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Sabbath Services.

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Funeral Intimation.

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AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1934.

Local News.

BILLIARDS.—A billiards handicap tournament held in the Baird Institute on Friday evening resulted:—1 Hector Walker, 2 John Graham. Andrew Beck won the prize for highest break with a break of 55 points.

WITH THE FANCIERS.—At the Wyandotte Bantam Club Show held at Hebden Bridge (Yorks), Mr John Hazle was awarded a first prize and a special with a black wyandotte bantam, while at Scissett (Yorks) Show Mr R. Hannah won a third prize with a black rosecomb bantam.

WHIST DRIVE.—About eighty enthusiasts took part in a whist drive held in the Silver Band's practice-room on Monday evening, and Mr S. O. Matthews conducted. The prize-winners on this occasion were:—Ladies—1 Mrs Anderson (181), 2 Mrs Archibald (180), 3 Mrs M'Millan (174); gentlemen—1 (after a cut) Mr John Clark (175), 2 Mr Peter Cannon (175), 3 Mr Hector Walker (169).

PIPE BAND WHIST.—The winners of last week's whist drive in the Ironworks Institute Gymnasium were:—Ladies—1 Mrs Peter Paterson (171), 2 Mrs Wm. Morran (170), 3 Mrs Robt. Kirkwood (169); gentlemen—1 Mr Tom Samson (177), 2 Mr Wm. Higgins (172), 3 Mr David Slimmon (168), after a cut with Mr John Morrison. Mr David Hendry conducted the drive, at which twenty tables were occupied, and Mr A. Logie thanked the patrons for their support.

WELLWOOD CHURCH.—The annual congregational, business, and social meeting was held in the Church Hall on Monday evening, when there was a fairly good attendance, and Rev. W. Greig Alexander, M.A., presided. The financial statement for the past year was submitted by the treasurer, Mr F. J. Gordon, M.A., and was considered very satisfactory, while Messrs Jas. Beresford and Robert Pettigrew, the retiring members, were re-elected to the Congregational Board. Tea was served, and songs were afterwards sung by Mrs Clements, Miss Ivy Loggie, and Messrs Robt. Pettigrew, Jas. Wilson, and Geo. Willock, the piano accompaniments being played by Mr John Devine. The usual votes of thanks were accorded at the close of a pleasant meeting.

WELLWOOD CHURCH WOMAN'S GUILD.—An open social meeting was held in the Dundas Hall on Wednesday, 17th ult., Rev. W. G. Alexander presiding over a very large attendance. After tea had been enjoyed, a varied programme of songs, dances, sketches, etc., was submitted by the local Girl Guides and Brownies, under the guidance of their officers—Miss Jack, Miss M'Iver, and Miss Gordon, and that the efforts of the girls were heartily appreciated was proved by the enthusiastic applause accorded by the large audience. Miss Nan Hunter, A.T.C.L., played the various piano accompaniments. On the call of Mr Gordon the customary vote of thanks was accorded at the close.—The usual monthly meeting of the Guild was held on Wednesday of last week. Mrs Jack, president, occupied the chair, and the attendance was well up to the standard of former meetings. Miss Mulvein was the speaker on this occasion, and her paper on "Faith" was thoroughly appreciated. Tea was served, while vocal solos and duets by Miss Cissie Rae and Miss E. Hamilton, A.L.C.M., were rendered in a manner most pleasing. On the call of Mrs Jack and Mrs Wood, votes of thanks to all who had made the meeting such a pleasant one were cordially given.

THE ARMY.—In connection with the advt. in another column, we have received the following contribution:—Every year more and more people are going abroad for their holidays. The desire to see the world has a strong fascination for most of us, but to many the opportunities of travel are denied. Either the cost is too great or the time available is too short. How would you like to travel abroad and see something of the world, free of cost? The opportunity to see the great rock of Gibraltar, the fine harbour of Valetta, the Holy Land and Egypt, and the wonders of India and Burma and even China, is available to all young men who are of good character and physically fit, by their joining the army. By enlisting in the army a young man may be lucky enough to see some or even all these countries. But a soldier does not spend all his service abroad. He is probably quartered at home for the first year or two, but sooner or later his chance to see the world will come. He does not have to pay for this privilege. His journey, food, clothes, and lodging are all free, and he also receives good pay for his service. Now is the time for all young men who are anxious to travel to pay a visit to the nearest Recruiting Office. Recruits of good character and physique, and aged 18-25, are wanted now for the county regiment—the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

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Feb. 21—Cathrine Corrie Players in Dundas Hall.

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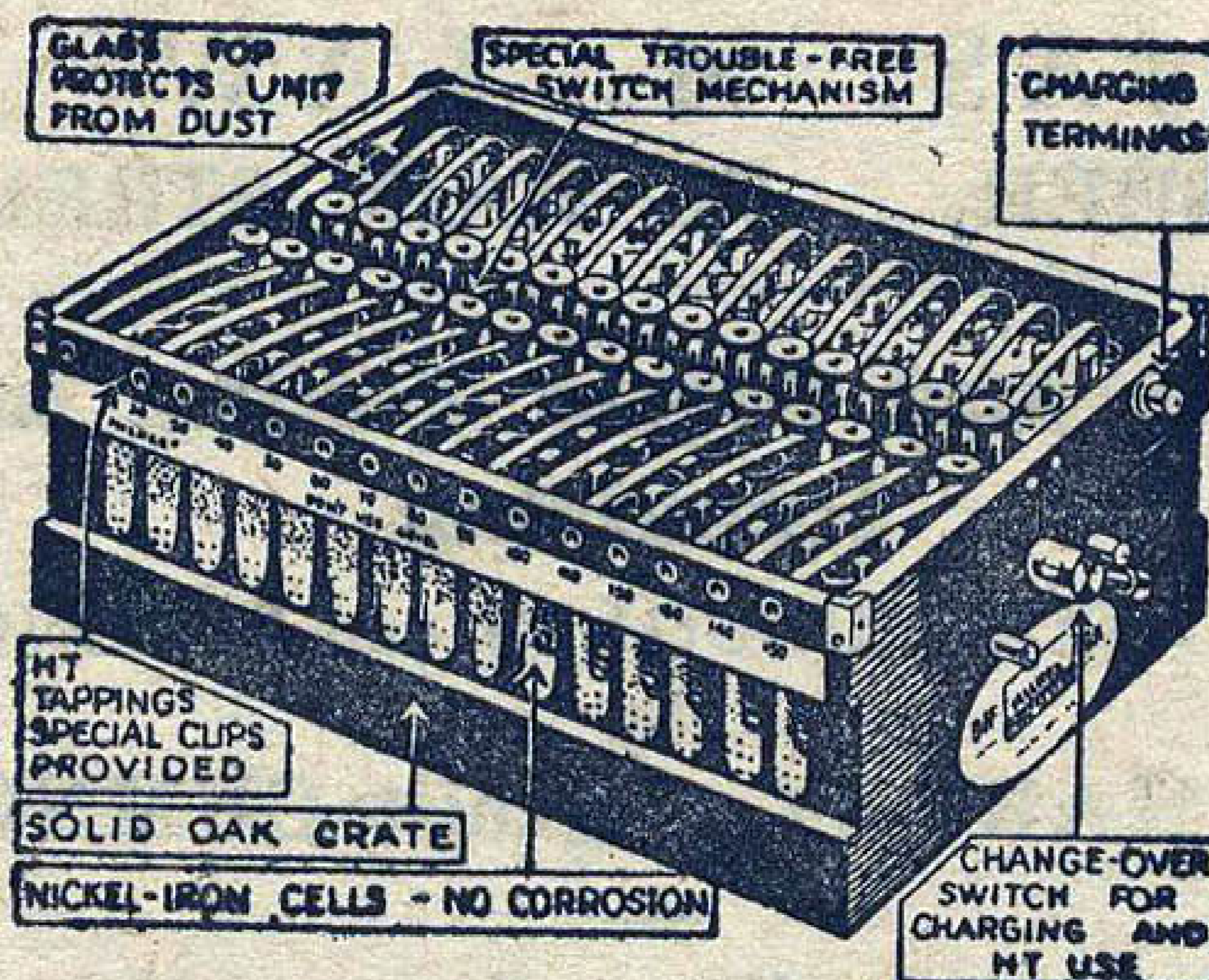
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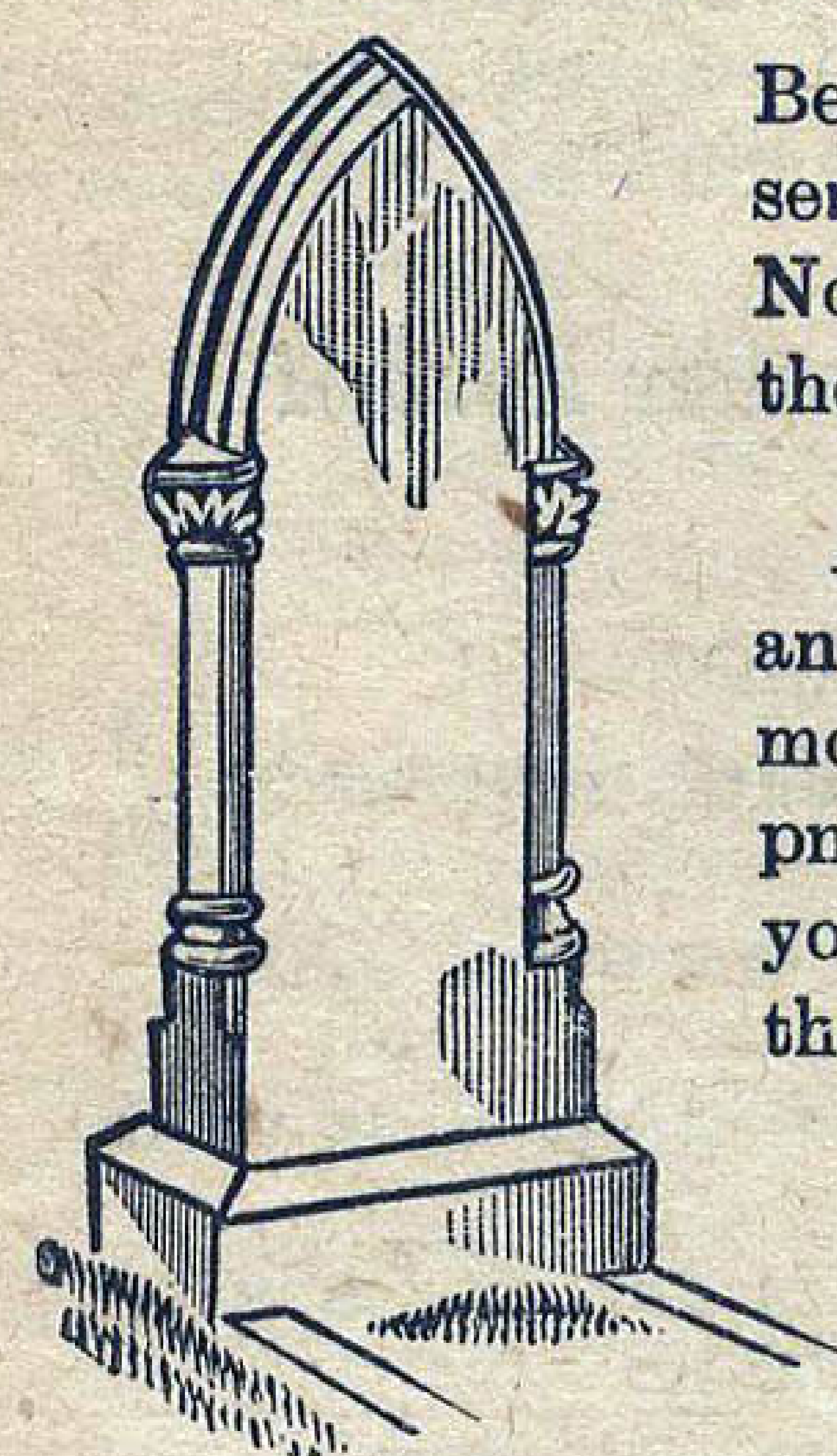
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LATE ADVERTISEMENT.

February 13—E.U. Women's Union Monthly Meeting at 7.15. Speaker—Miss Mulvein. Subject—"John Wesley." Solos. Tea. Collection.

THE REV. AMBROSE S. RUSSELL, M.A., the son of the late Rev. James Russell of Greengairs, and formerly of the Congregational Church, Muirkirk, was this week ordained as Parish Minister of Arbutnott, Forfarshire.

OBITUARY.—The death of Rev. John Miller, late minister of the E.U. Congregational Church, is announced. Mr Miller left Muirkirk just over a year ago to take up duties at Garlieston, and the news of his passing was received with regret in Muirkirk.

ECCLESIASTICAL.—The Rev. David Crosbie, B.D., who during his Divinity Course, and also after he was licensed in May of last year, has acted as assistant in South Dalziel Parish Church, has been elected minister of Sandyhills, Glasgow. Sandyhills has a congregation of 710. The congregation are to be congratulated on their choice, as their new minister will bring to his ministry gifts and experience not usually possessed by one going into a first charge. Mr Crosbie, before entering the ministry, had the full training of a teacher, and taught for some time in Muirkirk H.G. School. He had a brilliant Divinity Course, being the head of the old Church of Scotland section, and his experience in teaching and organising will be a great asset when added to his scholastic equipment. He will enter into his new charge with the good wishes of the South Dalziel people, as well as those of his Muirkirk friends. Mr Crosbie succeeds Rev. Marcus Spencer, B.D., who has been called to England.

LAPRAIK BURNS CLUB SUPPER.

Under the auspices of Muirkirk Lapraik Burns Club a Burns anniversary supper was held in the Dundas Hall on Thursday evening of last week. There was a very large attendance, the female element being as much in evidence as the male, and Mr Arch. Fairbairn, F.S.A. Scot., presided, occupying the arm-chair once the property of our local contemporary of Burns—John Lapraik.

As customary, the haggis played a prominent part in the menu, and was piped in with due pomp and ceremony to be addressed in pawky style by Mrs Fettes, who recited Burns's "Address to a Haggis" with fine effect. Rev. John Richmond said the Grace, and an enjoyable time was thereafter spent discussing the haggis and tatties, followed by a splendid tea, ably served by Mrs T. Hogg and a staff of willing assistants.

The Chairman, in his remarks, extended a hearty welcome to all, and said that he hoped all would join in making this anniversary celebration a very happy one. He thereafter called on Mr Wm. M'Intyre, schoolmaster, Cronberry, to propose "The Immortal Memory."

Mr M'Intyre said the subject of Burns was so wide and varied that it really could not be brought within the compass of one address. If they asked themselves the question—"Why do we meet here?" they would agree that it must be some strong attraction, and that was no other than the work and genius of Robert Burns. The poet's life story, Mr M'Intyre said, was quite well-known, while, being acquainted with John Lapraik, he would be in this district several times. Burns knew within himself what he was capable of doing, and only trusted his countrymen would appreciate to a degree what he did do. "What has Burns done that appeals to you as Scotsmen?" asked Mr M'Intyre. He was no ordinary man, who in his short life of 37 years carried on his daily work as farmer and exciseman. In addition, he compiled his works, both in song and verse, and carried on an illuminous correspondence with many people in different stations of life. Beyond everything Burns was intensely national, but, after all, Scotland alone made Robert Burns, and all students would concur. Burns had recognised the possibilities of a reusucitation of the songs and verse of the country. Some had tried before and failed, but they had not the dynamic force of Burns, who alone had saved the ballad poetry of our country from utter extinction. He had gathered and mended the ancient songs of the country, and probably including those attributed to the local poetess, Tibbie Pagan. Burns did not shirk from the divine command, but gave of the very best of his heaven-sent genius, and he would remain in the hearts of Scotsmen as the only idol at whose shrine they would continue to pay homage. He had left Scotland a literature all of her own, and it was up to all to preserve that mother tongue. At the conclusion of his address, which was interspersed with snatches of verse from the poet's works, Mr M'Intyre asked the company to be upstanding and pledge once more the name, fame, and genius of Scotland's bard—Robert Burns.

Other toasts honoured were "Bonnie Jean," proposed by Mr W. Brown; "Contemporaries of Burns," proposed by Mr S. C. Matthews; "The Lassies," proposed by Mr Jas. Smith and replied to by Miss Mulvein; and "Lapraik Burns Club," proposed by Rev. John Richmond and replied to by Mr C. P. Bell.

An appropriate and lengthy musical programme

was also sustained, vocal solos being contributed by Miss Dalgarno and Miss Mulvein (who also sang a duet), and Messrs S. C. Matthews, and Geo. Willock. Mr Tom Binnie, Auchinleck, the well-known violinist, was present, and with Miss E. Wilson, who played the various accompaniments throughout the evening, played several Scottish pieces for violin and piano with fine taste. Community singing was also indulged in, while a detachment of pipers and drummers from the Southside Pipe Band, under the leadership of Pipe-major Hendry, contributed largely to the programme. Mr John M'Leod gave a recitation and song, while Mr Brown (Glenbuck) also recited a poem of Burns's. Like the addresses, each of the musical and elocutionary items was extremely well received.

At the conclusion the customary votes of thanks were accorded, after which the company joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

VITAL STATISTICS.

I was very interested in the statistical data provided in the "Advertiser" of Jan. 18, and the compiler must have gone to considerable trouble to produce the relative figures. I regret that he has not given us the infantile mortality and corresponding birthrate figures also, as I feel they would have given a better insight into the part played by different factors in the reduction of mortality.

It is plain that we live in a healthier age, but those who died at a good old age last year came through the poorer conditions prevalent in their youth unscathed. What about their young brothers and sisters? Therein lies the awful wastage. The great improvement in mortality figures is general all over the country, but it is not nearly so marked in the older age periods as in the earlier, and the reduction in child mortality is amazing. The death-rate is higher by far at each end of life.

The causes given for the high death-rate in the past are without doubt very material, but they affect infant and child life far more than at the other end of the span of life. To the causes mentioned I would certainly add the lack of knowledge of proper conditions for the welfare of children as to feeding, dress, and the like, and, where the knowledge existed, the lack of its application. In the past the amount of wrong feeding of children that went on makes it amazing that so many survived, and it shows the wonderful adaptability of Nature.

Another point is that fewer children are being born, and therefore there is to that extent less overcrowding, and those children have a better chance of a robust constitution and a reasonable upbringing.

As the compiler says, the figures should make one realise that the "good old times" were not really so very good, and the present era is by far the healthiest that has been known probably since civilisation began.

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THE OLD FOLK'S TREAT.

Another year! Once more we meet
Our old folk at their annual treat
To spend a happy night,
And drive away those worldly cares
That oft account for the grey hairs
Whose lustre once was bright.

Inside the hall the friends all meet,
With kindly smiles from every seat
Each to the other passes;
With conversation sweet and low,
They once more talk of long ago,
When they were lads and lasses.

The platform folk now take their place,
And proudly scan each dear old face
For sign of some old friends;
Then smiling here and nodding there,
As guest of honour takes the chair,
Each soul with other blends.

The minister the blessing asks,
The waiters then perform their tasks
Of serving up the teas,
And all set forth good things to eat—
Cakes, confections, fruit, and meat,
And sample as they please.

The speakers next their tributes pay
To our old folk in their own way,
With simple words and kind,
Reminding each they've better made
The world with the parts they've played
And must needs leave behind.

Our old folk sit with gladdened heart,
As entertainers play their part
To banish care and sorrow;
And the hall with clapping hands resounds,
While joy and happiness abounds,
Forgotten is to-morrow.

With hearty cheers the programme ends,
As each a vote of thanks extends
For such a happy night,
And as our old folk homewards make,
By car or 'bus, a gift they take,
Though it be small and light.

Happiness, comfort, free from care,
I pray you old folks is your share
In this new year of grace,
And trust next year again we'll meet
To see on this our annual treat
Each patron in his place.

G. M. B.

"THE WITNESS OF CONGREGATIONALISM IN SCOTLAND."

The booklet under the above title is a mine of information regarding the place of the Church in society. Beginning with a treatise on the spiritual idea of the Church, it reveals a universality of outlook singular in any one denomination and yet true to the principles of Congregationalism. This idea of the Church is derived historically from the fact that with the coming of Christ society received a new start by a spiritual power that could unite all. And while paying tribute to the other Churches, Congregationalism claims to be in the forefront in maintaining in every generation this original receptive function.

This demands absolute obedience to the Lordship of Christ, and the standpoints of the various Churches regarding this are compared. Logically this leads to the problem of Church union, which, it is considered, is futile to attempt unless there is a unity of spirit, which at the present does not exist. This diversity is in the main due to the different forms of Church government. Here Congregationalism, with its freedom from external control, claims a unique position, in thus being untrammelled by authorities which may be out of touch and sympathy with local congregations and their needs.

Developments along these lines are also considered, involving the obligations of Church membership and the responsibility for personal service in the light of social relationships and present-day problems. Thus there is emphasised the necessity of an evangel adapted to present-day needs, which Congregationalism, with its freedom from Creeds and Confessions that have long since outgrown their utility, is eminently suited to proclaim.

This vigorous booklet is of vital interest not only to Congregationalists but to members of all denominations, and more so to those who have lost faith in the Church as an essential factor in the life of the community. A penny spent on its purchase will prove a sound investment.

GLENBUCK.

OLD FOLK'S TREAT.—In connection with this forthcoming event, Collectors will call on the villagers to solicit donations, and the Committee will be delighted to have subscriptions from friends at home and abroad to assist in defraying the expenses. A. V. Hazle, secretary.

WHIST DRIVE.—The Committee of the Public Hall held a whist drive on Thursday night, 18th ult., when there was a splendid turnout. Mr John Shankly conducted, and after an enjoyable drive the following were declared the winners:—Ladies—1 Mrs Geo. Mitchell (Muirkirk) (176), 2 Miss Maggie Brown (168), 3 Mrs L. Queen (Muirkirk) (167); gentlemen—1 Mr Thos. Brown, Sen. (175), 2 Mr Wm. Brown, Sen., after a cut with 3 Mr John Shankly, Sen. (both being equal at 169). At the close of play Mr Shankly thanked the patrons for the splendid attendance.—The winners at last week's drive were:—Ladies—1 Mrs Peter Graham (174), 2 Mrs Jas. Marshall (171), 3 Mrs Wm. Bone (169); gentlemen—1 Mr Wm. Brown, Jun. (180), 2 Mr Alex. Prentice (Muirkirk) (173), 3 Mr John Brown (172). Mr Shankly again conducted, and thanked the patrons for the splendid turnout.

OLD FOLK'S TREAT.—On Tuesday of last week a public meeting was held in the Public Hall to consider the propriety of having a re-union of the old folks of Glenbuck at home as well as in other districts. There was a good attendance, and Mr Thomas Brown was called to the chair. Mr Brown explained the object of the meeting, and commended it to the consideration of those present. After opinions had been freely expressed, it was unanimously agreed to go on with the project, and a representative committee was appointed to arrange the re-union, with Mr A. V. Hazle as secretary and Mr Logie Davidson as treasurer.—Since the meeting we learn that the date has been fixed for Friday, 16th March, and it has been decided to solicit subscriptions towards the expenses.

FOOTBALL.—The "Topical Times" of last week contains a picture and a pen sketch of the youngest footballer of the Shankly family—William. The cutting goes on—"This newcomer to the Preston first team comes of football stock. He is one of several brothers who have featured in big football, and he is one who should keep the name in the forefront for a long time, for he is a most clever and stylish half-back. Shankly is a Scot. He was born at Glenbuck, and had some junior experience with Glenbuck Cherrypickers. Then Carlisle United took him on their books, and he continued to progress so well that last close season Preston saw in him a player that should suit them. Now after a spell in the second team his fine play has earned him his promotion, and he has not appeared to be out of his class. Many players are compared to Alec James, but apart from his play Shankly can be so compared because he looks like James on the field. His play, too, has many James-like touches."

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

February 23—Muirkirk Cairntable Homing Club (Glenbuck Section) Whist Drive and Dance.

March 16—Glenbuck Old Folks' Re-union. Dance will follow.

DOUGLAS.

Sabbath Services.

DOUGLAS OLD ST. BRIDE'S PARISH CHURCH.

SUNDAY SERVICES—

12 noon—Mr BAKER, Deputy of National Bible Society.

4 p.m.—Service at Glespin.

5 p.m.—Young People's Guild.

GRAND GOSPEL MISSION

conducted by Mr GAVIN HAMILTON, Evangelist, will commence on LORD'S DAY FIRST, Feb. 4, in WELFARE HALL from 7.30—8.30, also during the week in GOSPEL HALL, 7.30—8.30.

All are Heartily Invited. Come.

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CALL TO THE REV. J. W. GIRVAN.—Paisley Presbytery this week sustained a call to Houston West Church of the Rev. Jas. W. Girvan, of New St. Bride's Church, Douglas, and the induction was fixed provisionally for March 22. Mr Girvan has been six years at Douglas, and has proved a zealous and earnest pastor.

WELFARE WHIST.—At last week's card contest in the Institute Hall there was the customary large attendance, and the prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs W. Foggo, 2 Mrs J. M'Dougall, consolation Mrs A. Burrell; gentlemen—1 Mr R. M'Donald, 2 Mr R. Greenshields, consolation Mr J. M'Lean.

WELFARE WOMEN'S BURNS SUPPER.—A party, nearly 120 in strength, of members and friends gathered in the Institute Hall on Thursday evening, when the Welfare Institute (Women's Section) held their annual Burns supper. A portrait of the National Bard was conspicuously displayed, and after the haggis, carried by Mr Jas. Dalgleish, properly clad, had been paraded round the hall, Mr W. Prentice, J.P., who was in the chair, made a few remarks. He made no pretence at an oration, as he said that Burns was more fittingly honoured by the singing of his songs, but he took occasion, in face of the controversy raging around the memory of Burns, to point out the changed conditions of Scottish life since his day. After a repast in which haggis, potatoes, and mashed turnips played a prominent part, a cycle of the Bard's lyrics was sung in effective and tasteful manner by Messrs P. Wilson, W. Borland, and J. Weir, with Mr A. Nelson (all from Douglas Water) rendering valuable aid at the piano. In response to enthusiastic encores all these vocalists had to contribute five songs, and their efforts made a fine impression on the audience. During the programme an interesting ceremony took place when Mr Prentice, on behalf of the members of the Women's Section, presented Mr and Mrs John Welsh with a mirror, fireside set, etc., conveying at the same time the good wishes of them all to the newly-wed couple. Mr Welsh briefly replied on behalf of his bride and himself, and declared that he would always be willing to assist the womenfolk at any time. A cordial vote of thanks to the artistes and a similar compliment to the Women's Committee, moved by the Chairman, were heartily endorsed, while Mr Prentice was also thanked in a similar manner. The floor was then cleared, and a cheery informal dance followed, Mr Welsh, Mr A. Nelson, and Mr T. Gibney supplying the music, with Miss B. Prentice as M.C., and thus one of the most successful functions run by this organisation ended very happily.

SCHOOL ACCIDENT.—On Thursday an accident occurred in Douglas Public School. Two young scholars met in accidental collision, and one boy (William Prentice, son of Mr John Prentice, postman, Glebe View Terrace, Douglas) was so badly injured about the leg that he had to be taken to the Lady Home Hospital for attention.

W.R.I.—BURNS FESTIVAL.—The Burns celebration by the local W.R.I. in the School on Friday evening attracted such a large attendance that it overflowed into the corridor. The members of Committee paraded the haggis round the room, while Mr Jas. Walker delivered the "Address to a Haggis" before the usual meal of haggis and mashed potatoes and turnips was served out and washed down with a cup of tea. President Mrs E. L. M'Mullen then called upon Mr Walker, who was responsible for the programme, to take the chair. A splendid programme composed mostly of Burns's songs was then submitted by Miss Stobo, Lesmahagow; Mr T. Loudon, Douglas Water; and our own rising vocalist, Mr Jas. Jackson. All the singers had to respond to clamorous demands for encore numbers, and they were tastefully assisted at the piano by Miss C. Frame. In the middle of the musical items Mr Walker delivered an address in which he briefly outlined the rise of the ploughman poet, and gave several quotations to show the range of his gifts as a bard. He called in the aid of Mr Wm. Martin, who fluently recited "Tam o' Shanter," and thus every phase of the poet's works was illustrated. On the motion of Mr Walker the artistes were accorded a cordial vote of thanks, and a like compliment was paid the Ladies' Committee who had served up the feast. Delegations were present from Coalburn and Glespin, and Mr Walker expressed the pleasure it gave the members of the Douglas W.R.I. to have their presence, while a Coalburn lady expressed their appreciation of the kindness shown them by their Douglas friends. Mrs M'Mullen, on behalf of the W.R.I., expressed their thanks to Mr Walker for his splendid address and the excellent programme he had been able to provide, and a cordial vote of thanks was readily given him. A very fitting end to a splendid Burns celebration was the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the entire company.

GOLF WHIST.—At last Thursday's contest in the Lady Home School the first prize went to Mrs H. Hamilton, and after a cut by three Mr D. Taylor was awarded the gentlemen's principal award. The low score prize-winners were Mrs F. Cornelius (Douglas West) and Mr G. Marchbanks.

AMUSING "BURNS?" SUPPER.—A group of workmates in a local colliery agreed to celebrate the Burns Anniversary, and foregathered in a local hostelry on Saturday evening for this purpose. The haggis, however, failed to make its appearance, and they regaled themselves on tripe and tatties, but later it was discovered that none of the company could sing one of the Bard's songs. Despite these mishaps, the party enjoyed themselves.

FOOTBALL WHIST.—In the Masonic Hall on Monday night, after the usual keen contest, the prizes went to:—Ladies—1 Mrs M. Kerr, 2 (after a cut) Miss L. Fell, consolation Mrs Jas. Jackson. It took a cut by three to determine the gentlemen's awards, the result being—1 Mr W. Clarkson, 2 Mr Jas. Hamilton, consolation (after a cut) Mr R. Sloan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTIES.—At New St. Bride's Church this year again, instead of the ordinary Sunday School social, parties for the pupils were held. On Thursday evening last the primary classes were thus entertained, and on Friday the junior and senior scholars assembled under the guidance of Rev. Jas. W. Girvan. After tea had been served the time was spent in suitable games, and at both functions Mrs Girvan handed over the awards for attendance and merit. The Wilson Medal for attendance and merit went to Master Jas. Telfer, and in all over fifty book awards were presented.

CARPET BOWLING.—Last week's winners at Coal-gill pairs contest were—1 A. Rettie and R. Stoddart, 2 John Bell and W. Stark.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING.—A short whist contest, a domino tournament, tea, and the usual informal dance was the entertainment offered by the Women's Section of the Welfare Institute on Tuesday evening. The card contest prize-winners were:—Ladies—Mrs I. Watson, gentlemen—Mr J. Welsh, while the domino contest resulted—1 Mrs W. Ramage, 2 Miss S. Taylor.

In the first round of the rink championship at curling a Douglas rink, skipped by Mr A. Clarkson, defeated an Auchterarder rink by 30 shots to 1.

The departure of the Rev. Jas. W. Girvan may bring about important church changes in our midst.

"The Religion of Burns" was the subject of an impressive sermon by the Rev. A. Salmond Smith on Sunday evening.

GLESPIN.

STABLESTONE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S FUND.—A public meeting in connection with this fund was called for 18th ult., but only the Committee turned up. Mr M'Lachlan, chairman of the Committee, presided. The minutes of the Committee meetings were adopted, as also was the Treasurer's balance sheet. The balance sheet showed that income from June till December last from whist drives, dances, concerts, sales of ice-cream, etc., also donations, amounted to £35 3s 8d, while the expenditure over the same period amounted to £25 9/-, with a bank credit of £9 10/-, and a balance in hand of 4/8. The office-bearers were re-elected, with Mr Jas. M'Lachlan chairman, and Mr Lewis Chapman secretary and treasurer.

DOUGLAS WEST.

STOLEN GOODS RETURNED.—Last Wednesday morning, when leaving to go to his work, the foreman joiner at Douglas Castle Colliery discovered that most of the tools stolen when the joinery shop had been forcibly entered lately had been placed on his doorstep during the night. Perhaps the thieves had taken a remorse of conscience when they learned that these tools were private property.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BURNS SUPPER.—The Welfare Women's Social Club held a celebration of Burns's anniversary with a supper in the Welfare Hall on Saturday evening. Nearly sixty members and friends were present when the haggis was paraded round the hall by the secretary, Mrs W. Mitchell, and then the usual repast was served up by the Committee. Under the joint chairmanship of President Mrs A. Watson and Mr R. Wilson, a programme of Burns songs, stories, and remarks all relating to our National Bard, was submitted. The contributors to the programme were Mrs Kirkland, Mrs R. Hastings, Mrs W. Mitchell, Mrs R. Batton, Mrs A. Watson, Mrs W. Hamilton, Mrs T. Waugh, Mrs R. Drennan, Mrs M'Cartney, and Messrs T. Waugh, J. Prosser, W. Prosser, J. G. Galbraith, and S. Prosser, and thus a very enjoyable hour was spent in honour of the memory of our National Bard. A cheery informal dance followed, the music being supplied by Mr R. Hunter, and the celebration ended on a very happy note.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—At Tuesday's card contest in the Welfare Hall the first prizes were awarded Mrs R. Ronney and Mr Rich. Clelland, while Mrs D. Johnstone, Junr., and Mr R. M'Cartney won the second prizes.

FOOTBALL.

DOUGLASDALE V. QUARTER UNITED.—Douglasdale touched the high spots on Saturday, when, in the first round of the Consolation Cup at Quarter, they beat the United by 7 goals to 2. With team difficulties M'Dougal had to play in Bone's place, while Robertson (a half-back) appeared as the other winger. They all played well, but the outstanding player afield was Dalling, who made his debut as centre-forward. Half-time—Quarter 1, Douglasdale 5. The 'Dale had to play the second half without Bulloch, yet they managed to score twice.

'DALE'S DOINGS.—The visit of Wishaw Juniors on Saturday to Crabtree Park should provide an attractive fixture, and, the kick-off being at 3 p.m., a good attendance should be attracted. A touch of the form at Quarter would be relished by local supporters, and the 'Dale ought to make a good show against this strong team.

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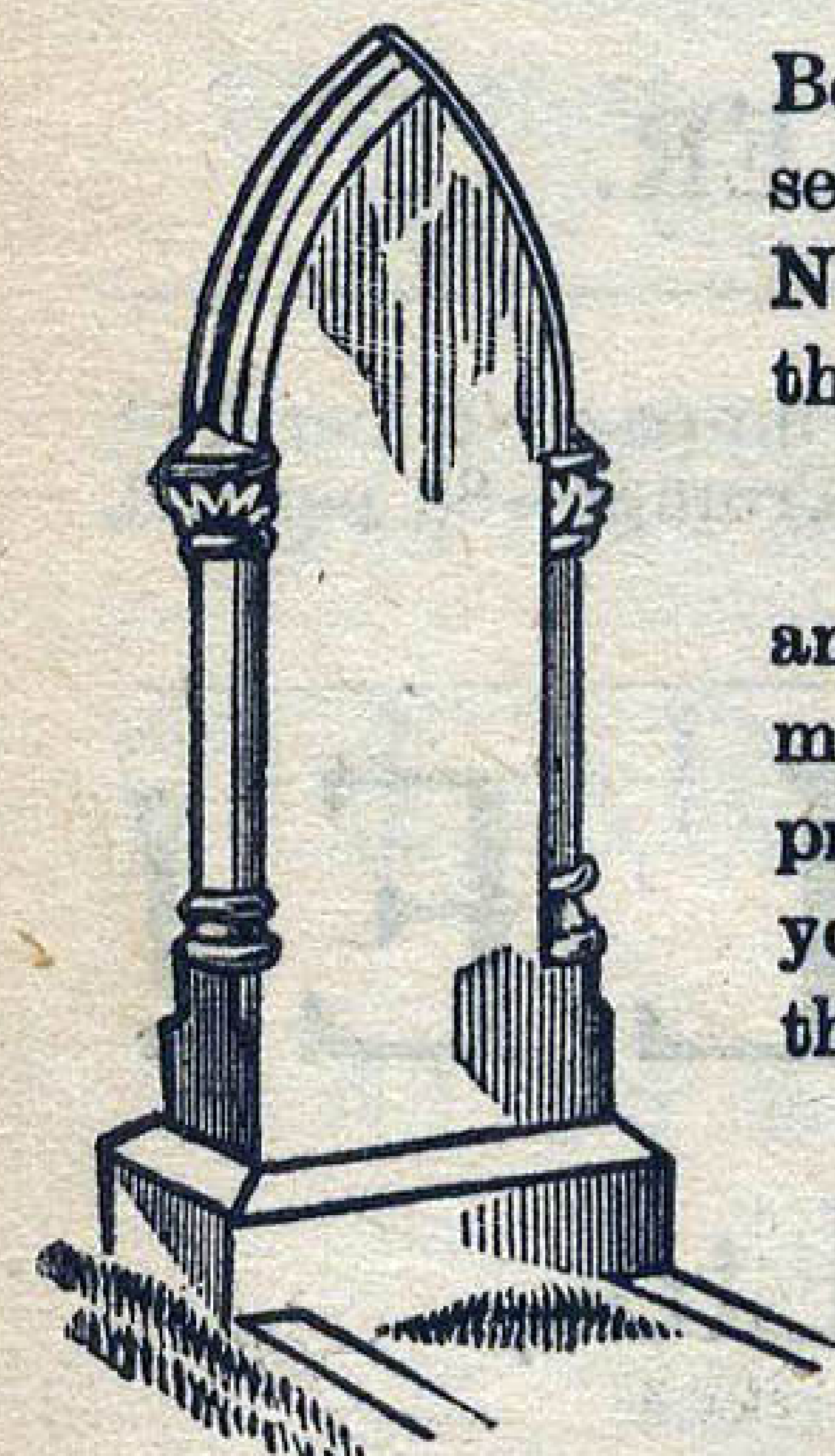


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**THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER
AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1934.**

Local News.

DANCE.—There was a fair attendance at a dance held in the Picture House on Friday evening, and the event seemed to be enjoyed. Music was supplied by M'Gill's Melody Makers from Auchinleck.

SILVER BAND WHIST DRIVE.—On Monday night the Silver Band's practice-room was the venue of another enjoyable whist drive. Seventy players were accommodated, and Mr S. C. Matthews proved an efficient conductor. The prizes for the highest scores were eventually won by:—Ladies—1 Mrs P. Graham (179), 2 Mrs Jas. Currie (176), 3 Mrs John Kean (174); gentlemen—1 Mr John Kean (177), 2 Mr R. M'Kay (176), 3 Mr J. M'Morran (172).

CO-OPERATIVE WOMEN'S GUILD.—On Tuesday evening of last week at the usual weekly meeting of the Co-operative Women's Guild there was a large attendance of members, and Miss Agnes Gibson, president, occupied the chair. Dr Warren was present, and gave a most instructive address on nursing and first-aid, etc., in the home. The Doctor's remarks were followed with keen interest, and at the close he was cordially thanked for his able address.

MOTOR CYCLISTS FINED.—At Ayr Sheriff Court on Wednesday of last week the two motor cyclists who were involved in the fatal accident on the Muirkirk-Cumnock road on September 3 last, when Mr Thomas Picken lost his life, admitted a charge of having driven motor cycles without due care and attention. It was pointed out that the cyclists had cut in towards the middle of the roadway to avoid pedestrians, and in passing the handle bars had touched and knocked the cycles out of control. Sheriff Menzies said he could not make any distinction between one accused and the other, and while the case was a serious one from the fact that there had been a fatality, he rather agreed that the conduct of the accused had not been of a very serious order. The cyclists, one a police-constable from Edinburgh and the other a Lanark labourer, were each fined £2.

SCOTTISH ACTORS IN CANADA.—We are in receipt of a paragraph from an "E. H. Hawkins," whoever he or she is (it looks like a lady's handwriting), to the effect that a talented Scottish company had been visiting The Empire Theatre, Victoria, British Columbia, with two Scottish plays—"The Cottar's Saturday Night" and "The Bonnie Brier Bush," and had quite captivated the large audience on each of the six nights they were there. The paragraph goes on to say that the leading actor is a Muirkirk man—Mr T. M'Ali-tair Wallace, a clever actor and a wonderful singer, and a brother of our local talented violinist, Mr Jas. Wallace. The whole company were Scots. This "E. H. Hawkins" says he or she had visited Mr Wallace at his hotel, and had a long talk with him, as he or she had known him and his family well. We cannot place this "E. H. Hawkins," but we've heard Tom sing. He very much resembled Jamie, who can do a bit of warbling himself.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Tuesday First—E. U. Women's Union Monthly Meeting at 7.15. Speaker—Miss Mulvein. Subject—"John Wesley" Soloists—Mrs S. M'ulloch and Mrs Kirkwood, Glenbuck. Violin and pianoforte selections by Mrs J. Wilson (Manse), and Miss Nan B. Hunter, A.T.O.L. Tea. Silver Collection.

Feb 15—Wellwood Church Woman's Guild Open Meeting at 7.30. Speaker—Mrs Fettes. Subject—"What we make of life."

Feb. 20—Limelight Lecture under joint auspices of Co-operative Educational Committee and Women's Guild.

March 8—Muirkirk Unionist Social and Dance. Caledonian Reel and Strathspey Band.

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IMPORTANT MINING DISCOVERY.—From the "Daily Express" we learn that Mr Colin M'Luckie, lecturer in the mining department of the Wigan and District Mining and Technical Institute, has made an important discovery, which, it is hoped, will lead to the immediate detection of firedamp, and consequently may be a means of preventing many pit disasters. Mr M'Luckie has found that by releasing chemicals the gas is made visible as dense white fumes, and his discovery is causing great interest among the experts in the mining industry. Most of our readers will know Mr M'Luckie, who received his schooling here, and is still an occasional visitor to his maternal home.

LOCAL interest in football is well sustained in spite of the fact that now-a-days, with perhaps the exception of the schoolboy games in the summer, we have little if any opportunity of seeing this national pastime at our doors. The Scottish cup-ties on Saturday attracted considerable interest, and the match at Ayr between Ayr United and Glasgow Celtic claimed a large number of Muirkirk visitors. Between train and bus figures it is estimated that about 300 Muirkirk fans were included in the record crowd which attended this match. Unfortunately, from the Ayrshire point of view, the United had to admit defeat, while Kilmarnock and Galston, the other Ayrshire hopes, also received their "walking tickets."

PIPE BAND WHIST DRIVE.—The Committee of the Southside Pipe Band held another successful whist drive in the Gymnasium room of the Iron-works Institute last week. There was a fine attendance, twenty-one tables being occupied, and under the conductorship of Mr David Hendry play ran smoothly and pleasantly. The prize-winners proved to be:—Ladies—1 Mrs James Wallace (184), 2 Mrs Thomas Mackin (177), 3 Miss Bella Samson (172); gentlemen—1 Mr William Cannon, Jun. (168), 2 Mr Hugh Mitchell (167), 3 (after a cut) Mr Bert Dempster (167). In conclusion, Mr Andrew Logie expressed the thanks of the Committee to the patrons for their attendance.

ARE TAXES OPPRESSIVE?

WHY THE CITIZEN COMPLAINS.

By J. HENDERSON STEWART, M.P.

What does the citizen get for the rates and taxes he pays so unwillingly? In the following memorandum Mr Henderson Stewart examines the subject. His views may not always be accepted, but the facts he produces put into very different perspective the natural complaint of the ratepayer that rates in Scotland are too high.

When, to Imperial taxation is added responsibility of local rates, it is little wonder that citizens of all classes complain.

A foreigner examining our conditions might well expect that Income Tax and its related duties would form the main cause of complaint. The amount raised to meet national expenditure is four times the total of rates levied by Local Authorities in Great Britain: the call of the Income Tax Inspector is considerably greater than that of the City Assessor even in the most highly rated areas. But despite this the chief protest is everywhere against local rates. And nowhere is it more vigorous than in Scotland.

Why is this? I should like to examine the question, for I believe the protest to be unjustified from the point of view both of service rendered and of value received.

The total expenditure of Local Authorities in Scotland is in the region of £60,000,000 a year, of which approximately one third is met from Exchequer grants, one third from revenue-producing and miscellaneous enterprises, and one third from rates. Exchequer contributions include £6,500,000 for education, £2,500,000 for roads, £1,000,000 each for piers and harbours, and police, and smaller grants for medical services, agricultural rates and other purposes. Revenue-producing enterprises include gas, electricity, tramways, water, public abattoirs, public baths and housing schemes. Some of these services render profits, some losses, but taken generally they pay for themselves and only in a few instances require rating subvention.

Local Assessments.

Local assessments amount to about £21,000,000, and work out at an average rate of 8/9 per £1 gross rental over the whole country, or £4 5s 7d per head of population.

Let it be admitted that rates in Scotland have risen greatly since pre-war days. The following table gives details:—

Year.	Average Rate.		Per Head Population.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.
1893-4	3	0	0	17 7
1903-4	3	10	1	5 5
1913-4	4	11	1	15 8
Post War.				
1918-19	5	9	2	1 11
1920-21	9	10	3	19 1
1922-23	8	9	3	15 5
1924-25	8	8	3	19 0
1926-27	9	7	4	9 3
1928-29	10	0	4	16 2
1929-30	8	9	4	5 8

It will be seen that there has been a rapid and

marked increase over the period, culminating in the peak year 1928-29, when the derating provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act came into force and lightened the burden of Local Authorities. Even to-day, however, rates remain almost twice as high as they were before the war.

A Rating Paradise.

Let it also be granted that the average figure conceals the worst effects and that many districts have rates considerably in excess of 8/9. In Glasgow the figure stands, exclusive of water rate, at 13/8, in Clydebank 12/9, and in Hamilton as high as 13/6. Edinburgh and Dundee are more fortunate with rates of 7/4 and 8/4 respectively. But though the West of Scotland suffers heavy imposts, they are not unduly disproportionate if one compares the English industrial areas with our own. Differences in the bases of rating and valuation make absolute comparison difficult, but on a broad survey, looking to the burden of rates per head in comparable areas, we can at least claim that on the whole we are no worse than our neighbours. And if we extend the comparison to other industrial countries, we would seem to enjoy a veritable rating paradise.

In America.

Examine for a moment the position in America—not since the crisis of March, for that would be unfair, but for some years before it. If the Scottish ratepayer is hard pressed, his contemporaries in the States are crushed.

Ever since the war the financial position of many American cities has given cause for alarm. In some cases conditions have become so bad that a state of virtual bankruptcy has ensued, with disastrous results alike to citizens and municipal employees, not to mention the services rendered to the community. Two examples only need to be quoted.

In New York local rates amount to the colossal figure of £14 15s 0d per head—over three times the Scottish equivalent. The City budget has increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In each of four successive years the Valuation Roll was raised by £200,000,000, giving the City Authorities, at the prevailing tax rates, £5,000,000 additional spending power each year. By 1932 the total expenditure had reached £145,000,000, that is, about the same as the total receipts of all Local Authorities in England and Wales put together, and of this no less than 70 per cent. had to be met out of local rates. It is estimated that the cost of administration alone has multiplied threefold since the war, and as an indication of the work of the administration it may be added that in December last default on bonds to the value of £8,000,000 was avoided by a bank loan only one hour before payment was due. The situation had become so serious at the end of 1932 that proposals were made for the appointment of a financial agent to control expenditure.

Many of the smaller towns in the States are in a worse plight even than the large cities. Everywhere debts and assessments are mounting. The American ratepayer has a poor time and a still poorer outlook, for he sees no end to his troubles.

Scotland's Security.

In Scotland, at any rate, we know where we are, and can estimate with tolerable certainty the future. We may criticise a Housing Scheme or other public development as extravagance, but at any rate we can depend on the integrity, impartiality, and competence of our administrative officials. We can sleep content o' nights, without fear of repudiating bonds, withholding wages, or running into bankruptcy. We can trust our municipal officers to observe sound rules of finance. Moreover, we get a fair, if not indeed a fabulous, return for our money, though that benefit is often overlooked.

What do we get for our Rates?

Many there are who cry "What do we get for our rates?" Few there are who answer. Yet an adequate answer is available. For no other expenditure is so generous a return made.

The chief items in the expenditure of Local Authorities are education, poor relief, and public health. It is worth while translating the cost of these services into terms of individual contributions. Education in Scotland costs less (in rates) than 1d per day per head of population, poor relief only 5d per week, road and street maintenance 4d a week, police, cleaning, sanitation, lighting and water 1d each, hospitals 1/4d, tuberculosis 1/2d, public parks 1/2d. For all the service that comes under the heading of public health—the care of body and property in town and village—the ratepayer is asked to contribute at the rate of less than 10d a week per person!

Would the average head of a family, say of four persons, consider giving up the services of police, municipal doctors and nurses, street cleaners, and lighters, sanitary workers and road menders—all for a saving of 3/4 per week? And the education of his children for another 2/- a week? (Actually the average ratepayer pays more since he contributes towards the shares of children, juveniles, and his less fortunate fellow-citizens). Is the average business man with a shop or warehouse in Glasgow prepared to sacrifice the safety of his property and the cleanliness and lighting of his surroundings for a few pence a week? That, surely, is the right spirit in which to approach the problem of local rates. Expressed in that way local rates appear in their true light—the citizens' contribution towards the cheapest service in the country, if not in the world.

No Material Reward.

The men and women who serve on local bodies deserve well of their fellow-citizens. Time was, perhaps, when their position as councillors was mainly ornamental. To-day when County Council and Municipal boards are being charged with great and ever-increasing responsibilities the task of their members is heavy. In the cities it involves two, three, or more days a week of exacting work for which there is no material reward.

The task would be impossible but for the labours of the officials. Much has been said and written in praise of the Civil Service: seldom do we hear equal recognition made of the work of the Local Government Service. Yet their duties are scarcely less onerous. It is time that we paid them our tribute.

GLENBUCK.

OLD FOLK'S TREAT.—In connection with this forthcoming event, Collectors will call on the villagers to solicit donations, and the Committee will be delighted to have subscriptions from friends at home and abroad to assist in defraying the expenses. A. V. Hazle, secretary, 8 Council Bldgs, Glenbuck.

WHIST DRIVE.—The Committee of the Public Hall held their usual whist drive on Thursday night of last week. There was a splendid turnout of players, and Mr John Shankly conducted. The drive was greatly enjoyed, and the following were declared the winners:—Ladies—1 Mrs De Mascio (Muirkirk) (174), 2 Mrs Geo. Mitchell (Muirkirk) (170), 3 Mrs Hugh Smith (168); gentlemen—1 Mr Alex. Menzies (175), 2 Mr Wm. Brown, Jun. (173), 3 Mr John Hastie, Sen. (169). At the close of play Mr Shankly thanked the patrons for their attendance.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

February 23—Muirkirk Cairntable Homing Club (Glenbuck Section) Whist Drive and Dance.
March 16—Glenbuck Old Folks' Re-union. Dance will follow.

Original Poetry.

DISMANTLED—APRIL 13, 1933.

"Guid auld Glenbuck"—lang years that cry
Resounded through oor clachan;
At wark or play that shout gaed high,
The joke or jest by passin'.

Pits an' mines made busy thrang,
Work wage, fair guid an' steady,
An' aye that cheery slogan rang—
"Guid auld Glenbuck" wis happy.

Signal bells struck, echoed, clang,
Winders gears a' steerin';
At tap an' bottom workers sang,
"Guid auld Glenbuck" wis cheerin'.

Industries merge, transfer, combine,
The power therein is greater,
Scraps youth an' age on workless line—
"Guid auld Glenbuck" sings quaiter.

And so, alas! Oor slogan's lame;
Mines, pits—dismantled, wreckit—
Whate'er the cause, or wha's the blame,
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NOTE.—The Annual CAFE CHANTANT will be held in WELFARE HALL on FRIDAY, 16th Feb. Doors open 7.15; Commence 7.45.

Gospel Campaign continues in Douglas,
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SUNDAY at 3.15—"A Tour in Jamaica"
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SUCCESSFUL DOGS.—At Newmains Dog Show last week Mrs E. L. Macmullen, Crossburn, did well with her dogs. In the bulldog section "Christina Macnab" won a first prize, a second, and a special. In the basset hound class "Fanfare" won a third prize and a special.

WELFARE WHIST.—In the Institute Hall last Wednesday evening the usual whist contest ended in the prize awards being:—Ladies—1 Mrs J. G. Galbraith, 2 Mrs G. Grant, consolation Mrs R. Gold; gentlemen—1 Mr R. M'Cartney (Douglas West), 2 Mr H. Gardiner, consolation Mr J. Gall.

LORRY SMASH.—On Thursday morning another motor smash occurred on the Glasgow-Carlisle road near Millbank, Douglas. A motor lorry from England bound for Glasgow skidded on the treacherous surface of the road, striking a telegraph pole and the boundary wall. The load was violently shifted, demolishing the driver's cabin. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt, but a local motor had to be used to convey the merchandise to its destination.

GOLF WHIST.—The principal prizes at the card contest in the Lady Home School on Thursday evening went to Miss I. Watson and Mr Jas. Hamilton, while the consolation prize-winners were Miss M. R. Smith and Mr R. Ronney (Douglas West).

FOOTBALL CLUB'S ENTERTAINMENT.—The dramatic fare offered by the Committee of Douglasdale Juniors F.C. in the Institute Hall on Friday evening was certainly worthy of better patronage. Those who did attend, however, seemed to enjoy the programme. The Wanlockhead Amateur Dramatic Club provided the bulk of the entertainment by giving a very smooth performance of A. P. Wilson's three-act Scottish comedy—"The Cock o' the North." All the roles were capably filled, and if any were outstanding they were Mr W. Mitchell as "Mathie Purdie," and Mrs J. Stewart as "Janet Michie." The performance elicited much genuine laughter, and the entire play reflected the utmost credit on the producer, Mr Jas. Young. The company also produced an old-fashioned farce, and Bence's Band from Wishaw gave admirable selections between the acts. The chairman, Rev. A. Salmond Smith, who briefly introduced the company, at the close complimented them on the performance given, and said he hoped this would not be their last visit to Douglas. His motion for a vote of thanks to all concerned in the entertainment was cordially endorsed, and on behalf of the artistes Mr Young expressed his thanks for the reception they had received, and moved a vote of thanks to Mr Smith for fulfilling the duties of chairman. The dance which followed was a crowded success, and the dancers seemed to revel in the rhythmic strains of Bence's Band, who were repeatedly encored for almost every number. The dance, with Mr A. Gardiner as M.C., went very merrily till the close, and all seemed to enjoy the function.

CALL TO DOUGLAS CLERIC.—At the morning service in New St. Bride's Church on Sunday, after reading a summons calling a congregational meeting in connection with the call to him from Houston West Church, Paisley, the Rev. Jas. W. Girvan made a feeling reference to his acceptance of this call. He explained that although he had been very happy in Douglas, and regretted leaving our district, yet this call was to a smaller congregation, and there was only one village instead of three as at New St. Bride's parish. He said he felt that Douglas was the place for a younger man, hence his decision to accept the unasked-for call.

LANTERN LECTURE.—Last Sunday being Bible Sunday, the National Bible Society of Scotland sent as a delegate Mr Wm. J. Baker, their agent in Central China, who conducted the morning service in Old St. Bride's Church. In the evening New St. Bride's Church was well filled by old and young when Mr Baker delivered an interesting lecture on his work in China, and a series of interesting lantern slides were shown. Mr Baker being personally acquainted with the scenes and individuals shown in the slides added to the interest, and his remarks, together with the slides, demonstrated the good work done by the Society in Central China.

FOOTBALL WHIST.—There was a fair assembly in the Masonic Hall on Monday night, when the card contest resulted:—Ladies—1 Mrs D. Johnstone, Junr. (Douglas West), 2 Mrs W. Young (Glespin), consolation Miss L. Fell; gentlemen—1 (after a cut) Mr A. Aikman, 2 Mr R. M'Donald, consolation Mr W. Clarkson.

MASONIC.—At the regular monthly meeting of Lodge St. Bride, No. 118, held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, R.W.M. Bro. A. S. Wallace presided over a fair attendance of brethren. The business was mainly routine, but suggestions were advanced for a cake and candy sale in April, and an application for membership was read.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING.—The usual mixed entertainment fare attracted a good number of members to their own hall in the Welfare Institute on Tuesday evening. The ladies' whist prize was won by Mrs T. Hastings, while the award for those playing as gentlemen went to Mrs Jas. Grant. Mrs T. Barrie won the domino contest. The usual dance to Mr J. Welsh's music followed.

DOUGLASDALE ECHOES.

"The best band that has been in Douglas" seemed to be the general verdict in connection with the 'Dale's dance.

It was the dance that made the venture financially sound.

Fever cases are still being reported in our district. It seems as if we are never to be rid of this ailment.

The sight of youngsters with mouths wrapped up spoke of the visit of the dentist to our schools.

Enthusiasts declare that Willie Stannage never played better in his life than presently. Certainly the 'Dale owe some League points to his ability.

The referee's decisions seemed to please no one on Saturday, and the dismissal of Bobby Graham was a surprise, as Bobby, on and off the field, is one of the most gentlemanly men who ever kicked a football.

FOOTBALL.

DOUGLASDALE V. WISHAW JUNIORS.

Although in positional play and accuracy of passing Wishaw were the superior team in the League contest at Crabtree Park on Saturday, the cleverness of Stannage in goal, and the dour defence of the Douglasdale backs made a one-goal draw a fair result of a keen contest.

It was a game of phases! In the opening quarter Wishaw played a storm of a game, and forced corner after corner, but the home defence kept them out. The 'Dale were slow to settle, but when, after twenty minutes, Dalling scored a brilliant goal for Douglasdale, a change ensued. For a time the homesters were top dog, and with a bit of luck might have led by three goals at the interval.

Wishaw made valiant efforts to square the account after the re-start, but several times when all seemed lost Stannage popped up and saved a score. At length, from close in, Dowdals equalised with his head, the clever goalie being unplaced to save. It had been a keen game, full of interest, but the decisions of the referee were at times questionable, and displeased both sections of the spectators, gradually affecting the players. Towsy tackling became common, both teams being guilty, and with ten minutes to go R. Graham (the 'Dale half-back) was ordered off for questioning a decision of the referee, to everyone's amazement. Bobby perhaps was one of the most guileless players on the park. With ten men, however, Douglasdale held out, and worthily earned a division of the points.

Stannage was the outstanding player on the field, with Drennan a stout, whole-hearted defender for Douglasdale. Wilson at centre-half kept a close watch on the redoubtable Dowdals to his obvious chagrin, and Dalling was the most effective forward. Of a sound Wishaw combination Somerville as pivot purveyed well, and the defence was sound, with Stoddart the cleverer winger. Despite the failings of the guiding official it was a pulsating contest, and although the attendance was better the game was worthy a larger gate.

Teams:—Douglasdale—Stannage; Robertson, Drennan; Graham, Wilson, Johnstone; M'Dougal, Davidson, Dalling, Bell, Bone. Wishaw Juniors—Armour; Harri, Yardley; M'Inally, Somerville, Mitchell; M'Colm, Dowdals, Murney, Hart, Stoddart. Referee—W. Hunter, Burnbank.

'DALE'S DOINGS.—Douglasdale Juniors are due to visit Newton Villa on League business on Saturday, and it is to be hoped that they return with a satisfactory result. The Newton team is quite a sound combination.

DOUGLAS WEST.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—Military whist was the attraction in the Welfare Hall on Tuesday evening, when there was a good attendance. The winning team were Miss B. Gardiner (Douglas), Mrs Wm. Wilson, Mr S. Prosser, and Mr R. M'Cartney, who had a total of 28 points.

Military Officer.—"Now, you cadets, let me tell you that if you try to enter the Army you have to learn much. 'The time in which it was said, 'He is too stupid; make him a soldier,' has long passed by. It was all right in my day, but not now."

The Inspector had come to examine the class in physiology. "How many bones have you in your body?" he asked one little girl. "Something like nine hundred," was the prompt reply. "Oh, indeed?" said the Inspector, "well, that's a great many more than I have." "Very likely," said the child, "but I don't suppose you ain't had herring for breakfast."

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In Memoriam.

ALEXANDER.—In loving memory of Samuel Craig Alexander, who died at Gibson's Buildings, Muirkirk, on 16th Feb., 1933, aged 18 months.—Gone, but not forgotten.

STIRLING.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, John D. Stirling, B.Sc., Ph.D., who died 12th February, 1933.

—Inserted by his parents and brothers, 86 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1934.

Local News.

Co-OPERATORS should note that the quarterly general meeting of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, Ltd., is due to be held in the Dundas Hall to-night (Thursday).

MUSICAL.—At an examination held recently in Kilmarnock under the auspices of the Trinity College of Music, Miss Maisie M'Inally, Middlefield Drive, passed successfully in the Junior Division of pianoforte playing. Maisie is a pupil of Miss Nan B. Hunter, A.T.C.L.

PIPE BAND WHIST.—On Friday evening of last week another whist drive in aid of the funds of the Southside Pipe Band was held in the Ironworks Institute Gymnasium Room. The drive was well attended, twenty-one tables being occupied, and, under the conductorship of Mr David Hendry, play was keenly enjoyed. The prize-winners ultimately proved to be:—Ladies—1 Mrs Jas. Wilson (178), 2 (after a cut) Mrs Geo. Hibberd (171), 3 Mrs Thos. Morrison (171); gentlemen—1 Mr David Leslie (178), 2 Mr John Turner (176), 3 Mr Jas. Beresford (171). At the close Mr A. Logie expressed the Committee's thanks for the fine attendance.

ONE of the big nights in our social calendar is due to-morrow (Friday), when the annual social, concert, and dance under the auspices of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, Ltd., is to be held. For tea, patrons are to be accommodated in both the Temperance and Dundas Halls, and afterwards both contingents will be entertained to a concert programme in the former hall. From advt. it will be seen that half-a-dozen talented artistes have been secured, and a perusal of the programme to be submitted gives one the impression that this feast of song and variety will be worth going a long way to hear. A few tickets are still available for the social, and these should be quickly snapped up. Last, but not least, there is the dance, so that a pleasant evening is fully assured.

MUIRKIRK ANGLING ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of Muirkirk Angling Association was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening, and was probably the largest meeting yet held under these auspices—a happy indication for the future of the Association. Mr R. J. Bradford, vice-president of the Club, occupied the chair. Minutes of former meetings were approved, while the financial statement submitted by the Treasurer was considered satisfactory. The office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Hon. president, Mr T. Findlay; president, Major D. Baird; vice-president, Mr R. J. Bradford; secretary, Mr R. W. Bradford; treasurer, Mr John Findlay; together with a working committee. Arrangements were also made for the season's competitions, and judging from the enthusiasm displayed at this meeting a successful season is anticipated.

MINING STUDENTS' OUTING.—On Friday last a party of local mining students and a few friends, to the number of sixteen, motored to Glasgow and attended a lecture by Sir Henry Walker, chief inspector of mines, in the Royal Technical College. The subject of the address was "Haulage Accidents," and the address proved of great interest and value to the representative gathering present, it being evident that Sir Henry was a complete master of every detail of his subject. Questions and discussion followed. Afterwards the Muirkirk party adjourned to the "digs" of one of the Muirkirk students, and a pleasant hour was spent in song and sentiment. The arrangements were ably carried through by the esteemed teacher, Mr Robert Steven, and one and all enjoyed the outing to the full.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Feb 15—Wellwood Church Woman's Guild Open Meeting at 7.30 Speaker—Mrs Fettes. Subject—"Making the most of life."
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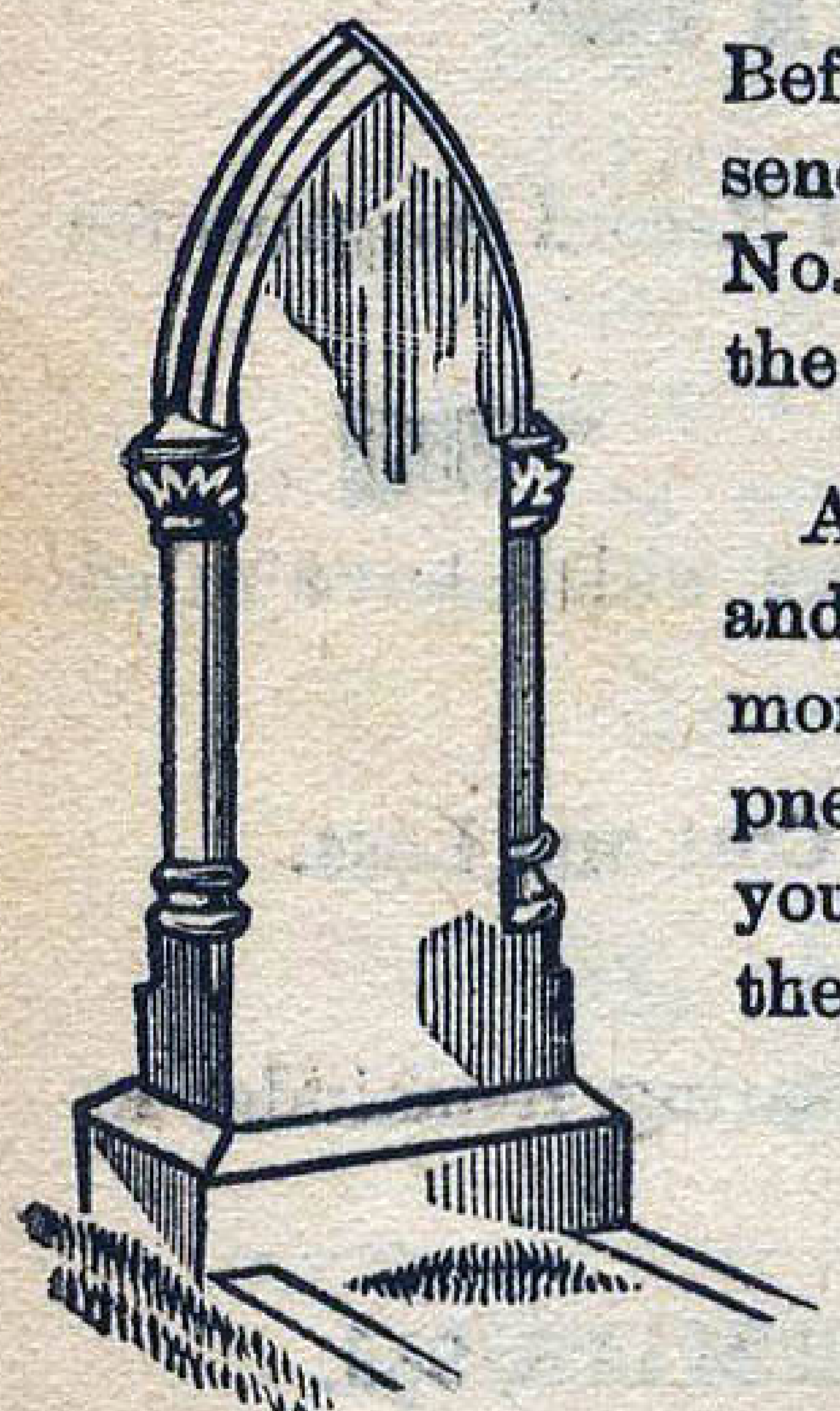
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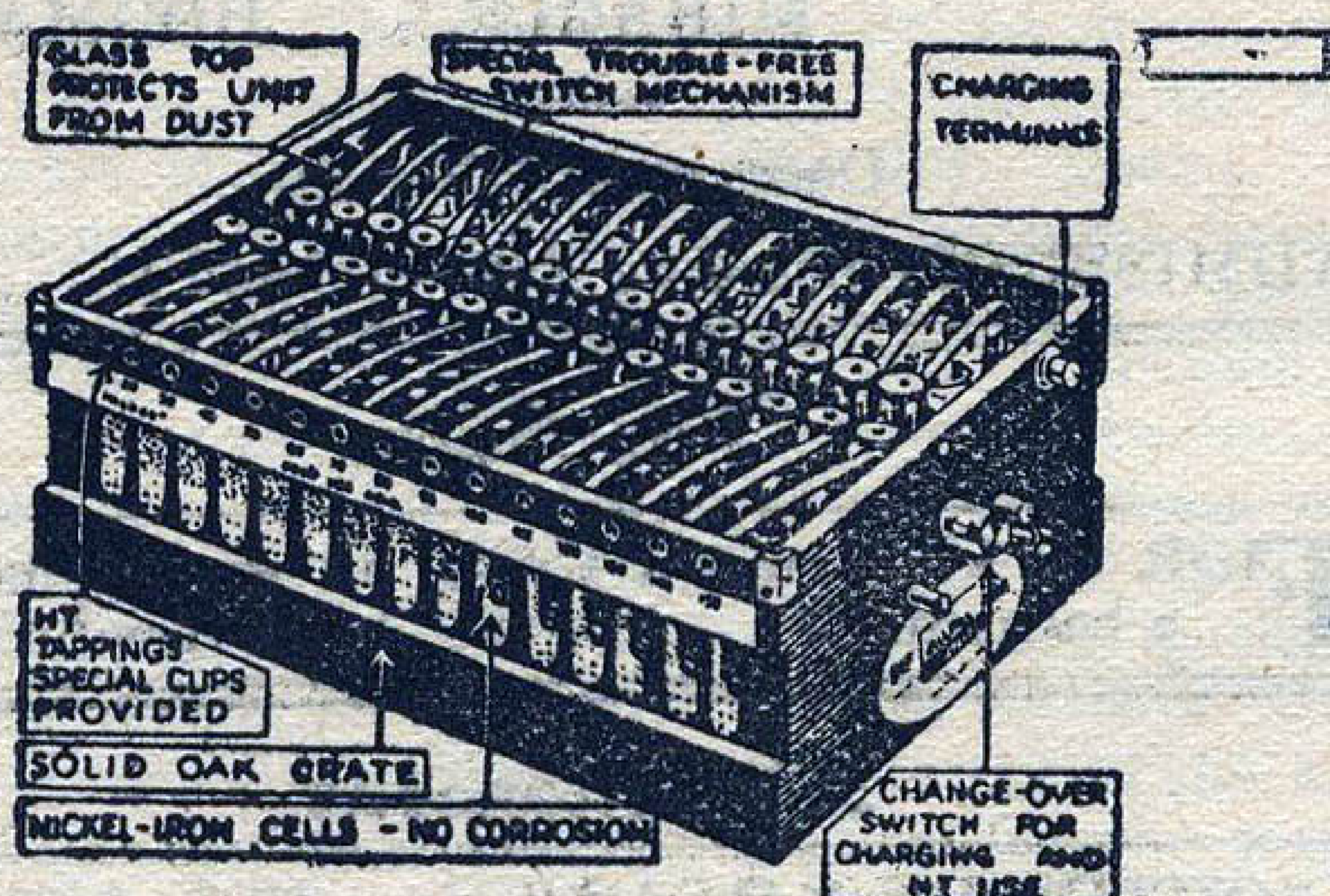
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THE Merchants observed their usual monthly holiday yesterday, when they were favoured with really fine weather.

LIEUT.-COM. TUFNELL, of Garpel, the National candidate, has been elected Member of Parliament for Cambridge. Lieut.-Com. Tufnell owns several farms in this district, and is a frequent visitor.

It now turns out that the correspondent who forwarded the news of Mr Tom M'Alistair Wallace and the Scottish Dramatic Company on tour in Canada was Mrs E. H. Hawkins, née Miss E. H. Weir, late of Heathfield, Muirkirk. We thank Mrs Hawkins for her thoughtfulness.

SIGNS OF SPRING.—The weather during the past few days has been decidedly pleasant, and other signs of Spring are not a-wanting. The nest of a mavis, replete with eggs, was discovered the other day in the district, while jackdaws are also busy house-building. The fine spell has also tempted local pigeon fanciers to pair their birds, and we hear of eggs and youngsters in the nests. Then, of course, there are Hogg's rhubarb tarts!

BIBLE CLASS SOCIAL.—The members of the Congregational Bible Class held a social and dance in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday of last week. There was a fine attendance, and Rev. J. B. Wilson presided, and Mrs Wilson was also present. Tea, purveyed by Mrs Scott, was enjoyed, after which the tables were cleared away and the company indulged in dancing until midnight. The evening was enjoyed by all.

DRAMATIC.—On Wednesday first, in the Dundas Hall, a Muirkirk audience will have the opportunity of seeing and hearing the Catrine Corrie Players in a programme of Corrie plays. The activities of this band of talented actors are well known, they being winners of the Ayrshire Festival in 1930-31-32, and the Socialist Festival at Glasgow in 1932, while on two occasions they have been in the finals of the Scottish Community Drama Association festivals, with about 150 teams competing. These performances speak for themselves, and the Players should have a large audience to play to on Wednesday.—See advt.

SILVER BAND WHIST DRIVE.—The popularity of the game of whist in Muirkirk at the moment was again proved on Monday evening, when between eighty and ninety players attended a whist drive held by the Parish Silver Band Committee in the Band-room. Mr S. C. Matthews was in control, and under his guidance the event passed off successfully and enjoyably. At the close of play the highest scorers were found to be:—Ladies—1 Mrs J. Fleming (174), 2 Mrs W. Archibald (170), 3 Mrs J. Beresford (169), after a cut with Mrs P. Paterson (169); gentlemen—1 Mr R. F. M'Call (175), 2 Mr Bert Dempster (174), 3 Mr D. M'Kay (172).

LIMELIGHT LECTURE.—Under the joint auspices of the Co-operative Educational Committee and Women's Guild, what should prove to be a most interesting lecture is to be given in the Dundas Hall on Tuesday evening first. The lecturer, a well-known speaker, is Mr James Orr, Glasgow, and his subject will be "Co-operative Production." Mr Orr's address will be illustrated with lantern slides, hence the audience will be able to see for themselves the various stages that Co-operative goods pass through in course of production, as well as the conditions under which they are produced. Free samples of various products are also to be given away.—See advt.

E. U. WOMEN'S UNION.—The monthly meeting of the E. U. Congregational Church Women's Union was held in the Church on Tuesday evening, when Mrs Campbell Wilson presided over a very large attendance. The speaker for the evening was Miss Mulvein, and her able address on "John Wesley" was attentively followed by an interested audience. Tea was served and enjoyed, while vocal solos were tastefully contributed by Mrs S. M'Culloch and Mrs Kirkwood (Glenbuck), and violin and pianoforte selections tunefully played by Mrs J. B. Wilson and Miss Nan Hunter, A.T.C.L. The various piano accompaniments were played by Miss Nan Hunter and Mrs Mackenzie (Glenbuck), while Miss Wylie presided at the organ. Rev. J. B. Wilson was present, and gave a few remarks. At the close of a pleasant meeting, on the call of Mrs Wm. Jack, vice-president, the usual votes of thanks were heartily accorded.

MUIRKIRK DIVORCE ACTION.

HUSBAND REFUSED A DIVORCE.

A husband who on returning home from work one night found the house closed and his belongings in a box on the doorstep has been refused decree of divorce by Lord Fleming in the Court of Session because he never took any steps of any kind to induce his wife to resume cohabitation with him.

The action was by David Forbes, surface roadman, Pearson's Buildings, Smallburn, Muirkirk, against Joan Millar or Campbell or Forbes, whose present address was unknown to the pursuer.

His Lordship said the parties were married in 1905, and appeared to have lived quite happily together until the war. At the time of the marriage the defender was a widow, and had a family of daughters by her former marriage.

MUNITION WORKERS.

The pursuer's suggestion was that these daughters

were earning large wages as munition workers during the war, and that this caused the defender to become discontented with her lot in life.

His account of the desertion was that, on returning home from his work one evening in March, 1916, he found his house closed and his own belongings in a box on the doorstep.

He subsequently learned that the defender had gone to Glasgow with her daughters, and had also taken with her the children of the marriage between him and her.

Since that time the pursuer and defender had never lived together, and had in fact never seen, spoken, or written to one another. The defender, along with the children of both marriages, was now in America, having gone there about four or five years ago.

NO REQUEST TO RETURN.

It was clear that the defender, without just cause, separated herself from the pursuer, but the difficulty in the case was that the latter never took any steps of any kind to induce her to resume cohabitation with him.

If the pursuer had made a request to his wife to resume cohabitation, it was by no means clear that that request might not have resulted in their cohabitation being resumed.

In the whole circumstances his Lordship felt constrained to take the view that the fair inference, in the pursuer's own evidence, was that he acquiesced in the defender's desertion of him, and that he accordingly was not entitled to decree of divorce.—*Daily Record and Mail.*

Correspondence.

CONDITION OF ROADS, ETC., ON SOUTHSIDE.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—While it is perfectly true that a considerable improvement has taken place in the sanitary conditions on the Southside district of our village by the abolition of the dry closets, it is most unfortunate that the same thoroughness has not been devoted to the improvement of the roads in this area. Up until a few days ago the place had a striking resemblance to a duck-pond, but it is pleasing to note that men are now at work trying to remove some of the mud from the roads that was lying to a considerable depth in many places. It is also true that an effort has been made in some of the Rows to repair the roads, but I am afraid it is only an effort, and a poor one at that.

In Kames Row slag of a good size has been thrown indiscriminately here and there, much to the discomfort of the unfortunate people who have to trample over it, and to the motors and other vehicles which have to pass across the rough and undulating surface. How those responsible have arrived at the finding that this will meet with the necessity for a much-needed improvement in the roads in this locality passes the comprehension of the people resident there.

When one views the general conditions of the roads on the Southside it is amazing why a proper effort was not made to raise them to the same standard as what prevails in the other parts of the village. What is really wanted is a proper bottom to be put down and rolled, and then a smooth surface applied. I feel there is nothing to prevent this being done if any consideration whatever was given to the needs and comforts of the people. The efforts that are being made now at roadmaking in this district take one back to another age, and are not consistent with what one would expect in a century of scientific advancement. It is also regrettable to find that debris is still lying strewn all over the place, and in the semi-lit condition of many parts of this suburb this constitutes a positive danger.

A little more light in this place is absolutely necessary; why it is not there now is best known to those responsible, but perhaps this will be graciously granted by another winter.

I would also crave your indulgence, Sir, to draw the Local Committee's attention to the state of the children's playground (so called) in this locality. If ever there was a scene of desolation and dilapidation you will find it there. The whole fence that surrounds the place is badly in need of repair, and the playground itself (if it is possible to call it that) is a positive disgrace to those responsible for its upkeep and control. The whole place is full of pit-falls, and these have been there since the ground was devoted for the purpose described above.

A few swings are considered sufficient to entertain the children of this area with a population of well over one thousand; surely the time has now arrived to consider the introduction of some other form of amusement for the benefit of the children.

I trust that with the advent of Spring, which is the season of hope, some real effort will be made to have this playground put into some semblance of what one would expect to be associated with a place for children.

Lavish promises were made to the people in this district at the last local elections. I trust that those who made them are still in the same frame of mind, and that they are going to be implemented at the earliest possible moment.—I am, yours, etc.,

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GLENBUCK.

WHIST DRIVE.—The Committee of the Public Hall held a whist drive on Thursday night of last week. There was a large turnout, and Mr John Shankly conducted. After an enjoyable drive the following were declared the winners:—Ladies—1 Miss Mary Allison (179), 2 Mrs N. M'Kenzie (Muirkirk) (176), 3 Mrs D. Kirkwood (Muirkirk) (174); gentlemen—1 Mr John Dalziel (180), 2 Mr Thos. Menzies (174), 3 Mr John Symington (Muirkirk) (172). At the close of play Mr Shankly thanked the patrons for their splendid support.

GLENBUCK PARISH CHURCH—PRESENTATION.—A happy meeting of Sunday School teachers and members of the Women's Guild took place in the Manse on Monday evening last, when the presentation of a handsome silver teapot was made to Miss Mary Allison in view of her approaching marriage to Mr James Anderson, Muirkirk. Mrs Mackenzie presided, and spoke highly of Miss Allison and of her good work as a member of the Guild, and on behalf of all the members wished her much happiness. Rev. C. A. Mackenzie also spoke in appropriate terms. Mr James Kirkwood, superintendent of the Sunday School, then dealt with Miss Allison's faithful service as a valued Sunday School teacher, and said she would be much missed from their number. He then made the presentation, with all good wishes. Thereafter, Mrs Mackenzie entertained the company to tea.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

- February 23—Muirkirk Cairntable Homing Club (Glenbuck Section) Whist Drive and Dance.
- March 16—Glenbuck Old Folks' Re-union. Dance will follow.

The mistress of the house was explaining the household duties to the new maid. "This," she said, "is a very valuable Persian rug." She paused, and added, "I want you to be very careful when you clean it, as it is very old and has been in the family for generations." The new maid nodded understandingly. "I can quite see it is old, ma'am," she said, "but I daresay we can make it last through the summer if we are careful."

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Local Intelligence.

WELFARE WHIST.—In the Institute Hall last week the card contest attracted a crowd of players, and the prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs P. Burrell (Douglas West), 2 Mrs D. Calder (Douglas West), consolation Mrs A. Murray (Douglas West); gentlemen—1 Mr H. Gardiner, 2 Mr W. Stevens, consolation Mr D. Haggart.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Play in Lanark District mixed couples championship commenced on Wednesday evening in Victoria Hall, Douglas. There was a large entry of local pairs and members of all the district clubs, and a large crowd of spectators followed the ties closely and frequently applauded the many spirited rallies. The Douglas entrants were somewhat unfortunate to be drawn against each other in the early rounds, but one pair qualified for the semi-final. The couples who qualified for this stage were Miss M. Frame and J. Robertson (Lanark Y.M.C.A.), Miss Hynds and D. Nicol (New Lanark), Miss Newbigging and W. Wilson (Lanark), and Miss I. Steel and R. Ellis. In the first semi-final the Y.M.C.A. couple beat the Lanark pair, and, it being nearly midnight, play had to be postponed. The final ties were played off at Lanark on Thursday, when the Douglas pair beat the New Lanark couple, but fell in the final tie to Miss M. Frame and J. Robertson, who thus won the honour. The final tie in the gentlemen's pairs competition, postponed from the previous week, was played off, and J. Frame and J. Robertson (Lanark Y.M.C.A.) defeated E. Stuart and J. Ellis (Douglas) 17-15, 15-12, and thus both titles went to the Y.M.C.A. Club. In the single-hand championship A. Gardiner and E. Stuart, of Douglas Club, qualified for the semi-final.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.—At a congregational meeting last Wednesday in New St. Bride's Church commissioners were appointed to appear before Lanark Presbytery in connection with the call to the Rev. Jas. W. Girvan. The Rev. Mr Morton, Lesmahagow, presided, and it was unanimously resolved to nominate the reverend gentleman to the Presbytery as Moderator during the vacancy.

CURLERS' SUPPER.—The game of curling locally depends solely on weather conditions, but the annual supper of our old-established Curling Club is a fixed festival, and must be held whether it hails, rains, or snows, on the second Friday in February, hence the yearly function took place in the Douglas Arms Hotel last Friday evening. President Jas. M'Laren presided over a fair assembly of members, and delegates were present from Lanark and Lesmahagow Clubs. After grace had been said by the Rev. A. Salmond Smith, a fine repast was served up in Mrs M'Dowell's best style, and enjoyed. The Chairman then welcomed those present, remarking that he would have been pleased if there had been a larger turnout of members. Mr S. Morrison Lamb sang the Douglas Curling Song, after which a toast list was gone through. Rev. A. Salmond Smith, proposing “Scotland's Ain Game,” referred to the jovial good fellowship which always marked the roaring game, and the good sportsmanship shown either in winning or losing a game. In an amusing speech Mr Meghay (Carmichael) proposed “Curlers' Sweethearts and Wives,” his sallies evoking much laughter, and Mr A. Clarkson briefly replied for the ladies. The principal toast of the evening—“Douglas Curling Club,” was proposed in a felicitous manner by Mr Tr. Brown, Lanark, who referred to the age of the Club (which was founded in 1792), the fine players the Club had produced, and the many fine contests they had taken part in. The President thanked Mr Brown for the way he had proposed the toast, and hoped that after the Club's long career this present generation would not let it go down. The “International Rink” was briefly proposed by Mr D. Provan, and the skip, Mr Jas. Brown, replied on behalf of his team (Messrs A. Clarkson, J. Lamb, and A. Affleck), declaring that as long as he continued to play he would feel it an honour to enter as J. Brown, Douglas. The “Club Secretaries” was proposed by Mr J. Lamb, and on behalf of Mr R. Taylor and himself, Mr Jas. Walker replied. During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs A. Affleck, J. Allison, Dr G. M'Feat, A. Provan, Rev. A. S. Smith, S. M. Lamb, J. Fleming (Lesmahagow), Jas. Walker, and J. Wilson. Many old favourite numbers were sung, with the company joining in the choruses, and in addition many pawky stories were related by those present. Mr W. Paterson rendered valuable aid at the piano, and the Chairman expressed thanks to those who had contributed to the programme. On the motion of Dr G. M'Feat, the Chairman was cordially thanked for the manner in which he had carried out his duties, and he was accorded musical honours. The singing of “Auld Lang Syne” brought a very pleasant function to a close.

GOLF WHIST.—At last Thursday's card contest in the Lady Home School the first prizes went to Miss L. Fell and Mr R. Ronney (Douglas West), while the low score awards were won by Miss M. Thorburn and Mr John Murdoch.

CAFE CHANTANT.—The annual social gathering of the Young People's Guild of Old St. Bride's Church is always taken advantage of by the Guild Players to produce before their own members the playlets with which they compete at Lanark Drama Festival, and to-morrow night they are to produce three one-act plays, viz.:—“Glensheugh,” “Blood Royal,” and “The Devil among the Skins,” so that they should form the basis of a very attractive entertainment.

INCHES BOWLERS' RE-UNION.—Inches Carpet Bowling Club, during the years of its existence, earned almost all the premier honours in a playing sense, and although it has not functioned as a club for a long time, the members delight in keeping in touch with each other, and hence their annual re-union is eagerly anticipated. The fourth yearly gathering, and the largest yet held, took place in the Commercial Hall on Saturday evening, when Mr John M'Millan presided in his usual pawky manner. After a repast had been served up in Mrs Gray's usual bounteous manner, a short musical programme followed, the contributors being Miss M. Wilson, and Messrs J. Crawford, W. Wilson, M. Love, J. M'Laughlan, J. Clark, W. Love, R. Porteous, J. Chalmers, J. Steel, and J. M'Millan. In the midst of the programme Mr J. Chalmers, of Glassford, surprised the Chairman by presenting him, in the name of the company, with a beautiful pipe and tobacco pouch, referring to Mr M'Millan's long association with the Club and his services in connection with these re-unions. Mr M'Millan, although taken by surprise, expressed his thanks for the gifts. The floor having been cleared, a merry dance followed, the music being supplied by Mr R. Prentice on his violin. Mr M'Millan ruled that only old favourite dances would be on the programme, and the zest with which those present danced the figures was proof of their enjoyment, and soon the menfolk “yoked tae t” in their shirt sleeves. Thus memories of old-time dances in the barn at Debog were recalled, and a very enjoyable re-union ended on a happy note.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Congratulations are in order to-day to Mr and Mrs Dugald Cameron, B a foot, Douglas, they having been wed at Leadhills on 15th February, 1884, and thus they celebrate the 50th anniversary to-day. Although a native of Leadhills Mr Cameron has long been a resident in Douglas, and carried on business as a carting contractor. He is deservedly well-known and respected, and both he and his wife are comparatively hale and hearty. It is to be hoped they may long be spared to each other. A curious coincidence is that on the same night another couple, Mr and Mrs Adam Paterson, were wed, and still reside in Leadhills. Mr Cameron is president of Douglas Victoria Bowling Club.

BOUNCE BOWLING MATCH.—At Coalgill on Saturday evening the annual bounce carpet bowling match—Town v. Country—took place. Messrs C. Coubrough and W. Scott skipped the two town rinks, while Messrs Jas. M'Laren and A. Provan guided the opposition. A merry contest ended in a decisive victory for the townsmen, but all enjoyed a happy night.

CHURCH CEREMONY.—Next Sunday at the noon service in Old St. Bride's Parish Church an interesting ceremony is to take place. The Earl of Home is to unveil the two memorial stained glass windows gifted to the church, and Rear-Admiral Paul is to unveil a memorial tablet erected to the descendants of the Willises of Parishholm, Douglas.

AMBULANCE CLASSES.—The local ambulance classes at Douglas and Douglas West were examined by Dr Collier, Rigside, last weekend. The result of this test was highly satisfactory, and a large percentage of the pupils are due to receive certificates of merit.

FOOTBALL WHIST.—Women predominated in the Masonic Hall on Monday evening when a competition in aid of Douglasdale Juniors was held. The prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs W. Young (Glespin), 2 Mrs A. Murray (Douglas West), consolation (after a cut) Miss A. Watson; gentlemen—1 Mr A. Aikman, 2 Mr W. Clarkson, consolation Mr R. M'Cartney.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL.—On Tuesday the Welfare Women's social evening was mainly filled in with merry dancing after the usual cup of tea. There was a large turnout of members.

FOOTBALL.

DOUGLASDALE V. NEWTON VILLA.—Our local juniors had a highly creditable result at Newton on Saturday, when they took two League points at the expense of the strong-going Villa team. These splendid returns should help to arouse local enthusiasm. A Press report of the game reads:—“The visitors used the wind to better advantage. The Villa forwards played a close-passing game, which was frustrated by the Douglasdale defence packing their goalmouth. When the visitors had the wind at their backs they made progress with long, easy passes. After a goalless first half Graham and Menzies scored for Douglasdale. Dunn brought the lead down from the penalty spot with the last kick of the game.” The game thus resulted: Douglasdale, 2; Newton Villa, 1.

DALE'S DOINGS.—One old favourite is due to take the field on Saturday when Carluke Rovers pay a League visit to Douglasdale. This should prove a very interesting fixture, and with the later kick-off (3.30 p.m.), a good attendance should be the result.

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—Inserted by her mother.

**THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER
AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE,
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1934.**

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.S.—You are quite right, and we plead guilty. Quite a number have reminded us.

Local News.

A RAIL excursion to Ayr on Saturday evening last attracted 130 passengers from Muirkirk.

LAMBS are already making their appearance in the district—another sign of Spring.

PIPE BAND WHIST.—The prize-winners at last week's whist drive were:—Ladies—1 Mrs Peter Paterson (193), 2 Mrs Norman M'Kenzie (177), 3 Mrs A. Boland (173); gentlemen—1 Mr Jas. Morran (174), 2 Mr John Mackin (173) 3 Mr Alex. Rattray (173). Mr D. Hendry conducted, and seventeen tables were occupied. At the close Mr A. Logie thanked the patrons for their attendance.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr James Woodburn, 7 Mid-house Row, passed away with startling suddenness yesterday morning. Mr Woodburn, who was employed as weighman and magazine keeper by Messrs Bairds & Dalmellington, Ltd., at the Iron Works here, was proceeding home for breakfast about nine o'clock when he collapsed on the roadway at Linkieburn, and when medical aid was procured life was found to be extinct. Death was due to heart failure. Mr Woodburn was 50 years of age, and a bachelor. He was a manager of Kames Mission Church, and cashier of the Penny Savings Bank connected with the Church.

COURT NEWS.—At Cumnock J.P. Court on Tuesday of last week a vagrant pled guilty to a charge of breach of the peace at Bridge Street and Wellwood Street, and was fined 30/- with the option of twenty days' imprisonment. He decided to take the "rest cure." At the same Court on Monday of this week a local man appeared on a charge of wife assault and breach of the peace. He pled guilty and was fined 10/-, a week being allowed for payment. The escapades of two local schoolboys had a sequel at Ayr Sheriff Court on Monday, when they were charged with theft by housebreaking. Both pled guilty, and sentence was deferred until 25th July. The boys had forced the door of Mr R. Young's workshop and helped themselves to several tools, which were later used to prise a window at the Co-operative Society's premises. It seems they made two attempts at the Store before gaining admittance. The spoils in the latter adventure took the form of sweets.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIAL.—The annual social, concert, and dance held by Muirkirk Co-operative Society, Ltd., took place on Friday night, and proved a most enjoyable function. For tea patrons were accommodated in the Dundas Hall as well as the Temperance Hall, and the appetising beef-steak pie and other good things provided were the source of general approval. Afterwards the whole company was accommodated in the Temperance Hall, presided over by Mr Thos. Morrison, president of the Society. Delegates from neighbouring Societies were present, as well as representatives from the local bodies connected with the Society. Mr Morrison, in his introductory remarks, quoted interesting figures to show the progress of the Society. During the past year, he said, the sales had amounted to the splendid total of £64,458, while dividend paid or credited to members totalled £9,188. In addition, during the year £1,397 had been paid for interest on members' share and loan capital. (Applause). Thereafter the company were entertained by a sextet of talented artistes, including Miss Mary Thomson, soprano; Miss Beth Mitchell, contralto; Mr John Watson, tenor; Mr Claud Williams, the deceptive joker; and Mr Jack Donaldson, entertainer; with Miss Betty Govan at the piano. The programme submitted was well varied, and judging from the applause and demands for encores the efforts of each of the artistes were heartily appreciated. At the conclusion of a most enjoyable concert the customary votes of thanks were accorded on the call of Mr James Morrison (Auchinleck) and Mr Andrew Crosbie (Glenbuck), after which the company were upstanding and joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne." The dance which followed was largely attended, and also was fully enjoyed, the music being supplied by Wilson's Band.

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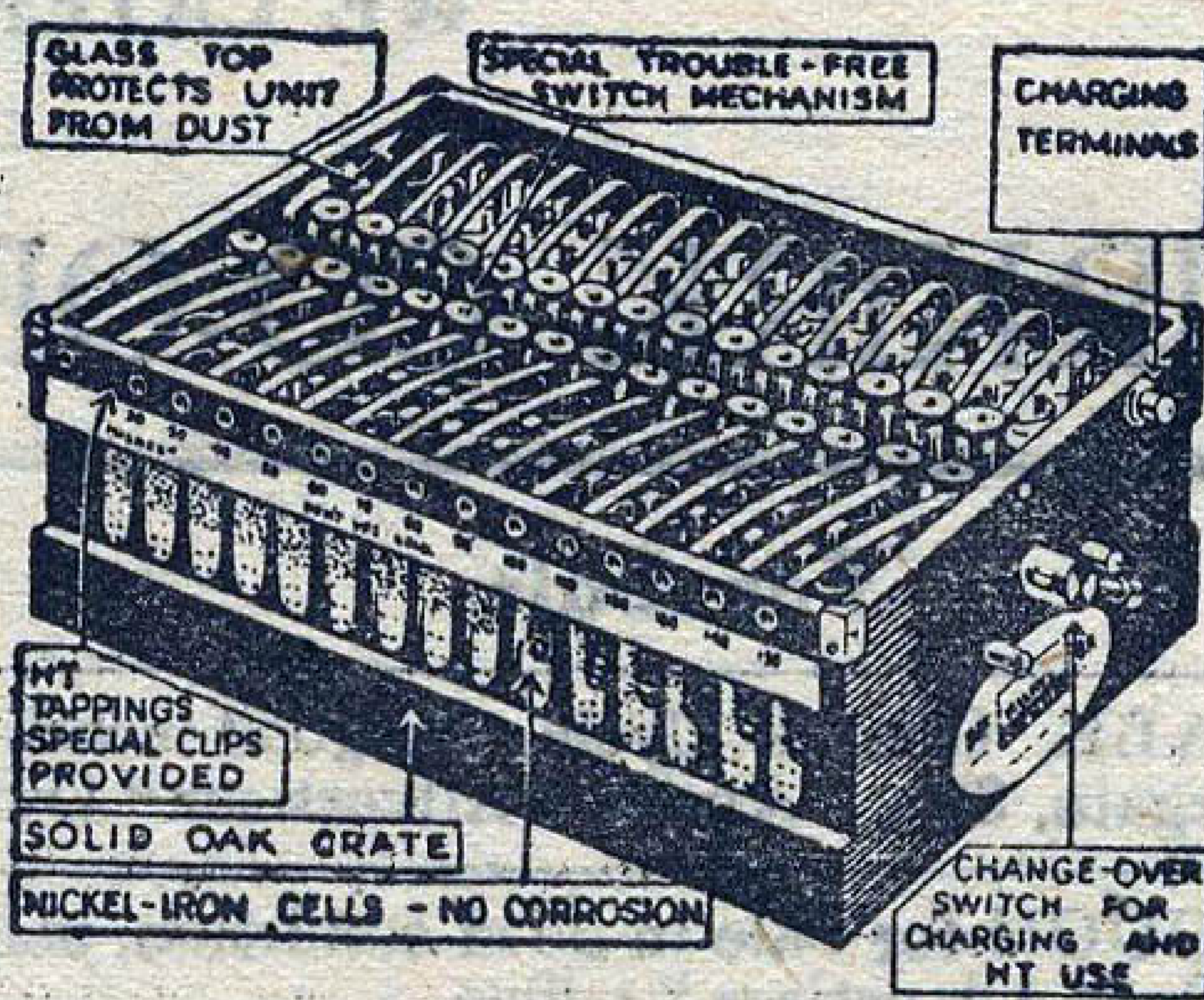
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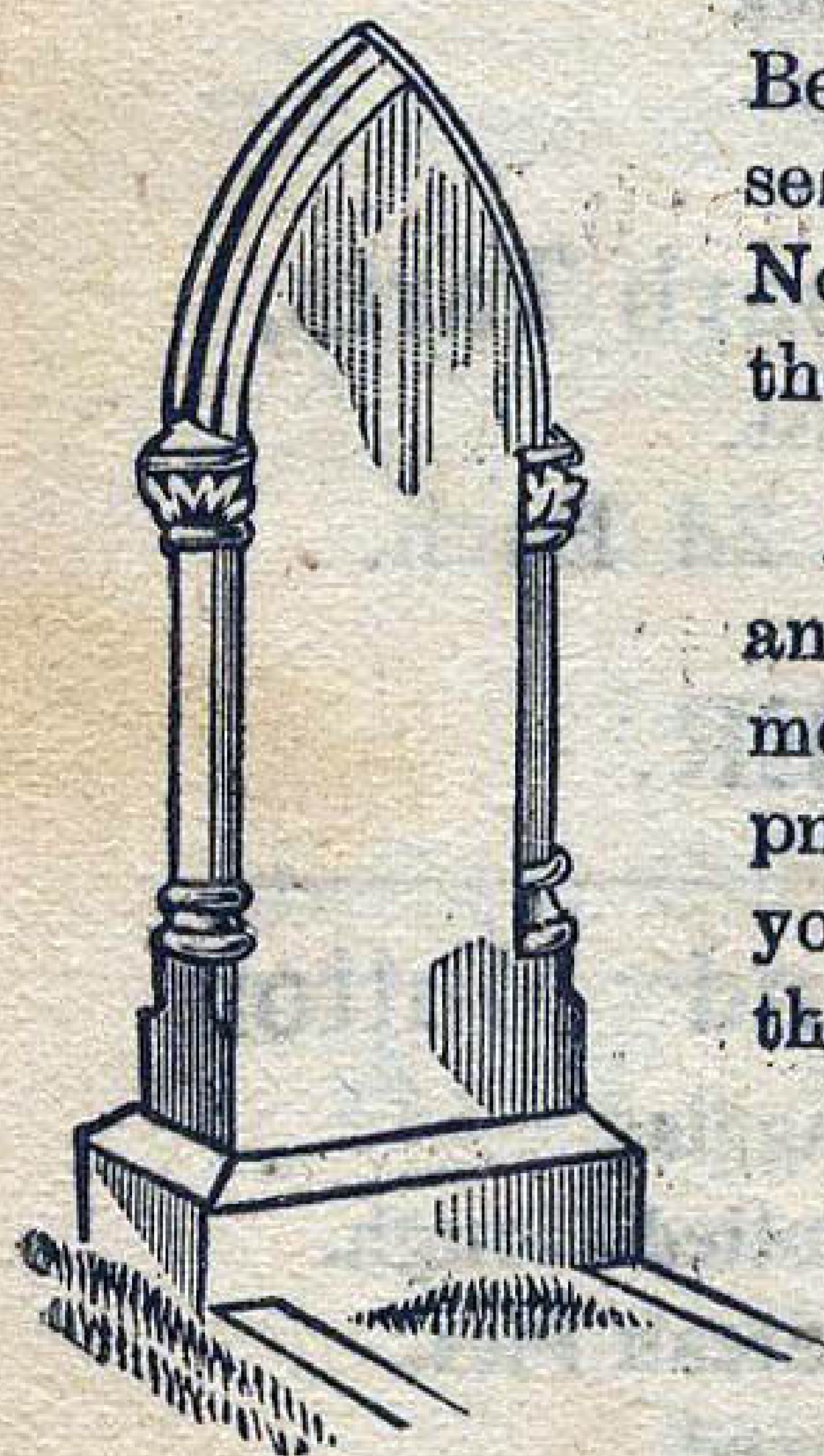
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March 21—Concert by Miss Nan B. Hunter's Pupils, Percussion Band, and Artistes.
April 6—Muirkirk Physical Culture Club Gymnastic Display and Dance.

SILVER BAND WHIST.—Twenty-two tables were occupied at the whist drive held by the Silver Band Committee in the Band-room on Monday night, and Mr S. C. Matthews conducted. The prize-winners were:—Ladies—1 Miss S. Barrie (180), 2 Mrs D. Love (175), 3 Mrs J. Fleming (174); gentlemen—1 Mr D. M'Skimming (177), 2 (after a cut) Mr H. Hamilton (174), 3 Mr P. Cannon (174).

WELLWOOD CHURCH WOMAN'S GUILD.—An open meeting of the Guild was held in the Church on Thursday evening of last week, when the attendance was probably the largest of the session. Mrs Jack, president of the Guild, occupied the chair. After tea had been enjoyed, Mrs Fettes addressed the Guild on "Making the Most of Life." The speaker treated her subject from various angles, and her remarks proved most interesting, and were greatly appreciated. Vocal solos were tastefully rendered by Miss Dalgarno and Miss E. Wilson, while Miss Dalgarno and Mrs Jas. Hodge contributed a duet in pleasing manner. Miss E. Wilson again proved a fine accompanist. At the close of a pleasant meeting the usual votes of thanks were accorded on the call of Mrs Jack and Mrs Wood.

LIME-LIGHT LECTURE.—There was a good attendance in the Dundas Hall on Tuesday last to hear Mr Miller, who was deputising for Mr Orr of the S.C.W.S. Advertising Department, deliver a lecture on "Co-operative Productions." Mr Miller covered a wide field in the course of his address, and as the slides, many and varied, were thrown on the screen, showing the ramifications of the Co-operative Movement in the realms of production, each was briefly explained by the lecturer. Noticeable features about the interior of the different factories which were shown on the screen were the cleanliness and hygienic conditions prevailing in each, the white garb of the employees also being conspicuous. It was most interesting to hear Mr Miller explain some of the intricate machinery which operates inside the huge buildings at Shield-hall, while the machine used for printing the tin containers came in for special mention. The success of the lecture was in a large measure due to the efficiency of the lanternist, Mr R. K. Wilson, whose manipulation of the lantern left nothing to be desired. Mr Morrison also carried out the duties of chairman in his usual capable manner. At the close of the lecture the usual votes of thanks were accorded, and a goodly sample of Co-operative productions was given to each adult on leaving the hall. The lecture was organised under the joint auspices of the Women's Guild and Educational Committees, and was a distinct success.

CO-OPERATION.—The quarterly meeting of the members of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, Ltd., was held in the Dundas Hall on Thursday evening of last week. There was a large attendance, and Mr Thomas Morrison, president, occupied the chair. The synopsis of minutes of last quarterly meeting and the meetings of the Board of Management were approved without comment, after which the Chairman summarised the transactions of the Society for the past quarter. This showed that the sales amounted to £16,382 8s 10d, a decrease when compared with last quarter of £48 13s 2d. After paying trade charges, and allocating £355 for interest on share and loan capital, depreciations of £88 10/- on fixed stock, machinery, and buildings, and £76 19s 1d premium on Collective Assurance, the divisible profit was £2,538 6s 8d, which was allocated as follows:—£2,457 for members' dividend at 3/- per £1 on purchases, £5 to Reserve Fund, £10 to Education, £20 to Jubilee Fund, £40 reserved for taxes, and the balance, £6 6s 8d, carried forward. After Mr Morrison had read the auditors' report the balance sheet was duly adopted. Mr R. Crosbie reported on a meeting of the S.C.W.S., while a report by Mr Neil Black on a sitting of the Ayrshire Conference was read to the meeting. Mr Thos. Morrison was re-elected president of the Society, while for the two seats on the Board of Management Messrs Andrew Clark and Norman M'Kenzie were re-elected. Intimation of the retiral from the Board of Mr Hugh Bell was read to the meeting, and from six nominees Mr Jas. Murdoch was appointed to the vacancy thus caused. Messrs John Gold and Wm. Mitchell, who automatically retire at the end of this quarter were nominated for re-election at next quarterly meeting. Messrs Hugh Anderson and Andrew Clark were re-elected to the Educational Committee. A motion to alter Rule 20 was put forward, but by a large majority the meeting decided that this rule remain the same as formerly. A recommendation by the Committee that the rate of interest on members' share and loan capital be very slightly reduced was agreed to. Mr Matt. Anderson was appointed to represent the Society at the next meeting of the S.C.W.S., and Mr Wm. Caldwell at that of the Ayrshire Co-operative Conference.

TEACHERS' WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.

On the invitation of Mr Gordon and the staff of Muirkirk H. G. School something like one hundred card enthusiasts and dancers assembled in Furnace Road School last Friday evening. Unlike the event of last year, when a snowstorm raged, the weather was fine, so that patrons got to and from the spree in comfort.

The proceedings began with whist, which was conducted in the art room, on small tables, with Mr Gordon in control, and after an enjoyable hour or two the winners were announced as:—Ladies—1 Miss Anderson (Upper Wellwood), 2 Miss Boyd (Glasgow); gentlemen—1 Mr Wm. Inglis (Ayr), 2

Mr W. Shaw Smith (Muirkirk), and Mrs Gordon gracefully handed over the handsome prizes.

The company was then escorted to the school hall, where a nicely-set-out tea was awaiting discussion, and over which Mr Gordon again presided. This item was greatly enjoyed, reflecting much credit on Mrs Tom Hogg, who purveyed, and she was warmly complimented on her service. The speeches were short. Mr Gordon extended a cordial welcome, expressed the hope that all would have a happy time, complimented the Committee on their arrangements and the purveyor on the service, and called for these a vote of thanks, while in turn Mr Wm. Inglis asked the company to show their appreciation of the services of the Chairman. Both requests received hearty responses.

Next the company retired to the gymnasium, which was gaily festooned and ballooned, and "on with the dance" was the order. To the rhythmic and alluring strains of Samson's Band (five players) the company, which filled the hall nicely, tripped "the light fantastic toe" till three o'clock in the morning, with Messrs M'Aulay and Davidson as masters of ceremonies.

With periodical visits to the running buffet (small tables and large portions), no wonder that each and all voted it a most enjoyable function, in which there was no swank, and all fraternised like Jock Tamson's bairns. As a sign of the enjoyment it may be mentioned that practically the whole company joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne" at the end.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Area No. 5 held their February meeting in Millbank, Cumnock, on Monday night. After the minutes had been passed, the resignation of Mr Dunlop from Mauchline was intimated. He has resigned from all public offices owing to pressure of business.

The correspondence from the County Clerk raised some discussion, especially the appointment to the janitorship at Mauchline. It appears that applications had been invited, and when lodged were not considered, as it had been agreed to promote a part-time officer to a full-time job. Nothing came of the protest. The new order for washing of towels was announced—all the parish schools save Glenbuck are included. Then came the intimations about the alterations of the cleaning and janitation, and also the intimation that the janitors' duties had been put into the hands of the headmasters. It was agreed to demand that these same duties should be given to the Parish Sub-committees by giving a copy to each convener, as the last words with regard to the janitors and cleaners are with the local Parish Sub-committees. This was unanimously agreed to.

The Parish Reports were not of more than local interest. The Cumnock one became prominent, as three of their four members had been present, and the one absent tried to upset their unanimous decision over the appointment of cleaners. After records had been sent for, the objections were not sustained. The Muirkirk report contained a unanimous request to get the Cookery Room altered to make it suitable for laundry work, and a request that the range should be put into proper condition. This was done to enable the Master of Works to get the expense into the forthcoming budget.

Various letters from headmasters with regard to improvements were recommended for attention. Then came interviews with three parents for the irregular attendance of their children, and attendance orders were passed. These consumed so much time that two of the Muirkirk members had to leave before the exemptions were dealt with. These numbered two continued cases and seventeen fresh cases.

The attendance returns showed that in the Area the number of school children on the various rolls is 6451, a decrease of 11 from the corresponding period of last year, and the average attendance is 89.30, compared with 90.30 at this time last year.

The Continuation Classes report revealed that many classes had had to be conjoined; others had to be stopped for poor attendance. Commercial English, Commercial Arithmetic, and Commercial Shorthand at Muirkirk were closed down in January. The Cookery and Dressmaking, the Mining, and the Science classes continue, however, till the end of the session.

The new regulations anent necessitous children gave rise to some very pointed remarks with regard to the working of the system in this Area. Though this is a depressed industrial Area, fewer boots, etc., have been dispensed in Auchinleck and Muirkirk than any other similar district, and the question was asked if the scheme of the County Council was being carried out in the proper sympathetic manner, and there it was left.

AYRSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The February meeting of above Committee was held in the County Hall on Tuesday, 13th inst. There was a fair turnout of members. After the minutes of the former meeting had been approved, the report of the Teachers and Staff and School Supplies Sub-committee came under review. There were only five transfers and appointments announced. It was agreed to ask the Director of Education to bring in a report as to schools in which Head Teachers and Infant Mistresses might be expected to engage regularly in class teaching. The vexed question of the cleaners' wages at Ayr was at last settled. A Mr Andrew Ramsay, janitor-cleaner of

Fenwick Public School, was appointed to the janitorship of Mauchline Public School. Mr Wm. Guthrie, Newtonhead Public School, was appointed headmaster of Littlemill Public School. Among the requisitions—fourteen dual desks have been granted to Wellwood School, and seven dual desks to St. Thomas R.O. School.

The School Management Committee issued fresh regulations with regard to the provision of boots, etc., to necessitous children. The main changes are that the Public Assistance Officer instead of the local Attendance Officer will certify as to the correctness of the application forms, but the parents will still have to come before the local School Management Sub-committees. The average attendance at the Junior Day Institutes for the last month was 356, of whom 274 were boys and 82 were girls.

The Bursary Committee submitted a revised Bursary Scheme for 1934-5. The main alterations are in connection with conveyance grants and Secondary Bursaries. With regard to those attending the first three years of a Secondary or Advanced Division School the conveyance grants are the same, but a new form of bursary, to be called Junior Bursaries, is instituted. These bursaries are to enable their holders to complete the final year of their three-years course.

The awards will be Free Education, and a payment of an amount depending on all the circumstances of each case, but normally not exceeding £5 for the full session.

Then Secondary Bursaries are now to be known as Senior Bursaries, and these apply to the last three years of a Secondary Course. The conditions and awards are practically unaltered, except in one important point—that a mid-day meal allowance may be granted to a bursar who is less than three miles from school if the Committee judge that the child cannot return home at mid-day, but every case will be dealt with on its own merits.

With these proposed alterations the Bursary Scheme was passed, and was sent on to get the approval of the County Council and the Scottish Education Department.

The rest of the Bursary Report was taken with details of granting exceptional cases or granting loans.

Then the appointment of Police-Judge Wilson, Ayr, to the Education Committee, in place of the late Police-Judge Burgoyne, was intimated from Ayr Town Council, and this intimation became the occasion of a little manoeuvring to change the personnel of the Teaching and Staff Committee, but after some plain speaking the newly-appointed member got his committee.

After the accounts were passed, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

GLENBUCK.

MUIRKIRK CAIRNTABLE H. C.
(GLENBUCK SECTION).

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GLENBUCK OLD FOLKS' RE-UNION.

Will all natives of Glenbuck, or those who have resided or still reside there, who have attained the age of 60 years, and who were inadvertently omitted in the invitations, please hand or send their names to Mr ALEX V. HAZLE, Secy., 8 Council Bldgs., Glenbuck?

MINING.—Mr Andrew Tait, Grasshill Row, has been successful in obtaining a First Class Mine Manager's Certificate as the result of an examination held at Edinburgh under the auspices of the Board for Mining Examinations. We congratulate Andrew on his success.

GOING to the Homing Club's whist drive and dance to-morrow (Friday) night? Six valuable prizes are up for competition at the whist, and a jolly evening is assured.—See advt.

WHIST DRIVE.—The Committee of the Public Hall held another whist drive on Thursday night of last week, when there was a splendid turnout. Mr John Shankly conducted, and after an enjoyable drive the following were declared the winners:—Ladies—1 Miss Agnes Samson (Muirkirk) (176), 2 Mrs Kelly (171), 3 Mrs H. Smith (170); gentlemen—1 Mr Logie Davidson (177), 2 Mr Thos. Menzies (173), 3 Mr John Hastie, Sen. (170). At the close of play Mr Shankly thanked the patrons for their support.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

March 16—Glenbuck Old Folks' Re-union. Dance will follow.

DOUGLAS.

Sabbath Services.

DOUGLAS OLD ST. BRIDE'S PARISH CHURCH.

SUNDAY SERVICES—

11 a.m.—Sunday School.
12 noon—Rev. A. SALMOND SMITH, B.D.
5 p.m.—Young People's Guild.
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Local Intelligence.

WELFARE WHIST.—At last week's whist drive in the Institute Hall the prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs H. Gardiner, 2 Mrs R. Gold, consolation Mrs D. Burnside (Glespin); gentlemen—1 Mr Jas. Sloan, 2 Mr W. Watson, consolation Mr A. Shankly.

CAFÉ CHANTANT.—The annual social of the Young People's Guild connected with Old St. Bride's Church always attracts a good assembly, but all records were surpassed on Friday evening, when it was held in the Welfare Hall. The large hall was packed almost to capacity. As usual the Guild Players took this opportunity of trying out the playlets with which they compete at Lanark Drama Festival, and these filled the major portion of the programme. The Rev. A. Salmond Smith, B.D., presided, and briefly introduced the Players, who, before tea was served, performed Keith's "Blood Royal," and later produced E. Goodwin's "The Devil among the Skins" and Joe Corrie's "Glensheugh." The plays were varied in type, the first being frankly tragic, the second a humorous sketch remarkably well constructed, and the last a Scottish kitchen comedy. All the plays ran very smoothly, the roles being capably filled, and the players word-perfect. The young folks all enhanced an already creditable reputation, and the entire performance reflects the utmost credit on Mrs Smith, the producer, and all who assisted in training the actors. The playlets all got a splendid hearing, but almost naturally the humorous items were most enthusiastically received. During the acts songs were tastefully rendered by Messrs W. Borland and P. Wilson from Douglas Water, who were aided at the piano by Mr W. Paterson. At the close the Chairman moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to the players, singers, and the Ladies' Committee who had served up the repast, and this was heartily endorsed. After the floor had been cleared the rest of the evening was spent in dancing to the music supplied by Peat's Orchestra from Lanark, who were repeatedly encored for many of their numbers. Although the floor was somewhat overcrowded for comfortable dancing all seemed to enjoy the evening, and Mr Clarkson as M.C. had quite an easy task.

BADMINTON MATCH.—Leadhills badminton team were the guests at New St. Bride's on Wednesday last, and a pleasant contest was the outcome. Some of the individual ties were very keen and the results close, but over all the visitors won somewhat easily. The usual tea and informal dance, music supplied by Mr John Cornelius, Jun., were enjoyed by both teams.

GOLF WHIST.—In the Lady Home School last Thursday evening Mrs D. Calder (Douglas West) and Mr Jas. Taylor won the first prizes, while the low score awards went to Mrs M'Dowell and Mr John Hamilton (Douglas West).

INTERNATIONAL CURLING.—The annual international curling match between Scotland and England took place at Manchester last Thursday. Scotland won by a fair margin of shots, but the Douglas rink, skipped by Mr Jas. Brown, were defeated 17-10 by Preston (J. Hardie).

MEMORIALS UNVEILED.—A large and representative congregation, including many visitors from Glasgow, was present at the noon service in Old St. Bride's Church on Sunday, when a series of interesting ceremonies were performed. After the pastor had opened the service with prayer and praise, Rear-Admiral Paul, O.B.E., unveiled a beautiful tablet to the memory of two brothers—James and Robert C. Anderson, descendants of a well-known Douglasdale family, the Willisons of Auchendaff and Parishholm, Douglas. Then in a short speech full of reverence the Earl of Home, K.T., unveiled two splendid stained glass windows placed on either side of the pulpit. The first depicted "The Good Shepherd," in memory of Isabella Campbell Willison, the gift of her granddaughter, Miss Anderson, Glasgow, who also gifted the tablet to her two brothers. The other window, "Christ Blessing Children," was gifted by Mrs Ralph Scott, Marchmount, Douglas, in memory of her parents and uncle. On behalf of the session and congregation the Rev. A. Salmond Smith, B.D., accepted the gifts, and dedicated them in solemn manner. In his address the pastor, choosing as his theme the building of King Solomon's temple, referred to the place of beauty in life and worship. "When this church was built over 150 years ago," he said, "more attention was paid to strength and durability." He thanked the donors of these additions to help beautify the place of worship. During the service two solos—"Comfort Ye" from "The Messiah" and "If with all your hearts" from "Elijah"—were sung very tastefully by Mr J. W. Torrance, principal tenor of the Glasgow Orpheus Choir. The praise was led by the church choir, with Mr W. Martin Hobkirk, Hon. R.C.M., at the organ. Later the church was open so that the memorials could be inspected. The memorials reflected the greatest credit on the designer and executant, Mr R. Douglas M'Lundie, of the Abbey Studio, Glasgow.

FOOTBALL WHIST.—This week the prize-winners were:—Ladies—1 Mrs L. Mitchell, 2 Mrs A. Murray (Douglas West), consolation Mrs A. Shankly; gentlemen—1 Mr J. Gall, 2 Mr H. Hamilton, consolation Mr W. Stevens.

CROSS IMPROVEMENT.—Work has commenced on the removal of the old house which abuts the Victoria Hall, last occupied by the late Miss M. Pairman. Once this structure has been demolished it will still further widen the crossing at this junction, and will also tend to improve the amenities.

PROPOSED TENNIS COURT.—The want of a local tennis court has long been felt. The old Parish Council was taking steps to get one built when it demitted office, and the matter fell into abeyance. The directors of Douglas Victoria Bowling Club, however, have recently been giving the matter consideration, and on Tuesday evening a special general meeting of members and those interested in tennis was held in the Club pavilion. The large number of young folks of both sexes who were present demonstrated how popular such a recreation ground would be locally. President Dugald Cameron occupied the chair, and called upon Mr Jas. Walker and Mr Jas. Gray (the secretary) to furnish details anent the scheme, and Dr G. M'Feat also made a few encouraging remarks. After some discussion a Committee of intending tennis enthusiasts were selected. On their retiring the special general meeting of members continued the discussion, and at length it was unanimously resolved to proceed with the scheme, the directors being instructed to make the necessary enquiries and urge on the scheme as speedily as possible.

SOCIAL EVENING.—Tea, songs, and dancing made up the entertainment fare in the Women's Hall of the Welfare Institute on Tuesday. There was a large attendance of members, who seemed to enjoy the evening.

NEW DRAMATIC GROUP.—A new band of acting enthusiasts, "The Douglasdale Players," have for some time been actively rehearsing a three-act drama of human interest, with humour interspersed. Some of these players have of old been "on the boards," but they intend producing the play "Annie Laurie" early next month, and it should prove a decided attraction.

DOUGLASDALE ECHOES.

Dalling, with his five goals, was a popular hero on Saturday. Motherwell seniors were said to be present at the game.

All sorts and sizes seemed to be attracted to the Café Chantant, and it was a highly successful function.

The call to the Rev. Jas. W. Girvan was sustained by Lanark Presbytery last week, and the Rev. Mr Morton, Cordiner Church, Lesmahagow, was appointed interim moderator.

The unveiling ceremony drew a large crowd on Sunday, and proved very interesting. The beauty of the windows was much commented on.

A deputation of Glasgow Boy Scouts was present on Sunday, as one of the brothers Anderson was interested in the movement, and our own local Troop attended the function.

The bowlers were astonished how many young folk desired to see them erect a tennis court.

GLESPIN.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

March 2—Glespin S.W.R.I. postponed Concert and Dance.—C.S., Secy.

DOUGLAS WEST.

SPECIAL WHIST.—On Saturday, 10th inst., the Institute Committee ran a whist drive in the Welfare Hall, when a special top score prize was the bait. There was a fair assembly of card players from all over the district, and the contest, under the guidance of Mr R. C. Kay, ran very smoothly. Tea was served before Mr Kay announced the result of the competition as:—Ladies—1 (after a cut) Mrs W. Young (Glespin), 2 Mrs H. Hamilton (Douglas), consolation Miss J. Watson; gentlemen—1 Mr D. Burnside (Glespin), 2 (after a cut) Mr W. Hamilton, consolation Mr John Gidron. The top score prize was won by a West player, Mr R. Ronney. A short dance followed.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—In the Welfare Hall on Tuesday, 13th inst., the prizes went to:—Ladies—1 Mrs H. Hamilton (Douglas), 2 Mrs J. G. Galbraith (Douglas), consolation Mrs T. Gibney; gentlemen—1 Mr J. G. Galbraith (Douglas), 2 Mr A. Alexander, consolation Mr W. Wilkinson (Douglas).—Military whist was the competition in the Welfare Hall on Tuesday evening, and the usual cheery contest took place. The winning team were:—Mrs J. G. Galbraith (Douglas), Mrs S. Prosser, and Messrs W. Prosser, and W. Hamilton, with 32 points.

WEST WHISPERS.

The Institute yearly competitions are now in full swing, and the ties should prove quite interesting.

FOOTBALL.

DOUGLASDALE V. CARLUKE ROVERS.—Willie Dalling, the popular centre-forward of Douglasdale, had a day out on Saturday. Certainly, the 'Dale owe much to his nippiness and dash for their decided victory over Carluke Rovers. The League contest had a sensational opening, for within two minutes, with the 'Dale defence at sea, Knox scored a soft goal for Carluke. Douglasdale settled down, and soon after Milsop had partially saved a Dalling shot. Menzies equalised. Play continued fast and interesting, but after thirty minutes Dalling broke through and scored a second goal for the homesters. A few moments later Willie again neatly beat Milsop, and the 'Dale were value their 3-1 lead at the interval. In the second half Dalling had made Douglasdale's total six and his own share five before Carluke came into the game. They managed to score twice, Dougal and Bryce (from a free kick) being the scorers. For a time they kept the home defenders busy, and seemed keen to snatch the game out of the fire, but on the whole Douglasdale ended worthy winners. Of a strong-going Douglasdale team with no weaklings in their ranks Dalling, Graham, Drennan, and M'Dougal were good, with Stannage as safe as customary. Boyle, Bryce, Dougal, and Muncie were the best of a Carluke team, who seemed to play up only when the points were well lost. The ref-ree on this occasion handled the contest in an able manner, and it was played in a manly, sporting spirit. Teams:—Douglasdale—Stannage; Laird, Dickson; Robertson, Graham, Drennan; M'Dougal, Johnstone, Dalling, Menzies, Bone Carluke Rovers—Milsop; Boyle, Davidson; Lees, Johnstone, Bryce; Dougal, Knox, Jackson, Wilson, Muncie.

'DALE'S DOINGS.—The draw for the next round of the Consolation Cup sends Douglasdale to face Lanark United. The county town team are a strong-going combination, and if the 'Dale could manage a draw there it would be a very creditable achievement, otherwise a good gate may prove their only consolation. On Saturday the 'Dale are due to visit Douglas Water in the League. Early in the season they defeated the Thistle at Crabtree Park, but, whatever the outcome on Saturday, it is hoped that both teams and spectators play the game in a proper sporting spirit.

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