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Editors of "The Strathallian"

L. W. BELL and M. G. CLARK

Editorial

It is about as easy to capture the nature of the School from this magazine—with its inevitable tendency to be an abstract of statistics and official chronicle—as it is to get sun-tanned by looking at a graph of solar hydrogen ion distribution. The “Strath Sound” is not really the outbursts of cheering and occasional raspberries that can be heard beyond its too, too solid walls, but the sort of trundle and tick of the School going places, and at its own pace.

For the second year running the 1st XI was unbeaten. Where do you go from the top of one ladder? For the second year running, a Strathallian was elected to an Open Scholarship at Cambridge. Can we make this an annual event, and even perhaps get someone into the new university at Brighton? No one could accuse the new Sixth Form block or the Sixth Form of excessive elegance, but between them they may add to the uniquely vigorous spirit of the School the imaginative ‘*élan*’ which not only gets things done, but gets the right things done.

Staff Notes

WE welcomed three new masters to the staff this year. Mr. R. N. Johnson, late Exhibitioner of St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge, has joined the English Department, Mr. F. S. McNamara, Durham University, captain of the University rugby side and a Northumberland county player, teaches Geography and has taken over the 1st XV, and Mr. W. D. Shaw, Heriot-Watt College, has joined the Chemistry Department.

We also extend a warm welcome to the Very Reverend Dr. J. A. Fraser, M.B.E., T.D., D.D., ex-Moderator of the Church of Scotland, who has kindly agreed to be Honorary Chaplain to the School. The Chaplain, the Reverend G. D. Buchanan, left at the end of the Spring Term after five years at the School.

W.N.S.H.

School Notes

A NEW teaching block for the Sixth Form is being built next to the Fives Courts.

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A new Chemistry Laboratory for the Scholarship Sixth has been equipped.



The New Chemistry Laboratory

It was announced on Speech Day that there is to be a fifth House.

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The Scout Hut was burnt down in the Spring Term. It was found difficult to keep the blaze going until the local brigade arrived.

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Replanting of Law Hill has begun.

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L. W. Bell (S) has been awarded an Open Scholarship in History at King's College, Cambridge. He has also gained a tutorial scholarship for one year at the George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

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F. R. Bell (S) was selected to take part in the British Schools Exploring Society's expedition to Iceland.

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All new boys now serve in the Pre-service Section for four terms before joining the Corps.

The Sailing Club has a new H.Q. near the gym.

The grass on the Mudflats was cut during the Summer Term.

A television set has been installed in the Demonstration Room.

The Study Block has been redecorated.

The Staff Cricket XI was unbeaten.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Giles on the birth of a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Shaw on the birth of a son.

We welcome Miss Speakman, who has taken over the posts of Sister and Matron.

There were 347 boys in the School in the Summer Term.

Copies of a new booklet, "A Short History of Strathallan School," are obtainable from the Secretary of the Photographic Society, price 2/3 post free.

D. W. M. MUNRO

It was with great regret that we heard of the sudden and untimely death of Donald Munro in early July at the age of twenty-one. He was in Freeland from May, 1957, to July, 1962, and was a boy of great integrity who won the affection and respect of all who knew him. He was a determined rugger player, and took a full part in School activities, including the Pipe Band and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He was an enthusiastic Secretary of the Young Farmers' Club, and always gave of his best in everything he undertook. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

P.R.S.

Speech Day

THE Guest of Honour on Speech Day, the 6th of June, was, appropriately enough, Major-General R. E. Urquhart, C.B., D.S.O., of Arnhem fame.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. G. C. Turner, after welcoming General Urquhart, spoke of the continued expansion of the School, reminding us that the number of boys had

reached an "all time high", and revealing that there were plans for a fifth House. To the obvious relief of parents present he stated that this year he did not have to announce any further increase in fees.

The Headmaster, after his customary review of the past year, turned to the vexed question of school discipline, and particularly to recent well-publicized suggestions that senior boys should be allowed certain 'privileges', such as smoking and drinking. "I feel sure", he said, "that well-spirited Sixth Formers much prefer to take a full part in all School activities and to be of service to the community than to be confined and cocooned in a separate and privileged Sixth Form department".

After presenting the prizes, General Urquhart addressed the School. He expressed his agreement with all the Headmaster had said and spoke of the virtues of honesty and hard work, urging the boys "to try to do a little more in everything than you think you are capable of doing".

The formal proceedings closed with the traditional concert and there was general agreement that these days the Choir and Orchestra are really worth staying to hear.

(The programme of the Speech Day concert is given under Music Notes.)

Speech Day Prize Winners, 1964

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School	J. M. Prophet
Prize for the best all-round achievement in work in the School	P. M. G. Reynolds
Houston Prize for best all-round merit	J. M. Prophet
English Prize	L. W. Bell
English Essay Prize	M. G. Clark
Classics Prize	N. F. Macmillan
Classics Essay Prize	N. F. Macmillan
Modern Languages Prize	K. A. I. Manson
History Prize	L. W. Bell
Geography Prize	J. R. N. Keech
Geography Fieldwork Prize shared by W. C. Roy, A. Donald	
Biology Prize	B. M. S. Borland
Physics Prize	J. C. Atherton
Physics Essay Prize	G. R. Eadie
Chemistry Prize	W. G. Reid
Chemistry Essay Prize	D. Franklin
Mathematics Prize	Not awarded
Music Prize	P. Pradipasen
Music Essay Prize	P. H. Dangerfield
Art Prize	Not awarded
Dux of School, 1963-64—	P. M. G. Reynolds

SCHOOL PRIZES, SUMMER, 1964

French M. G. Madjd, R. M. Slater
 Classics M. G. Clark, R. D. Kyle
 Mathematics J. F. Davidson

DISTINCTIONS PRIZES, SUMMER, 1964

J. O. McIntyre W. P. M. Samples

FORM PRIZES, 1963-64

IVB—T. H. Gilmore; IVC—J. Steven; IIIA—J. B. S. Chapman, R. J. S. Smith; IIIB—J. Michie, G. W. T. Smith; IIIC—K. W. Gillanders;
 II—J. O. McIntyre; I—A. D. G. Duncan.

SALVETE**September, 1963**

Lower VI—Dodd, A. G. (F).

IVA—MacLeod, D. (S)

IIIA—Ashton, T. C. (R); Barnett, P. le P. (R); Dryden, D. G. (S); Jennings, S. P. (S); King, K. B. (N); McNab, N. (N); Sinclair, I. N. (R); Watson, G. S. (S); Wilson, P. M. (F).

IIIB—Cranston, P. F. P. (S); Crawford, B. J. F. (F); Drysdale, A. D. (R); McCallum, W. P. (F); Park, C. J. J. (N); Paton, A. C. (N); Thom, C. M. (R); Thom, R. D. (R); Wilson, N. H. F. (N).

IIIC—Carswell, T. (R); Cromarty, H. A. R. (S); Hannah, B. (R); Houston, J. S. (R); Muir, D. H. (F); Noble, F. T. N. (S); Paterson, R. F. (N); Robertson, B. M. (N); Thompson, W. M. (R); Thomson, A. W. S. (S); Thomson, G. M. (S); Wilson, D. J. M. (S).

II—Cran, M. W. H. (Ri); Jeffrey, R. A. (Ri).

I—Burnett, K. M. (Ri); Davies, J. R. (Ri); Duncan, A. D. G. (Ri); Gill, D. R. G. (Ri); Heggie, N. M. (Ri); Herbert, J. D. (Ri); Hunter, P. J. (Ri); Lane, N. D. (Ri); McBride, D. J. (Ri); McIntyre, R. N. (Ri); McKelvie, A. W. (Ri); Mackie, A. G. (Ri); Moodie, A. C. G. (Ri); Morris, D. J. M. (Ri); Morris, G. A. (Ri); Ritchie, J. M. (Ri); Scott, J. M. (Ri); Sproat, R. W. (Ri); Upton, E. M. (Ri).

January, 1964

IIIB—Galbraith, R. G. R. (R); Inch, W. R. O. (F); Smith, G. W. T. (F).

IIIC—Bell, K. T. M. (N); Moffatt, J. T. (F); Ness, M. C. (N); Stewart, J. M. (N); Townson, N. M. D. (R); Bruce, J. R. T. (N).

I—Fraser, C. I. (Ri).

April, 1964

IIIA—Grant, W. J. S. (N).

IIIC—Hands, A. G. B. (S); Richards, D. A. (S); Roy, E. C. (N); Wingate, N. S. T. (R).

I—Fergie, R. C. (Ri); Roy, C. S. (Ri); Smith, G. R. S. (Ri).

VALETE**Autumn Term, 1963****Schol. VI:**

Weatherston, P. M. (S). Came 59th; II A; House Prefect 62nd; President of Film Guild; C.S.M. (Army).
 9 St. John's Road, Glasgow, S.1.

Upper VI:

Anderson, D. R. (F). Came 57³; I; House Prefect 63¹; School Prefect 63³; Head of Freeland; XI 61, 62, 63; XV 62-63, 63-64; Hockey XI 62, 63; Captain of Fives; Sergeant (R.A.F.).
C/o Baxter, East Hillhead, Monikie, by Dundee.

Lower VI:

Crook, C. J. (F). Came 60⁶; III B; Cadet (R.A.F.).
Lagg Hotel, Kilmorie, Isle of Arran.
Garden, R. W. (R). Came 60³; II A; Athletics; Shooting; Captain of Cross-country; O./S. (R.N.).
11 Pitbauchlie Bank, Dunfermline, Fife.
Henriksen, S. (F). Came 61³; III A; O./S. (R.N.).
Hala Cottage, Scotforth, Lancaster.
Kilgour, J. A. (N); Came 59³; III B; Secretary of Classical Soc.; Leading Seaman (R.N.).
11 Learmouth Terrace, Edinburgh, 4.
Patterson, J. M. (S). Came 60³; III B; Cadet (Army).
6 Arboretum Road, Edinburgh.

General VI:

Wright, D. B. (N). Came 58³; I; Able Seaman (R.N.).
Beechworth, Queen's Road, Dunbar, East Lothian.

V:

Huthart, R. A. S. (F). Came 61³; III C; Cadet (Army).
18 St. George's Court, 83 Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon, Hongkong.
Mackenzie, K. L. (N). Came 59²; II B; Athletics; Coxswain (R.N.).
70 Mayfield Avenue, Orpington, Kent.
Mortimer, J. R. G. (N). Came 58³; I; Cadet (Army).
5 Chapel Street, Montrose, Angus.

Spring Term, 1964

Schol. VI:

Clement, J. G. (S). Came 59³; III A; House Prefect 62³; School Prefect 63³; Chapel Prefect; XV 63-64; Hockey XI 64; Fives; Captain of Shooting; Sergeant (Army).
East Pitkierie, Anstruther, Fife.

Upper VI:

Hitching, A. V. (N). Came 59²; II A; House Prefect 62²; School Prefect 63³; Head of Nicol; Captain of Athletics; Captain of Cross-country; Librarian; Secretary of Shakespeare Soc.; President of Mod. Lang. Soc.; President of Debating Soc.; Sergeant (Army).
Seaforth, Seabank Road, Nairn.

Lower VI:

Matthew, K. A. L. (F). Came 57³; I; Swimming; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Croft House, Meads Nook, Carlisle.

General VI:

Davidson, H. I. G. (S). Came 60³; II A; Lance-Corporal (Army).
8 Deepdale Place, Broughty Ferry, Angus.

V:

Coldwell, A. J. S. (N). Came 60³; III B; Tennis; Able Seaman (R.N.).
34 Eastwoodmains Road, Giffnock, Renfrewshire.

III C:

- Noble, F. T. R. (S). Came 63rd; III C.
Wayside, Hepburn Gardens, St. Andrews.

Summer Term, 1964**Schol. VI:**

- Pradipasen, P. (S). Came 60th; V; House Prefect 62nd; XV 62-63; Captain of Tennis; Music Prize 62, 63, 64.
15 Thardindang Road, Thonburi, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Prophet, J. M. (S). Came 58th; II B; House Prefect 62nd; School Prefect 63rd; Captain of School 63-64; Head of Simpson; Houston Prize; Geography Prize 62; XV 61-62, 62-63, Captain 63-64; Under Officer (R.A.F.).
Cypress, Thornley Drive, Teignmouth, Devon.
- Reynolds, P. M. G. (R). Came 59th; III A; House Prefect 62nd; School Prefect 63rd; Vice-Captain of School 63-64; Head of Ruthven; Strathallan Scholarship; Dux of School 1963; Athletics; Tennis; Shooting; Chairman of Science Soc.; Senior Chorister; Leading Seaman (R.N.).
12 Huntly Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow.

Upper VI:

- Atherton, J. C. (F). Came 60th; III A; House Prefect 63rd; Captain of Sailing; Physics Prize 64; Lance-Corporal (Army).
White Gables, Drymen Station, by Glasgow.
- Bell, F. R. (S). Came 57th; I; House Prefect 63rd; XV 63-64; Athletics; President of Angling Club; President of Fly-tying Club; President of Chess Club; Secretary of Scripture Union; C.Q.M.S. (Army).
Caputh Manse, Murthly, Perthshire.
- Bell, L. W. (S). Came 61st; IV A; Sch.; House Prefect 64th; Scholar of King's College, Cambridge; Tuition Scholarship to George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; Scripture Prize 62; History Prize 64; English Prize 64; Secretary of Debating Soc.; Chairman of Photographic Soc.; Librarian; Editor of "The Strathallian"; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
17 Lilac Gardens, Low Fell, Gateshead 9, Co. Durham.
- Brown, J. D. A. (R). Came 60th; III A; Sch.; House Prefect 64th; XI 64; XV 62-63; Secretary of Mod. Lang. Soc.; Cadet (Army).
Meadowfield, Falkland, Fife.
- Cappon, J. P. (R). Came 58th; I; House Prefect 64th; Secretary of Young Farmers' Club; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Windyridge, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross.
- Clark, B. G. (N). Came 56th; I; House Prefect 63rd; Leading Seaman (R.N.).
Kirklands, The Avenue, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees.
- Cranston, D. A. (S). Came 59th; III A; House Prefect 63rd; School Prefect 64th; Chapel Prefect; XV 64; Athletics; Captain of Swimming; Sandhurst Scholarship 62; Under Officer (Army).
31 Redford Bank, Colinton, Edinburgh, 13.
- Currie, D. J. S. (S). Came 60th; III A; House Prefect 63rd; School Prefect 64th; XI 62, 63, 64; XV 63-64; Coxswain (R.N.).
29 Old Kirk Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh, 12.
- Dangerfield, P. H. (S). Came 60th; III A; Music Prize 64; Corporal (Army).
Dochart House, 11 Fintry Place, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.

- Donald, A. (S). Came 59³; III B; Geography Fieldwork Prize 64; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Dandra, Moss Road, Tain, Ross-shire.
- Ferguson, D. L. (F). Came 60³; III B; House Prefect 63³; Corporal (Army).
24 Duntrune Terrace, West Ferry, Dundee.
- Fleming, A. J. (R). Came 58³; II A; House Prefect 62³; School Prefect 63³; Chapel Prefect; XI 60, 61, 62, 63, 64; XV 62-63, 63-64; Hockey XI 64; Fives; Athletics (Victor Ludorum 62, 63, 64); Corporal (Army).
81 Longstomps Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.
- Gray, T. I. (N). Came 56³; I; House Prefect 64²; Secretary of Science Soc.; Drumming Cup 64; Sergeant (Army).
184 Weymouth Drive, Kelvindale, Glasgow, W.2.
- Gunn, R. H. D. (S). Came 59³; III C; House Prefect 63³; Sergeant (R.A.F.).
58 The Drive, Alwoodley, Leeds, 17.
- Logan, R. G. (F). Came 60²; II A; Distinction Prize 63; Cadet (Army).
Tullochgorm, Caldwell Road, West Kilbride, Ayrshire.
- Lowden, G. R. (N). Came 60³; III A; President of Mod. Lang. Soc.; President of Bridge Club; Corporal (Army).
17 Park Road, Fairmuir, Dundee.
- Manson, K. A. I. (R). Came 58²; I; Exh.; Modern Languages Prize 64; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
Viewbank House, Moredun Terrace, Craigie, Perth.
- Quarry, W. W. (F). Came 59³; III B; House Prefect 63³; Athletics; Shooting; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
Anchor House, Coldingham, Berwickshire.
- Reid, C. D. (N). Came 60²; III B; Athletics; Cross-country; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
190 High Street, Montrose, Angus.
- Reid, W. G. (N). Came 60³; III A; XI 64; Chemistry Prize 64; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Fordhouse of Dun, Montrose, Angus.
- Ross, I. C. (R). Came 58³; I; House Prefect 64²; Cranwell Scholarship; Corporal (R.A.F.).
C/o Dr. A. F. McInnes, 7 Northfield, Liberton, Edinburgh, 9.
- Roy, W. C. (N). Came 56²; I; House Prefect 63³; School Prefect 64²; Head of Nicol; XV 63-64; Captain of Boxing; Geography Field Work Prize 64; Drumming Cup 62, 63; East of Scotland Schools Solo Drumming Cup 61; Under Officer (R.N.).
Kanniar, Munnar P.O., Kerala State, South India.
- Scott, R. M. (R). Came 58³; I; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Tighnaleigh, Alyth, Perthshire.
- Strachan, D. N. (S). Came 59²; II A; House Prefect 63³; School Prefect 64²; XI 61, 62, 63, Captain 64; XV 61-62, 62-63, 63-64; Hockey XI 62, 63, 64; Fives; Flight-Sergeant (R.A.F.).
Carmichaels, Invergowrie, by Dundee
- Swindall, V. A. N. (N). Came 57³; I; House Prefect 63²; School Prefect 64²; Tennis; Cross-country; Corporal (Army).
Ridgemount, 15 Mansewood Road, Glasgow, S.3.
- Wilkie, R. (S). Came 59³; III A; House Prefect 64²; XV 62-63, 63-64; Captain of Fencing; Athletics; Shooting; Swimming; Sergeant (R.A.F.).
Estever Farmhouse, Abbots Ann, Near Andover, Hants.
- Wilkinson, A. W. (N). Came 59³; III C; House Prefect 64²; Sailing; Swimming; Petty Officer (R.N.).
69 Shepherd's Hill, Highgate, London, N.6.

Lower VI:

- Booth, A. J. (F). Came 61³; III A; Able Seaman (R.N.).
Wellbank, Cairneyhill, Bankfoot, Perthshire.
- Carver, G. A. R. (S). Came 58³; II B; XV 63-64; Hockey XI 64;
 Athletics; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
10 Empress Road, Rhu, Dunbartonshire.
- Clark, A. A. (F). Came 57³; I; Swimming; Lance-Corporal (Army).
6 Hill Crescent, Wormit, Fife.
- Darling, K. J. (F). Came 60³; III C; House Prefect 64²; Hockey XI 64;
 Treasurer of Young Farmers' Club; Corporal (Army).
27 Pitcullen Terrace, Perth.
- MacLeod, A. H. S. (S). Came 60³; II A; Cadet (Army).
5 Kingsmuir Drive, Peebles.
- Piper, T. G. (S). Came 58³; I; Hockey XI 64; Cadet (Army).
21 Morningside Park, Edinburgh.
- Siedle, L. D. C. (R). Came 60³; III B; Captain of Shooting; Corporal
 (R.A.F.).
East Acredyke, Balmore, Torrance, Glasgow.
- Wearmouth, C. C. (F). Came 60²; II B; House Prefect 64¹; Shooting;
 Corporal (R.A.F.).
63 Edgemont Gardens, Langside, Glasgow, S.1.
- Wingate, A. L. (R). Came 58³; II B; House Prefect 63³; Corporal
 (R.A.F.).
Garmore, Bonhill Road, Dumbarton.
- Wright, A. L. (F). Came 60²; II A; Cadet (Army).
14 Millig Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

V:

- Clark, A. W. (S). Came 61³; III C; Cadet (Army).
Woodbank, Windygates, Fife.
- McGhee, P. M. (F). Came 60³; II B; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
Earlston House, Forgandenny, Perth.
- McKeever, F. B. (F). Came 60³; II B; Cadet (Army).
*C/o R. F. McKeever, Esq., c/o Foreign Office, Whitehall,
 London, S.W.1.*
- Macleod, A. N. (R). Came 61³; III B; Cadet (Army).
P.O. Box 30103, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Macmillan, W. A. (N). Came 59²; II; Athletics; Sailing; Cross-country;
 President of Mechanics Club; Able Seaman (R.N.).
Green Gables, Balerno, Midlothian.
- Mills, K. (R). Came 61³; III B; Cadet (Army).
9 Murrayfild Avenue, Edinburgh, 12.
- Monteith, J. D. (S). Came 61³; III C; Able Seaman (R.N.).
Whitehill Villa, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.
- Pow, J. M. (F). Came 61³; II B; Fencing, Highland Dancing; Able
 Seaman (R.N.).
2 Roseneath Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire.
- Sandeman, F. K. (S). Came 58³; I; Tennis; Cadet (Army).
1 Chantinghall Road, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.
- Smith, J. N. (F). Came 60³; II A; Tennis; Able Seaman (R.N.).
Oakfield, 3 William Street, Carnoustie, Angus.
- Taylor, I. (S). Came 60³; II B; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
Machrimore, Southend, Campbeltown, Argyll.
- Wallace, J. D. (S). Came 61³; III B; XV 63-64; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
Sypland, Kirkcudbright.
- Weddell, C. J. (S). Came 61³; III B; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
Snowdon, Gifford, East Lothian.

I:

- Gill, D. R. G. (Riley). Came 63³; I.
226 North Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent.

Chapel

THE preachers in Chapel this year were:—

The Headmaster, Very Rev. Dr. J. A. Frazer, Rt. Rev. John Howe, the Bursar, Rev. F. Routledge Bell, Rev. G. D. Buchanan, Mr. R. A. L. Burnet, Rev. A. Chisholm, Canon L. Derrick-Large, Rev. Prof. E. P. Dickie, Rev. J. M. Forbes, Rev. R. B. Gorrie, Mr. P. E. Grigsby, Rev. P. H. Hacking, Rev. W. Fergus Harris, Rev. C. M. Hepburn, Rev. G. B. Hewitt, Mr. C. P. Hewson, Rev. P. W. Petty, Rev. Prof. W. A. D. Riach, Mr. D. E. Young.

Music Notes

THE Orchestra strings have continued to improve this year under the expert tuition of Mr. Begbie so that the Orchestra has been able to tackle much more difficult music. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and Dvorak's "New World" Symphony were rehearsed for several weeks, though for the experience rather than with a view to performance. The strings were able to provide a very competent accompaniment to "Messiah" which has been "fixed" by the record that was made from the performances. The loss of Pradipasen is going to be felt keenly next year, both for his technical ability and his enthusiasm. We wish him every success at the Royal Academy of Music.

A Junior Orchestra has been formed and has performed on two occasions including Speech Day. An orchestra also exists in Riley House. This is the most complete orchestra of any house only lacking a double bass and bassoon in its string and woodwind sections. This bodes well for the future.

The Choir has performed quite a wide range of anthems over the year and tackled "Messiah" with great enthusiasm. The tenors stood up to their part without sign of strain even after three performances.

A Sixth Form Classical Music Society has been started by Madjd. This society listens to a recital of gramophone records every Saturday evening. Its programmes have had a very wide range—from J. C. Bach to Mahler and from Schoenberg to Purcell.

There have been visits to various concerts in Perth and to a performance of "Don Giovanni" by the Scottish Opera in Edinburgh. Programmes of recitals at the school and of concerts given by orchestra and choir are given below.

Anthems sung by the Choir this year have been:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach); O Saviour of the World (Goss); Gloria in Excelsis (Haydn); All Glory be to God on High (Schroeter); The Lord's Prayer (Stone); Lead Me, Lord (Wesley); O

Taste and See (Vaughan Williams); The Strife is O'er (arr. H. Ley); Sanctus from Requiem (Mozart); Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace (Wesley); Cherubim Song (Bortniansky); Exultate Deo (A. Scarlatti); Eternal Father (Holst); Give Ear Unto Me (Marcello); Te Deum in B Flat (Stanford), and many choruses from "Messiah".

Carols sung by the Choir at the Carol Service included:

Praise God Ye People (Schroeter); Ding Dong Merrily on High; Torches (Joubert); The Angel Gabriel; O Little One (Bach); Gaudete Quia Nobis; Long Ago in Bethlehem.

G.W.

VIOLIN RECITAL BY FREDERICK GRINKE SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1963

Sonata Movement	<i>Brahms</i>
Variations on a Phrygian Theme	<i>Edmund Rubbra</i>
Sonatina in G minor	<i>Schubert</i>
Elegy	<i>Lennox</i>
Toccata	<i>Berkeley</i>
Two Sketches for Solo Violin	<i>York Bowen</i>
Habanera	<i>Sarasate</i>
Variations on a Welsh Air	<i>David Stone</i>

ORGAN RECITAL BY MR. WEST CHAPEL, SUNDAY, 13th OCTOBER, 1963

1. Occasional March	<i>Handel</i>
2. Two Minuets	<i>Moffat</i>
3. Chorale Preludes	<i>Bach</i>
Wachet auf.	
Herzlich tut mir verlangen.	
Heut triumphiert Gottes Sohn.	
4. Prelude and Chaconne in C	<i>Buxtehude</i>
5. Noël	<i>Daquin</i>
6. "Giant" Fugue	<i>Bach</i>
7. Choral Improvisation on "Nun Danket"	<i>Karg-Elert</i>

INFORMAL CONCERT—13th DECEMBER, 1963

1. Orchestra:	Marche Militaire	<i>Schubert</i>
2. Two Violins	2nd Movement of Concerto in	
(P. Pradipasen and	D minor for Two Violins	<i>Bach</i>
G. P. Grandison) and		
Orchestra:		
3. Trebles:	Three Moravian Carols:	
	(a) Andrew mine	
	(b) By the Wayside	
	(c) Long Ago in Bethlehem	
	The Holly and the Ivy	
4. Orchestra:	Four Movements from "Capriol"	
	Suite	<i>Warlock</i>
	(a) Basse Danse	
	(b) Pavane	
	(c) Pieds dans l'air	
	(d) Mattachins	

5. Piano (M. M. Miller) 1st and 2nd movements of Piano
and Orchestra: Concerto in C *Haydn*
6. Junior Orchestra: Finale from Peasants' Cantata *Bach*
School Companions' March *Hartley*
7. Tenors and Basses: Dark as a Dungeon *N. American*
Reuben *Folk Songs*
Sixteen Tons
8. Bassoon Solo
(Mr Thomson): Lucy Long
9. Orchestra: Great Gate of Kiev *Mussorgsky*

SPEECH DAY CONCERT

1. Orchestra
Overture: The Secret Marriage *Cimarosa*
2. Tenor Solo (V. A. N. Swindall)
"Where'er you walk" from "Semele" *Handel*
Serenade from "The Fair Maid of Perth" *Bizet*
3. Orchestra
Ritual Fire Dance *de Falla*
4. Junior Orchestra
Rigaudon *Handel*
Russian Ballet *James Brown*
5. Violin Solo (P. Pradipasen)
Praeludium and Allegro *Pugnani-Kreisler*
6. Orchestra
"The Great Gate of Kiev" from
"Pictures from an Exhibition" *Mussorgsky*
7. Tenors and Basses
Dark as a Dungeon }
Reuben } North American Folk Songs
Sixteen Tons }
8. Choir and Orchestra
"Speed Your Journey" from "Nabucco" *Verdi*
"The Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust" *Gounod*

ORCHESTRA

Violins: Mr. J. Moulant Begbie (leader), P. Pradipasen, F. R. Bell,
R. J. H. Neil, D. Franklin, G. P. Grandison, R. A. Lamb,
D. M. Fairbairn, L. S. W. Tseng, A. H. M. McLaren, R. M. G.
McNaught, G. L. H. Mure.

Violas: P. H. Dangerfield, C. S. Y. Gillanders.

Cello: A. J. Burnett, Mr. K. C. Jackson.

Double Bass: D. M. R. Bell.

Flutes: J. C. Bosshardt, R. M. M. Lang, J. M. Pow.

Oboes: W. B. Melville, M. W. MacEwen.

Clarinets: Mr. D. A. R. Williams, P. C. Cartledge, L. W. Bell.

Bassoon: Mr. N. D. Thomson.

French Horns: R. M. Henderson, A. W. S. Fea.

Trumpet: A. W. Gardner.

Trombone: G. Alpine.

Percussion: W. A. T. Brunton, T. I. Gray, W. A. MacMillan, R. M.
Slater.

Piano: M. M. Miller.

JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

Violins: A. J. Gask, J. O. McIntyre, N. L. Wilson.

Violas: C. S. Y. Gillanders, R. L. Settles.

'Cello: A. A. Stirling.

Double Bass: A. C. Mulhall.

Flutes: A. N. H. Guthrie, J. D. N. Ovenstone.

Oboe: A. Gray.

Clarinets: D. K. MacDougall, G. L. MacEwen.

Bassoon: G. C. Warner.

Piano: A. G. Balfour.

CHOIR

Trebles: T. C. Ashton, A. J. Burnett, K. M. Burnett, M. W. H. Cran, J. R. Davies, D. G. Dryden, A. D. G. Duncan, R. G. R. Galbraith, D. R. G. Gill, C. S. Y. Gillanders, J. S. Houston, P. J. Hunter, R. A. Jeffrey, N. D. Lane, D. K. MacDougall, G. L. MacEwen, D. J. Macfarlane, D. P. Mackie, D. H. McNair, J. Michie, N. M. Munro, A. C. Paton, D. J. C. Sharpe, R. J. S. Smith, J. M. Stewart, G. M. Thomson, N. D. M. Townson, P. A. Webster, N. L. Wilson.

Altos: A. D. Bell, A. G. Balfour, P. F. P. Cranston, A. N. H. Guthrie, K. B. King, A. D. L. Lyszkowski, W. P. McCallum, T. G. Orchard, C. J. J. Park, A. J. Stuart.

Tenors: F. R. Bell, B. M. S. Borland, B. G. Clark, M. G. Clark, R. M. G. McNaught, M. M. Miller, W. M. Petty, B. A. A. Robertson, D. N. Strachan, V. A. N. Swindall.

Basses: J. C. Atherton, M. I. M. Dawson, G. R. Eadie, A. G. Dodd, D. L. Ferguson, A. J. Fleming, R. H. D. Gunn, R. D. Kyle, J. K. Lamont, R. G. Lawson, G. R. Lowden, A. J. McIntosh, P. M. G. Reynolds, W. C. Roy.

The following have passed Associated Board exams:

Pradipasen, P., Theory, Grade VIII (distinction) and Piano, Grade V.

Dangerfield, P. H., Piano, Grade VI.

Melville, W. B., Oboe, Grade VI.

Neil, R. F. H., Violin, Grade V (merit).

MacEwen, M. W., Oboe, Grade V.

Balfour, A. G., Piano, Grade V (distinction).

Lang, R. M. M., Flute, Grade IV (merit).

Bosshardt, J. C., Flute, Grade IV (merit).

Lamb, R. A., Violin, Grade IV (distinction).

McLaren, A. H. M., Violin, Grade IV.

Guthrie, A. N. H., Flute, Grade III.

McNaught, R. M. G., Violin, Grade III.

Gillanders, C. S. Y., Viola, Grade III.

Burnett, A. J., 'Cello, Grade III (distinction).

McEwen, G. L., Clarinet, Grade III (merit).

McGeachy, A. L., Piano, Grade II (merit).

Wilson, N. C., Violin, Grade I.

McIntyre, J. O., Violin, Grade I.

“Messiah”

SHORTLY before the end of the Spring Term under the able and sympathetic direction of Mr. West, the Choir and Orchestra Strings gave three performances of Handel's “Messiah”. Mr. West had abridged the original to two-thirds length but at the same time missed out none of the well-known parts. The performances almost certainly gained by being shorter.

As for the performers themselves; the Orchestra attacked the music well and had fairly good intonation, providing a firm accompaniment to the singers. The solo players accompanying the recitatives and arias—Mr. Begbie, Pradipasen and Tseng—produced a very pleasant sound.

The Choir gave for the most part a good demonstration of ensemble singing; the altos did not quite balance the volume of the others but that is only a minor point. The whole Choir must be commended for their stamina; they showed no signs of fatigue after three demanding performances.

The individual soloists were all good; Borland (tenor) delivered his short bit with his usual confident manner; Reynolds (bass) sang well particularly in “The Trumpet Shall Sound” although his voice was a trifle light for his part. Burnett (treble) showed once more the quality of his very pleasant voice and sang confidently in spite of the fact that it was liable to break within a few months. The most outstanding singer, however, was probably Swindall (tenor); not only is the quality of his voice rarely achieved by a boy but it was also extremely suitable for the tenor recitatives particularly “Comfort Ye” and also the Aria “Behold and See”.

The School sang the choruses on the first night; they rose to the occasion and discarded the apathy which had to some extent pervaded the practices beforehand. They sang their parts well and with fairly good ensemble in spite of their inexperience. It is in dealing with 300 schoolboys of no musical aspiration whatever that Mr. West shows his greatest skill.

Everybody combined to make it three very successful performances and the parents and guests seem to have thought extremely highly of it. The Chapel was an ideal setting for them, both to hear and see it. Furthermore, the two 12 in. long playing records of the performance have turned out well and do no scant justice to those who took part.

N.F.M.

School Library

IN last year's "Library Report" Mr. Williams said: "... there has been a three-fold increase in the number of books taken out. The expanded fiction section accounts for a good deal of this, but there has been a substantial rise in the number of non-fiction books withdrawn. This is a very healthy state of affairs and it is hoped this trend will continue."

The trend has continued and it can now be appreciated that Mr. Williams' "take the horse to water" scheme has been completely successful: the quality and extent of the fiction section has attracted boys to the library; the next step was easy—people of their own accord strayed to other shelves.

The Library itself has been treated in its traditional manner: complete disrespect for the books and a barbarian delight in untidiness. It is hoped that the Library will not become a study-substitute for those without them, thereby preventing those who want to use the Library for relaxed, silent work from doing so.

Throughout the year substantial additions have been made to the Classics, Economics, Religion and Art sections. It is hoped that the English section will receive long-needed particular attention next year. To the eye of those accustomed to well-stocked Public School and University libraries, Strathallan's may seem barren but compared with its very recent past it is now beginning to have a well-balanced look.

The Librarians this year have been L.W. Bell, N. F. Macmillan and M. G. Clark.

The main gift during the year was a copy of The Royal Philatelic Collection presented by Lord Thomson of Fleet. We are very grateful to him for it and it looks very handsome on the shelves.

The most significant additions during the year were: An elegantly-bound ledger which should at the present rate of books signed-out be completed around 1971; the Oxford Books of French, German and Latin Verse; Popper's "The Open Society and its Enemies"; Mattingley: "The Defeat of the Spanish Armada"; Pedre: "Gentle Art of Mathematics"; Atkins: "Merit and Responsibility"; Potter: One-up-, Games-, Life- and Supermanship; Lofstedt: "Roman Literary Portraits"; Short: "Why Believe?"; Penguin Guide to English Literature; Leavis: "New Bearings in English Poetry"; Bury: "The Ancient Greek Historians"; Schwarz: "John F. Kennedy"; Bainton: "Reformation of 16th Century"; and many works of

fiction, particularly those of Buchan, Wells, Christie and Wodehouse.

The Library continues to be a member of the World Book Club.

N.F.M.

“Glorious Morning”

BREAKING away once again from the idea that the only successful school dramatic productions are comedies, two performances of “Glorious Morning”, by Norman MacOwen, were staged in the gym. in the middle of May, just as the Summer Term was getting under way. Obviously much hard work had been put into the production, which turned out to be very successful and provided an excellent evening’s entertainment.

The action of the play takes place in the mythical communist state of Zagnira, where any belief in God is punishable by death, and concerns a young medical student, Leda Veerkind, who receives a vision from God in which she is told to spread abroad the fact that a God does exist. This she does, despite the efforts of her relatives to stop her, and before long she is arrested, tried and sentenced to death. She is offered a pardon, on condition that she publicly denies the existence of any God, but when she refuses to do this she is shot.

Mr. MacOwen, in dealing with the conflict of loyalties between God and State, has only scratched the surface of what is an immense problem. There is no deep heart-searching with Leda, nor with any other of the characters; in fact, the only answer that Leda can provide when asked about her vision is that God instructed her to tell others of His existence. This is as deep as we penetrate into the problem. However, what the play lacks in plot and characterization was amply compensated for by a very competent and able body of actors.

Sharpe tackled the very difficult part of Leda remarkably well. He spoke very clearly, if not always with much emotion or expression, and conveyed excellently Leda’s firm and convinced calmness.

Bell once more showed his acting versatility. After playing a brilliant Thomas Cromwell in “A Man for All Seasons”, he turned up in this play at the other end of the intellectual scale, as an old peasant farmer, Leda’s grandfather, and he acted this part with equal success.



"Glorious Morning"

Clark was admirably cast in the part of the completely despotic General Gurgani who presides over the council which tries Leda. The part suited exactly Clark's style of acting, and he managed to perfect Gurgani's smooth and cynical sarcasm. If the character of Gurgani was not wholly convincing, this was the fault of the playwright, who made the General almost a caricature of evil, without any single redeeming feature.

Of the members of the Burglitz council which condemns Leda, Reynolds was the most outstanding. He provided an excellent performance as the kind-hearted Rutzstein, chairman of the council who, during the trial, is convinced by Leda of the existence of God and is then condemned to death by his colleagues.

King, as Leda's mother, acted surprisingly well in what was an extremely difficult part. Carruthers, as a professor of Litzia University, was also very good and spoke his lines very clearly.

For the rest of the cast, no one was less than adequate. Turner and Jennings played their parts very well and they should, particularly the latter, be very useful in future plays. Morrison, having found time off from stage-managing and

scene painting to act a little, proved quite good in his small part, although his specially practised Cockney accent sounded slightly out of place. Macmillan and Wingate too were good in their minor roles as prison guards.

The set was one of the best we have seen in recent years. The background and interval music was arranged by Mr. West and played by members of the School Orchestra.

R.M.S.

CAST

Anna Veerkind	K. B. King
Katrina Hoefler	A. D. Turner
Woden	R. A. Lamb
Anton Veerkind	L. W. Bell
Leda Veerkind	G. R. Sharpe
Hans Skaedia	I. T. Carruthers
Gurgani	M. G. Clark
Ruttzstein	P. M. G. Reynolds
Buloff	A. G. Dodd
Duren	R. J. Gemmell
Nekell	C. A. H. Greig
Leman	A. G. Houston
Jacob Kellner	D. R. Morrison
Ruth Kellner	S. Jennings
Soldiers	A. G. Macmillan, A. L. Wingate
Officer	A. C. Mulhall
Stage Manager	D. R. Morrison
Assistants ...	M. B. M. Patterson, R. J. S. Smith, I. Prain, G. Thompson, A. A. Stirling, N. L. Wilson
Scenery	D. R. Morrison, J. C. S. Smith
Stage Dressing	Mrs. Young
Electricians	R. A. Balfour, K. Mills, S. L. Mackenzie, T. L. Gilmore
Make-Up ...	Mrs. Burnet, Mrs. Grigsby, Mrs. Stewart
Wardrobe	Miss Speakman, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Wormald
Producer	Mr. Rymer

School Films

THE Winter Term saw a revival of "A Hill in Korea" with plenty of shrapnel flying around, and a first showing of the hilarious "Carry On, Sergeant". The usual ghastly crew wise-cracked their way through army life and eventually produced a crack squad: Kenneth Connor, Hattie Jacques and Bob Monkhouse.

For those who did not take part in "Messiah" at the end of the Spring Term, there was an excellent Walt Disney documentary, "The Living Desert", and for Scottish Nationalists or Richard Todd fans, "Rob Roy".

The Summer Term brought a new atmosphere to the cinema world. Few, however, were sufficiently anaesthetised to applaud Audie Murphy's dazzling horsemanship. There were plenty of injuns living up to their standards of chivalry, plenty of drawled clichés and plenty of all-American passion. The badman got what he wanted, and funnily enough what the audience wanted him to get—his 'Six Black Horses'. Along with this there was a Peter Sellers comedy, "The Wrong Arm of the Law", which stimulated a sporadic flow of laughter.

M.G.C.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

For the past few years the School has been entering candidates for the "O" level Scripture examination. The syllabus usually consists of two books—a Gospel and a section of Acts. The candidates are not required to know more than the basic text. No knowledge of references or even of the underlying theological principles is needed. To obtain an "O" level under the heading of "Scriptural Knowledge", a candidate must merely know the context of two of the fifty-six books of the Bible. I have met more than one candidate who read the two books only once in preparation for the examination, and passed!

Surely this gives a false impression of the candidate's ability, for Scripture "O" level is regarded as equal to a pass in French, Latin or any other subject, a pass which is the result of several years' work rather than several hours'.

Yours, etc.,

R. I. M. MURRAY.

Touching the Real

PEOPLE carved up the seats, danced in the aisles, and rioted when Bill Haley came to Britain. Teds used to play "chicken" and perform lunatic feats on their motor-bikes. Nowadays, girls break down in hysterics on seeing the Beatles; Mods beat up Rockers in a frenzied, unprovoked hate. Adults are angered, perplexed, and incredulous, and try in vain to explain

it, but the Beats have realised what it is: Sometimes, for an ecstatic, inspired moment, you forget who and where you are, and you are filled with undescribable emotion; the world is yours, and you throw it away. And suddenly the inspiration is gone. But for that brief moment you have been Touching the Real.

I "touch" quite often: planing a dinghy at 15 knots; looking from the top of a high mountain; standing alone at night in the chapel; listening to a moving piece of music. Coming out of the film "West Side Story", I took a minute or two to realise that I was in Birmingham, not New York, and that I needn't feel sorry about Tony being killed at all. I was Touching the Real throughout that film.

Newton was "touching" when he conceived his ideas of mass. The Ted is "touching" when he pushes the ton. Any composer is Touching the Real, even if only for a moment, while he scribbles the notes of the climax of a great work.

The easy way to Touch the Real is taken by the Purple Heart takers and reefer-smokers, and many of them are in such a state of mind almost permanently. I think it must be far more fulfilling, however, when this state induces itself naturally on the individual than when it is artificially induced by the effect of the narcotic on himself.

But what is Touching the Real? I think Touching the Real must be a glimpse of a fourth dimension, or of God, or, it is conceivable, of both, if both are the same thing.

Thousands of young people all over the civilised world are rebelling against adult society, many of them to begin searching for "kicks", most of them will say. I could say they are searching for a way, not to Touch the Real, but to possess it. I believe they are pioneers in the search for God and the fourth dimension, not seeking to discover by old three dimensional logic, but in a manner even they do not understand. But the irrepressible drive is there. It becomes apparent when Touching the Real.

J.C.A.

Elapse

WE sheltered in the cave.

There was silence.

At last, Croenther's voice shattered the darkness. "We were wrong, hopelessly wrong!" he cried. "All these years they remained dormant, and we, with all our scientific research and progress, could not detect the first sign of their dormancy.

We might have, we should have known that it was impossible for one form of life to stay superior for all time. But no, not our puny minds, not our greatest genius could ever constructively infer it from the amassed research of centuries!" On and on he droned, chattering out all manner of nonsense.

It was cold in there, even the velvety darkness providing no cover. All huddled together for warmth; we could hear a grinding, scraping noise on the mountain above our heads. It was something trying to get in.

"We cooked them. We ate them. And yet every death must have been counted against us in an eternal book. Let us face the facts, gentlemen, we have been entirely conquered by the plants!" He went on talking.

Sometime during the night Croenther died. The whole party was saddened by the loss of so fine a leader. But we were so intent upon our own fate that we could spend no time on idle reflections.

Our position could be summed-up fairly easily:

- (1) No food whatsoever.
- (2) Only a small amount of water, and that stagnant.
- (3) Not enough room to sleep.
- (4) A very limited quantity of air.

I kept on cursing under my breath at the inhuman mind that was condemning us to our lonely, nasty deaths. Croenther was right, he had always been right. Even though I hated the very guts of the man, I must admit he was clever.

Sometime that night (we kept time by Harlington's watch) the roof fell in. When we awoke there was a chimney right up above us and half way down this narrow passage was the limb of one of our enemies. No words in our language could describe that hand, that limb from another species.

We played the flamethrower on it for some seconds but it still came on. It touched one of our party, a young girl by the name of Kent, and grasped at her.

Some liquid was squirted on to her, and, before our eyes, she went blue. Thank God that her death must have been quite quick, because the sight of that body was more than I could stand. I vomitted twice, thrice, on the dusty floor.

The limb withdrew. A man screamed. It had claimed another victim.

"Has anybody got any poison?" said a young man—I never did know his name.

"No!" screamed Dr. Michaels. "The last thing we'll ever do is give in to one of them!" Oh, foolish pride—what did you do to him? Even now he lies by my side, sick of some unknown fever, refusing to die.

But I digress.

Two more died that day, and another followed them during the night. Each death was similar to the first, just as horrific in its clarity. It became obvious to all among us that we were the last humans on the earth, and that very soon we, too, would be taken from this earth.

Only five of us remained, and the cave was beginning to stink of a communal grave. One committed suicide by swallowing poison; the other two being killed by our monstrous foe. Only myself and Michaels remain.

Michaels, as I have said before, is dying rapidly, and I am not very much better. The lack of food is fatal, but no more so than the stagnant water. That is all I can say. You of the future may find this and read it. You will maybe laugh at it, but I remind you that it is a warning. Somewhere among you they lie dormant, lie waiting for an opportunity to annihilate you. Then you may become like I am now; dying of starvation.

Who knows?

P. le P.B.

The Quest for Socrates Smith

ONCE upon a time there lived a moffo. He was neither big nor small nor in between for he was a little too big to be small and a little too small to be big and his inbetweenity was absolutely appalling—especially on half-holidays. One day he decided to look for his uncle Socrates Smith who lived a very long way away indeed, he employed the services of his friend the gilliatt, who, as you know, are the best uncle-finders in the world.

Day the 1st

It was a very sunny day when they started except for a blanket of cloud and a mist three miles thick. Firstly, they had to cross Lake Mingle-Wingle. This presented a problem, so the gilliatt said, "Thank you very much," and took it and they both had it for tea. They started again on full stomachs but this was quite painful so they walked instead. There was no secondly because they went the wrong way, and this eliminated both thirdly and fourthly, too.

Day the 2nd—The Longest Day

On the second day they reached a wide plain inhabited by two one-legged centipedes wearing kilts who couldn't help them at all because they were looking for the second Jacobite rebellion and the moffo said they had just passed it going in the other direction at which the centipedes thanked them and went on their way.

When they had crossed the plain they had reached the other side. The moffo couldn't understand this but the gilliatt (who was used to such things) said it was due to their having two tins of pink boot-polish. At this point in their journey they were approached by a rubber duck chewing treacle who said to them, "If you are innocent, I'll see you in Pem".

At this the gilliatt began to differentiate madly, running into concentric circles until he bumped into himself, whereupon he said "Bless Me". And that was that.

Day the 3rd

On the third day they came to a jungle of rhubarb plants and tinned carrots, which they negotiated with extreme care. The gilliatt cautiously approached a family-size tin who, from his bearing, appeared to be the leader, and said politely, "It must be quite a strain being the leader—having all the responsibility".

" π ", it replied, whereupon they both sat down, greatly frightened. At last the moffo, who was not as dumb as he looked, stood on his head and said, "Noon"—which is a palindrome and everyone knows that palindromes are just the thing to confuse rhubarb and tinned carrots, which is what happened and they are still debating to this day whether it is a Greek optative or a Latin subjunctive.

Day the 4th

On the fourth day they reached a mountain of brown paper bags, surmounted by an auspicious-looking grintex. In case you have never met a grintex, I will describe one to you. It is an allotropic form of a caterpillar and resembles a three-quarter length hospital bed, supported by a pellucid tube of toothpaste. When irritated they are inclined to quack softly and spit history books.

Our worthy pair rounded the mountain, for fear of annoying the grintex, and slept the night in a hole in the ground because it is good for one's digestion.

Day the 5th—The End

On the fifth day the gilliatt sensed that Socrates Smith was near by the fact that twenty-four and a third pomegranates

walked past in single file singing, "The Vicar of Bray". They also met a pot of plum jam which was too busy titillating to look up.

At last they perceived Socrates Smith standing on one leg smoking a tulip. When he saw them they all regurgitated in alphabetical order (for they were very neat and precise) and lived happily ever after.

K.D.C.

Suburbia—Black Quarter

Red brick houses, lanes of russet leaves
And bending withered flowers;
Grass gone brown with summer,
Foliage, like massive fly-wings, fills the eaves:
Leaden windows, shadowed gardens, bare of fruit.
Petals, browned like book leaves old with dust,
And creaking gates, their hinges sore with rust.
The barren skies, under a lurid sulphur sun,
Which faintly burns, giving in to jaundiced lamps,
Cheerless in the evening, beside the brick-dust buildings.

And all around is leaves.

Some bird, trying to sing in a leafless tree . . .
Morning. Grey and cold and damp,
Smothered by a river fog
Which loiters in the tuneless streets to choke the day.
A watery sun above the houses seems too weak
To struggle through the morning clouds so bruised and grey.
Church and rooftops; threads of pale blue smoke;
Chimnies and factories; spires. And hills
And green fields—but where I could not say.

I.T.C.

The Final War Poem

("You made her cry, you square-bashing barbarian".—Fry)

War.

Clumsy—the fingers bandaged in soily-grey cocoons,
Which cover the sores, waters in blister-pains,
Deformed and boneless; arms that jerk in chains,
Dragged through fertility, crops of innumerable moons.
Feet, that cannot sense the hardened bones of crusted red,
Are tickled, enchanted by scratches, to mock them by and
by . . .

Blind like a silent muffled bat, fails to see anything die,
As an Oedipus, standing on his father's blue-templed head.

Crops, green and leafy, rich in the folds of the roots,
 Are hungrily wormed, by the grey grub-like fervour of crowds,
 And a bloody scythe glints in the tangling shoots
 As a club of darkening smoke-ash heaves through the innocent
 clouds.

I.T.C.

Flute

A warm-blown flute, breathing notes of summer, bubbling in
 a breeze,

Moistly living, like soft satin to the fish, so scaled and finned—
 Deep, around thick winter's snow-armed, ice-burned trees,
 Like cold pastel on black, which winds have scarred and
 skinned.

Golden-autumned flakes have swung down to the ground,
 And flowers have tarnished, retched in two, and died;
 Boneless faces on a lake, which bristle with frozen quills—
 Reeds stuck fast, and long since dead; and legs of cold-sapped
 trunk,

Motionless, viced in an edge of smooth-blown-bladed ice; hills,
 Leaning aged with dark pines, sad for the summer they drank.
 In the roughened ice there is still this shepherd-gentle sound—
 Quiet notes of fresh and green, under feathery drifts have
 sighed. . . .

A maiden birch, fingered silvery with slack snow, gives birth
 to velvet shoots,

And a crocus, purple as evening, with a yellow-peppered cup,
 wonders at the sky

While finches chatter, puffing their feathers up, watching last
 icicles die.

I.T.C.

Ode to a Long Reek from a Short Lum

(On Speech Day the Chairman of the Governors gave an
 assurance that there is no immediate danger of Strathallan's
 uniquely architected chimney being replaced.)

If from Gorbals or slum to Strathallan you come
 To drink in the pure country air,
 When expanding your lung keep control of your tongue
 For there's something that you should beware.

Be prepared for a joke as you splutter and choke
 And some soot settles down on your car.
 As you gulp with surprise to the hills lift your eyes—
 You won't have to look quite as far.

You'll see a great spout throwing pellets about
Which come down light as snow and as soft.
Soon a cloud whirls around shrouding all on the ground,
Also unwary airmen aloft.

As the sun's warming rays are extinguished for days
And the oxygen fast growing stale,
You will haltingly grope in the desperate hope
Of a zephyr or maybe a gale.

No circumlocution condones the pollution
That gargles up into the sky.
No verbal invention conveys my intention.
Mere words simply do not apply.

And should auld acquaintance fall into abeyance
Or lang syne itself be forgot,
The pall you ensure will make it quite sure
That this chimney will certainly not.

But at last there's a sound echoes eerily round
And quietens your cancerous cough.
For a snore down below is a signal to show
That the stoker's about to knock off.

Who does not conjecture sublime architecture
As foggy filth melts into air?
As we peer to the sky what relief as we sigh—
"Our beautiful chimney's still there!"

Great Fun to be Sporty

It is always interesting to glimpse ahead, particularly where the future stock of the school is concerned. This year's Junior Entrance English Exam. produced some revealing cameos of aspiring Riley entrants. Candidates were asked to write on either *The Games I Most Enjoy*, or *A Seaside Village or Town*, or *The Care of Pets*.

It is clear that the next school generation will not be lacking in practical wisdom or the bold statement of principles:—

"Dogs should be fed once a day every day."

"If you have a shed cut a small door that swings back and forward for the cat to get in and out. It should be fed regularly as well."

"A mouse cleans itself but cannot clean its cage."

It is refreshing too to find that in this sophisticated age boys still enjoy playing amongst the seaweed on the beech

(sic). We look forward eagerly to hearing more about the camping sight there, and hope the boys' teachure wasn't involved!

But for the vast majority of our candidates games are the thing, and they are clearly going to be not only enthusiasts, but tough:

"I don't mind the bruises when you are tackled";
and strong:

"I like cricket because I like bowling and catching people"
as well.

Our sympathy in his soulful twosomes goes to the boy who "enjoys playing rugby, but Dad is the only person near us I can play with." He goes on, "If I get to the school I am trying for, I shall be able to play a lot more rugby." How can we resist?

Some babes, however, are born to be great even in their test-tubes. Consider the claims of the candidate who is captain of the rugby team and tells the players where to go. As a forward he scores many tries, at soccer he gets many goals, at cricket plays at slip and has a lot of people out, bats and scores a lot of runs. His self-confessed second place in the hundred yards is surely false modesty.

But it is going to be at cricket that the bright lights of our future constellations will shine.

"I like bating (sic) the most, but my bowling is not very good. I would very much like to be the captain of England's cricket team."

"In our school we select two teams and toss to see who bats and who bowls. We set up some wickets at one end of a tarmac and the batter stands there. Meanwhile at the other end the bowler gets ready to bowl the batters out."

In case you are tempted to deride, just note that the average at the above learned academy is "about 4 runs with each shot".

But do not suppose we are going to have an undue preponderance in this particular direction. We have one boy who is a good batsman and who, we feel sure, will be easily accommodated into the fagging system. We hope, too, that he will be able to keep company with the other young acolyte who likes "a lot of indoor sports such as reading and making things out of wood".

Truly (we quote):

"It is great fun to be sporty!"

Angling Club

THERE are thirty-five members in the Angling Club this season. Members were allowed to fish on the pond as soon as the Summer Term began. Up to June 20th thirty-two fish have been removed from the pond, while twelve have been returned as they were below the 12 in. limit. On June 12th, a hundred yearlings were put into the pond to restock it.

Last year D. B. Wright caught forty-nine trout but kept only ten; this year A. J. McIntosh has caught fourteen and kept eight. A few very keen anglers have tried the Earn but with little success.

The older, more experienced dry fly fishers hope to get a chance to remove a few fish nearer the end of term, but pressure of exams, has prevented their spending any considerable time on the water.

The Old Strathallians very kindly invited the Club for an outing to Loch Leven in July. The weather was fine, and the day was pleasant rather than productive.

F.R.B.

Ballroom Dancing

DURING the Winter and Spring terms, several boys acquired various degrees of skill in the gentle art of dancing. Our rather large class was admirably managed and instructed by Miss Le Mesurier and her pianist who had us gaily trotting round to "How do you do it"; "I like it"; "How do you do it"; "I like it" and "How do. . . ." The class, which was arranged by Mr. Fairbairn, comprised only Sixth Form boys and numbered about thirty-five during the Christmas term, though a dozen of the more advanced pupils were instructed separately.

During the Spring term a number of boys left the class and many more joined it. It was necessary to divide our numbers again and a separate advanced class was formed. This select group was taught more advanced steps to the waltz, quickstep, samba, cha-cha and jive. It was even treated to occasional feminine partners, but these grew notably scarce after a few 'encounters' with us.

The highlight of the season was an instruction dance with the girls of Seymore Lodge, held in Strathallan gym. towards the end of the Spring term. By this time, most of us knew the basic steps of the waltz, quickstep, cha-cha and samba. The bus bringing the girls was finally guided to the gym. and for the inevitable few minutes the two groups stood and looked at each other. However, Miss Le Mesurier soon had things going

and for the next hour we went from dance to dance and from partner to partner, trying hard to keep our minds on the dancing. At the end, refreshments were served and we had a chance to speak to our guests without having to keep up with them at the same time. Attempts to stow away under the seats of the bus were unsuccessful and Mr. Fairbairn saw to it that only those who arrived in the bus left with it.

Our thanks to Miss Le Mesurier, to Mr Fairbairn and to the girls of Seymore Lodge whom we hope to see again next year.

G.A.

Bridge Club

FOR the third successive year we have seen the numbers of the Club dwindle from thirty to a faithful few, but this year a hard core of eight remained to profit from Mr. Young's experienced teaching. Though slams are still missed or not bid, the general standard has improved, and the first delights of squeezes and end-plays have been experienced by all. Several people outside the Club caught the disease later on, the symptoms being most manifest in the seven or eight hours solid playing in the middle of the night on the train back to school after Corps camp in the Orkneys. It is to be hoped that some of this enthusiasm will make itself felt next session.

G.R.L.

Classical Society

AT the beginning of the session, at the inaugural meeting, R. D. Kyle was elected President and I. T. Carruthers Secretary. This year the Society has been larger than ever before, having sixty-three members in all; the programme was correspondingly of a wider appeal.

The more memorable events were no doubt the reading of Aristophanes "The Clouds", when Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie were host to thirty boys, and a very detailed lecture on History in Antiquity by Mr. M. S. Smith of St. Andrews University. However, more light-hearted features were taken into consideration as well, namely, film extracts from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar", and an American film, "The Sign of the Pagan".

The success of the Society is undoubted, and it is hoped that the encouraging membership and interest shown this year will continue in years to come.

I.T.C.

Debating Society

THIS year undoubtedly saw an improvement in the Debating Society's state of health; there were still occasionally debates with attendances in the 20's, but there were also several well attended and very enjoyable sessions, and the overall number of debates was too large to give full accounts of them all.

It may be hard to credit, but the House preferred Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery of Alamein to the Beatles, Cupid, Freddie Trueman, Johnny Walker, Duke Ellington, and a number of others, in the perennial and hilarious balloon debate. But this was due to only one example of a tendency for the invited speakers, at any rate, to make up in showmanship for what they lacked in oratory, erudition, indignation, and even sweet reasonableness, and it made up Brighter Debating.

Not all the speeches from the floor were quite as entertaining, but a nucleus of incurable debaters provided ninety per cent. of the speakers. Morrison, M. G. Clark, Gemmell, Atherton, Grandison, Fleming and King were frequently prominent, with as many others also in evidence. Maiden speeches were disappointingly few, but the Junior Debating Society under Mr. J. L. R. Williams may have some Disraelis in store for us.

The House did not strive unduly after that dullest of virtues, consistency. Having decided that tradition was the best guide, it felt an overwhelming desire to emigrate. It was unable to decide—a dead-heat in the voting—on the relationship of public duty and private morality (in the aftermath of the Profumo brouhaha and the learned judge's report thereon perhaps the best debating) but roundly condemned James Bond.

The School debating team went in as usual for the Inter-Schools Debating Competition arranged by the E.S.U. L. W. Bell and N. F. Macmillan both spoke quite well in favour of the motion that "The world has more to learn from the Swan of Avon than from the Lion of M.G.M." but, possibly because they planned their speeches with different criteria in mind than this year's judges, they were well and truly trounced on the score-sheet.

The retiring secretary offers good luck to Mr. Young and to the Society. There are signs of a revival of controversy in the School as a whole, but one cannot help feeling that what the Society needs is at least one red-haired eloquent, vitriolic and anarchical communist to make a few outrageous statements. For the rest: "Cogito ergo sum".

L.W.B.

Film Guild

MANY changes have taken place in the Society during the past year. It has now been limited to 30 members from the Sixth Form only. No full-length films have been shown, and the venue has been changed from the Demonstration Room to the less suitable Geography Room. Attendances have rarely been at a maximum, but the Guild has in other respects flourished. All the films have been of a high artistic standard, including Academy Award winners such as "Terminus" and "Travelling Time", and for the first time in the history of the society a film was shown on the subject of film-making itself—"The Director and the Film". The discussions afterwards were animated and stimulating. Seven films in all were shown throughout the year. The Society was again under the guidance of Mr. Wilkie.

Office-bearers: President and Hon. Secretary, P. M. Weatherstone (Autumn term); N. F. Macmillan (Spring term).
N.F.M.

Fly-tying Club

IN January ten new members joined the Club. Most of them needed tuition, and Mr. J. L. R. Williams very kindly helped out. He gave instruction to nine members, who later made use of the Club's facilities. We were also grateful to J. D. Kincaid for his help in instructing some of the members in the finer points of fly-tying. As fishing is now possible on the pond members are now able to try out their flies, with varied degrees of success. It is hoped that the Club will again increase its membership next year.

F.R.B.

Highland Dancing

THIS has been one of the most successful years that the Highland Dancing Society has enjoyed. The climax came in the East of Scotland Schools competition when G. L. H. Mure and J. N. Smith gained first and second places respectively in the solo sword-dance, and the team, J. M. Pow, T. R. Fawcett, E. P. Mackay and D. L. Ferguson, came second in the foursome team event.

There has been much enthusiasm amongst those taking Highland Dancing, and with the hope of a few more outside attractions next year we hope to boost our numbers.

Once again we are indebted to Miss Farquhar who has coached us and who has given up much of her own spare time to do so.

D.L.F.

Mechanics Club

AT the beginning of the Summer Term it was decided to form a Mechanics Club, under the supervision of Mr. Barker as Honorary President, and Angus Macdonald as Technical Adviser.

A 1949 350 c.c. B.S.A. motor-cycle was purchased, and Mr. Stewart kindly offered the use of his garage as a workshop. A meeting was called, and fifty members were enrolled.

Since then a second motor-cycle has been bought, this time a 1954 350 c.c. Royal Enfield, as well as a dismantled spare engine.

Work has begun on both machines and it is hoped that they will function in the near future, when they will be sold at a profit and new machines bought.

J.D.S.R. and W.A.M.

Modern Languages Society

ALL the members of the previous committee having resigned or left, a meeting to elect new office-bearers was held at the beginning of the Autumn Term. G. R. Lowden was elected President, J. D. A. Brown, Secretary, and R. A. Taylor, Treasurer. Hoping to prove its large scope, the Society took on as its first project a recitation of poems, including German, French, Persian, Spanish, English, American, New Zealand and Scottish pieces. Inspired and organised by Herr von Jordan, a friend of the Headmaster, the highlight of the meeting was a Siamese boat-song sung by Pradipasen. In December Mlle. Jondet talked on 'D'Avignon à Toulon', a description of life in the south of France, illustrated by slides. Throughout the year visits were paid to the meetings of the Franco-Scottish Society in Perth, where we listened to lectures ranging from a talk on Debussy by Mme. Macmillan to a lecture on French law by Maître Vigo.

With the wide selection of clubs now flourishing, support for the Society has not been very great, too much initial concentration being required to understand fully the gist of the lectures, and much of the credit for the continued existence of the Society is due to Mr. Studholme, whose support and advice has been invaluable.

G.R.L.

Photographic Society

THE Society this year has slightly diminished in numbers, but this was only to be expected, since the membership fee was raised at the beginning of the year to ten shillings per annum.

We started the year by giving a series of film strips supplied by the Kodak company on various aspects of photography: such as "Table-Top Photography", and "The History of the Camera". These attracted non-members as well as most of the members. They were all very interesting and most of them were extremely instructive.

At the end of the Autumn Term the Society produced a Christmas card as usual. These sold as well as was expected.

On Speech Day we gave a slide-show, which proved to be very popular—probably because it was rather a wet afternoon. At the same time, the Society produced a booklet entitled, "Strathallan School—A Short History". This sold very well. It is still on sale, and is obtainable from the School.

We are again much indebted to Mr. Thomson for his help and enthusiasm.

R.G.L.

Pipes and Drums

ONLY five members of last year's band returned this year. But with a large selection of junior pipers and drummers to choose from, a promising young band was formed round this nucleus.

It was decided at the beginning of the year that there could only be six pipers and six drummers (mixed) in the competition band. This it was hoped would give quality and sufficient quantity. It also gave some competition among the junior members which encouraged plenty of practice.

During the year the full band (18 in all) played at the usual internal functions, adding colour to the occasions. The playing was vigorous, though not always musically correct.

The band as a whole was inexperienced at competition playing, so a fairly light set was chosen for the summer: Portree Men, Rose Among the Heather, Kilt is My Delight, Major John MacLennan, Gordon Highlanders.

A few weeks before the first competition, our bass drummer left the band; however, he was very ably replaced by a young tenor drummer, MacMillan, who proved to have a very good sense of time.

Unfortunately, in the West of Scotland Competition in Glasgow, in a very close contest, the band only made third place. This was probably because of our set which was lighter than some of the others played, for the actual playing was excellent. However, the band did not come away empty-handed. B. M. S. Borland and G. G. Wallace were placed first and second in the Senior Individual Piping respectively. This was the first time Strathallan had had a first in the solos.

At the East of Scotland competition, at Glenalmond, the band had an off day, and was not placed.

The band had a very enjoyable outing, when they were invited to play at the Abernethy Gala Day. When we arrived we found we were one of the star attractions. The band played several times during the afternoon, including leading the parade round the town. The dancers, who had come along, too, gave a short display. The best part of the day was the tea, which the town supplied for us in the hotel. It is hoped that this may become a regular engagement.

The band, of course, would not be possible were it not for the expert tuition of Pipe-Major Sinclair and Drum-Major Wilson, who patiently spend several hours weekly turning us into a band and teaching the beginners. We are very grateful for this, and for the keen interest shown by them and by Mr. Henderson, who organises the band.

Almost all of this year's band are returning, so next year the band should be first class.

Winners of the School band competition this year:—Senior Piping, Wallace; Junior Piping, Mackie. Senior Drumming, Gray; Junior Drumming, Ross.

The number of juniors taking up piping and drumming is very encouraging, and promises plenty of talent for the future.

B.M.S.B.

St. Andrew's Night, 1963

A VERY enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the annual celebrations in the School gymnasium on Saturday, 30th November.

The music for the dancing was again supplied by the School's dance-band and their efforts were justly rewarded. The band was made up of P. Pradipasen, L. S. W. Tseng and R. A. Lamb on violins, D. L. Ferguson and Mr. Thomson on accordions, D. M. R. Bell on double-bass, M. M. Miller on piano, and T. I. Gray on drums.

The pipe band and Highland dancers entertained during the evening and were well applauded by the resting dancers. It was very encouraging to see younger blood in the form of C. J. J. Park, A. A. Stirling and D. P. Mackie taking their places alongside the older performers.

As always, the evening was concluded with a wonderful buffet in the Music Room and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone, especially the caterers, for their help in making the evening a success. The only regrets were from the school's rugby players who were delayed at Gordonstoun and missed the fun.

D.L.F.

Science Society

THE Society has had another extremely successful year, during which it has celebrated its hundredth meeting. It now ranks as one of the most popular societies in the School. Indeed, it has been so popular that it became necessary to restrict the membership to ninety-five.

The members themselves have been contributing more to the meetings. Nearly every film shown has had an introduction by one of the members.

We have also had numerous lectures and demonstrations given on a wide variety of scientific topics including 'Radio-activity' and 'The Harmful Effects of Smoking'.

Chairman: P. M. G. Reynolds; Secretary/Treasurer: T. I. Gray; Committee Members: B. M. S. Borland, L. W. Bell.

T.I.G.

The Scripture Union

MEMBERSHIP increased in September owing to the influx of members from various prep. schools and now stands at forty-nine. This year Mr. Studholme led the junior section and F. R. Bell took the senior section. We are grateful to Mr. Studholme for arranging for some of his friends to come and speak to us during the Spring Term. They also provided a bit of variety, teaching us some community songs, sung to a guitar.

During the Winter and Spring Terms the junior section had many discussions on general topics from the Old Testament, while the senior section had talks and discussions on specific parts of the Bible. In the Summer Term meetings were held every Sunday after Chapel. Both sections studied parts of the Bible in conjunction with the beliefs of our Faith. These

included Prayer, Forgiveness, the Church, Temptation, and the Holy Spirit. On 12th July the Rev. F. Routledge Bell gave a very interesting talk on Roman Catholicism.

F.R.B.

Shakespeare Society

THE Society has continued to read a small proportion of modern plays as well as the normal diet of Shakespeare, and once again it has often been these plays which have produced the most spirited reading and discussion. It has been a notable year, however, with two outstanding readings: One was "The Merry Wives of Windsor" (a triumph for the masters' wives!) and the other was Osborne's "Luther". In addition, the experiment of venturing outside the school circle of hosts upon the very kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stewart of The Croft, Forgandenny, was greatly appreciated.

As usual, we are indebted to the wives of the Staff for their unflagging generosity in housing our meetings and for their excellent reading. The plays read and their respective hosts were:—Romeo and Juliet (Mrs. Young); Luther, by John Osborne (Mrs. Grigsby); The Winter's Tale (Mrs. Burnet); The Merchant of Venice (Mrs. McLellan); Breaking Point, by William Fairchild (Mrs. Fairbairn); Henry V (Mrs. Wormald); The Merry Wives of Windsor (Mrs. Stewart); and The Devils, by John Whiting (Mrs. Wilkie).

Borland has been succeeded as secretary by W. A. Brunton. The innovation of asking members of the English teaching staff to introduce the discussion and the grouping of readers under a leader for the preliminary discussion has proved most successful and we are grateful to Mr. Burnet, Mr. Spurgin, Mr. J. Williams and to Mr. Stewart for their interest in this respect.

G.R.S.

Stamp Club (Riley House)

THROUGHOUT this year the Stamp Club has flourished. There were competitions in the Winter and Spring Terms, and in the Summer Term the Club held an exhibition on Speech Day. The Secretary was A. C. Mutch.

A.C.M.

“Wing-Forward”

THE magazine got off to a rather bad start during the Winter Term and only one rather immature edition came to light. The Spring Term saw a reshuffle of editorial staff, and Mr. Johnson took over the arduous task of censor. New ideas flowed freely and two fairly polished editions appeared. As usual, there was plenty of criticism, but little of it was constructive. In the Summer Term the editorial staff made a final effort to bring out an edition that would be accepted with zeal, but lack of contributions brought all to naught. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Johnson for his very practical assistance and hope that next year will bring renewed vigour and a more positive response.

M.G.C.

Young Farmers' Club

It has been quite a successful year for the Club. There has been a variety of external as well as internal speakers, films and the occasional visit. Unfortunately, we were unable to go to the Eastern Area Rally this year, since it was held south of the Forth, but next year, as it will be nearer Perth, no doubt we will visit it. It is hoped that with the new examination system the annual visit to the Royal Highland Show will start again.

I should like to suggest that a more active part is played by members. The Club will only run efficiently with their support—moral as well as financial. There should be more discussions and speakers from among ourselves; not only does it brighten up the meetings, but they help to hold the Club together.

This year £2 10/- was collected by the Club in aid of Oxfam. We also sent one guinea towards a gift for Miss Maureen Grant, the Eastern Area Organizer, who retires from her post at the end of the year. She has been very helpful to our Club in the past and we will be sorry to see her go.

The Club now subscribes to the quarterly magazine, “Scottish Agriculture”.

Office-bearers for 1963/64 have been: M. I. M. Dawson, President; K. J. Darling, Treasurer; A. M. Cumming, Secretary; J. P. Cappon, R. H. D. Gunn, K. Tindal, and W. A. Macmillan, Committee members.

A.M.C.

Combined Cadet Force

FOR the first time this year we have practised the new rifle drill both for the Army Proficiency Certificate and at the General Inspection. It has been a remarkably smooth change-over, and our thanks are specially due to R.S.M. Norris of the Black Watch, who not only instructed the O.C. and a group of N.C.O.s in the movements, but also came over for several rehearsals for the Inspection parade.

The examination for the Army Proficiency Certificate took place on 24th March and we had excellent results with 46 out of 49 passing. On the same day all four candidates passed their Signals classification, and great credit is due to Sergt. Gray and his N.C.O. instructors.

During the year we have again had the assistance of the H.Q. R.A. from Perth and are extremely grateful for their regular attendance.

During the Easter holidays Mr. Thomson once again conducted a camp at Rothiemurchus, and we thank him and Mr. Craig for their willing assistance. We were particularly lucky to have the assistance of two members of the R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Team. The week was judged a great success.

The O.C. paid a visit to the R.A.F. Camp at Henlow, where he lived very much more comfortably than at the following camp at Stromness! It was particularly interesting visiting the School for training R.A.F. technical officer cadets, and it is obviously a very good career for those suitably qualified with Science A Levels. He enjoyed his first flight in a Chipmunk, and sporting his kilt in England.

An extremely beneficial and enjoyable Army Camp was spent in the Orkneys and all who went will remember it for many reasons. The poem by Captain Hamish Blair, that we had all learnt by heart before going, proved to be quite unjustified, for we enjoyed the challenge of doing everything for ourselves, the interest and atmosphere of the ancient remains, the glorious scenery, the toughness of the training, the arduous journeys there and back, and not least the warm welcome of the inhabitants of Stromness, both official and private. There seemed to be a lot of girls waving good-bye as the *St. Ola* steamed away.

The Navy section were rather scattered for camp, but the O.C. is hoping to pay them a visit in the near future.

During the Summer Term we had a visit from the Naval Member of the Joint Cadet Executive, Ministry of Defence, who was nearly assassinated when the mast broke in two. This, to say the least, was not the most opportune occasion, but it did mean that we got a new mast for the Speech Day retreat. We also had a new position, for the Scout Wood is no longer a suitable background. It was held just to the right of the pavilion. The parade, under Coxswain Roy, was most moving and extremely smart. P./M. Borland and the Band were outstanding, Sloan and Donald, J. S., piped, and Sharp and Gardner played the bugle. The parade was a great credit to the C.C.F. and the School.

At Glasgow our individual pipers did well, though the Band did not do so well at Glenalmond. Cadet Mure and A./B. Smith, J. N., are to be warmly congratulated on being first and second in the Highland Dancing and the Strathallan team was placed second.

The General Inspection took place on the 12th June, when the Inspecting Officer was Colonel R. C. Robertson-MacLeod, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., B.A. The parade was very smart and the march-past excellent. Unfortunately a number of cadets took it into their heads to faint. Amongst the demonstrations that were seen were a vigorous naval assault up a cliff face, a camouflage demonstration by the junior platoons, and field cooking and civil defence by the Pre-Service section. U./O. Prophet was in charge of the parade.

We are greatly indebted to the Rev. W. Forbes and Mr. Elder and their colleagues of the Civil Defence for all the assistance they have been giving us with the Pre-Service section, and they are soon to test out their field kitchen by cooking lunch for about 100!

Several cadets took part in a Signals T.A. exercise with 51 (H) Sigs. Regiment T.A., and a number of others have attended courses in the holidays.

We were very glad to welcome F./O. R. N. Johnson into the Corps in September, 1963. We say good-bye to a number of senior cadets and wish them all the best in the future.

Senior Cadets:—Under Officer D. A. Cranston (Army); Under Officer J. M. Prophet (R.A.F.); Under Officer W. C. Roy (R.N.). Army Section:—C.Q.M.S. F. R. Bell, P./Major Borland, Sergt. Gray, Sergt. Hitching, Sergt. Clement.

T.C.G.F.



Church Parade, Stromness

Corps Camp, 1964

ARMY Camp this year, further afield and more enterprising than usual, was held at Stromness in the Orkney Islands, where a highly enjoyable and most successful week was spent.

The party that set off from Aberdeen aboard the M.V. St. Ninian was, because of a few last-minute withdrawals, legitimate and otherwise, smaller than expected. This was a great pity, as there were several people very keen to go to Camp, but unable to, due to restriction of numbers.

The journey up to Kirkwall, the main town of the Orkneys, was a fairly rough one, and a number of people were sea-sick, though most of us, taking the advice that the best place to be in stormy weather is flat on your back in a bunk, disappeared below deck, spending a comparatively comfortable, if sleepless night, and emerging again only well after we had reached Kirkwall. Our first impression of Orkney, at 7 o'clock on a Wednesday morning, was not an inspiring one. Everything was grey—grey sky, grey land, grey sea—and a light mist hung over the town. However, after a hot breakfast, the prospect brightened considerably, and in high spirits we set off

by bus across the islands on the last stage of our journey to the Camp, an old war-time artillery battery, now used only for short camps.

As soon as we reached the Camp, no time was lost in unpacking and settling in, before we set off again on our various activities for the day. During our stay we were split up into four groups, each group doing a different thing each day.

Everybody spent a day at one time or another in the hills, practising field movements, crawling amongst the heather, furiously firing off blanks at an all too visible enemy, and another rather cold day at a shooting range. Most people, too, spent one day hiking to some of the ancient monuments within walking distance of the Camp. Of these, the prehistoric village of Skara Brae, the oldest and most perfect of its type in Britain, if not in Europe, proved most interesting. The village consisted of eight huts, all in a remarkably good state of preservation, with remains of several older huts, that were covered by sand possibly about three thousand years ago, and which had remained unsuspected and unexcavated beneath the sand until 1850. Of interest, too, was another prehistoric remain, Maes Howe, which appeared nothing more than a huge grassy mound from outside but which in reality contained a tunnel leading to a central stone chamber, with side-chambers going off which had been used in ancient times as a burial-place. It had been plundered in the 12th century by Norsemen, and they had left evidence of their exploit carved on the walls of the chamber in the form of the largest collection of runic inscriptions anywhere in the world.

It had been the original intention for each group to spend a day on the neighbouring island of Hoy, spending the night in the Youth Hostel, but because of the mist and rough sea only one group managed to do this. Everyone agreed that this was, without any possible doubt, the most enjoyable day of camp. We left Stromness early on the Friday morning, and after three-quarters of an hour in a small boat we reached Hoy. After walking up to the hostel, we all set off to walk round the north-east coast of the island. A steep and strenuous climb took us to the top of what are the highest perpendicular cliffs in Great Britain—1,058 feet—where we had lunch. Then we followed round the coast, where we found the most magnificent cliff scenery, to the world-famous Old Man of Hoy, a huge pillar of rock protruding 350 feet straight out of the sea. Cutting back across the island, the party split up, one half deciding to get back to the hostel by going round a mountain, and the other half by going over it. Once back at the hostel we had to prepare our own meal, and I think

Darling requires special mention as an excellent chef. After the meal was over, the dishes washed and fires lit, we were paid a visit by the old postmaster of the island, and the evening was spent listening to his yarns. During the night the wind strengthened and next morning the sea looked dangerously high. We reached the jetty from which we were to set off, and found the waves breaking right over it. The small launch, despite a gallant effort, was unable to draw alongside to pick us up, and we began to despair of getting back to the mainland for the week-end. Our hopes were raised, however, when we saw the weekly mail-boat approaching, but even it did not manage to take us aboard. Eventually we walked round to a sheltered bay, where we were slowly and laboriously ferried out to the launch, and after an extremely rough, and what seemed very dangerous journey, we reached Stromness again, two and a half hours late, and very relieved that we had survived the crossing intact.

Saturday afternoon we were set free, and for those of us who wanted, a bus was arranged to go into Kirkwall. On Sunday morning we marched from a camp to church in Stromness and back, and in the afternoon we were allowed to do what we wanted. A bus tour round the island was arranged for any who wished, and amongst the places of interest we visited were Scapa Flow, where the Royal Oak was sunk during the last war, the Churchill Barriers, and the chapel built by Italian prisoners-of-war. Sunday evening was spent packing and tidying up, ready for our departure next morning.

Early on Monday morning we marched down to Stromness and boarded the St. Ola, bound for Scrabster. After a two-hour journey we arrived and in the six hours spare that we had before the train left Thurso at 5 p.m., we visited John o' Groats, which turned out to be a ghastly anticlimax.

We set off from Thurso by train at 5 p.m. and after a long journey through the bleakness of Caithness we reached Inverness where we changed trains, finally arriving at Perth at 4.30 a.m. Just as dawn was breaking, we reached School, absolutely exhausted, and crashed our way up to the dorms., much to the annoyance of those people trying to sleep.

It was, in general, a very full and enjoyable camp. When we were there, we had to do most of the 'housework' ourselves. Those things such as lighting fires and washing up, which we normally take for granted, we had to do in turns. In this aspect Camp was extremely useful. I can say, without any doubt, that all of us who went to Orkney would not hesitate to return, surely a high compliment to an Army Camp.

R.M.S.



The Old Men of Hoy

The Jolly Orkneys

The Ninian's beds were jolly tough,
And most of us were sick enough;
The jolly sea was jolly rough,
To jolly Orkney.

No jolly breakfast waiting there;
Though when it came, 'twas jolly fair;
The camp itself was jolly bare
In jolly Orkney.

The boilers lit, at jolly five!
It's Borland's pipes, so look alive!
It's really not a jolly 'skive'
In jolly Orkney.

My blistered feet got jolly sore,
Seeing monuments and 'brochs' galore.
Three jolly cheers for jolly Corps!
In jolly Orkney.

The Stromness girls were jolly coy,
But glad to see a nice Strath boy.
I haven't yet seen jolly Hoy!
In jolly Orkney.

The Ola finished off the week
Of jolly blanks and Army reek.
But John o' Groats is jolly bleak
After jolly Orkney.

R.N. Section

Under-Officer—W. C. Roy (appointed Summer).

Coxswain—K. L. Mackenie (appointed Winter).

W. C. Roy (appointed Spring).

D. J. Currie (appointed Summer).

P.O.—A. W. Wilkinson (appointed Summer).

L.S.—B. G. Clark (appointed Winter).

P. M. Reynolds (appointed Winter).

C. D. Ferguson (appointed Summer).

A. J. Sloan (appointed Summer).

A. M. Cumming (appointed Summer).

A. Donald (appointed Summer).

THE Section this year has reached the highest in numbers, forty cadets being the full complement, at the end of the Winter Term. However, it is hoped that this number will be further extended next year to accommodate the large waiting list.

K. L. Mackenzie is to be congratulated on winning the Inter-Service Cadet Badge, which represents the highest standard of leadership obtainable by cadets.

Instruction of junior classes has been carried out well, and cadets have shown a willingness to learn as indicated by the excellent exam. results. Twenty-two people reached Proficiency standard and a further eight attained Advanced Proficiency during the course of the year.

The Section is to be congratulated on a fine performance both on parade and in training at the General Inspection. Furthermore the Section was well represented at Sunset Parade.

A great deal of practical work has been done this year with a view to encouraging initiative and leadership. The Commando exercise at the General Inspection was particularly successful. Davits have been built over the harbour down at

the pond and prove to be of use for the naval cutter. The Naval Room has been decorated and will be used for instruction in the coming year. A./B. Morrison has almost completed a very impressive model harbour, which will be used to instruct voyage and general coastal navigation to cadets entering the Section next year. These additional instructional aids should prove to be very useful in the future. Annual training has, on the whole, been successful. Many boys have gone on courses in the holidays as well, covering aviation, gunnery and navigation. Visits to Denmark and Gibraltar will be taking place during the summer holidays. During the year a most successful innovation has been week-end cruises on the Tay Division minesweeper H.M.S. Montrose, which has accommodated cadets almost every week-end. On Field Day the Section visited the submarine depot at Faslane, where H.M.S. Dreadnought, the new atomic submarine, is based, and some of the Section also visited H.M.S. Osiris (submarine) on a good-*wee* visit to Dundee.

This year we were privileged to be visited by the Naval Member of the S.C.E., who was touring Scottish Naval sections. His visit was highlighted by the collapse of our old mast, and this disaster appears to have had two advantages—Strathallan is now on the map as far as the R.N. Section is concerned, and we hope this ‘aide-memoire’ will accelerate the arrival of our new boat. Also we at last got our new mast as a result!

W.C.R.

Naval Camps

WE were fortunate in being offered eight places on H.M.S. Urchin for her annual cruise with the rest of the Dartmouth Training Squadron. This year, 1963, we were going to Mergat, a small fishing village, unspoilt by tourists, in Douarnenez Bay, just south of Brest in Brittany.

We left Strathallan a few days before the end of the Summer Term and travelled down to Plymouth by train. The next morning, having boarded ship late in the afternoon, we sailed out of harbour in squadron formation. There are five ships in the Dartmouth training squadron: H.M.S. Tenby, the leader; H.M.S. Wizard, H.M.S. Venus, H.M.S. Torquay, and, lastly, H.M.S. Urchin, who ended her commission this year and is due to be scrapped, if the Egyptians won't buy her. They are all anti-submarine frigates and carry a 4 in. aft the bridge besides the two sets of three mortars.

We hadn't been out of harbour very long before our squadron was subject to a fighter attack by the R.A.F. who seemed to appear from nowhere and swoop over us in offensive action. The ship ahead of us opened fire with her 4 in. and the fighters peeled off and returned to Biggin Hill for tea. (Unfortunately, when we fired our 4 in., the rivets in our quarterdeck were liable to "ping" out so we couldn't retaliate.) However, after that brief interruption, we were paid a visit by Captain F. (Frigates) from Tenby via the light jackstay transfer that was rigged between our two ships. We then towed each other—an interesting operation which we cadets rigged from the charthouse roof. We also had some mortar firing and lifeboat drill.

After lunch we found ourselves nearing Falmouth, a quaint fishing town on the Cornish coast. We tied up there and our ship was open to visitors who weren't slow in arriving, for we were literally swamped by crowds of locals and holiday-makers who wandered all over the ship.

We, or at least the port watch, were allowed shore leave till about 10.30 p.m. that night. At 9 a.m. next morning we sailed, this time for France. The other ships in the squadron had gone to other ports along the South Coast and we joined up at a prearranged point—somewhere in the Channel. Towards evening we parted company with the squadron and by dusk there was no sign of the other ships. We were told that this was all part of an exercise in which we had to defend our ship against attack from the others.

During the night a majority of us had to do a two-hour trick—an hour as lookout on the bridge and an hour at the wheel. We were shown around operations room but most of what was there was restricted. However, next morning we learned that we had been sunk—an enemy sailor apparently managed to sneak on board.

Later that day we reached Douarnenez Bay where we dropped anchor with the rest of the squadron. And there we spent the next four days with glorious weather. Strathallan won their heats for the pulling race and got into the finals but, unfortunately, we didn't win. The squadron regatta was absolutely hilarious and tremendous fun but, alas there's not space enough to relate all that happened in these few happy days on French territory, but let it suffice to say that we all thoroughly enjoyed the whole cruise and were truly sorry to leave and return to England.

H.M.S. Excellent

A./B.s Pow and Morrison spent an interesting week, from September 1st to 7th, on a gunnery course at H.M.S. Excellent. On arrival at Portsmouth station we were transported to the Fraser Gunnery Range along with other cadets from various sections all over the country.

Our week's training included lectures on missiles and guns, visits to the gunnery museum at H.M.S. Excellent, practice firing with Bofors, pistols and .303s and lots of drill thrown in. In our last day at camp we sat the basic gunnery exam, which was part written and part drill. We both were relieved to have passed and this ended a fairly arduous but rewarding week of training.

H.M.S. Dolphin

TWENTY cadets and one officer also spent a week at our regular 'junior' camp location 'on board' H.M.S. Dolphin, the Portsmouth submarine base. Training included days on board H.M.S. Ajax in dry dock, a Leander class on trials in Spithead, and two days on the Vernon minesweepers which took us right round the Isle of Wight and to Southampton.

Unfortunately, although the entire submarine squadron was at Dolphin, none went to sea and we only helped to 'bull' them up.

D.R.M.

R.A.F. Section, 1963-64

THE Section was larger than ever before with a total number of 45 cadets, the maximum number permitted by the Air Ministry. The Section was very senior as is borne out by the number of N.C.O.s. A third officer, Flying Officer Johnson, joined Flight Lieutenant Wormald and Flying Officer Barker.

The Section maintained its high shooting standards; the 'A' team won the Scottish Air Cadets First Division championship—the Cadell Cup and the 'B' team the Wyllie Cup for the Second Division championship. The first time these have both been held by a C.C.F. unit simultaneously and the first time Strathallan have won either. After last year's tie for first place in the British "Assegai" shooting trophy with Nottingham High School, we improved our score this year, but again tied with them, but this time for second place.

Gliding also maintained its usual interest: Six cadets obtained their A and B licences and one cadet, Reid, C.D., was selected to try for his C licence.

Three cadets were awarded Junior Wings Scholarships which enables them to reach solo standard in light aircraft. In the only area in Scotland (Perth and Kinross) picked for this scheme, only fifteen people were selected to try this Junior Wings scheme. One cadet was awarded a full flying scholarship.

Thirty-two cadets had their Advanced Proficiency—despite the new Advanced syllabus. This, according to H.Q. Air Cadets, is the highest percentage of any Cadet Unit in Britain. Now that cadets are coming straight into the Section from pre-service, the syllabus will take almost a year longer and so the percentage of Advanced cadets will probably never be as high again.

The Section had its highest number of cadets at an annual camp this year and this was held at the R.A.F. Technical College at Henlow during the Easter Holidays. They had an enjoyable time as usual. Our activities at camp are described elsewhere.

During the Summer Term the Section successfully took part in the General Inspection and Sunset Parades in the usual manner. Flight Sergeant Strachan and Corporal Keech made a control line aeroplane for the use of the section which operated very successfully towards the end of term. Throughout the year the Section have been watching the "War in the Air" series which were very much appreciated, especially on cold afternoons, and were also very instructional. Corps for the year was ended by an enjoyable dinghy race down the Earn although one team took almost three hours and then did not complete the course.

J.M.P.

N.C.O.s

Under Officer—J. M. Prophet.

Flight Sergeant—D. N. Strachan.

Sergeants—R. H. D. Gunn, D. Franklin, R. Wilkie.

Corporals—N. F. Macmillan, J. R. N. Keech, I. C. Ross,

L. D. C. Siedlé, A. G. Houston, J. P. Galbraith, I. S.

Primrose, C. C. Wearmouth and A. L. Wingate.

R.A.F. Camp

THE annual R.A.F. camp this year took place at the Technical College, Henlow, in Bedfordshire. The college has recently had a new wing added for the cadets, which is luxurious to say the least: We saw over it the Tuesday before we left. With

typical War Office efficiency, the new wing was hardly finished before it was decided that the College would be moved to Cranwell!

On Wednesday, the 8th, we were collected at Hitchin by R.A.F. bus, and taken to Henlow where we were immediately smothered under wads of bedding and shown to our huts, which were in the middle of the camp. The rest of the night we spent trying to find our way round the camp, which some accomplished without trouble, while others proceeded to lose themselves with equally little trouble!

The next morning we were given an introductory talk by the Group Captain's Aide, Flight Lieutenant Hewett, in which he assured us that several people were "jolly good chaps" who we would do well to humour, one of these was the sergeant in charge of messing, and when we saw the quality and choice of food served up, we all were of the opinion that he at least was a "jolly good chap".

The next few days we had little time to think until evening. We visited all the technical apparatus which was stored in rooms that were a very fair imitation of the Sahara desert, and most of us soon lost all interest in the machines that looked very much the same anyway, longing instead for a breath of cool air and a cold drink. Unfortunately, the instructors, with few exceptions, evidently thought that we couldn't fail to be interested in their speciality, and these visits were henceforth looked upon with extreme distaste.

The parachute packing room was interesting, and the heat was bearable. Everyone seemed to be of the opinion that it was worthwhile visiting, possibly because it was simple and down to earth. The arms museum appeared to arouse most interest, apart from the flying, and the guns and aircraft were well worth seeing. One couldn't help thinking, when looking at the Jap Kamakase jet, that one would at least prefer a more comfortable seat to die on! The machine guns carried in aircraft now and during the last war made one wonder how the planes ever flew, especially that used by the tank-buster Hurricanes.

Everyone tried for their marksman badge at camp, and we were given 1,726 rounds of .303 ammo. to shoot off in two mornings. Though shooting continued non-stop both mornings we still had enough bullets to spare for snap targets and bren practice. We had a competition between cadets and N.C.O.s, which the cadets won, though they had fewer holes in the target than the N.C.O.s. Probably the N.C.O.s weren't really trying, they have to give the cadets a chance sometimes!

The flying was the part of the camp that everyone looked forward to, even those who felt a little queasy during aerobatics. The pilots managed to give everyone two and half hour flights, though many had longer. One or two didn't relish the thought of going up on the last Tuesday as it was rather bumpy. There was also gliding, but it didn't seem so popular, probably because you felt the pilots were out for purely their own enjoyment and it also seemed rather inefficiently run compared with the Arbroath gliding station.

We also visited the swimming pool at Halton where everyone managed to get their 'X' certificate for swimming four and a half lengths using breaststroke, back and front crawl, except one chap who got cramp half-way through.

The camp was, on the whole, a good one, and the weather was on our side.

L.D.C.S.

Pre-Service

All junior boys now spend four terms in Pre-Service before joining the Corps, and our numbers have consequently been expanding up to a Summer Term peak of 81.

Of two notable innovations this year, one has been the hospital visiting scheme, whereby week by week parties of 8-10 boys have gone to two geriatric wards in Bridge of Earn Hospital to cheer up old people with draughts, dominoes, and youthful chat. A photograph appears elsewhere.

The second scheme has been the outdoor cooking range, which we have constructed during the Summer Term under the skilled guidance of the Rev. J. M. Forbes and Mr. Elder of the Perth and Kinross Civil Defence. This will be operational on Field Day next October, when it will be used to provide lunch for the 110 or so whom we shall then have in Pre-Service.

This year has also seen a broadening and enlarging of all our activities which have as before included map-reading, shooting, drill, first aid, light rescue and cookery. We have provided opportunities as far as possible for leadership training in small groups in the outside activities, most notably on Field Day which was spent on an Elephant Hunt in the Amulree-Kenmore-Aberfeldy area. To everyone's chagrin no live specimens were taken. However, a few heavy-footed masters provided sufficient false trails to keep hopes high throughout the day.

Light rescue has continued to be a main feature of training, and was again the subject of a highly successful demonstration on General Inspection day. Three First Aid courses have been



Pre-Service — Hospital Visits

run—on in each term—and the cut-away engine has been in constant use for class instruction. Small groups have also been learning how to use calculating machines, and in the Summer Term other groups have assisted in carrying out a survey of the wild flowers of the area. Also in the Summer Term parties have gone to visit the nearby hill-fort on Castle Law.

On May 31st a party of 40 visited Taymouth Castle and took part as homeless waifs and strays in a Civil Defence scheme there. Later in the term visits were arranged to the fire station and telephone exchange.

Opportunities were given in the summer for doing 15-mile hikes at the week-ends. Camps were made at Lochmill Farm, Newburgh, and at Cock Law in the Ochils, and a record number of 31 such hikes took place. Some counted as Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions.

The Pre-Service House Competition covered map-reading, shooting, drill, "elephant hunting" and tests on the various courses. The cup was creditably retained by Freeland.

Thanks are due for their assistance to Mrs. Campbell and Miss Speakman for First Aid lectures, and to Dr. Mackenzie for conducting a First Aid exam.; to Mrs. Wilkie for cookery classes; to Perth and Kinross Civil Defence Committee for supplying instructors and loan of equipment; to the Firemaster,

Perth and Kinross Fire Brigade, and the Head Postmaster, Perth, for arranging visits; and to all masters who assisted with transport on Field Day, and also those who have driven boys down to the hospital.

The instructors throughout the year have been Cpl. Ferguson, L./Cpls. Atherton, Fawcett and Donald, Cpls. Ross and Caldwell, L./Cpls. Lyszkowski and Mackay, L./S. Cumming, L./Cpl. Kyle, G. R. Eadie, R. J. Elder, P. G. McCallum and I. S. Primrose.

N.D.T.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

WE have been able to improve still further this year our facilities for training and testing and can now offer all deserving boys who indicate their interest at the start of the school careers full adult assistance with all stages of the Scheme.

One of the disappointing features of its operation so far in Strathallan has been the very small number of boys who have gone on from the Bronze Award to qualify for Silver (three



Pre-Service — The Range

out of 19)—it is hoped that this wastage rate will diminish now that we have succeeded in making full facilities available. The following statistics of awards gained since the Scheme started here in Autumn, 1959, may be of interest:—

			<i>Total Awards Gained</i>	<i>Nos. Currently Taking Part</i>
Bronze	...	...	19	16
Silver	...	...	22	4
Gold	...	...	3	3

Regarding this year's activities, we are grateful to Mrs. E. Campbell and Miss A. Speakman for First Aid classes in Pre-Service, and to masters who have carried out various pursuit tests. A record number of 40 boys have taken part in expeditions either at week-ends in the Summer Term or from camp at Rothiemurchus. A Duke of Edinburgh Local Awards Committee representing all users in Perthshire was formed this February, on which the School is represented. We look forward to co-operation later with other operators in the county.

Awards for 1963 were presented by the Headmaster to the following on 16th December:—Silver: D. I. Ferguson, R. G. Lawson, I. S. Primrose. Bronze: R. D. Anderson, G. E. Eadie, R. A. Lamb, N. F. Wallace.

N.D.T.

Rothiemurchus, 1964

TWELVE boys attended this year, including Pradipasen who came up from London to spend a couple of days between music exams. The adults of the party were Messrs. Thomson and Craig, and Jimmy and Danny from the R.A.F. Leuchars Mountain Rescue Team, whom we all rapidly took to heart. They brought with them a Thomas stretcher, ropes, ice-axes, and other climbing paraphernalia, which we used under their instruction for cliff-lowering, river-crossing, snow-climbing and the like. Day training of this sort occupied the first four days—the remainder were set aside for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Ferguson, Kyle, Willson-White and Lawson hiked from Rothiemurchus to Blair Atholl en route for home, thereby completing a Gold Award hike. They seemed little put out by the deluge on Sunday which caused the abandonment of the Silver Series expedition. They (Anderson, Elder, Lamb, Tseng and Turner) were making for the Shelter Stone, but in appalling conditions wisely found their way to Glenmore Lodge instead. This was, climatically speaking, our only bad day.

*Rothiemurchus*

The amenities of the Hut were much as before, and little silver piles of compo tins once again betrayed our diet. Mr. Thomson collected a three-ton lorry from C.V.D., Irvine, which gave good service and was invaluable to our plans. Mr. Craig also brought his Land Rover, which assisted greatly.

There were several opportunities to visit Aviemore in the evenings, and on two occasions we received invitations to the Dell Hotel where the British Council were holding their annual course for foreign students. On the first occasion we joined forces with them for a lecture with slides on the Cairngorm Nature Reserve by Mr. J. Grant Roger of the Nature Conservancy. Then Pradipasen, Ferguson, Lamb and Tseng entertained with Scottish dance music which they all enjoyed, though the ultimate success of this evening was assured by a vaguely recognisable troupe of guitar-plucking minstrels, only just distinguishable from some more famous counterparts! Around 1 a.m. the party dispersed and the French girls were somehow disentangled. Then bustle on to the back of the lorry for a (Highland) fling up the Rothiemurchus road. It is said that only those who have experienced this can adequately appreciate the care and consideration which Mr. Thomson lavishes on his passengers on such occasions.

On the second visit to the Dell, we were invited to the students' farewell party, and a bunch of hardy hikers, who might otherwise have been cowering in the Shelter Stone seemed to have no regrets at the unexpected change of plan!

Those present were:—R. D. Anderson, J. C. Atherton, R. J. Elder, D. L. Ferguson, R. D. Kyle, R. A. Lamb, R. G. Lawson, K. Mills, L. Tseng, R. M. Turner, and C. A. Willson-White.

Thanks are again due to Col. Grant for his co-operation, to Mr. Fairbairn for organising things from the Corps point of view, and to all others who helped us in any way.

N.D.T.

HOUSE NOTES

Freeland House Report, 1963-64

The House Captain for the Winter Term, 1963, was D. R. Anderson, and for the Spring and Summer Terms, J. R. N. Keech.

School offices were held by the following members of the House:—Captain of Fives, D. R. Anderson and J. R. N. Keech; Captain of Hockey, J. R. N. Keech; Captain of Athletics and Pipe Major, B. M. S. Borland; Captain of Sailing, J. C. Atherton; School Librarian, Editor of *Strathallian* and Wing Forward, M. G. Clark.

Governors' prizes were awarded on Speech Day to J. R. N. Keech for Geography, to B. M. S. Borland for Biology, and to M. G. Clark for English Essay. M. G. Clark also won a Classics Prize at the end of term, and J. F. Davidson the Maths. Essay Prize. Form prizes were won or shared by J. B. S. Chapman, R. J. S. Smith, G. W. T. Smith, and K. W. Gillanders.

Only D. R. Anderson won full colours for rugby but Freeland had the better of a dour struggle with Simpson to win all three Senior House matches and the Cup. The Juniors also succeeded in winning all their matches and the Cup. Freeland were well represented in the School Shooting Team, and the House retained the Shooting Cup.

In the Spring Term Freeland were runners-up for the Hockey Cup and K. J. Darling won the Senior Cross-Country. Keech captained the rest in the Final Schoolboys' Hockey Trial, but was not selected for the team. The studyholders' section of the House Run was won by Darling, and the commoners' by A. W. S. Fea. The House also won the Pre-Service Cup, and the Goal-Kicking Cup.

Only I. S. Primrose played regularly for the First XI and Freeland were placed last in the Senior Cricket. In Athletics also the House was last despite good individual achievements, including D. D. C. Biggart's being awarded the Junior Victor Ludorum. In the Swimming Sports, Pott established a new record for the hundred yards breaststroke, and A. A. Clark, Pott and Keech established a new record for the Senior House Relay. Freeland retained the House Sailing Cup. Individual Shooting, Piping and Drumming Cups were lost but G. L. H. Mure and J. N. Smith were placed first and second in the Individual Highland Dancing at the East of Scotland Schools' Band Competition.

School Prefects:

D. R. ANDERSON, J. R. N. KEECH and B. M. S. BORLAND

House Prefects:

W. W. QUARRY, I. K. LAMONT, D. L. FERGUSON,
C. C. WEARMOUTH, K. J. DARLING, J. C. ATHERTON.

House Captains of Sport:

Rugby: D. R. ANDERSON
Hockey and Fives: J. R. N. KEECH
Boxing, Athletics and Cross-Country:
B. M. S. BORLAND
Shooting: W. W. QUARRY
Cricket: F. B. McKEEVER

Tennis: D. C. P. GRAHAM
Swimming: N. F. M. POTT
Sailing: J. C. ATHERTON
Music: G. P. GRANDISON
Librarian: M. G. CLARK

Nicol House Report, 1963-64

Although we may not have gained a large number of cups, we have been well represented in School teams and no effort has been spared. Roy and A. G. Houston were in the 1st XV, and Sloan, B. A. A. Robertson, D. A. Scott, Melville and A. D. Reid played in the Hockey 1st XI. In the Summer Term Sloan, Melville, W. G. Reid and Trusdale played regularly for the 1st XI. Wilkinson swam for the School in the Bath Cup competition in London, and G. R. Sharp was middle swimming champion of the School.

The Junior Section of the House proved to have a great deal of potential on the sports field which could be of good use in the future. We shared the junior cricket trophy and did very well in the minor rugby. A good effort from all concerned won us the cross-country cup, and we came first in the athletics standards.

As now seems customary in Nicol, we had a large number in the Pipe Band. Gray was leading drummer and A. D. Reid, G. G. Wallace, W. A. Macmillan, A. G. Macmillan

and R. C. Paton were members of the band. Gray and Reid are to be congratulated on winning the Solo Drumming and Piping Cups respectively. W. J. S. Grant also won the Junior Solo Drumming.

W. G. Reid was awarded the Chemistry Prize, and Roy the Geography Fieldwork Prize on Speech Day. Many former members of the House will be interested to hear that the original Housemaster of Nicol, Mr. W. Amour, was present on that occasion.

Once again a number of seniors are leaving, and it is hoped that those returning will maintain the high standard of effort and enthusiasm which will be expected of them.

W.C.R.

House Captain:

A. V. HITCHING, W. C. ROY (Summer)

Vice-Captain:

V. A. N. SWINDALL

House Prefects:

B. G. CLARK, T. I. GRAY, A. J. SLOAN, B. A. A. ROBERTSON,
A. W. WILKINSON

House Sports Captains:

Rugby: W. C. ROY

Swimming: A. W. WILKINSON

Cricket: A. J. SLOAN

Sailing: A. W. WILKINSON

Hockey: B. A. A. ROBERTSON

Fives: W. B. MELVILLE

Athletics: B. G. CLARK

Shooting: C. D. FERGUSON

Boxing—W. C. ROY

Tennis: V. A. N. SWINDALL

Cross-Country: A. V. HITCHING

Music: V. A. N. SWINDALL

House Colours were awarded to the following this year:

T. I. GRAY, V. A. N. SWINDALL, W. B. MELVILLE, W. G. REID,
T. N. TRUSDALE, B. G. CLARK, R. A. TAYLOR.

School Sports Captains:

Boxing: W. C. ROY, Golf: D. A. SCOTT.

Cross-Country: A. V. HITCHING.

Ruthven House Report, 1963-64

The House has had another good year, both academically and in sport. It is encouraging to see most boys taking part in some activity or another—this is more important than the actual winning of cups and medals—and their determination has indeed been largely successful. We have, however, been rather short of responsible seniors, and have had to rely heavily on a few individuals.

We congratulate P. M. G. Reynolds on being appointed Dux, and on gaining a place at Christ's, Cambridge. A. J. Fleming has played a leading part in the sporting success of the House for many years, and is surely the School's outstanding sportsman of the past decade. The House has been very proud of his cricketing, rugby and athletic achievements, and he has certainly inspired our teams; we congratulate him on his selection for the victorious London Scottish Schoolboys' XV, on his fifth season in the XI, and on his third senior Victor Ludorum title. He has been ably supported on the games field by M. I. M. Dawson, who will be the new Head of House. I. C. Ross has been awarded a Flying Scholarship in addition to his R.A.F. Scholarship, and K. A. I. Manson received the Governors' Prize for French.

Had our six strongest rugby players not been off injured for the first match, we might well have won the senior rugby trophy, though the spirited determination of the team earned our admiration. The junior cup was very narrowly lost, but we easily won the minor cup, and things look well for next season. Seven members of the House played at least once for the 1st XI, and Fleming and Dawson shared the bowling prize with over 50 wickets apiece. It is not surprising that we won the senior cricket cup, and our junior team shared their trophy with Nicol. Thanks to our middles and juniors (where several newcomers are very promising) we came second in the swimming competition, and we have high hopes for the future.

The loss of the cross-country cup was disappointing, though again the juniors did outstandingly well, and some of the seniors. The boxing team, however, won back their cup and gained several medals in addition. The shooting team failed to come up to standard, though here we would congratulate L. D. C. Siedl  on his most efficient captaincy of the School team. In the individual tennis championships, P. M. G. Reynolds, I. T. Carruthers and T. W. Burt all reached the semi-finals, Burt eventually losing the title to Galbraith. The year ended on an extremely high note, with a resounding victory—our fourth in succession—in the Athletics competition, where in addition to Fleming's triumphs, J. H. S. Black won the middle Victor Ludorum title. Our weakness was at junior level—we shall need to work hard next year if we are to retain our position.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Barker as House Tutor at Easter after several years of loyal work, but we welcomed Mr. Searle, whose coaching enthusiasm will be most valuable.

Due to Mr. MacLellan's ill-health towards the end of term, Mr. McNamara also was called on for some administrative help.

We say goodbye to P. M. G. Reynolds, A. J. Fleming, J. D. A. Brown, J. P. Cappon, K. A. I. Manson, and R. M. Scott, who are going up to university, 'A' Level examiners permitting. I. C. Ross goes to Cranwell, and L. D. C. Siedle is also entering the R.A.F. R. D. Kyle intends to study Law, and A. L. Wingate to become a Land Agent, while A. N. Macleod and K. Mills hope to take up engineering, marine and electrical respectively. We wish them all success and hope that they will keep in touch with us.

Head of House and Vice-Captain of School:

P. M. G. REYNOLDS

School Prefects:

A. J. FLEMING, M. I. M. DAWSON

House Prefects:

A. L. WINGATE, I. C. ROSS, J. D. A. BROWN,
J. P. CAPPON

House Captains of Sports:

Rugby: M. I. M. DAWSON, A. J. FLEMING,

Cricket: A. J. FLEMING, M. I. M. DAWSON

Hockey: M. I. M. DAWSON

Music: P. M. G. REYNOLDS

Athletics: A. J. FLEMING

Sailing: E. P. MACKAY

Boxing: M. I. M. DAWSON

Shooting: L. D. C. SIEDLE

Cross-Country:

Swimming: I. T. CARRUTHERS

P. M. G. REYNOLDS

Tennis: P. M. G. REYNOLDS

Fives: E. P. MACKAY

House Colours are held by:

A. J. FLEMING, M. I. M. DAWSON, J. D. A. BROWN,

R. G. LAWSON, P. M. G. REYNOLDS, I. T. CARRUTHERS,

J. H. S. BLACK, J. P. CAPPON

Simpson House Report, 1963-64

James Prophet, brother of Peter and Bill, has been School and House Captain and set everyone a splendid example. Clement, D. A. Cranston, Strachan and Currie have been School prefects; Weatherston, Pradipasen, Gunn, F. R. Bell, L. W. Bell, Wilkie, Macmillan (brother of I. R. A.) and Cumming have been the House prefects. It is a lot of authority, but we have had a very large number of seniors this year. D. A. Cranston has been Senior N.C.O. in the C.C.F. and

Prophet was in charge of the Air Section. L. W. Bell and Macmillan were on the Debating Society committee and were Librarians. The highlight of the year has been L. W. Bell's Open History Scholarship to King's College, Cambridge.

Prophet was School Captain of Rugger, and would have us believe that that was why we had ten boys in the 1st XV. Still, we missed the Rugger Cup. Strachan was School Captain of Cricket in a very successful year, but we had only two in the team. D. A. Cranston was again School Captain of Swimming and we won the House Cup with Keown as junior swimming champion. Wilkie was School Captain of Fencing and Pradipasen of Tennis. He stepped down from the individual tennis cup this year, which was won by Galbraith (brother of Robert and James). A new boy, Mackie, won the junior solo piping cup. We won the Fives Cup under Strachan's leadership. Pradipasen led the House to win the Music Cup for the second year running and he has left us to go to the Royal Academy of Music. Prophet has a definite place at Leicester University, and L. W. Bell has a year's scholarship at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., before he starts at King's. Others have places at universities depending on 'A' Level results. Cumming has been running the Young Farmers' Club. He is our House Captain next year and should keep up Prophet's high standards. F. R. Bell has run the Scripture Union and the Fly-Tying Club and he is off on an expedition to Iceland these holidays.

A few more things in no particular order in the end of term rush: Clement and Weatherston have been spending six months in Canada and the U.S.A. before starting at Downing College, Cambridge, and Glasgow University respectively. R. M. Lyszkowski got the prize for the best 'O' Levels in VA. School prizes won were: L. W. Bell (English and History), Macmillan (Classics), Pradipasen (Music), Dangerfield (Music Essay), Eadie (Physics Essay), Franklin (Chemistry Essay), A. Donald (Geography Fieldwork).

Lastly, we would note Currie's relative lack of success in the 1st XI, where his average for the term was little more than 50. In House matches, however, his average was 211. And I have been asked to note all the Yoga going on in the House. I only meet it when they are caught standing on their heads after lights-out, an activity that sums a few of them up admirably.

D.E.Y.

GAMES SECTION

Rugby Retrospect

THIS season saw the departure of Mr. Bland who had done so much for Strathallan's Rugby over the last few years. Mr. McNamara took over the coaching of the 1st XV.

As was expected, this was one of the School's most successful seasons. There were only three lost games during the season, those against Merchiston, Daniel Stewart's and Panmure. Of these three matches Daniel Stewart's was the most disappointing, for although they were worthy winners on the day, one felt that the School should have been able to win on past form. It is this sort of lapse which must be eliminated in the future if we are to have a wholly successful season. The match against Merchiston, which was hard and close-fought, was disappointing in that the School lost, but also gratifying for it proved beyond doubt that Strathallan's rugby is now on a par with the Edinburgh schools.

The success of the team this season has again been based on a high degree of fitness and an enthusiasm which enabled the team to overcome stronger opposition. The will to win, coupled with a horror of losing, has been, as it always will be, the greatest asset. Strathallan until the end of the Winter Term had as few points scored against them as any team in the British Isles, whilst the points scored for the School were a tribute to the attacking strength. The team was well balanced with strong mobile forwards, although rather light, all of whom handled the ball well and were capable of scoring points. The backs were sound in defence and were strong forceful runners who scored most of their points from orthodox movements and who were all capable of producing some unorthodox and enterprising play. They must be more than grateful to the forwards for the amount of ball which they received. The team was at its best against the stronger opposition. The games against Whitgift, Felsted, Watsons and Merchiston all produced Rugby of which the School can be proud. The tragedy is that one feels that although the School expects the team to win, they are not prepared to take an active role in their success. There is the anomaly of a tremendous team spirit side by side with poor support from the touchline. Any school team needs support and are very grateful for it, and this is one side of the School's Rugby which must be improved.

It is perhaps unfair to single out individual players from such a good team but Prophet and Fleming both played for the Scottish Schoolboys, and D. R. Anderson was unfortunate

not to have been selected. Fleming has been a prolific try scorer, and Anderson was a tremendous force in the forwards, both as a player and leader. Dawson at stand-off (his third season) contributed tremendously to the steadiness of the team and his absence against Stewart's was keenly felt. He is next year's captain. Prophet, the captain, is a player whom the team respected for his ability and dedication to all aspects of the game. He has been an excellent example to all of determination and leadership and was a main factor in the team's success.

The 2nd XV was potentially a strong side; however, the success which was expected came to nothing. With two of last year's 1st XV players, one would imagine the team to be one of Strathallan's stronger 2nd XV's. Several matches were lost by two or three points after games in which Strathallan had done a greater part of the attacking. The Second XV must be thanked for their determination when playing the 1st XV in practice.

J.M.P. and F.S.M.

September 5th—v. Old Boys—Home—Drew 6-6 (0-3)

The Old Boys team this year was very strong. The School, having their first match of the season, kicked off into the sun, and the Old Boys, with the help of outside half I. S. Gray's clever kicking, were soon pressing. This pattern was to continue throughout the first half, not because the School were losing the ball in the tight or in the line-outs but due to injuries; the half-backs were not very sure of themselves and lost opportunities of relieving the situation. After twenty minutes the Old Boys' efforts were rewarded when D. Clark kicked a penalty from 30 yards. After this the School seemed to improve slightly, but they lacked confidence. Both packs of forwards were fighting hard and the tackling on both sides was very good. However, the poor handling of the School's three-quarter line put Strathallan at a disadvantage.

The play in the second half was more even territorially, in fact the School had the balance. Currie levelled the scores with a penalty. Galbraith was much in evidence, stopping many rushes, but one counter-attack brought the Old Boys a try through A. M. Pate after further indecision by the School halves. The best try of the afternoon was scored by Galbraith, when he came into the line and scored in the corner.

This was a hard, open game and very enjoyable for the spectators.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; D. J. S. Currie, D. N. Strachan, G. A. R. Carver, A. J. Fleming; J. R. N. Keech, W. C. Roy; J. M. Prophet, J. D. Wallace, J. G. Clement, A. M. Cumming, F. R. Bell, I. K. Lamont, D. R. Anderson, R. Wilkie.

October 15th—v. Perth Academy—Away—Won 5-0 (5-0)

This was an exceedingly frustrating game to watch as the School were never really playing as a team but rather as individuals.

Strathallan kicked off downhill and into the wind. The run of play fluctuated from end to end throughout the game with the Academy holding the upper hand by their more co-ordinated aggression. There

was a great deal of kicking by both sides and Strathallan lost such by not stopping the rushes immediately. Although our back row was full of attack, its defence frequently let through the Academy fly half. Galbraith was fielding well and Sloan was doing some good kicking even though one or two were going astray. Penalties were missed by both Strathallan and the Academy and the one time when we scored was when the ball was thrown quickly right out to the wing—a rather infrequent occasion. This was done by Currie who promptly converted the try.

The second half continued in the same pattern as the first. One kick ahead by Sloan nearly put Strachan over and he was just stopped in front of the line. The school was hooking the ball well and was not losing much in the line out. However, as a team they did not use their advantages and as a result only just deserved to win.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; A. J. Sloan, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, R. Wilkie, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, D. R. Anderson, J. R. N. Keech.

October 19th—v. Edinburgh Academy—Home—Won 6-3 (6-3)

Most of this match was played in extremely unpleasant conditions. The Academy kicked off and scored from a penalty given in front of the posts in the first minute. But the School did not lose heart, the return of Dawson at stand-off making a big difference. An opportunist try by him, dummied through the opposing defence, soon levelled the scores. After this Strathallan adapted themselves to the conditions much better than the Academy. Good, strong kicking by Roy and Dawson mesmerised the visitors' full-back. All the forwards played with considerable fire, the back-row being particularly prominent. After a period of continuous pressure Currie scored from a penalty.

Throughout the second half the weather worsened, but the School's handling proved equal to the conditions. And so Strathallan achieved their first post-war victory against the Academy.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. M. Cumming, F. R. Bell, I. K. Lamont, D. R. Anderson, R. Wilkie.

October 22nd—v. Edinburgh Wanderers Colts—Home—Won 12-0 (3-0)

Strathallan kicked off on a pitch that was rather muddy. An ample supply of the ball was obtained both in the tight and loose by the School pack, which had much more cohesion than did that of the visitors. The back row dominated once again, and Galbraith fielded the greasy ball very well. The only score in the first half was a penalty kicked by Currie.

In the second half the School backs combined much better than hitherto, and with the Colts' forwards out of position, Fleming went over in the corner. The conversion was missed, but Dawson soon caught the visitors on the wrong foot and scored another try. The School were now playing good, open rugby and although the only further score came from a penalty they gave an excellent display of fitness and teamwork.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. M. Cumming, F. R. Bell, K. C. Tindall, R. Wilkie, I. K. Lamont.

October 25th—v. Felsted—Home—Won 18-0 (9-0)

Strathallan, with two changes from the team who beat Edinburgh Wanderers Colts, kicked off defending the pond end. After five minutes' rugged touch-line play Strathallan were awarded a penalty in front of the posts for a scrumage offence by Felsted. Currie scored an easy goal, putting Strathallan three points up. Felsted were not to be dispirited, however, and an excellent forward rush brought them to Strathallan's try-line where Tindall, after a fine piece of covering back, touched the ball down for a drop-out. Felsted, pressing hard, were soon awarded a penalty just outside the twenty-five, but the kick failed and Strathallan's drop out found a good touch. Prophet, jumping well in the line-out, had the ball back; it was dropped but Tindall, backing up well, booted it upfield and caught the opposing full-back in possession; there was a forward rush and Fleming scored. The conversion failed but Strathallan forwards were soon on the opponents' try-line again: Dawson missed a drop goal by inches. Seconds before half-time, Currie scored an easy goal from a penalty kick thirty yards out in front of the posts, making Strathallan nine points ahead.

Anderson caught the ball from the second-half kick-off, and gave it to the backs: it was passed to Currie, who cross-kicked back inside, where it was taken by the forwards and passed out to Fleming, who went over in the corner to score an outstanding try. Similar tactics only just failed to succeed again, and with good encouragement from the captain and well thought-out play in the three-quarter line, especially on the wings, the pressure was kept up. After fifteen minutes this resulted in another score, with Anderson coming in as an extra man in the three-quarter line and Fleming once again going over in the corner. From now till the end of the match Felsted were continually on the defensive. The ball repeatedly got out to the three-quarters, and a 'short' penalty gave Galbraith the chance to score. Fleming at this point had an attack of cramp in mid-field, but to the mingled amusement and admiration of the crowd he refused to go off and soon recovered. Felsted gained ground by a series of penalty kicks, and tried unsuccessfully to score a goal from the half-way line, but a free kick by Galbraith put the School team back into enemy territory. This was probably one of the finest displays of rugby football Strathallan has seen since defeating Glenalmond 17-3 in 1961.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, D. N. Strachan, G. A. R. Carver, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, F. R. Bell, A. M. Cumming, K. C. Tindall, D. R. Anderson, R. Wilkie.

October 30th—v. Dollar Academy—Home—Won 24-0 (13-0)

Strathallan kicked off with the wind and were soon pressing. The forwards and backs began to work together, and immediately Fleming scored in the corner. The pressure was maintained and Dawson was unlucky not to score a dropped goal. Good movements abounded, and both Fleming and Currie scored further tries, Currie converting both.

In the second half Currie soon scored from a penalty, and again we were treated to a fine display of open rugby. Further tries came from Fleming (2), but everyone played his part.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. M. Cumming, F. R. Bell, I. K. Lamont, D. R. Anderson, K. C. Tindall.

November 2nd—v. Whitgift—Home—Won 12-0 (3-0)

The visiting team took the field on the wet half-term morning with Strathallan defending the pond end.

Whitgift were swift to put the ball into touch from the kick-off, and within minutes were awarded a penalty within the Strathallan twenty-five, but failed to kick a goal and Dawson put Strathallan on the attack with a good kick out. Despite poor touch-kicking, the School team were able to press the Whitgift line, with good dummying by Fleming and Dawson. The Whitgift line-out stood three deep, leaving five Strathallan forwards unmarked—a tactic never seen in school rugby before. Whitgift's first really penetrating attack, five minutes before half-time, was foiled by a good kick by Roy. Just before half-time, Strathallan were awarded a penalty, and from twenty yards out Currie scored with a kick to establish a three-point lead.

After half-time the School team had to press hard to prevent Whitgift breaking out, and after fifteen minutes throwing the ball around near the opponents' line Currie went over in the corner, scoring a try which he failed to convert. Strathallan was soon on the attack again, but Whitgift's cover defence was too good. Several forward rushes in the mud culminated in a loose scrum from which the ball was had out very quickly blind, and Currie once again went over in the corner. This was not converted, and with the score at 9-0 Whitgift found new vigour, but the resulting penalty near the School's line still did not enable them to get through the Strathallan three-quarters. Eventually, another forward rush took Strathallan right back into the Whitgift half, and a loose scrum gave Carver the chance to score beside the post. The conversion failed as the final whistle was blown.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, F. R. Bell, A. M. Cumming, K. C. Tindall, D. R. Anderson, R. Wilkie.

November 7th—v. Morrison's Academy—Home—Won 24-0 (11-0)

Morrison's kicked off on a cold day, and after only a few minutes of strong School attacking, Fleming scored on the left. The halves combined well, and the back line was much in evidence. Currie increased the score with a well-taken penalty, and then after a movement in which backs and forwards all handled, Anderson scored under the posts. Currie duly converted.

The second half followed much the same pattern, except that Fleming's early try was converted this time. The forwards were giving the backs time to move, and Dawson made a fine break down the middle, Currie finally going over, and adding two more points for the conversion. Shortly before no-side Fleming scored following a quick heel.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. M. Prophet, J. D. Wallace, J. G. Clement, R. Wilkie, A. M. Cumming, K. C. Tindall, D. R. Anderson, I. K. Lamont.

November 9th—v. Merchiston Castle School—Away—Lost 0-3 (0-0)

Merchiston kicked off, and took the game straight into the School half, where neither side gained much advantage. Early on, the fiery and heavier Merchiston forwards were superior with the shove and

hook, but the Strathallan forwards were quicker and more active in the loose. The play moved up and down the field, and both teams were awarded penalties within their opponents' twenty-fives without result, although there were some very tense moments for the few but hearty Strathallan supporters when, with the Merchiston forwards on the line, Strathallan managed to hold their ground in several scrummages until the ball was safely cleared down the touch-line. In the first half, the Strathallan backs got little of the ball from the scrums, whilst the Merchiston stand-off made full use of touch to bring the play into the School's half. However, despite another penalty kick at goal by Merchiston, there was no score at half-time, and the outlook was still promising.

The oranges at half-time must have revitalised the Strathallan attack, for they immediately took the play vigorously into the Merchiston twenty-five. But play never rested in one half for long, and Strathallan were soon defending their line. It was whilst under pressure at a line out that a kick for touch by Galbraith was charged down for a scrappy try against us. Far from deterring the team, they really took the offensive in the last fifteen minutes. The forwards won the hook more often, and Fleming had several powerful runs but never just managed to clear the opposing wing—very frustrating, as were Currie's failure on two occasions to kick a goal from very difficult positions. In the closing minutes there was some magnificent, open, fast rugby, and Dawson's drop kick just fell short of the bar. Merchiston held out grimly against this Strathallan revival, to win the most exciting game of the season.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, D. N. Strachan, G. A. R. Carver, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. M. Cumming, F. R. Bell, R. Wilkie, D. R. Anderson.

November 16th—v. West of Scotland Colts—Home—Won 16-0 (8-0)

West of Scotland kicked off, and in the first minute the School almost scored when Fleming knocked one over the line. West counter-attacked strongly, and for a long time a dour battle was fought mid-field, eventually ending when Fleming jinked past the full-back and scored under the posts, Currie converting. Again the School were forced on to the defensive, but Dawson's relieving kicking was well up to the occasion. Shortly before half-time Galbraith joined the line and, after a fly-kick by Fleming, went over near the corner.

The second half was a repetition of the first, with West beginning to tire. Fleming scored after a combined movement between backs and forwards, and then Dawson ended the scoring, going over after a fine break. This was a game in which the team played particularly well. Although all the scoring came from the backs, much credit must go to the forwards who all played their part very well, particularly Anderson and Prophet.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, R. Wilkie, A. M. Cumming, K. C. Tindall, D. R. Anderson, N. F. Macmillan.

November 30th—v. Gordonstoun—Away—Won 34-0

We woke on Saturday morning to crisp, pleasant weather and bone-hard pitches. The match was due to start at 11.30 and the time after breakfast was spent looking for a suitable pitch. None was

found. As the sun rose higher, the time of the match became later. After much stamping and prodding it was decided that the ground was unfit—and that play would start as soon after lunch as possible! We are all very grateful to Gordonstoun for agreeing to play under these conditions. If we had not travelled so far the match would undoubtedly have been cancelled. With conditions as they were, it was a matter of the side having possession scoring. This is where Strathallan won the game, together with some very brave running and tackling. Gordonstoun's task was a thankless one and all credit to them for being as game as they were. It does credit to the players and the referee that there were no injuries whatsoever. For Strathallan this was a very happy ending to a pleasant week-end. We hope that next year we will play under more favourable conditions. Fleming, incidentally, scored his fiftieth point during this match.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. M. Prophet, I. K. Lamont, N. F. Macmillan, D. R. Anderson, R. Wilkie.

December 7th—v. Aberdeen G.S.—Home—Won 41-0 (14-0)

At first the fairly dry conditions were not taken advantage of, forward play and handling were scrappy. But after a while Dawson's touch-kicking, short rushes, and a smooth-as-clockwork back movement, gave Fleming a chance to score the first try.

After adventurous but futile breaks, the score was doubled by a drop-kick by Dawson; much rather fruitless kicking gave way to a fast movement across the field and Currie scored the second try. While it threatened to rain torrentially, the clouds held and Fleming scored another try, converted by Currie, to make a half-time score of 14-0.

In the second half, Anderson out-jumped, Fleming out-ran, Dawson and Carver out-broke and the team generally out-did the opposition. Galbraith scored, Currie converted; Fleming scored, Currie converted; Fleming scored; Fleming scored, Currie converted; Prophet scored; Dawson made a break and Fleming scored from it; Galbraith made a try for Lamont. But it was not, in fact, monotonous—there was plenty of good open play and consistent teamwork. Roy served well and kicked with excellent judgment, whilst some of Anderson's treatment of the ball provoked laughter by its originality. Dawson, supported by Strachan, was particularly good, and the forwards fought well in pack and loose with a fine eye to opportunity. Aberdeen fought valiantly, but Strathallan's teamwork and hard training never left the balance in doubt.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. J. S. Currie; M. I. M. Dawson, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. M. Cumming, A. G. Houston, I. K. Lamont, D. R. Anderson, N. F. Macmillan.

February 1st—v. Daniel Stewart's—Away—Lost 3-14 (3-3)

Harassed by difficult windy conditions, the School side, depleted also by the departure of Anderson and the injury of Dawson, played a disappointing game and deservedly lost to a side playing with much greater fire and determination. The game started well for Strathallan, and Stewart's were submitted to considerable pressure throughout the first half. Strathallan attacked consistently and had severally made promising movements which never quite materialised in a score.

However, Strathallan were the first to score, when, about half way through the first half, Currie kicked a penalty goal. This seemed to inspire Stewart's and shortly afterwards a breakaway movement by their backs took play up to the Strathallan goal line, where a kick from Galbraith was charged down to give Stewart's their first try. The conversion was missed, and at half time the score was still 3 points each.

In the second half Stewart's had the advantage of a gale force wind, which was swirling and eddying round the stand, and they played much better, making full use of their opportunities and kicking sensibly. It was not long before a grub kick from one of the Stewart's centres resulted in another try, which was, this time, converted.

Stewart's again scored in the corner after a good three-quarter movement involving several very well timed passes. The School, in spite of opening the ball up and using tactics that were so successful last term, were not able to penetrate the Stewart's defence.

Shortly before the end of the game a kick by Currie was charged down, and Stewart's scored their fourth try. After this Strathallan played an open game as much as possible, but conditions were not really favourable to any other tactics except kicking, and there was no further score.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. A. Cranston; D. J. S. Currie, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, K. C. Tindall, N. F. Macmillan, R. Wilkie.

February 5th—v. Panmure—Home—Lost 3-6

One always views club matches with apprehension as the club style of rugby tends to differ from that found in most schools. This match, however, was a pleasant surprise as Panmure beat the School by means of good, clean, open play.

The Panmure forwards, as was expected, had the advantage of weight and experience whilst their three-quarters successfully thwarted the School's usual methods of scoring. In this respect the match was possibly disappointing, but it is no bad thing for schoolboys to realize that there is much still to be learnt on the rugby field. It was a hard-fought game and play swung rapidly from one end of the field to the other, with both sides narrowly failing to score. The match failed to provide thrills through swift passing and running but was an interesting lesson in tactics, and the School team left the field sadder but wiser.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. A. Cranston; D. J. S. Currie, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, R. Wilkie, N. F. Macmillan.

February 15th—v. Kelvinside Academy—Home—Won 16-3 (8-3)

A fairly stiff breeze and a dry pitch when the home side kicked off. The game began at quite a fast pace, and although opportunities were lost early on Houston scored an untidy try. Kelvinside pushed into Strathallan's half, and after failing in one penalty goal-kick succeeded in a more difficult one after twenty-five minutes play. Further missed penalties were forgotten with a lovely breakaway try by Fleming between the posts, converted by Currie.

Kelvinside kicked off after half-time and Carver scored a try all by himself which was not converted. There was good passing by the three-quarters, and after Fleming just failed to score, Wilkie went on to succeed. Strachan converted the try. Then one of the Kelvinside team went off with concussion, yet despite continued pressure the School team could gain no further successes. This game was rather dull to watch and not up to the team's best.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. A. Cranston; D. J. S. Currie, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, R. Wilkie, N. F. Macmillan.

February 24th—v. George Watson's—Home—Won 13-3 (13-0)

Strathallan kicked off in sunshine on a dry pitch. A good start was set back by a couple of penalties to the opponents, who put them nicely into touch. A good run by Fleming ended in a tackle, and Keech had to fall on the ball behind the School line. George Watson's kept up the kicking, and gained in the line-outs, but the School's handling was quick and clean and, despite numerous penalties and losing in set scrums, Fleming scored twice within five minutes, the second try being converted by Currie, bouncing in off the post. Keech was kicking well at full-back, and shortly before half-time Strachan broke through and dived into a try near the posts, which Currie converted.

The second half began with energy and good passing, and despite inadequate heeling in the loose and a long spell in the School's half, the team was fighting well. But George Watson's, with good passing, gained first a five-yard scrum and then, from it, a try in the left-hand corner. After this, though pressed back to the ten-yard line by a good three-quarter movement, Strathallan played with much more fire. George Watson's captain was injured and taken off, but even so it was all the School could do to press back to the half-way line before the end.

An exciting game with some good passing, but on the whole rather incoherent and scrappy.

Team: J. P. Galbraith; A. J. Fleming, G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, D. A. Cranston; D. J. S. Currie, W. C. Roy; J. G. Clement, J. D. Wallace, J. M. Prophet, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, R. Wilkie, N. F. Macmillan.

COLTS RUGBY, 1963-64

Team: A. W. Logan; R. G. Lawson, G. I. M. Brown, Hunter, Cochran; Black, Burt (Capt.); Elder, Townson, Sharpe, J. W. B. Anderson, K. L. Robertson, Davidson, Huthart, Cartledge, R. D. Anderson, McCallum, Buchanan.

Results: Fettes, won; Loretto, lost; Merchiston, lost; Glenalmond, lost; Aberdeen G.S., won; Edinburgh Ac., lost.

This was a disappointing season considering the amount of talent in the age group. Unfortunately, there were deficiencies in a few positions and weaknesses in basic techniques which could not be disguised. Except at the end of the season, the tackling was not up to standard while too many of the team found difficulty in simply passing and taking a pass. Several individuals, however, played excellently throughout the season and 1st XVs of the future should not want for talent from this year's side. Of the backs, Hunter and

Black improved steadily and should do well, while in the pack J. W. B. Anderson was at all times outstanding. He was well supported by Elder and Townson in the front row and Davidson at number 8. Others also should make their mark in school rugby in due course. Although in terms of results, therefore, this was not a good side; it should provide a good nucleus for senior School sides of the future.

G.W.S.

JUNIOR COLTS RUGBY, 1963-64

This year's Junior Colts side was quite remarkable in its defence. A penalty goal by Fettes was the only adverse score until the last match of the Christmas Term when they lost to a much heavier and more experienced Glenalmond side. The only other match lost was to Edinburgh Academy in Edinburgh in the only match of the Spring Term. Fettes were beaten at Fettes for the first time and the total results are even better than they appear as some of the "easier" matches were not played. Lang lead a very light pack very well but injuries to Mauchline and Riach did not help the cohesion of the three-quarters. However, the team played very well and most attractively when they were complete.

Played 9, won 6, drawn 1, lost 2, points for 89, against 29.

E.W.

Strathallan 2nd XV

Played 6, won 3, lost 3.

Strathallan 3rd XV

Played 4, won 1, lost 2, drawn 1.

Strathallan 4th XV

Played 3, won 2, drawn 1.

Strathallan 5th XV

Played 2, won 1, lost 1.

Strathallan 6th XV

Played 1, lost 1.

Strathallan Under 13½ XV

Played 5, won 4, lost 1.

Senior House Matches

Winners—FREELAND

Junior House Matches

Winners—FREELAND

Hockey Report, 1964

THE 1964 Spring Hockey season was remarkable principally for its brevity. Only two days of practice when all members of the first XI were available preceded the first match, and a fortnight later the last School match had been played.

However, the School as a whole had more hockey than the previous year, and the new League system proved a success. The first game, the Under 15½ first game, and the three Under

14½ games are the only coached games. On half-holidays each House provides two XIs to play League hockey, and on whole schooldays two sixes for six-a-side hockey (which takes only a quarter of an hour for a complete game).

The House matches were played on Little Acre, the last round at the beginning of the Summer Term, and the standard was again good. The Houses were placed in the order: Simpson, Freeland, Nicol, Ruthven.

In the final trial for the Scottish Schoolboys' Hockey XI the School was represented by Keech and Strachan, but neither were selected for the team.

P.R.S.

Saturday, March 7—School v. Gordonstoun—Away—Lost 0-4

Gordonstoun, with a co-ordinated team on their own ground, under ideal conditions, were too good for an unpractised Strathallan side with only two old colours. Within ten minutes Strathallan were two goals down after some good attacking hockey by Gordonstoun. Gordonstoun retained the initiative despite a few raids from Strathallan but the game lost some of its sparkle in the second half, during which there was no scoring after the first five minutes.

Team: J. G. Clement; N. F. Macmillan, K. J. Darling; A. J. Sloan, J. D. A. Brown, D. A. Scott; A. J. Fleming, D. N. Strachan, G. A. R. Carver, J. R. N. Keech, B. A. A. Robertson.

Tuesday, March 10th—School v. Perth Academy—Home—Won 4-0

Perth Academy were not as strong as usual this year, and the XI, strengthened by Melville and Hunter after another day's practice, dominated the play, particular credit going to the halves. Two goals were scored by Strachan, and one each by Keech and Gibson.

Team: J. G. Clement; N. F. Macmillan, W. B. Melville; J. S. Hunter, A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott; G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, T. Gibson, J. R. N. Keech, K. J. Darling.

Saturday, March 14th—School v. Aberdeen G.S.—Away—Lost 0-5

Aberdeen Grammar School had a very good team who had no difficulty in adjusting their play to the gale blowing diagonally across the pitch. Strathallan conceded some easy goals and never really got into the game, but the difference between the teams was perhaps rather less than the score suggests.

Team: T. G. Piper; N. F. Macmillan, W. B. Melville; J. S. Hunter, A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott; G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, B. A. A. Robertson, J. R. N. Keech, K. J. Darling.

Tuesday, March 17th—School v. Fettes College—Home—Won 4-3

Against Fettes the XI played with a great deal more determination. Robertson opened the scoring after a scramble in the goalmouth, but this was rapidly followed by two goals by Fettes. Carver equalised before half-time with a fierce shot into the corner of the net. After half-time Strathallan went into the lead with a flick from Robertson

and a penalty goal from Keech. Fettes fought back with another goal, but Strathallan had the better of the game.

Team: T. G. Piper; A. D. Reid, W. B. Melville; J. S. Hunter, A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott; G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, B. A. A. Robertson, J. R. N. Keech, K. J. Darling.

Saturday, March 21st—School v. Loretto—Away—Won 3-1

Throughout the first half Loretto launched attack after attack on the Strathallan goal and were in really dominating form. However, the Loretto forwards were unable to score and when, at half-time, the Strathallan goal remained inviolate, it was clear that the tide would turn. The first Strathallan goal came when Strachan flicked in an imperfectly cleared ball from the Loretto goalkeeper. The next two came from two successfully taken penalty flicks by Keech. The Loretto goal was scored in the final seconds of the game when Clement, who had kept goal magnificently, mistimed a kick.

Team: J. G. Clement; A. D. Reid, W. B. Melville, J. S. Hunter, A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott; G. A. R. Carver, D. N. Strachan, B. A. A. Robertson, J. R. N. Keech, K. J. Darling.

Colours were awarded to:—Robertson, Darling, Sloan, D. Scott, N. F. Macmillan, Melville and Clement, and re-awarded to D. N. Strachan.

Second XI Results

Sat., March 7—Loretto—Home—Won 3-2.

Tues., March 10—Lendrick Muir First XI—Home—Lost 1-2.

Sat., March 14—Aberdeen Grammar School—Away—Won 3-1.

Tues., March 17—Harris Academy First XI—Away—Draw 1-1.

Under 15½ Results

Sat., March 7—Loretto—Home—Won 5-3.

Tues., March 10—Morgan Academy—Away—Draw 3-3.

Tues., March 17—Fettes—Home—Lost 0-4.

Under 14½ Results

Sat., March 7—Loretto—Home—Won 2-1.

Tues., March 10—Morgan Academy—Away—Won 6-2.

Tues., March 17—Fettes—Home—Won 1-0.

SUMMER HOCKEY

Little Acre was in excellent condition for hockey throughout the Summer Term, and full use was made of it every day. Matches were played on most Saturdays. All the School matches were won convincingly, but it was the Club matches which provided the best hockey. The most exciting games were perhaps the drawn game with Grove Academy F.P., and the match against Whitecraigs who had been unsuccessful finalists in the Scottish Cup the previous week. Although Whitecraigs, who fielded eight of their first XI, had been in the

lead for much of the game, it was only in the closing minutes of an extremely fast game that they scored the winning goal. This match was perhaps the best of a most enjoyable summer season.

Summer Results

- May 2—Strathallan, 2; Blairgowrie H.C., 1 (H) Won.
 „ 9—Strathallan, 1; Ruthrieston Wanderers, 1 (H) Draw.
 „ 16—Strathallan, 7; Edinburgh Academy, 2 (A) Won.
 Strathallan 2nd XI, 4; Edinburgh Academy, 2 (A) Won.
 „ 23—Strathallan, 2; Morgan Academy F.P., 4 (H) Lost.
 „ 30—Strathallan, 2; Whitecraigs, 3 (H) Lost.
 June 9—Strathallan, 4; Glenalmond, 1 (H) Won.
 „ 27—Strathallan, 3; Grove F.P., 3 (H) Draw.
 July 4—Strathallan, 9; Edinburgh Academy, 2 (H) Won.
 Strathallan 2nd XI, 5; Edinburgh Acad. 2nd XI, 3 (H) Won.

The following were among those who played for the Summer Hockey XI: Piper; Prophet, F. R. Bell, N. F. Macmillan; D. A. Scott, Mure, Tindall, Hunter; Carver, Darling, Robertson, Keech, Elder, D. M. R. Bell.

Summer Hockey Colours were awarded to: T. G. Piper, A. D. Reid, G. L. H. Mure, J. S. Hunter, and R. J. Elder.

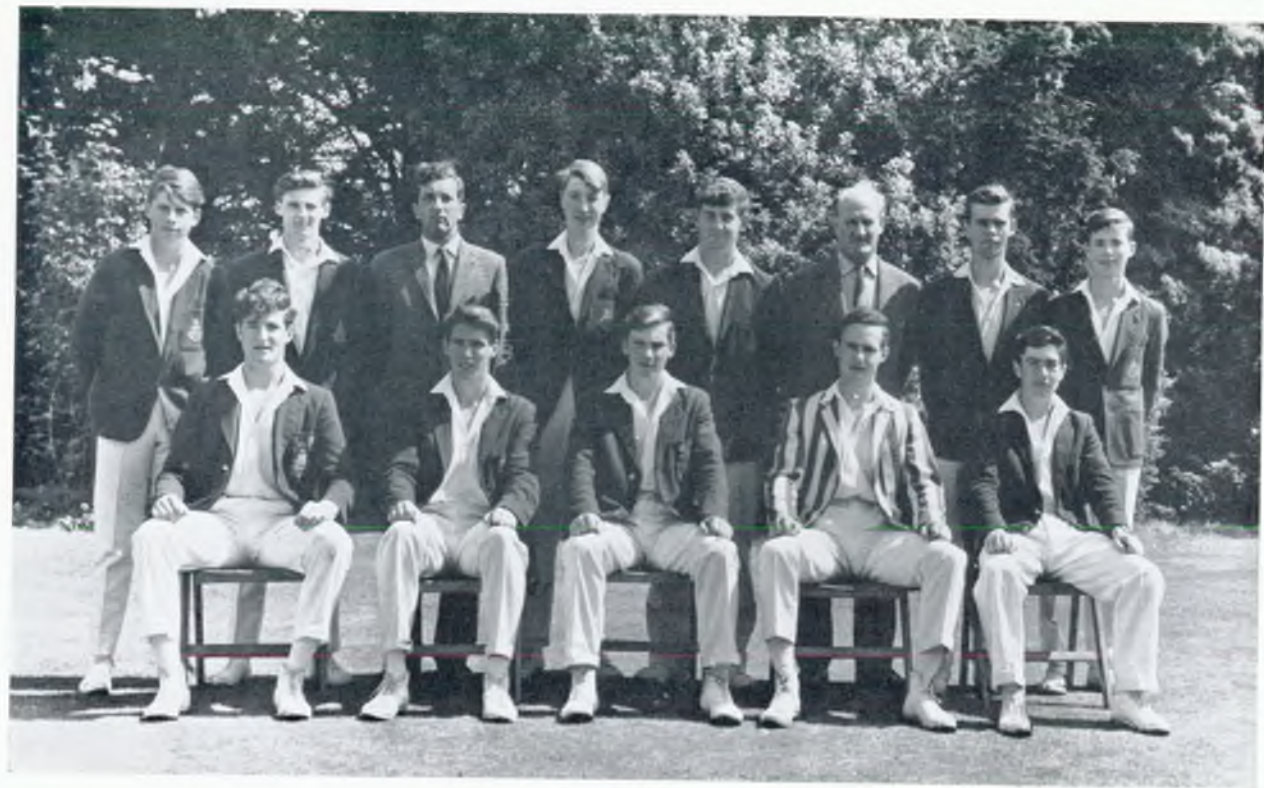
CRICKET, 1964

Cricket Retrospect

WE have had another excellent season and maintained the very successful run of last year. In an unbeaten season, seven of the school matches played were won, the games with Fettes and Dollar being drawn and abandoned respectively.

We repeated last year's victories over Merchiston, Edinburgh Academy and Glenalmond, winning all of them in convincing fashion. The drawn game with Fettes was a really good one, with a fair result after a most exciting and absorbing encounter in which both sides had their chances. We joined forces with Glenalmond against the Oxford Authentics, but our combined strength was not sufficient to overcome a strong side, their batsmen getting the necessary runs at well over a run a minute.

Our bowling, though a little thin in depth, has been strong. Dawson emerged at the beginning of the season as Fleming's opening partner, and bowling his medium-pace away-swing on a good length he proved an excellent foil. Fleming took quite a long time to find his length, but nevertheless was always dangerous and in several matches was unlucky not to



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get a better reward for his efforts. Regrettably, he has played his last game for the School after five outstanding seasons, in which he has taken the remarkable total of 202 wickets. The success of the School cricket during this time is due in no small measure to his aggressive bowling, and we wish him all success and many more wickets in the future.

What the batting has lacked in experience it more than made up for in tenacity. Currie was the most consistent batsman by far and served the side splendidly as an opener. His concentration, together with a willingness to punish anything loose, made him difficult both to dislodge and to contain. Strachan showed characteristic determination at the crease, and for the third year running did well against Fettes. Sloan played some good fighting knocks and struck a nice balance between aggression and defence. Melville and Trusdale showed a lot of promise and should do well in the future.

Under Strachan's competent captaincy there has been a fine spirit in the side and this has counted for a great deal. An indication of this was the all-round keenness in the fielding which, generally speaking, was well up to standard, although one would have liked the slips to have held a few more catches.

We now look forward to next year without knowing very clearly what it holds for us. The batting should give a good account of itself, but replacements for Fleming and Dawson will be difficult to find.

H.C.A.

Played 14, Won 9, Drawn 4, Lost 0, Abandoned 1.

Leading Averages

Batting	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
D. J. S. Currie	14	3	564	100	51.27
W. B. Melville	12	3	244	69*	27.11
D. N. Strachan	10	3	189	66	27.0
M. I. M. Dawson ...	6	3	73	19*	24.33
A. J. Sloan	14	3	252	42	22.91
J. D. A. Brown ...	3	1	43	20*	21.5
T. N. W. Trusdale ...	9	3	125	30	20.83
S. L. Mackenzie ...	4	1	56	32	18.67

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. J. Fleming	149	48	290	53	5.47
M. I. M. Dawson ...	168.2	64	306	55	5.56
W. B. Melville	50	8	130	1	26.0

AVERAGES, 1963

Batting	Matches	Inns.	Not Out		Runs Highest	Avge.	100	50
			Out	Runs				
A. J. Harvey-Walker ...	15	15	3	628	179	52.33	2	1
W. S. Pate ...	15	15	4	357	58	32.45	—	2
D. J. S. Currie ...	15	15	1	315	101	22.46	1	—
D. R. Anderson ...	16	13	1	253	61	21.08	—	2
D. N. Strachan ...	14	11	1	210	66	21.00	—	1
A. J. Sloan ...	10	8	1	125	27	17.85	—	—
W. G. Reid ...	3	2	1	17	17	17.00	—	—
D. D. Shanks ...	14	9	3	67	22	11.16	—	—
I. W. L. Brown ...	9	6	3	30	14	10.00	—	—
M. I. M. Dawson ...	14	7	4	24	7	8.00	—	—
D. M. Stewart ...	16	9	2	54	19	7.71	—	—
A. R. Bucher ...	16	13	1	76	19	6.33	—	—
A. J. Fleming ...	16	6	2	13	5	3.33	—	—

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Avge.
A. J. Fleming ...	187.2	51	408	68	6.00
A. R. Bucher ...	145.5	46	227	34	6.67
A. J. Harvey-Walker ...	123.4	33	311	32	9.71
D. R. Anderson ...	4	2	10	1	10.00
W. S. Pate ...	61.5	11	172	12	14.33
M. I. M. Dawson ...	4	0	15	1	15.00
W. G. Reid ...	17	1	59	3	19.66

(We apologise for the omission of the above from our last edition.—Editor.)

1st XI MATCH REPORTS

Saturday, May 2nd—School v. Crieff C.C.—Home.

Strathallan won the toss and chose to bat on a fairly soft wicket. Currie was soon out, and then followed two and a half hours of slow, rather uninspired batting. Trusdale hitting the highest score of 23. The School declared at a total of 90 for seven.

Fleming and Reid opened the bowling. With the ball swinging well in the damp air Fleming took the first three wickets in as many overs for no runs, and carried on to take the next five within the hour. Dawson accounted for another one, and Crieff were 51 for nine when rain stopped play.

Strathallan		Crieff C.C.	
D. J. S. Currie, lbw Dewhurst	0	Dewhurst, b Fleming	11
I. S. Primrose, lbw Paterson	7	Brander, b Fleming	0
W. B. Melville, b Sinclair	13	A. Sinclair, b Fleming	0
A. J. Sloan, c Paterson, b Betty	13	Donaldson, b Fleming	0
D. N. Strachan, lbw Betty	5	Betty, lbw Fleming	14
T. N. W. Trusdale, b Dewhurst	23	Graham, lbw Fleming	0
A. J. Fleming, c and b Betty	7	Watters, b Fleming	3
M. I. M. Dawson, not out	14	R. Sinclair, c Currie, b Fleming	6
Extras	8	Dron, not out	14
Total for 7 wkts. (dec.)	90	Fotheringham, b Dawson	0
S. L. Mackenzie, W. G. Reid and		Paterson, not out	0
F. B. McKeever did not bat.		Extras	0

Total for 9 wkts. ... 51

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Dewhurst	44	2	10	2	Fleming	10	4	29	8
Betty	18	6	24	3	Reid	3	1	3	0
Sinclair	12	4	22	1	McKeever	2	0	12	0
Paterson	13	3	26	1	Dawson	4	1	7	1

Match drawn.

Saturday, May 16th—School v. Edinburgh Academy—Home

Edinburgh won the toss and elected to bat first on a fine batsman's wicket. Fleming and Dawson opened the bowling, the latter being the more successful, taking five wickets, all catches, before lunch, and Melville taking one. After lunch the remaining batsmen fell quite rapidly, to Dawson and one to Fleming. Trusdale took three catches behind the wicket, and Sloan took a good one in the slips. Edinburgh were all out for 109.

Currie and Primrose opened the batting for Strathallan. Currie batted confidently from the start and was unlucky to be caught for 69, with the score at 94. Melville put up a good 32 not out and Sloan another 10 for a total of 113 with an hour to spare; a decisive victory for Strathallan.

Edinburgh Academy

J. G. Fleming, c Currie, b Dawson	0
P. Black, c Trusdale, b Dawson	8
D. C. Jackson, c Trusdale, b Dawson	1
Fairweather, c Sloan, b Melville	15
F. Paton, c Fleming, b Dawson	37
J. Crerar, c Trusdale, b Dawson	13
A. Hamilton, c Melville, b Dawson	0
W. Sutherland, c Sloan, b Dawson	2
N. D. Jackson, b Fleming	8
P. D. Wands, b Dawson	5
D. F. Murby, not out	0
Extras	20

Total109

Strathallan

D. J. S. Currie, c Crerar, b Sutherland	69
I. S. Primrose, b Sutherland	0
W. B. Melville, not out	32
A. J. Sloan, not out	10
Extras	2

Total for 2 wks. 113

D. N. Strachan, T. N. W. Trusdale, M. I. M. Dawson, S. L. Mackenzie, A. J. Fleming, T. Gibson and D. A. Scott did not bat.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Fleming	19	6	30	1	Wands	6	0	24	0
Dawson	21	11	22	8	Murby	14	6	33	0
Melville	13	4	21	1	Jackson	10	3	29	0
Scott	2	1	8	0	Sutherland	16	8	25	2
Sloan	5	1	8	0					

Won by 8 wickets.

Tuesday, May 19th—School v. Perth Academy—Away

Strathallan won the toss and went in to bat on a rather slow and rough wicket. No one batted particularly well, but the School were able to declare at 116.

Perth played very defensively, but could not stand up to the bowling of Dawson and Fleming, and the last wicket fell five minutes from time.

Strathallan		Perth Academy	
D. J. S. Currie, c Hardie, b Oldfield	4	Oldfield, lbw Dawson	1
I. S. Primrose, lbw McClelland	4	Wilson, c Mackenzie, b Fleming	2
W. B. Melville, b Oldfield ...	25	Beattie, c Sloan, b Dawson ...	8
A. J. Sloan, lbw McClelland ...	5	Laing, b Dawson	4
D. N. Strachan, b McClelland ..	18	Lamond, b Fleming	0
T. N. W. Trusdale, b Wilson ...	15	Stewart, c Trusdale, b Dawson	1
M. I. M. Dawson, not out	8	McCallum, b Dawson	0
S. L. Mackenzie, b McClelland ..	5	Rawlinson, c Mackenzie, b Dawson	0
A. J. Fleming, c McCallum, b Wilson	1	McClelland, not out	1
T. Gibson, not out	4	Hardie, b Fleming	6
Extras	27	Martin, b Fleming	1
		Extras	2
Total for 8 wks. (dec.) 116		Total	26
D. A. Scott did not bat.			

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.					Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.				
Oldfield ...	12	4	17	2	Fleming	13	8	5	4
Wilson ...	14	5	32	2	Dawson	14	10	18	6
McClelland	17	2	33	4	Gibson ...	2	1	1	0
Martin ...	4	1	7	0					

Won by 90 runs.

Saturday, May 23rd—School v. Morrison's Academy—Home

Strathallan won the toss and went in to bat on a fairly easy-paced wicket. Morrison's bowling was quite steady. Currie and Primrose put up a fine opening stand of 92, Currie carrying on to make his century in a little over two hours. Strathallan declared shortly after tea for 143 for 4.

Morrison's batting was not very strong, and wickets fell in steady succession to Fleming and Dawson till they had them all out for 32.

Strathallan		Morrison's Academy	
D. J. S. Currie, b Brander	100	I. F. Gilmour, lbw Fleming ...	0
I. S. Primrose, c Ryder, b Vick ..	12	A. R. H. Ferguson, b Fleming	4
W. B. Melville, lbw Brander ...	10	D. Robertson, c Currie, b Dawson	2
A. J. Sloan, c and b Ritchie ...	0	G. T. G. Brander, c Scott, b Dawson	2
D. N. Strachan, not out	1	R. H. E. Vick, c Trusdale, b Fleming	8
Extras	20	H. A. Macdonald, b Dawson	0
Total for 4 wks. (dec.) 143		R. L. Greer, b Fleming	3
T. N. W. Trusdale, M. I. M. Dawson, S. L. Mackenzie, A. J. Fleming, T. Gibson and D. A. Scott did not bat.		A. J. Ryder, b Dawson	1
		N. K. Ritchie, b Fleming	4
		A. Spence, c Trusdale, b Fleming	0
		D. W. Melville, not out	0
		Extras	0
		Total	32

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Brander	18.1	3	47	2	Fleming	13	6	12	6
Vick	12	3	26	1	Dawson	12	5	12	4
Ritchie	8	1	27	1					
Greer	2	0	15	0					
Ryder	2	0	8	0					

Won by 111 runs.

Wednesday, May 27th—School v. Merchiston Castle School—Away

Merchiston won the toss and put Strathallan in to bat. The out-field was heavy and slow in the morning, and with a green wicket and clouds of mist swirling across the pitch, the ball was swinging and moving appreciably. The two left-arm opening bowlers, Thom and Smith, bowled extremely well, dismissing Primrose after ten minutes. Fordwood, too, bowled well in the afternoon, making Strathallan work hard for the runs. Currie batted confidently making his 50, then was caught by Briggs at midwicket. Sloan also batted well making 29. Strathallan declared at 152 for 9.

By now the wicket was firmer, and Fleming's pace was too much for the batsmen. He had excellent support from Dawson, and Merchiston were all out with half an hour to spare.

Strathallan					Merchiston				
D. J. S. Currie, c Briggs, b Smith	50				A. McGregor, b Fleming	8			
I. S. Primrose, b Thom	0				S. L. Briggs, b Dawson	9			
W. B. Melville, c Boyle, b Thom	13				A. E. Corstorphine, c Strachan, b Melville	27			
A. J. Sloan, c Costorphine, b Fordwood	29				A. T. C. Lockhart, b Fleming	1			
D. N. Strachan, b Thom	8				J. I. Fordwood, c Gibson, b Dawson	2			
T. N. W. Trusdale, c and b Fordwood	19				D. G. Knox, c Currie, b Dawson	7			
M. I. M. Dawson, st Boyle, b Fordwood	5				M. Thom, b Fleming	6			
S. L. Mackenzie, c Costorphine, b Fordwood	2				A. H. Boyle, lbw Fleming	2			
W. G. Reid, st Boyle, b Fordwood	3				J. K. McCallum, c Trusdale, b Dawson	0			
A. J. Fleming, not out	10				J. A. Smith, not out	0			
T. Gibson, not out	10				D. Storey, lbw Fleming	0			
Extras	3				Extras	5			
Total for 9 wkts. (dec.) 152					Total				

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Thom	22	5	57	3	Fleming	13.3	4	17	5
Smith	28	12	35	1	Dawson	17	9	23	4
Fordwood	16	1	42	5	Melville	4	1	18	1
McCallum	9	4	15	0					

Won by 85 runs.

Saturday, May 30th—School v. Daniel Stewart's College—Home

Strachan won the toss and elected to bat on a hard, fast wicket. After a good opening stand of 70 Currie was out, but Primrose went slowly and steadily on before being caught. Sloan made his runs well,

and then Strachan and Dawson rounded off the innings with a fine display of free-hitting and fast running.

The visitors had no answer to Fleming and Dawson. Fleming was unlucky not to have had more wickets, but Dawson's outswing was just sufficient to induce the batsmen to get a touch. There was little resistance, and the match ended shortly after tea.

Strathallan		Daniel Stewart's	
D. J. S. Currie, lbw Benzie	53	G. K. M. Law, c Fleming, b Dawson	16
I. S. Primrose, c D. J. McLean, b Low	26	D. F. MacLean, b Dawson	1
W. B. Melville, lbw McLellan	4	K. W. Brodie, c Mackenzie, b Dawson	0
A. J. Sloan, lbw McLellan	23	P. M. Jailand, c Currie, b Dawson	0
D. N. Strachan, not out	55	B. J. Skinner, lbw Fleming	2
T. N. W. Trusdale, c D. J. Maclean, b Johnstone	0	K. C. Fairbairn, b Dawson	4
M. I. M. Dawson, not out	19	D. J. MacLean, lbw Dawson	5
Extras	17	C. A. Johnstone, b Dawson	3
Total for 5 wks. (dec.) 197		L. C. Benzie, c and b Dawson	0
S. L. Mackenzie, W. G. Reid, A. J. Fleming and T. Gibson did not bat.		G. Smith, c Trusdale, b Fleming	1
		F. N. McLellan, not out	0
		Extras	9
		Total	41

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.					Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.				
Johnstone	19	2	5	1	Fleming	11	5	15	2
Smith	8	2	40	0	Dawson	10.5	4	17	8
Benzie	10	1	23	1					
McLellan	15	4	44	2					
Low	2	0	7	1					

Won by 156 runs.

Tuesday, June 2nd—School v. Fettes College—Away

Strathallan won the toss and chose to bat. The runs came very slowly before lunch. Primrose never quite settled down and was caught with the score at 37. Melville did not stay long, and Currie, who had been scoring slowly, was caught mistiming a hook. The arrival of Sloan and Strachan resulted in some lively cricket. Sloan was caught for 37, Trusdale coming in to score a useful 24 not out. Strathallan declared shortly before tea when Strachan was caught for 66, the total being 186 for 5.

Strathallan left Fettes with a target of a run a minute on a rather lifeless wicket. The openers were soon dismissed and 6 wickets were down for 70. But missed catches close to the wicket, coupled with a fine innings by Lorimer, gave Fettes a chance to win. Strathallan took complete command again once Dawson bowled Lorimer. At the close of play Fettes were 165 for 9.

Strathallan

D. J. S. Currie, c Brown, b Russell	26
I. S. Primrose, c Lorimer, b Russell	7
W. B. Melville, b Russell	2
A. J. Sloan, c Brown, b Chatwin	37
D. N. Strachan, c Lorimer, b Russell	66
T. N. W. Trusdale, not out	24
Extras	24

Total for 5 wks. (dec.) 186

M. I. M. Dawson, S. L. Mackenzie, W. G. Reid, A. J. Fleming and T. Gibson did not bat.

Fettes

J. C. E. Brown, lbw Fleming	0
H. Hellewell, c Currie, b Dawson	6
A. I. G. Kennedy, b Fleming	11
J. R. Handley, b Fleming	26
A. A. Russell, c Gibson, b Dawson	5
A. C. Lorimer, b Dawson	58
E. M. Todd, b Fleming	15
B. J. Leslie, b Reid	0
H. J. C. Chatwin, not out ...	20
G. W. S. Graham, lbw Fleming	13
J. K. Foot, not out	0
Extras	11

Total for 9 wks. 165

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.

Russell ...	21	3	69	4
Foot	13	5	25	0
Graham ...	5	1	20	0
Chatwin ...	10	2	30	1
Leslie	3	0	18	0

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.

Fleming	24	4	62	5
Dawson	21	4	54	3
Reid	7	1	25	1
Melville	5	0	13	0

Match drawn.

Wednesday, June 10—School v. Dollar Academy—Away

Dollar won the toss and put Strathallan in to bat on a wicket softened by the previous night's rain. Primrose was bowled by Smith for 3 at the end of the second over. After a short interval because of rain Currie batted well, but the scoring was slow. Brown batted adequately, hitting up 13 before going l.b.w to Smith. After another stoppage Sloan and Strachan were both out with the score at 79. Trusdale and Currie faced three overs before the rain stopped play for good, Currie having scored 52 not out.

Strathallan

D. J. S. Currie, not out	52
I. S. Primrose, b Smith	3
J. D. A. Brown, lbw Smith ...	13
A. J. Sloan, c Fallon, b Morris	4
D. N. Strachan, c Grant, b Morris	10
T. N. W. Trusdale, not out	2
Extras	2

Total for 4 wks. 86

W. B. Melville, M. I. M. Dawson, W. G. Reid, A. J. Fleming and T. Gibson did not bat.

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.

Halbertson	15	3	33	0
Smith ...	14	5	34	2
Morris ...	9	3	19	2

Match abandoned as a draw.

Saturday, June 13th—School v. Loretto

Match cancelled—rain.

Thursday, June 18th—School v. Glasgow Academy—Away

Glasgow won the toss and chose to bat first on a very slow wicket. The game started slowly, the first five overs being maidens. The first wicket fell to Fleming in the next over with the score at 2, after which the rest came in quick succession. Brown, the Glasgow captain, raised the score from 3 to 22 in four overs, including one six off Fleming, before being caught by Dawson. The remaining batsmen were out within an hour of the start, scoring no more runs.

Strathallan went in full of confidence, but got a fright when Currie was caught at square leg second ball. Melville came in and batted slowly and steadily with Primrose who was out l.b.w. for 3 with the score at 17. Sloan came in to help finish the match by 3.30.

Glasgow Academy				Strathallan			
A. C. Tickle, b Fleming	1	D. J. S. Currie, c Elder, b					
E. M. Elder, lbw Fleming	0	Brown	0				
J. C. Clement, b Dawson	1	I. S. Primrose, lbw Hopkins ...	3				
C. J. McBean, c Sloan, b		W. B. Melville, not out	19				
Dawson	0	A. J. Sloan, not out	2				
D. F. Dunlop, b Fleming	0	Extras	1				
D. W. Welsh, c Trusdale, b							
Fleming	0	Total for 2 wks. 25					
R. A. S. Jones, st Trusdale, b		D. N. Strachan, T. N. W. Trusdale,					
Dawson	3	M. I. M. Dawson, J. D. A. Brown,					
A. N. G. Brown, c Dawson, b		S. L. Mackenzie, W. G. Reid and					
Fleming	16	A. J. Fleming did not bat.					
I. M. B. Neilson, lbw Fleming	0						
A. H. Lockhart, not out	0						
R. H. Hopkins, b Fleming	0						
Extras	1						
Total	22						

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Fleming ...	8.4	5	16	7	Brown ...	4	1	5	1
Dawson ...	8	5	5	3	Lockhart	6.4	2	13	0
					Hopkins	3	0	6	1

Won by 8 wickets.

Saturday, June 20th—School v. Old Boys—Home

Strathallan won the toss and decided to bat first against an apparently very strong Strathallian team. Primrose was soon out to Davidson with the total at 4. Melville then joined Currie and the runs began to come more quickly. This partnership yielded 49 runs. Jamieson, the opening bowler, had to be taken off after only four overs because of a bad shoulder. Sloan batted forcefully, scoring 42 runs in under an hour, and Strachan contributed a valuable 23, most of which were boundaries. Mackenzie and Reid put up a good stand, Mackenzie hitting up a quick 17, and Reid 11 before Strathallan declared at 193 for 8.

Fleming and Dawson opened the bowling, and it was soon obvious that many of the Strathallians were rather out of practice, the openers being out with only 7 scored. Johnston was then run out and

Galt bowled by Fleming for 2 each, and so it looked as though Harvey-Walker would have to withstand the onslaught alone. He hit one glorious six off Dawson, which landed at the foot of the valley behind the pavilion. One mistake, however, and he was caught by Trusdale at the wicket off Fleming for 15. Cook and W. S. Pate put up a good 15 runs each, but the rest of the wickets fell cheaply.

Strathallan		Old Boys	
D. J. S. Currie, c Jamieson, b		I. M. Smith, lbw Dawson	3
W. Pate	31	A. M. Pate, b Fleming	1
I. G. Primrose, b Davidson	0	A. G. Johnston, run out	2
W. B. Melville, c Johnston, b		A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Trus-	
Davidson	35	dale, b Fleming	15
A. J. Sloan, c Balfour, b		H. Galt, b Fleming	2
Davidson	42	T. R. Taylor, lbw Fleming	12
D. N. Strachan, c A. Pate, b		J. J. W. Davidson, b Dawson	6
W. Pate	23	A. S. Cook, b Fleming	15
T. N. W. Trusdale, b W. Pate	7	W. S. Pate, c Trusdale, b Reid	15
M. I. M. Dawson, c W. Pate, b		Dr. G. W. Balfour, c Dawson,	
Harvey-Walker	10	b Fleming	4
J. D. A. Brown, b W. Pate	10	M. S. Jamieson, not out	1
S. L. Mackenzie, not out	17	Extras	4
W. G. Reid, not out	11		
Extras	7	Total	80

Total for 8 wks. (dec.) 193

A. J. Fleming did not bat.

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.					Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.				
Jamieson	9	2	39	0	Fleming	11	1	29	6
Davidson	19	3	58	3	Dawson	11	2	39	2
W. Pate	15	2	63	4	Melville	3	0	6	0
H.-Walker	10	2	26	1	Reid	2	0	4	1

Won by 113 runs.

Wednesday, June 24th—School v. Perthshire—Home.

Perthshire won the toss and chose to bat first on an extremely hard wicket. Fleming opened the bowling, as usual, and found form straight away, taking two wickets in the first over, one bowled, the other caught by Currie in the slips. Perthshire never really got into their stride until McPherson came in at number 8 and started scoring fast after Fleming had been unaccountably taken off. He was helped by Scrimgeour at the other end, but later the remaining wickets fell quite quickly. The Perthshire professional, Preen, coming in at number 7, was out for 4, well taken by Mackenzie at short leg from a rising ball. Perthshire declared at 160 for 9.

Currie and Primrose opened against Preen's bowling which was fast and hostile, and kept the scoring rate down. Currie and Sloan both batted well, the former making 46 not out by the end. The Perthshire bowling prevented Strathallan from ever going for the runs, and they were 98 for 3 when stumps were drawn.

Perthshire		Strathallan	
Robertson, b Fleming	0	D. J. S. Currie, not out	46
Haines, c Trusdale, b Fleming	10	I. S. Primrose, c Haines, b Preen	11
Munro, c Currie, b Fleming	0	W. B. Melville, b Preen	8
Symon, b Dawson	8	A. J. Sloan, b Crockett	26
Stewart, c Trusdale, b Fleming	3	D. N. Strachan, not out	2
Gardiner, c Currie, b Fleming	21	Extras	5
Preen, c Mackenzie, b Fleming	4		
McPherson, not out	70		
Scrimgeour, lbw Reid	24	Total for 3 wks.	98
Campbell, lbw Dawson	10	T. N. W. Trusdale, M. I. M.	
Crockett, not out	6	Dawson, J. D. A. Brown, S. L.	
Extras	4	Mackenzie, W. G. Reid and A. J. Fleming did not bat.	
Total for 9 wks. (dec.)	160		

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Fleming	16	3	53	6	Preen	20	6	32	2
Dawson	14	3	47	2	McPherson	10	7	13	0
Melville	6	0	25	0	Campbell	9	3	16	0
Reid	7	0	31	1	Crockett	9	2	30	1
					Munro	3	1	2	0

Match drawn.

Wednesday, July 1st—School v. Forfarshire—Home.

Strathallan won the toss and decided to bat. Scoring was slow at first, but Currie, captaining the side in Strachan's absence, soon got his eye in. Primrose batted soundly, but scored only 5 in three-quarters of an hour, while Currie hit the runs at the other end. Melville then came in and had an excellent partnership with Currie of 120. Currie was eventually stumped at 78. Sloan was soon bowled by Finlayson for 4. Trusdale came in for the final over before declaration, helping Melville to raise his score to a well-earned 69 not out. Strathallan declared at 168 for 3 leaving Forfarshire just over an hour of play in which to get the runs, rather an impossible task.

Dawson opened the bowling in Fleming's absence, but the batsmen were never in real trouble. The openers fell to Dawson when the score was 53. Reid, bowling from the other end, proved rather expensive, and was replaced by Melville who successfully kept the runs down. Mackenzie fielded very well taking three catches at short leg. The light was rather poor towards the end, and finally Forfarshire were 78 for 5 at close of play.

Strathallan		Forfarshire	
D. J. S. Currie, st Steele, b E. Reoch	78	D. J. Robertson, c Sloan, b Dawson	29
I. S. Primrose, c Christie, b E. Reoch	5	A. Steele, c Mackenzie, b Dawson	22
W. B. Melville, not out	69	I. C. Reoch, run out	1
A. J. Sloan, b Finlayson	4	A. R. Bowman, c Mackenzie, b Melville	7
T. N. W. Trusdale, not out	5	E. C. Reoch, c Mackenzie, b Dawson	9
Extras	7	T. M. Smith, not out	1
Total for 3 wks. (dec.)	168	B. N. Bowman, not out	2
M. I. M. Dawson, I. R. Browne,			

S. L. Mackenzie, W. G. Reid, F. Extras 7
 B. McKeever and A. S. McIlroy
 did not bat.

Total for 5 wks. 78

W. J. Christie, C. E. Allardyce,
 P. M. Giles and C. S. Finlayson
 did not bat.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Finlayson	9	1	19	1	Dawson	10	3	29	3
Giles	6	2	8	0	Reid	4	0	21	0
E. Reoch	16	7	19	2	Melville	8	2	14	1
Allardyce	5	2	11	0	McKeever	2	0	7	0
Christie	4	1	13	0					
Bowman	10	1	24	0					
I. C. Reoch	3	0	13	0					
Smith	7	0	24	0					
Robertson	5	0	26	0					

Match drawn.

Tuesday, July 14th—School v. Kirkcaldy—Home.

Kirkcaldy won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket slightly softened by earlier rain. The School took a total of eight catches, a figure which illustrates the quality of their fielding. Kirkcaldy were 113 all out, Dawson taking 4 for 21 leaving Strathallan 100 minutes to make the runs.

Sloan and Currie soon settled down and at first the scoring rate kept up with the clock. However, the light, which had never been very good, made aggressive play almost impossible but nevertheless the batsmen never tried to get the runs, a task which was well within their ability.

Kirkcaldy

D. Rasmusen, c Currie, b Dawson	0
I. G. Davies, c Dawson, b Melville	27
D. Carter, c Browne, b Dawson	7
H. Cairns, c Melville, b Dawson	4
J. Fulton, c Brown, b Dawson	24
R. James, run out	4
G. B. Harvey, c Melville, b McInroy	11
J. McFadyen, not out	16
J. H. Irvine, c Trusdale, b Currie	16
A. Robertson, c Browne, b Melville	3
M. Tuckerman, b Currie	1
Extras	10

Total 113

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Dawson	16	5	21	4
Reid	7	3	22	0
Melville	11	1	33	2
McInroy	8	0	22	1
Currie	1.1	0	5	2

Strathallan

D. J. S. Currie, not out	53
A. J. Sloan, not out	24
Extras	10

Total for no wkt. 87

W. B. Melville, I. R. Browne,
 I. S. Primrose, T. Gibson, T. N. W.
 Trusdale, M. I. M. Dawson, J. D.
 A. Brown, W. G. Reid and A. S.
 McInroy did not bat.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Tuckerman	7	3	14	0
Robertson	11	3	33	0
McFadyen	14	6	15	0
Irvine	9	1	15	0

Match drawn.

Saturday, July 18th—School v. Glenalmond—Away

Strathallan won the toss and went in to bat on a damp, rather lifeless wicket, with a slow outfield in the morning. It was a cool, misty morning but gradually improved until the sun was shining by mid-afternoon. Strathallan's first moment of anxiety came after two minutes of play when Currie was out third ball, l.b.w. for 2 to Burns. Sloan, Melville and Trusdale all batted quite well, taking the score up to 83. Strachan did not settle down and was caught and bowled by Nuttall for 1. At lunch time Strathallan came in none too happy, three wickets having fallen in the previous twelve minutes, and the score standing at 85 for 5. After lunch Mackenzie and Dawson continued, putting on 25 runs before Dawson was caught behind by Ritchie off Murray. Reid did not last long, falling l.b.w. to Jenner for 1. I. R. Browne and J. D. A. Brown put up a good stand, taking the total up to the final score of 169. Fleming came in for five minutes, and was finally caught behind off Macmillan, and Strathallan were all out by 3.30.

The first Glenalmond wicket fell to Fleming with the last ball of his first over, and from then on they were taken at fairly regular intervals by Dawson and Fleming. K. A. Ritchie made the highest score of 19 not out. Trusdale took three catches behind the wicket, and in all Dawson took 7 for 14 and Fleming 3 for 22. Glenalmond were all out by 5.15, the School winning by 132 runs. A splendid climax to an unbeaten season.

Strathallan					Glenalmond				
D. J. S. Currie, lbw Burns	.....	2			P. G. Roy, b Fleming	.....	1		
A. J. Sloan, b Murray	.....	33			G. A. M. Begg, c Mackenzie,				
W. B. Melville, b Jenner	.....	14			b Dawson	.....	1		
T. N. W. Trusdale, b Murray	.....	30			P. J. Murray, c J. Brown, b				
D. N. Strachan, c and b Nuttall	.....	1			Dawson	.....	1		
S. L. Mackenzie, c and b Burns	.....	32			D. A. I. Ritchie, b Fleming	.....	1		
M. I. M. Dawson, c D. Ritchie,					C. B. Macmillan, b Dawson	.....	4		
by Murray	.....	17			P. D. P. McQueen, lbw				
W. G. Reid, lbw Jenner	.....	1			Dawson	.....	0		
I. R. Browne, c and b					K. A. Ritchie, not out	.....	19		
Macmillan	.....	13			B. A. Cadzow, c Trusdale, b				
J. D. A. Brown, not out	.....	20			Dawson	.....	0		
A. J. Fleming, c D. Ritchie, b					R. R. J. Burns, c Trusdale, b				
Macmillan	.....	0			Fleming	.....	0		
Extras	.....	6			R. M. Nuttall, c Melville, b				
					Dawson	.....	1		
Total	.....	169			N. W. Jenner, c Trusdale, b				
					Dawson	.....	0		
					Extras	.....	1		
					Total	.....	37		
Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	
Burns	10	1	35	2	Dawson	9.2	2	14	7
Jenner	18	5	46	2	Fleming	10	2	22	3
Macmillan	6.4	4	10	2					
Cadzow	5	1	22	0					
Murray	14	4	32	3					
Nuttall	6	1	18	1					

Won by 132 runs.

Strathallan/Glenalmond XI v. Oxford University Authentics

Strathallan/Glenalmond		Authentics	
D. J. S. Currie (S), c Saunders,		J. C. Patrick, b Fleming	0
b Razzall	37	D. Toft, c Dawson, b Melville	76
P. G. Roy (G), lbw Razzall	27	M. R. J. Guest, run out	79
D. J. Murray (G), b Razzall	0	N. C. Kuenssberg, not out	16
A. J. Sloan (S), c Kuenssberg,		E. T. Razzell, not out	24
b Razzall	0	Extras	1
W. B. Melville (S), b Razzall	1		
G. A. M. Begg (G), c Barton,		Total for 3 wks. 196	
b Guest	43	M. I. Barton, P. D. Hancorn,	
D. N. Strachan (S), lbw Razzall	4	E. Loydd, E. Huskinson, C. J.	
D. A. I. Ritchie (G), not out	47	Saunders and J. Q. Greenstock did	
M. I. M. Dawson (S), b Hus-		not bat.	
kinson	0		
R. R. J. Burns (G), c Guest,			
b Hancorn	17		
A. J. Fleming (S), c Huskinson,			
b Barton	16		
Extras	3		
Total	195		

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.					Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.				
Razzall	27	9	60	6	Fleming	14	2	53	1
Patrick	5	1	21	0	Dawson	9.4	1	52	0
Guest	14	5	33	1	Burns	5	1	24	0
Rancorn	11	3	26	1	Murray	7	0	38	0
Barton	14	5	27	1	Melville	3	0	28	1
Huskinson	9	0	25	1					

Lost by 7 wickets.

2nd XI Record

Played 8. Won 2. Drawn 6.

SENIOR COLTS CRICKET

A DISAPPOINTING year. This side promised to be the best for some time, but only two players, Mauchline and Spence, fulfilled their potential. These two took over half the wickets and scored well over half the runs between them. One remembers their fine partnership of 124 against Dollar, and in particular Spence's courageous innings on an appalling wicket at Glasgow. They should do well in the future.

As to the rest, it was a tale of lapses of concentration and more often than not a lack of determination. Lang, McLean, Laband, Wallace and Sharpe all showed promise as batsmen, but they must learn to apply themselves more diligently. Turner could take a lot of wickets, but he has been slow to learn to control his bowling.

However, all these, and others, have plenty of cricket in them, and provided they learn from this year's mistakes, the outlook for the 1st XI in the next few years is bright.

The following have played:—R. M. M. Lang (capt.), R. D. Anderson, G. W. Balfour, A. R. A. Keown, P. A. K. Laband, I. B. Mackenzie, C. J. W. Mauchline, S. C. M. McLean, R. J. H. Neil, W. P. M. Samples, A. R. Sharpe, A. F. Spence, C. J. R. Townson, A. D. Turner, R. M. Wallace.

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Results

Played 9, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 2.

School v. Queen Victoria School—Drawn—Queen Victoria 89 (Spence 5 for 40); Strathallan 68 for 8.

School v. Perth Academy—Won by 33 runs—Strathallan 83 for 3 (dec.); Perth 50 (Turner 4 for 15, Laband 4 for 11).

School v. Morrison's Academy—Won by 79 runs—Strathallan 92 for 7 (dec.) (Lang 35); Morrison's 13 (Spence 5 for 4, Keown 4 for 5).

School v. Merchiston—Lost by 91 runs—Merchiston 132 (Spence 4 for 15); Strathallan 41.

School v. Fettes—Drawn—Fettes 150 for 5 (dec.); Strathallan 109 for 6 (Mauchline 57).

School v. Dollar—Won by 73 runs—Strathallan 128 for 3 (dec.) (Mauchline 65, Spence 61 not out); Dollar 56 (Spence 5 for 9).

School v. Glasgow Academy—Won by 51 runs—Strathallan 76 (Spence 34 not out); Glasgow 25.

School v. Rannoch—Won by 27 runs—Strathallan 114 for 4 (dec.) (Mauchline 67 not out); Rannoch 87 (Spence 4 for 30, Turner 4 for 10).

School v. Glenalmond—Lost by 107 runs—Glenalmond 159 for 4 (dec.); Strathallan 52.

JUNIOR COLTS CRICKET, 1964

THERE was a great deal of talent in the age group this year although we had no "ready-made" cricketers. All boys in the game showed great keenness and an encouraging will to learn. Many improved enormously and although they might not have scored runs or taken wickets this year they should do so at more senior levels in the School in the future. Park captained the side, and both as captain and player he improved consistently over the season—he played a particularly determined innings in the last match of the season at Glenalmond. Cromarty

showed great ability and improved but he still has major technical faults to iron out. No praise is too high for McCallum who, despite limitations in technique, applied himself and never let us down in an important match. Everyone else played his part and, on the whole, this was a good season except for one incident which cannot be passed over. At Fettes we needed 4 runs to win, with 7 wickets to fall, and lost! This should serve as a lesson for life to all who played that no game is actually won until the winning run is made. The team compensated for this by a most determined display against Glenalmond when, facing a very large score, they held out to draw.

G.W.S.

Team: Park (Capt.), Settles, Cromarty, McCallum, McLeod, Crawford, A. W. S. Thomson, G. M. Thompson, W. M. Thompson, W. C. Stewart, Houston, R. J. S. Smith, Ashton, Mulhall.

Results

School v. Queen Victoria School—won; School v. Perth Academy—won; School v. Dundee High School—won; School v. Merchiston—lost; School v. Fettes—lost; School v. Glasgow Academy—won; School v. Glenalmond—draw.

UNDER 13½ CRICKET

May 23rd—School v. Drumtochty Castle—Away—Won by 6 runs. Strathallan 38; Drumtochty Castle 32.

May 27th—School v. Lathallan—Home—Lost by 5 wickets. Strathallan 37; Lathallan 51 for 5 wickets.

June 11th—School v. Ardvreck—Away—Won by 18 runs. Strathallan 53; Ardvreck 35.

June 27th—School v. Croftinloan—Home—Won by 11 runs. Strathallan 49; Croftinloan 38.

July 2nd—School v. Dalhousie—Home—Won by 140 runs. Strathallan 174 for 2 (dec.); Dalhousie 34.

July 8th—School v. Ardvreck—Home—Won by 49 runs. Strathallan 79 for 9 (dec.); Ardvreck 30.

July 11th—School v. Craigflower—Away—Won by 21 runs. Strathallan 59; Craigflower 38.

Played 7, won 6, lost 1.

Senior House Matches

Winners—RUTHVEN.

Junior House Matches

Winners—RUTHVEN.



Athletics, 1963-64

School v. Fettes—Away—June 2nd, 1964

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Time or Distance
100 yds.	Fettes	Fettes	Cranston	Quarry	10.3 sec.
220 yds.	Fettes	Fettes	Taylor and	Cranston	24.4 sec.
440 yds.	Fettes	Fettes	Reid C.D.	Quarry	54.2 sec.
			Willson-		
880 yds.	Fettes	Fettes	White	Houston	2 m. 10 sec.
Mile	Darling	Fettes	Morrison	Fettes	5 m. 7 sec.
Hurdles	Fettes	Fettes	Carver	Taylor	16.1 sec.
			Robertson		
High Jump	Fettes	Fettes	K.L.	Borland	5ft. 1in. (3rd)
Long Jump	Fettes	Fettes	Tindall	Reid C.D.	17ft. 3in. (3rd)
Shot	Fettes	Keech	Fettes	Carver	38 ft.
Discus	Keech	Carver	Fettes	Fettes	121 ft.
Javelin	Quarry	Fettes	Fettes	Keech	136 ft. 3 in.
Relay	Fettes	Strathallan			

Result—Lost. Strathallan 50 pts.; Fettes 79.

Inter-Schools Athletics at Dunblane, June 16th, 1964

The School came last of the six schools competing, the following being placed in their events:—

Senior 220 yds.	2nd, Cranston	25.5 secs.
Middle Discus	3rd, Carruthers	127 ft.
Senior Javelin	2nd, Quarry	140 ft. 4 in.
Middle Javelin	1st, Black	133 ft. 4½ in.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 23rd JULY, 1964**Senior**

<i>Event</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Time or Distance</i>
100 yards ...	Fleming (R)	10.5 secs.
220 yards ...	Fleming (R)	23.7 secs.
440 yards ...	Fleming (R)	51.7 (new record)
880 yards ...	Fleming (R)	2 min. 7.3 secs.
One mile ...	Gray (N)	4 min. 46.7 secs.
Hurdles ...	Fleming (R)	10.5 secs. (new record)
High Jump ...	Strachan (S)	5 ft. 5 in.
Long Jump ...	Fleming (R)	19 ft. 2 in.
Discus ...	Keech (F)	119 ft.
Javelin ...	Keech (F)	146 ft. 2 in.
Shot ...	McKeever (F)	38 ft. 2½ in.
Relay ...	Simpson	—
Tug-of-War ...	Simpson	—

Middle

<i>Event</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Time or Distance</i>
100 yards ...	Taylor (N)	10.9 secs.
220 yards ...	Taylor (N)	24.6 secs.
440 yards ...	Taylor (N)	53.2 secs. (new record)
880 yards ...	Houston (N)	2 min. 13 secs.
One mile ...	Houston (N)	4 min. 57 secs.
Hurdles ...	Black (R)	11.8 secs.
High Jump ...	Carswell (R)	5 ft. 3 in. (new record)
Long Jump ...	Lawson (R)	17 ft. 5 in.
Discus ...	Black (R)	122 ft. 2 in.
Javelin ...	Black (R)	140 ft. 3 in. (new record)
Shot ...	Carruthers (R)	37 ft. 5 in.
Relay ...	Ruthven	—

Junior

<i>Event</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Time or Distance</i>
100 yards ...	McGeachy (S)	11.6 secs.
220 yards ...	McGeachy (S)	26.9 secs.
440 yards ...	McGeachy (S)	58.0 secs.
880 yards ...	Biggart (F)	2 min. 20.9 secs.
Hurdles ...	Biggart (F)	11.9 secs.
High Jump ...	Carver (S)	4 ft. 11 in.
Long Jump ...	Biggart (F)	16 ft. 3 in.
Discus ...	Keown (S)	81 ft. 6 in.
Javelin ...	Ogilvie (F)	96 ft. 10 in.
Shot ...	Cromarty (S)	31 ft. 7¼ in.
Relay ...	Nicol	—

Riley

100 yards ...	Gray	13.1 secs. (equals record)
330 yards ...	Gray	46.9 secs.
High Jump ...	Mackenzie	4 ft. 0 in.
Long Jump ...	Hartley	13 ft. 9 in.
Relay ...	Big Dorm.	58 secs. (new record)

House Competition

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

Victor Ludorum

Senior—A. J. Fleming (R); Middle—J. H. S. Black (R);

Junior—D. D. C. Biggart (F).

Boxing, 1963-64

THIS year the preliminary training and bouts culminating in the finals were fitted into one term to give way for the Fencing Club in the Easter Session. Normally, they have been spread out over two terms, and consequently this year the training period was cut short. This had inevitable results; many of the pre-final bouts lacked style. However, this was compensated for by great determination and courage displayed by all who took part. This, after all, is most important in boxing of this kind.

All the fights were fought on the stage, giving spectators an excellent view.

Mr. Henderson, with the help of House coaches, was responsible for training all concerned. He also acted as both referee and judge in all the contests leading up to the finals.

The finals were held on Friday, 12th December, in front of the School and staff. Many of the lighter bouts did not last the full time, but the heavier weights provided much excitement. Keown proved to be the most stylish boxer and Fleming the most aggressive.

The judges were: The Headmaster, who also presented the medals, Mr. MacLellan and Mr. Wormald. Mr. Henderson was the referee, W. C. Roy, Master of Ceremonies, and R. A. Taylor was timekeeper.

The results were as follows:

<i>Weight</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Mosquito:	T. Gilmore (R)	G. J. Park (N)
Fly-weight:	D. G. Dryden (S)	A. A. Stirling (F)
Bantam-weight:	I. Sutherland (R)	W. D. Rennie (E)
Feather-weight:	T. Burt (R)	A. C. Paton (N)
Light-weight:	N. F. Wallace (F)	C. J. Carver (S)
Light Welter-weight:	R. M. Wallace (S)	S. S. Beattie (N)
Welter-weight:	A. R. Keown (S)	S. J. S. Stevenson (F)
Light Middle-weight:	A. W. Logan (R)	D. C. Taylor (R)
Middle-weight:	J. A. E. Fleming (N)	D. A. Ogilvie (F)
Light Heavy-weight:	H. A. R. Cromarty (S)	J. H. S. Black (R)
Heavy-weight 'A':	R. G. Lawson (R)	I. C. Robertson (S)
Heavy-weight 'B':	N. D. Riach (S)	G. I. M. Brown (R)

The results of the Inter-House Competition were:—

1st. Ruthven, 97; 2nd, Freeland, 94; 3rd, Simpson, 83; 4th, Nicol, 69.

House Captains of boxing were: Ruthven—M. I. M. Dawson; Simpson—D. A. Cranston; Nicol—W. C. Roy; Freeland—B. M. S. Borland.

W.C.R.

Fencing, 1963-64

As in the previous year the Club was run under the able coaching of Mr. Henderson, the School P.T.I., who was himself an army fencer.

There has been a heartening increase in the number of new members to the Club, which in itself has been a good innovation as 'new blood' is needed to emulate and, one hopes, improve on the deeds of past generations—in a limited sense of the word. The number of activities for fencing during the week has been increased to three as opposed to two of former years. There has also been a distinct change in attitude. Whereas before members were conspicuous by their presence, they are now so by their absence.

Although, as will be seen from the results following, the actual team has not excelled itself, the general standard of sword-play and, dare I say finesse, has been high. This, I think, has been helped by numerous visits on every second Sunday of the Winter Term by the Maître d'Armes of Scotland, J. E. Fethers. Taking the seniors individually and the juniors and intermediates in groups, he made a lot of constructive criticism and eliminated faults at an early stage which, if allowed to develop, would prove a serious handicap.

This year the team had three fixtures, a fourth in the Bridge of Earn Fencing Club being cancelled. The first was fenced off on March 5th against Dollar. The result was a rather decisive 11-5 victory to Dollar. Two days later, on March 7th, the team travelled to Edinburgh Academy for the second round of the Thistle Shield. This proved to be a victory for Strathallan, the result being 12-4. Then followed a period of normal training which encompassed an inter-club competition with the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Pools. This gave the younger members valuable experience in competition fighting and also in the art of judging where a raised hand rapidly changed to head scratching illustrates the indecision that can arise. On February 3rd we again journeyed to Merchiston and again were defeated 10-6 but a close analysis of the hits for and against would show a few frights at La Belle.

Overall, the past season has been quite successful and I hope that the following will succeed in bettering it, both in effort and consequent result.

R.W.

Sailing, 1963-64

WE are very sorry that Mr. MacLellan had to give up the Sailing Club, and we are very grateful to him for the generous and efficient way he conducted the Club's affairs during the years in which he was in charge of it. We welcome Mr. Gray in his place.

During the Winter Term the maintenance of the boats was carried out very well under the supervision of Fawcett. During the Spring Term we were at last given a new shed, having had the inconvenient home of the Scout Hut for all time within memory. However, it was out of the frying pan into the fire, for the Scout Hut had been rather small, but the new shed, though drier and warmer and having electricity, was even smaller. Talking of fires, the Scout Hut was burnt down a few days after we moved out, much to the consternation of those who did not know we had done so.

This year we had more outside fixtures than before, and indeed we met with a measure of unaccustomed success. The first fixture was to have been at Fettes, but this was cancelled at the last minute because of excessively high winds. The next event was the Perth Sailing Club's Young Helmsmen's Race on June 20th. Last year, the first occasion on which it was held, we entered three crews; this year we proudly presented six. Light and very variable winds made this race a test of patience although much skill was required, especially at the start, to manoeuvre among the twenty-two boats taking part. Atherton obtained a lucky puff of wind near the finish and sneaked in to take third place. The next day presented similar conditions for the three-way match on Loch Freuchie with Trinity College, Glenalmond, and Perth Academy. Sailing Cadets in a light wind is a special art, and one of which the team had not the slightest idea, and we were far outclassed and came last. However, during the next week we had excellent conditions for the matches against Rannoch and Perth Academy. These races were very enjoyable, the more so as we chalked up victories against both schools. We again entered for Perth S.C.'s team racing week-end. This was held in a very strong wind which we found too much for our rather light crews. In the first round we were beaten by Perth S.C. in two nerve-racking races. In the Mug's Race (for those knocked out in the first round), we met again our old opponents Perth Academy, and in this, which must be regarded as the decider, we were unfortunately beaten. The next fixture was a match against the Cadets of Royal Tay S.C. and was undoubtedly the best fixture of all. High winds in a wide estuary make for superb sailing. We won, but by the smallest

margin in any of our matches. Mention must be made of the excellent helmsmanship of Donald and Robertson, who showed they were far more at home on the high seas than on the rather restricted waters of Perth S.C.

The House Sailing Competition was held on two afternoons early in the term. The first afternoon was windy and sunny, while the second was calm and very wet. But Freeland showed that they could do it in any conditions, and made off with the cup after winning all four races.

Colours for 1964 were awarded to Donald, Fawcett and Robertson. Thanks are again due to Dr. Prain and Mr. Hunter of Perth S.C. for the kind loan of their boats for certain school matches.

With most of this year's team returning to school, I think sailing can look forward to a bumper season in 1965.

J.C.A.

Shooting, 1963-64

THE standard of shooting this year has been particularly high, and the 'B' and 'C' teams have shown that, with some practice and coaching, they should be able to keep this up.

The members of the present team have taken part in shooting competitions almost since they first came to the School, and have therefore some considerable experience behind them, which should show in next year's results. Many of the members of the team are in the R.A.F. section, and after losing the Assegai Cup by a narrow margin two years running, it may at last be secured next Easter. If it is, and we also manage to keep the Cadell and Wylie Cups, it would be a considerable achievement for the School, which might then be tempted to send a team to Bisley!

The year has followed its usual set pattern. The Winter and Easter Terms were hectic, to say the least, as we had to shoot an average of two competition cards a week. If we wanted practice, that meant that we almost lived on the range, and those in the R.A.F. teams had difficulty in trying to adjust themselves to different targets. At least we had no time to get stale!

It has always been difficult to take part in external competitions, because we were either on holiday, or had too much to do at school. However, this summer three shots, greatly daring, entered for one which took place on the first leave Sunday of the term. Dunbar, Ferguson and myself arrived,

after driving round in circles for ten minutes or so, at the range, which was tucked away behind some houses. There we dazedly followed the instructions of the range authorities and eventually settled down to shoot our first target at 50 yards. 'Settled' is rather too indescriptive a term. The firing point was, we discovered, concrete, and we three keen but green shots had omitted to bring anything to lie on except duffel coats. Twenty shots prone, on concrete, is uncomfortable; another twenty reduces one to unuttered curses; a further forty at 100 yards and one is left speechless! We decided against entering for any sweepstake competition, packed up our equipment, such as it was, and left. After waiting for results for a week, we gave up all hope of hearing anything. Then, some weeks later, two letters with postal orders arrived, and the concrete was forgotten. These competitions will be more popular in future, I should think, but proper precautions, like lilos, will be taken.

L.D.C.S.

Ski-ing, 1963-64

THE very poor conditions for ski-ing last winter reduced our activities drastically. Only one expedition to Glenshee was held, and then we had to walk right across to Glas Maol to find a long thin strip of snow to practise on.

The inter-schools race was not held this year, but one member of our club, C. A. H. Greig, performed extremely well in the Scottish Junior Championships in the Cairngorms, being placed third overall.

D.F.

Swimming, 1963-64

THE condition of the pool has been much the same this year as in previous ones. Approximately once a month it had to be emptied, cleaned, refilled and reheated, usually taking at least a week. The delay was aggravating to all concerned, and the water was never really clean.

The School team started intensive training again this term, both for the Bath Cup Relay Race and for the odd School match which was hoped for. Out of a dozen requests for fixtures, only one, Loretto, materialised. They soundly beat us and only accentuated the necessity for continuous training throughout the Summer Term, and, if possible, the whole year.

The relay team's time in the Bath Cup was over thirteen seconds faster than last year. However, due to the generally higher standard, our position was twenty-second out of forty-two, though our best yet, was only five better than the previous year. The team was: A. M. Cumming, A. A. Clark, A. Wilkinson, D. M. Cranston. First reserve was R. Wilkie.

There were no standards this year and though the sports clashed with 'A' levels and athletic heats, they went off very successfully. A new six by 50 yd. relay was introduced this year and it is hoped to introduce butterfly events next year.

The results of the sports were:

Junior

- 50 yards Breaststroke—Keown (S); R. Thom (R).
- 50 yards Backstroke—C. Thom (R); Paul (F).
- 50 yards Freestyle—C. Thom (R); R. Thom (R).
- 100 yards Freestyle—Keown (S); R. Thom (R).

Middle

- 75 yards Breaststroke—Kyle (R); Mure (F).
- 75 yards Backstroke—Caldwell (S); Sharpe (N).
- 75 yards Freestyle—J. Smith (F); W. Wilson (N).
- 200 yards Freestyle—Sharpe (N); Marshall (S).

Senior

- 100 yards Breaststroke—Pott (F);* Cumming (S).
- 100 yards Backstroke—Wilkinson (N); Clark (F).
- 100 yards Freestyle—Cumming (S);* Cranston (S).
- 400 yards Freestyle—Cumming (S);* Clark (F).

Relays

- Junior 3 x 50 yards Medlay Relay—Simpson.*
- Middle 3 x 75 yards Medlay Relay—Ruthven.
- Senior 3 x 100 yards Medlay Relay—Freeland.*
- Open 6 x 50 yards Freestyle Relay—Simpson.
- Junior Champion—Keown (S).
- Middle Champion—Sharpe (N).
- Senior Champion—Cumming (S).

Swimming Cup

- Simpson, 1st, 116 points; Freeland, 2nd, 69; Ruthven, 3rd, 66;
Nicol, 4th, 52.

Individual medals and the Inter-House Cup were presented by the Headmaster immediately after the finals.

The School has now been promised a filtration plant this coming year, which will eventually provide all year round swimming and with it no doubt a full and regular fixture list.

Mr. Henderson again efficiently organised the life saving classes, fifty-seven awards being taken—all successfully.

Our thanks go to Mr. McNamara who worked very hard throughout the term coaching and training the School team, as well as trying to organise fixtures. Also thanks to his attention swimming classes now entail serious swimming and are not just a 'fool around.'

Swimming colours this year were awarded to A. M. Cumming, A. A. Clark and N. F. Pott.

D.A.C.

Tennis, 1964

THIS season has been a fairly satisfactory one for School tennis. With the combined effort of Mr. G. Giles, our new master-in-charge, and Mr. Woodcraft, our coach, there have been increasing enthusiasm among all the boys, and more use has been made of the practice wall.

Although our School tennis team have been less successful than they were last year, most of the matches that we lost were very close and the standard of playing has been kept at a fairly high level.

The Inter-House Tennis Cup went to Simpson this year after having been won by Ruthven for three years in succession. The School Open Single Cup was won by J. P. Galbraith who beat Burt in two straight sets in the final.

Team: P. M. G. Reynolds,* P. Pradipasen, first pair; J. P. Galbraith,* A. Y. Lawson,* second pair; Gemmell, Sandeman, third pair.

* Colours.

P.P.

STRATHALLIAN CLUB

1964

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Hon. President: W. N. S. Hoare.

President: Dr. L. Stuart Scott.

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Angling Section Secretary: John Hall.

Our President

L. STUART SCOTT, M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.S., R.C.P.S.(Glas.), the 1963/64 President of the Old Boys' Club, is well-known in Strathallian circles and the choice of him for this position must be a popular one.

His days at School, from 1935 to 1938, formed a solid foundation for the full and active years ahead. From Strathallan he went to Glasgow University where he qualified in 1943. During his time at University he participated fully in all aspects of university life and in the field of sport he gained his first XV rugby colours. His life in the R.A.M.C. after qualifying took him to Italy and Austria with the Eighth Army.

On his return to civilian life Stuart continued with his studies and research at the highest level. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in 1948 and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow in 1949. He has published a number of papers in his chosen field over the years, and in 1961, in recognition of his research work in the field of fertility, he was elected a Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences.

His present appointments include Consultant Urologist and Consultant Surgeon to the Male Infertility Clinic at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.



The President, 1963-64

Stuart, married and with two children, leads an extremely active life. When he has time to relax he likes to spend it sailing on Loch Lomond or playing golf—he considers both pastimes relaxing!

We wish him every success in his year of office in the certain belief that he will bear this responsibility with confidence and distinction.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the comfort of the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 7th December, 1963, when the President, Mr. D. C. Fulton, M.C., W.S., occupied the chair. After welcoming the members present at the meeting, the formal business of admission of new members, consideration of the Council's report and the annual accounts and appointment of office-bearers was proceeded with and the Chairman made reference to the tragic death of Gilmour Leburn, M.P.

Some 150 members and their guests sat down to the Annual Dinner which was well up to the high standard which the hotel had set in previous years, and much credit is due to Mr. J. H. Allen, Convener of the Dinner Committee, and the members of his Committee for completing the necessary arrangements.

The President presented the Golf and Angling Trophies which had been competed for during the season.

The principal guest was Mr. R. W. Parker, O.B.E., C.A., Chairman of the Scottish Division of the National Coal Board. Mr. Parker is the Founder President of the Edinburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce and a Governor of Heriot Watt College. He proposed the toast to the School and the Club in a delightful speech in which he laid particular emphasis on the importance of the numerous societies and sporting activities which are now part of Strath. Mr. Parker also referred to the importance of the Old Boys' Club in maintaining school friendships and supporting the School.

The President, in reply for the Club, gave a brief account of the Club activities and emphasised the importance of Branch activities. He raised the question of a rugby touring side which the Council was considering and hoped something could be arranged in conjunction with the London Branch.

The Headmaster replied on behalf of the School and gave a very brief account of the highlights of the School's year. His speech was interesting and amusing and greatly enjoyed by the assembled company.

The health of the guests was proposed in a most humorous speech by Mr. Tom Philp, a radiographer in Edinburgh. The reply was given in an amusing speech by Mr. W. D. H. Gregson, D.F.H., B.Sc., M.I.E.E., Assistant General Manager for Scotland of Ferranti, Ltd. He is National Chairman of the Electronic Engineers' Association and of Industrial Electrical.

The London Branch

THE Branch Annual Dinner was held on 20th March in the Criterion Restaurant as usual. Unfortunately, the Headmaster was unable to attend the Dinner but Mr. McCallum was welcomed in his place. The Dinner was an informal one as usual and it seems that the most ardent supporters of the London Branch are the younger members. This in many ways is a good thing but of course it would be appreciated if older Strathallians would attend.

The Branch discussed the possibility of having one or two members play rugby for a touring side which might visit the South just prior to the next Calcutta Cup International and it was left to the Secretary to go into the matter and report to the Club Secretary.

The monthly meetings continue in the Captain's Cabin (off Haymarket) from 7.30 p.m., and the Committee would like to see more members attending these evenings. The Branch Secretary is David Anderson, 37 West Kensington Court, West Cromwell Road, London, W.14, who will be pleased to supply information to anyone interested.

Angling Section

Captain: D. Lindsay Young. Vice-Captain: Wm. M. Nairn.
Hon. Secretary: John Hall.

THE myth that a poor summer is the angler's paradise has surely been laid this season. Baskets are the worst on record and hard experience alone accounted for the fish that were caught. It is scarcely credible that the championship, for which every ounce counts, should be shared by Iain Headrick and Leslie Steven but fitting because each demonstrated skill in the most trying conditions. Fortunately, the section does not thrive on results alone and it is consolation to report that meetings have

been well supported and morale is high. Evidence of academic interest in the art is to be found in a sporting magazine which from time to time publishes articles by two of our members and the number of married men now having that extra week on a river is perhaps indication of privilege which accrues from successful social activities.

News of Old Strathallians

Dr. George W. Balfour, M.B., Ch.B. (1926-34), Glenfriars, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, is President of the Border League and Scottish Border R.F.C., 1963-64, President of Jedforest R.F.C., and President of Jedburgh C.C.

Andrew H. Brown (1956-60), 14 Kingsborough Gardens, Glasgow, W.2, is presently in his fourth year at South Shields Marine and Technical College on a course in Marine Endorsement to Ordinary National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

A. R. Bucher (1959-63) is presently manager of the Regency Hotel, Cromer, before going to Norwich Technical College to start a two year course in Hotel Catering and Management.

M. J. Bucher, B.A. (1955-60), Crown Hotel, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, is presently at Cambridge University studying Mechanical Sciences and has reached 2nd class in Tripos. He stroked college first boat.

A. D. J. Budge (1955-58), Bukit Benut Estate, Kluang, Johore, Malaysia, is now assistant manager. He played rugby for Kedah State XV and Johore State XV and reserve for the Southern Malaysian XV.

Matthew Cameron (1921-24), "Strathlea," No. 6 R.D., Te Puke, New Zealand, is farming in the Bay of Plenty in partnership with his two married sons. He tells us that New Zealand is a lovely country and, provided one is willing to work hard, there are plenty of opportunities. Anyone interested in going to New Zealand should contact him as he is willing to give any information or help required.

A. D. K. Campbell (1955-59), "Balyarrow," Kingsbarns, St. Andrews, Fife, is now a Flying Officer/Navigator/Radar Operator with the 49 Bomber Squadron R.A.F., Marham, near King's Lynn, and is living in Swaffham.

R. B. Clark, B.Sc. (1952-57), Kirklands, The Avenue, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham, is in his final year at St. Andrews University, Queen's College, Dundee, on a course in Dentistry.

Allan S. Cook (1958-61), 'Daldrishaig,' Thorntonhall, Glasgow, is now assistant to the managing director of John Allan & Sons, Ltd., manufacturers of "Allanite" Packings.

Robin C. Dow (1955-62), 1 Lennox Street, Edinburgh, 4, has completed his first year at Cambridge University on a course in History.

Gordon Duff (1956-60), Castle Milk Home Farm, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, has obtained two degrees in Agriculture and is now an assistant farm manager.

P. T. Goodall (1955-60), 9 Barton Close, Cambridge, is at Magdalene College, Cambridge, on a Natural Sciences and Economics course and has just completed Second Class Honours B.A. He starts with Courtalds in October in General Management.

T. L. Harrison (1955-59), 86 Broom Road, Teddington, Middlesex, is practising Dentistry at Guy's Hospital.

K. R. Hunter, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (1952-57), "Whitewalls," 17 Stainburn Road, Workington, Cumberland, is now working as a house physician at University College Hospital, London.

E. K. M. Inglis (1948-54), 21 Thornwood Avenue, Glasgow, W.1, who is an A.A.C.C.A., joined the Overseas Financial Department of J. & P. Coats, Ltd., at their head office in Glasgow on 1st October, 1963.

Peter G. Lawson (1954-61), Russell Villa, Methil, Fife, has gained B.A. Honours 2nd Class (Natural Science) and is at Keble College, Oxford, on a Physics course. He took his finals in June and hopes to stay on and do a D.Phil. at Oxford otherwise he will be taking up a post as scientific officer at Dounreay.

Major James N. Ledingham, T.D., M.A., LL.B. (1926-29) has been farming in Brora since 1951. He is Vice-Chairman of the Sutherland T.A. and A.F.A. His hobby is mountaineering and he completed all Scottish Munros in 1962 (a Munro is a Scottish mountain of over 3,000 ft.). He wonders if he is the first Strathallian to achieve this? He would welcome visits

from Strathallians of his own age group and would assist sons of Strathallians interested in training in farming (sheep, hill and cattle).

Hamish J. Lochore (1957-61), Burgie Mains House, Forres, Moray, has been commissioned in the Royal Scots Greys.

Ian A. McBride (1929-34), 52 Ellerslie Park, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I., tells us that he flew to Scotland for three weeks last Christmas to see his son, Donald James McBride, who is at Riley House.

Donald McColl, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.F.Ph.(Honorary) (1930/37), 3 Blackwood Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire, is a medical officer to B.M.K. (Blackwood, Morton & Sons, Ltd.), Carpet Manufacturers, Kilmarnock, as from 1st August, 1964

Peter McLellan (19—58), Cheviot House, Finchampstead Ridges, Crowthorne, Berks. A. D. J. Budge informs us that Peter McLellan is doing very well with the Chartered Bank, Singapore, and has seen him at some of his wild Beatle parties!

H. G. Morton (1957-61), 6 Swan Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, is at the end of his third year at St. Andrews (Queen's College, Dundee), on a course in Medicine and has passed second Professional Examinations in March, 1964.

John L. W. Parker (1956-61), 7 Mirrlees Drive, Glasgow, W.2, is at the end of his third year at Glasgow University on an M.B., Ch.B. course. He plays Rugger (vice-captain) and cricket for Kelvinside Accies.

A. M. Pate (1954-61), Reedie Farm, Kirriemuir, Angus, has gained B.A. Honours 2nd Class (Economics) at Cambridge.

Alex. R. Pate, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.(Glasg.) (1939-45), Ashley, Hainault Road, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, has recently taken up an appointment as a Neurosurgeon at the Richmond Hospital in Dublin.

N. D. L. Paterson (1955-61), 125 Finnart Street, Greenock, has completed his second year of a three year course in Hotel Management at the Scottish Hotel School. During the summer, he worked in Grosvenor House, London, and found the experience invaluable.

James R. Peters, B.Sc.(Chem.Eng.), A.R.C.S.T. (1954-58), 26 Glencairn Road, Langbank, spent last year in the Arabian Gulf and will gladly give information to any Strathallians contemplating going to that area.

Ross S. Peters (1957-62), Glen Orchy, Bishopton, has completed his first year at Cambridge University on a course in Natural Sciences.

C. P. Roselle (1953-59), was married last summer. He is serving with the U.S. Army in Germany.

S. R. Roselle (1954-60), 643 Laurel Avenue, Bridgeport, 5, Connecticut, U.S.A., is in his third year of a four year course at Worcester Polytechnic Institute on a course in Mechanical Engineering.

Air Commodore J. B. Ross, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H. (1924-30), H.Q., Near East Air Force, Episkopi, B.F.P.O., 53. We congratulate him on his appointment as Commander of the Order of St. John and of his promotion to Air Commodore. He was posted to Cyprus in 1963 and is now Principal Medical Officer, Near East Air Force.

Lex Ross (1956-60), 54 Harberton Park, Belfast, 9. We congratulate him on gaining his degree in Bachelor of Arts at Queen's University, Belfast, with 2nd Class Honours (First Division) in Modern History.

D. Robin Wardhaugh (1956-62), Cortachy House, near Kirriemuir, Angus, is at Marischal College, Aberdeen, where he has completed his first year of a course in Scottish Diploma in Agriculture.

B. A. Wingate (1955-61), Officers' Mess, R.A.F., Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks, has completed basic flying training and received his wings at R.A.F., Leeming. He is now on an advanced course at Linton-on-Ouse flying the Vampire.

ENGAGEMENTS

BUDGE—A. D. J. (1955-58), Bukit Benut Estate, Kluang, Johore, Malaysia, to Miss Aileen Hendrie, Ulu Tiram Estate, Johore.

RITCHIE—Alexander D. (1951-54), Marlin Lodge, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire, to Miss Evelyn Emslie, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. E. Begg, 110 Munro Road, Jordanhill, Glasgow, W.3.

THOMSON—John (1953-60), Pathhead, Dunbar, to Miss Dorothy Lawrie Spott Dunbar.

MARRIAGES

ARNEIL—Allan A. (1948-54), 51 Craigiebuckler Terrace, Aberdeen, to Miss Katherine M. Macklin, at Tillicoultry on 20th April, 1963.

- BIRSS—Dr. Ian R. (1946-49), 17 Dunbar Terrace, Thurso, to Miss Davina A. Carson, at Galashiels on 25th February, 1964.
- CAMPBELL—A. D. K. (1955-59), "Balyarrow," Kingsbarns, St. Andrews, Fife, to Miss Elizabeth Anne Barrie at St. Leonard's, Flamstead, near St. Albans, on 5th October, 1963.
- DINSMORE—H. W. (1949-55), Thurlestone, Matherton Avenue, Newton Mearns, to Miss Ishbel Connell, Woodend House, Giffnock, on 4th October, 1963.
- DRYBROUGH—Wm. G., N.D.A. (1951-57), Orkie, Freuchie, Fife, to Miss Margaret W. Small, Woodlands, Ladybank, Fife.
- EASON—Roger S. (1950-54), 6 Rysland Avenue, Newton Mearns, to Miss Gilliam Gilmour, 14 De Walden Terrace, Kilmarnock, on 19th March, 1964.
- GRAY—J. M. (1947-51), c/o The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Jesselton, Sabah, Malaysia, to Miss Kerstin Rosenberg of "Orebro," Sweden, on 6th August, 1964.
- HAMILTON—Peter M. (1951-56), The Knowes, Forgandenny, to Miss Janette S. Steel, at Newtyle Parish Church on 31st March, 1964.
- HARRISON—T. L. (1955-59), 86 Broom Road, Teddington, Middlesex, was married on 6th June, 1964.
- JAMIESON—M. Steel (1951-58), Droskyn, 10 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock, to Miss Rosemary Isabel Dobie, at St. Andrew's Church, Ayr, on 26th March, 1964.
- McINTYRE—James Alexander Devey (1947-51), Logan Mains, Ardwell, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, to Miss Catherine Hannay, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. Hannay, The Mill House, Stranraer, on 26th September, 1963.
- PETERS—James R., B.Sc., A.R.C.S.T. (1954-58), 26 Glencairn Road, Langbank, to Miss Margot Morland Begbie, on 1st September, 1964.
- TAYLOR—Iain W. G. (1950-53), c/o Walter Hume & Co., 16 College Green, Dublin, to Miss B. M. Haynes, of Co. Dublin, on 12th September, 1964.

BIRTHS

- BAXTER—T. A. (1943-46), on 11th June, 1963, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Baxter, Kildroche House, near Stranraer, a son, Rodney.
- FITZPATRICK—Alan J. (1949-54), on 3rd July, 1963, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Fitzpatrick, a daughter, Gail Susan.
- HALL—John (1941-44), on 15th December, 1963, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, 9 Thorn Road, Bearsden, a son, David Brodie.
- KENNETH—J. Chisholm (1951-54), on 14th January, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kenneth, "Tiffany," Lochpark, Doonfoot, Ayr, a daughter.
- MILLAR—Alan C. (1949-54), on 3rd March, 1964 (by adoption), to Captain and Mrs. A. C. Millar, 23 Fusilier Avenue, Shorncliffe, Kent, a son, Colin James.

McKEE—John (1947-57), on 20th October, 1963, to Mr. and Mrs. John McKee, 6 Lennoxvale, Malone Road, Belfast, a son, Peter John.

MACHARG—J. M. (1939-44), on 13th February, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. Maitland Machard, 215 Braid Road, Edinburgh, a son, Richard Orr.

McINTYRE—James Alexander Devey (1947-51), on 16th January, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. James A. D. McIntyre, Logan Mains, Ardwell, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, a daughter.

WATT—Allan (1935-38), on 19th April, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Watt, The Coppice, Waterfoot, Renfrewshire, a daughter, Fiona Elizabeth.

DEATHS

MARR—John A. (1929-33), late of 9 Lethington Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire, on 18th April, 1964.

MUNRO—D. W. M. (1957-62), Laxford House, by Laird, Sutherland, on 1st July, 1964.

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