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Editorial

WE welcome to the Staff this term A. J. S. Greig, of Edinburgh Academy and Lincoln College, Oxford. In addition to teaching General Subjects Mr. Greig is Art Master and House Tutor of the newly formed Riley House.

We also welcome to the School, as Physical Training Instructor, R.S.M. H. G. Jack, of the Second Battalion, the Black Watch. Mr. Jack is by no means a stranger, since, for the past three terms, he has given invaluable assistance to the C.C.F.

Mr. Mordecai (who has been appointed Director of Music to Montrose Academy) and Mr. McConnell both leave us at the end of this term, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking them for their services to the School and of wishing them success for the future.

The creation of a junior house has for long been an obvious need of the School. It has now been brought into being, not without its attendant problems, but has already proved its value, thanks largely to the efforts of its House Master, Mr. Silver, and House Tutor, Mr. Greig. The senior houses remain as previously, save for a numerical reduction which eases administration without impairing their efficiency as competitive units within the School.

We should like to make public our gratitude to many people. Owing, for example, to the generosity of an Old Boy who wishes to remain anonymous, the gymnasium has now been equipped as a concert hall capable of seating an audience of 250. As the chairs which he has given are collapsible, they can be stored when not required, thus making it possible to continue the use of the hall as a gymnasium. This generous gesture has indeed filled a long-felt want.

We have also to thank the Old Boys and friends to whose efforts are due the erection in the Chapel of the War Memorial Plaque; and Mrs. Barrie, in particular, for the presentation of the Bible which was dedicated to the School in memory of her son, James W. Barrie.

To that group of Old Boys who were at Cambridge University with J. G. S. Forrest also go our thanks, for the gift, in memory of their friend, of the Shield which is now presented to the victorious side in the annual rigger match on Founder's Day. It is with pleasure that we record that, as a result of this term's match, the Old Boys, fittingly enough, will be the first to have their name inscribed upon the Shield.

Finally, we must thank Mr. L. N. Constantine for the gift to the Library of his book on cricket, suitably inscribed and autographed; and the Governors of the School for their gift of reference books. It is to be hoped that these books, in conjunction with the re-organisation of the Library which is now taking place, will induce in more boys the realisation that a library is, indeed, a place for study and for seeking after knowledge.

School Notes

Ox Thursday, June 23rd, the whole school spent an enjoyable, if somewhat dusty day, at the the Royal Highland Show at Dundee.

On Commemoration Day, June 25th, the School won the cricket match and the relay race, and the Old Boys the tennis, the fives—and the wooden spoon. Details of the cricket match will be found elsewhere.

Owing to the shortage of water caused by the drought the usual swimming activities did not take place last term.

A boxing ring, removable when not required, has now been installed in the gymnasium.

On March 30th, 1950 at 2.30 p.m., the Dramatic Society will present, for the benefit of parents and friends, the three-act farce, "Tons of Money", by Evans and Valentine.

Salvete

Allardie, F. M. : Barclay, D. F. : Cameron, E. H. D. : Clark, J. G. : Cuthill, W. J. : Fitzpatrick, A. J. : Gilmour, E. C. F. : Hamilton, J. S. H. : Hay, H. P. H. : Hood, J. D. : Innes, J. : Millar, A. C. : Macintyre, I. G. : Prophet, P. I. : Ross, C. W. : Ross, R. F. : Stuart, D. M. : Thompson, J. D.

Valete

Bell, D. I.; Birss, I. R.; Braid, A. I.; Bryson, G. F.; Burden, D. W.; Campbell, J. P.; Clayton, A. J. W.; Cruickshank, D. A.; Currie, A. C.; Dunley, P. G.; Ferguson, N. D. F.; Fleming, D. A.; Forsyth, C. C.; Genasi, P. J.; Gibson, R. H. H.; Gilchrist, J. R.; Guthrie, C. B.; Hill, R. S.; Holden, A. R.; Howie, J. S.; Hunter, R. D.; Johnstone, D.; McCarroll, L. J.; McIntyre, J.; McFadzean, W. A. D.; Mitchell, R. P.; Morganthaler, P. G. E.; Naylor, W. B.; Phillip, J. R. M.; Russell, J. R.; Shaw, J. C.; Stuart, A. A.; Stewart, R. T. S.; Summers, G. J. V.; Thomas, M. J.; Wolfe, G.

Chapel Notes

THE entrance to the Chapel is now through the old conservatory. All the seats have been turned round so that the congregation faces the very beautiful window to the east, below which stands the Holy Table covered with dark blue velvet. Hangings of the same material have been provided for the pulpit and lectern. By such simple changes the Chapel has been strikingly beautified.

A new beauty has been imparted to it also, as well as a new dignity and a new sanctity, by the War Memorial which has been placed against the southern wall. It was unveiled by the captain of the School, I. J. Turnbull, and accepted by



"THE CHAPEL" — G. W. Stokes

Mr. W. G. Leburn, the Chairman of the Governors, during a moving service conducted on Sunday, 2nd October, by the Reverend Professor E. P. Dickie, M.C., M.A., D.D. This ceremony had been preceded by the dedication of the School Bible, presented in memory of James W. Barrie, who died on active service, 12th June, 1943.

Poppy wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by the President of the Old Boys' Club, Mr. J. B. Maitland Cowan, and by the School Captain during the Founder's Day service, which was held on Saturday, 8th October. This service was conducted by the Reverend Professor W. S. Tindal, O.B.E., D.D., and was followed by a ceremony held at the grave of the Founder and attended by representatives of the School and of the Old Boys.

We take this opportunity of informing Old Boys that printed orders of service for the School War Memorial and Founder's Day services are still available and will be gladly sent to any one who wishes to apply.

A special Harvest Thanksgiving Service was conducted by the Reverend A. R. R. Reid on Sunday, 9th October, when the Chapel was arrayed in all the glory of fruit and vegetable. Donations were later sent to Bridge of Earn Hospital and we hope next year to publish the date of this service so that our farming community can help us to make our donation a bumper one.

Armistice Sunday, 6th November, was celebrated with due ceremony, the service being conducted by the Reverend D. Railton, M.C., who followed the traditional form of service. The C.C.F. was, of course, on parade and was piped into chapel by R.S.M. Jack, who also played the lament "The Flowers of the Forest". Homage was paid to the Fallen in the name of the Old Boys whose names are inscribed on the War Memorial at which wreaths had been laid.

To all who have helped to make our Chapel a living reality we give thanks, especially to the many preachers who have given freely of their time to conduct the services. In addition to the Headmaster and preachers already mentioned in these notes, we express our grateful thanks to the Rev. Professor D. Cairns, Rev. W. Campbell, Rev. H. O. Douglas, Rev. J. D. Duff, Rev. J. B. Logan, Rev. L. Small.

SCRIPTURE UNION

DURING the past six months the Scripture Union has made good progress, many new members having joined us.

In the Summer term we were greatly favoured by a visit from Mr. Beveridge, the Secretary for the Scripture Union in Scotland. Professor D. Cairn also addressed a meeting of both Seniors and Juniors, in which he shed light on many perplexing problems.

Mr. D. Silver has very kindly taken over the Scripture Union among the Junior boys in Riley House: we offer him our sincere thanks for services rendered.

In the discussions which the Seniors have held on Sunday evenings many interesting questions have been raised, and the regular attendance would seem to show that this comparatively new activity is much appreciated and enjoyed.

J. McK.

The John Forrest Memorial Shield

THE inscription on the Shield runs as follows: "This trophy is presented to Strathallan School by those Strathallians who were at Cambridge University, in the hope that the example set by 'Springy,' with his modest charm of manner coupled with his outstanding athletic achievement, will serve as an inspiration to those who are now at School."

Lieutenant John Gordon Scott Forrest, R.N.V.R.(A.), was killed on active service in the East in September, 1942.

He was born in Rhodesia and came to Strathallan in 1931. He excelled at all kinds of sports, being, in his last two years at School, Captain of Rugger, Cricket and Swimming, Tennis Champion and Victor Ludorum. He was also, during the same period, Vice-Captain of the School. His delightfully natural and modest manner made him immensely popular with everyone.

From School he went, in 1936, to Cambridge, where he got his Rugger Blue in his first season, and was elected captain for the 1939 season. In addition, he played for Scotland in all three matches in the 1937-8 season, but injuries prevented him gaining further honours the following year.

Mr. D. R. Gent, writing in the *Sunday Times* in 1942, said: "Forrest was a magnificent player, whether on the wing or in the centre. I preferred him in the centre, where his running and swerving and side stepping and kicking and passing gave me no end of pleasure; and I am sure that in this modest and charming young Scotsman we have lost a great Rugby footballer in the making."



FORREST MEMORIAL SHIELD

TOBACCO GROWING IN AUSTRALIA

The Headmaster has received a letter from an Old Boy, Hugh K. Cowper, who is a tobacco farmer in North Queensland, Australia. Mr Cowper states that he is willing to help any boy from Strathallan who would like to learn

tobacco farming, and says that if a boy is prepared to work hard there is no reason why he should not have his own farm within a few years, as tobacco in his area is a very safe crop and there is a very promising future in the industry.

Any boy who is interested should apply for further information to his Housemaster.

Know Your Limitations

I REMEMBER watching one of the late Sir Alan Cobham's famous air displays in the 1930s. It was a filthy wet afternoon in early Spring, and as dull overhead as if a total eclipse of the sun were entering its final phase.

The turn had come for the "Auto-gyro" to show its paces (or lack of them), and as the strange old "stringbag" flew over the spectators' enclosure, at perhaps 50 feet above our heads, with its rotor windmilling fast, I saw what looked to me like a super optimist. There he was, apparently quite oblivious of the difficulties, merrily snapping away at the plane—with a Box Brownie!

Now I mention this incident, not because I think we should take up a "superior" attitude towards anyone struggling with a box camera while we swank about with our Leicas and Contaxes round our necks (though I admit I was then probably insufferable in this respect, in the first flush of amateur success), but simply to point out that every camera, even the most costly, has its own definite limitations. No single camera can tackle every subject, and the first thing to do is to get to know the limitations of one's own instrument. Once we know what it can not cope with, we need not waste time and film on unsuitable subjects, but can just get on with improving our technique on those within its scope—and that means our scope, too.

Now the fixed shutter speed of a box camera is about $\frac{1}{50}$ th part of a second, during which time each blade tip of that Auto-gyro's rotor would have moved perhaps 8 to 10 feet—with the inevitably blurred result one might expect. The

aircraft's forward speed was very little, even by those days' standards, but even so it is highly probable that, being so close, the whole thing would have just been a blur on the negative—if ever a negative materialised! I don't know what speed of film he was using, but in that exceptionally weak light I doubt if he would have got more than a useless ghost image on his film.

Of course, in theory, it is impossible to "freeze" motion completely with a camera (or much else!), but there is a minimum acceptable standard of blur where it becomes unnoticeable and, in practice, this need be no worse than the sharpest detail your lens is capable of defining in other, more static parts of the picture—and this may not be anything very critical. In any case, a little sign of movement is often an advantage pictorially. A waterfall, for example, would look unnatural if every particle of foam were frozen sharp in mid air!

On the above occasion, however, though a very slight amount of visible movement in the picture would have been acceptable, a press photographer would no doubt have wished to set his shutter nearer the $\frac{1}{1000}$ th mark (if he had one so high), but he probably could not have gone anywhere near this without risking total failure through under-exposure because of the poor light. He would therefore have compromised by using the fastest shutter speed (with his lens as wide open as he dared for depth of focus) consistent with adequate exposure. What he would have chosen, of course, depends on his particular equipment, but I should say that $\frac{1}{250}$ th of a second would probably have been his minimum safe speed. Anyway, I am sure that if it was quite beyond the scope of his apparatus, he would have saved his plate or film for something more promising.

With a box camera one can take good pictures, technically as well as pictorially, of most subjects in which there is no fast movement—provided the light is fairly good. Obviously, owing to its small-aperture lens, anything tending towards the proverbial "black-cat-in-a-coal-cellar" is especially difficult, as exposures have to be so long that it is not easy to avoid undue movement in the subject during exposure.

Landscapes, seascapes (ashore, or, if afloat, on something steady), outdoor portraits (with a portrait attachment, as necessary), and even simple interiors are quite possible, and it is surprising what can be done in these directions without its being even apparent that such modest apparatus was used.

With panchromatic film and a yellow filter fixed in front of (or behind) the lens—to hold back excessive blue light, to which even “pan” film is unduly sensitive—one can get as good tone rendering of sky and foliage—or any other colours—as with the most lordly camera.

During the recent war, owing to port regulations which prevented one taking a camera through the docks—though perfectly free to use one in most places, once through!—I was driven, in desperation, to shoot the lovely beach scenery near Colombo with a Box Brownie hired for the day, and merely took my own films (as they were scarce ashore) and my own filter, which I stuck inside, just behind the lens, with adhesive tape, and then confined myself to simpler subjects. Some of the results from the three rolls so exposed—which included shots when sailing in a “catamaran”, one of the fastest native craft in the world—were used as illustrations to a prize-winning article on these craft in a yachting magazine, and another was reproduced, full page, in another magazine.

So, if any readers are dissatisfied with their results with their simple cameras, let them take heart and adopt similar methods. If the fastest obtainable films are used, it might be possible, in good light, to stop down the lens of even a box camera (if fitted with adjustable stops, as many are) to improve its definition.

Above all, hold—or otherwise fix—your camera steady, as more fine lenses are “wasted” by camera shake than many folk realise. Finally, take care not to pour in the fixer first—as I did when I got back aboard with one of those three Ceylon films!

I. G. G.

Visit to Sylt

EARLY on the morning of September 3rd, twenty bleary-eyed A.T.C. cadets were assembled on the tarmac of Turnhouse aerodrome watching a couple of Lancasters coming in to land.

Some two hours later these same cadets tumbled out at Manston, in Kent, and were herded into the customs shed for a nominal check, and to exchange their English money into British Armed Forces vouchers.

An hour and a half after leaving Manston the 'planes touched down at Sylt. Waiting there on the tarmac was

one of the Leave Centre buses, which transported us through the town of Wenningstedt to the Hotel Miramar on the sea front. We were at once given tea, and then shown our rooms. Tired, we were soon in bed.

At the time Wenningstedt was being run mainly for the benefit of those on leave in the town. Next day was, therefore, the first of several days of bathing from a part of the beach reserved exclusively for R.A.F. personnel; drinking endless cups of tea in the N.A.A.F.I.; shopping either in the N.A.A.F.I. gift shop with our vouchers, or in the well stocked German shops with marks; and listening to the orchestra on the promenade. Other facilities were also available. One could charter a German taxi, a volkswagen, for a trip round the island—without charge; there was horse-riding for those so inclined, tennis for those desiring different exercise, skittles for those in need of beer—and seal-shooting for those who required supplementary meat. One could “arch” to one’s heart’s content at the butts, boat or surf-ride from morn to even—or visit the lending library.

This organisation of Wenningstedt for troops on leave naturally piques the Germans, because Sylt is a popular German holiday resort.

In Hamburg, where we spent two days, sleeping at an R.A.F. Regiment camp, we saw both the abjectly poor and the comfortably well off. There the ubiquitous blue is hated, not merely tolerated. This intense feeling is hardly to be wondered at when one sees the acres in the centre of the city laid waste, acres which once housed hundreds of thousands of Germans in huge flats. Even to-day there are still people who exist in mere tarpaulin roofed holes, in a sea of devastation.

In Hamburg, however, the shops are well filled and, by British standards, goods are quite cheap. It is in Hamburg that the N.A.A.F.I. acquired the immense building originally named Victory Club, now renamed Hamburg House. There is every conceivable facility there; the best of all, however, is the Married Families’ shop. There can be bought British export quality goods without purchase tax, and with a ten per cent. reduction on cost price. Tailor-made suits were available in a fortnight from the first measuring, at about 50/-.

Of the Germans to whom I spoke, most gave the impression that they had little interest in party politics. The Bonn Assembly was looked upon as merely a form of puppetry. The dismantling of the Ruhr factories was the main topic of all discussions, the general trend of which was—“... five years after the end of the war...”; “... Whitehall bureaucrats hundreds of miles away making arbitrary decisions...”;

".....they could have been used to produce peaceful commodities...."; "....these damned British...."; "....the French are to blame...."; "....the Russians would never do that to our Fatherland...." (this last expounded beneath a huge Hammer and Sickle, and portrait of Comrade Stalin).

The ten days in the sun drew to a close too soon, however, and we regretfully said "Aufwiedersehn" to the little island of Sylt. Who among us will forget the palatial luxury of Goering's Summer house, and the cows, very much like Friesians, munching contentedly in what had been his garden? Who will forget the scene at List, with the fishing boats coming into harbour, the rugged, lined faces of the bronzed trawlermen and the police searching outgoing vessels for stowaways hoping to get to Denmark?

Within two and a half hours of leaving we touched down at Leuchars.

J. C. S.

CHANGE

The great, grey chestnut shows its leaves,
 Life-giving showers refresh the earth,
 The swallows nest beneath the eaves—
 Spring is a universal Birth.

The violets fade, the roses bloom,
 The Summer passes, clothed serene
 With rainbow flowers, yellow broom,
 Brilliant tints on a wash of green.

Red, brown and gold the great trees stand,
 The air grows keen and cold winds blow.
 Fog, mist and cloud pervade the land,
 Southward the gagging grey geese go.

The earth is clothed in a pall of white,
 Down from the trees the last leaves slip.
 The starving robin cheeps his plight,
 And all is caught in Winter's grip.

K. F.

ADVENTURE ON LAKE GENEVA

WHILE on holiday in Switzerland with three other boys I had a most alarming experience owing to the sudden squalls which can arise on Lake Geneva.

It was a lovely day, and there was little swell; we hired a rowing-boat, and sailed gaily over the sparkling waters. Ian dived in and swam some distance from the boat. The blue water looked so inviting that I was tempted to follow his example, but after some time I noticed that the sky was darker and the waves were rising. We called to

Ian to swim back to the boat, but by the time he did so, the waves were an alarming size, and we were being tossed around like a cork. As Ian dared not climb back into the boat for fear of capsizing us, he hung on at the stern, and we began rowing towards the shore. We made little progress with such a drag, but at last we were within thirty or forty yards of the pier.

Suddenly, someone at the pier yelled to us excitedly in French, but only after frantic gesticulations on both sides did we understand that it was impossible to land at the pier, as our boat would have been smashed to pieces on the rocks, which were by this time perilously near.

We managed to keep out until a Swiss motor-launch arrived to take us in tow. Three unsuccessful attempts were made to get a rope from the launch to our boat. The first throw, we missed; the second, the knot slipped, when the rope took the strain; the third, the rope snapped; and it was only at the fourth attempt that a successful tow-rope was made. By this time we were soaked to the skin, but we had no thought for that. Launches were all round us, full of Swiss people, shouting French at nineteen to the dozen.

The launch began to tow us to a breakwater a mile and a half away, where we could land. I shall never forget that journey. The launch took the waves easily, but our boat was not built to sail over waves 10 or 12 feet high, and we dropped down into the troughs with a sickening lurch. Our journey was nearly completed when a tremendous wave carried us so near to a yacht, that I thought we would ram her; but by quick action on board the yacht the danger was averted.

At last we arrived behind the breakwater and were relieved to step on to dry land again. It was exciting while it lasted, but never again shall I attempt to sail on Lake Geneva, except in a reliable boat and under good conditions.

I. J. S. R.

Combined Cadet Force

ARMY AND BASIC SECTIONS

THE past year—our first as a C.C.F.—has been one of steady growth and achievement. With the greater numbers of personnel, several difficulties in administration have appeared, and it is evident that for maximum efficiency increasing responsibility will fall on the N.C.Os. of the contingent. This will become even more necessary if all the various sides of cadet life are to be encountered and enjoyed.

Early in the Summer term there occurred the contingent's first annual inspection by Brig. A. Gilroy, O.B.E., the Deputy Commander of Highland District. The contingent may justly

feel proud of their efforts on this occasion and of the very good report received.

The Annual Camp was this year held at Barry. This camp was reserved for C.C.F. contingents from the Public Schools both of Scotland and England. It was perhaps unfortunate that we were in camp on our own, but we look forward to meeting our friends on a future occasion.

By arriving somewhat earlier than the other Schools, we were, however, fortunate in securing better administrative services from the limited supply. To those who feel that the provisions made by the Army were a little short of those desired one can only reply that with the international situation and the Dock Strike, conditions might have been very much worse. All cadets may be assured that everything will be done to improve the provisions, although immediate prospects are little brighter. They should, however, feel that satisfaction which arises from the giving of one's own service, be it in a small way.

The record attendance of 59 at Camp is evidence that cadets are facing up well to their responsibilities. This year, too, saw the inception of increased working hours until 16.30 hours daily. This can scarcely be counted a hardship to cadets who follow camp with a further six weeks' holiday.

At the time of writing, work is progressing on the new store and range. Electric light, racking and rifle racks have been installed, and several tons of rock have been excavated at the butt end of the range. There remains a good deal of work to be done before the range will be fit for use, but we hope that the coming year will see the formation of a shooting team and that the day is not far away when Strathallan will compete for the Ashburton.

During the coming year we hope to build up a thriving Signal Section and increase our signalling activities by entering the No. 12 Set wireless net, which broadcasts between schools over a wide area of Scotland.

We wish to acknowledge the help given during the past year by members of the staff, R.S.M. Jack, and Sgt. Masson (6/7 Battalion Black Watch) and we look forward to future association with them.

We sincerely welcome R.S.M. Jack to the School. We hope his association with us will be a long and happy one, and that under his influence the contingent will march steadily forward.

Once again at this season we have to bid farewell to a large number of our members. It is impossible to mention all by name, but particularly we regret to lose U.O. McFadzean and C.S.M. Burden, who have done much to build the contingent. To all we offer our thanks for their services and

help, and trust they may feel rewarded for their efforts in seeing a thriving contingent, ever progressive and always seeking to bring honour to the School.

J. R. B.

AIR SECTION

THE Summer term ended with a record number of sixteen candidates being presented for the Part B Proficiency examination, together with two candidates for the Advanced Training Badge.

We congratulate the following cadets on their success in the first named examination: R. B. Blanche, J. G. Brackenridge, D. S. C. Brown, K. Campbell, J. A. Chalmers, J. S. D. Craig, I. J. S. Hepburn, J. A. M. Innes, D. Johnstone, I. J. S. Russell, J. R. Russell, C. J. Rutherford, and I. G. Stott.

Sgt. G. Wolfe deserves special mention and congratulations on gaining the Advanced Training Badge. We are pleased, too, to report the following promotions: Corp. K. Brown to Sergeant, and Cadets Spink and Stevens to Corporal.

Twenty cadets assembled at Central Station, Glasgow, on the evening of 15th July to link up with the Scottish contingent proceeding to Summer camp at R.A.F. Locking, Weston-Super-Mare. The Wing, totalling some 650 cadets, was under the command of Wing Commander Allan. The journey south was made by special train.

During the week the school party was instructed in various courses—all highly interesting. A popular flight was a course over Bristol, where the mighty Brabazon could be viewed from the air. In mid-week a visit was paid to the caves at Cheddar Gorge and Wokey Hole.

The entire sojourn in camp was spent in sweltering heat, and swimming was most popular. The day before camp ended, the Wing was inspected by Group Captain Paish, the Station Commander at Locking, and he complimented the Wing on its smart appearance and bearing.

In sport, too, Strathallan has done very well. Flt.-Sgt. Rome and Cadets Chalmers and Stevens attended the Command Sports at Uxbridge on July 25th. Rome and Chalmers reached the finals of the 220 yards and relay races, but were unplaced. Stevens cleared 5 feet in the high jump, but it was won at 5 feet 9 inches. Cadet Chalmers was chosen to play for the Command cricket eleven at Sidmouth in August, but unfortunately he was unable to travel.

Corp. J. Shaw was selected by the interviewing board at Turnhouse for a European Trip. He visited Germany in September and his notes and impressions are recorded elsewhere.

The Winter term sees work well in hand, and with six candidates taking the Advanced Training Badge in November.

we have every reason to feel proud. We are indebted to the help given this term by Sqdn. Ldr. McNamara, who commands the University Air Squadron at St Andrews; his lectures are proving invaluable.

In conclusion we should like to wish all success to G. Wolfe, J. Shaw and D. Johnstone, who have left school, and to thank them for their service to the Air Section.

W. S. H.

Scout Notes

The chief interest of the Summer term was camping. Four week-end camps were held, three at Dumbulls farm near Forgandenny and one at Aberfeldy. The experience gained at these stood in good stead those who attended the end of term camp which, held from 14th-25th July at Aberfeldy, proved very successful indeed.

For this, the weather, very dry and pleasantly warm without ever being too hot, was ideal. In addition to the undertaking of minor hikes, the zealous pursuit of badge work and the assiduous preparation for a very entertaining Camp Fire, two interesting visits were paid to local institutions: the first to an afforestation area a few miles from Aberfeldy, and the second to the cloth mill of Mr. P. J. Haggart in Aberfeldy. The arrangements for these visits were made by Mr. S. I. Gowans, to whom we are most grateful—not only for this, but for the unceasing interest he showed in us and for the trouble to which he put himself for our better comfort.

During the camp several tests were passed, but the following in particular are to be congratulated on gaining their Second Class badge: R. Shaw, D. C. Hamilton and R. Paterson. D. C. Rossie emerged as "Victor Ludorum" of the Camp Games, with P. H. Simpson as runner-up, while the Beavers (P. L. M. Morrison), consistently maintaining a high standard, earned the greatest number of points in the daily inspections.

Besides these camping activities there are other matters to record. First, we are very pleased to welcome another scouter of experience, Mr. G. Forsyth, to whose knowledge and able assistance we are already indebted. Secondly, we are grateful to the A.C.C. for training, Mr. J. Norman Wilson, for paying us a visit last term and giving us a pleasant evening with the various tasks he set the patrols. Thirdly, we commend the Patrol Leaders on their regular attendance at, and lively participation in, meetings of the Court of Honour, and look to them to maintain their high standard. Lastly, we record our indebtedness to I. R. Birss, who has now left us, and who, as T.L. for the last two years, provided an example of capability, loyalty and unselfish service to the Troop, which others may well aspire to follow.

F. S. L.

Lectures and Entertainments

In the Autumn issue of the magazine we never have much to record under this heading, since the Summer Term, with all its outside activities, is kept free of lectures and entertainments; but the School will long remember the visit of Miss Dorothy Hogben, who opened our season on Wednesday, 5th October, with her "Portrait of Chopin". On the occasion of the centenary of this great composer's death, Miss Hogben gave us a lecture and piano recital so full of vitality that the word "death" lost all meaning: such men never die.

Since the School is now without its cinema projector, we were particularly fortunate to be entertained on two consecutive Saturdays by Mr. R. W. Wrigley and Mr. Herbert Milton. Mr. Wrigley came to us through the kind offices of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and, armed with a splendid series of lantern slides, dispelled many an illusion as to the real nature and intentions of "The Moon", fated in minds soaked in song lyrics to rhyme with "croon" and "swoon".

To say of that magician Herbert Milton that he gave us the best performance of sleight of hand we have ever seen is to give but a mediocre idea of his wonderful dexterity. He came to us on November 5th, a day memorable, in addition, for the bonfire which had been built on a raft floating on the School pond and for an excellent fireworks display.

We say thank you to our three visitors and hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing them again at Strathallan.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

THE achievement of the Society during last session was undoubtedly the Summer exhibition in the saloon on Sports Day, when about a hundred photographs were on view.

The membership of the Society numbers approximately fifty and the School captain was elected Chairman at the beginning of this term.

The question of obtaining an enlarger and a switch-board is being considered by the committee and it is hoped that in the next exhibition there will be fewer prints and more enlargements: which will be another stage achieved in photographic art.

We wish good luck to those members who left at the end of last session and we welcome all new members.

K. F.



"ENGLISH LANDSCAPE" — K. Frost



"CONDIE RUINS" — G. W. Stokes

THE ANGLING CLUB

The Angling Club was formed at the beginning of the Summer Term. H. T. Stewart was elected president, R. T. Nairn secretary, D. M. McIlvean treasurer, and D. O. Hinshaw and J. Todd completed the committee.

Owing to the drought members of the club had little luck. Two outings, for example, were held to Glenfarg reservoir, but only two fish were caught.

At the beginning of this term, however, Stewart had a fine catch of nine sea-trout, the heaviest weighing 3½ lbs.

It has been decided to hold discussions during the Winter months, and to have a competition, next year, at Glenfarg reservoir.

The Club wishes to express its thanks to the Matron and the Housekeeper for providing sandwiches—and cooking the fish!

R. T. N.

Examinations

The following successes are recorded:

University of Cambridge Higher School Certificate

Guthrie, C. B.	Philip, J. R. M.	Wolfe, G.
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Scottish Senior Leaving Certificate

Brown, K. A. C.	Naylor, W. B.	Stuart, A. A.
Currie, A. C.	Stevens, I. D. R.	Thomas, M. J.
	Stewart, R. T. S.	

University of Cambridge School Certificate

*Anderson, I. D. S.	Donald, J.	Morgenthaler, R. G.
*Bell, D. I.	*Dunley, P. G.	*Naylor, W. B.
Boyd, D.	*Falconer, I. R. K.	*Rome, G. K.
*Bryson, G. F.	*Gibson, R. H. H.	*Simpson, I. R. N.
Burden, D. W.	Gilechrist, J. R.	*Spink, S. C. E.
Campbell, K.	*Hill, R. S.	*Summers, G. J. V.
*Cessford, M. F.	Hinshaw, D. O.	*Thomas, M. J.
*Clayton, A. J. W.	Innes, J. A. M.	Thomas, R. P.
*Cruikshank, D. S.	Johnston, D.	*Turnbull, I. J.
*Currie, A. C.	*Marr, B. B.	*Walker, I. M.

* Gained exemption from London University Matriculation.

Sports Day, 1949

SPORTS Day was held on Saturday, June 4th. The weather was all we could have hoped for, and the events went through in good order. Inter-House competition was keen, and the result in doubt until the end. The prizes were presented by our chief guest, Lord Provost J. Ure Primrose of Perth, whom we were delighted to welcome—even when he revealed, in a happy speech at the close, that he was an “auld enemy” and could claim, in that role at least, an earlier connection with Strathallan than almost any other person present.

Detailed results are as follows:

OPEN EVENTS

One mile—1, J. A. Chalmers (N); 2, I. Kennedy (N). (4 mins. 59.8 secs.)
 880 yards—1, J. A. Chalmers (N); 2 (equal), I. Kennedy (N), K. Campbell (S). (2 mins. 11.8 secs.)
 440 yards—1, R. D. Hunter (N); 2, B. E. Marr (F). (57.8 secs.)
 220 yards—1, C. T. Hamilton (N); 2, B. E. Marr (F). (23.6 secs.)
 100 yards—1, C. T. Hamilton (N); 2, G. K. Rome (S). (10.8 secs.)
 High jump—1, I. D. R. Stevens (S); 2, D. M. McIlveen (S). (5' 3½")
 Long jump—1, B. E. Marr (F); 2, G. K. Rome (S). (18' 4½")
 Inter-House Relay—1, Freeland; 2, Simpson.

UNDER 16 EVENTS

880 yards—1, J. A. Bruce (R); 2, D. C. Rossie (R).
 440 yards—1, D. C. Rossie (R); 2, D. Horner (R).
 220 yards—1, J. A. Bruce (R); 2, D. Horner (R).
 100 yards—1, D. Horner (R); 2, J. M. Morton (R).
 High jump—1, C. W. Wallace (N); 2, W. A. Tulloch (R).
 Long jump—1, J. A. Bruce (R); 2, C. W. Wallace (N).
 Inter-House Relay—1, Ruthven; 2, Nicol.

UNDER 14 EVENTS

220 yards—1, W. Porter (F); 2, I. A. Robertson (N).
 100 yards—1, W. Porter (F); 2, I. A. Robertson (N).
 High jump—1, W. Porter (F); 2, R. M. Barbour (N).
 Long jump—1, I. M. Lochtie (S); 2, W. Brown (F).
 Inter-House Relay—1, Nicol; 2, Ruthven.

TUG-OF-WAR—1, Simpson; 2, Nicol.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1, Nicol (108½ pts.); 2, Simpson (93½ pts.); 3, Ruthven (93 pts.);
 4, Freeland (63 pts).

VICTORES LUDORUM

Senior—J. A. Chalmers; runner-up—B. E. Marr.
 Junior—J. A. Bruce; runner-up—D. Horner.

Cricket

THE 1st XI very soon stamped themselves as being an excellent fielding side, and their keenness in this respect was maintained throughout the season. The recognised batsmen never really lived up to expectations, and it was to others—Rome, Braid, Burden and latterly Hamilton—that we had to look to score runs or to get us out of a tight corner. The batting of both Braid and Burden, indeed, proved of inestimable value to the team. The bowling, on the other hand, was consistently good, and in Chalmers and Hinshaw the School possesses an opening pair that might well be the envy of many a good club side. Frost, bowling slightly slower spinners than last season, proved an effective change and never bowled better than he did at Heriot's, where, on a dry, firm wicket, he took 6 wickets for 34 runs. In addition, Hamilton, Thomas and Hill were useful change bowlers. Nevertheless, the brunt of the attack fell upon Chalmers and Hinshaw, as a glance at the bowling analyses will show, and it was their attack, ably supported by excellent fielding, which really laid the foundations of all our victories. Hinshaw bowled steadily and well, but perhaps without the luck which attended Chalmers—apart from the game against Morrison's Academy when he did the hat-trick. Chalmers bowled so consistently well that it is difficult to pick out his best performance—his 7 wickets for 8 runs against Perth Academy, or 8 for 17 against Daniel Stewart's on a batsman's paradise, or 5 for 33 against the strong Glenalmond batting side. It was fitting that he also, in the last match of the season, should perform a hat-trick.

Members of Rowan's XI classed Strathallan as the best all-round School team they met on their tour, and were particularly impressed with the bowling strength. Everyone without exception had commented on the excellence of their fielding and their spirit. In this last respect the importance of captaincy cannot be over stressed. Frost justified every expectation placed in him, and generally handled his bowling and field with intelligent appreciation of the respective weakness and strength of the opposing batsmen. We are fortunate in that he will be returning for another season—together with Chalmers, Hinshaw, Hamilton and Thomas—and with their support, and the experience he now possesses, he should be able to look forward to another successful season. Undoubtedly the team spirit was excellent and I have nothing

but praise for their keenness and cheerful willingness to do anything and everything to foster and improve the cricket throughout the school.

The following awards were made :

Full Colours: K. Frost; G. K. Rome; J. A. Chalmers (re-date); D. O. Hinshaw; D. W. Burden; C. T. Hamilton; A. I. Baird; R. S. Hill; and R. P. Thomas.

Half Colours: C. B. Guthrie (re-date); L. J. McCarroll; and R. D. Hunter.

1st XI RESULTS

- 4th May. Strathallan v. Perth Academy. (At Forgandenny.)
Strathallan 82 (Easton 5 for 14);
Perth Academy 42 (Chalmers 7 for 8).
- 7th May. Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy. (At Forgandenny.)
Morrison's Academy 58 (Chalmers 5 for 22);
Strathallan 106 for 5 (McCarroll 31, Hamilton 31 not out).
- 14th May. Strathallan v. Glasgow High School. (At Glasgow.)
Glasgow High School 60 (Frost 4 for 9);
Strathallan 61 (Hair 4 for 23).
- 21st May. Strathallan v. Hillhead High School. (At Forgandenny.)
Hillhead High School 39 (Chalmers 6 for 15);
Strathallan 96 for 6 (Thomas 31).
- 28th May. Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School. (At Glasgow.)
Allan Glen's School 26 (Chalmers 4 for 9, Frost 4 for 6);
Strathallan 28 for 6.
- 11th June. Strathallan v. George Heriot's School. (At Edinburgh.)
George Heriot's 64 (Frost 6 for 34);
Strathallan 37 (Souness 4 for 3).
- 2nd July. Strathallan v. Daniel Stewart's College. (At Edinburgh.)
Daniel Stewart's 52 (Chalmers 8 for 17);
Strathallan 56 for 6 (Hamilton 31).
- 7th July. Strathallan v. A. Bonthrone's XI. (At Forgandenny.)
A. Bonthrone's XI 56; Strathallan 112 for 5.
- 9th July. Strathallan v. Forgandenny C. C. (At Forgandenny.)
Strathallan 155 (Hamilton 64);
Forgandenny 47 (Chalmers 4 for 8, Hinshaw 4 for 13).

30th April. Strathallan v. Robert Gordon's College. (At Aberdeen.)

Robert Gordon's College

M. Wooland, c. Hamilton, b. Chalmers ...	3
S. Pirrie, run out ...	19
H. Lawson, b. Chalmers ...	2
B. Falconer, l.b.w., b. Chalmers ...	10
G. Cockburn, b. Hinshaw ...	13
M. Robertson, b. Chalmers ...	5
A. Brown, not out ...	17
K. Pennie, l.b.w., b. Hinshaw ...	3
R. Campbell, l.b.w., b. Hinshaw ...	0
J. Brown, b. Frost ...	14
W. Hardie, not out ...	12
Extras ...	20

Total 118 for 9 decl.

Chalmers 17-7-29-4; Hinshaw 14-4-22-3;

Hamilton 7-1-24-0; Frost 5-0-17-1; Thomas 4-1-6-0.

Strathallan

L. J. McCarroll, l.b.w., b. Wooland ...	4
R. P. Thomas, run out ...	2
R. S. Hill, b. Wooland ...	4
R. D. Hunter, l.b.w., b. Wooland ...	8
C. T. Hamilton, b. Wooland ...	0
K. Frost, b. Wooland ...	0
J. A. Chalmers, b. Brown ...	3
G. K. Rome, c. Hardie, b. Wooland ...	0
A. I. Braid, not out ...	18
D. W. Burden, not out ...	3
D. O. Hinshaw, did not bat ...	-
Extras ...	14

Total 56 for 8

Wooland 11-6-17-6; Brown, A. 5-2-9-1; Falconer 4-2-4-0;
Brown, J. 6-3-5-0; Campbell 4-0-7-0.

24th May. Strathallan v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. (At Forgandenny.)

Trinity College

M. Cornwall-Jones, b. Chalmers ...	2
C. Paton, c. Burden, b. Hinshaw ...	1
A. Denholm, l.b.w., b. Chalmers ...	24
J. Burnett, b. Chalmers ...	0
H. Denholm, b. Hinshaw ...	12
W. Cameron, l.b.w., b. Hinshaw ...	0
J. Gillespie, run out ...	1
J. Fletcher, not out ...	39
J. Barrie, b. Chalmers ...	2
C. Parker, l.b.w., b. Chalmers ...	6
R. Duff, c. and b. Frost ...	12
Extras ...	1

Total 100

Chalmers 18-6-33-5; Hinshaw 13-3-43-3; Frost 3-0-13-1;
Hamilton 2-0-10-0.

Strathallan

D. W. Burden, c. Burnett, b. Duff	...	...	0
R. P. Thomas, st. A. Denholm, b. H. Denholm	...	...	30
A. I. Braid, not out	...	...	35
R. S. Hill, hit wkt., b. H. Denholm	...	...	7
R. D. Hunter, st. A. Denholm, b. H. Denholm	...	...	0
G. K. Rome, not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	6
Total			<u>82 for 4</u>

Paton 15-4-21-0; Duff 3-0-11-1; H. Denholm 10-0-26-3;
Fletcher 2-0-15-0.

16th June. Strathallan v. H. B. Rowan's Empire XI. (At Forgandenny.)

Strathallan

L. J. McCarroll, l.b.w., b. Fleming	...	...	16
A. I. Braid, b. McGee	...	...	7
R. P. Thomas, b. Fleming	...	...	14
R. S. Hill, c. White, b. Andrews	...	...	1
G. K. Rome, b. Parkin	...	...	4
J. A. Chalmers, c. and b. Constantine	...	...	7
K. Frost, b. Constantine	...	...	0
R. D. Hunter, l.b.w., b. Parkin	...	...	0
D. W. Burden, c. White, b. Parkin	...	...	1
C. T. Hamilton, not out	...	...	20
D. O. Hinshaw, b. Constantine	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	5
Total			<u>79</u>

Parkin 14-10-11-3; Constantine 13.8-7-17-3;
Leyland 9-1-22-0; McGee 4-2-12-1; Fleming 6-3-6-2;
Andrews 7-4-5-1.

H. B. Rowan's XI

W. Andrews, l.b.w., b. Chalmers	...	...	17
A. Liggins, b. Hinshaw	...	...	18
R. Parkin, not out	...	...	33
M. Leyland, b. Hinshaw	...	...	34
L. Constantine, l.b.w., b. Hinshaw	...	...	6
Extras	...	...	6
Total			<u>114 for 4</u>

Chalmers 10-1-47-1; Frost 3-0-14-0; Hinshaw 7.3-0-37-3;
Thomas 2-0-10-0.

25th June. Strathallan v. Old Strathallians. (At Forgandenny.)

Old Strathallians

W. Law, c. Rome, b. Chalmers	11
J. Lowden, b. Hinshaw	6
J. Smith, run out	0
G. Lowden, b. Frost	15
G. Sandeman, b. Frost	7
G. Chalmers, l.b.w., b. Hinshaw	0
E. McCrimmon, b. Hinshaw	15
K. Anderson, b. Chalmers	4
N. Stewart, c. Guthrie, b. Chalmers	1
N. Brown, b. Hinshaw	1
T. Nicol, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	64

Chalmers 9.1-2-22-3; Hinshaw 10-4-18-4; Frost 2-0-5-2;
Hill 2-0-15-0.

Strathallan

R. P. Thomas, st. Law, b. J. Lowden ...	23
A. I. Braid, c. Law, b. G. Lowden ...	1
C. T. Hamilton, c. Anderson, b. Chalmers	12
D. W. Burden, b. G. Lowden	11
G. K. Rome, b. J. Lowden	0
R. S. Hill, hit wkt., b. J. Lowden ...	41
J. A. Chalmers, not out	4
C. B. Guthrie, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	102 for 6

J. Lowden 5-0-25-3; G. Lowden 11-5-22-2;
Chalmers 5-3-10-1; Nicol 4-2-7-0; McCrimmon 5-1-8-0;
Anderson 4-1-20-0.

12th July. Strathallan v. The Masters' XI. (At Forgandenny.)

The Masters

J. R. Burn, c. Hinshaw, b. Frost ...	13
F. S. Langstaff, b. Hinshaw	32
J. C. Faull, l.b.w., b. Frost	0
A. N. Hamilton, b. Hill	85
E. A. Potts, l.b.w., b. Chalmers	0
K. D. Minty, l.b.w., b. Frost	5
G. Langstaff, b. Chalmers,	2
I. Pritchard, b. Chalmers	1
R. B. Steele, not out	0
G. Forsyth, b. Chalmers	0
D. Silver, c. and b. Chalmers	0
Extras	9
Total	147

Chalmers 12.5-3-34-5; Frost 4-0-31-3; Hill 2-0-16-1;
Hinshaw 8-1-57-1.

Strathallan

R. P. Thomas, b. F. Langstaff	18
L. J. McCarroll, c. Silver, b. Hamilton ...	10
C. T. Hamilton, c. Minty, b. G. Langstaff	10
D. W. Burden, c. Potts, b. Pritchard ...	21
R. S. Hill, c. Hamilton, b. G. Langstaff	8
G. K. Rome, c. and b. G. Langstaff ...	13
A. I. Braid, st. Potts, b. G. Langstaff ...	0
C. B. Guthrie, c. Potts, b. Hamilton ...	20
J. A. Chalmers, b. Hamilton	6
K. Frost, not out	15
D. O. Hinshaw, c. Faull, b. Hamilton ...	1
Extras	17
Total	139

G. Langstaff 12-2-33-4; Hamilton 13,5-2-33-4;

F. Langstaff 13-4-24-1; Pritchard 11-4-26-1; Minty 4-2-6-0.

1st XI BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Times not out	Runs	Average
A. I. Braid	13	7	137	22.8
C. T. Hamilton	12	3	202	22.4
R. P. Thomas	13	0	178	13.7
G. K. Rome	13	3	117	11.7
R. S. Hill	14	0	154	11
C. B. Guthrie	7	2	50	10
D. W. Burden	13	2	88	8
L. J. McCarroll	10	0	69	6.9
J. A. Chalmers	9	1	48	6
K. Frost	8	3	21	4.2
R. D. Hunter	7	0	19	2.6
D. O. Hinshaw	7	1	6	1

1st XI BOWLING ANALYSES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
J. A. Chalmers	181	71	302	60	5.03
K. Frost	52.5	9	161	25	6.44
D. O. Hinshaw	132	46	306	35	8.5
R. S. Hill	14	4	56	6	9.3
C. T. Hamilton	26	7	55	2	27.5

2nd XI RESULTS

30th April. Strathallan v. Robert Gordon's College. (At Forgandenny.)
Robert Gordon's 38; Strathallan 40 for 3.

7th May. Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy. (At Crieff.)
Morrison's Academy 40; Strathallan 99 for 3.

14th May. Strathallan v. Glasgow High School. (At Glasgow.)
Glasgow High School 32 (Bruce 6 for 3);
Strathallan 37 for 2.

- 21st May. Strathallan v. Hillhead High School. (At Glasgow.)
Hillhead High School 24 (Bruce 9 for 10);
Strathallan 30 for 0.
- 28th May. Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School. (At Glasgow.)
Allan Glen's School 30; Strathallan 31 for 3.
- 11th June. Strathallan v. George Heriot's School. (At Forgardenny.)
Strathallan 72 for 9 declared;
George Heriot's School 31 (Bruce 7 for 13).
- 18th June. Strathallan v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. (At Glenalmond.)
Glenalmond 105 (Bruce 5 for 25);
Strathallan 87.

INTER-HOUSE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

1, Simpson; 2, Ruthven; 3 (equal), Nicol and Freeland.

The results of the various matches were:

SENIORS

Simpson	...	30 for 2	v.	Freeland	...	25
	...	20 for 4	v.	Ruthven	...	14
	...	82	v.	Nicol	...	70
Ruthven	...	35	v.	Nicol	...	31
	...	79	v.	Freeland	...	147
Nicol	...	103	v.	Freeland	...	91

JUNIORS

Simpson	...	99 for 3	v.	Freeland	...	29
	...	39 for 8	v.	Ruthven	...	49 (Draw)
	...	126 for 6	v.	Nicol	...	38
Ruthven	...	67 for 8	v.	Nicol	...	52
	...	102 for 4	v.	Freeland	...	40
Nicol	...	75 for 6	v.	Freeland	...	21 for 9 (Draw)

TENNIS

The Senior Championship was won by B. E. Marr (runner-up, R S. Hill). The Junior Championship was won by C. W. Wallace (runner-up, D. Murison).

The inter-house competition resulted: 1 (equal), Nicol and Freeland; 3, Simpson; 4, Ruthven.

CHAMPION HOUSE FOR THE SESSION 1948-9

The final results for the award of the Championship Flags were as follows:

1 — Simpson	...	44 pts.	3 — Nicol	...	28½ pts.
2 — Ruthven	...	32 pts.	4 — Freeland	...	15½ pts.

These points were made up as below :

	Athletics	Rugby	Cricket	Tennis	Cross Country
Simpson ...	10	10	15	4	5
Ruthven ...	5	15	10	—	2
Nicol ...	15	—	2½	8	3
Freeland ...	—	5	2½	8	—

Old Boys' News

STRATHALLIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

READERS of the magazine will already have learned of the foundation and endowment in 1948 at the instigation of the members of the Old Boys' Club, of the Strathallian Memorial Scholarship Fund, as a Memorial to those Strathallians who gave their lives for their country in the World Wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945.

The Trustees appointed by the Old Boys' Club to administer the Fund have been engaged in the framing of a Scheme for the award of Scholarships and have decided that, while in terms of the Trust conferred upon them they are permitted, if they think fit, to award Scholarships for post School education, in the meantime Scholarships awarded by them shall be tenable only at Strathallan School.

Detailed arrangements for making the awards are now well advanced and it is hoped they will be ready for publication early in 1950. It is the Trustees' aim that, provided suitable applications are received, the first award should be made to take effect from the beginning of the Winter Term, 1950.

In the meantime, any persons who would like full particulars of the Scheme should send their names to the Clerks to the Trustees, Messrs Wright, Johnston & Mackenzie, Solicitors, 150 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2, who will forward the memorandum of rules, etc., and form of application as soon as these are published.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE Annual Dinner will be held in the Salutation Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 26th November, 1949.

George C. Donald (1944-46) has begun his studies at University College, Dundee, Dental Surgery being his subject.

H. B. Melville (1928-33) has been appointed a member of Kirkcaldy Town Council. Congratulations, too, to him on the birth of two sons in 1945 and 1947 respectively.

J. C. F. Ritchie (1932-37) has recently been appointed as Flight Navigating Officer to B.O.A.C.'s technical development flight, where he is responsible for testing, developing and reporting on all new navigational equipment destined for B.O.A.C. and all new civil aircraft.

G. S. Murray (1937-43) writes us with the news that Sandy Murray will be home this Autumn after three years of cattle ranching in Brazil.

Lyall S. Scott (1935-38) graduated M.B., Ch.B. in Jan., 1944; was elected F.R.C.S., Edinburgh, in Dec., 1948; and in June this year was elected Fellow of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. He is at present holding the post of Surgical Registrar in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton.

Ian C. Geddes (1934-40) graduated M.B., Ch.B., St. Andrews, in January, 1946. He has just completed his period of National Service in the R.A.F.V.R. at Wroughton, near Swindon. Congratulations on his marriage on 19th March, 1948.

J. C. Paterson is in his final year Medicine at Edinburgh University, where he is Captain of the University Boat Club. Heartiest congratulations to him on the award of his Blue last June.

John P. Bannister (1930-32) who is at present in Dundee with the Commercial Bank of Scotland, writes informing us that John Peden (1930-32) is married and in Kongwa, Tanganyika, with the Overseas Food Corporation. James Findlay (1930-32) is now a Scenic Artist with the Birmingham Repertory Company. He, too, is married.

W. B. Naismith (1942-46) is now serving with the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards in Malaya.

A. James McGregor (1934-37) passed his C.A. finals in May, 1948, and was admitted to the Society of Accountants in Edinburgh, July, 1948. He has been appointed Accountant to Duncan Fox & Co. Ltd., Valparaiso, Chile. His address, c/o the aforementioned firm, is Casilla 35V, Valparaiso.

Ian D. Stuart of Dundee graduated B.A. of Cambridge University in June, 1949.

Peter Lawrence of Glasgow has become a Junior Assistant Purser on the S.S. *Stratheden* (P. & O.).

Ian A. Aitkenhead of Ayr has begun his studies at St. Andrew's University, where he is reading Medicine.

Neil Paterson (1943-47) goes up to Edinburgh University this term to study Forestry, having been demobilised from the R.A.F. in September, 1949. His departure, he writes, coincided with the arrival in the aforementioned Force of Paddy Cullen.

Gregor Paton, too, now in Schleswiegland, B.A.F.O., will shortly be demobilised, to resume once more his business in the Trawling line.

William Anderson (1931-35) in a letter pays tribute to the sound business training he acquired at Strathallan. He and his brother are now joint Managing Directors of a large Fruit and Vegetable Firm at Carlisle.

J. B. Ross (1924-30) is now a Wing Commander in the R.A.F. Medical Branch, at present stationed at H.Q. No. 23 Group, R.A.F., Oxendon House, Leighton Buzzard.

Surg.-Lieut. John Calder, R.N., who graduated M.B., Ch.B. (Edinburgh), has left the West Indies and is now at Hong-Kong.

William J. Walker, C.A. (1920-28) has been appointed Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Management for the Dundee General Hospitals.

Ian Hargrove is now living with his wife and two children on a farm ten miles from Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. His address is c/o J. C. Ross, Esq., P.O. Box 343, Salisbury, S.R. His brother, Donald, left London by air for Hong-Kong on October 4th, where he expects to spend the next few years with the National Cash Register Company as one of their sales representatives.

Dr. Donald McColl, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B. (1930-37) has been appointed Works Medical Officer to Ardeer Factory, I.C.I. (Nobel Division), Stevenston, Ayrshire.

J. A. McGill (1928-32) became a Member of the Glasgow Stock Exchange in January, 1949, and a partner in the firm of Buchanan, Gairdner & Tennant.

Dr. W. B. McKenna (1929-34) has been appointed Dermatologist at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. He is Hon. Secy. of the Glasgow University Rugby Football Club.

David D. Robinson (1934-40) has been representing E. S. & A. Robinson Ltd. of Bristol, in Norfolk and Suffolk for the past three years.

Dr. Derek C. Jackson (married in September, 1945) is in practice in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Dr. A. Murray Gordon is casualty officer in Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Anthony Howie (1927-31) of Gourock, Chartered Accountant, has been appointed Secretary of Fleming, Reid & Co. Ltd., The Worsted Mills, Greenock, Proprietors of the Scotch Wool and Hosiery Stores.

BIRTHS

ANDERSON. — On April 20th, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Fensham, Scotby, Carlisle, a son.

AULD. — On 8th August, 1949, to Evelyn, wife of Robert Auld, 1 South Dean Road, Kilmarnock, a son (Robin).

BALFOUR. — On 12th June, 1949, at Glenfriars, Jedburgh, to Doeror and Mrs. George W. Balfour, a son.

HENDERSON. — On 14th August, 1949, to Margaret, wife of Doctor Ian D. Henderson, 26 Oxford Road, Renfrew, a daughter.

MACFARLANE. — On 5th July, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas MacFarlane, 42 Glencairn Drive, Glasgow, S.1, a son (George Rutherford).

MACKAY. — To Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mackay of 193 Eldon Street, Greenock, on 24th February, 1947, a son (Edward Peter), and on 4th May, 1949, a daughter (Alice Margaret).

McCOLL. — On 10th September, 1947, to Doctor and Mrs. McColl, a daughter (Marie Stuart).

McGILL. — To Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrew McGill, of Caugar, Bridge of Weir, on 13th December, 1942, a son, and on 2nd June, 1946, a daughter.

McKENNA. — To Doctor and Mrs. W. B. McKenna, of 9 Bellshaugh Road, Glasgow, W.2, on 6th February, 1946, a daughter (Elaine Guenda), on 2nd November, 1948, twin daughters (Wendy Anne and Patricia Pickering).

MONTGOMERIE. — On 3rd October, 1949, at Kilrisken, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire, to Patricia (née Maturin-Baird), wife of J. Alastair Montgomerie, a third daughter.

WHITTON. — On 20th June, 1949, to Mary Hermione (née Müller), wife of David J. Whitton, of 6 Maze-Green Road, Bishops Stortford, Hert., a daughter (Caroline Jane).

MARRIAGES

ARMOUR — MORGAN. — At Merrylea Parish Church, Glasgow, on 16th June, 1949, by the Rev. John MacLagan, M.A., John Neil, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Armour, 77 Merrylee Road, Newlands, to Margaret Angus, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morgan, 52 Monreith Road, Newlands.

BROWN — BURNET. — At the Old Kirk, Kilmalcolm, on 14th September, 1949, by the Rev. Robert McNeill, M.A., William Millar, son of the late Mr. Andrew Brown and of Mrs. M. K. Brown, Heatheryknowe, Kilmalcolm, to Margaret Yvonne Roxburgh, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Burnet, Enterkin, Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire.

GILLANDERS — WILSON. — At St. Aidan's Church, Broughty Ferry, on 6th October, 1949, Neil A. Gillanders to Jean Wilson, Broughty Ferry.

HOOD — TRAIL. — In February, 1948, Derrick R. Hood to Helen M. E. Trail of Newton Mearns.

M'FADZEN — CROMBIE. — At Kelvinside (Botanic Gardens) Church, Glasgow, on 3rd June, 1949, by the Very Rev. P. D. Thomson, D.D., John Jamieson, only son of the late George Bruce M'Fadzen and of Mrs M'Fadzen, Tayvallich, Blackness Road, Dundee, to Jean Glendinning, only daughter of the late Archibald Graham Crombie and of Mrs Crombie, 70 Great George Street, Glasgow.

MILNE — TIPPING. — At St. Anne's-on-Sea Congregational Church, on 2nd April, 1949, J. B. Milne to Margaret Tipping.

ENGAGEMENT

WALLACE — MORRIS. — The engagement is announced between W. J. Wallace of Kincauld, Guardbridge, Fife, and Eileen Arthur Morris of Briarmount, Ladybank, Fife.