, not out	8
		M. D. Macmillan did not bat	—
Total	195	Total	119
Bowling: Masterton 4 for 57;		Bowling: Davidson 3 for 27;	
Calderbank 2 for 28; Jackson 1		Harvey-Walker 3 for 41; W. S.	
for 1.		Pate 2 for 16.	

Match drawn.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy. At Forgandenny. 19th May.

Team: As for Edinburgh Academy.

Winning the toss, Strathallan chose to bat on one of the best wickets seen at Strathallan for some time. The School started well, losing Currie with 44 runs on the board. Turner and Johnston batted well before Turner was bowled off his pads for a good 28. Johnston batted well and was out for 39, which was scored in 20 minutes. Harvey-Walker continued the good work and, helped by Strachan, took the score to 177 before tea.

Morrison's batted after tea but after one over the rain started and play was held up for a short time. However, it did not take long before the School's opening bowlers began to take wickets. In fact, Morrison's slumped to 19 for 8, but some staunch rear-guard action by Stalker of Morrison's saved a good deal of face and took the score to 44 before his partner, Balfour, was caught very well at short mid-off by Harvey-Walker. Morrison's were all out for 44 with Davidson and Fleming sharing the bowling honours with five each.

School

D. J. S. Currie, b Havard	18
D. I. Turner, b McOmish	28
A. G. Johnston, c Watters, b McOmish	39
A. J. Harvey-Walker, not out ..	49
D. Mackenzie, b McOmish	5
D. N. Strachan, not out	36

Total 177

Did not bat: J. J. W. Davidson,
W. S. Pate, D. R. Anderson,
M. I. M. Dawson, A. J. Fleming.
Bowling: J. McOmish 3 for 59;
A. Havard 1 for 58.

Morrison's Academy

J. C. McGregor, lbw, Davidson ..	4
R. Reid, b Davidson	0
H. G. Milne, c Johnston, b Fleming	0
J. G. G. Philips, b Fleming	6
A. L. Balfour, c Harvey- Walker, b Davidson	14
G. T. Brander, b Fleming	0
A. Havard, b Fleming	4
D. N. Watters, b Fleming	2
J. W. McOmish, c Johnston, b Fleming	2
B. A. Stalker, not out	9
R. L. Greer, b Davidson	0
Extras	5

Total 44

Bowling: Davidson 5 for 12; Fleming 5 for 15.

Win for Strathallan by 133 runs.

Strathallan 1st XI v. Merchiston Castle School. At Colinton.

Wed. 23rd May.

Strathallan won the toss and elected to bat on a soft wicket. Currie was soon dismissed when the School had only three on the board, but when Johnston joined Turner, the pair settled down to bring the score to 34 before Turner was caught. Harvey-Walker joined Johnston and these two had a splendid partnership of 110. However, their wickets did not last long after lunch, and the other batsmen carried the score to 198 for 8.

Merchiston began their innings knowing that they had to score 75 an hour to win, and the early batsmen scored well, Webster having a fine innings of 49. After the dismissal of Burt at 132, the other wickets fell quickly and Merchiston were finally all out for 153. This was a thoroughly exciting match, and particularly so as it was not until the last over that the tenth Merchiston wicket fell.

School

D. J. S. Currie, b Walker	2
D. I. Turner, c Morton, b Reid ..	23
A. G. Johnston, b Storey	80
A. J. Harvey-Walker, b Storey ..	33
D. Mackenzie, c Wilson, b Storey	21
D. N. Strachan, lbw, Walker	1
J. J. W. Davidson, c Webster, b Storey	26
W. S. Pate, lbw, Storey	0

Merchiston Castle

S. H. Reid, b Davidson	12
R. H. Webster, b Fleming	49
R. G. Wilson, run out	17
A. G. Wilkinson, b Davidson ..	28
C. J. Storey, b Fleming	1
P. A. Burt, run out	16
R. D. Gray, c Currie, b Anderson	19
D. C. Morton, c Anderson, b Harvey-Walker	7

D. R. Anderson, not out	2
Total	198

Did not bat: M. I. M. Dawson
and A. J. Fleming.

Bowling: Storey 4 for 55; Walker
3 for 49; Reid 1 for 35.

K. A. R. Brown, c Pate, b Harvey-Walker	0
J. H. W. Walker, not out	0
J. D. Beattie, b Harvey-Walker	0
Extras	4

Total 153

Bowling: A. J. Harvey-Walker 3
for 41; J. J. W. Davidson 2 for
52; A. J. Fleming 2 for 31; D. R.
Anderson 1 for 4

Win for Strathallan by 45 runs.

Strathallan v. Daniel Stewart's. At Forgandenny. 26th May.

Strathallan again won the toss and chose to bat. Currie opened with an especially fine innings. Turner was dismissed when the score was at 39, however. Currie went on to score 53. Most of the home side scored well. Strachan had a good innings of 43 and was not out when Strathallan declared at 228 for 9.

Stewart's first wicket fell at 6 when Low was bowled by Davidson. Anderson, the other opener, made 61 before falling to Davidson. The remainder of the batsmen scored a number of runs. However, Strathallan were unable to dismiss their last batsmen before the end, and the result was a draw.

School

D. J. S. Currie, b Porteous ..	53
D. I. Turner, lbw, b Shannon	14
A. G. Johnston, b Shannon ..	29
A. J. Harvey-Walker, b Shannon	0
D. Mackenzie, c Donaldson, b Porteous	17
J. J. W. Davidson, b Shannon	28
D. N. Strachan, not out	43
W. S. Pate, b Shannon	15
D. R. Anderson, c Spence, b Porteous	14
A. J. Fleming, b Porteous	0
Extras	15

Total 228

Daniel Stewart's

D. Anderson, b Davidson	61
K. Low, b Davidson	0
B. Donaldson, c and b Anderson	29
A. Shannon, b Mackenzie	9
R. Scobie, b Davidson	2
N. Kelly, run out	5
J. Shannon, b Pate	11
J. Willis, c Davidson, b Harvey-Walker	0
D. Spence, not out	6
B. Porteous, lbw, b Davidson	0
C. Johnston, not out	1
Extras	16

Total 140

Did not bat: M. I. M. Dawson.
Bowling: G. Shannon 5 for 63;
B. Porteous 4 for 71.

Bowling: Davidson 4 for 30;
Anderson 1 for 19; Mackenzie 1
for 12; Harvey-Walker 1 for 20.

Match drawn.

Strathallan "A" XI v. Forgandenny. At Forgandenny. Thurs. 31st May.

The "A" XI won the toss and elected to bat. All those who batted had a share of the runs, scoring 158 runs in a hundred minutes, and Harvey-Walker declared with the score at 158 for 7 with Currie and Mackenzie at 40 and 20 respectively.

Forgandenny started off badly and were 24 for 4 at one time. However, Smith, Williams, Baillie and Gallacher scored between 10 and 40 each and took the score to 109. Here the batting failed, and the last two quick wickets gave Strathallan a good victory.

School	
A. R. Bucher, run out	15
M. I. M. Dawson, b Hamilton ..	29
A. Shanks, b Kemp	1
J. B. Scott, lbw, Kemp	8
D. G. Linton, c Hamilton, b Kemp	22
D. I. Turner, lbw, Williams ..	16
D. R. Anderson, c Peters, b Williams	2
D. Mackenzie, not out	20
D. J. S. Currie, not out	40
Extras	5
Total	158

Bowling: Williams 2 for 26; D. Kemp 2 for 35; A. Kemp 1 for 13; P. Hamilton 1 for 36.

Win for Strathallan by 47 runs.

Forgandenny	
T. MacKie, c Shanks, b Bucher ..	1
D. Kemp, lbw, Bucher	0
A. Peters, b Linton	0
N. Smith, b Pate	18
D. Williams, b Mackenzie	12
P. Hamilton, b Bucher	5
A. Baillie, b Harvey-Walker ..	39
H. Gallacher, c Turner, b Harvey-Walker	20
A. Kemp, run out	0
B. Tulloch, b Bucher	0
J. Barrie, not out	0
Extras	16
Total	111

Bowling: Bucher 4 for 12; Harvey-Walker 2 for 23; Linton 1 for 10; Mackenzie 1 for 31.

Strathallan 1st XI v. Fettes. At Forgandenny. Tues. 29th May.

Strathallan won the toss for the sixth time in the season, but this luck did not continue, for Currie was caught off the first ball, and Turner struggled to 3 before he was bowled. Johnston, Harvey-Walker and Mackenzie each made a few runs but they were unable to pull the score up sufficiently to be out of danger. Strachan and Pate did much to save the game when they scored 59 and 66 respectively. Anderson took the place of Strachan and, scoring 30 not out, took the score to 210 for 8.

Fettes began, well aware that they had to score 88 an hour to win, but their wickets fell at regular intervals, and they failed to get the runs, being 117 for 6 at close of play.

School	
D. J. S. Currie, c Larke, b Cullen	0
D. I. Turner, b Cullen	3
A. G. Johnston, b Leslie	31
A. J. Harvey-Walker, b Cullen ..	4
D. Mackenzie, c Cullen, b Kirsop	12
D. N. Strachan, c Nelson, b Leslie	59
J. J. W. Davidson, c Handley, b Kirsop	6
W. S. Pate, not out	66
D. R. Anderson, not out	30
Extras	5
Total	217

Did not bat: M. I. M. Dawson and A. J. Fleming.
Bowling: Cullen 3 for 43; Leslie 2 for 36; Kirsop 2 for 69.

Fettes College	
H. M. Jolly, c Pate, b Fleming ..	10
D. N. Larke, c Anderson, b Davidson	23
B. J. Morrison, hit wicket, b Mackenzie	6
R. A. Lind, b Harvey-Walker ..	27
A. C. Lorimer, c Johnston, b Davidson	29
J. R. Handley, b Fleming	0
C. K. J. Kirsop, not out	13
A. I. G. Nelson, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	117

Did not bat: Leslie, Cullen and Appleby.
Bowling: Davidson 2 for 24; Fleming 2 for 46; D. Mackenzie 1 for 3; Harvey-Walker 1 for 13.

Match drawn.

Strathallan 1st XI v. Dollar Academy. At Dollar. Wed. 26th June.

Dollar won the toss and chose to bat. Their wickets fell quickly to Fleming and Davidson, and they were all out for 87 at tea.

Strathallan went in to bat with plenty of time to score the runs. The first three wickets fell quickly, but Harvey-Walker steadied the side and they soon reached the necessary total. Harvey-Walker scored 56 not out and Mackenzie 13 not out.

School		Dollar Academy	
D. J. S. Currie, c Kirkwood		R. F. Baly, b Fleming	7
b Stewart	11	C. G. Stirling, b Fleming	1
D. I. Turner, b Stewart	7	J. Stewart, c Currie,	
A. G. Johnston, c Kirkwood,		b Davidson	8
b Stewart	1	P. G. Kirkwood, c Turner,	
A. J. Harvey-Walker, not out	56	b Harvey-Walker	0
D. Mackenzie, not out	13	J. E. R. MacAree, b Fleming	0
		R. Hughes, c Pate, b Harvey-	
		Walker	9
	Total 88	D. M. Taylor, c Currie,	
		b Anderson	28
Did not bat: Strachan, Davidson,		J. H. Cooke, run out	3
Pate, Anderson, Dawson and Flem-		R. G. Stevenson, b Harvey-	
ing.		Walker	7
Bowling: Stewart 2 for 27; Taylor		R. T. C. Spowart, not out	8
1 for 33.		S. Jones, b Fleming	8
		Extras	8
		Total	87

Bowling: Fleming 4 for 8; Davidson 2 for 22; Harvey-Walker 2 for 32; Anderson 1 for 12.

Win for Strathallan by 7 wickets.

Strathallan v. Loretto. At Forgandenny. 9th June.

Strathallan lost the toss and the visitors elected to bat. Before lunch their wickets fell quickly, but after lunch the remaining batsmen settled down to take the score to 240. The last wicket stand of 74 was particularly valuable. The Strathallan opening batsmen both fell before 20 runs were on the board. However, good batting by Johnston, Harvey-Walker and Mackenzie took the score to 145 for 6. Unfortunately, the remainder were dismissed for 23 runs.

Loretto		School	
S. P. A. Barker, lbw,		D. J. S. Currie, b Wykes	13
b Davidson	5	D. I. Turner, b Ritchie	1
J. N. MacKinlay, b Fleming	7	A. G. Johnston, b McLeod	42
M. H. West, c Pate, b Fleming	0	A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Wood,	
C. J. Wykes, c Currie,		b McLeod	34
b Harvey-Walker	19	D. Mackenzie, b McLeod	39
W. I. Nicholson, c and b		D. N. Strachan, lbw, Muir-	
Davidson	61	Simpson	3
R. M. Muir-Simpson, c Pate,		J. J. W. Davidson, lbw,	
b Fleming	22	Barker	18
V. N. U. Wood, b Harvey-		W. S. Pate, c Dea, b Ritchie	5
Walker	37	D. R. Anderson, b Ritchie	0

C. Goodwille, lbw, Davidson	1	M. I. M. Dawson, b McLeod	1
A. McLeod, b Davidson	0	A. J. Fleming, not out	2
R. A. Dea, not out	74	Extras	11
A. W. Ritchie, not out	5		
Extras	9	Total	169

Total 240

Bowling: A. J. Fleming 3 for 70;
J. J. W. Davidson 4 for 67; A. J.
Harvey-Walker 2 for 68.

Bowling: A. W. Ritchie 3 for 49;
C. J. Wykes 1 for 55; A. McLeod
4 for 19; R. M. Muir-Simpson 1
for 18; S. P. A. Barker 1 for 17.

Win for Loretto by 71 runs.

Strathallan v. King Edward G.S. At Forgandenny, 12th June.

The School won the toss and batted first on an easy wicket. Good scoring by the batsmen enabled the School to declare at tea with 208 for 6. Good bowling by Fleming and Davidson quickly dismissed King Edward G.S. for 109 all out.

School

D. J. S. Currie, b Douglas	39
A. R. Bucher, c Coutts,	
b Douglas	15
A. G. Johnston, b Holmes	17
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Jones,	
b Corby	7
D. Mackenzie, c Jones,	
b Corby	7
D. N. Strachan, rtd	9
J. J. W. Davidson, c Corby,	
b Earle	28
W. S. Pate, not out	52
D. R. Anderson, not out	15
Extras	19

Total 208

Did not bat: D. Linton and A. J. Fleming.

Bowling R. Holmes 1 for 24; R. Corby 2 for 44; P. Douglas 2 for 23; D. Earle 1 for 27.

King Edward G.S.

P. Douglas, c Johnston,	
b Davidson	7
D. Strachan, b Fleming	0
J. A. Jones, c Anderson,	
b Davidson	1
D. Earle, c Johnston,	
b Davidson	10
D. J. Mack, lbw, Davidson	5
E. Hope, c Bucher, b Harvey-	
Walker	13
A. Brown, c Pate, b Harvey-	
Walker	21
J. Lawson, not out	28
R. Holmes, b Fleming	0
M. Corby, c Bucher,	
b Fleming	8
J. Coutts, b Fleming	3
Extras	13

Total 109

Bowling: A. J. Fleming 4 for 28;
J. J. W. Davidson 4 for 34; A. J.
Harvey-Walker 2 for 23.

Win for Strathallan by 99 runs.

Strathallan v. Perthshire C.C. At Forgandenny, 13th June.

Perthshire batted first, and after losing two wickets for 26 runs, went on to score 166 for 6.

The School, with two hours to make the runs, started slowly, owing to the good bowling by Dewar and Thom. However, at the close of play, they had managed to get 100 for 6.

Perthshire

D. Haines, c and b Davidson	17
J. Forster, b Davidson	8
J. S. Symon, b Harvey-Walker	31
R. W. Young, c Johnston,	
b Linton	29
D. Pritchard, run out	12
K. J. McCormack, not out	18
A. Preen, b Fleming	48

Total 166

Did not bat: A. Dewar, I. McPherson and R. R. Thom.

Bowling: A. J. Fleming 1 for 22; J. J. W. Davidson 2 for 46; A. J. Harvey-Walker 1 for 36; D. J. Linton 1 for 11.

School

D. J. S. Currie, c Thom,	
b McPherson	29
D. I. Turner, c Haines, b Thom	0
A. G. Johnston, c McCormack,	
b Campbell	15
D. Mackenzie, run out	14
A. J. Harvey-Walker, lbw,	
Campbell	26
W. S. Pate, not out	5
J. J. W. Davidson, c and b	
McPherson	8
A. R. Bucher, not out	0
Extras	3

Total 100

Did not bat: D. R. Anderson, D. G. Linton and A. J. Fleming.
Bowling: A. Dewar 0 for 16; R. R. Thom 1 for 9; I. McPherson 2 for 31; J. Campbell 2 for 30.

Match drawn.

School v. Strathallians. At Forgandenny. 16th June.

The School won the toss and opened the batting. Scoring was slow, but the School declared at 134 for 8, leaving the Old Boys 80 minutes to score the runs. An excellent innings by both Armstrong and Galt, both getting 50 runs, showed everyone how easy it was to make them. Galt scored his runs in 38 minutes and, although a little breathless, he made it look like an everyday occurrence.

School

D. J. S. Currie, c Smith,	
b Eason	7
A. R. Bucher, c Cook,	
b Jamieson	21
A. G. Johnston, c Sim,	
b Jamieson	21
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Cook,	
b Jamieson	34
D. Mackenzie, c Dr. Balfour,	
b Jamieson	0
D. N. Strachan, c Cook,	
b Allan	0
W. S. Pate, b Allan	6
J. J. W. Davidson, b Jamieson	6
Extras	7

Total 134

Did not bat: D. Linton and A. J. Fleming.

Bowling: M. S. Jamieson 5 for 61; Eason 1 for 21; Allan 2 for 33.

Strathallians

R. Armstrong, not out	50
Cook, c Pate, b Harvey-	
Walker	4
T. R. Taylor, c Linton,	
b Davidson	29
H. Galt, not out	50
Extras	2

Total 135

Did not bat: Eason, Smith, Balfour, Sim, Jamieson, Allan and Parker.

Bowling: A. J. Fleming 0 for 43; J. J. W. Davidson 1 for 40; A. J. Harvey-Walker 1 for 28.

Win for Strathallians.

Strathallan v. Perth Academy. At Forgandenny, 23rd June.

Winning the toss, the School elected to bat, and after an indifferent start, in which the first 6 batsmen were out for 111, Pate and Davidson scored 56 runs in 30 minutes. The School declared at tea with 167 for 6.

The Academy were unable to face the bowling of Fleming and Davidson, and were all out in 51 minutes for 19 runs.

School		Perth Academy	
D. J. S. Currie, lbw, McLeland	3	M. Miskelly, c Pate,	
A. R. Bucher, b Robertson	19	b Davidson	3
A. G. Johnston, c Rawlinson,		J. B. Rawlinson, lbw, Fleming	2
b Robertson	16	J. H. Bolt, lbw, Fleming	1
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Oldfield,		K. J. Ferguson, b Fleming	0
b Miskelly	22	I. M. Robertson, c Pate,	
D. Mackenzie, c Rawlinson,		b Davidson	6
b Miskelly	9	A. R. Kiellar, b Fleming	1
D. N. Strachan, c Rawlinson,		W. E. Anderson, lbw, Davidson	1
b Robertson	20	T. R. McLeland, lbw, Fleming	1
W. S. Pate, not out	35	B. M. Wilson, b Fleming	1
J. J. W. Davidson, not out	33	D. S. Oldfield, not out	3
		J. A. Hardie, b Davidson	0
Total	167	Total	19

Did not bat: D. Linton and A. J. Fleming.

Bowling: I. M. Robertson 3 for 43; T. R. McLeland 1 for 35; M. Miskelly 2 for 43.

Bowling: A. J. Fleming 6 for 6; J. J. W. Davidson 4 for 12.

Win for Strathallan.

Strathallan v. Glasgow Academy. At Anniesland, Wed, 24th June.

Strathallan won the toss and chose to bat on a very slow wicket. Strathallan started well with an opening partnership of 77; Currie was the first to fall for 41 followed by Johnstone and Harvey-Walker, who were both quickly dismissed. Davidson joined Bucher with the score at 89 and they took the score to 158 before Davidson was bowled, and the team declared.

Glasgow Academy were soon in trouble. Good bowling by Davidson, who was aided by a strong cross wind, had wickets falling regularly. Pate was brought on with two wickets standing and he dismissed the two batsmen with his first two balls, with the Academy's score at 55.

School		Glasgow Academy	
D. Currie, b Scott	41	T. Bull, b Davidson	6
A. Bucher, not out	64	G. Young, b Fleming	8
A. Johnstone, c Mack, b Scott	3	G. Archibald, c and b Harvey-Walker	10
A. Harvey-Walker, b Scott	2	A. Scott, b Davidson	2
J. Davidson, b Welsh	40	I. Vallance, c Currie, b Harvey-Walker	5
Extras	8	D. Welsh, not out	16
Total for 4 wickets	158	J. Clement, b Davidson	0
		D. Mack, b Davidson	0
		A. Brown, b Davidson	0
		A. Tickle, c Linton, b Pate	3

Did not bat: D. Mackenzie, D. Strachan, W. Pate, D. Anderson, D. Linton and A. Fleming.

Bowling:	O	R	W	A	J. MacRae, st Johnston, b Pate	0
A. Brown	11	20	0	—	Extras	5
G. Young	3	10	0	—		
T. Bull	7	24	0	—		
D. Welsh	15	32	1	32		
A. Scott	17	54	3	18		
G. Archibald	3	10	0	—		
					Total	55
Bowling:	O	R	W	A		
A. Fleming	8	13	1	13		
J. Davidson	15	12	5	2.4		
A. Harvey-Walker	9	20	2	10		
D. Anderson	1	5	0	—		
W. Pate	0.5	0	2	0		

Win for Strathallan.

Strathallan 1st XI v. Forfarshire. At Forgandenny. Wed. 4th July.

Strathallan won the toss and elected to bat and the first two wickets of Currie and Bucher soon fell to Couper. Johnston and Harvey-Walker steadied in the face of the fastest bowling they had encountered this season, but after they fell, only Linton was able to offer any resistance, and this only briefly, and the School were all out for 74.

They were then treated to a fine display of batting by the Forfar batsmen, who invariably found the gaps and who scored the required runs in 41 minutes.

School		Forfar	
D. J. S. Currie, b Couper	2	D. G. Robertson, not out	37
A. R. Bucher, b Couper	2	D. M. Patullo, lbw, Davidson	13
A. G. Johnston, c Allardyce,		J. Dyson, not out	24
b Reoch	20	Extras	1
A. J. Harvey-Walker, b Dyson	15		
D. Mackenzie, b Reoch	6		
D. N. Strachan, c and b Reoch	1		
J. J. W. Davidson, b Reoch	4		
W. S. Pate, c Reoch, b Dyson	3	Did not bat: Lindsay, Lodge, Her-	
D. R. Anderson, b Reoch	4	miston, Reoch, Allardyce, Allar-	
D. G. Linton, b Reoch	9	dyce, Couper, Lyall,	
A. J. Fleming, not out	0	Bowling: Davidson 1 for 38.	
Extras	9		

Bowling: Reoch 6 for 17; Couper 2 for 13; Lyall 2 for 16.

Win for Forfarshire.

Strathallan 1st XI v. Ayrshire Wanderers. At Forgandenny.

Tues. 17th July.

Strathallan again won the toss and decided to bat. The wisdom of this decision was clear when the score rose quickly to 150 for 4, but here the batting began to weaken and the School finally declared at the score of 168 for 5.

Reid, for Ayrshire, played a fine innings, but his partners at the other end fell regularly to Fleming. At no time, however, did the visitors look as though they would make the runs, and it was not surprising when they were only 112 for 5 at close of play.

School		Ayrshire Wanderers	
A. R. Bucher, b MacGowan	18	I. W. L. Reid, not out	78
D. Mackenzie, c Reid, b Robb	69	G. L. Hill, b Fleming	0
A. G. Johnston, b Hunter	33	G. T. G. Young, b Fleming	1
A. J. Harvey-Walker,		J. A. Hunter, b Fleming	1
b MacGowan	24	J. B. Houston, b Fleming	0
D. J. S. Currie, lbw, Robb	7	H. Hunter, c Currie, b Pate	7
J. J. W. Davidson, b Robb	5	T. Doolan, not out	14
D. N. Strachan, not out	0		
W. S. Pate, not out	7		
		Total	112

Total 168

Did not bat: Anderson, Linton and Fleming.

Bowling: Robb 3 for 53; MacGowan 2 for 32; Hunter 1 for 33.

Match drawn.

Did not bat: Reid, Robb, Thom and MacGowan.

Bowling: Fleming 4 for 14; Pate 1 for 23.

Strathallan 1st XI v. Mr. Lodge's XI. At Forgandenny.

Thurs. 19th July.

Strathallan won the toss and surprisingly put the visitors in to bat. The pattern for Hay's innings was set when he hit his third ball for six, and after that, most of his 51 runs were in the air. Pate, too, scored freely until bowled by his brother, but after this the bowling of Harvey-Walker subdued the batsmen, and Mr. Lodge declared his side with 134 runs on the board for the loss of 7 wickets.

Preen soon bowled Currie but was unable to batter through Mackenzie's defence. Johnston played a very fine innings on the slow wicket, and the reward of his playing Preen largely off the back foot was a fine 43, only ended by a remarkable catch by Preen off his own bowling. Harvey-Walker began well and was soon at 24, but here he was lbw to Mr. Lodge. The rest of those who batted did well, if not outstandingly, and Pate scored the winning 4.

School		Mr. Lodge's XI	
D. J. S. Currie, b Preen	2	A. S. Hay, c Bucher, b Harvey-Walker	51
D. Mackenzie, lbw, Preen	26	J. B. Scott, run out	12
A. G. Johnston, c and b Preen	43	A. M. Pate, b W. S. Pate	32
A. J. Harvey-Walker, lbw,		D. M. Stewart, b Harvey-Walker	5
Lodge	24	I. W. L. Brown, c Pate,	
A. R. Bucher, c Brown,		b Harvey-Walker	9
b Preen	7	J. D. A. Brown, c Johnston,	
D. N. Strachan, run out	12	b Harvey-Walker	4
J. J. W. Davidson, b Preen	2	H. C. Addison, b Harvey-Walker	8
W. S. Pate, not out	11	D. C. Duigan, not out	4
D. R. Anderson, not out	6	T. Lodge, not out	9
Extras	5		
		Total	134

Total 136

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Did not bat: D. G. Linton and P. L. Marsland.

Bowling: Preen 5 for 67; Lodge 1 for 9.

Did not bat: Preen and Campbell.
Bowling: Harvey-Walker 5 for 39; Pate 1 for 39.

Win for Strathallan.

UNDER 15½ CRICKET

Results: Played 9; Won 4; Lost 5.

v. **Queen Victoria.** Lost by 6 wickets. Strathallan 59 for 8 dec. Queen Victoria 60 for 4.

v. **Morrison's Academy.** Won by 8 wickets. Morrison's 67 (Brown, J. D. A., 4 for 22). Strathallan 68 for 2 (Brown, J. D. A., 39 not out).

v. **Merchiston.** Lost by 51 runs. Merchiston 97. Strathallan 46.

v. **Fettes.** Lost by 6 wickets. Strathallan 116 for 7 dec. (Shanks 38 not out). Fettes 119 for 4.

v. **Dollar.** Lost by 6 wickets. Strathallan 129 (Brown, I. W. L., 75). Dollar 130 for 4.

v. **Loretto.** Lost by 6 wickets. Strathallan 35 (Brown, J. D. A., 20 not out). Loretto 36 for 4 (Brown, J. D. A., 4 for 20).

v. **Rannoch.** Won by 122 runs. Strathallan 181 for 0 dec. (Brown, I. W. L., 112 not out, Shanks 62 not out). Rannoch 59 (Mackenzie 5 for 34).

v. **Perth Academy.** Won by 175 runs. Strathallan 204 for 4 dec. (Brown, I. W. L., 85. Brown, J. D. A., 57). Perth Academy 29 (Mackenzie 5 for 9).

v. **Glasgow Academy.** Won by 133 runs. Strathallan 156 for 2 dec. (Brown, I. W. L., 42, Shanks 66 not out). Glasgow Academy 23 (Reid 8 for 2).

This was a lean year for the Colts and all too often the success of the team depended upon the success of four or five individuals. But the disturbing feature of the season was that a large number of boys opted for other summer sports. There is a feeling current amongst many boys in the school, that it is not worth playing a game without the promise of team honours. This is very regrettable, and one must hope that they will realise that not all rewards are tangible.

The two Browns and Shanks batted well, I. W. L. Brown scoring 356 runs at an average of 44, but the bowling was thin. The pace attack, while often dangerous, was far too erratic, and amongst the others, only Mackenzie was successful, taking 12 wickets in the last three games. Cappon demonstrated that a lack of inches is no bar to agility and kept wicket admirably, while J. D. A. Brown led the side well and made good use of the limited resources at his disposal.

The following played: J. D. A. Brown (capt.), I. W. L. Brown, J. P. Cappon, I. T. Carruthers, D. F. Carswell, H. I. G. Davidson, C. D. Ferguson, J. P. Galbraith, T. Gibson, S. L. Mackenzie, N. F. Macmillan, W. G. Reid, I. C. Ross, D. D. Shanks.

Played in one match: W. B. Melville, A. D. Reid.

UNDER 14½ CRICKET

Results: Played 7; Won 5; Drawn 1; Lost 1.

v. **Q.V. 2nd XI.** Won by 14 runs. Strathallan 79. Q.V. 65.

v. **Dundee H.S.** Won by 134 runs. Strathallan 148 for 5 dec. (Melville 38 not out). Dundee 14 (McInroy 5 for 10).

v. **Dollar.** Won by 100 runs. Strathallan 155 for 4 dec. (Melville 64, Reid 41). Dollar 56 (Mackenzie 4 for 18).

v. **Loretto**. Lost by 6 wickets. Strathallan 137 for 9 dec. (Melville 41, Mure 30 not out). Loretto 140 for 4.

v. **Rannoch**. Won by 134 runs. Strathallan 155 for 7 dec. (Primrose 52, Melville 46). Rannoch 21.

v. **Glasgow Academy**. Drawn. Strathallan 97 for 8 dec. Glasgow Academy 96 for 9.

v. **Perth Academy**. Won by 160 runs. Strathallan 181 for 7 dec. (Melville 73, McInroy 37 not out). Perth Academy 19 (Melville 5 for 2).

v. **Glenalmond**. Cancelled.

This has been a promising season. There are more young cricketers in the school than there have been for a number of years, and competition for a place in the team has been keen. Melville led the side efficiently and was the outstanding player with bat and ball, but Primrose, Mure, Reid and Black proved to be more than useful batsmen, whilst McInroy was fast enough to worry most opponents. It must be noted, however, that the opposition was unusually weak this year, and better fielding would have halved some of their totals. No fewer than 22 boys represented the School XI during the term.

JUNIOR XI

30.6.62 v. **Lathallan** (H). Lost by 1 run. Lathallan 83 (J. C. Bosshardt 5 for 38). Strathallan 82 (S. C. M. McLean 30).

5.7.62 v. **Croftinloan** (A). Drawn. Strathallan 124 for 6 dec. (J. C. Bosshardt 26 not out, R. M. M. Lang 31, S. C. M. McLean 26). Croftinloan 67 for 7 (J. C. Bosshardt 5 for 19).

7.7.62 v. **Craigflower** (A). Drawn. Craigflower 82 (S. C. M. McLean 6 for 25). Strathallan 58 for 8 (R. M. M. Lang 15).

12.7.62 v. **Dalhousie** (A). Lost by 5 wickets. Strathallan 49 (R. J. H. Neil 23, I. A. G. Moodie 15). Dalhousie 51 for 5 (J. C. Bosshardt 4 for 15).

Played 4; Drawn 2; Lost 2. Catches taken 13.

Runs for: 313 for 34 wickets at 9.21 runs per wicket.

Runs against: 283 for 32 wickets at 8.84 runs per wicket.

Hockey

FIRST XI MATCHES

* Colours.

10th March. School v. Aberdeen Grammar School. Lost 0-1.

Team: J. A. Bruce, D. Mackenzie,* D. I. Turner, D. R. Anderson, A. Nairn,* R. H. Scott,* W. S. Pate, A. G. Johnston, D. N. Strachan, A. A. Nelson-Cole, J. R. N. Keech.

Strathallan quickly settled down in a fast game played on a good firm pitch, at Aberdeen. The school held the territorial advantage for most of the first half, and were unlucky not to score on several occasions.

Aberdeen retaliated, and a defensive error about mid-way through the second half led to their goal by the centre-forward. The Strathallan

forwards tended to be rather slow in the enemy circle; Johnston, however, nearly scored when one of his shots, having hit the goalkeeper's shoulder, went over the bar. Mackenzie excelled in defence, and Bruce executed some good saves.

12th March. School v. Perth Academy. Drawn 2-2.

Team: J. A. Bruce, D. Mackenzie,* D. I. Turner, D. R. Anderson, A. Nairn,* R. H. Scott,* J. J. W. Davidson, A. G. Johnston, D. N. Strachan, W. S. Pate, J. R. N. Keech.

The school soon adapted themselves to the slightly muddy conditions on the home pitch. Pate opened the scoring by following up a shot by Nairn from a long corner. Perth fought back, and a defensive blunder allowed them to score late in the first half.

The second half started with both sides making some good moves, and a misplaced clearance gave Perth the opportunity to score, which they quickly took advantage of. After various assaults on the enemy goal, Strathallan equalised through a finely-angled shot by Davidson.

14th March. School v. Glasgow University. Won 6-1.

Team: J. A. Bruce, D. Mackenzie,* D. I. Turner, D. R. Anderson, A. Nairn,* R. H. Scott,* J. J. W. Davidson, A. G. Johnston, D. N. Strachan, W. S. Pate, J. R. N. Keech.

At half-time, after constant pressure, the school was 2-0 up, and in the second half Strachan scored within the first minute. The University retaliated, the inside-right scoring a good goal. However, the school continued to dominate the play, the goal scorers being Strachan (2), Johnston (2) and Davidson (1). The sixth goal was scored when a shot from Davidson at a very narrow angle bounced off the goalkeeper's pads into the goal. The accurate passing of the forwards, and the staunch defence of the halves and backs, contributed greatly to this victory against a team which lacked several of its regular members, who were sitting exams.

17th March. School v. Loretto. Won 2-1.

Team: J. A. Bruce, D. Mackenzie,* D. I. Turner, D. R. Anderson,* A. Nairn,* R. H. Scott,* J. J. W. Davidson, A. G. Johnston,* D. N. Strachan, W. S. Pate,* J. R. N. Keech.*

During this close game at Loretto, Strathallan had rather more of the ball but missed too many chances. Loretto opened the scoring with a goal by their centre-forward, which resulted from a good passing movement. Pate then scored with a beautiful shot from the edge of the circle which had the goalkeeper completely beaten.

In the second half Strathallan again held the territorial advantage, and, despite some ragged play, Pate managed to score another fine goal. Scott excelled at left half, with Mackenzie again prominent in defence, but of the Strathallan forwards only Pate was in aggressive mood.

20th March. School v. Fettes. Won 2-0.

Team: K. I. R. Ross, D. Mackenzie,* D. I. Turner, D. R. Anderson,* A. Nairn,* W. D. Halliday, J. J. W. Davidson, A. G. Johnston,* M. I. M. Dawson, W. S. Pate,* J. R. N. Keech.*

Although handicapped by the absence of Scott and Strachan, the school produced some fine attacking hockey. At the start it looked as if Fettes were slightly the better side, the stopping and hitting of their halves and backs being particularly effective, but it was not long before the Strathallan forwards showed that they were more dangerous than

their opponents. The school's first goal came about midway through the first half, when a shot by Davidson from a narrow angle hit the pads of the Fettes goalkeeper and trickled into the goal.

In the second half the school had more of the play and there was some lively passing in which Pate was prominent. The Fettes backs played the school forwards off-side on several occasions and did well to keep the score down. The second goal came when the Fettes right back, endeavouring to clear the ball from the circle, contrived to hit it backwards, and the Fettes goalkeeper missed it.

The substitutes, Dawson and Halliday, were extremely effective in this, their first match.

27th March. School v. The Picts. Lost 1-4.

Team: K. I. R. Ross, D. Mackenzie,* D. I. Turner, D. R. Anderson,* A. Nairn,* R. H. Scott,* A. C. d'Angibau, A. G. Johnston,* D. N. Strachan, W. S. Pate,* J. R. N. Keech.*

The school got off to a good start on the soft Edinburgh pitch and Strachan soon took the ball through from the halfway line to score. However, the school missed a few chances, and the home team settled down to their usual fast, attacking hockey, and by half-time were leading 2-1.

In the second half the Picts kept up their strong, attacking play, and it became progressively clearer that Strathallan were outclassed in all aspects of the game, except perhaps determination. Strathallan continued to fight back, and the Picts, for all their skill and experience, found the Strathallan goal very hard to penetrate. The Picts eventually scrambled in two further goals to bring to an end this most enjoyable game. As in the previous year, the speed of the Picts forced the school into giving too many ill-judged passes, but both the attack and the defence acquitted themselves creditably against formidable opposition.

31st March. School v. Midlands Schools. Drawn 0-0.

Team: K. I. R. Ross, D. Mackenzie, D. I. Turner, D. R. Anderson, A. Nairn, R. H. Scott, A. C. d'Angibau, A. G. Johnston, D. N. Strachan, W. S. Pate, J. R. N. Keech.

On a fine sunny morning the school played a team selected from fifteen other hockey playing schools in Dundee and Perthshire. The Strathallan forwards were soon on the attack, d'Angibau and Johnston being particularly lively, but the Midlands defence held firm. After narrowly failing to score twice in the opening minutes, the Strathallan forwards never perfected their attack, though keeping the Midlands defence very busy. The Midlands forwards played well and looked very dangerous through most of the second half, though never quite getting the better of the Strathallan defence. When the final whistle went, Strathallan were once more firmly on the attack. It was a good, fast game, and the result a fair reflection of a ding-dong match.

A. Nairn.

SECOND XI and COLTS

The Second XI beat Aberdeen Grammar School at Aberdeen, but lost to a strong Loretto Second XI. The Colts were beaten by the Fettes Colts for the first time for five years, but defeated Loretto (this being the first time the school has played them) fairly convincingly.

SUMMARY OF HOCKEY RESULTS FOR SPRING TERM

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
1st XI	7	3	2	2	13	9

The following matches had to be cancelled:

First XI v. Gordonstoun; Strathallan Colts v. Watson's Second XI.

HOCKEY FESTIVAL RESULTS

v. St. Edwards. Won 3-1.

v. Caterham. Lost 0-5.

v. Stowe College. Lost 0-1.

Hockey Retrospect—Spring 1962

NEITHER Joy nor Armstrong returned as expected, and the team was further weakened when Harvey-Walker, after scoring a dazzling series of goals in practice, retired to Bridge of Earn Hospital for the rest of the season. Only Scott had played regularly for the First XI the previous season, but after a week of practice the team was almost settled.

Both Ross and Bruce had a spell in goal, but the backs and halves only changed when Halliday replaced Scott for the Fettes match. Mackenzie was one of the soundest defensive players, and his passes from right-back to Pate at inside-left frequently turned defence into attack. At left-back Turner specialised in goalmouth saves, sometimes with the boot. Anderson as right-half looked rather slow but played very soundly, covering well in defence, as well as supporting the attack. Scott at left-half was essentially an attacking player. On those occasions when his wing got the ball, he was usually fast enough to catch up with him before he could centre.

Of the forwards, Strachan did very well at centre-forward, though he seldom achieved perfect understanding with his insides. He was forceful, quick, and had a powerful shot and accurate flick. Pate was brought in from right-wing to inside-left, where he showed a deft touch with the stick, and when he develops a little more speed on his feet, he should be a most penetrating inside-forward. At inside-right Johnston played well, soon learning to vary his passes, and developing an

extremely powerful shot. His stopping was as good as ever, his harassing tactics extremely effective, but only occasionally did he show the opportunism of the natural forward. Though his centres were often too long delayed, Keech showed excellent promise on the left wing, and should be really effective next year. On the right wing Davidson showed a good turn of speed and a pleasing capacity for goal scoring, before his departure for France after the Fettes match, when his place was taken by d'Angibau, who quickly developed into a formidable winger.

Nairn, the captain, at centre-half, was a forceful and hard working player who dominated several matches. It was gratifying that he got a place in the Scottish Schoolboys' Hockey XI against Ireland. The Scots were defeated by 2-0, the same margin as the English Schoolboys.

In general the team, though on the young side with three forwards under 17, was hard to beat. A tendency to overhit and pass blind were the chief faults, but team work and determination usually meant that the tougher the opposition the better the team played.

The House Matches produced some good hockey, despite sometimes adverse weather conditions. Happily the tendency to choose a team for brawn rather than skill seems a thing of the past, and all four Houses fielded teams of good standard. Ruthven won all their matches and the cup.

It is hoped next season to increase the fixture list for the Second XI and Colts and to start a few fixtures for the Under 14's.

P.R.S.

Summer Hockey, versus Edinburgh Academy. 19th May.

Strathallan soon settled down with some very fine attacking movements. Nairn netted a fine shot from a short corner, a feat which he repeated a few minutes later. Within minutes he got his hat-trick in a brilliant attacking movement and fine play inside the circle. Shortly before half-time, Sleep flicked the ball neatly past the goalkeeper to make the score 4-0.

In the second half the play was more even and the visitors retaliated with a good goal. Strathallan, however, completed the afternoon with goals by Halliday and Sleep. The final score of 6-1 gives a fair indication of the general trend of the game.

The team was: Bruce; Ross, Clark; Wright, Scott, Linton; Darling, Halliday, Sleep, Nairn, Keech.

Summer Hockey, versus Glasgow Academy, at Forgandenny.

The game got off to a very quick start with a fast run and fine shot by the Glasgow forwards. The school quickly mastered the situation and retaliated with two very near misses by Nairn off short corners, but

the visiting forwards were on the whole more nimble than the home backs and this resulted in another goal just before half-time.

From then on neither side looked as though they might take a commanding lead, but Bruce was kept busy, and there were no further scores.

The team was: Bruce; Ross, Linton; Anderson, Halliday, Wright; Davidson, d'Angibau, Nairn, Scott, Keech.

Summer Hockey, versus Ruthrieston Wanderers, at Forgandenny.

The match was played on a wet pitch, but this did not seem to deter either side. The scoring was opened by Nairn, who shot a fine goal from a short corner, and the visitors retaliated almost immediately and equalised. The visitors had the edge in luck but the school had a far more competent team than the opposition, who, however, could not stop them scoring two lucky goals before half-time.

In the closing minutes of the game, Sleaf beat the goalie and then put in an easy shot, to complete the scoring in a rather unlucky game for the school.

The team was: Bruce; Ross, Linton; Halliday, Nairn, Wright; d'Angibau, Nelson-Cole, Sleaf, Scott, Keech.

Summer Hockey, versus Blairgowrie. 3rd May.

Strathallan quickly settled down and were soon leading by a goal scored by d'Angibau. Strachan then scored from a short corner taken by Nairn. The visitors retaliated with a well executed goal, initiated by a free hit from the half-way line. Shortly before half-time Nairn scored from a short corner to make the score 3-1.

In the second half the home team seemed to be taking it easy, but soon recovered after some dangerous attacks by Blairgowrie, and another goal was netted by Pate from a good cross by d'Angibau. The match ended with another goal from the visitors. Final score 4-2.

The team was: Bruce; Ross, Linton; Halliday, Nairn (capt.), Scott; d'Angibau, Sleaf, Strachan, Pate, Keech.

Summer Hockey, versus Morgan F.P. 22nd May.

The summer eleven played Morgan F.P. at Forgandenny. The ground was hard and slippery, but this did not prevent Morgan F.P. from quickly demonstrating their overall superiority by three good goals in the first quarter of the game. These goals were due mainly to the fast and effective passing amongst the forwards, which drew the defence out of position. Strathallan retaliated with a goal by A. Nairn, after a goal-mouth scramble. Morgan F.P. finished the first half with another goal, but in the second half they added only one more, to make the final score 5-1. Although play was almost entirely confined to Strathallan's half, good defensive work and fine saves by J. A. Bruce prevented a repetition of the first half.

The team was: Bruce; Ross, Linton; d'Angibau, Scott, Wright; Darling, Halliday, Sleaf, Nairn (capt.), Keech.

A.N.

Athletics 1962

ONCE again we have had a reasonably successful season. Unfortunately, the five school meeting at Dunblane was cancelled, thus further reducing our already limited programme.

Strathallan v. Glenalmond

EVENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Time or distance
100 (S)	T.C.G.	Fleming A. J.	T.C.G.	Stewart D.	10.2secs.
100 (M)	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	Ogilvie	Ferguson	10.7secs.
220 (S)	T.C.G.	Fleming A. J.	T.C.G.	Stewart D.	23.6secs.
220 (M)	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	Henderson	Taylor	24.8secs.
440 (S)	T.C.G.	Nelson-Cole	Duncan	T.C.G.	53.9secs.
440 (M)	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	Hitching	Mackenzie	55.0secs.
880 (S)	†Borland I.	T.C.G.	Nelson	T.C.G.	1min.59secs.
880 (M)	T.C.G.	Reynolds	Garvie	T.C.G.	2mins.11secs.
1 Mile (S)	†Dow	Chalmers	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	4mins.24secs.
1 Mile (M)	T.C.G.	Manners W.	T.C.G.	Borland B.	4mins.51secs.
Shot (S)	Mackenzie	Scott	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	38' 3"
Shot (M)	Keech	T.C.G.	Bell	T.C.G.	38' 6"
Discus (S)	Barron	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	Nairn	110' 4"
Discus (M)	T.C.G.	Keech	T.C.G.	Borland B.	129' 6"
Javelin (S)	T.C.G.	†Mackenzie	Nairn	T.C.G.	151'
Javelin (M)	T.C.G.	Quarry	T.C.G.	Clark B. G.	151'
H.J. (S)	No	Senior High	Jump		
H.J. (M)	Keith	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	Macmillan	5' 2"
L.J. (S)	Fleming	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	Munro	19' 7 ¹ / ₂ "
L.J. (M)	T.C.G.	T.C.G.	Mackenzie	Drysdale	17' 11"
Relay (S)	T.C.G.	Strath.	2 × 220	2 × 440	2mins.35.9secs.
Relay (M)	T.C.G.	Strath.	2 × 220	2 × 440	2mins.43.7secs.

† New School Record.

Points	Glenalmond	Strathallan
Seniors	53	57
Middles	73	43

Strathallan v. Fettes College

EVENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Time or distance
100†	F.C.	F.C.	Stewart	Duncan	11.0secs.
220†	F.C.	Duncan	Stewart	F.C.	24.8secs.
240†	F.C.	Nelson-Cole	F.C.	Hitching	53.3secs.
880†	Borland	Nelson	F.C.	F.C.	2mins.0.5secs.
1 Mile	R. C. Dow	F.C.	Chalmers	F.C.	4mins.27.0secs.
Shot	F.C.	Scott	Barron	F.C.	39' 8"
Discus	Barron	F.C.	Nairn	F.C.	104' 10"
Javelin	Nairn	Quarry	F.C.	F.C.	140' 10"
L.J.	F.C.	Munro	Nelson-Cole	F.C.	17' 8 ¹ / ₂ "
H.J.	Keith	F.C.	Munro	F.C.	4' 10"
Relay	Strathallan	Fettes	2 × 220† +	2 × 440†	2mins.38.2secs.

† New School Record.

Points: Fettes 55 Strathallan 66

The following boys did well at the Scottish Schoolboys' Championships, which were held in Glasgow this year.

440 yards (Senior) Nelson-Cole 5th

1 Mile (Senior) R. C. Dow 2nd

Steeplechase (Senior) I. C. Borland 1st

The following boys gained their athletics colours: R. C. Dow and V. A. Barron.

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Senior

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards ...	Fleming, A. J. (R)	10.8 secs.
220 yards ...	Fleming, A. J. (R)	24.1 secs.
440 yards ...	Fleming, A. J. (R)	52.9 secs.
880 yards ...	Borland, I. C. (F)	1 min. 59.4 secs.
1 mile ...	Dow, R. C. (N)	4 min. 21.7 secs.
Hurdles ...	Fleming, A. J. (R)	10.7 secs.
High Jump ...	Nelson-Cole, A. A. (N)	5' 4½"
Long Jump ...	Fleming, A. J. (R)	20' 4"
Discus ...	Mackenzie, D. (R)	114' 10"
Javelin ...	Mackenzie, D. (R)	125' 10"
Shot ...	Mackenzie, D. (R)	38' 1½"
Relay ...	Ruthven	47.9 secs.
Tug of War	Freeland	

Middle

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards ...	Cranston, D. A. (S)	10.8 secs.
220 yards ...	Cranston, D. A. (S)	25.0 secs.
440 yards ...	Hitching, A. V. (N)	55.0 secs.
880 yards ...	Hitching, A. V. (N)	2 min. 4.2 secs.
1 mile ...	Hitching, A. V. (N)	4 min. 50 secs.
Hurdles ...	Strachan, D. N. (S)	12.0 secs.
High Jump ...	Strachan, D. N. (S)	5' 1"
Long Jump ...	Strachan, D. N. (S)	17' 1½"
Discus ...	Keech, J. R. (F)	124'
Javelin ...	Keech, J. R. (F)	129' 1"
Shot ...	Keech, J. R. (F)	40' 1"
Relay ...	Simpson	48.9 secs.

Junior

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards ...	Nicolson, A. A. (S)	11.6 secs.
220 yards ...	Taylor, R. A. (N)	26.3 secs.
440 yards ...	Taylor, R. A. (N)	56.3 secs.
880 yards ...	Garden, R. W. (R)	2 min. 20.5 secs.
Hurdles ...	Taylor, R. A. (N)	11.7 secs.
High Jump ...	Trusdale, T. N. W. (N)	4' 8"
Long Jump ...	Lawson, R. G. (R)	16' 9"
Discus ...	Carruthers, I. T. (R)	114' 10"
Javelin ...	Carruthers, I. T. (R)	113' 3"
Shot ...	Taylor, R. A. (N)	33' 2½"
Relay ...	Freeland	51.8 secs.

Riley

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards ...	Houston, I. A.	13.8 secs.
330 yards ...	Houston, I. A.	50.8 secs.
High Jump ...	Turner, R. M.	3' 11"
Long Jump ...	Biggart, D. D. C.	13' 2"
Relay ...	Drumfinn	61.5 secs.

Swimming Report, 1962

EARLY this summer a new heating pipe was installed in the swimming pool so that for the first recorded time the temperature of the water rose to a luxurious 74 degrees, and seldom dropped below 66 degrees, except when it had just been refilled with clean water. This has to be done at least 4 times a term, as there is no filter system to keep the water clean and circulating. However, the rumour that has been flying about for the past 3 years has it definitely that this omission will be remedied next term. At least I hope that it will be, as many valuable days of swimming are lost when the pool has to be put out of action for 4 or 5 days at a time to be cleaned and the water changed.

This year, the school team began extensive training early in the term, in preparation for the Bath Cup Relay Race in London, which was to take place in the last week in June. By the time, one week before we were due in London, the team was very fit and they were turning in excellent times; it then transpired that they were unable to go, due to insufficient funds. This was particularly galling when the winning time was published a few days after the event, as it was only a few seconds better than the best time that the school team had produced. However, as 3 out of the 4 are returning for at least one more year, I hope that they will be able to produce such excellent times next year. The team that was picked to swim was: A. M. Cumming, D. A. Cranston, K. A. L. Matthew, R. E. Benny — 1st reserve R. Wilkie, 2nd reserve A. W. Wilkinson.

The school team, to provide variety in their training, swam a fixture against Merchiston Castle, in which we were beaten by three races to one. We hope that the school will build up this list of fixtures to provide the necessary object for training and to give the team competitive experience, which is invaluable in racing.

There were no Standards due to a lack of available time, and the swimming heats and sports were swum off during the week immediately preceding the "A" levels and at the same time as the Athletics Standards were being run off, so that no one was able to give of his best.

The standard of swimming is continuing the upward rise of last year, as is testified by the number of records that were broken this year. The Headmaster presented the Individual medals and the Inter-House Cup immediately after the finals. The results were as follows:

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Junior breast stroke	R. G. Lawson (R)	J. N. Smith (F)
Middle breast stroke	K. A. L. Matthew (F) 59.1*	J. G. Peacock (S)
Senior breast stroke	D. G. Linton (F) 1.20.6*	A. P. D. Wilkinson (N)
Junior back stroke	I. T. Carruthers (R)	C. W. Caldwell (S)
Middle back stroke	A. W. Wilkinson (N) 35.2*	M. H. P. Keith (N)
Senior back stroke	R. E. Benny (R)	A. P. D. Wilkinson (N)
Junior 50 yds. free style	I. T. Carruthers (R)	W. D. Wilson (N)
Middle 75 yds. free style	D. A. Cranston (S) 45.0*	A. M. Cumming (S)
Senior 100 yds. free style	C. C. K. Dunbar (F)	R. E. Benny (R)
Junior long distance 100 yds.	I. T. Carruthers (R)	C. W. Clinton (N)
Middle long distance 200 yds.	A. M. Cumming (S) 2.22.8*	K. A. L. Matthew (F)
Senior long distance 400 yds.	R. E. Benny (R)	C. C. K. Dunbar (F)
Junior relay, 3 times 50 yds.	Freeland	Simpson
Middle relay, 3 times 75 yds.	Simpson	Nicol
Senior relay, 3 times 100 yds.	Freeland	Simpson

* Record Time

This year Freeland won the Cup by winning the Senior Relay, and Nicol were relegated to third place by 2 points by Simpson.

- 1st — Freeland with 76 points
- 2nd — Simpson with 69 points
- 3rd — Nicol with 67 points
- 4th — Ruthven with 52 points

Junior Champion this year was I. T. Carruthers (R) with 14 points.

Middle Champion this year was A. M. Cumming (S) with 16 points.

Senior Champion this year was R. E. Benny (R) with 22 points.

With the improved condition of the pool, swimming is becoming more and more popular, and we should see a continued rise in the standard of swimming. At the moment there is a monopoly amongst a select few who do serious swimming training, but with the increase in numbers it should become more general, with more boys taking part in the competitions.

Mr. Henderson has been taking Life Saving Classes four times a week, and there is ample support from the boys to show their willingness to learn the art. He has also been teaching the non-swimmers of the school to swim on Saturday afternoons, and has made admirable progress in teaching this necessary accomplishment.

It is hoped that the school will soon be able to provide all-the-year-round swimming, and will then be able to promote swimming fixtures with other schools. This would aid the school team in their quest for the Bath Cup, which, with training and effort, should soon reside at Strathallan.

Our thanks go to Mr. Henderson for his continued support and encouragement during the year.

R. N. Harrison.

Cross-Country, 1961-62

SINCE the school joined the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland, teams from Strathallan have become eligible for numerous external athletics meetings previously unknown to us. During the winter term, however, several boys, whose presence would not have been missed from the rugby games, did full time cross-country training and competed in several of these events. The results were encouraging, and the idea has matured into success. In the first venture, a relay race at Dundee, the pattern was set for the rest of the season; clubs were represented by teams of three, each runner covering two miles before handing over to the next. The school, represented by Donnan, Nelson-Cole and Dow, came fourth out of a total of just over a dozen teams. In an identical race at Musselburgh, Donnan, Chalmers and Dow again came fourth, although in the face of stiffer opposition, with R. C. Dow coming third in the individual results. On the first day of the Easter term, we rather optimistically entered a team for the East of Scotland Championships, and were fortunate to come third. Donnan, Chalmers, Manners-Wood, Rentoul and Dow, despite the ravages of the holidays, all managed to finish. A week later at Goldenacre, we were again third in the schools' race, with Dow 1st, Chalmers 9th, Pate 13th and Rentoul 18th.

In every race to this date we had only entered a youths' team (under 18), but for a Fife's schools' race on Feb. 12th, we also entered a boys' team of those under 16. The youths only finished fourth, but the boys did well to win convincingly. In the youths' race, Dow won the individual plaque, while Pate was only deprived of a well deserved victory in the boys' race by the addition of 440 yards to the course.

Finally, in the National Championships at Hamilton, we emerged 4th in the youths' race out of 150 runners in the 20 teams present, and 6th out of the 22 teams in the boys' race. Individual placings were as follows:

Youths: Dow 5th, Manners-Wood 28th, Chalmers 40th, Rentoul 58th.

Boys: Pate 24th, Hitching 29th, McMillan 47th, Coldwell 54th.

Unfortunately the fixtures strictly limited to schools were few in number, and it was very unfortunate that the fixtures against Gordonstoun and Glenalmond had to be cancelled:

but the rivalry with the club teams was equally keen, and the strong competitive spirit made all the outings very enjoyable indeed.

The two school matches which were run, were convincing victories for the school teams: against Heriot's on the 10th of March, those teams running were the under 14, 16 and 18 teams, running over the Junior, the Earn, and the Senior courses respectively. In the first of these groups, the untried school team were comfortably defeated by the more experienced Edinburgh boys, but in the other two sections, the position was more than reversed. Results were as follows:

UNDER 14

- 1 H
- 2 H
- 3 Anderson
- 4 H
- 5 H
- 6 Fairbairn
- 7 Mure
- 8 Beaton
- 9 Gloag
- 10 Paton
- 11 Clark
- 12 Scott
- 13

UNDER 16

- Hitching
- Darling
- Coldwell
- MacMillan
- Borland
- H
- Swindall
- Gilmour
- Fitzpatrick
- H
- Wilkie
- H
- H

UNDER 18

- Dow
- Chalmers
- Manners-Wood
- H
- H
- Garvie
- Fisher
- H
- Rentoul
- Fleming
- Benson
- H
- H

Against Perth Academy on the 15th of March only the seniors ran.

- 1 Dow (25m. 29s.)*
- 2 Borland
- 3 Chalmers
- 4 Harrison
- 5 P.A.
- 6 P.A.

- 7 Garvie
- 8 Nelson-Cole
- 9 P.A.
- 10 P.A.
- 11 Benson
- 12 Fisher

- 13 Rentoul
- 14 P.A.
- 15 P.A.
- 16 P.A.
- 17 Manners-Wood
- 18 P.A.

* New Record

The inter-house competition was won by Ruthven with 13 points, Nicol were only one point behind them, and Simpson and Freeland gained 4 and 3 points respectively. The individual winners were Dow (S), Pate (M), and Garden (J).

In this way another season was completed, and the most apt way of summing it up seems to be to say that for the second year in succession we were unbeaten by any Scottish school.

R. C. Dow.

Boxing Report, 1961-62

THIS year there was a record number of entries for the boxing competition, and two extra weights, namely the Mosquito weight and a Heavy weight "A", had to be included. This was despite the fact that boxing was limited to those under the age of 15.

Mr. Henderson began mass training sessions twice a week soon after the beginning of the winter term with the respective house coaches keeping an expert eye on their protégés. With the basic skills metttled in them, the competitors awaited their turn in the immaculate ring, complete with canvas floor covering, sawdust, sponges and buckets of clean water. Mr. Henderson acted as the referee in the ring, R. N. Harrison as the Master of Ceremonies and A. I. George as timekeeper.

There was no lack of spirit, guts or gumption, and the preliminary bouts were closely contested with much blood and sweat. Thus by the time of the finals in March 1962, those left in the competition had really felt their feet in the ring.

For the finals a new arrangement of ring lighting was constructed, which threw the ring into stark relief against the dark obscurity of the surrounding gym.

The finals were of a higher standard than ever before, and provided the whole school and visitors with a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. The judges throughout the competition were: The Headmaster, Mr. P. T. MacLellan, and Mr. E. W. Wormald.

Our wholehearted congratulations to the boxers and coaches, and our grateful thanks to the judges and Mr. Henderson, who had the competition most efficiently organised and controlled.

The Headmaster presented the individual medals and the Inter-House Cup immediately after the completion of the finals.

The results were as follows:

Weight	Winner	Runner-up
Mosquito	Cappon (R)	Lamb (Riley)
Fly	Miller (N)	Sharp (N)
Bantam	Brown R. (R)	Pow (F)
Feather	Ross C. (R)	Ferguson (N)
Light-weight	McKay (R)	Weddell (S)
Light-welter	McMillan (S)	Davidson H. (S)
Welter	Carswell (R)	Henriksen (F)
Light-middle	Carruthers (R)	Gemmell (F)
Middle	Taylor (N)	Reid W. (N)
Light Heavy	Brown (S)	Henderson R. (R)
Heavy "A"	Galbraith (S)	Bell D. (S)
Heavy "B"	Cumming (S)	McGhee (F)

The points gained in the Inter-House Competition were: 1st Ruthven—83 points; 2nd Simpson—72 points; 3rd Nicol—62 points; 4th Freeland—61 points.

R. N. Harrison.

Sailing Report, 1962

DURING the winter months, major repairs had to be carried out on two of the Enterprises. One had to be completely rebottomed due to excessive warping of the chines, and the other had to be scraped and revarnished inside. Despite these and other minor repairs, all boats were serviceable within a week and a half of the beginning of term.

We were unable to pursue our normal course of initiating club beginners on the pond, as the water level was too low. We therefore had many more "accidents" on the river than last year, and three boats had to be returned to Melville Marine for repairs during the season.

About halfway through the term we were plagued by gales, and all boats had to be securely lashed down at the end of the afternoon. One day, while having a practice in a brisk force 5, only two out of the six boats finished the course. In these conditions beginners were quickly initiated into the arts of bailing and swimming!

We took part in the Perth Sailing Club Regatta at Fairwell, and in the first round were drawn against one of the guest clubs, Aberdeen Sailing Club. They were just able to beat us by 35 to 34½ points. To begin with, the wind was very light, and it took an hour and a half to complete the first race; then the wind freshened and the competition was keen. Royal Tay Sailing Club emerged victorious.

We sailed a triple fixture against Glenalmond and Perth Academy at Loch Freuchie. We came 3rd with Perth Academy taking the honours. Loch Freuchie lived up to its evil reputation, and the weather varied from a flat calm to a stiff breeze, and blazing sunshine to pouring rain.

Mr. Studholme drove three crews to Musselburgh Harbour to sail against Loretto in their G.P. 14's. At the scheduled time for the start of the first race there was a high sea running before a force 7 wind, and the race had to be postponed for 2 hours. By 5 p.m. the wind had eased to a force 5 and six boats set out. We sailed one leg of a shortened course, and J.L. Young came in an easy winner. Loretto came in 2nd, 3rd and 4th, as P. M. Fisher retired, capsized, and R. N. Harrison retired with a shattered tiller. Due to these unfortunate incidents we were beaten by 21 to 17½ points.

In the Perthshire Schools' Races on Loch Earn, competing for the Brown Cup, we were represented by J. L. Young and C. Benson. We came 2nd, imitating last year's result.

Nicol and Simpson drew the Inter-House Sailing Competition with Freeland and Ruthven lying equal 3rd. The competition

was abandoned after two races, due to a rising wind and an excessive number of capsizes.

The School will be represented in the Schools' Races at Clynder this year by J. L. Young, P. M. Fisher and R. N. Harrison. J. L. Young was reawarded his sailing colours and P. M. Fisher, C. Benson and T. S. Rentoul were awarded theirs for the 1962 season.

R. N. Harrison.

Shooting Report, 1961-62

As the school no longer participates in the King George V competition we are able to concentrate, during the early part of the term, on building a team for the Perthshire League Competition, which we began to shoot in late October.

This year our annual match with Cheltenham College was incorporated in the Staniforth Challenge Cup. Cheltenham beat us by 5 points with 781 against 776, and in the Challenge Cup we came 15th out of 133, thereby just failing to qualify for the final stage. Our "B" team came 57th out of 133, with a score of 760; both teams beating the respective scores of last season's teams. Another fixture, which was introduced last year, was that with Glasgow Academy when we wiped out last year's defeat with a win of 24 points: 786 against 762.

Having won the 5th Division in the Perthshire League last year, we were promoted to the 4th Division this year. By the end of the first round we were lying 2nd to Perth C. and C., having lost two of our fixtures, one to Murthly "A", and the other to Doune and Brackly Ladies; we had, however, the highest score ever recorded in the 4th Division, that of 496 out of 500. In the second round we made no mistake and won all our matches, thus finishing 1st with 34 points to Perth C. and C. with 32 points. We had an aggregate of 9,632 out of 10,000 and an average of 481.1. Next season the team will be in the 3rd Division, thus continuing our steady rise up the League. The regular team consisted of: P. M. Fisher, D. M. Kidd, J. A. Bruce, L. D. C. Siedle and R. N. Harrison, with R. S. Peters also having shot as 1st reserve. The individual averages were: Fisher—97.3, Kidd—97.0, Siedle—96.4, Harrison—95.7, Bruce—95.2. On this result P. M. Fisher retains the Individual Cup for the highest average.

In the Burton Cup, Fisher was knocked out in the 5th round, and Peters was knocked out in the 4th round of the Brough Cup, for those whose average was under 95.0.

In the Highland District Competition we scored 1,898 out of 2,000, which was 40 points lower than last year, and our final placing was correspondingly lower.

In the Junior Spring Competition we were represented in the Major Section by L. D. C. Siedle, 196; P. M. Fisher, 195; J. F. Davidson, 195; R. Wilkie, 194; and with a total of 780 we came 3rd out of 74 teams. In the Minor Section we were represented by J. H. S. Black, 191; I. T. Carruthers, 189; A. S. McInroy, 183; W. A. T. Brunton, 182; and with a total of 745 we came 16th out of 34.

In the Junior Summer Competition we were represented in the Major Section by L. D. C. Siedle, 195; T. S. Rentoul, 194; R. Wilkie, 190; and J. G. Clement, 190; we had a total of 769, 19 less than last season. In the Minor Section, represented by J. F. Davidson, 192; I. T. Carruthers, 191; W. A. T. Brunton, 189; J. H. S. Black, 186; we had a total of 758, 9 less than last year.

The Inter-House Competition was shot on British Indoor Targets, and Freeland, once again, won easily.

1st—Freeland; Kidd, 99; Fisher, 98; Davidson, 97; Quarry, 91 — 385.

2nd—Simpson; Wilkie, 97; Rentoul, 93; Vickery, 93; Clement, 92 — 375.

3rd—Ruthven; Siedle, 100; Bruce, 94; Carruthers, 91; McKay, 89 — 374.

4th—Nicol; Harrison, 97; Stewart, 92; Ross, 88; Grosset, 87 — 364.

A team hastily gathered together on Founder's Day was able to defeat the team brought by the Old Boys by the comfortable margin of 15 points, with 376 against 361. Shooting for the Old Boys were: Boxwell, Robertson, Logan and Morton, and for the school were: J. A. Bruce, K. I. R. Ross, R. Wilkie and R. N. Harrison.

We were unable to have a fixture with Edinburgh Academy as previously hoped, as neither school shot targets that were available to the other in the summer term. However, I hope that this will be remedied next season.

At the moment the range is having a much needed modernisation plan applied to it. The firing point is being boxed in so that it will retain its heat, supplied by two electric heater fans, when the large double doors are opened. This will enable the riflemen to concentrate more on their shooting, in the cold winter months, than on having to steady their rifles in numbed fingers, and the master taking shooting will be able to spot in comfort, instead of having to be muffled up in numerous coats and scarves and crouch hunched up over a paraffin heater.

In the future, this season's Juniors will have a lot of practice to put in before they will be able to produce the good scores necessary to retain our position in the Perthshire League, and

to compete satisfactorily in the other competitions. However, the standard and keenness of those who take shooting has risen steadily, and will, I hope, continue to do so, and with it the success of the Rifle Club.

R. N. Harrison.

Fencing, 1961-62

OWING to the departure of all last year's team, we were forced to field an inexperienced, though enthusiastic, team which was further weakened by injury and other school activities.

Unfortunately our other rivals in the Thistle Shield, Merchiston and Dollar, retained their teams of the previous year, and Strathallan came third to Dollar and Merchiston, first and second respectively.

Taitt and Wilkinson, A. P. D., entered for the Scottish Schoolboys' Championship in Edinburgh. Taitt was narrowly beaten in the semi-final and Wilkinson won the Junior Section.

Maitre Feathers paid regular visits to the school for week-end coaching and again experienced considerable difficulty in raising enough enthusiasm in the beginners in the all important basic principles.

Tourlamain, Hardwick and Taitt were awarded colours for the season 1961-62.

With several members of the team returning next year, and Dollar and Merchiston in the predicament we experienced at the beginning of this year, results should improve considerably in the coming session.

RESULTS

School v. Dollar Academy

Foil (max. 4 wins): Tourlamain 0; Hardwick 0; Taitt 1; Wedgewood 0.
Lost 1-15.

School v. Bridge of Earn Hospital

Foil: Tourlamain 2; Taitt 2; Hardwick 4; Wilkie 1.
Won 9-7.

School v. Merchiston Castle

Foil: Wilkinson 1; Tourlamain 0; Hardwick 1; Taitt 2.
Lost 4-12.

School v. Dollar Academy (Thistle Shield)

Foil: Wilkinson 0; Hardwick 2; Taitt 1; Vickery 0.
Lost 3-13.

School v. Merchiston Castle (Thistle Shield)

Foil: Wilkinson 1; Hardwick 0; Taitt 0; Vickery 0.
Lost 1-15.

School v. Bridge of Earn Hospital

Foil: Hardwick 2; Taitt 3; Vickery 3; Wilkie 2.
Won 10-6.

Sabre (max. 3 wins): Hardwick 0; Vickery 0; Wilkie 1.
Lost 1-8.

Fives

WITH only two of last year's VI returning, a good season was not expected, but this fear was soon proved groundless. Of five matches played, only one was lost, and that against Merchiston. We lost that, however, somewhat disastrously without winning a game. We beat Edinburgh University convincingly, and only bad road conditions prevented Fettes from paying us a visit. On the two occasions we played Glenalmond, once at home and once away, we emerged the victors, and the Old Boys were also defeated. As to the prospects for next year, it should be noted that there is a general lack of enthusiasm for the game lower down the school. A fives ladder was operated with little success.

School VI: A. Nairn* and A. G. Johnston.*
J. J. W. Davidson* and W. S. Pate.*
D. Mackenzie and D. R. Anderson.

* Colours

A. G. Johnston.

Tennis Report

THE Tennis Club had a very successful season, winning all but two of their matches, and losing these others very narrowly.

The standard of tennis throughout the school has been improved by the introduction of the concrete practice wall and by the coaching of Mr. Woodcraft, the professional from Dundee.

A. I. George was beaten 6-1, 8-6, in the final of the singles championship by A. C. d'Angibau.

Colours were awarded to P. Pradipasen, J. S. Hendrie, A. C. d'Angibau and to A. I. George.

A. C. d'Angibau.

Strathallian Club

1962

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Dinner

R. H. Patterson (C.), I. D. Henderson, T. M. Nicol.

Dance

W. M. Nairn (C.), R. H. Patterson, A. R. G. Fingland, Hugh Galt.

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*The President:
William G. Rowan, Esq.*

Our President

THE name Rowan is well known to many Strathallan boys to whom the annual cricket match between the School and H. B. Rowan's XI was an event much looked forward to. It is therefore a very fitting, as well as happy choice, that at the last Annual General Meeting of the Club, a member of the same family, William G. Rowan, should have been elected the new President.

Bill Rowan, a youthful forty-eight year old, was at Strathallan for eight years, leaving in 1932. In his last year he was cross-country champion as well as becoming a King's Scout.

On leaving School he entered a Stockbroker's office, and the training he received in his six years there must have stood him in good stead when, in 1938, he joined the well known family firm of "Rowans", of which he is now Joint Managing Director.

Into the years since he left School, interrupted by Army service which included three years in India where he held the rank of Major, Bill has packed a diversity of activities. His interests, both social and sporting, are clearly reflected in the many Clubs and Associations of which he is an active member, and extend through rugby, cricket, golf, car clubs and a local Hunt to Trade Associations and the Antiquity Society. When added to this is Bill's former Chairmanship of the Mearns and Whitecraigs Unionist Association and more recently of the Buchanan Street Lighting Committee in its very successful inaugural year, it can be readily appreciated that in our new President we have a man of considerable energy.

We can be sure that our Club will prosper in the hands of this bustling Strathallian.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE Twenty-eighth Annual General Meeting was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 9th December, 1961. The President, Mr. Ian MacEwen, took the Chair and, despite icy road conditions, there was a good attendance of members. The meeting was entirely of a formal nature dealing with the election of new life and ordinary members of the club, the Council's Report, submission of the Accounts and Balance Sheet and appointment of new office bearers. The Chairman paid tribute to the retiring Trustees, Mr. J. M. Turner, C.A. and Mr. J. Turner Johnston, C.A., who had served for five years and who were succeeded by Mr. D. W. Lewis and Mr. A. S. Headrick, B.L. He also paid tribute to Mr. R. A. Wilson, C.A., one of the Club's auditors, who was retiring after fourteen years, during

which he had performed a necessary and most useful service to the Club.

The comfort, good service and excellent meal provided by the Station Hotel were again much appreciated by those attending the dinner.

The principal toast was proposed by Wm. MacFarlane Gray, O.B.E., J.P., whose speech we are fortunate in being able to quote, without, of course, the amusing stories with which it was interspersed. Mr. Gray spoke as follows:—

“I thank you for the invitation to attend your dinner and also for the warmth of the welcome extended to me. I am indeed honoured to be given the opportunity to propose such an important toast.

The Old School Tie — an expression which has been the subject of many music hall jokes but in which we know there is something deeper and something more lasting than just the wearing of a tie. It is that which brings about the essential link between the Old Boys and the School. It is surely a permanent reminder which accentuates that desire to maintain a continuing and genuine interest in the many activities of the School. It is virtually the uniform of the Old Boys.

I do feel that it is symbolic of the unity of purpose which exists to-day between the Old Boys and the School, that the toast should be a joint one — The Club and The School.

I am sure it is true to say that many changes have taken place since the majority of those present to-night left Strathallan, and it is equally true to say that the character and the tradition built as it was so many years ago on such a sure foundation and which has always been an integral part of the School, still remains and has been strengthened and re-inforced over the years.

The tradition of the School and the high standard of achievement has been responsible for it being recognised as one of the foremost in Scotland, whose former pupils number many of Scotland's illustrious sons, and I am sure that the Headmaster must be greatly encouraged and also inspired by the many achievements of the Old Boys, and at the same time be justly proud of the notable contribution which they have made in their varied fields of activity. We find them in the professions, in politics, in the services, in industry and in commerce, and many have excelled themselves in the realms of sport.

Nowadays, more than ever before, there is a need for an honesty of purpose and a generous approach to the many problems which face us all — the need for those who will think for the nation as a whole instead of adopting, as has often been done in the past, a narrow individual viewpoint. If in those

difficult and somewhat trying times we could inculcate, even for a short period of six months, the buoyant and courageous spirit which prevailed during the dark days of war, when everyone stood shoulder to shoulder, and the constant tenor of thought was what was best for the nation, and not for the individual or small groups of people. I am positive that many of the apparent difficulties and the conflicting issues on the "Home Front" which at present appear to be so insurmountable, could be resolved quite simply.

It is therefore abundantly clear that in the successful administration and everyday life of a school such as yours, whilst a wide and extensive education is a most desirable thing especially in these competitive days, it is the things which are not listed in the school curriculum which are vital to the contribution which the pupils will make, and are making at the present time, to the life of the community as a whole, loyalty, integrity, team spirit and an appreciation of the other fellow's point of view.

You are proud.

Pride is a word which to me is more dependent on the adjective preceding it than practically any other word of which I can think. There is foolish pride, arrogant pride, stubborn pride, and they in themselves often act as a deterrent to progress. Then there is the honest pride, the laudable pride, the justifiable pride, especially that of past achievements which in itself acts as a spur for the present and the future, so that those who come after may also be able to look back on our efforts with pride, which will in turn, spur them on to make their own particular contribution, and also to maintain and enhance the tradition which has been inherited by them.

You in Strathallan have something of which you can be justly proud — and I understand that you celebrate the School's Golden Jubilee next year — a notable milestone in the life of any person or community. The future is in your hands and the contribution which you and the next generation make will determine whether at the centenary in 2012 they will stand up and say 'We look back with justifiable pride to past achievements'.

It is, Gentlemen, a tremendous but challenging responsibility and one which I have no fear you will honour to the full.

I congratulate you, Mr. MacEwen, on your virile and active Club and you, Headmaster, on the achievements of the School which are known throughout the country. The future is sure under your able guidance".

The President, Mr. Ian MacEwen, replying on behalf of the Club, thanked Mr. Gray for proposing the toast in such a capable manner. He then briefly reported on the activities of the Club during the year and referred to the successful Golf

and Angling Sections, the Competition Cups for which were then presented. Unfortunately, despite all Turner Johnston's efforts, the Curling Section had not become established and had meantime been abandoned. He paid tribute to Mr. Johnston for the considerable trouble he had taken in trying to organise the Section.

The Headmaster then replied on behalf of the School to Mr. Gray's toast. In his usual delightful manner, he referred briefly to the School's accomplishments and particularly to a growth in cultural interests. He concluded by saying that he really believed we could look forward to the Jubilee year with every confidence.

The toast to the Guests was proposed by Mr. James H. Smith in the polished manner we expect of him, and the reply on behalf of the Guests was made in a most entertaining speech by Mr. James Cochran.

At the termination of the speeches, Mr. W. G. Rowan was invested as President of the Club and presented an Ex-President's medal to Mr. MacEwen. He thanked Mr. MacEwen for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties as President in his year of office.

Dance Report

THE Annual Dinner Dance was held on 19th January, 1962, in the Banqueting Hall of the Central Hotel in Glasgow. Mr. and Mrs. Rowan received almost three hundred guests and this was certainly one of the best Dances ever. Unfortunately, owing to other commitments, the Headmaster and Mrs. Hoare were unable to attend. We missed them and hope that they will be able to join us next year.

Golf Section

LIKE most outdoor sports this year the weather has been most unkind, but, nevertheless, the Section continues to thrive. Since the last issue of the magazine there have been three outings, all at Gleneagles.

The Autumn Meeting was played on 22nd October, 1961, and resulted in the Johnston Trophy being won by Iain A. Headrick.

The 1962 Spring Meeting for the Reid Salver was won by N. Guthrie Reid with a very fine score over the Queen's Course, Gleneagles, of 78 less 12=66, after a tie with R. G. F. Walker, Reid having the better inward half of nett 30.

There was a good attendance for the Summer Meeting for the Bogie Trophy in June. The winner was W. A. S. Dryden

with 77 less 9 = 68, over the King's Course. G. S. Lowden, 76 less 3 = 73, was runner-up.

In the afternoon a Bogey Competition was held, and resulted in a win for one of our younger members, Graham Gordon, who finished 8 up.

There was a tie for second place between J. J. McFadyen and A. M. Nicol at 5 up.

The Autumn Meeting is to be held on Sunday, 4th November, at Gleneagles, when a large turn-out is hoped for.

Once more the Club will be represented in the Queen Elizabeth Schools' Tournament at Barnton commencing on Saturday, 22nd September, and on as many days following as are required by the number of teams entering.

The following are the Office-Bearers of the Section:—

Captain: R. H. Patterson.

Vice-Captain: Gordon S. Lowden.

Members of Committee: Messrs. R. P. Thomas; Dr. H. E. Walker.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Ian MacEwen, 1 Melville Terrace, Stirling.

Angling Section

Captain: Douglas Glen. Vice-Captain: Iain Headrick.
Secretary: John Hall.

THE persistent cold weather in the spring and early summer has brought poor catches to anyone fishing anywhere in Scotland.

Fortunately, Strathallians don't meet just to catch fish, and despite consistently poor baskets, the meetings have been well attended.

In March we fished Loch Tay for salmon, without results. April saw eight rods on Loch Awe out from Ardbreknish. There were poor baskets and Iain Headrick and Lindsay Young shared the honours.

In May we fished against the Phoenix Angling Club. There was a large turnout of eleven rods from each club and we were the victors by one small fish.

The Loch Leven evening competition saw fifteen rods out — 29 fish, 29 lbs., with Bert Gibson winning with seven fish.

Perhaps the most enjoyable outing was that against the school on Loch Leven in July when 13 fish were caught totalling 14 lbs. 5 ozs., divided as follows:—

School: 5 rods — 5 lbs. 5 ozs.

Old Boys: 8 rods — 9 lbs. 3 ozs.

The Old Boys therefore won on average, and we hope that some of our guests on that day will be helping us to act as hosts next year.

With one outing remaining in September on Loch Leven, Bert Gibson is clear leader for the championship.

Application has been made for membership of the Scottish Angling Clubs Association. If this is favourably received, and present indications are that it will be, our Champion for this year will fish in the Loch Leven Championship next year.

The club now has a boat on Loch Tay which is available for use by members, and is indebted to Lindsay Young for his efforts in this connection.

In particular, the club owes John Hall a continuing vote of thanks. His enthusiasm was the means of making the club grow in the first place and of making it continue unfaltering once it was established. Long may he hold office!

Report of "The London and South of England Branch" of the Strathallian Club

K. R. HUNTER, the Club's Secretary, reports that the fifth Annual General Meeting of this Branch was held on Friday, 26th January, 1962, in the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, with E. Sinclair in the Chair. Mr. Hunter reported to the Meeting that monthly gatherings had been poorly attended during the summer, but the last few had been attended by half to one dozen members. There were about ninety Strathallians known to be living in South-East England, of which about one-third are in the London area. They were all informed of the dinner; seventeen had replied, and three sent their apologies for their absence. The Treasurer, P. McLellan, submitted accounts showing cash in hand of £15 4s. 9d. The Committee for 1962 were elected as follows:—

Chairman — The Hon. Mr. Justice Baker.

Vice-Chairman — M. D. Dawson.

Hon. Secretary — K. R. Hunter.

Hon. Treasurer — R. B. Grey.

Committee — P. McLellan; J. C. S. Rankin.

The Branch inform us that David Beath is now with the Hong Kong Branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and that J. C. S. Rankin is with the same Bank in London. Robin Gray has recently been transferred to the Bank's Hamburg office. C. M. T. Cornish is with the National College of Food Technology in Weybridge. R. W. W. Paterson has graduated M.B., Ch.B., at Glasgow University. A. B. Perry has finished his apprenticeship and has taken up an appointment with the

Shell Company, and M. McLellan, who plays for the Gunners Hockey Team, was in the winning Regimental Hockey Team in the Army Championships.

We are obliged to Mr. Hunter for this information.

Old Boys' News

JOHN E. MORRISON (1915-1921) continues to keep in touch with us. He holds the Territorial Decoration, and the Degrees of L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S. He is married with a grown up son and daughter. His address is Williamfield, Stirling.

Alex Bonthron (1921-1926) retires this year after 25 years, latterly as Chairman and Managing Director of the family firm of Alex Bonthron & Sons, Limited, Maltsters. His family's connection with this firm is in the best tradition. He is the twelfth generation to head the business, which started in 1600, and during his term of office the Company's output has increased tenfold, while the Works and employees' houses have all been completely modernised and enlarged. Space does not unfortunately permit us to list the many public services which Mr. Bonthron has performed in the Fife area. We wish him and his family a happy retirement.

Donald McColl (1930-1937), better known to his contemporaries as "Donny", reminds us that he is Medical Officer to I.C.I. at their Ardeer Factory. He has two girls and a boy.

J. B. Milne (1932-1939), B.Sc., M.I.C.E., is Chief Engineer for Sir William Halcrow & Partners (B.C.) Limited, on the construction of extensions to the Canadian British Aluminium Company's smelting plant at Baie Comeau, Quebec, where he will be for some three years. He would be interested to hear from any Strathallians in Quebec.

L. Stuart Scott (1935-1938), M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.F.P.S.G., is to be congratulated on his recent election to membership of the New York Academy of Science, and of the International Fertility Association.

Major Thomas J. Dodd (1935-1939) is with the United States Forces in France. His address is 0520448, H.Q., Verdun Garrison, A.P.O. 122, New York, N.Y., and he would like to hear from any Strathallians.

Kenneth M. Anderson (1939-1943), B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., M.I.H.E., c/o Ministry of Transport, Dinarth Road, Colwyn Bay, is engaged in building new roads and bridges in the Counties of Caernarvon and Anglesey, and would be delighted to contact or entertain other Strathallians who may be in the district.

Donald L. Mason (1939-1946), C.A., has returned from the Red Sea area and is presently Assistant Manager, Financial Accounts Department, of Shellmex and B.P. Limited.

John Anderson (1940-1946) has relinquished an appointment as Research Associate in Pathology at Dartmouth Medical School, New Hampshire, U.S.A., to undertake an investigation of the treatment of cancer by regional chemo-therapy at the University of Hong Kong, where his post will be that of Honorary Lecturer in Surgery.

James A. S. Crawford (1940-1946) has this year been appointed District Manager of the Yorkshire Insurance Company in Scarborough.

John McKee (1947-1951), B.A., LL.B., of Queen's University, Belfast, was called to the Bar in Northern Ireland in February, 1960. He was for two years Honorary Aide de Camp (Naval) to H.E. the Governor of Northern Ireland.

F. C. T. McLay (1947-1952), B.Sc., is taking a Post Graduate Course at Essex Technical College, and has recently moved to London.

Richard B. Leishman (1947-1953), C.A., having completed his National Service in Germany is now an Accountant at Head Office of A.E.I. Limited.

Allan A. Barclay (1948-1952), M.B., Ch.B., is in practice at Banbridge, Co. Down. He mentions that Donald F. Barclay (1949-1955), B.V.M.S., M.R.C.V.S., is now married and lives in Maybole.

John H. Sinclair (1948-1954) completed his Degree of M.A., LL.B., in 1961, and is moving from Glasgow to Ayr to practice.

Denis A. Thain (1950-1956) has qualified as a Chartered Accountant.

Iain A. Marnoch (1951-1957), an Associate of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland, is now Sub-Accountant with The Chartered Bank in Aden, having been four years with the Clydesdale & North of Scotland Bank in Glasgow.

R. I. M. Kerr (1951-1958) is in his final year of Aero Engineering in Glasgow University.

Ian Eastwood (1952-1956), B.Sc., M.S. (in Mechanical Engineering), has recently been appointed to the Engineering Department, Heavy Organic Chemicals Division, of I.C.I. at Billingham, Co. Durham.

James M. Watson (1952-59) is studying for B.Sc. Engineering at the Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow. He has completed his first year, having previously spent $2\frac{1}{2}$ years with the Nobel Division of I.C.I. He informs us that J. S. M. McGregor and G. M. Watson are members of the

General Committee of the Royal Clyde Yacht Club (Club Boat Section) and that the last named won the Section's Dodo Salver last season.

Douglas F. Logan (1952-1959) who holds the Scottish Hotel School Diploma and is an Associate Member of the Hotel and Catering Institute is now Trainee Manager at the George Hotel in Edinburgh.

J. B. Galbraith (1953-57) has joined the Bank of London and South America Limited. He was married this year, and was apparently surrounded by Strathallians, one of whom, John Rowand (1952-1956) was best man, and another, W. T. MacPherson (1952-1957) a former member of the School Pipe Band, piped the bride and groom from the Church. The latter is with Henry Wiggin Limited, Hereford, a subsidiary of the International Nickel Corporation.

John C. MacDougall (1953-1957), B.Sc. (Nat. Phil. Glasgow), 1961, is now working for the British Aluminium Company at Fort William, where he has met Ainslie Nimmo.

James M. McInnes (1953-1957) who has completed his B.Sc. at St. Andrews, is to be congratulated on obtaining a Scholarship to Harvard University where he is engaged on a two-year Business Administration Course.

Ian M. Aitken (1953-1958) has completed his Science Course at Glasgow University, having graduated with Honours. He has now taken up an appointment with Tube Investments in Birmingham, and will be glad to see any other Strathallians in the district.

C. P. Roselle (1953-1959) is with the U.S. Army in Germany, having previously been at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

John M. Boxwell (1954-1958), the only one in his Course out of 72 to obtain First Class Honours in the Outward Bound Course has passed the Senior National Certificate of Commerce, and has one further year's apprenticeship yet to serve with S.A.I. Limited. He tells us that K. Ballantyne ran the mile at the Scottish Championships at Meadowbank in 4 minutes, 10.9 seconds, and Peter Davidson received a Standard Medal in the 440 yards hurdles at the same sports.

Stuart R. Roselle (1954-1960) has completed a year at the University of Connecticut, and is studying for a Degree and Commission in the U.S. Coastguard at their Academy.

Neil F. Clark (1955-1958) has recently passed the National Diploma in Agriculture at the West of Scotland Agricultural College, and is now spending a year in New Zealand.

Alasdair D. K. Campbell (1955-1959), training as General Duties/Navigator at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, graduates on 18th December of this year, after which he will go to the

Advanced Navigation School at Stradishall in Norfolk. He is Captain of the Squadron Shooting Team.

N. D. L. Paterson (1955-1961) has been working in a hotel in Switzerland. In September he goes to the Scottish Hotel School in Glasgow.

Allan S. Cook (1956-1960) has completed his first year of Mechanical Engineering at the Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow. He is Secretary of the College Rugby Club. E. A. Fraser, Kirkcaldy, is there also.

John L. W. Parker (1956-1961) has completed his first year of medicine at Glasgow University. He mentions that Messrs. G. Watson and G. Burns are attending University with him.

Andrew H. Brown (1957-1960) has recently passed his Ordinary National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering at South Shields Marine and Technical College, where he is studying to become a Marine Engineer.

Hugh G. Morton (1957-1961) has completed his first year of medicine at St. Andrews (Queen's College, Dundee). Others at St. Andrews University are E. A. Lawson and R. B. Clark, who are taking Arts and Dentistry respectively. R. J. Kinvie, B.L., has, we are told by Hugh Morton, joined a Glasgow firm of Stockbrokers.

Pat Mitchell, who is up at Oxford, has kindly sent us the following information of others at Oxford and Cambridge:—

P. G. Lawson (1956-1961) is reading Physics at Keble College, and has completed his first year.

M. R. Mitchell (1955-1960) is reading Engineering at Brasenose College, and has also finished his first year. A small reunion was held with three former Strathallan masters, Mr. Hall, Mr. Fifer and Dr. Farmer, all of whom now teach in the Oxford area. Up at Cambridge are:—

W. G. Galbraith, who has completed his final year.

A. M. Pate (1956-1961) who has completed his first year in Economics. Both have played regularly for the LX Club, and on occasions for the University.

M. J. Bucher (1955-1960) has finished his first year in Engineering at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge. He stroked the House VIII which made rowing history by making 13 bumps in the Lent races.

P. T. Goodall (1955-1960) in his first year in Magdalene College is reading Natural Science.

J. Stanley Hamilton (1947-52) graduated at Glasgow University, M.B., Ch.B. in 1959. In March, 1961, he graduated Edinburgh and London D.R.C.Obstr.G., and is now practising in Cheshire.

ENGAGEMENTS

- ANDERSON—John (1940-1946), "Balgillo", Forfar, Angus, to Miss Susan Evans Atkinson.
- BARCLAY—Allan A. (1948-1952), "Gleniffer", Ashley Gardens, Banbridge, Co. Down, to Miss Betonia Rosemary Mullen.
- BOXWELL—John M. (1954-1958), 13 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh. 3, to Miss Moira E. Cameron.
- MacDOUGALL—John C. (1953-1957), 23 Newlands Road, Glasgow, to Miss Marcia Green.
- THAIN—Dennis A. (1950-1956), 60 Gamekeeper's Road, Edinburgh, to Miss Hilary V. Timms.

MARRIAGES

- FROST—K. (1944-1950), 5 Barnton Grove, Edinburgh, 4, to Miss Katherine Mary Cairns, on 16th September, 1961.
- GALBRAITH—J. B. (1953-1957), "Penshurst", 13 Selborne Road, Sidcup, Kent, to Miss Janet Husband, on 4th August, 1962.
- LAIRD—David A. (1950-1955), Port of Spain, Trinidad, to Miss Patricia Bodden, on 27th January, 1962.
- MacHARG—J. M. (1939-1944), 215 Braid Road, Edinburgh, to Miss Madeline Yates, on 10th July, 1961.
- McKEE—John (1947-1951), 6 Lennoxvae, Malone Road, Belfast, to Miss Annette S. Wilson, on 20th July, 1962.
- HAMILTON—Stanley (1947-1952), 20 Albany Drive, Rutherglen, to Miss Anne Wheeldon, on 21st April, 1962.

BIRTHS

- BANNERMAN—Eric W. (1945-1950), on 11th December, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bannerman, a daughter, Sarah Jane.
- DAWSON—Michael (1950-1953), on 28th October, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dawson, a daughter.
- DODD—Thomas J. (1935-1939), on 9th January, 1962, to Major and Mrs. Thomas J. Dodd, a son, David Thomas.
- FROST—Robert C. (1943-1946), on 1st March, 1962, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Frost, a son.
- MacHARG—J. M. (1939-1944), on 21st June, 1962, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. MacHarg, a son, Walter Maitland.
- MUIR—David I. (1946-1951), on 4th April, 1962, to Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Muir, a daughter, Karen Lesley.

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Our congratulations go to D. M. Lawson on gaining a Trevelyan Scholarship of £500. Lawson is now up at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.

R. S. Peters has emulated his brother and won an Industrial Scholarship; he goes up to Magdalene College, Cambridge in 1963.