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Editorial

It is difficult, towards the end of a swift-moving term, to drag one's mind away from the pressing daily routine to review the School's progress during the months since the last "Strathallian" appeared. But it is a pleasant task; for even in six months there are significant changes in a living and growing organism like our School.

For one thing, the prefects are gradually taking on more responsibility and are being granted more freedom of action. Perhaps the outward and visible symbol is the charcoal grey suit now worn by School prefects; but the inward and spiritual change is also marked. No doubt, a few mistakes may be made through lack of experience, but the benefit derived by each and every prefect from being allowed to exercise more authority is great. The value, then, of this final year at School, even disregarding such important considerations as pass certificates, is always increasing.

Another encouraging step has been the formation of a Sixth Form Society. There has seldom been a time when world affairs provided so much food for discussion, and although the Society's meetings are intermittent and informal, it is good that they should exchange views.

Altogether, the indications are that the School is turning out Seniors, whether prefects or not, who are more mature in their outlook.

School Notes and Notices

WE offer a cordial welcome to the following who joined the staff in September:

Mr. A. P. F. Alexander, B.A. (Cantab.), who is teaching French and German and who will coach the first cricket game in the summer.

Mr. R. G. Hall, B.A. (Oxon.), who is teaching Latin and Greek.

Mr. A. G. Lawson, C.A., who succeeds Captain King as Bursar.

Mr. P. T. MacLellan, M.A. (St. Andrews), who is helping in the Mathematics department.

Miss M. E. Duffy and Miss M. A. King, who help in the sewing room and sanitorium respectively.

Miss Newman who succeeds Miss Mills as Headmaster's Secretary.

At the time of writing a group of boys are busy making a film of the daily life at Strathallan, and boys carrying spot-lights, cameras and yards of flex can be seen scurrying along corridors at odd hours of the day and night. Needless to say the results of their labours are eagerly awaited.

A covered passage has been built between the main building and the showers, and this has been found a great improvement by all those who have showers at night. Now that several walls have been refaced and repainted, the last traces of the fire have disappeared. The porch of the gymnasium has been cleared of lockers, etc., and will soon provide a suitable foyer for School productions which take place there.

Examination Results

CAMBRIDGE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The following were successful:

Scholarship Level

Eastwood, I.: Physics.

Hunter, K. R.: Physics, Chemistry (awarded a State Scholarship and a County Major Scholarship).

Advanced Level

Davidson, E. A.: Latin, Mathematics.

Eastwood, I.: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Galbraith, W. R.: Latin, Mathematics.

Hellon, R.: English, Latin, French.

Hunter, K. R.: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Kerr, R. I. M.: Mathematics.

MacDougall, J. C.: Mathematics.

Palmer, D. A. B.: English.

Paterson, R. W. W.: Physics, Chemistry.

Philip, R. J. M.: Mathematics, Physics.

Robertson, A. I.: Geography, Chemistry.

Rossie, M. D.: Physics, Chemistry.

Thain, D. A.: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Willcox, H.: English, French, Chemistry, Biology.

Ordinary Level (in five or more subjects):

Aitken, J. M.

Blanche, W. D.

Brough, J. A.

Burns, G. A.

Caldwell, I. F.

Donald, A.

Drybrough, W. G.

Duncan, J. M.

Fleming, J. N.

Gibb, J.

Graham, J. B.

Hannah, D. W.

Hutton, I. C.

Linn, W. R.

Logan, A.

McLean, A. C. J.

MacLeod, N. W. H.

McMicken, I. S.

McMillan, J. I.

McMurray, A. G.

Maguire, N. F.

Morrison, N. H.

Pattullo, J. C.

Peters, J. R.

Shiels, M. B.

Willcox, I. J.

Wingate, K.

Founders' Day

FOUNDER'S Day, 16th June, 1956, dawned with a cold wind and the threat of rain. This threat continued throughout the morning, which followed the customary pattern of a short service in the School Chapel and a visit to Mr. Riley's grave in the churchyard.

Lunch was served buffet style in the library and many Old Boys took advantage of this courtesy.

All were in good spirits when the cricket match began. The School batted first. A commanding score was made before tea, and the Old Boys knew they would have their work cut out when they opened their innings. The writing was on the wall however, the School having a convincing win, which was repeated on the fives courts. Tennis proved the exception, when the old boys, playing with no little skill and power, proved more than a match for their opponents. The relay race was another victory for the School, the race being marred by the fall of a competitor at the start. The day ended with a win for the School in the swimming relay, and then the rain came.

The cup was presented to the School Captain in the dining room, where the President accepted with good grace the wooden spoon for yet another year.

Indeed, it was a most enjoyable day, helped in no small measure by the good organisation and hospitality of the School, for which we are most grateful.

S.B.

Chapel Notes

THE following preached at the Sunday services during the Summer term:

29th April, Rev. K. A. Arnold; 6th May, Rev. J. Mackie; 13th May, Rev. Dr. J. F. Marshall; 20th May, Rev. A. J. Fraser; 27th May, School visited Forgandenny Church; 3rd June, the Headmaster; 10th June, Rev. W. Campbell; 17th June, Rev. V. C. Alexander; 24th June, Rev. Dr. T. B. Stewart Thomson; 1st July, Rev. A. A. Orrock; 15th July, Rev. A. O. Robertson.

Thirty candidates were admitted to full membership of the Church of Scotland at the service on 22nd July.

Anthems sung by the choir since the last issue have been: "Rejoice to-day, with one accord" (Bach); "Eternal Father" (Holst); "God is gone up with a merry noise" (Croft); "Praise ye the Lord, ye children" (Tye); "From all that dwell below the skies" (Bach); "Thou visitest the earth" (Greene); "Jesu, Lamb of God Redeemer" (Mozart); "Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake" (Tye); "Brother James' Air"; "Let us now praise famous men" (Vaughan Williams).

Music Notes

THE informal concert at the end of the Summer term was perhaps the most successful which we have yet had, and for the first time the music room could not hold all those who wanted to come. Music of all kinds and from the last four centuries made up the programme. Music from the 16th century was represented by "Pavane" by Byrd (piano) and an Italian Madrigal (choir); the 17th century was represented by Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze" (two pianos); from the 18th century we had "Humorous Serenade" by Haydn (choir) and a Passepied by Gretry (orchestra); music from the 19th century was "The Two Grenadiers" by Schumann (tenor solo); and "Captain Stretton's Fancy" by Warlock (bass solo), some pieces of jazz played by the jazz trio and "Scaramouche" by Milkaud (two pianos) represented the present century. There were also many other items not mentioned above. We hope to have another concert at the end of this term in which, among others items, audience and orchestra will join forces in some Christmas Carols (both old and new) which, owing to their more secular nature, are not so suitable for the Carol service.

Music rehearsals are under way for "Trial by Jury" which is to be performed at the end of the Easter term. Stage rehearsals will begin next term.

On October 12th we were privileged to have an oboe recital by Leon Goossens. This recital, in addition to being extremely enjoyable from the musical point of view, was made very entertaining by Mr. Goossens' introductory remarks to the instrument and the pieces which he played.

The Chapel choir has changed its personnel considerably this term. In particular the majority of last year's tenors and basses left at the end of last term, but as there are a much larger number in both parts, it is hoped that when they have greater confidence through experience they will compare very favourably with past choirs.

G.W.

Riley House

WHILE it is ever idle to pretend that all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds, happy is the nation that has no history; which sums up our state, quite completely I think, for, apart from basking in the reflected glory of the under-13½ XV, normal routine is the order in the House.

The main justification for this note is the placing on record of our appreciation of the kindness of Mrs. Stewart of Perth in arranging and conducting our tour of the earth houses at Ardestie and Carlungie. We were more than fortunate in our guide, so much so that pre-history may well prove to have



P.T. Display, Speech Day, 1956

greater fascination than the later events that make up our more formal study. Interesting as the first two carefully-worked-out and preserved sites were, it is worth noting that even greater curiosity was shown in exploring the unlit depths at Pitcur, where little or no excavation or arrangement has yet been carried out.

Monitors for this term are: Scott, R. H.; Fraser, E. A.; Renton, S. M.; Hutton, B. W.; Sinclair, N. G.; and Dow, R. C. (Librarian).

The present holders of the Headmaster's Cup: Hamilton House.

D.S.

JUNIOR HOUSE SECTION

My Holiday in Switzerland

THREE terms ago, on the first leave-out, my mother told me that we were going to Switzerland in the Christmas holidays. I was very surprised and, of course, very excited.

The remainder of the term passed very slowly, but at last the 16th of December came along. The days then flew, and by Christmas Eve we were in a frenzy of excitement at the thought of leaving on the following evening. And so on the evening of the 25th we set off. At a quarter to eight a taxi drove up and we all climbed in with our luggage and skis. Our train left at 8.18 p.m., and so we had to wait a whole eighteen minutes after we reached the station. As we could not get our sleepers at Dundee we had to go to Edinburgh to get them. Our train did not leave Edinburgh until after 10 o'clock, so we had time to have dinner there.

Next morning I discovered that we were in London. A big, burly porter came up to us and asked where we wanted our luggage put. My father had arranged beforehand that a car should come and pick us up, so we asked him if he would carry it across to the car that was waiting for us, just outside King's Cross Station.

This car took us to the air-port, and when we got there we had to get our luggage checked and re-checked before we were allowed to board the plane. After that the journey passed very quickly, and soon the "Viscount" touched down at Zurich air-port.

We were told to board a bus, which took us to the town itself. A porter carried our luggage to the train while we had a bite of tea.

At 6.15 our train started out on its five and a half hour journey to Pontresina. At Chur we changed and several times nearly missed each other. The remaining two and a half hours passed quite quickly and soon we were at the small station of Pontresina. A large car then drew up outside the station and two men jumped out and came over to us. They then picked up our luggage and put it into the boot of the car. We all climbed into the back seats and the car roared off. In less than two minutes we were at the door of the "Hotel Languard". Mr. and Mrs. Klangutti, the owners of the hotel, were at the entrance waiting for us.

I slept soundly all that night and, when I awoke in the morning, I was very refreshed indeed. At about a quarter to nine I was tucking into an enormous breakfast in preparation for my later exertions.

Ten o'clock found me down in the ski room waxing my skis, and at eleven o'clock I was out on the mountain ready to start ski-ing. The ski-lift was a piece of wood shaped like an anchor, and on either side sat the people. After seven attempts I succeeded in getting the knack of staying on, but the snow was pitted with craters!

I raced down the mountain side for the last time that day at four o'clock, and immediately joined all the other skiers in the rush for tables at the "Pis Suss". This was a café half way through the village, a very popular place indeed for all the skiers coming off the mountain in the afternoon.

At about eight o'clock we changed and came down for dinner. After that we read, played cards or went sledging. At ten o'clock I started to go upstairs and get ready for bed.

Next morning I was the first out on the mountain, but very soon other parties joined me. This morning I had to take lessons to improve my ski-ing. At lunch I came down the mountain, but almost immediately after it I was out on the mountain again practising what I had been taught in the morning.

Most of the rest of the fortnight passed in very much the same way except when the ski-class went away for the day to give the class more difficult ski-ing as we knew nearly all the routes over the mountains in Pontresina.

Very soon we came down the mountain for the last time that holiday, and soon the train was sliding out of Pontresina on the return train journey to Zurich.

When we arrived there it was time for lunch, so we had some in the Station Hotel. Then we had two hours to spare, so we had a look round the shops. At 2.45 we walked up the steps of the "Viscount" which was to take us back to London. Later, at London air-port, it was quite dark and therefore the red and green landing lights were used. After our luggage had been checked by the customs, we took a bus to the Piccadilly Hotel.

Next morning we walked round the shops and went from place to place in the tube-trains which are very common in London. At tea-time we went to Harrods, and my older sister and I went up and down on the escalators. Later on that night we went to see the news at a special cinema called a News Theatre. While we were sitting watching the news Sir Malcolm Sargent walked along the front and sat down behind us. I was very surprised indeed as I had never seen him so near before.

Our holiday now was drawing to a close, and as I lay in my bunk in the train going back to Dundee I had to keep reminding myself that all good things must come to an end some time.

R.M.S., Form 1.

Combined Cadet Force

PERHAPS the most important development last year was the achievement by the end of the session of a "balanced" Contingent. Hitherto the majority of the Contingent had been engaged upon training for Certificate "A", and now, though the correct proportions are not yet achieved, one further year

should do it and the majority of the Cadets are in the three Service Sections. Numbers are still rising slowly, and the maximum probable total of about 210 may be reached this year. All Sections had good camps or cruises, and next Easter it is hoped that the ideal of a Combined Cadet Force will move a stage nearer reality when the R.N. and Army Sections will be in camp together at Garelochhead. Inclusion of the R.A.F. Section also is the ultimate ideal, but this is likely to be very difficult to manage.

The "ideal of a C.C.F." is a phrase used above which probably requires some explanation. "Ideally" the object achieved by the C.C.F. is the development of the individual's powers of leadership and initiative and, perhaps, of physical endurance and courage also. This aim is only very partially achieved when orthodox Service training only is carried out — though each Service Section can offer certain facilities suitable to this end. Some form of general training, which will embrace part at least of the ideas of each Service, is perhaps the best way of "testing" the individual, and a start was made in this at Cultybraggan last July. This was, on the whole, successful judged by the high level of morale and the good standard of behaviour of the Cadets under trying conditions, and Garelochhead will, it is hoped, be a more successful, more ambitious venture of the Commando type.

If at the end of April even a few Cadets understand themselves and other people a little better, and if of these few one or two surprise themselves with unsuspected ability and new-found confidence, then the Contingent — and thus the School — will have done far better than even the orthodox standard of values — the list of half-trained sailors, soldiers and airmen, big though this will be — suggests. To say this is not to decry the value of Service training as now available, but it is to say that such training has limitations which the more general form proposed should overcome.

There are two under officers — P. McLellan and R. Hellon — both Cadets in their last year at the School. (It is not envisaged that there will ever be more than five, for there is scarcely sufficient work of the right type for more than this number to perform, and a probable average number is more likely to be two or three.) N.C.O.s in general are tending to come more from the 5th and 6th Forms, and this is an encouraging trend that is of course coupled with the achievement of "balance" already referred to. Possession of Certificate "A" has already ceased to be the automatic passport to promotion, and the dignity and status of N.C.O.s lies now in their own hands to enhance or belittle.

This note has so far been a hopeful one, and a word of warning may perhaps be worth inserting. It is this: slack

training now can successfully upset three years' progress by giving one bad Certificate "A" board in March. If the results then are good the future is bright.

M.H.

Basic Section

There are only 40 odd Cadets in this Section this session. This reflects the degree of success in the last Certificate "A" examinations, and it is to be hoped that this degree of success will rapidly become the rule rather than the exception. C.-Sgt. Kilpatrick, aided by Cpl. Fergusson, is responsible for the training of this group.

There are about 40 Cadets preparing to sit Certificate "A" Part II in March, and all entries into the Service Sections have now been made, the rule that both parts of Certificate "A" must be held having been temporarily suspended. This training is by House organisations under the general supervision of Lieut. Alexander.

Promotions for 1956-57: C.S.M. W. R. Galbraith; Sgts. Kinvig, Morgenthaler, Dinsmore.

M.H.

R.N. Section

THE strength of the Section is now twenty-eight Cadets — one petty officer, five leading seamen, fifteen able seamen and seven ordinary seamen. Training this term has been mainly in preparation for the proficiency test; there are boatwork classes on the School pond every Friday and signalling and seamanship are practised and taught at the H.Q. in the Scout Wood. In addition some members of the Section have been instructing the R.E. Section in ropework.

During the summer holidays two Cadets attended special courses: A.B. MacTaggart was at a Naval aviation course at Lee-on-Solent and A.B. Shiels did commando training with the Royal Marines at Plymouth.

P.O. Clark was on board H.M.S. Blackburn during the Queen's summer tour of the Western Isles.

The annual cruise was held this year on board M.F.V. 1021 from September 5th-12th. The cruise began and finished at Faslane on the Gareloch; Tarbert, Rothesay, Arrocher and Lochgoilhead were among the places visited. We were fortunate in having fair weather and the ordinary seamen especially benefited from the training afloat.

Since the last issue of the magazine eight more Cadets have passed for able seamen.

A "ship's bell" has been acquired and it now occupies a prominent position on the quarterdeck.

The "Lady Anne", recently bought by the School, is now kept in Perth. Lieut. Shuttleworth with several Cadets sailed

the yacht from the River Clyde to the Tay at the end of the summer. It is being used for occasional week-end trips by members of the Sailing Club and Naval Section.

The following promotion has been made since these notes last appeared: A.B. Benson to be L.S. with seniority from 19.10.56.

K.R.H.

Army Section

THERE are now about sixty Cadets in this Section, the highest figure to date, and a Sapper Section has been started. Accounts of the R.A. Section camp at Redford and Otterburn will be found elsewhere in the magazine. The Signals Section is now under the general supervision of Mr. McLellan. A "professional" Instructors' Cadre is functioning throughout this term under C.S.M. Keveren and another will occupy the summer term in all probability. Such a Cadre has long been needed and will make a tremendous difference to the standard of N.C.O.s, all of whom will eventually come from successful members of such a Cadre. An assault course is projected and some materials gathered for it. This will run down the valley in a most inconspicuous manner, with its pitfalls and hazards blending neatly with the surrounding vegetation.

M.H.

Royal Artillery Section

In the summer term the troop of six successfully passed their Part One Classification, thus gaining the white lanyard.

On inspection day the troop paraded with the twenty-five pounder; later in the afternoon Brigadier Fergusson congratulated it on its smartness while carrying out a shoot.

The Section has now increased to twelve members, most of whom attended the R.A. camp at Redford Barracks during the summer holidays. It is hoped that new members will take their Part One Classification this term and that the whole troop will complete their Part Two by the end of the year.

P.McL.

Royal Engineers Section

THIS Section, more often known as the Sappers, was formed at the beginning of term with post-Part II Cadets. Its sixteen members have been initiated in the fundamentals of field geometry and Bailey bridge construction. The latter is taught by W.O. Hart, from Dundee, who comes here on Tuesday evenings. Other subjects which will be taught are demolitions and more advanced field geometry.

We hope to do a fair amount of practical work as this is by far the most satisfactory method of learning such arts.

J.W.D.

Royal Signals Section

SIGNALS activity at camp was limited to two exercises. Communications broke down during the first owing to the large distances involved; the second however was a complete success, constant communications being maintained throughout.

This term a small but keen group are working for the Signals Classification and in addition they are learning morse with Mr. McLellan.

A.B.C.

R.A.F. Section

TOGETHER with the beginning of the new session at Strathallan there has arrived a new intake of Cadets to the R.A.F. Section. The deficiency made by the loss of ten members last term has been made good by the entry of nineteen recruits, bringing the total up to twenty-five.

D. I. C. Crabb, S. W. Grierson, D. A. Leishman and W. T. Macpherson have been promoted to the rank of corporal; these four, together with R. I. M. Kerr, passed the Advanced Proficiency Examination last term, the latter gaining a Distinguished Pass. The other four passed with Credit. As E. A. Davidson and H. Willcox, who have both left, also passed, Willcox with Credit, there were no failures.

Another bright feature is that a Link Trainer has been promised to the Section by No. 66 Group and will be installed by the time these notes are published. The Link will provide both enjoyment and valuable training for the Cadets.

Also promised soon (although originally by the first day of term) are a number of best blue uniforms for the N.C.O.s. They will be a great improvement on the present dress; when they materialise they will certainly lend an additional air of smartness to Friday parades.

On Friday, 5th October, two N.C.O.s and eighteen Cadets, together with four representatives from the Army Section, spent an afternoon flying from Scone airport, a few miles outside Perth. The purpose of the visit was to initiate the land-lubbers and log some flying hours for the veterans of the Section. An Avro Anson was made available for the purpose, and four flights with seven boys in each were airborne for about twenty-five minutes. An extra flight at the end enabled F.O. Robinson and the N.C.O.s to swoop over Strathallan, the experience of seeing the School from such a novel angle being most entertaining.

The Section's Slingsby glider (under Cpl. Grierson's supervision) was taken out for the first time this term on 26th October. A gliding instructor was present from 66 Group, and he took the aircraft on a magnificent testing run; thereafter five groundslides were made by Cadets. The glider's assembly and dismantling required a total of over sixty minutes. Although

many are new to the procedure, this operation must, and will, soon be done in a fraction of that time as a result of hard and constant practice at the job.

The R.A.F. room (under Cpl. Crabb), situated next to the fives courts, is mainly taken up with the Section's reconditioned Hillman engine. At the moment the assembly is in progress and it is proving quite a headache to find all those missing nuts and bolts! All instruments such as compasses and computers are stored in this room, together with copies of "Recognition" magazines. Only recently an electric heater was installed on the wall at the far end of the room: unfortunately the Fly-tying Club have since moved in, annexed a third of the area, and a partition has robbed us of both space and a precious source of warmth!

Altogether the R.A.F. Section is looking forward to an interesting and active future.

W.T.M.

Pipes and Drums

THE performance at the band competition was an improvement upon that of 1955 but — and it is paradoxically a "good thing" — so were those of other schools. The setting of Glenalmond was perfect for the competition and the massed bands at the end were very impressive. Our individual performances were of an infinitely improved standard, as were those at the Glasgow competitions earlier in the term. Little — apart from tension drums at £25 apiece — can now be obtained for the band, and only constant and unremitting practice can lift it into the top three in Edinburgh next year.

P./M. Willcox is succeeded by Stuart, and although three other pipers have left, as have three drummers, there are good replacements coming up. By next May there should be nine pipers playing.

P./M. Willcox won the Hunter Cup for senior solo piping and Piper I. J. Willcox won the Sinclair Cup for junior solo piping. Drummer H. F. Wilson won the Hunter Cup for solo drumming.

M.H.

Army Camp, 1956

ALTHOUGH camp was at Cultybraggan the Contingent did not see very much of Comrie and the bright lights of Crieff were infrequently enjoyed. There was an epidemic in the former which kept it out of bounds for four days, while the latter lies a little too far away to be made much use of in the odd hours that were available.



Royal Artillery Section

The hours were certainly odder than usual and two nights were lost on night schemes, while another went on a one and a half day scheme that used up the last of the fine weather. Some of the more senior Cadets covered upwards of eighty-five miles on their feet during the first five days and were apparently none the worse for it. At least two seniors fell into the Water of Ruchill and survived to tell the tale. Even the most junior of Cadets probably walked upwards of thirty-five miles, no small distance for the average fellow, and all Cadets showed a remarkable good spirit in spite of the demolition of many traditions of camp programmes in the past. The high morale of the eighty boys during the camp was most noticeable and is the surest indication of success available. Next year camp should be at Garelochhead and may be a little more searching in its demands. It is hoped to combine Army and Navy for this camp and this should result in a far more interesting and rewarding programme: always provided that the weather is kind, as is generally the case in the west at Easter.

M.H.

Royal Artillery Camp, 1956

THIS camp lasted from 28th July to 4th August. We arrived at our destination, Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, on the morning of the 28th. Seven schools, with a total strength of forty-one, were represented; Strathallan was the largest group, with fifteen

Cadets. The other schools present were Aberdeen Grammar, Fettes, George Heriot's, George Watson's, Glasgow High and Morgan Academy.

The instructors, who were very good indeed, concentrated on gun drill and observation post work because we were to go to a practice camp near Otterburn for the last two days and fire the guns. We also had classes on such subjects as range tables, artillery board and directors: two enjoyable periods were spent on the miniature range. The food and accommodation were excellent, and we were allowed into Edinburgh from 8 to 11 o'clock each night. A demonstration of an A.A. gun, a mortar and some portable radar equipment was also laid on for us.

On Thursday, 2nd August, we moved to the practice camp, the gun crews being transported in uncomfortable quads which hauled the twenty-five pounders and the ammunition limbers. However, we survived the journey and arrived safely at the camp; we spent most of the evening in settling in.

On the morning of the next day the gun crews and the observation post party were selected. The gun crews once more mounted the quads and made their way to the firing point; the O.P. party was transported by Land Rovers to the observation post.

The gun crews stacked the shells and cartridges ready for action and then lined and sighted the three guns by orders from the O.P. Most of us were rather worried about the first shoot, because this was, to the majority of us, the first time we had fired. We were issued with cotton wool to lessen the effect of the blast, but it kept falling out of our ears.

Finally the gun was loaded and the order to fire given. There was a resounding "bang!" and bits of cardboard from the cartridge floated past us. Our ears sang and the ground seemed to quiver, but to our relief the first shot had been fired and we still on our feet. The next two or three rounds were nearly as bad, but after that we grew used to it although we never became quite nonchalant, and we were reasonably glad to change our positions in the afternoon. The shoot was, needless to say, carried out successfully.

The next morning we rose early and went to the same place, spending the rest of the morning shooting off the remaining ammunition and cleaning out the guns afterwards.

In the afternoon we returned to Edinburgh in the quads, and, after another rather uncomfortable journey, arrived at Redford Barracks, where we were served with tea. The camp was, on the whole, very successful, and we all learnt a good deal from it.

N.W.H.M.

The Summer Cruise of H.M.S. Blackburn

H.M.S. BLACKBURN, captained by Lieut.-Commander Haslett, was detailed to escort the Royal Yacht "Britannia" for part of her cruise up the West of Scotland, and to transport the Guard of Honour from Fort William to Lochboisdale in South Uist for H.M. the Queen's visit.

On Saturday, 11th August, I reported on board H.M.S. Blackburn in Great Harbour, Greenock. The crew was a mixture of Clyde Division R.N.V.R. and regulars from various units.

We sailed the same afternoon, and by midnight we had run into a storm. The entire crew, apart from the seven officers and five of us, retired seasick to their hammocks, leaving us to battle with the elements.

Late on Sunday afternoon we reached Fort William, anchoring off-shore. On Monday morning we weighed anchor and went alongside the jetty, where we embarked the 4th and 5th battalions of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. When all the "pongos'" gear had been loaded we sailed for Lochboisdale, thus beginning a nightmare journey.

The voyage from Greenock had been rough, so rough that we had had to part company with the "Britannia" shortly after joining up with her, but it was child's play compared with what we encountered while crossing the Minch.

We had over sixty soldiers on board, all of whom, with the exception of the pipers, were sea-sick; and amongst our other duties, we sailors had to make our way along the lee-rail of the ship making sure that all the sea-sick landlubbers were firmly secured and not likely to be washed overboard.

Below decks, Bedlam was let loose; the mess decks were scattered with hammocks, bedding, clothing and mess-traps; the army gear was all over the place; unfortunate soldiers and sailors were huddled in heaps in the corners. And to crown it all the pipers were playing the "Skye Boat Song" on their bag-pipes, thus successfully adding to the agonies of the English members of the crew.

Nothing, however bad it may be, can last for ever, and we eventually reached Lochboisdale on the Tuesday afternoon, putting a very bedraggled set of soldiers ashore.

On Wednesday morning Her Majesty the Queen arrived and was given a rousing welcome. After she had departed we picked the Camerons up again and set sail. We had a beautiful calm sunny day for our trip back, much to everyone's delight. Thus we completed our mission without further mishap.

R.B.C.

Careers

THERE have been four lectures this term for senior members of the School, and we are indebted to the following speakers for coming, often from considerable distances, to talk about their firms or professions:

Engineering — N. G. Treloar, Esq. (British Insulated Cables Ltd.).

Engineering — T. Carlisle, Esq. (Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox Ltd.).

Chartered Accountancy — A. G. Lawson, Esq. (School Bursar).

Surveying — P. R. Rathbone, Esq. (Assistant Secretary, Scottish R.I.C.S.).

Works Courses

During the Summer holidays some eight boys attended these courses with various firms, and all the reports about them have been most favourable. The value of these courses for a senior boy who is contemplating some kind of industrial job is again emphasised. They will be available again this year, during the Spring and Summer holidays.

Factory Visits

These will take place on Tuesday, 12th March, when members of the Senior School will have the opportunity of visiting a different selection of works and factories from last year. For those who look for something more cultural there will probably be the option of a visit to a museum or art gallery.

J.A.B.

Careers Survey

THE undermentioned figures have been compiled from the records of all boys in the fourth year and above, with regard to their intended careers and hopes of entering University. Those opting for University have not been included in any other column.

UNIVERSITY—Engineering	...	...	...	...	12
Medicine	...	...	...	...	7
Dentistry	...	...	...	...	5
Veterinary	...	...	...	...	1
Other Faculties	...	...	...	...	20
					45
Agriculture	...	...	...	...	17
Business, Industry and Commerce (general)	...	...	...	...	16
Undecided	...	...	...	...	14
Chartered Accountancy	...	...	...	...	7
Engineering (apprenticeships)	...	...	...	...	6
Textile Industry	...	...	...	...	4

Navy and Naval Aviation	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Civil Aviation	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Law	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Surveying	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Architecture, Army, Chemical Industry, Estate Agency, Forestry, Hotel Trade, The Ministry, Police, R.A.F., Retail Trade — 1 each	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Total							...	128

J.A.B.

Lectures and Entertainments

THE film show at the end of the Summer term — “The Belles of St. Trinians” — was disappointingly spoilt by failures of the loudspeaker. The sound has, however, been quite satisfactory for the two films shown so far this term at the village hall, which were “The Blue Lamp” and “Drums Across the River”.

At the time of writing there had been no lectures during the term.

M.G.

VI Form Society

THERE has been a feeling among VI formers that interests within the School have tended to become rather narrow in character owing to the specialised nature of “A” level work. As a result the VI Form Society was formed, the idea being that its members should meet at irregular intervals to discuss subjects of general interest, debate current affairs, read plays and, in fact, do anything to widen their horizons.

At the first meeting of term, various members talked on their holidays abroad, and in the course of the evening brief visits were paid to Norway, Italy, Spain, India and France. “Joan of Arc” provided a meaty piece for a small but enthusiastic play-reading group. An animated discussion on the trade union movement has also been held during the term. The Middle East crisis of October produced an emergency meeting to decide whether the government had in fact taken the correct course of action. There was little doubt from the start that the Prime Minister was going to receive the full support of the meeting, although the legality of the action was questioned by some. The showing of “St. Agnes’ Eve”, a film made by “Benson Films”, a small group of inexperienced but keen amateurs who have made their “head office” in one of the studies, drew many spectators.

The society continues, it would be inexact to say it flourishes, but it has found a nucleus of enthusiastic members. We sincerely hope that in the next few terms it will receive more

support. Many boys came to be entertained by a film, but so far too few contribute anything constructive to the society. Those who do find it great fun.

K.R.H. and R.J.K.

Literary and Debating Society

ON 17th November an interesting and even debate was held to discuss the motion "This house believes that the Olympic Games do not do any good to international relations". R. Hellon, proposing the motion, started by asking various rhetorical questions which were answered unfavourably by sections of the audience. After this, however, he expressed himself ably, bringing out the point that nowadays what matters is not taking part but winning. I. C. Hutton opposed the motion well, though, unlike Hellon, he read most of his speech. He pointed out that many of the gaps in the iron curtain were made by international sport and that any link between the common peoples was of more real value than goodwill visits of politicians. W. G. Dryborough and J. C. Walker seconded Hellon and Hutton, but added little constructive to the argument, preferring to snipe at details in their opponents' speeches.

When the debate was thrown open to the house, sixteen boys spoke. Of these the most experienced was K. R. Hunter, who went more deeply into the subject and expressed his ideas fluently. Of the rest, W. D. Blanche attacked both sides belligerently for talking nonsense, T. W. Higginson defended the games with the fervour of a crusader, and A. B. Crerar provided some welcome wit. When the house divided, the motion was defeated by 24 votes to 23, with two abstaining, a close result to a very successful debate.

D.E.Y.

The Photographic Society

MEMBERSHIP is slightly smaller this term than last, but it lacks nothing in quality, and technical ability has improved considerably during the last twelve months.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. K. V. Birks for his interesting talk and demonstration on the "Optics of the Camera", and we spent an enjoyable and instructive evening seeing some very good 35 mm. colour slides shown by R. M. Benson and E. B. R. Hair. Cinematography has made its appearance with an excellent production of "St. Agnes' Eve" by R. M. Benson and a group of enthusiasts, and we hope to hold regular 8 mm. film shows.

Meanwhile work of varying degrees of skill and boldness is being produced in the dark room, and the prospects for the



The Main Buildings

Summer Exhibition are promising. The picture chosen for this year's School Christmas card was taken by B. Benson.

R. M. Benson has taken over the secretaryship from M. C. Padkin, and J. M. Aitken is now treasurer.

C.P.H.

Historical and Archæological Society

It has been decided to combine the functions of the Archaeological Society, formed two years ago, with those of an Historical Society. During the winter months it is hoped that boys will read their own papers, with subsequent discussion, while occasional lectures from visitors have been arranged. On 14th November Professor Williams of St. Andrews University delivered the first of this series. In the Summer term local archaeological interests will be investigated, and an interesting beginning was made last term at "Broombarns", a ruin that lies barely a mile from the School. A magnificent earthenware mug was discovered intact during June. while hand-blown wine bottles were two a penny.

Officials elected on 10th October were: President, R. J. Kinvig; secretary, M. S. Jamieson; treasurer, W. T. Macpherson.

M.H.

Scottish Country Dancing and Highland Dancing

DANCING is again under House arrangements and progresses smoothly. Seniors have been dancing on Friday nights and the object is that at least one new dance shall be attempted each week. Highland dancing continues under Miss Farquhar. Last summer the dancing team was unlucky to lose Shaw, N. S. at the last minute and though Shaw, M. W., filled his place very creditably the notice available was too short to enable the new team to reach competition standard. This year there are about twelve "specialists", and the reel "Macdonald of Sleat" is being learned for performance on St. Andrew's Night. All last year's team and reserves except Shaw are still at the School and prospects for the competition on June 28th are good.

M.H.

The Aeromodeller's Society

DURING the summer some members tried their hands at building marine models as a side-line. The results were most encouraging. Two hydroplanes were successfully sailed on the pond and a model yacht of Swedish design was partly constructed.

On the aeromodelling side a control line stunt model, a "Mercury Junior Monitor", was completed and it flew well, and a somewhat more rugged control-line trainer was built on which many members have made their first flights.

W.G.D.

The Radio Club

SINCE the last issue of the magazine the club has suffered the loss of four experienced members, but two new ones have been added, raising our total to ten.

The senior members who have already built sets have had the advantage over their contemporaries in obtaining first-hand accounts of recent events of international importance. These have not only been received from the B.B.C. Home Services but from "London Calling Europe", "The Voice of America", "Radio Moscow", "The Voice of Germany" and several other stations.

Only new members are building sets at present; the remainder are probably resting for financial reasons!

W.D.B.

Fly-Tying and Angling

THE Angling Club has not been very active this term because the trout season is now over. There have been a few expeditions to nearby pike-ponds which often give good sport. This term, work is being done on the club boat, mainly scraping down to make it ready for painting next term. Some more boarding up will have to be done to the small stream which enters the pond. It is intended to line it with gravel to encourage the fish to spawn.

The appeal made to members in the summer for funds has enabled us to pay for the boat and will help to pay for the 150 two-yearlings which will be added next March. Fishery prices are, however, extremely high and the club finds its main troubles are financial.

The fish in the pond are hard to catch but those caught in August were in good condition and weighed over half a pound. The rate of growth is high, so that by next year they should be well over the pound mark.

The Fly-tying Club has a new room beside the fives courts and this is proving most satisfactory. The club has a good membership and there are many who are learning that, in making flies, "practice makes perfect".

N.F.M.

The Sailing Club

THIS year there has been a marked increase in the enthusiasm for sailing. This is probably due to the fact that we were allowed to sail during games periods last term, a privilege enjoyed by all members. The extra time so gained enabled a group of boys to start building "Cadets" to add to our fleet, and they are now nearing completion.

The flagship of our fleet is the recently purchased "Lady Anne". Boys have been able to try their hand at "big boat" sailing during week-ends, leaving School on Saturday afternoons and returning for Chapel on Sunday evenings. During the summer holidays two crews from the School Naval Section spent a week each on the Clyde enjoying the adventure brought by the indifferent weather.

Our racing record has not been crowned with success although we have made a step forward; a School crew was entered for the International Firefly Championships on Loch Earn.

The match against Glenalmond was again lost by a few points but the team enjoyed a fine afternoon's sailing in a stiff breeze.

No further applications for membership of the Tadpole Club have been received!

R.M.B.

Life Saving

THIS year fifty-seven boys entered for the various awards of the Royal Life Saving Society. The following results were obtained:

Intermediate Certificate	...	...	...	...	35
Bronze Medallion	...	...	...	...	28
Bar to Bronze Medallion	...	...	...	...	7
Bronze Cross	...	...	...	...	12
Bar to Bronze Cross	...	...	...	...	4
Scholar-Instructor's Certificate	...	...	...	...	2
Instructor's Certificate	...	...	...	...	7
Award of Merit	...	...	...	...	15
					110
				Total	...

Athletics

STANDARDS COMPETITION, 1956

RESULT: 1st, Freeland	.....	253 pts.
2nd, Ruthven	.....	223 pts.
3rd, Simpson	.....	181 pts.
4th, Nicol	.....	177 pts.



The Long Jump

SCHOOL SPORTS

THE School Sports were held on Saturday, 21st July, in perfect conditions, and in the presence of a large and welcome company of spectators.

This year the discus and the javelin were included as competitive events at all age groups.

During the course of the afternoon nine new School records were established, and the only long standing records remaining are those of J. G. S. Forrest in the long jump (20' 5", 1936) and I. B. Petrie's 100 yds. (10.0 secs., 1944). The former record appeared to be very much in the balance when late in the afternoon J. G. Clark's second attempt was measured at 19' 10", but there was to be no improvement. The 100 yds. record appears likely to stand for a little while yet, particularly when one remembers that there are perhaps three runners in Britain currently bettering it.

The only sprinting performance of merit was that of D. M. Robertson in the junior 220. In June at the Scottish Schools sports he was awarded an Amateur Athletic Association Standard Medal for this distance.

All three quarter-mile records were broken, and of the middle distance running probably the best performance was that of K. D. Ballantyne in the middle half mile. W. Robinson's junior high jump of 5' 1½" is also worthy of mention.

The Senior Victor Ludorum W. P. Kilpatrick (S)
 The winner of the "Bruce Mackay" Cup... I. M. Wood (N)
 The Junior Champion D. M. Robertson (N)

R.H.

RESULTS**Senior**

- 100 yards—
 1: Kilpatrick (S), 2: Clark, J. G. (R), 3: Anderson, D. (F).....10.8 secs.
 220 yards—
 1: Clark, J. G. (R), 2: Morrison (F), 3: Kilpatrick (S)24.0 secs.
 440 yards—
 1: Anderson, G. I. J. (F), 2: Morrison (F), 3: Galbraith (S)...52.2 secs.
 880 yards—
 1: Houston (N), 2: Crabb (F), 3: Anderson, D. (F).....2m. 4.0 secs.
 One mile—
 1: Crabb, D. (F), 2: Houston (N), 3: Anderson, G. (F).....4m. 44 secs.
 Cross Country—
 1: Shaw, N. S. (S).
 80 yards Hurdles—
 1: Kilpatrick (S), 2: Pattulo (N), 3: Clark, J. G. (R)11.7 secs.
 High Jump—
 1: Kilpatrick (S), 2, equal: Clark, J. G. (R), Grierson (N)...5 ft. 2 ins.
 Long Jump—
 1: Clark, J. G. (R), 2: Anderson D. (F), 3: Kilpatrick (S)...19 ft. 10 ins.
 Putting the Shot—
 1: Rossie (R), 2: McMurray (F), 3: Galbraith (S).....40 ft. 5 ins.
 Discus—
 1: Rossie (R), 2: Sloan (F), 3: Morrison (F).....110 ft. 0½ ins.
 Javelin—
 1: Anderson, D. (F), 2: Brown (R), 3: Pullar (R).....129 ft. 3 ins.

Middle

- 100 yards—
 1: Hannah (R), 2: Wood (N), 3: Irvine (F).....11.4 secs.
 220 yards—
 1: Wood (N), 2: Pirrie (F), 3: Roselle (R).....25.0 secs.
 440 yards—
 1: Irvine (F), 2: Boxwell (R), 3: Ballantyne (F).....55.2 secs.
 880 yards—
 1: Ballantyne (F), 2: Irvine (F), 3: Boxwell (R).....2m. 10.4 secs.
 Cross Country—
 1: Wingate, K. (R).
 80 yards Hurdles—
 1: Wood (N), 2: McMillan (S), 3: Hannah (R).....12.1 secs.
 High Jump—
 1: Roselle (R), 2: Chapman (F), 3: Hannah (R).....5 ft. 0 ins.
 Long Jump—
 1: Irvine (F), 2: Duncan (S), 3: Roselle (R).....18 ft. 6 ins.
 Putting the Shot—
 1: Pirrie (F), 2: Sinclair (F), 3: Watts (S).....36 ft. 11 ins.
 Discus—
 1: Wood (N), 2: Pirrie (F), 3: Roselle (R).....111 ft. 1 in.
 Javelin—
 1: Jamieson (F), 2: Wood (N), 3: Pirrie (F).....113 ft. 6 ins.

Junior

100 yards—
 1: Robertson (N), 2: Holloway (R), 3: Harrison (N).....11.4 secs.
 220 yards—
 1: Robertson (N), 2: Holloway (R), 3: Thorburn (N).....25.4 secs.
 440 yards—
 1: Cook (R), 2: Thorburn (N), 3: Harrison (N).....57.3 secs.
 Cross Country—
 1: Reid, D. G. (N).
 High Jump—
 1: Robinson (S), 2: Gibb (R), 3: Thorburn (N).....5 ft. 1½ ins.
 Long Jump—
 1: Robertson (N), 2: Thorburn (N), 3: Sim (S).....16 ft. 4½ ins.
 Putting the Shot—
 1: Cook (R), 2: Robertson (N), 3: Holloway (R).....37 ft. 11 ins.
 Discus—
 1: Cook (R), 2: Gibb (R), 3: Robinson (S).....87 ft. 10 ins.
 Javelin—
 1: Holloway (R), 2: Cook (R), 3: Galt (N).....112 ft. 10 ins.

Riley

100 yards—1: Rowand, 2: Hunter, S., 3: Smith, R. B.....13.1 secs.
 High Jump—1: Innes, 2: Hunter, S., 3: Ross.....4 ft. 3 ins.
 330 yards—1: Hunter, S., 2: Rowand, 3: Gray.....46.6 secs.

Relay

RILEY — 1: Hamilton, 2: Glencoe, 3: Drumfin.....60.3 secs.
 JUNIOR — 1: Nicol, 2: Ruthven, 3: Simpson.....50.0 secs.
 MIDDLE — 1: Ruthven, 2: Freeland, 3: Nicol.....50.0 secs.
 SENIOR — 1: Freeland, 2: Nicol, 3: Ruthven.....2 m. 41.8 secs.

Sports Result: 1st, Freeland 342 points
 2nd, Ruthven 307 points
 3rd, Nicol 236 points
 4th, Simpson 217 points

New School Records

Putting the Shot, Senior: M. D. Rossie.....40 ft. 11 ins.
 440 yards, Senior: G. I. J. Anderson.....52.2 secs.
 880 yards, Middle: K. D. Ballantyne.....2m. 10.4 secs.
 Long Jump, Middle: J. M. Irvine.....18 ft. 6 ins.
 440 yards, Middle: J. M. Irvine.....55.2 secs.
 Putting the Shot, Middle: A. B. Pirrie.....36 ft. 11 ins.
 220 yards, Junior: D. M. Robertson.....25.4 secs.
 440 yards, Junior: V. D. Cook.....57.3 secs.
 High Jump, Junior: W. Robinson.....5 ft. 1½ ins.

On Friday, 23rd June, a School team was defeated by Morrison's Academy at Crieff by 99 points to 95.

Cricket

RARELY can a team have been better suited to conditions than was the 1st XI to the fast wickets encountered early in the season. Although the batting was disappointing in the sense that only rarely did more than two players strike form on any one day, we did at least have enough reasonably orthodox batsmen to obtain

about 60 runs on almost any wicket. Miserable though this number may seem it was on most occasions sufficient to enable the bowlers to force a victory.

As most of the successes were based on the attack it seems reasonable to deal first with the bowlers. The opening pair, Clark and Jamieson, were the most effective. Clark because of his pace and aggressiveness, Jamieson because of his accuracy. Some useful additional pace bowling was provided by Anderson, whilst each of Rossie and Willcox had several good spells of slow bowling. The fielding, always a problem last year, was again troublesome at first, but after some reshuffling and an object lesson from Merchiston it improved and eventually combined with the bowling to become a match-winning force. In fact the tightness of the fielding so encouraged the pace bowlers that they went on skittling sides out long after the heavy rains had taken the life out of the wickets.

Although there was an apparent wealth of experienced batsmen, major batting collapses were frequent and nerve-wracking, although not usually disastrous. Only Clark and Hudson were at all reliable, but each of Yellowley, Rossie, MacCallum, Galbraith, Willcox and Pirrie played one or two good innings. The unreliability of the batting, although at the time a nuisance, has, owing to the numerous team changes it incurred, left us in the pleasant position of having eleven players with 1st XI experience available for next season. With some promising material in the 2nd XI and more to come up from the "Colts", the prospects for the coming year are bright.

SUMMARY OF LAST SEASON'S RESULTS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	15	9	2	4
2nd XI	4	1	2	1
Colts XI	7	6	1	0
Junior XI	8	3	5	0
	<u>34</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

FIRST XI BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Anderson, D. ...	43.4	19	71	12	5.98
Willcox	35.4	6	94	15	6.26
Clark	182	67	323	50	6.46
Jamieson	160	58	257	39	6.58
Rossie	56	14	128	11	11.63

FIRST XI BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Not Out	Aggregate	Highest Score	Average
Hudson	17	3	353	57	25.2
Clark	16	3	309	55 (not out)	23.7
Rossie	13	5	128	53 (not out)	16.0
Galbraith, W. ...	15	2	162	43 (not out)	12.5

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*Back Row: Willcox, I. J., Yellowley, D. C., Pirrie, A. B., Kilpatrick, W. P., MacCallum, D. S., Jamieson, D. S.
Front Row: Anderson, D. M., Rossie, M. D., Clark, J. G. (Captain), Hudson, G. T., Galbraith, W. R.*

28.4.1956

STRATHALLAN versus FORGANDENNY C.C. at Forgandenny

Forgandenny		Strathallan	
Hoare, R., c MacCallum, b Yellowley	46	Yellowley, run out	0
Peter, b Clark	49	Hamilton, b Boag	10
Nichol, b Yellowley	0	Hudson, not out	56
Smith, b Yellowley	0	Clark, not out	45
Kettles, b Jamieson	13	Rossie, MacCallum, Galbraith, Baird, Hibbs, Jamieson and Crosby did not bat	
Kemp, D., b Jamieson	3	Extras	2
Boag, b Jamieson	2		
Kemp, A., c Hamilton, b Jamieson	0	Total for 2 wickets	113
Hendry, b Clark	1		
Henderson, W., not out	0		
Henderson, J., b Jamieson	0		
Extras	7		
Total	121		
Jamieson 5 for 23			

The village, after a good opening partnership, were all out for 121. Jamieson was the most effective School bowler. After losing two wickets quickly, Clark and Hudson settled down to chase the runs but failed by nine runs to force a win.

2.5.1956

STRATHALLAN versus DUNNIKIER at Forgandenny

Strathallan		Dunnikier	
Yellowley, c Fenton, b Ferguson, W.	0	Webster, run out	1
Hamilton, b Jones	7	Gibson, b Jamieson	2
Hudson, b Fergusson, W.	33	Ferguson, c Clark, b Clark	5
Clark, c Main, b Arbuckle	46	Walton, c Hudson, b Clark	0
Rossie, st Fenton, b Fergusson, W.	1	Urquhart, b Clark	0
MacCallum, c Laing, b Jones	0	Jones, c Kilpatrick, b Baird	47
Galbraith, b Urquhart	19	Fergusson, W., b Clark	28
Kilpatrick, b Fergusson, W.	2	Arbuckle, b Clark	0
Baird, b Urquhart	11	Main, b Clark	0
Anderson, not out	2	Laing, b Jamieson	0
Jamieson did not bat		Fenton, not out	0
Extras	3	Extras	6
		Total	89
Total for 9 wkts, dec.			124

Clark and Hudson were again the main props of the School's batting. After an early break through by Clark the middle Dunnikier batsmen resisted strongly but were not quite able to play out time.

9.5.1956

STRATHALLAN versus MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL at Colinton

Merchiston Castle School		Strathallan	
Boyle, J., not out	41	Yellowley, c Dewar, b Bain	2
McLauchlan, run out	11	Hamilton, b Bain	5
Kilpatrick, c Willcox, b Jamieson	25	Hudson, lbw, b Bain	2
Crow, c Rossie, b Clark	20	Clark, st Kilpatrick, b Boyle, A.	3
Bain, c MacCallum, b Rossie	5	Galbraith, b Bain	0
Gourlay, not out	9	MacCallum, not out	31
Smith, Dewar, Morton, Boyle, A. and Forbes did not bat		Baird, c Dewar, b Bain	0
Extras	13	Kilpatrick, c Boyle, J., b Bain	3
		Rossie, c Kilpatrick, b Bain	3
Total for 4 wks. dec.	124	Willcox, not out	11
		Jamieson did not bat	
		Extras	2
		Total for 8 wickets	62
		Bain 7 for 16	

In an icy wind and intermittent drizzle the Merchiston batsmen took advantage of some fumbled catches and pushed their score steadily along. Although the total set was by no means impossible the Strathallan batsmen could do little against the accurate bowling and good fielding, and only a stubborn innings by MacCallum averted defeat.

12.5.1956

STRATHALLAN versus EDINBURGH ACADEMY at Forgandenny

Strathallan		Edinburgh Academy	
Yellowley, c Pryde, b Henderson	0	Bond, lbw, b Jamieson	10
Galbraith, lbw, b Sinclair	15	Pryde, c Hudson, b Rossie	4
Pirrie, b Henderson	0	Burnet, c Pirrie, b Jamieson	2
Clark, c Wood, b Henderson	25	Sinclair, c Clark, b Rossie	0
Hudson, b Wood	8	Henderson, c Pirrie, b Clark	7
MacCallum, b Henderson	0	Ross, b Clark	0
Baird, b Henderson	0	Wilson, c Clark, b Rossie	0
Kilpatrick, b Henderson	8	Wood, st Hudson, b Rossie	2
Rossie, b Wood	2	Gracie, not out	1
Willcox, not out	0	Smith, c Pirrie, b Rossie	0
Jamieson, c Wood, b Henderson	0	Gillan, c Hudson, b Clark	2
Extras	3	Extras	1
Total	61	Total	29
Henderson 7 for 13		Rossie 5 for 7; Clark 3 for 11	

Anticipating a good day's cricket the game was arranged for an 11.30 a.m. start. In view of this and the blazing sunshine it seemed disappointing in all senses when the last Strathallan batsman was dismissed shortly after lunch with the score at 61. However, Clark and Jamieson soon struck back and Rossie followed on with a very good spell. The bowlers were aided by tight ground fielding and some remarkable catching by Pirrie. Three hours remained for play when the Academy were all out for 29, so they requested a second innings. The home side made 97 for 7 at their second attempt, thanks almost entirely to Yellowley, and at the close the visitors were 41 for 8.

16.5.1956

STRATHALLAN versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at New Anniesland

Strathallan		Glasgow Academy	
Yellowley, b MacKinlay	0	Anderson, lbw, b Clark	0
Galbraith, c Henderson, b Mackie	1	MacAlister, run out	4
Kilpatrick, b Mackie	1	Sloan, b Clark	0
Hudson, b Mackie	0	Henderson, lbw, b Jamieson ...	1
Clark, c Henderson, b MacKinlay	3	Symington, c Pirrie, b Clark ...	3
MacCallum, c Anderson, b Mackie	0	MacCrossan, b Clark	0
Pirrie, c McAlister, b Garland...	19	Steel, b Jamieson	3
Baird, b Mackie	7	Keiller, b Jamieson	0
Rossie, b Garland	14	Garland, not out	3
Willcox, c Henderson, b Sloan	0	MacKinlay, b Jamieson	0
Jamieson, not out	1	Mackie, c Hudson, b Clark	8
Extras	7	Extras	1
	Total 53		Total 23

Clark 5 for 12; Jamieson 4 for 10

Mackie 5 for 13; Garland 2 for 5

Helped by a strong cross-wind the Academy opening bowlers completely overwhelmed the early and middle Strathallan batsmen, but Rossie and Pirrie showed a little more aggression and managed to collect enough runs to give the bowlers something on which to work. Clark and Jamieson took advantage of the wind to bowl unchanged through the innings and pull off a victory which had at first seemed impossible. Once more a second innings was requested. This time, thanks largely to a good knock by Clark, Strathallan were able to declare at a reasonable total, and with little time remaining, the Academy declined to bat.

21.5.1956

STRATHALLAN versus KIRKCALDY C.C. at Forgandenny

Strathallan		Kirkcaldy C.C.	
Yellowley, lbw, b Colville	4	Stark, W., c Pirrie, b Jamieson .	3
Galbraith, b Stark	4	Scott, run out	7
Hudson, c Scott, b Colville	57	Stark, R., c Clark, b Clark	13
Clark, c Diack, b Scott	30	Irvine, c Kilpatrick, b MacCallum	9
MacCallum, b Colville	5	Robertson, S., b MacCallum ...	1
Rossie, c Robertson, b Colville .	23	Deuchars, b Willcox	20
Kilpatrick, b Colville	0	Colville, lbw, b Clark	8
Pirrie, c Robertson, b Colville ...	0	Barrie, not out	23
Baird, b Barrie	1	Robertson, A., not out	10
Willcox, not out	2	Diack and Dewar did not bat	
Jamieson did not bat		Extras	4
Extras	13		Total for 7 wickets 98
	Total for 9 wkts. dec. 140		
	Colville 6 for 32		

Sound batting by Clark and Hudson ensured a respectable score, but when the time came to start looking for quick runs only Rossie was able to oblige. Consequently the declaration came rather late and although Kirkcaldy lost wickets fairly regularly they were easily able to play out time.

24.5.1956

STRATHALLAN versus FETTES COLLEGE 'A' at Forgandenny

Fettes College		Strathallan	
Cameron, b Clark	0	Yellowley, b Robson	2
Lloyd, b Anderson	41	Galbraith, c Coatsworth, b Robson	3
Hoare, c MacCallum, b Anderson	78	Hudson, b Lumsden	5
McCloy, not out	18	Clark, not out	21
Hamilton, b Clark	4	MacCallum, b Lumsden	3
Shackleton, b Clark	4	Pirrie, c Coatsworth, b Lumsden	0
Scott, b Jamieson	0	Baird, lbw, b Armit	1
Coatsworth, not out	6	Rossie, b Armit	2
Armit, Lumsden and Robson did not bat		Willcox, b Armit	3
Extras	4	Anderson, b Hoare	0
		Jamieson, b Lumsden	7
		Extras	5
Total for 6 wkts. dec.	155		
		Total	52

Lumsden 4 for 9; Armit 3 for 2

After the loss of a wicket in the first over, a second wicket partnership of 119 restored the visitors' position, and after the loss of a few more batsmen they made a very sporting declaration. The School, however, never looked like making the necessary runs. Clark, the only batsman who struck form, was undefeated at the close.

26.5.1956

STRATHALLAN v. DANIEL STEWART'S COLLEGE at Forgandenny

Strathallan		Daniel Stewart's College	
Clark, run out	38	Edwards, b Clark	2
Willcox, b Ancell	7	Craig, lbw, b Jamieson	0
MacCallum, run out	7	McLeod, c MacCallum, b Willcox	8
Hudson, not out	56	Sinclair, c Clark, b Rossie	4
Galbraith, not out	43	Allan, c Clark, b Willcox	0
Rossie, Yellowley, Pirrie, Kilpatrick, Philip and Jamieson did not bat		Dakers, lbw, b Willcox	1
Extras	8	Burns, lbw, b Rossie	2
		Arthur, not out	2
Total for 3 wkts. dec.	159	Ancell, b Willcox	8
		Anderstrem, c MacCallum, b Willcox	1
		Foster, b Willcox	0
		Extras	2
		Total	30

Willcox 6 for 6

Good batting by Clark, Hudson and Galbraith quickly built up a useful score on an easy paced wicket. The early Stewart's batsmen resisted quite well against the pace attack but a spell of well flighted slow bowling on a good length by Willcox persuaded them into error.

9.6.1956

STRATHALLAN versus CRIEFF C.C. at Forgandenny

Crieff C.C.		Strathallan	
Alston, c Rossie, b Anderson ...	9	Clark, c Laing, b Murphy	0
Milton, lbw, b Jamieson	0	Willcox, b Sinclair.....	1
Hay, b Clark	0	MacCallum, b Murphy.....	8
Laing, b Clark	0	Yellowley, lbw, b Murphy	0
Sinclair, c Clark, b Clark	5	Hudson, lbw, b Sinclair	1
Ryan, c Anderson, b Clark	13	Galbraith, b Murphy	0
Robertson, c and b Anderson ...	3	Pirrie, b Murphy	5
Murphy, b Anderson	4	Kilpatrick, c Robertson, b Sinclair	7
Ewing, not out	4	Rossie, c Milton, b Sinclair	1
Douglas, b Anderson	0	Anderson, c Milton, b Murphy	5
McIntosh, c Hudson, b Jamieson	5	Jamieson, not out	0
Extras	0	Extras	3
Total 43		Total 31	
Clark 4 for 13; Jamieson 2 for 3		Murphy 6 for 15; Sinclair 4 for 13	

In a very short afternoon's cricket Clark and Anderson went very quickly through the visitors' batting and the Crieff opening bowlers went even more quickly through that of the School.

13.6.1956

STRATHALLAN versus PERTSHIRE C.C. at Forgandenny

Perthshire C.C.		Strathallan	
Lodge, c Anderson, b Willcox	32	Clark, lbw, b Wilson	1
Millar, b Anderson	6	Willcox, c Williams, b Lodge ...	8
Gardiner, c Kilpatrick, b Clark	44	MacCallum, b Wilson	0
Woods, run out	4	Yellowley, b McKenzie	0
McKenzie, b Jamieson	0	Hudson, c William, b McKenzie	0
Foster, not out	10	Galbraith, b Bland	16
Breuer, b Jamieson	2	Pirrie, st Bridgeford, b Lodge ...	22
Williams, lbw, b Clark	0	Kilpatrick, b Bland	3
Wilson, Bridgeford and Bland did not bat		Dinsmore, not out	11
Extras	3	Anderson, not out	1
Total for 7 wkts. dec. 101		Jamieson did not bat	
		Extras	8
		Total for 8 wickets 70	
		Wilson 2 for 1	

The Perthshire batsmen could only proceed very slowly against an accurate attack, Jamieson having a particularly long and steady spell. The slow rate of scoring necessitated a declaration at a fairly low total, but of the School batsmen only Pirrie did well. Several players threw away their wickets in unsuccessful attempts to punish slow full tosses, and eventually it was a case of playing for time.

16.6.1956

STRATHALLAN versus OLD STRATHALLIANS at Forgandenny

Strathallan		Old Strathallians	
Clark, b Hinshaw	1	Muir, b Clark	2
Willcox, b Simpson	0	Stevenson, c MacCallum, b Anderson	0
Dinsmore, b Hinshaw	5	Kenny, lbw, b Clark	9
Hudson, lbw, b Hinshaw	29	Dawson, c Clark, b Willcox ...	6
Galbraith, not out	22	Brown, b Jamieson	1
Rossie, not out	53	Hinshaw, b Willcox	2
Pirrie, MacCallum, Kilpatrick, Anderson and Jamieson did not bat		MacMillan, b Jamieson	4
Extras	18	Rome, c Anderson, b Clark ...	12
		Hall, b Kilpatrick	5
Total for 4 wickets	128	McInnes, lbw, b Kilpatrick	0
Hinshaw 3 for 13		Simpson, not out	0
		Extras	2
		Total	42
		Clark 3 for 9; Kilpatrick 2 for 0	

After a shaky start, Hudson, Galbraith and Rossie built up a useful total. Some assorted batting by the Old Boys was countered by even more assorted bowling by the School, and the match ended on quite a lively note.

23.6.1956

STRATHALLAN versus MORRISON'S ACADEMY at Forgandenny

Morrison's Academy		Strathallan	
Glover, c Pirrie, b Rossie	43	Dinsmore, c Thomson, b Steel	3
Murray, hit wkt., b Willcox	6	Willcox, b Glover	1
Armstrong, b Clark	1	Hudson, not out	46
Thomson, b Willcox	16	Clark, lbw, b Glover	7
Steel, c Rossie, b Clark	4	Galbraith, b Glover	2
MacKenzie, c Hudson, b Jamie- son	1	MacCallum, b Glover	1
Gilmour, not out	8	Pirrie, b Steel	0
Loudon, b Jamieson	3	Rossie, not out	21
Lorrimer, c Pirrie, b Jamieson	0	Kilpatrick, Anderson and Jamie- son did not bat	
Anderson, lbw, b Jamieson	0	Extras	8
Clarke, lbw, b Jamieson	0	Total for 6 wickets	89
Extras	3		
Total	85		
Jamieson 5 for 11			

Thanks largely to some good batting by one or two individuals the visitors built up a score that was quite respectable for this peculiar season. The early Strathallan batsmen had little to offer in reply, but at 36 for 6 Rossie joined Hudson and these two won the game with an undefeated partnership.

30.6.1956

STRATHALLAN versus MASTERS' XI at Forgandenny

Strathallan		Masters' XI	
Dinsmore, b Bland	5	Yellowley, c Pirrie, b Clark ...	4
Willcox, run out	12	Phillip, lbw, b Jamieson	0
Hudson, st Birks, b Hoare	2	Breuer, c Kilpatrick, b Clark ...	2
Clark, lbw, b Bland	2	Williams, c Dinsmore, b Jamie-	
Galbraith, b Bland	6	son	9
Hamilton, lbw, b Bland	1	Young, b Clark	0
Pirrie, st Birks, b McCallum ...	6	Burnet, b Jamieson	14
MacCallum, b Bland	6	Hoare, not out	14
Kilpatrick, b McCallum	4	Birks, lbw, b Clark	7
Anderson, not out	8	Silver, c Jamieson, b Jamieson	0
Jamieson, c Birks, b Bland	8	McCallum, c Galbraith, b Clark	0
Extras	4	Bland, b Clark	0
	—	Extras	4
Total	64	Total	54
Bland 6 for 20		Clark 6 for 28	

Against some unpredictable but mysteriously potent bowling the School batting crumbled, the only real resistance being provided by the last wicket pair, Anderson and Jamieson. Some hard hitting by Mr. Birks and Mr. Burnet, and some steady batting by the Headmaster and Mr. Williams, put the masters in a promising position, but the tail failed even to tremble and the boys were able to snatch a victory.

7.7.1956

STRATHALLAN versus GLENALMOND at Glenalmond

Glenalmond		Strathallan	
MacPherson, c Willcox, b Clark	0	Willcox, not out	18
Burnett, c Hudson, b Anderson	7	Anderson, c Kennedy, b Aitken	0
Aitken, c Rossie, b Anderson ...	2	Hudson, st Kennedy, b Scott ...	14
Cook, lbw, b Clark	1	Rossie, not out	0
MacDonald, b Jamieson	1	Clark, Pirrie, Galbraith, Watts,	
Kennedy, b Clark	0	MacCallum, Kilpatrick and	
Hart, lbw, b Jamieson	9	Jamieson did not bat	
Fairbairn, b Anderson	2	Extras	2
Roxburgh, b Jamieson	0	Total for 2 wickets	34
Crawford, not out	3		
Scott, b Anderson	0		
Extras	7		
Total	32		
Anderson 4 for 2			

On a soft pitch at Glenalmond the Strathallan pace bowlers were surprisingly successful. Clark and Anderson were most effective and they were assisted by good fielding. After the first Strathallan wicket had fallen cheaply, a partnership between Willcox and Hudson brought most of the necessary runs.

8.7.1956

STRATHALLAN versus GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE at Myreside

Strathallan	George Watson's College
Willcox, b Robb	Leitch, c Hudson, b Clark
Hudson, c Leitch, b Hogg	McLaren, c Willcox, b Clark
Anderson, c McLaren, b Hogg	Hogg, c Clark, b Clark
Clark, c McLaren, b Hogg	Cruickshank, c Hudson, b Clark
Galbraith, b Hogg	Burton, b Rossie
Pirrie, c Cruickshank, b Bain	Sangster, c Kilpatrick, b Will-
Rossie, b Hogg	cox
MacCallum, c Leitch, b Ander-	Laing, b Rossie
son	Bain, c Galbraith, b Willcox
Kilpatrick, c Leitch, b Ander-	Watt, b Clark
son	Anderson, lbw, b Willcox
Hamilton, not out	Robb, not out
Jamieson, run out	Extra
Extras	
Total 147	Total 40

Clark 5 for 8; Willcox 3 for 6

Hogg 5 for 36

Batting first on a comfortably paced wicket Strathallan batted soundly but very slowly. Hudson, Pirrie and Galbraith all made respectable scores but only Clark forced the pace. The result was that very little time was left in which to try to bowl out the opposition. However, Clark obtained an early break-through and all the regular bowlers had one or two good spells. The last wicket fell with one or two minutes to spare.

19.7.1956

STRATHALLAN and GLENALMOND COMBINED XI versus OXFORD AUTHENTICS at Glenalmond

Oxford Authentics	Combined XI
Kirby, st Hudson, b Anderson	MacPherson, b Bogle
Walton, lbw, b Crawford	Willcox, st, b Currie
Melville, b Anderson	Hudson, st, b Napier
Faithfull, b Anderson	MacDonald, lbw, b Currie
Bowman, b Scott	Clark, b Currie
Kumleben, b Scott	Rossie, st, b Currie
Bogle, c Crawford, b Scott	Pirrie, st, b Currie
Currie, not out	Hart, b Napier
Oldfield, not out	Anderson, b Melville
Napier and Hancock did not	Crawford, not out
bat	Scott, lbw, b Melville
Extras	Extras
Total for 7 wkts. dec. 219	Total 119

Anderson 3 for 36

Currie 5 for 31

THE SECOND ELEVEN

Versus Glasgow Academy. Lost by 21 runs.

Glasgow Academy 76. Strathallan 55.

Versus Daniel Stewart's College. Won by 64 runs.

Strathallan 131 (Baird 60). Daniel Stewart's 67 (Hibbs 6 for 10).

Versus Perth Academy. Drawn.

Strathallan 159 (Yellowley 31). Perth Academy 88 for 9 (Baird 6 for 24).

Versus Glenalmond 3rd XI. Lost by 2 wickets.

Strathallan 56 (Baird 16). Glenalmond 57 for 8 (Crosby 5 for 16).

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
4	1	2	1

THE COLTS ELEVEN

Versus Merchiston. Won by 21 runs.

Strathallan 69 (Duncan 26, Watts 24). Merchiston 48.

Versus Glasgow Academy. Won by 5 runs.

Strathallan 43 (Watts 21). Glasgow Academy 38.

Versus Morrison's Academy. Won by 8 runs.

Strathallan 32. Morrison's Academy 24.

Versus Perth Academy. Won by 68 runs.

Strathallan 120 for 6 dec. (Hair 39, Beattie 36). Perth Academy 52.

Versus Fettes College. Lost by 61 runs.

Fettes 97. Strathallan 36.

Versus Queen Victoria School. Won by 39 runs.

Strathallan 87 for 2 dec. Q.V. School 48.

Versus Glenalmond. Won by 33 runs.

Strathallan 127 (Duncan 54). Glenalmond 94.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
7	6	1	0

THE JUNIOR ELEVEN

Versus Drumtochty Castle. Lost by 4 runs.

Drumtochty Castle 41 (Hunter 4 for 6, Christie 3 for 6).

Strathallan 37 (Pate 18).

Versus Belmont House. Lost by 91 runs.

Belmont House. 116 for 4 dec. Strathallan 25.

Versus Lathallan. Lost by 93 runs.

Lathallan 125 for 4 dec. Strathallan 32.

Versus Ardvreck. Won by 87 runs.

Strathallan 112 for 8 dec. (Pate 54 not out; Lang 22).

Ardvreck 25 (Hutton 5 for 10, Mackenzie 3 for 11).

Versus Croftinloan. Won by 77 runs.

Strathallan 100 for 3 dec. (Christie 25 not out, Lang 21, Turner 17).

Croftinloan 23. (Dow 6 for 5, Mackenzie 3 for 6).

Versus Ardvreck. Won by 5 wickets.

Ardvreck 54 (Mackenzie 3 for 10, Sinclair 3 for 17).

Strathallan 56 for 5 (Dow 12 not out, Gray 12).

Versus Craigflower. Lost by 8 wickets.

Strathallan 51 (Turner 10). Craigflower 81 for 3.

Versus Dalhousie. Lost by 6 wickets.

Strathallan 45 (Pate 21). Dalhousie 65 for 7 (Mackenzie 4 for 15).

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Runs for	Runs against
8	3	5	0	458 for 66 wkts.	522 for 58 wkts.

Cross-Country

LAST Easter term the School had its first cross-country match. Our opponents were Dollar Academy, and the race was contested over our own course. The team consisted of eight seniors and

eight juniors. There was no doubt about the result, but in all fairness to Dollar it must be remembered that they were on an unfamiliar course, which was about half the length of their own, and hence the difference in pace was most disadvantageous to them. Nevertheless, the fact that R. D. Houston, N. S. Shaw and T. G. Mills were the first three home in the Seniors and that K. Wingate won the Juniors is very creditable to Strathallan.

This year a more ambitious programme is proposed and with this aim in view it is intended that cross-country running will be a full time activity, after the rugby season, for all those who wish to take it up seriously. Unfortunately we will be without N. S. Shaw and R. D. Houston, whose determination and ability were mainly responsible for last year's success; however I feel confident that if we all train conscientiously the School will have no reason to feel ashamed.

D.I.C.C.

Fives

THE first match of the season has been played against Merchiston Castle School, who defeated us by 112 points to 86. Our opponents have always in the recent past been the strongest fives school in Scotland, and their first pair in particular played to well for P. McLellan and T. W. Higginson, though our pair played their best and had a very good game by any standards except that of their opponents. Higginson's placing and powers of recovery were particularly encouraging. The scores were 10-15, 4-15 and 2-15, but the rallies were closer than the score suggests. Our second pair won all three games, 15-10, 15-7 and 15-7, playing better than they have played before. C. P. Roselle is now adding some positional sense to hard hitting and F. J. C. Lilley has recovered his form of two years ago and both played intelligent attacking fives. D. S. MacCallum and M. B. Shiels, against moderate opposition, had some good spells but did not really find their touch and lost 4-15, 14-16 and 7-15.

This is the closest we have run Merchiston in the last few years and we hope to play a return fixture next term if possible.

D.E.Y.

Hockey

HOCKEY this term is almost entirely confined to those who are in the lower rugby games of the School. On several afternoons a week those not required for rugby turn up under the supervision of Mr. Haines, R. J. Kinviig and M. S. Jamieson. Some useful practice is being carried on in this way.

In March hockey will be a major game, with greater time devoted to it. Six-a-side practice in the gymnasium will start at the beginning of the term in preparation for the later outdoor programme. A section of Charlie's Acre (facing the Nicol-Simpson wing of the Studies block) is to be prepared for dribbling practice: it is thus hoped to improve stickwork and ball-control.

Many boys have been over to the paddock this term, using the time to improve passing and shooting. This shows that there are at least some in the school who are keen, and this is encouraging for the coming season.

W.T.M.

STRATHALLAN versus GLENALMOND at Forgandenny

Result: Won, 4-1

The conditions were suited to a fast game — it was a hot day and the pitch was ideally hard. Glenalmond, however, were unaccustomed to the large pitch and this hindered their play for some time. Strathallan started off with great speed, swinging the ball around very well; after a few wild shots G. A. Burns succeeded in scoring the first goal following some good movements between the forwards and halves. But Glenalmond, starting to find their game, and the weakness of our defence, equalised just before half-time.

The second half was memorable in that R. J. M. Philip, playing at inside-right, surprised everyone by shooting three excellent goals in as many minutes. A staggered Glenalmond never fully recovered from the blow, and the game ended in victory for the home team.

Those who played for the school were: G. A. Burns, A. B. Gilmour, D. A. Leishman, W. T. Macpherson, M. R. McLellan, M. J. Morganthaler, R. W. W. Paterson (capt.), J. G. Paton, R. J. M. Philip, A. I. Pullar and H. Willcox.

STRATHALLAN versus BRIDGE OF WEIR at Forgandenny

Result: Drew 1-1

Once again the game was played in near tropical conditions. It was immediately obvious to Strathallan that their opponents had been underrated. The School's defence was sorely tried in repelling many good attacks, and towards the end of the first half Bridge of Weir scored after a goalmouth scramble.

It was not until the second half that Strathallan began to play constructively. Excellent movements were started, but the forwards were slow to shoot in the circle and many chances were lost. G. A. Burns, however, did manage to find a gap and score. After this both teams tried hard to score the winning goal but the game finished with honours even.

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Shooting

IN the House Shooting Competition last December, Ruthven defeated Nicol by one point. This term and last shooting averages have been higher than ever before, and in the rehearsal for the Staniforth Cup the First Eight scored 781 out of 800. However,

although no official results have yet been received, it is evident that competition nerves have again frustrated our hopes of reaching the final stage in this competition, which is open to all schools in Britain.

This year we are entering two teams for the Perthshire League, but they will be considerably stronger than the five teams who shot last year, and they will have more time for practice.

P.R.S.

Swimming

THIS year swimming was under the supervision of Mr. Williams. The results of the inter-house swimming competition are given below:

STANDARDS COMPETITION

	Junior	Middle	Senior
Breast Stroke:	50 yds., 1 min.	75 yds., 1½ mins.	100 yds., 2 mins.
Back Stroke:	25 yds., 30 secs.	50 yds., 1 min.	75 yds., 1½ mins.
Free Style:	50 yds., 55 secs.	75 yds., 1½ mins.	100 yds., 1½ mins.
„	100 yds., 2 mins.	200 yds., 4 mins.	400 yds., 8 mins.

Result:	Simpson	93 points
	Freeland	86 points
	Nicol	85 points
	Ruthven	79 points

FINALS — SENIOR

- 100 yds. Breast Stroke: 1, R. M. Gordon (F); 2, K. R. Hunter (F); 3, D. S. MacCallum (F); 4, J. S. d'Angibau (R). Time, 1m. 30.9 secs.
- 75 yds. Back Stroke: 1, K. R. Hunter (F); 2, A. Budge (N); 3, I. A. Marnoch (F); 4, P. McLellan (S). Time, 1m. 1.6 secs.
- 100 yds. Free Style: 1, K. R. Hunter (F); 2, D. S. MacCallum (F); 3, A. Budge (N); 4, I. A. Marnoch (F). Time, 1m. 11.4 secs.
- 400 yds. Free Style: 1, K. R. Hunter (F); 2, A. Budge (N); 3, D. S. MacCallum (F). Time, 6m. 1.9 secs.
- 300 yds. Medley Relay: 1, Freeland; 2, Nicol; 3, Simpson; 4, Ruthven. Time, 4 m. 7.6 secs.

FINALS — MIDDLE

- 75 yds. Breast Stroke: 1, K. Wingate (R); 2, C. J. Marsland (F); 3, T. W. Higginson (S); 4, I. J. Willcox (S). Time, 1m. 2.9 secs.
- 50 yds. Back Stroke: 1, A. B. Pirrie (F); 2, M. S. Jamieson (F); 3, D. C. Duncan (S); 4, M. R. McLellan (S). Time, 40 secs.
- 75 yds. Free Style: 1, A. B. Pirrie (F); 2, B. D. C. Watts (S); 3, D. Thackray (R); 4, K. Wingate (R). Time, 50.4 secs.
- 200 yds. Free Style: 1, A. B. Pirrie (F); 2, D. Thackray (R); 3, M. S. Winning (R); 4, M. S. Jamieson (F). Time, 2m. 53.6 secs.
- 200 yds. Medley Relay: 1, Freeland; 2, Simpson; 3, Ruthven; 4, Nicol. Time, 2m. 44.5 secs.

FINALS — JUNIOR

- 50 yds. Breast Stroke: 1, C. M. T. Cornish (S); 2, W. Chapel (N); 3, I. R. White (S). Time, 43.2 secs.

- 25 yds. Back Stroke: 1, R. F. Ridland (S); 2, V. D. Cook (R); 3, T. Harrison (N); 4, R. S. Paterson (F). Time, 20.4 secs.
- 50 yds. Free Style: 1, J. G. M. McKinlay (N); 2, G. G. H. MacIennan (F); 3, I. W. Menzies (N); 4, R. F. Ridland (S). Time, 34.5 secs.
- 100 yds. Free Style: 1, J. G. M. McKinlay (N); 2, I. W. Menzies (N); 3, I. R. White (S); 4, V. D. Cook (R). Time, 1m.26.6 secs.
- 150 yds. Medley Relay: 1, Nicol; 2, Simpson; 3, Freeland; 4, Rithven. Time, 2m. 5.6 secs.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR: K. R. Hunter (30 pts.); A. Budge (16 pts.)

MIDDLE: A. B. Pirrie (18 pts.); K. Wingate (7 pts.)

JUNIOR: J. G. M. McKinlay (8 pts.); I. W. Menzies and R. F. Ridland (5 pts.)

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Freeland, 207 pts.; Nicol, 141 pts.; Simpson, 140 pts.; Ruthven, 110 pts.

House Championship, 1955-56

	Freeland	Nicol	Ruthven	Simpson
Rugby	10	—	15	5
Cricket	10	—	5	15
Athletics	15	5	10	—
Hockey	8	1½	1½	5
Fives	8	—	5	3
Cross-Country	8	—	3	5
Swimming	8	5	—	3
	67	11½	39½	36

Result

1st, FREELAND; 2nd, RUTHVEN, 3rd, SIMPSON; 4th, NICOL.

Caledonian Club, London

THE Editors have been asked to bring to the notice of Strathallians the existence of a Scottish club in the West End of London. The club is residential (twenty bedrooms) and members who live in Scotland may find this very useful when in the city. Full details may be obtained from The Secretary, Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin St., London, S.W.1.

Old Boys' News

Kenneth M. Anderson (1939-43) is presently serving as a civil engineer in H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth, having previously been with the hydro-electric schemes in Ross-shire. Would be glad to contact any Old Boys living in the Rosyth area.

D. I. Paton (1938-42) presently with Messrs. Merz and McLellan, consulting engineers, will take up a position with that firm in Southern Rhodesia in December and will be based on Salisbury where he would welcome meeting any Old Boys.

A Ronald McLeod (1938-41) is an international director of the Scottish Federation of Junior Chambers of Commerce and as such has been selected to attend the Seventh World Congress of Junior Chambers of Commerce International in Wellington, New Zealand, this month. He will be accompanied by his wife, and his tour will include visits to India, both the North and South islands of New Zealand, Australia (to see the first few days of the Olympic Games), Honolulu, San Francisco and New York. Ronald is also vice-president of the Scottish Association of Manufacturers Agents.

Dr. Kilpatrick Jack (1932-39) with his wife and family has forsaken these shores and has now settled in Dunedin, New Zealand, whence he writes in praise of New Zealanders, their friendliness and interest in all things Scottish, and above all, their tremendous enthusiasm for rugger. The inhabitants of this country have had plenty of evidence of the latter!

Stewart McLennan (1941-47) recently completed his national service as a Sub-Lieutenant (R.N.V.R.) (Executive Branch) on a frigate on the Far East Station. Making his way home from Hong Kong via the United States and Canada he collected news of a number of Old Boys, and met Iain Hendry (1942-45) who is practising as a lawyer in Vancouver and is married, with one son. Neil Paterson (1943-47), also believed to be married, is with the Government Forest Survey in British Columbia.

Kenneth A. C. Brown (1946-50) graduated M.B., Ch.B. (Glasgow) with commendation in June, 1956, and is now working in Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow. He has recently become engaged. He gives us news of Douglas S. C. Brown (1946-51) who is taking his final year (Medicine) at Glasgow University and who has been Capt. of Boats at the University for two years.

Ian D. R. Stevens (1947-50) receives congratulations on having attained B.Sc. First Class Honours at Glasgow University. He is presently completing his Ph.D.

E. A. Davidson (1950-56) is now at St. Andrew's University where he has started the first of a four-year Arts course. He reports R. J. M. Philip as being in first year Science and playing for one of the United College XV's.

Dr. Douglas M. Hastings, a notice of whose recent marriage appears elsewhere in this issue, is now a general practitioner in Stranraer. He reports his contemporary, Dr. J. C. Paterson, as also being a general practitioner, in the wilds of Alberta, Canada.

This year's secretary of Glasgow University Fives Club is David I. Muir, M.A., who, as reported in the last issue of this magazine, is in the course of adding the letters C.A. to his name.

We congratulate L. M. Frazer (1919-26) of Muckamore, N. Ireland, on the award of the M.B.E. (Military Division) which was published in this year's Birthday honours.

This year's hon. treasurer of the S.R.C. of the Royal College of Science and Technology is Euan Gilmour (1949-53), who is in his final year of Electrical Engineering at the Royal Technical College.

Hugh Macmillan (1948-54) has completed his national service and is now back in Glasgow where he is with the Northern Assurance Co. Ltd.

As can be seen from earlier issues of the magazine, accountancy is a popular profession for Strathallians. Our best wishes for success in the second part of their final examinations go to Ian B. Stewart (1947-52) and R. M. McBain (1950-53). From the latter we learn that Donald McIntosh (1950-53) has obtained a national service commission in the Gordon Highlanders.

J. T. M. Hart, notice of whose recent engagement appears elsewhere in this issue, is now in his final year at the Veterinary College in Glasgow.

Following a period of two years as Clinical Assistant at Montreal General Hospital, Ian C. Geddes, M.D., F.F.A.R.C.S. (1939-40) has been appointed Lecturer on Anaesthesia at Liverpool University.

Presently resident in Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire, are Dr. Leonard M. Barrett (1940-44), who is in general practice in Nidderdale, and A. C. Currie, who is with the Fibres Division of I.C.I. Ltd. in Harrogate.

George D. Muir (1924-32) writes from Malaya where he has recently been appointed Controller of Examinations for the Federation. He may be retiring from Malaya at the end of next year and we look forward to welcoming him again at the various Club functions.

Dr. A. R. Pate (1939-47), now holding a short service commission in the R.A.M.C., is working at Queen Alexander Military Hospital in London. In his spare time he manages to play for one of the London Scottish lesser XV's.

John M. Maguire (1946-50) is in fifth year Medicine at Glasgow University and playing for the "Wasps" Rugby XV.

Old Boys at school in the mid-1930s will be interested to learn that last year's President, Mr. Tom Macfarlane, recently met Mr. K. L. McCutcheon, who will be remembered with affection by the many Old Boys to whom he taught history with such patience. This chance meeting gives the lie to a rumour prevalent a number of years ago that Mr. McCutcheon had succumbed to an illness during the war. Tommy reports that "K.L.", now "the Reverend K. L." is flourishing in the wilds of Glencoe and will be pleased to welcome any Old Boys who happen to pass St. Mary's Rectory, Glencoe.

Strathallians will have followed with interest the motor racing activities of Ninian Sanderson (1940-43) to whom our heartiest congratulations are extended on his share in the victory of the privately owned D type Jaguar of the "Ecurie-Ecosse" in the 24-hour race at Le Mans this summer. The victory for Sanderson and his co-driver at an average speed of 105.1 miles per hour was hailed by the Press as the greatest success in Scottish motor racing history, particularly having regard to the keen competition supplied by works-sponsored teams from all over Europe. Sanderson is now the senior driver of the "Ecurie-Ecosse" and we wish him good fortune in the future, with bigger and better successes.

E. Smith has passed out ninth from Cranwell.

Drummond Cullen (1948-52) has been honoured by being elected Cornet at the Sanquhar Riding of the Marches celebrations in August this year.

Keith Frost (1943-46) who is presently in the Royal Navy (H.M.S. Ceres) hopes to receive his commission very shortly, when he will join H.M.S. Birmingham.

J. W. McInnes is in second year B.Sc. in Mathematics at St. Andrews. Due to an arm injury from last season he has had to confine his activities to sports editor of "Quorum", the weekly newspaper. R. G. F. Walker is in second year Arts; he sometimes plays badminton for the University. R. G. M. Philip is in fourth year Medicine and finds time for few pleasures now.

ENGAGEMENTS

HINSHAW, Douglas (1943-50) to Miss Marlene Via Prie of Perth Royal Infirmary.

MUIR, David Iain, to Miss Audrey M. I. Brown of "Sunnybrae", 14 Dargavel Avenue, Dumbreck, Glasgow.

HART, James T. M., to Miss Susan M. Ramsay of "Dungarth", Greenock.

FROST, Robert C. (1943-46) to Miss Ann Hempson of Woodhall Road, Edinburgh.

MARRIAGES

ANDERSON, A. J. S. (1938-44) to Miss Joan Margaret Mackenzie, B.E.M., at St. Andrews Cathedral, Singapore, on 7th April, 1956.

HASTINGS, Dr. Douglas M. (1943-45) to Miss Dorothy Aitkenhead, at Helensburgh, on 14th June, 1956.

CESSFORD, Malcolm F. (1945-50) to Miss Elizabeth Findlay, at Mauchline on 9th May, 1956.

BIRTHS

LENNOX (1939-41). At Vancouver, B.C., on 4th October, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Douglas Lennox, a daughter.

MACKENZIE (1939-43). On 20th June, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. C. Mackenzie of Wishaw, a son.

McCOLL (1930-37). On 20th June, 1956, to Dr. and Mrs. Donald McColl of Ardrossan, a son.

PATE (1939-47). On 25th October, 1956, to Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Pate, a son.

MACFARLANE (1932-38). On 5th September, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macfarlane, a daughter.

DEATHS

LYLE. Peter Lyle, aged fifteen, died on the 13th November, 1956, after a long illness. He came to the school as a junior in Riley House in September, 1953, and moved to Ruthven House in September, 1954. He was the elder son of the late C. A. Lyle, an old Strathallian, who died in 1950. He was much liked in the school and has been missed during his long illness, which was borne with courage and patience.

RIDLEY. John Ridley (Ruthven, January 1952 to December 1955) was killed in a motor accident on the 12th October, 1956. He will always be remembered by his friends for his pleasant and sensitive personality. He became a sergeant in the army section of the C.C.F. and during his last two terms was in charge of the Ruthven House platoon. Since leaving school he had been working for a Newcastle firm of architects where he was doing extremely well.

The School would like to express its sympathy to the families of these two boys in their bereavement.

News from the Universities

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

LOST! Strathallians at the University are apparently hibernating; at least very few seem to be around.

We welcome M. D. Rossie to the Faculty of Medicine; he seems to be our only fresher. We expect to hear of his advancement in the Varsity rugby sides.

Mike Edwards continues in Law (third year) and is not unheard of in the University Law Society.

If there are any stray students, please let us know before the next issue of the magazine.

Accountancy seems to bring out the Strathallians. H. Stewart is in his second year towards adding C.A. to his B.Sc. (Agr.). Ian Stewart is in his last year and we wish him luck when he sits his finals. Peter Davidson is in his third year. He is a keen participant in the athletic world and in between this and his studies he manages to squeeze in a few games of rugby.

J. G. Clark, last year's School Captain, and D. Thain have been welcomed as first year apprentices — promotion will not be long delayed.

A. Arneil is to be seen on occasion at the Heriot-Watt College where he is continuing in third year Surveying.

IRISH UNIVERSITIES LETTER

STRATHALLIANS at Irish Universities number the same this year as last. In Belfast, J. McKee is to be congratulated on having graduated B.A. with Honours in Modern History. He has now

started another four-year course, doing Law this time. With his legal studies he manages to combine a commission in the R.N.V.R. and the role of secretary to the University Mission. During the summer he was a member of the Queen's sailing crew which defended the Young Cup in the Gareloch. J. H. Sinclair continues to study Arts, taking time off from Unionist business to cycle to Psychology lectures. A. C. Millar is in the same year, reading Modern History.

In Dublin, at Trinity College, is A. A. Barclay doing Medicine. Having successfully passed his exams. in March, he has now exchanged the dissecting room for the hospital.

There appear to be no Strathallians in any of the Colleges of the National University in Eire.

Reunion in Argentine

MR. Allan Grant, an Old Boy whose name is well known in Scottish farming circles, recently visited the Argentine, and his visit formed the occasion for a gathering of Old Boys in Buenos Aires on 16th July. Present were John B. Balfour (1928-34), V. Frank Baillie (1937-40), Robert F. Botting (1921-22), George Dickinson (1928-30), Harry Forbes (1931-32), Robert M. Fraser (1922-25), Charles W. Lacey (1926-30), Bruce Taylor (1927-32) and Brian G. C. Robinson. Also present was Mr. T. T. Legge, a former master at School, who now has his own school in Buenos Aires.

A dinner was held at which toasts to the School and the memory of the Founder were loyally drunk and a cable was despatched to the Headmaster to report on the proceedings. Mr. Grant had with him some up-to-date photographs of the School and a copy of the prospectus, and it is recorded that these conjured up many memories and many yarns were spun.

It was decided to form an Association of Old Boys in the Argentine and it is hoped that further details of this will be forthcoming before the next issue of the magazine.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Fraser, the organiser of the dinner, and wish him and the association every success in their venture. Perhaps Old Boys in other far-off parts of the globe will follow the excellent example set by those in the Argentine.

V. Frank Baillie (1937-40) — married with two children. At present a partner in Mechanical Workshop (special purpose machinery).

John B. Balfour (1928-34) — married with three children. At present managing his own general farm in the province of Buenos Aires. He is a keen polo player and he has played



Back Row: V. F. Baillie, G. Dickinson, T. T. Legge, R. F. Botting,
C. W. Lacey, B. G. C. Robinson.

Front Row: R. M. Fraser, J. B. Balfour, A. Grant, H. Forbes.

cricket for the Venado Tuerto Athletic Club, one of the games being against the English touring team in 1938.

Robert F. Botting (1921-22) — married with three children. Since leaving Strathallan has worked for the Fábrica Argentina de ALPARGATAS and is to-day commercial managing director of that company. He is also director of the Caledonia Argentina Insurance Company, in which the Caledonian Insurance Company has a very large interest. He is chairman of the British Hospital Committee and chairman of the Board of Governors of St. George's College.

George Dickinson (1928-30) — married with three children. He is a partner in the firm of G. H. van Deurs & Company, stockbrokers.

Harry Forbes (1931-32) — married with no children. He is a partner in the firm of H. J. Duggan & Company, the main activity of this concern being the administration of properties throughout Argentina.

Robert M. Fraser (1922-25) — married with two children. Attended the Heriot-Watt College in Edinburgh and the Manchester Technical College. He has since worked for the Fábrica Argentina de ALPARGATAS, of which he is to-day general manager and vice-president of the board of directors. He is also president of Fábrica Uruguay de ALPARGATAS and director of three local company boards. He is also hon. secretary of the St. Andrew's Society of the River Plate.

Charles W. Lacey (1926-30) — married with children.

Brian G. C. Robinson — married with two children. Employed by Colson, Brookhouse & Pyne Limited.

Bruce Taylor (1927-32) — married with no children. Since coming to the Argentine he has been associated with "estancia" life. He now runs his own general farm near Mercedes. He is also a director of Estancias "La Colmena" S.A. in San Julian.

Golfing Notes

THE Summer Golf Meeting for the Bogie Trophy was held over the King's Course, Gleneagles, on Sunday, 17th June, and was attended by twenty-three members. The trophy was won by R. T. F. Wilson (1943-45) of Dundee. Gordon S. Lowden (1935-44) was runner-up and W. J. Walker (1919-28) third.

After the morning round the competitors foregathered for lunch in the Blackford Hotel, and a few of the hardier types took the field again after lunch for a more leisurely round over the Queen's Course.

The Autumn Golf Meeting was held at Barnton on 13th September and unfortunately was very poorly attended. The meeting took the form of a medal competition and was won by B. L. Carlaw (1926-32). Ian Macewan (1922-29) and R. S. Johnston (1930-36) were second and third respectively.

In this year's Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy Tournament at Barnton commencing on 22nd September the club were represented by J. W. Draper (1939-40) and Ian Macewan, R. Neill (1919-23) and R. H. Patterson (1944-47), J. C. Dawson (1939-47) and M. D. Dawson. Apart from the third couple, the team was unchanged from that of the previous year, but was not favoured with similar fortune. After defeating Old Rugbegians by three matches in the first round, the team fell to Merchistonians in the second round with only a halved match (Draper and Macewan) to its credit.

It was interesting to note that this year's tournament showed an increased number of entries, with more teams representing English Schools. The promoters, the Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh, are to be congratulated on the success of their venture and on the excellence of the arrangements made for the teams.

SALVETE

September, 1956: Allcock, R. E.; Berwick, J. B.; Brind, J. H.; Brownlie, H. B.; Carswell, R. A.; Clark, B. G.; Cook, A. S.; Coulter, E. J.; Davidson, H. J.; Davidson, W. A.; Dunn, R. J.; Eason, P. A.; Garvie, I. J.; Grant, I. D.; Gray, T. I.; Gray, W.; Henderson, T. A. N.; Heron, N. L.; Hutt, E. D.; Johnston, A. G.; Jolly, J. P. G.; Kay, J. M.; Laidlaw, M. G. G.; Leighton, J. G.; Linn, J. W.; Linton, D. G.; Lusk, J.; Lawson, D. M.; Marr, J.; Mathewson, K. M. R.; Melville, J. B.; Murdoch, W.; Macfie, W. A. M.; McGill, J. M.; McInnes, R. W.; McLachlan, W. E.; McIntyre, N.; Parker, J. L. W.; Pate, I.; Patterson, J. G. W.; Pattullo, D. S.; Peacock, J. G.; Rankin, J. C. S.; Rankin, R. J.; Rentoul, P. M.; Ross, A. T.; Sanderson, M. U. S.; Shepherd, W. N.; Sleep, P. G. F.; Taylor, T. R.; Thomson, A. R.; Watson, G. M.; Worsley, D. A.; Young, I. S.

VALETE

Anderson, D. M.	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. 1st XI Cricket. 1st XI Hockey. Fives Team. Athletics Team. Flt. Sgt. (R.A.F.).
Anderson G. I. J.	Athletics Team. Orchestra.
Baird, D. A.	1st XV Rugby. 2nd XI Cricket.
Bathgate, R. M.	
Brough, J. A.	
Caldwell, I. F.	1st XI Hockey.
Chalmers, S. R.	Pipe Band.
Clark, G. L.	Orchestra. Pipe Band.
Clark, J. G.	School Captain. House Captain of Ruthven. 1st XV Rugby. 1st XI Cricket (Capt.). 1st XI Hockey. Fives Team (Capt.). Athletics Team.
Clark, J. M.	Shooting Team.
Cook, V. D.	Athletics Team.
Craig, W. G.	Athletics Team.
d'Angibau	2nd XI Cricket.
Davidson, E. A.	House Prefect. Orchestra.
Donald, A.	
Eastwood, I.	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. 2nd XI Cricket. Sgt.-Major (Army).
Gilmour, A. B. B.	2nd XV Rugby. 1st XI Hockey.
Graham, J. B.	
Hamilton, P. M.	2nd XV Rugby. 1st XI Cricket.
Hibbs, G. M.	1st XI Cricket. Pipe Band.
Houston, R. D.	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. Athletics Team.
Howe, N. G. O.	
Irons, M. D.	2nd XV Rugby.
Johnston, G. R.	
Low, J. M.	
McBain, N. S.	Orchestra.
MacGregor, J. M.	House Prefect.
McMicken, I. S.	
McMurray, A. G.	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. Athletics Team.
Morrison, N. H.	1st XV Rugby. Athletics Team.
Padkin, M. C.	Sergeant (Army).
Palmer, D. A. B.	House Prefect. 1st XI Hockey. Sergeant (Army).
Paterson, R. W. W.	House Prefect. 1st XI Hockey (Capt.).
Paton, J. G.	1st XI Hockey.
Pattullo, J. C.	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. Instr. Cdt. (R.N.).
Philip, R. J. M.	Vice-Captain of School. House Captain of Freeland. 2nd XV Rugby. U.O. (Army). Pipe Band. Editor of "The Strathallian". Received Houston Medal for general merit.