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PRICE ONE PENNY.

Sabbath Services.

KAMES CHURCH.

SUNDAY FIRST—NEW YEAR SERVICES.

11.30—Parade of Boys Brigade Company.

Members meet at Furnace Road School in full uniform at 11.10 a.m.

6 p.m.—New Year's Message—"Better than at your beginning." Soloist—Mrs M'ulloch.

Public Notices.

A YRSHERE MINERS' UNION — MUIRKIRK BRANCH.

The Union Officials desire that there will be as complete a Resumption of Work as possible, commencing THURSDAY NIGHT 10 SHIFT, Day Shift Friday Morning, owing to the National Emergency.

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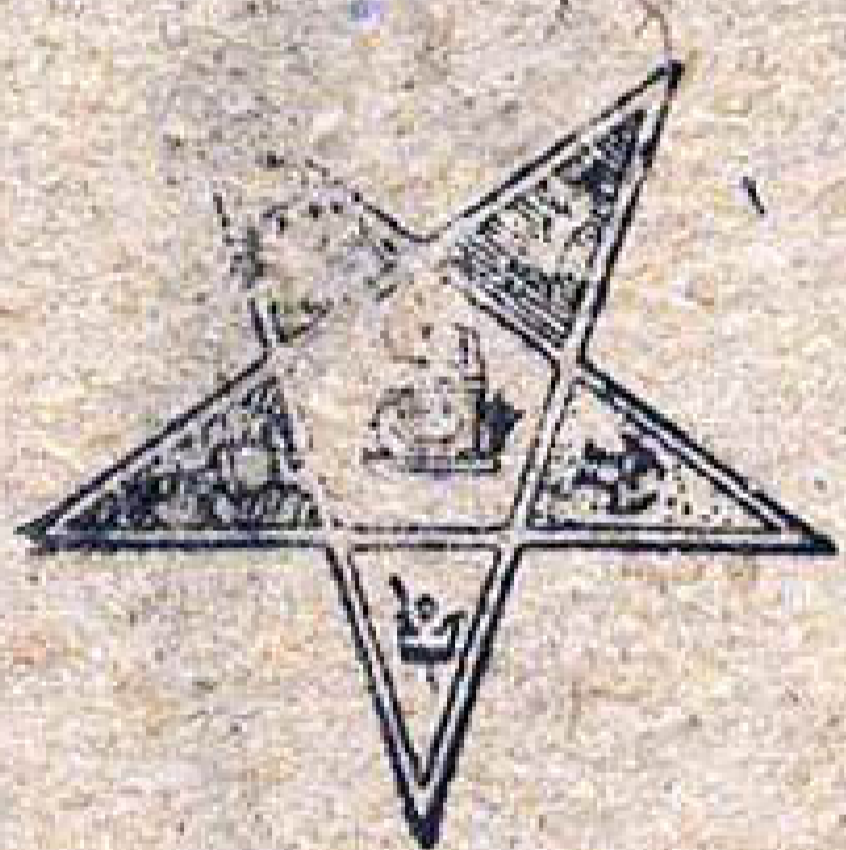
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'BALALAIKA,'

NELSON EDDY, ILONA MASSEY in

The Greatest Musical of all Time.

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The Regal

Cinema, Muirkirk.

TELEPHONE 62.

"STAR-LIT" PROGRAMMES.

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY) at 7 p.m.

Final Showing of MICKEY ROONEY,
LEWIS STONE, CECILIA PARKER,
FAY HOLDEN, and the HARDY FAMILY
in

Judge Hardy & Son

(U)
There's no better Entertainment anywhere.

Also—OUR GANG in
HI! NEIGHBOUR (u)

FRIDAY at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY at 1.30 (Matinee)
and at 5.30 and 8.15 p.m.

SONJA HENIE, RAY MILLAND, ROBERT
CUMMINGS, MAURICE MOSCOVITCH in

Everything Happens at Night (U)

A Picture that's thrillingly different. Excite-
ment, Romance, Comedy, and Drama well
interspersed. Note the talented Cast.

NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY and TUESDAY at 7 p.m.

FRANK MORGAN, VIRGINIA WEIDLER,
SLIM SUMMERVILLE, GUY KIBBEE in

Spats to Spurs (U)

M.G.M.'s noted comedy Success. The bowler-
hatted Rider of the Range just had to wear
Spats! Ride him, cowboy! Here comes
"Buck" Morgan.

Also—RENFREW of the Royal Mounted in
CRASHING THRU (u)

with JAMES NEWILL, JEAN CARMEN,
and WARREN HULL.

Fast Action, catchy Tunes, vivid Story of the
Canadian Wilds.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY at 7.

NELSON EDDY, ILONA MASSEY,
FRANK MORGAN and a Super Cast in

BALALAIKA (U)

A Super Super from M.G.M. Studios.

This is the Musical which it has been our
pleasure to advertise on the screen in recent
weeks. Don't miss it.

Also—

THE MARCH OF TIME.

Note.—Back-shift Matinee on Wed-
nesday at 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY at 1.30 (Matinee)
and at 5.30 and 8.15 p.m.

DEANNA DURBIN and a Grand Cast in

IT'S A DATE (U)

Yes, it's a date—you must just remember,
and see that you keep it.

COMING—

I STOLE A MILLION (a)—George Raft, Claire
Trevor, Henry Armetta.

MY LITTLE CHICKADEE (a)—Mae West and
W. C. Fields.

NICK CARTER, MASTER DETECTIVE (a)—
Walter Pidgeon and Rita Johnson.

THE SHOP AROUND THE CORNER (u)—
Margaret Sullavan and James Stewart.

If it's at the Regal—it's Good.

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Marriage.

HUNTER—DUNLOP.—On 31st December, 1940,
in Rosyth Church of Scotland, by Rev.
Arnold Boyd, Joseph Hunter, son of Mr and
Mrs T. Hunter, Co-operative Buildings,
Muirkirk, to Margaret Dunlop.

Death.

HUNTER.—By enemy action while on duty in
England in December, 1940, Nurse Jessie
(Nettie) Smith Hunter, elder daughter of the
late Mr John Hunter and Mrs Hunter, Glasgow
Road, Muirkirk.

A dearly-loved daughter and sister deeply
mourned.

Mrs Hunter and Mr and Mrs Smith wish to return
grateful thanks to all friends for kind
messages of sympathy extended to them in
their sudden and sad bereavement, also for
the many beautiful wreaths sent. They
also express gratitude to Chief Constable
Maxwell and Sergeant Cadow of Man-
chester for their invaluable assistance in so
many ways.

In Memoriam.

M'CRONE.—In loving memory of my dear wife
and our dear mother, Margaret M'Callum,
who died 5th Jan., 1939. R.I.P.

A light is from our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

—25 Garronhill, Muirkirk.

Sleep on, dear mother, and take thy rest,
They miss you most who loved you best;
Friends are friends if they are true,
But we lost our best friend when we lost you.

—Inserted by David M'Crone, Jun., and Mrs
M'Crone, 27 Garronhill, Muirkirk.

Fondly we loved her, she is dear to us still,
But in grief we must bend to God's holy will;
The sweetest memories are all that are left
Of a dear loving mother, one of the best.

—Inserted by her daughter Mary, and son-in-
law David—Dennistoun, Glasgow.

One of the dearest, one of the best,
God in His glory took her to rest.

—Inserted by her two grandchildren—William
and Francie Kelly.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER
AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1941.

TO ALL OUR READERS AND
ADVERTISERS WE WISH
"A GUID NEW YEAR
AND MONY O' THEM."



Local News.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.—Amongst the principal
awards in the New Year Honours list appears
the name of John Maxwell, Chief Constable of
Manchester. He receives a Knighthood, and we
offer him our heartiest congratulations.

THE NEW YEAR.—The New Year was ushered
in in time-honoured fashion in Muirkirk.
Certainly, celebrations were of a quiet nature,
but first-footing took place as usual. There were no
public functions this year on Hogmanay, although
the Home Guards had a "do" in the Drill Hall.
The Pipe Band paraded on New Year's Day.
The miners had two days' holidays—yesterday
and to-day.

AT THE SHOWS.—At Ayrshire Pigeon Association
Show held at Ayr yesterday, Mr John Taylor
was awarded a third prize with a magpie pigeon,
and Mr W. Shaw Smith a second and a third with
white tumbler pigeons. At a dog show held at
Kilmarnock on New Year's Day, Mr James Brown
won two second prizes and a third with a fox
terrier puppy.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Jan. 16—E. U. Women's Monthly Meeting at 7.15
p.m. Speaker—Mrs Campbell Wilson.
Subject—"Seed-time and Harvest." Solos
will be rendered by Mrs Littlewood. Duets
by Mrs H. Samson and Mrs C. Wilson.
Tea 6d.

MASONIC WHIST.—The weekly whist drive in the Masonic Hall was held on Monday of this week, when a cheery company enjoyed a fine game under the conductorship of Mr James G. Beresford. The successful players proved to be:—Ladies—1 Mrs Robb (177), 2 Mrs Clark (173), 3 Mrs Mathieson (172); gentlemen—1 Mr A. Fleming (172), 2 Mr J. Brown (171), 3 Mr H. Hamilton (171).

AN INVITATION.—In a letter from Mr Robert F. Loggie, East Holywell, Shiremoor, Northumberland, to the Rev. John Henderson, in connection with a parcel that had been delivered to him, but the real owner was unknown, and asking the Minister to assist in the discovery of the recipient (this has now been successfully accomplished), Mr Loggie says — "If there are any local lads in this vicinity my wife (née Marion M'Donald) and I will make them very welcome, and endeavour to make them feel that while in this district there is a place like home for them at Primrose Cottage." Mr Loggie also compliments Muirkirk and the Minister on what they are doing for the lads in the Forces.

XMAS PARTY.—The annual Christmas party of Kames Sunday School was held last Wednesday in the Ironworks Institute. Beginners and Primary children met at 4 o'clock and juniors at 6. Both functions were of a very enjoyable nature, and record attendances were the rule. Mr Findlay, the superintendent, was M.C., and carried through the long and varied programme of events with his usual acceptance and good cheer. A special feature of the evening was the visit of Santa Claus, and much amusement was caused by the endeavour to pierce his disguise, no one claiming the prize. A short address was given by Mr Martin, who also called for three cheers for the Superintendent, who gives such ungrudging labour to make these parties a success. The meeting closed about 10 o'clock, each child receiving a small packet of sweets on retiring.

BIBLE CLASS SOCIAL.—The members of the Old Parish Church Bible Class held their Christmas social and dance in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening. A company numbering over 120 attended, and sat down to a sumptuous knife and fork tea, excellently purveyed by Mrs Hogg and her band of assistants. Mr Martin presided in the absence of Rev. John Henderson, who was busy elsewhere tying matrimonial knots, but who joined the company later. Appetites fully appeased, the hall was quickly cleared of impedimenta, and, after the old but ever-popular "Bee-baw-babbety" had had an innings, the order was "On with the dance, let joy be unconfined." To the up-to-date melodies of Samson's Band, the young folks were soon enjoying the delights of the dance, and with such a display of youth and beauty, and not overlooking the many lovely dresses worn by the young ladies, it was indeed an animated scene. Messrs Thomas Haugh and James Bain were Masters of Ceremonies, but the ladies also had an innings, in that for an hour or so they were allowed to choose their partners, and this part of the programme was under the control of Miss Bet Mathieson and Miss Lily Anderson. At an interval an enjoyable cup of tea helped to renew the energy for the "wee sma' hours." From start to finish the proceedings went with a real merry swing, and it was indeed one of the happiest events yet held under these auspices, and was eventually concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

THE REGAL CINEMA.—The screen's No. 1 personality, Mickey Rooney, honoured the Regal's first show of 1941, and will be seen again to-night (Thursday) along with Lewis Stone and other members of the "Hardy Family" in "Judge Hardy and Son." On Friday and Saturday Sonja Henie, Ray Milland, Robert Cummings, Maurice Moscovitch and a grand cast will present that dazzling film of spectacle, excitement, comedy, and drama—"Everything Happens at Night," one of the famous Fox Studio's most popular productions. The double feature programme on Monday and Tuesday will catch not only the eye, but also your imagination. Frank Morgan with Virginia Weidler and Slim Summerville in "Spats to Spurs" never gave a more entertaining show. The story here is more than entertaining, and with the "bowler-hatted" owner of the range unable to throw off his spats, his many frequent appearances in the "towny" garb are most amusing. Also showing is the catchy tuneful Westerner, "Crashing Thru," with its all-round cast of entertainers. The Management has much pleasure in presenting on Wednesday and Thursday the best musical of all time—"Balalaika." M.G.M. Studios have made many noteworthy musicals, and in "Balalaika" the critics state it is outstanding. Nelson Eddy again heads the large cast. His partner in song on this occasion is Ilona Massey. This film must just be seen. Also showing is the March of Time. Note the backshift matinee on Wednesday at 10.30. A date to be remembered is on Friday and Saturday of next week, when Deanna Durbin appears in "It's a Date." Yes, it's a date to remember! If it's at the Regal—it's good.

VITAL STATISTICS.—Miss Hutchison has kindly furnished us with particulars of births, deaths, and marriages registered at Muirkirk during 1940. Births totalled 60, the lowest on record. The number of marriages registered was 44, which was the same as 1936, and with that year's total the highest since 1923. Deaths numbered 46, which was quite normal, though a decrease from last year.

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE.—Whatever lies ahead in 1941, Picture House patrons are going to start the New Year in the "poshest" possible manner, as a glimpse at the programmes will show. The greatest attraction of 1940, "Rebecca," with Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine and a great cast, screening to-night, Friday, and Saturday, is a picture which everyone who takes any interest in films has heard about and will want to see, and the only comment necessary is it is a gem amongst best-sellers and super films. Moral—Book your seat! A rollicking show is promised on Sunday in "Village Barn Dance," which brings many of America's stage and radio favourites to the screen. This will be greatly enjoyed, as also will be the supporting feature—"Mountain Rhythm," with Gene Autry. Next week two supers in Technicolor will attract their share of attention. The first, which will be screened on Monday and Tuesday, is "Valley of the Giants," a film of happy memory. All who saw it on a former occasion will recommend this film, and indeed they will want to see it all over again. It's superb! The second, and equally as good, is "Heart of the North" showing on Wednesday and Thursday. This is an epic of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and is set in the Frozen North. Big stories, big casts, and all-colour production are features of these two pictures, and both are proved entertainment. Picture-goers can also anticipate with pleasure a visit soon of Laurel and Hardy.—See advt.

MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

Though there was no meeting on Tuesday, the treasurer has to acknowledge three donations—one anonymous of £1, a donation of £1 from the Masonic Lodge, and a donation of £2 16/- from the Bridge Club.

Out of the 201 parcels sent out, five parcels have been returned owing to change of address, but only one soldier will be missed as that parcel came back without name or address, and unless that unfortunate one can intimate that he has not got his parcel it will be difficult to find him. The others have been reposted.

SWAT THAT RAT.

Destroy the loathsome pest which eats £40,000,000 worth of food every year. Swat that rat. In town and country he is helping Hitler to make inroads on our food stores. The major task is for agriculturalists and those responsible for granaries and warehouses, but the householder can do his bit. Keep food and refuse out of the rodents' reach and make your house rat-proof. There are several excellent brands of proprietary rat poisons available, and your chemist will tell you how to use them.

Use the bait in prolific manner. Rats are suspicious, and one dead rat will warn all others away from the food which poisoned it.

In warehouses, factories, shops, and restaurants, use spring or break back, wire cage or sticky-board traps.

Clear away heaps of waste and scrap. Keep your yards clean and starve out the pests.

See that there is no casual water about. Kill them and blockade them. Help in the nation-wide campaign to destroy rats; it is vitally urgent.

Teacher—"Remember, Jimmie, a job done well never wants doing again." Jimmie—"Did you ever mow a lawn?"

"Don't trouble to search for my husband after all," said the wife of our old friend, the professor, ringing up the police, "I've found him in the wardrobe. He had forgotten to take his overcoat off."

Witness at a London Police Court—"I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing like the truth."

"Can I lead a good Christian life in New York on fifteen dollars a week?" a young man once asked Dr Parkes Cadman. "My boy," was the reply, "that's all you can do."

Teacher—"What do we call a man who keeps on talking and talking, even when people are no longer interested?" Boy—"Please, sir, a school teacher!"

Customer—"Isn't the price rather high for such a little pillow?" Shop Assistant—"Well, you see, madam, down is now up!"

Amongst the many applications for an office boy's job received was one that read as follows:—"I am 15 years of age, smart, and said to resemble Mickey Rooney, but, of course, I would not expect anything like his salary."

Picture House.

Telephone 61.

A Happy New Year to All.

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY) at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY at 7 p.m.

Matinee on FRIDAY at 3.30.

SATURDAY at 5.30 and 8.15 p.m.

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR—Selznick International presents, through United Artists—

LAURENCE OLIVIER and JOAN FONTAINE in

REBECCA (A)

During 1940 there have been three outstanding Pictures—'My Son, My Son,' 'Rebecca,' and 'Gone with the Wind.' Many have witnessed 'My Son, My Son' and all praise it as one of the finest pictures screened. 'Gone with the Wind' takes nearly four hours to screen, which robs it of some of its brilliance, but with 'Rebecca,' which takes 2½ hours, we guarantee one of the best Pictures ever presented in Muirkirk.

After the style of "Wuthering Heights," and who did not enjoy that one?

It's a Perfect Picture, magnificently Acted, and will keep you Spellbound throughout.

SUNDAY at 7.30.

RICHARD CROMWELL and DORIS DAY in

VILLAGE BARN DANCE (U)

The gayest Party ever, featuring many American radio and screen personalities. Rollicking and bright.

GENE AUTRY in

MOUNTAIN RHYTHM (u)

Fights, songs, and thrills in a grand Western.

MONDAY and TUESDAY at 7.

By Special Request we proudly present again—

WAYNE MORRIS, CLAIRE TREVOR, FRANK M'HUGH, ALAN HALE, DONALD CRISP, CHARLES BICKFORD

in

VALLEY OF THE GIANTS (U)

All in Brilliant Technicolor.

Warner Bros.' Gigantic Super, crammed with Action, Drama, and Romance amongst the giant Redwoods. Breathless beauty and awe-inspiring spectacle in a film to see and remember.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY at 7.

DICK FORAN, GLORIA DICKSON, GALE PAGE, ALLEN JENKINS, PATRIC KNOWLES, JANET CHAPMAN

in

HEART OF THE NORTH (U)

Filmed in Brilliant Technicolor.

Man against Nature! Law against Outlaw! Savage Wilderness! Primitive Men! A Film Masterpiece of the Frozen North and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

COMING—

LAUREL and HARDY in **SAPS AT SEA.**

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DOUGLAS.

Sabbath Services.

DOUGLAS OLD ST. BRIDE'S PARISH CHURCH.

SERVICE ON SUNDAY FIRST—
 12 noon—Rev. A. SALMOND SMITH, B.D.

NEW ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH.

SUNDAY FIRST—
 12 noon—"What can we do? A new community."
 6 p.m.—"God's ways with men."

Miscellaneous.

SINGER SEWING MACHINES.—Spares, Needles, &c. Messages left with Mrs N. Miller, Newsagent, Cross, Douglas, promptly attended to.

Business Notices.

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Cross Salon, DOUGLAS.

Acknowledgment.

RONNEY.—Mrs T. Ronney and Family desire to thank Dr Somerville for her kind attention, the Rev. J. Mowat, and the gentlemen who attended the funeral. 36 Castle Terrace, Douglas West.

Local Intelligence.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TREAT.—Aided by a gift from the Welfare Institute Committee, the Women's Section of Douglas Miners' Welfare Institute held their annual Christmas treat for children in the Institute Hall on Christmas Eve. Over 150 young folk were present, and were first entertained to a repast of tea, pies, and pastry. The children then adjourned to the large hall where two heavily laden Christmas trees, beautifully decorated, filled the weans' hearts with anticipation. Aided by the Institute Committee the trees were speedily cleared of their treasure, every child present receiving a suitable gift from the hands of Santa Claus. A programme of talkies was run off. At the close each child received a gift of chocolate.

DAUGHTER FOR LORD DUNGLASS.—The birth of a daughter at Springhill, Coldstream, Berwickshire, to Lady Dunglass, wife of Lord Dunglass, M.P. for South Lanark, is announced. Lord Dunglass, heir to the Earl of Home, married in 1936 at Durham Cathedral Miss Elizabeth Alington, daughter of Dr C. A. Alington, the Dean of Durham. This is Lord and Lady Dunglass's third daughter.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS.—On Wednesday evening in the Women's Hall the whist prizes were won by Mrs A. McKenzie and Mrs Jas. Taylor. On Thursday evening the awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs A. McKenzie, consolation Mrs H. Sloan; ladies playing as gentlemen—1 Mrs J. Currie, consolation Mrs W. Foggo.

NEW J.P.—Amongst those who took the oath of Justice of the Peace at Lanark on Saturday was Mr Alex. Prentice, 19 Kilncroft Terrace, Douglas. Mr Prentice thus succeeds to this position formerly held by his father, the late Mr W. Prentice.

MASONIC.—The installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year of Lodge St. Bride, No. 118, took place in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, when Bro. Jas. Linton presided. After the regular business had been transacted, and the balance-sheet (which showed the Lodge to be in a sound condition) had been passed, a deputation from Lodge Hozier, No. 812, headed by acting R.W.M. Thomas Prentice, was welcomed. Bro. Prentice, assisted by Bro. D. Dalton, P.M. of No. 118, conducted the installation in a very lucid manner. The principal office-bearers are:—R.W.M., Bro. George Smith; I.P.M., Bro. James Linton; D.M., Bro. W. Wilson, P.M.; S.M., Bro. J. Dalton, P.M.; Secretary, Bro. A. Gold, P.M.; Treasurer, Bro. D. Telfer; S.W., Bro. C. Dalton; J.W., Bro. R. Wilson; S.D., Bro. T. Scott; I.G., Bro. P. Welsh; Tyler, Bro. J. Wightman. At the close the new R.W.M. moved a vote of thanks to the installing masters for the able way they had carried out their duties, which was heartily accorded. A very pleasant harmony followed, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, short addresses being given by Bros. F. Prentice, A. Gold, J. Welsh, J. Linton, and D. Dalton. Songs were rendered by Bros. W. Wilson, T. Prentice, E. Smith, George Neilson, and others.

MARRIAGE PRESENTATION.—The employees of Douglas Provident Co-operative Society have presented a beautiful set of china to Miss May Brodie on the occasion of her marriage.

WORKMEN'S BENEFIT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of Douglas Workmen's Yearly Benefit Society was held in the Welfare Institute on Friday evening, when there was a good turnout of members. The financial report, which was adopted, showed that this useful organisation had had a very successful year. Owing to less illness amongst the members, a good bonus was returned to them, and those called away on service are also to share in this dividend. The office-bearers and committee were all re-elected for the ensuing year.

HOME GUARDS' SOCIAL AND DANCE.—Douglas Home Guards held their first social function in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening. A large company (looking smart in their uniforms) with their lady friends were present, and enjoyed a knife-and-fork tea excellently catered by Mrs T. Cook and her assistants. After this had been thoroughly enjoyed, Platoon Commander John Wilson, who presided, welcomed all present, referring particularly to their guests from Douglas Water and Coalburn. He referred to the obvious improvement in the men since they had come under the instruction of Sergeant-Major Elliot. Company Commander D. Provan, when called upon, also referred to the enthusiasm of the Douglas men, and stated that after the New Year the scheme of intensive training would become more varied and interesting. On behalf of the visitors, Platoon Commander J. Brown, Douglas Water, briefly voiced their united thanks for the invitation and hospitality shown them. Songs were sung by Home Guardsmen A. M'Millan and A. Adams (Coalburn), and selections rendered by John Mitchell (violin) and T. Grierson (accordion). Q.M. J. T. Train moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Chairman, artistes, the committee who had organised the function, and the purveyor, which was readily accorded. The remainder of the evening was spent in informal dancing to the music provided by Mr Grierson, with H.G.'s J. Mitchell and R. Grant as M.C.'s. A very cheery time was thus spent, and a most enjoyable evening ended happily.

CAROLS IN CHURCH.—At the noon service on Sunday in New St. Bride's Church, the choir of the Sunday School very sweetly rendered several carols and solos. The Rev. J. Mowat welcomed them, and asked them to come to Church and help the praise.

DOUGLASDALE ECHOES.

May we be allowed to wish all our readers the auld Scottish wish—"A Guid New Year and mony o' them."

W.R.I. ACTIVITIES.

VISIT OF POLISH CHOIR AND BAND.

Boxing Day was a notable day with our local Branch of the Women's Rural Institute. In the afternoon a Christmas treat was held in the hall of New St. Bride's Church. The ladies had tastefully decorated the hall to suit the festive season, and a large Christmas tree, splendidly decorated and illuminated, was an important feature. The guests included alien children, refugee adults, and the Band and Choir of the 10th Mounted Regiment of the Polish Army from "Somewhere in Scotland." President Mrs F. Graham warmly welcomed all present, and a splendid meal of tea, pies, and cakes was served by the ladies of the Committee. After this had

been enjoyed, selections were rendered by the Band and Choir and enthusiastically received. These young folks were just like our own children, and the great event in their eyes was the arrival of Santa Claus. All the guests, both young and old, were recipients of gifts from his hands, even the members of the Band and Choir not being forgotten. A lady guest, in well-chosen English, voiced the gratitude of the visitors for the great kindness shown them in Douglas, and Mrs Graham fittingly replied.

In the evening the Band and Choir gave a public concert in the Welfare Hall to a large audience. The Rev. A. Salmond Smith, B.D., presided, and in his introductory address read several poems of welcome written by Mr F. Graham, who was unable to be present, and an English-speaking Polish soldier in reply pointed out how much they owed to the Graham family, who were really responsible for the formation of the Choir and Band, and how glad they all were to return to Douglas and sing and play their best in return for the kindness shown them in Douglas. The singing of the greatly-improved Choir and the playing of selections by the Band were thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The programme was varied with Polish and English items, the singing of "Drink to me only" being one of the Choir's best efforts, while the playing of popular items by the Band evoked a ready chorus from the audience. Members of the Choir also contributed solos very tastefully. At the close Mr Smith moved votes of thanks to the Choir and Band and also to the Graham family, which were heartily endorsed. Miss N. Newbigging, accompanied by Mr Jas. Stitt, M.A., rendered solos at both functions.

Original Poetry.

A NEW YEAR WISH.

I wish thee wealth indeed
 No thief can steal away,
 Nor moth nor rust corrupt,
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Faith founded on the Rock of Ages,
 'Gainst which fierce tempests rage in vain
 Fortitude, all time enduring,
 Bent from its poise springs back again;
 Knowledge beyond all peradventure
 To light thy feet when dark the way;
 Self-control thy spirit bridle,
 Govern all you do or say;
 Patience by experience gendered,
 Relaxed to wait the zero hour;
 Piety which knows no wavering
 In contact with the source of power;
 Kindness like a fruitage flourish,
 Fragrant, beautiful to see;
 Love in likeness of the Master
 Is the wealth I wish for thee.

FRANK GRAHAM.

Douglas.

DOUGLAS WEST.

CHRISTMAS TREAT.—The annual children's treat connected with Douglas Castle Colliery took place in Douglas West Institute Hall on Friday evening. The interior of the hall was beautifully decorated, and a large Xmas tree was an important feature of the scheme. Over 120 children, including evacuees, and their parents were entertained, and after they had been regaled with a feast of tea and cakes Mr R. C. Kay welcomed them and briefly introduced a fine programme. Solo dances were executed by Miss N. Wilson, Coalburn, and violin solos were given by Mr John Mitchell, and the children themselves joined in carols and community singing with great gusto, led by Mr Mitchell with Miss Kay at the piano; then amidst great excitement Santa Claus was introduced and distributed a gift from the tree to every child, who eagerly responded when the name was called, and a very informal and pleasant function ended with a vote of thanks to the artistes.

COLLIERY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT.—We understand that Mr R. C. Kay, manager at Douglas Castle Colliery, has been appointed to a similar position at Fallin Colliery, near Stirling. Mr Kay has been in charge at Douglas West for just over eight years. The post of colliery manager is never a "bed of roses," but during this period Mr Kay has earned the respect of all sections of the employees, and in connection with the social life of the village and the activities of the Welfare Institute has done a lot of good work. As Mr Kay was reared in the vicinity of Stirling he is thus going back to his "calf country." He takes up his new position near the end of the month.

INSTITUTE COMPETITIONS.—In the final of the mixed whist contest Mrs J. M'Laughlan and A. Alexander beat Mrs W. Mitchell and John Mitchell.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—On Monday evening in the Welfare Hall the prize-winners were Mrs R. C. Kay and Mr J. Slavin.

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DEANNA DURBIN with a Splendid
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NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY and TUESDAY at 7 p.m.

GEORGE RAFT, CLAIRE TREVOR,
HENRY ARMETTA, and DICK FORAN
in

I Stole a Million (A)

He really stole a Million, and gave Nick
(Henry Armetta) a headache! Note the cast.

ALSO—GLENDA FARRELL, OTTO
KRUGER, and HERBERT MUNDIN in

EXPOSED (a)

Racketeers and rats holed out by a Wily Girl
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WEDNESDAY (One Day Only) at 7.

MAE WEST, W. C. FIELDS, and
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My Little Chickadee (A)

The Laughtime of a Lifetime as Wild Bill
Fields tries to tame the "West." She brings
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The Master is alive again in a modern
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Also—RALPH BYRD and MARY CARLISLE in
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MARGARET SULLIVAN, JAMES
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A grand comedy taken from an airy story has
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created by the brush of personality against
personality.

COMING—

IN THE NICK OF TIME (u)—George Wallace
and Letty Craydon.

WOMEN WITHOUT NAMES (a)—Ellen Drew,
Robert Paige, and Judith Barrett.

SAFARI (u)—Douglas Fairbanks, jun., and
Madeleine Carroll.

EMERGENCY SQUAD (a)—Wm. Henry and
Louise Campbell.

If it's at the Regal—it's Good.

Birth.

HAMILTON.—At Fleming Cottage, Muirkirk, on
2nd January, to Aircraftsman and Mrs
Hamilton (née Jenny Kerr), a son.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1941.

Local News.

BAIRD INSTITUTE.—Billiard and carpet bowling
competitions are proceeding somewhat slowly at
the Baird Institute, the different shifts worked by
the members causing delay in getting the ties
played off. A billiards competition for boy
members has been concluded, however, and the
winners were:—1 James Walker, 2 R. Thomas, 3
and 4 M. Thomas and T. Weir.

DON'T WASTE WATER.—Our attention has been
drawn to the fact that in frosty weather some
householders have been fixing the chains of water
cisterns to keep the water running, and so prevent
a freeze-up. This waste of good water is
deplored, and perhaps it may be news to many to
know that this is an offence which can entail
heavy penalties. A small oil lamp kept burning
will combat the frost in many cases.

MASONIC WHIST.—There was a fine turnout of
card enthusiasts at the whist drive on Tuesday
evening, and, with everyone evidently having
made a New Year resolution to win a prize,
competition was keen, and there were several ties
in the final scores. Mr James G. Beresford
conducted, and the result was:—Ladies—1 Mrs
Shankly (Glenbuck) (181), 2 Mrs John Thomson
(170), 3 Mrs Jas. Taylor (170); gentlemen—1 Mr
Thomas Morrison (179), 2 Mr John Mitchell (173),
3 Mrs W. Bell (173) (playing as a gentleman).

OLD PARISH CHURCH NOTES.—The soap that
was the gift of Mrs Broun Lindsay to the annual
sale of work has gone the way of many other
things through the attention of our adversary, but
Mrs Broun Lindsay has very gracefully sent a
cheque for £4 so that the Guild might not be the
losers—a very acceptable and much appreciated
gift.—Mr Fulton commenced his duties as organist
and choirmaster of the Old Parish Church on
Sunday, and on that same day the managers of
Kames Mission had asked Miss Findlay, 5 Spring-
hill Terrace, to officiate at the services in Kames,
and at the close of the evening service they agreed
to offer Miss Findlay the position of organist and
choirmistress there, and it is understood that Miss
Findlay has accepted the post.

THE REGAL CINEMA.—To-night (Thursday) is
your last chance of seeing and fully enjoying
Nelson Eddy, Ilona Massey, and a super cast in
M.G.M.'s mighty musical—"Balalaika." Also
showing is "The March of Time." Another
musical treat is in store for patrons on Friday and
Saturday. Deanna Durbin, with a splendid
supporting cast, will present "It's a Date," and
she is in grand voice. Make it a date. On
Monday and Tuesday the double-feature
programme will be found satisfying. George
Raft, Claire Trevor, and Henry Armetta in "I
Stole a Million" give a good show. On the same
programme is "Exposed," starring Glenda
Farrell and Otto Kruger. Mae West's invitation—
"Come up and see me sometime," can be
accepted for Wednesday night. In the company
of W. C. Fields she will be at the Regal for one
day (Wednesday) in "My Little Chickadee."
These two great personalities certainly will
entertain you to the laughtime of a lifetime. Next
Thursday and Friday Walter Pidgeon, Rita
Johnson, Henry Hull, and Donald Meek will
present "Nick Carter, Master Detective." Yes,
"Nick" is alive again in a modern espionage
plot. Also showing is Ralph Byrd and Mary
Carlisle in "Fighting Thoroughbreds," a thrilling
film of action. Next week's programme concludes
with Margaret Sullivan and James Stewart in the
comedy—"The Shop Around the Corner,"
showing on Saturday (for one day). You'll get
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COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Jan. 14—E. U. Women's Monthly Meeting at 7.15.

Feb. 7—Dance in aid of Local War Guild.

NEW YEAR DANCES.—The Ironworks Institute
was a busy place in the evenings of New Year
week. Dances were held on Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and on each
occasion a large crowd of young folks attended
and made merry on the dance floor.

A SEASONABLE GESTURE.—At this time of
present-giving it is worthy of note that the Rev.
W. Greig Alexander, M.A., of Wellwood Church,
has given quite a nice little Hogmanay to each boy
in connection with the Church, about 20 in all—
appreciation and encouragement at one and the
same time.

BOYS BRIGADE.—The 1st Kames Company of
the Boys Brigade paraded on Sunday morning,
and attended the forenoon service in Kames
Mission Church. There was a good attendance,
and a special New Year address was delivered to
the boys by the Rev. W. Martin.

AT THE POST OFFICE.—The "Post Early"
advice to the public was well taken over the
Christmas and New Year period, and, in common
with many other offices, Muirkirk Post Office did
not experience the strenuous last-minute rushes of
former years. Nevertheless, taken all over, postal
traffic for the festive season was perhaps as heavy
as ever, and once again it was dealt with in an
expeditious manner which prompts us to say to
our postal officials and staff—"Thank you!"

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE.—"Running the rule"
over Picture House programmes this week, film-
goers should find plenty of interest. To-night
(Thursday) a particularly attractive cast give a
magnificent performance in "Heart of the North."
This is one of the big technicolor successes, and it
is out and out entertainment which everyone will
enjoy. If laughter is the sunshine of the soul,
patrons are going to be bathed in sunshine on
Friday and Saturday, when the inimitable Laurel
and Hardy take to a life on the ocean wave in
"Saps at Sea." Don't have any regrets—see them!
Take your coat off, loosen your collar or scarf,
and give yourself freedom to laugh, because you'll be
in stitches long before the finish. Sunday's
feature is a well-known one—"Wings of the
Navy," which contains all the thrills of the air as
well as a grand romance and a spot of humour at
the right time. A good film, heartily
recommended. The well-known author, A. J.
Cronin, responsible for such famous works as
"The Citadel" and "The Stars Look Down,"
provides the theme for the programme on Monday
and Tuesday with another of his big successes—
"Vigil in the Night." It makes a really splendid
film, and should prove one of the biggest attractions
of the week. Traffic in paroles is the object of
attack in "Parole Fixer," screening on Wednesday
and Thursday. This is fearless, straight-from-the-
shoulder stuff, with plenty of thrills as the G-men
get to work.—See advt.

MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

The first meeting of the Committee for the New
Year was held on Tuesday afternoon at the
Manse, and there was a full attendance. As there
were two weeks' work and money to bring in, the
Committee had a busy time, as, besides the packing
of the parcels for the depots, two Xmas parcels
had to be re-made and sent off.

The material brought in comprised three pull-
overs, twenty-two pairs of socks, five helmets,
eight scarves, seven pairs of gloves, two pairs of
mittens, two pyjama jackets, and one pyjama suit.

Three parcels were sent off. The Red Cross
received garments and books, while the Rhodesian
Air Force got back more than the wool supplied
by them, as their parcel contained six helmets, six
scarves, twelve pairs of socks, two pairs of gloves,
and two pairs of mittens. The Navy League got
one pullover, one scarf, and twenty-four pairs of
socks, while there were given out locally for our
own boys five pairs of gloves, four pairs of mittens,
four scarves, two helmets, and eighteen pairs of
socks.

Miss Jack has agreed to take Miss M'Luckie's
district.

The donations besides those announced last
week were books from Mrs M'Skinning and
papers from Master Keddie, along with 10/- from
Mrs Wadden, and the monthly subscription of 6/-
from Mrs Muir, formerly of Clydesdale Bank, who
wishes to keep up her connection with this War
Guild. The collection for the two weeks came to
the very handsome total of £27. So that was a
very good start for 1941. Two parcels had to be
re-directed for two of our soldiers.

An airman situated in South Africa writes
acknowledging the receipt of his Xmas box, and
said that it was the best parcel by a long way that
had come into the camp, but I lost the cake
through my own carelessness. I left the lid off
the box, and when I rose in the morning I saw a
regiment of ants marching in real military fashion
to and from the box, and the cake was not.

On New Year's night a fat man and his wife
were returning to their seats in the theatre after
the interval. "Did I tread on your toe as I went
out?" the fat man asked the man at the end of the
row. "You did, indeed," replied the other grimly,
expecting an apology. But the fat man simply
turned to his wife and said, "It's all right, dear,
this is our row."

GLENBUCK.

SOCIAL.—The Home Guard held their first social function on Friday last at their headquarters. It was voted such a success that there is to be a repeat (perhaps on a more ambitious scale) at an early date. Whist, with an interval for tea and songs, etc., made the time seem very short, especially for those who had to leave for their work. Mr John Shankly, Sr., conducted the whist, and the prize fell to Mr John Shankly, Jr. Nearly every member took part in the programme which followed the whist, and a surprising wealth of talent was disclosed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.—The annual treat to the scholars of Glenbuck Church Sunday School took place in the Church on Friday. Rev. D. Baird presided, and Mr Kirkwood and the teachers thoroughly looked after the welfare of the young guests. Tea was served and enjoyed, and the children submitted a musical programme in a wholehearted manner. At the close of a most successful event, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Church Work Party for providing funds for the treat, and a similar compliment was paid the Minister for presiding.

SOLDIERS' PARCELS.—Replies have now been received from nearly all the recipients of parcels of Christmas cheer, and the following excerpt is typical of the letters received by the Committee:—"Just a note to ask you to convey my most sincere thanks to all those concerned for sending me the very nice parcel, p.o., and Bible. I can tell you it doesn't half cheer you up to receive those parcels from back home."

FOOD RESOLUTIONS FOR 1941.
"FOOD IS A MUNITION OF WAR."

Here are some good Food Resolutions for 1941:—

- I shall try when shopping to remember that food is a munition of war.
- I shall know the Food Groups and plan meals which make for health and fitness.
- I shall remember that simple foods such as carrots, potatoes, and oatmeal satisfy the appetite, and are good for health.
- I shall not grumble when the butcher does not have the particular joint I want; I shall take the next best thing, and be thankful to get it.
- I shall use canned foods as little as possible, keeping them as an emergency supply.
- I shall use all the home-grown fresh fruit and vegetables I can.
- I shall waste nothing; even the "left-overs" can be made into appetising dishes with a little ingenuity.
- I shall cheerfully accept the Rationing Orders, and never try to evade them in any way.
- I shall try to get my local Authority to start community kitchens NOW.

FOOD GROUPS—THE FOOD CHART.

Group 1.—Body-building Foods (build the body and prevent the tissues wearing out)—

Milk, Cheese, Eggs, Meat, Fish.

Many vegetable foods, such as peas and beans, bread and potatoes, help in body-building, but they are not such good body-builders as these five.

Group 2.—Energy Foods (provide fuel for the body)—

Potatoes,	Bread,	Flour,
Oatmeal,	Rice,	Sago,
Sugar,	Dried Fruit,	Honey, Jam,
Cheese,	Butter,	Margarine,
Dripping,	Suet,	Lard,
Bacon,		

Group 3.—Protective Foods (give protection from illness)—

Milk,	Butter,	Margarine,
Cheese,	Eggs,	Herrings,
Salmon	Liver,	(fresh,
(fresh or		canned,
canned)		or salt)

Group 4.—Protective Foods (give protection from illness)—

Potatoes,	Carrots,	*Fruit,
*Green Vegetables,	Salads,	
Tomatoes,	Wholemeal Bread,	
Brown Bread,	Oatmeal.	

*fresh or canned, but not dried.

Protective foods are needed for proper nourishment. They build the teeth and bones and help the body to resist infection. Eat something from each group every day.

GLESPIN.

WHIST DRIVE.—At the 'Xmas whist in aid of the War Work Party Funds seasonable prizes were gifted by Misses Steel, Debog, and the winners were:—Ladies—1 Mrs Jas. Brown, consolation Mrs R. Anderson; gentlemen—1 Mr Jas. Beck, consolation Mr R. Anderson. Last Thursday the result was:—Ladies—1 Miss J. Galbraith (Douglas), consolation Mrs John Brown; gentlemen—1 Mr J. G. Galbraith (Douglas), consolation Mr Jas. Beck.

WITH THE R.A.F.

LAST OF THE BIPLANES!

British, Canadian, and Australian fighter pilots have recently been gaining glory in encounters over the Western Desert with fighter and bomber aircraft of Italy's Regia Aeronautica. Among the aircraft they have used is the Gloster Gladiator, last of the long line of fighter bi-planes adopted by the R.A.F.

Names of British fighter aircraft are singularly apt. "Hurricane" and "Spitfire" have caught the imagination of friend and foe, typifying as they do the great speed and devastating fire-power of these modern 8-gun monoplane types.

But never was a combat aircraft more appropriately named than the Gladiator, calling to mind the fighter in the arena. Although speed is not its great asset, probably no aircraft has ever been designed more suited to the close and intricate manoeuvres of air fighting. Some of the most spectacular aerobatics and breath-taking formation flying seen at Hendon displays before the war were carried out by Gladiators. And, as the first British fighter to mount more than two guns—four being the Gladiator's standard armament—it was the first multi-gun fighter to go into service. Gladiators were also used for the high altitude "weather flights" which were a feature of pre-war days.

Technically, the Gladiator may be described as a single-seat, equal-span bi-plane with metal structure, fuselage, and wings. Wing span is about 32 feet, five feet less than the Spitfire, and the single Bristol Mercury engine of 840 h.p. gives it a top speed of around 255 m.p.h.

During the Norway campaign a squadron of Gladiators distinguished itself in an epic fight against immense climatic difficulties and overwhelming odds. Operating from an improvised landing ground, 17 out of 18 Gladiators were lost in two days' continuous fighting; but heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy.

Gladiators have since exacted their full revenge in combat against the Italian invaders of Greece and Egypt, though often fighting against superior numbers. In one fight in Egypt recently, six Gladiator pilots met and routed 18 Fiat C.R. 42 fighters: in another, four Australians, flying Gladiators, smashed a formation of 17 C.R. 42's; whilst the exploits of "Lucky B" flight in clearing Egypt's air of the Italians have already made history.

"GEORGE" HELPS TIRED PILOTS.

In the last war flights were seldom of greater length than 500 miles, and the time spent in the air never more than five hours. In this war pilots have to fly distances four times as long, and ten or eleven hours in the air is not uncommon.

Eighteen years ago scientists of many countries set out to solve the problem of rest for the pilots during long journeys; and all of them played their part in making the automatic pilot, or "George" as it is called in the R.A.F., an efficient member of the crew. Dual control in some long distance machines made "George" a luxury rather than a necessity, but smaller aircraft cannot so comfortably take two pilots.

One such machine is the Hampden bomber. If the pilot's place has to be taken by a relief pilot it calls for a feat of gymnastics. But with "George" in position, the pilot can change places without rushing or scrambling.

The captain of a Hampden bomber who has flown far into Germany said: "I shall always remember my first trip to Berlin in an aircraft which had no "George." I came back almost worn out; but two days later when I went to Stettin, an even longer journey, I had the automatic pilot, and when I stepped out of the machine I felt as fresh as though I had just bombed the Channel ports. It is an amazing invention, and quite the perfect robot."

"Once we are in the air we can set our course, snap "George" in, and he will do the rest. He will fly accurately through cloud and through electric and snow storms, and if we want to turn, or make a slow climb or a shallow dive, all we have to do is to touch a switch. On a long trip I keep "George" busy for several hours."

Not long ago a captain gave orders to "bale out," and, after the others had jumped, he turned the machine towards the sea in a very slow dive, put "George" in control, and then walked to the rear of the aircraft and jumped. Had there been no "George" he would have had to jump from the front, and run the risk of being hit by the tail plane. As it was, not only were the entire crew saved, but there was no danger of the machine landing on houses or streets and causing casualties.

On New Year's Day there was a man in the 'bus who had been bringing in the New Year not wisely, but too well. Presently an old lady got in, and, observing the state of the man, she said to the conductor, "Do you allow drunk persons on this 'bus?" The conductor replied promptly, "Sit down, lady; no one has noticed you yet."

A small boy asked his mother, "Can I get to the circus on New Year's Day, mummy?" "What an idea!" exclaimed his mother, "fancy wanting to go to the circus when Uncle George is here."

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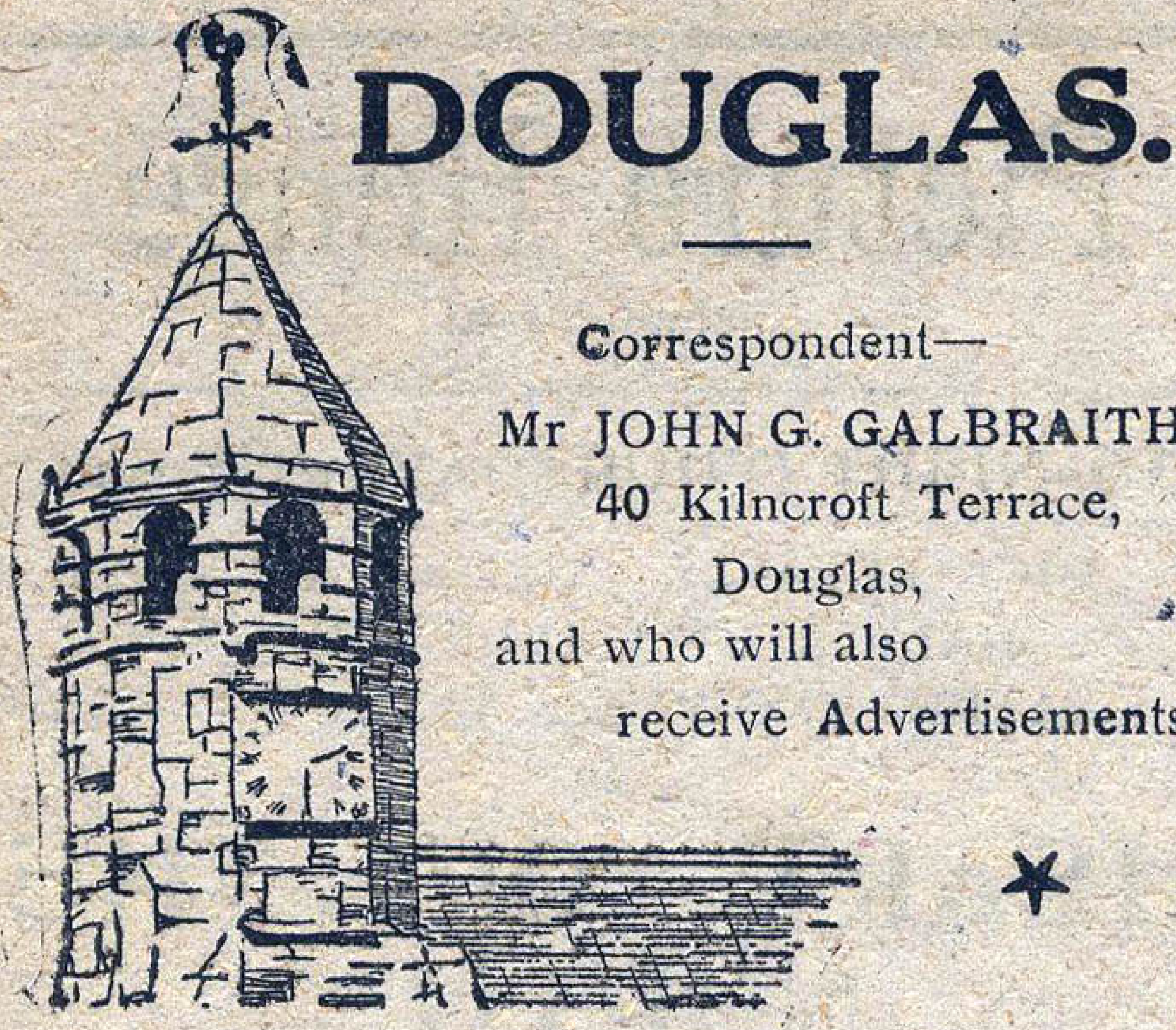
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Local Intelligence.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS.—On Monday of last week in the Women's Hall the domino result was:—1 Mrs J. M'Cartney, 2 Mrs J. Broadfoot, consolation Miss M. Shaw, and on Tuesday the whist prizes went to Mrs B. Kerr and Mrs H. Sloan.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.—The Upperward of Lanark Seamen's Comforts Depot, No. 1, sent off its December work on the 26th. A particularly satisfactory collection of comforts was forthcoming, made up as follows:—From Douglas War Work Party—twenty-five scarves, two dozen pairs socks, five helmets, one chest protector; Douglas Water and Rigside (outlying districts)—fourteen pairs socks, one pullover, two cosynecks, and two helmets; Depot Knitting Bee—seventeen pullovers, nine pairs of sea-boot stockings, ten pairs socks, seven pairs of steering gloves, one pair mellor gloves, thirteen pairs mittens, eleven helmets, four scarves, two cosynecks, and a fine collection of clothing for shipwreck survivors in a particularly good state of repair—almost as good as new. The boys of Auchendaff School sent a very handsome blanket of multi-coloured wools. Their schoolmistress made up the squares for them, and to her and the boys most grateful thanks are sent. The blanket is specially earmarked for a minesweeper, and will keep some brave seaman warm and cosy. The Knitting Bee expects to meet again towards the end of January in the Douglas Arms Hotel, when the result of the embroidered tea cloth effort will be announced, and an interesting letter read from the captain of one of the Merchant Navy vessels. At this meeting the usual collection for "The Captain's Locker" will be taken. The management once again thank all contributors of both money and actual comforts.

WELFARE WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING.—In the Women's Hall on 2nd January, the whist awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs R. Gold, consolation Mrs W. Foggo; ladies playing as gentlemen—1 Miss M. Shaw, consolation Mrs L. Layman.

INSTITUTE COMPETITIONS.—The last two of the series of competitions for the Welfare Committee's prizes were finished off prior to the New Year. In the pairs carpet bowling contest Jas. Scott and R. Gold had an easy victory over F. Marshall and Jas. Gold. In the pairs domino final A. Prentice and R. Hyslop beat Sam Weir and J. Welsh.

THE NEW YEAR.—The New Year was ushered in very quietly on this occasion. There was hardly anyone at the Cross when the clock struck. Some young folks indulged in first-footing, and in the early hours vocalists could be heard in the streets. As in other mining communities the local workers took Wednesday and Thursday off work, but Wednesday was a very quiet day, and we never saw a more complete close-down of shops in Douglas. Even the confectioners were shut, as they had no wares to sell. The local Band, however, made its appearance, and went round the village playing appropriate Scottish airs. On Thursday the streets were livelier, but a fairly general resumption of work took place on Friday. It was noticeable that in the greetings exchanged the hope for "Peace in 1941" was often expressed.

LOCAL ATHLETE'S ACHIEVEMENT.—Unheralded and unsung, a Douglas young lad stole quietly away and made athletic history. He was George Taylor, the 20-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Jas. Taylor, 8 Hillside Place, Douglas. An apprentice grocer with Douglas Provident Co-operative Society, he was on holiday on Wednesday and Thursday. He had entered for the famous New Year handicap at Powderhall, Edinburgh, but comparatively few knew of it until news came through on Wednesday that he had won his first heat. The handicapper had not been too kind to George, as he was placed on the 5½ yards mark, while many better known men in the foot-racing world had better marks ranging up to 13 yards. He had a fairly easy victory in the semi-final, and had to face the hot favourite for the event in the final. This was G. Anthony (Jerry Henderson) of Musselburgh and Gala Rugby Clubs, off five yards. It was expected to be a sure thing for the more experienced pedestrian, but Taylor thought otherwise. George started in fine style, but soon the longer stride of Anthony told, and he forged in front. With only a few yards to go it looked as if he had won, but Taylor, with a sensational burst, raced level, and breasted the tape in front of him amidst great excitement. It was pure dogged determination that made the victory possible. Thus Taylor won £100 and a gold medal, and certainly achieved the greatest athletic triumph that has been won by a Douglas lad. He is one of the youngest racers to have won this, the highest honour amongst pedestrians. Taylor previously had won several local sprints, but this was his first venture against seasoned "ped," and he has been warmly congratulated on all sides since his return home. He is entirely self-trained, with his chum (Willie Crawford) as his partner, but George comes of racing stock. If it had not been for the war and the stoppage of many sporting fixtures, he would doubtless have been kept busy on the track, but he has youth on his side, and may yet reap the resultant harvest.

MASONIC BENEFIT DANCE.—A late dance in aid of the Lanarkshire Masonic War Hospital Scheme was held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening. A good crowd of dancers were attracted, and seemed to enjoy dancing to the music of the Four Aces from Douglas Water. The dance went with a merry swing, with Mr J. Welsh as M.C. At an interval, tea was served by Mrs R. Wilson and her assistants. This effort proved very successful, and a deserving scheme will thus benefit. The Monte Carlo contest was won by Miss I. Prosser and Mr W. Telfer, jun.

COMFORTS FUND DANCE.—A very cheery dance, organised by the folks at Newmains in aid of local comforts funds, was held at Coalgill on Friday evening. It being an invitation event most of those present were well known to each other, and this added to the sociability of the function. The music was splendidly provided by Mr Kennedy (dulcimer), Douglas Water, and Mr R. Connell made a courteous M.C. The ladies served up a warm cup of tea during the evening, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all present.

BRAVE MEDICOS.—A daily newspaper has been making demands for official recognition of the bravery of two doctors. During an air attack an unexploded bomb fell on a London hospital for children. Owing to circumstances the young patients could not be evacuated, and two of the medical staff put the dangerous missile into a bath filled with blankets and removed it to a safe place, thus saving many lives. One of these doctors was Daniel Crawford Logan who takes his name from Daniel Crawford, his grand-father, who resided at Braehead, Douglas, and is well remembered by older residents. Dr Logan's mother, who was born in Douglas, is at present residing in the village.

MR P. DOUGLAS M'ANDREW, who since the death of Mr Ralph Scott has been chief clerk at Douglas Castle Estate office, has been appointed factor on Carmichael Estate (Sir Wyndham Anstruther, Bart.). Mr M'Andrew took up his new duties on 1st January, and many will join in wishing him every success in his new position.

DOUGLAS WEST.

HOGMANAY DANCE.—The New Year was ushered in very quietly at Douglas West, but there was the Hogmanay dance in the Welfare Hall, which was well attended. At midnight there was the customary break, when some first footing was observed before the dance was resumed.

LENGTHY TIE SEVERED.—A few weeks ago we recorded the golden wedding celebrations of Mr and Mrs William Prosser, Douglas West. On Saturday morning this long marital union was severed by the sudden death of Mrs Prosser. She was in her 71st year, and had been ailing, but the end came with startling suddenness.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—Mrs R. C. Kay and Mrs W. Owens were the prize-winners at Monday's card contest in the Institute Hall.

COMING-OF-AGE PARTY.—The coming-of-age of Mr Robert Sorbie, 81 Castle Terrace, was celebrated at a party on Saturday. The toast was proposed by Mr Wm. Anderson, and Mr Sorbie made a suitable reply. After tea, songs were contributed by Miss Annie Mitchell and Messrs Adam Bryson, John Ronney, Robert Sim, Wm. Baird, Wm. Anderson, and Robert Sorbie, a selection on the harmonica by Mr Anderson, and accordion music by Miss Margaret Clark. Dancing followed, and a happy evening was concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

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Get on with the job—
Take your gun from the rack,
Let your feet be well shod,
For rough is the track;
No hardship can daunt us,
To the end we will stay,
With "Thorough" and "Prompt"
To show us the way.

Get on with the job—
Make your Homeland secure,
No ravening wolves
Shall howl at our door;
By our sires whom we honour
We shall make them a prey,
For "Thorough" and "Prompt"
Shall show us the way.

Get on with the job—
All compromise spurn,
The bridges we cross
Behind us we'll burn;
Our quarry we'll corner,
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Jock's eyes glistened as he stepped forward to receive from the landlord of the pub the bottle of whisky he had won in a New Year's draw. "You know, Jock," said the landlord, "it is customary on these occasions for the winner to invite his friends to have a little something out of the bottle." "That's a daft idea," replied Jock promptly, "still, I'll no' break wi' tradition; gi'e them the cork."

The two servant girls were discussing mistresses and situations. "But what did she say when you asked her for a reference after that?" queried one. "Ach, she said she never committed profanity to paper!" replied the other.

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Mix your week's supply of flour with a quarter of the bulk of oatmeal; this will add to its flavour and make it more wholesome. You will not need quite so much fat with it either. Remember, though, oatmeal contains fat and will keep only a few weeks.

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Thicken your soups and stews with oatmeal. It will give them a delicious flavour and greatly increase their nourishment.

Oatmeal Mince

Mince 1 lb. skirt of beef. Toast ¼ lb. coarse oatmeal in the oven or in front of the fire until it is crisp and nutty. Add it to the beef with salt and pepper and a grated carrot, and mix well. Moisten with water or stock. Cook in a covered casserole for 2½-3 hours, either in the oven or, with a little more liquid, on the top of the range. Sufficient for 4 people.

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Deaths.

BROWN.—At Cairn House, Main Street, Muirkirk, on 9th Jan., 1941, Rosina Oram, beloved wife of Alexander Brown ; sadly missed.

How sad and lonely we do feel
When loved ones pass away,
But we must strive to bear our loss
While on this earth we stay.

—Inserted by her husband and family.

FLANIGAN.—At Co-operative Buildings, Glenbuck, on 10th Jan., 1941, Peter Flanigan, aged 77 years (beloved husband of the late Grace Weir).

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Local News.

SPRING is evidently here—Hogg has new rhubarb tarts.

BRIDGE MATCH.—The local farmers' team of bridge experts entertained a team from the Cumnock district on Monday evening, when a match was played in Hogg's Hall. Mr W. Rowe welcomed the visitors, and a lively match ensued in which the guests got the better of the farmers by some 1900 points. A fine tea was served at the interval by Mrs Hogg and her assistants, and the Cumnock players returned thanks for a pleasant evening and warm hospitality.

MASONIC WHIST.—The usual cheery company of whist enthusiasts competed at the whist drive in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr James G. Beresford conducted the play, and announced the result as follows:—Ladies—1 Mrs T. M'Morran (174), 2 Mrs T. Hazle (173), 3 Mrs W. Walker (171); gentlemen—1 Mr A. Da Prato (175), 2 Mrs A. Neil (174) (playing as a gentleman), 3 Mr John Kean (172).

ADULT EDUCATION.—The weekly meetings of the Adult Education Class were resumed for the New Year in the Higher Grade School on Wednesday of last week. The attendance was not so strong as usual, but an interesting and profitable evening was spent under the chairmanship of Mr Cameron Murray. On this occasion Mr Murdoch, the class lecturer, gave a talk on "Poetry," dealing with the poets' attitude to their subject matter. The various poetic forms, and the rhyme and rhythm of poetry were also explained. Mr Murdoch read Gray's "Bard," and, to show that poets could deal effectively with lighter-subject matter—Hood's "Sally Gray," as well as a poem built up on the pun. Various competitive exercises in vocabulary and spelling were afterwards indulged in, and the meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr Murray for presiding.

THE REGAL CINEMA.—"Regal" pictures for "Regal" patrons is a phrase that is not lost sight of when programmes are being booked, and we are sure that our patrons appreciate our offerings. As will be seen from our advert., six programmes of proved merit in the entertainment world will be shown up till Saturday of next week. To-night (Thursday) and also on Friday the famous "Nick Carter, Master Detective" is brought to life again in a thrilling espionage plot. The principals here are well known—Walter Pidgeon, Rita Johnson, Henry Hull, and Donald Meek. Also showing is Ralph Byrd and Mary Carlisle in "Fighting Thoroughbreds." Saturday's one-day show is "The Shop around the Corner"—a definitely amusing comedy by Margaret Sullivan, James Stewart, Frank Morgan, and a big cast. On Monday and Tuesday Ellen Drew, Robert Paige, and Judith Barrett in "Women without Names" will present Paramount's amazing drama of public enemies in skirts. On the same programme is the comedy, "The Farmer's Daughter," starring Martha Raye and Charlie Ruggles. There's a high-speed comedy on Wednesday (for one day), when the one and only little-known George Wallace with a good supporting cast will be seen in "In the Nick of Time." After this one you will look out for George. Next Thursday and Friday William Henry, Louise Campbell, and Richard Denning appear in "Emergency Squad," supported by Victor Jory, Jo Ann Sayers, and Russell Hayden in "The Light of the Western Stars." On Saturday of next week (for one day) Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Madeleine Carroll, and Tullio Carminati appear in "Safari." If it's at the Regal—it's good.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Jan. 23 — Wellwood Church Woman's Guild Monthly Meeting in Church Hall at 7 o'clock. Speaker—Mrs Callan.

Feb. 7—Dance in aid of Local War Guild.

Feb. 14—O. E. S. Whist Drive in Masonic Hall.

MUIRKIRK, at least the elder part of it, is going gay to-night (Thursday). The occasion is the annual old folk's re-union in the Ironworks Institute, and we wish our elders a very happy evening.

EGG AND POULTRY AUCTION MARKET.—On Friday at Kilmarnock Egg and Poultry Auction Market, Mr R. B. Thomson, auctioneer, had still shorter supply of eggs, all of which passed through Packing Station at maximum prices. Table poultry were exceedingly scarce, but made a very good trade, although not making outstanding prices of last week. Heavy breeds, 5/- to 7/4; lights, 2/6 to 4/6; cockerels, 6/5 to 7/-. No sale for garden produce.

E.U. WOMEN'S UNION.—The monthly meeting of the Union was held on Tuesday evening, when Mrs Littlewood presided over a very large attendance. As usual, tea was served and enjoyed. The speaker was Mrs Campbell Wilson, who took as her subject—"Seed Time and Harvest," and this proved a most interesting paper, well delivered. Mrs Littlewood was the soloist, and duets were contributed by Mrs H. Samson and Mrs Campbell Wilson, with Mrs Black presiding at the organ. At the close of an enjoyable meeting a comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded on the call of Mrs Clark.

ROVER SCOUTS DANCE.—A large and cheery company of bright young people attended a successful dance held by Muirkirk Rover Scouts in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening. With the programme conducted by Messrs T. Haugh and W. Barrie, the company spent a merry time dancing to the rhythmic strains of Samson's Dance Orchestra, and, from 8.30 p.m. till 2.30 a.m., with the exception of a short interval the dance floor was always filled. Two novelty dances caused a good deal of fun, the elimination dance especially. The prizes for the first novelty dance went to Mr Matthew Dale (Cumnock) and Miss Jenny Crawford, while in the "elimination contest" the awards went to Mr Allan Irvine and Miss Lottie Mathieson. Altogether it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

BRIDGE DRIVE.—The usual monthly drive under the auspices of Muirkirk Bridge Association was held in Hogg's Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr Robert Young, president, conducted, and Miss Hutchison handed over the prizes to the successful players—Mrs Davidson and Mr Jas. Clement. At the close Mr David Crosbie referred to the impending departure from the district of Miss Hutchison, and said that while he was sure she would be sorry to leave the Bridge Association, she would regret it no more than the members. Miss Hutchison had been a loyal member of the Association, having at one time or another served as president, vice-president, and secretary, and so they could not let her go without thanking her for her valuable services and good companionship, and expressing the best wishes of all for the future. Three hearty cheers were accorded Miss Hutchison, who, in reply, thanked Mr Crosbie and the members for their good wishes, and said she would take with her happy memories of the Bridge Association.

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE.—Quite often, on looking over picture programmes for the week, one picture stands out as "asking to be seen," and occasional cinema-goers have thus no difficulty in selecting their "night." However, as will be seen from this week's advt., the fare is so temptingly good each night that "occasionals" will probably become "regulars," at least for one week. On each and every night you will find a top-class programme, and there is a grand variety of stories. To-night (Thursday) "Parole Fixer" is startling, thrilling fare which throbs with excitement and suspense in the most enjoyable manner. On Friday and Saturday Ginger Rogers and Joel M'Crea make a great team in "Primrose Path." This is a different kind of romance for Ginger, and you will vote it one of her best films. It comes with special recommendation, which, for a Ginger Rogers picture, is praise indeed. Sunday's feature is "Paris Honeymoon," starring Bing Crosby and a cast of popular stars. This is "all the best" in song, comedy, and romance—plus the one and only Bing. "On Your Toes," screening on Monday and Tuesday, is, of course, the terrific musical success which has swept the country—on the stage, over the air, and on the silver screen. Don't have any doubts—see this and be happy. On Wednesday and Thursday "Four Wives" gives the three Lanes—Priscilla, Lola, and Rosemary—and Gale Page a chance to follow up their great success in "Four Daughters," and you will find this every bit as satisfying as the first. Supporting cast here is also terrific, and gives an indication of the treat in store.—See advt.

A recent intelligence test included the question, "State briefly what would happen if men lived to be 150 years old?" It brought forth this topical answer from one youngster:—"The military service age would have to be raised."

"It's a way they have . . ." The British Navy drinks rum. The American Navy absorbs whisky. The Italian Navy sticks to port.

The following hangs on the wall of one residence:—"Lessons in domestic silence are sometimes as necessary as lessons in domestic science."

MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

The usual weekly meeting of the Guild took place at the Manse on Tuesday afternoon, and there was a full attendance.

The ladies brought in eighteen pairs of socks, one pullover, two pairs of seamen's stockings, three helmets, six pairs of mittens, three pairs of gloves, three scarves, three nightshirts, two vests, and two pairs of pyjama trousers.

There were three parcels sent out. The Red Cross received four suits of pyjamas, two vests, and three children's nightdresses, while the Navy League received two pairs of seamen's stockings, twelve pairs of socks, one scarf, and six pullovers. The Rhodesian Air Force got six scarves, three pullovers, five helmets, six pairs of socks, six pairs of mittens, two pairs of gloves, with two boxes of cigarettes donated to them. The local soldiers' requirements this week were six pairs of socks, seven pullovers, two helmets, two scarves, and two pairs of mittens.

The donations this week were magazines from Mrs John Wilson; books, silver paper, and cigarettes from Mrs Samson, Douglas Place; 5/- from Mr Robert Russell, Smallburn; and 10/- from Miss Jeanie Brown, Main Street.

The collections for the week came to a little over £14.

The Minister intimated that he had procured grey, khaki, Air Force blue, and navy wool to last the Committee's requirements up till April, and that was a decided help for the next three months.

GLENBUCK.

CO-OPERATION.—Glenbuck Co-operative Society held their 215th quarterly meeting in the Public Hall on Thursday evening last. Mr Wm. Brown, president, occupied the chair. The minute of the last general meeting was read and approved, after which the balance sheet for the quarter was submitted to the members. This showed that the sales for the quarter were £3004 18s 11d. After allowing £20 3s 10d for interest on capital and securities, and £5 for depreciation, the divisible profit was £417 1s 11d, which was allocated at 2/9 per £1 for members' dividend, and the balance of £1 3s 6d carried forward to next quarter. The report was unanimously approved. The membership last quarter was 119; one new member was admitted, making a present membership of 120. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a harmonious meeting to a close. The dividend was paid out in the Committee-room immediately after the meeting.

A MESSAGE FOR 1941 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOOD.

Lord Woolton has sent this message to the nation:—

"On the Kitchen Front the coming year will be different from the past one. Our supplies will be more difficult; house-keeping will be more complicated and call for more ingenuity.

Every house-wife has her place in the war offensive. We must plan our meals with renewed care, making the fullest use of home-produced foods. Community Kitchens should be set up in every town throughout the land. We can keep the nation fit, and at the same time lighten the burden on our merchant seamen in bringing food to this country. We must conserve our supplies, and I believe the public will accept such restrictions as are necessary to this end when they realise that our ships are being used to feed and maintain our Expeditionary Force which is bringing victory nearer, and great glory to our nation."

WOOLTON.

DONKEY-WISDOM.

The donkey is not such a fool. Humans may well follow his lead in diet, for carrots are right at the top of our list of foods for victory.

We have plenty of them. British growers have a magnificent crop, and have more than made up for the 350,000 cwts. which was our average annual import during peace years.

Why are carrots so good for us?

The chief reason is that they are a very good 'protective' food, that is, they contain a high percentage of vitamin A, one of our chief guards against winter ills and chills. The vitamin is not destroyed by cooking. When eaten grated raw in salads, carrots also contain vitamin C, another of our 'protectives,' and the one which makes a raw carrot salad such an excellent alternative to raw fruit.

Imported fruit is scarce. All fruit is dear. Carrots are cheap and home grown.

Another virtue of the carrot is that it contains a certain amount of sugar, and so is good for energy. Housewives use it in cakes and puddings, and so do themselves a doubly good turn by saving on their sugar rations, while adding extra nourishment to the sweet course.

Iron in carrots has tonic properties. So there you have a number of reasons for eating carrots, and for praising the donkey in his wisdom.

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A new triumph for Ginger in the season's most unusual dramatic romance.

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SUNDERLAND SKIPPER'S EXPLOITS.

No page out of fiction, not even the imagination of Hollywood, could excel in thrills and romance the story of the exploits of a Flight Lieutenant, skipper of a Sunderland flying boat, operating in the Mediterranean.

In five months Flight Lieutenant William Weir Campbell, D.F.C., has:—

- Sunk two Italian submarines and attacked a third.
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- Made a forced landing in Greek waters and been interned.
- Met and married an English girl in Athens.
- Been set free from internment when Greece entered the war.
- Returned to duty with his Sunderland and her crew.

The story of the destruction of the two Italian submarines by Campbell and his crew has already been told. On two successive days they dived out of the skies and destroyed their victims with anti-submarine bombs. In the second case Campbell decided to take back to his base something more than the photographic record of the end of the submarine.

Although the sea was very rough, he taxied the flying boat amongst the wreckage and rescued four survivors. While he was taking them back to safety and internment, he attacked another submarine, this time with machine gun fire, his stock of bombs being exhausted.

Later, Campbell and his crew were themselves interned. They had engine trouble and were obliged to come down in Greek waters. Taken in tow by a Greek warship they were interned in Athens, and if Italy had not decided to make her rash attack on Greece, they would have been there for the "duration." Mussolini's great mistake made Greece the ally of Britain, and, amidst scenes of tremendous enthusiasm, Campbell and his crew were released.

It was while the crew were in Greece that it was announced that their commander had been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross. Now they are back at duty in the Mediterranean.

While they were in internment the Flight Lieutenant met many of the Greek and British inhabitants, and before he resumed the watch over the sea he married the daughter of a leading member of the British Colony. Campbell had become engaged while he was still in internment but he refused to marry as long as he was a prisoner.

So another thing that Italy did was to set the wedding bells ringing.

[Flight Lieutenant Campbell is, of course, a nephew of Mr Walter Weir, Heathfield, and spent some of his boyhood days at Muirkirk.—Ed.]

Correspondence.

BRITISH SAILORS' SOCIETY.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES URGENTLY REQUIRED.
(To the Editor).

Dear Sir,—One day during the past week we were asked to supply a thousand books to each of two different ships and two thousand to another, in addition to the regular calls made on us. You will see by this that such large demands very soon deplete the stocks which we have on hand. Hence the reason for my writing you now to appeal once more to the generosity of your readers who have never failed me, and who have supplied me with more and yet more books so that the men on the ships visiting Scottish waters may have the reading material which they so urgently desire.

All of us who have our homes, and who, because of the "black-out," are reading more than ever, appreciate how much a good book means to us—how much more to these men who not only have to face the perils of the deep, but terror from the air as well during the long nights they have on board.

So will you help by sending as many books as you can to me at 45 Hope Street, Glasgow, C.2., so that no demand which is made on the Society might be turned down?

All the books which are sent in go direct to the ships. They are not put in libraries ashore. Having cars at our disposal to visit the various docks, we are able to see that the books go direct to the men themselves.

I know you will agree with me that the men on the minesweepers, the merchant ships, and naval vessels must not be neglected. Their needs are our needs, and their tasks are our tasks, so please respond to this urgent appeal for reading material on behalf of these brave men who are serving us all so loyally and so devotedly.

Remember the address—45 Hope Street, Glasgow, C.2. Every parcel sent, if the name and address is inside, will be acknowledged. Yours sincerely,

INVERCLYDE, Chairman.

DOUGLAS.

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DOUGLAS OLD ST. BRIDE'S PARISH CHURCH.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY FIRST—
12 noon—Rev. A. SALMOND SMITH, B.D.
6.30 p.m.—Service at Glespin.

NEW ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH.

SUNDAY FIRST—
12 noon—Parade of Scouts, Guides, and Cubs.
5 p.m.—Minister's Bible Class.
6 p.m.—"The Wrath of God."

Public Notice.

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In Memoriam—Lord Baden Powell,

CHIEF SCOUT.

Scouts, Cubs, and Guides will parade at NEW ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH on SUNDAY FIRST at 12 noon.

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Local Intelligence.

DOUGLAS CUP.—The old Douglas curling cup competition, first played over 150 years ago, was played off on Douglas Castle Stables Loch last week. Play began on good ice on Tuesday. Six rinks had entered, and in the opening games John Wilson beat W. Mitchell, and A. Clarkson defeated the Rev. A. Salmond Smith. Some clever play was seen in the semi-finals which resulted:—J. M'Laren 11, J. Coulthart 10; A. Clarkson 17, John Wilson 8. On Wednesday the final was played on very indifferent ice, and resulted:—T. Mitchell, J. Clarkson, J. Tennant, and Alex. Clarkson (skip), 16; John Gold, W. Jackson, R. Stoddart, and Jas. M'Laren (skip), 12. In the consolation final W. Mitchell beat J. Coulthart. At the close of play President J. M'Laren expressed the pleasure it gave him to present the trophy to the "Doon the Watter" rink, and Mr Clarkson voiced his delight at winning this cup again. The health of the victors was duly toasted.—On Thursday five rinks of Douglas Castle Estate employees held a tournament, and, if the play was not classic, the players thoroughly enjoyed the contest. The results were:—First round—John Gold beat W. Jackson; semi-finals—R. Stoddart beat J. Gold; G. Marchbanks beat John Scott; final—R. Stoddart 6, G. Marchbanks 3.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—On Tuesday of last week, when the weekly whist drive was resumed, the prize awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs W. Wilkinson, 2 Mrs Wm. Young (Glespin), consolation Mrs W. Johnstone (Douglas West); gentlemen—1 Mr F. Marshall, 2 Mrs H. Hamilton, consolation Mrs Jas. Taylor.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS.—On Tuesday evening in the Women's Hall the domino result was:—1 Mrs W. Ramage, consolation Mrs Jas. Blackwood. On Wednesday, when the whist competition was played, the awards went to Mrs H. Hamilton and Mrs N. Miller.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—On Sunday first in New St. Bride's Church, the local troops of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are holding a memorial service in honour of their chief and founder, Lord Baden-Powell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTIES.—The scholars attending Old St. Bride's Church Sunday School were entertained to parties last week in the Coffee House. On Thursday evening the juniors were present, and on Friday evening the senior pupils were entertained. They were treated to refreshments, and a few pleasant hours were spent in suitable games, while some of those present contributed items to the programme. The children seemed to enjoy heartily these functions.

AMONGST THE FANCIERS.—Our local pigeon fanciers have been busy recently. At Beith Pigeon Show Mr W. Russell, in the jacobin classes, won a second and a third prize. At the Jacobin Club Show at Cardenden, Mr Russell had a first, a third, and a special for best bird in blue and dun classes. Mr John Paterson won a third prize, and Mr D. Newbigging was awarded a third prize at Ayrshire Pigeon Association Show on 1st January, and Mr W. Russell had again a first and a third prize.

WELFARE WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING.—In the Women's Hall on Thursday evening the prize awards were:—Dominoes—1 Mrs J. Sandilands, consolation Mrs C. Welch; whist—ladies—1 Mrs W. Wilkinson, consolation Mrs R. Gold; ladies playing as gentlemen—1 Mrs A. Shankly, consolation Mrs J. Currie.

HAMILTON TRUST TREAT.—The annual treat to old Douglasians and men long resident in the district, provided for in the bequest of the late Mr W. Hamilton of Whelphill and Manorhead, was held in the Commercial Hall on Friday evening. There was a party of over twenty guests present, who were entertained to a fitting repast and its accompaniments. Songs and recitations were contributed by those present, Mr C. C. Riach in particular being a prominent figure, and all over a very enjoyable time was spent.

EAR-PLUGS DISTRIBUTED.—The Institute Women's Hall was quite a busy place on Sunday, when the Air Raid Wardens were in attendance, and the distribution of ear-plugs took place. Quite a steady stream of householders kept them busy, and a fairly general distribution of these little articles took place. Distributions also took place at Douglas West and Glespin.

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INSTITUTE WHIST.—On Monday evening in the Welfare Hall the prize awards were won by Mrs S. Brown and Mr R. M'Donald (Douglas).

GLESPIN.

BENEFIT CONCERT RESULT.—Last month a concert was held in aid of the local War Work Party Funds. The programme consisted of songs and sketches by Mrs Hastings' group of girls, assisted by Miss Somerville, and proved very interesting and enjoyable. As a result of their effort the funds have received a donation of £4.

WHIST DRIVE.—On Thursday evening in Kennox Institute the weekly card contest took place, and the prize-winners were:—Ladies—1 Mrs John Brown, consolation Mrs M'Cormick (Douglas West); gentlemen—1 Mr Jas. Brown, consolation Mr Jas. Whitfield.

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FRANK MORGAN, BILLIE BURKE, ANN RUTHERFORD and NAT PENDLETON in

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An out and out comedy by the well-known funsters. The uproarious education of a timid soul. He was so hen-pecked he had to look up to see the floor.

Also—James Dunn, Rochelle Hudson, and Gordon Oliver in

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WEDNESDAY (One Day Only) at

ZORINA, RICHARD GREENE, ERIC VON STRONHEIM with a Big Cast in

I was an Adventuress (A)

20th Century Fox's Super and a "worth while" one it is.

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Also—Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette, and Peggy Moran in

Rhythm of the Saddle (u)

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Deaths

HIGGINS.—Suddenly, at Bemersyde, on 19th January, 1941, Wee James (only son of James Higgins, jun.), aged 9 years.—Mr Higgins returns sincere thanks to neighbours and friends for kind expressions of sympathy.

Garronhill,
Muirkirk.

SLOAN.—At a hospital in Ayr, on 16th January, 1941, Margaret Johnstone Sloan, daughter of the late Thos. Sloan, gas manager, Muirkirk.

In Memoriam.

STITT.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, James M. Stitt, who died in Glasgow Royal Infirmary on 26th Jan., 1940; sadly missed.—7 Torhill, Muirkirk.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

INTERESTED.—According to our files the snow came about the middle of January, 1940, but, although traffic was somewhat dislocated, the real blockade was not until the last week of the month. This information corresponds with the dates you mention, but if anyone would like to consult our files on this subject they are welcome to do so.

Local News.

THE members of the local Merchants' Association had a day "off the chain" yesterday—the usual monthly holiday.

BRIDGE MATCH.—The return match between Muirkirk Farmers bridge team and a Cumnock side took place in the Milk Bar at Cumnock on Monday evening. Their defeat in the first match at Muirkirk evidently acted as the necessary stimulus for the Muirkirkers, for they were in grand form, and won the match by 2,300 points. Mr Wardrop welcomed the visitors, who were very hospitably entertained, and Mr W. Rowe expressed the thanks of the Muirkirk players for the most enjoyable evening thus provided. It is expected, seeing that each side has won a game, that a rubber match will be arranged.

THE REGAL CINEMA.—To-night (Thursday) and also on Friday there is a double-feature programme by Paramount—William Henry, Louise Campbell, Richard Denning, and Robert Paige in "Emergency Squad," and Victor Jory, Jo Ann Sayers, and Russell Hayden in "The Light of Western Stars." Saturday's one-day show is worthy of attention. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Madeleine Carroll, Tullio Carminati, and Lynn Overman will present "Safari," a most interesting film set in the heart of the African jungle. Next week four double-feature programmes will be shown. On Monday and Tuesday there is Frank Morgan, with Billie Burke, Ann Rutherford, and Nat Pendleton in "The Ghost goes Home," an up-to-date comedy. On the same programme is James Dunn, Rochelle Hudson, and Gordon Oliver in "Pride of the Navy." Zorina, Richard Greene, Eric von Stronheim, and a big cast will be seen on Wednesday (for one day only) in 20th Century Fox's super, "I was an Adventuress." Also showing is Gene Autry and Shirley Deane in "Prairie Moon." Next Thursday and Friday Ann Sothern, Lewis Stone, Walter Brennan, and William Gargan present "Joe and Ethel Turp-call on the President," also "Night Hawk." On Saturday of next week Wallace Beery, John Howard, and a great cast appear in M.G.M.'s mighty "Arouse and Beware." If it's at the Regal—it's good.

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COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Jan. 23 — Wellwood Church Woman's Guild Monthly Meeting in Church Hall at 7 o'clock. Speaker—Mrs Callan.
Feb. 7—Dance in aid of Local War Guild.
Feb. 14—O. E. S. Whist Drive in Masonic Hall.

MASONIC WHIST.—There was a good attendance at the whist drive in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, and Mr James G. Beresford conducted the play. The prize-winners were:—Ladies—1 Mrs T. Barrie (179), 2 Mrs J. Davidson (175), 3 Mrs P. Graham (170); gentlemen—1 Mr D. Wylie (174), 2 Mr J. Kean (172), 3 (after a cut) Mrs D. Bone (171) (playing as a gentleman).

MARKET INTELLIGENCE.—At Kilmarnock Egg and Poultry Auction Market on Friday Mr Robert B. Thomson, auctioneer, reports very short supply of eggs, which were sold through packing station at maximum prices. Table poultry still scarce, and buyers were bidding with more caution than in previous weeks' sales. Prices:—Superior heavy weight hens 6/7 to 7/7 and from 5/-, medium 3/6 to 4/6, lights 2/- to 2/6, R.I.R. cockerels 7/10, rabbits 1/6, hares 3/6 to 4/-.
Garden produce—no supply.

BENEFIT WHIST.—The attention of all our readers is respectfully directed to the effort tomorrow (Friday) evening in aid of Adam Black. The venture takes the form of a whist drive and dance, which will be held in the Ironworks Institute, and thus it should be easy to lend a helping hand. By patronising the whist or dance, or both, one can spend a pleasant evening in cheery company, and at the same time have the satisfaction of helping a less fortunate brother. Please keep this effort in mind!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTIES.—The Old Parish Church Sabbath School children spent a happy time in the Masonic Hall on Friday last. The younger scholars assembled at 4.30 in the afternoon, and after they had had their fling the older children were entertained. Games were played and the children contributed songs, recitations, etc., to make the programme most enjoyable, while ample supplies of tea and eatables were served. Needless to remark, every minute of the time was occupied pleasantly.

ADULT EDUCATION.—Mr John Marshall presided at the meeting in the H.G. School on Wednesday evening of last week, and which was well attended. On this occasion Mr Murdoch repeated, with greater detail, a lecture on latitude, longitude, and time, day and night, and the seasons of the year. This proved most interesting, and after some discussion on the points raised the class went on to do a few exercises in plotting positions on the map of the world, given latitude and longitude, and finding the time at various places in the world, given the longitude. Then followed various exercises in vocabulary and spelling, and once more these proved most instructive and highly amusing. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded an interesting meeting.

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE.—Still they come—super programmes to the Picture House. Note the titles and the stars. Here are a few notes for your guidance:—"Four Wives" (to-night)—the beautiful "Daughters Courageous" and "Four Daughters" now reach the matrimonial stage. Touches of humour and pathos, a sheer delight. "Gas-light" (Friday and Saturday)—from the well-known play. Drama and uncanny mystery. Unusual and unusually good, one of the "plums." See this. "Union Pacific" (Sunday)—mighty and spectacular romance of a railroad. One of Cecil de Mille's biggest and best-known pictures. 100 per cent. good. "On Dress Parade" (Monday and Tuesday)—the Dead End Kids are here again. Action takes place in military academy, and what action! You know their tricks, their peculiarities, their boyish pranks—or do you? Extra good. On the same programme—"The Cowboy Quarterback"—football, laughs, and thrills. "Golden Gloves" (Wednesday and Thursday)—some time now since we had a good romance of the ring, but this makes up for everything—in the super class, and guaranteed entertainment. These are the features. Shorts, topicals, etc., will also be screened on the various nights.—See advt. for other details.



GLENBUCK.

COMING EVENTS.

March 14—Glenbuck Old Folk's Re-union and Dance.

MUIRKIRK OLD FOLKS RE-UNION.

The annual re-union of Muirkirk old folks was held in the Ironworks Institute on Thursday evening last, and although, as was to be expected, war-time limitations were more apparent this year, the event passed off quite successfully. There was a large attendance, the hall being comfortably filled, and, as formerly, the guests were conveyed to and from the rendezvous by bus and car. The hall was gaily decorated for the occasion, and, with the guests looking their best, the scene was animated and pleasing. While the party was assembling, incidental music was supplied by a quintette of local musicians under the direction of Mr James Goldie, and their efforts were most acceptable.

The chairman on this occasion was Dr Frame, and he was accompanied on the platform by Mr Alex. Sloan, M.P., Rev. W. Greig Alexander, M.A., Rev. W. E. and Mrs Littlewood, Rev. Father Moriarty, Rev. W. Martin, Mr and Mrs John Colthart, Dr and Mrs Cameron, Mr James Anderson, Mr and Mrs H. Love, Mr and Mrs N. M'Kenzie, and Mr and Mrs H. Samson.

Mr James Anderson, chairman of the Re-union Committee, in introducing Dr Frame, wished all a bright and prosperous New Year, and said he hoped that by the same time next year the dark cloud of war would have passed away.

Rev. W. E. Littlewood said the blessing, and thereafter the lady attendants got busy serving up the tea, which was evidently enjoyed by all.

Dr Frame intimated apologies for absence from Mr and Mrs F. J. Gordon and Mr Muir, Regal Cinema, who invited all to a matinee show on Saturday.

In his remarks the Chairman said it was a great pleasure to welcome all to the re-union. He was very glad to see so many looking so well, and he felt it a great honour in being asked to preside. A minister had once said at a meeting—"Well, boys and girls, I wonder what I should say to you," and one wee chap replied—"Say Amen an' sit doon." The Doctor said he would like fine if some of the guests would say likewise. (Laughter). Several thoughts had occurred to him regarding the re-union. One was why the event was always held in January, and the explanations might be that it cheered up the winter months, was a New Year treat, or it might just be to show the hardiness of Muirkirk old folks. The Chairman also referred to the fact that many of the guests were fathers and mothers of boys in the Forces, and said that everyone would be real proud when they came home with the war won. (Applause). In conclusion Dr Frame said he had three good wishes for 1941. The first was that they should have no connection with him; the second was that the war would come to a speedy end; and the third was that everything they turned their hands to would be successful, and that all would have a very good and prosperous New Year. (Applause).

Mr Alex. Sloan, our Member of Parliament, said he felt deeply honoured at being invited to such a remarkable gathering. He didn't think they were old folks at all, for they didn't look old. Mr Sloan recounted the story of the man who, on reaching his centenary, was asked—"D'ye think ye'll see anither hundred years?" "Weel," he replied, "I'm startin' the second a bit bigger an' stronger than I did the first." (Laughter). The speaker expressed the hope that all would be spared to attend many more re-unions, referred to the present difficult times occasioned by the war, and paid a high tribute to the old folks who, he said, had been responsible in securing the many pleasures and privileges the younger generation enjoyed.

Mr John Colthart, J.P., when called upon, said he wished to associate himself with the good wishes extended by the previous speakers, and, like most of the other speakers, trotted out a good story or two to keep the fun going. In more serious vein, Mr Colthart referred to changes that had taken place—the loss of old friends, names of whom he enumerated, industrial changes in the village, and the alteration in social habits of the residents, and, in conclusion, wished all prosperity in 1941 and hoped that this year would see the end of the war and our dear ones back home again with their ain folks. (Applause).

Rev. Father Moriarty said he felt very fortunate and highly honoured in meeting the old folks of Muirkirk in this manner, and expressed his best wishes for the future. Father Moriarty also spoke of former experiences amongst the older folks, and said he felt very happy in his new charge at Muirkirk.

Rev. W. Greig Alexander, M.A., spoke of the attributes of old age, and Rev. W. E. Littlewood also added his good wishes and appreciation of the Committee's invitation to be present.

The concert part of the programme was sustained by a party of artistes from the Cumnock and Auchinleck district, and they presented a varied entertainment compered by Mr Andrew Mitchell. The artistes were:—Miss Jenny Smith, 12-year-old soprano; Miss Margaret Loy, Highland dancer; Mr Jock Smith, comedian; Miss Isobel Strachan, 13-year-old elocutionist; Mr Andrew Mitchell, tenor vocalist, compere, and accompanist; Miss Margaret Jamieson, accordionist; Mrs Lennox, soprano; Miss Betty Jamieson, pianist; Mr John Robson, baritone; and Mr T.

Kirkland, conjuror. Quite a lengthy programme was submitted, and the efforts of the company (recently formed to help war charities) were appreciated.

The customary votes of thanks were heartily accorded. Dr Cameron proposed that to the Chairman, the artistes, the Co-operative Society for the purveying, the Ladies Committee who had looked after the tables, and Mr Goldie's orchestra. Mr James Anderson paid tribute to the Committee and especially to their energetic secretary, Mrs Hugh Love, who had successfully carried out these duties for the past eleven years. Mr Hugh Love proposed a compliment to the donors at home and abroad, and spoke of everyone's delight at one of their constant donors—Sir John Maxwell, receiving a knighthood from the King. Sir John's mother was present with them that night. It was an honour well deserved, and their congratulations and best wishes went out at this time to Sir John Maxwell. Mr Love also thanked all who had given transport facilities.

Each of the guests was presented with a voucher value two shillings to be exchanged for goods at the Co-operative Society's shops.

The re-union was concluded in the time-honoured fashion by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The following are the names of the guests who attended:—

MAIN STREET.

Mr H. Caldwell, Mr John Watson, Mr R. Blyth, Mrs Blyth, Mr and Mrs Gourlay, Mr R. Samson, Mr J. Brown, Mr D. Samson, Mr J. Goldie, Mr S. Rae, Mrs J. Barrie, Mrs Wilson, Mrs W. Ross, Mrs D. Hamilton, Mr Wm. Caldow, Mr and Mrs J. Mathieson, Mr J. Emslie, Mr H. Murray, Mr and Mrs Wm. Ferguson, Mrs D. Bone, Miss Park, Mr J. M'Call, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mr J. Brown, Mr J. Hogg, Mr and Mrs D. Gillan, Mrs Kay G'irvan, Mr and Mrs G. Willock, Mr and Mrs J. Samson, Mrs Walker, Mrs Thomson.

FURNACE ROAD.

Mrs Ferguson, Mrs N. Vallance, Mr and Mrs M. Anderson.

SMALLBURN.

Mrs Wm. Jack, Mr J. M'Call, Mr Hamilton.

GLASGOW ROAD.

Mr and Mrs J. Masterton, Mrs Wm. Smith, Mr and Mrs G. M'Call, Mrs Da Prato, Mr and Mrs M. Ross, Mr and Mrs J. Bell, Mr Geo. Bradford, Mr Geo. Davidson, Mr Thos. M'Kean, Mr and Mrs J. Ross.

WELLWOOD AVENUE.

Mrs Scott, Mr J. Fleming, Mr J. Cameron.

MIDDLEFIELD DRIVE.

Mr and Mrs B. Gibney, Mr Purdie, Mrs Jackson, Mr Wm. M'Millan.

WELLWOOD STREET.

Mr Thos. Broom, Mr Constable, Mr A. Mitchell.

COUNTRY DISTRICT.

Mr Robert Irvine (Wellwood), Mr M'Culloch (Haystackhill), Mrs Beck (Burnfoot), Mr and Mrs J. Wilson (Lightshaw), Mrs M'Garrity (Torhill).

BRIDGE STREET.

Mrs J. Dempster, Mr T. Morran, Mrs G. Loggie (Old Bank), Mr J. M'Call (Old Bank), Mr and Mrs T. Barrie, Mrs T. M'Donald, Mrs Anderson.

KIRKGREEN.

Mrs J. Clark, Mr and Mrs P. Graham.

GARRONHILL.

Mr J. Higgins, Mrs Masterton, Mrs Samson, Mrs M'Kerrell, Mr Cassagrande, Mr A. Cannon, Mr D. M'Crone, Mr Vallance.

LINKIEBURN AND THE SQUARE.

Mrs A. De Sykes, Mr and Mrs Peters, Mrs Ferguson.

MIDHOUSE ROW.

Mr H. Samson, Mr H. Williamson, Mr G. Williamson, Mr J. Murdoch, Mrs Henderson.

NEW TERRACE.

Mr and Mrs A. Loggie, Mr and Mrs J. Fleming, Mrs G. M'Dade, Mrs J. Johnston, Mr J. Brown, Mr and Mrs Slimmon, Mr and Mrs O'Melia, Mrs M'Latchie.

SPRINGHILL TERRACE.

Mrs J. Hill, Mrs Rollet, Mr and Mrs Wm. Loggie, Mr A. Irvine, Mrs I. Mackin, Mrs Herron.

KAMES ROW.

Mrs J. Peacock, Mr and Mrs Con. De Mascio, Mr D. Goodlet, Mr and Mrs H. Campbell, Mrs P. Mackin, Mrs Kirkwood, Mrs Kean, Mr Wm. Kay, Mrs Torbet, Mr J. Kelly.

OLD TERRACE.

Mr R. Lowe, Mr and Mrs T. Cowan, Mr A. Kerr, Mr Wm. Stoddart, Mr and Mrs Park, Mr A. Menzies, Mr A. Walker.

PARK TERRACE.

Mrs Parker, Mrs Flannigan, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Wm. Bradford, Mrs Greenwood, Mr J. Wallace, Mrs Woodburn, Mr Bell.

A large number availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the Regal Cinema on Saturday afternoon, and enjoyed the films presented. Mr Muir was heartily thanked for his kindness in once again remembering the old folks in this manner.

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MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

The weekly meeting of the Committee took place at the Manse on Tuesday afternoon, and in spite of the not very tempting weather there was almost a full attendance.

The following is a list of the work done during the week:—Twenty pairs of socks, twelve scarves, three pullovers, five helmets, three pairs of gloves, four pairs of mittens, one pair of seamen's stockings, and one suit of pyjamas.

There were three parcels sent out. The Red Cross got the sewn article, with the silver paper and books. The Navy League got eighteen pairs of socks and one pair of seamen's stockings. The Rhodesian Air Force got ten scarves, one pullover, four pairs of mittens, one pair of gloves, one helmet, and six pairs of socks, while to the local lads serving there were given out six pairs of socks, one helmet, three scarves, and three pairs of gloves.

The donations were mostly in kind:—Books and silver paper per Miss Martin, a large bag of silver paper from Mrs Clark, Main Street, and a small picture by Mr Fleming which realised 11/7, and passed into the custody of Miss Boland, Ayr.

The weekly collection, with two district collections to come in, came to over £10.

Letters of appreciation of the work done by the workers came both from the Navy League and the Rhodesian Committee, and the letter of the Marchioness of Graham on behalf of the Rhodesian Committee should prove a decided encouragement to the loyal band of knitters of which Muirkirk can boast:—

Dear Mr Henderson,—We are absolutely delighted with your magnificent gift of comforts for the Rhodesian Forces over here. We cannot thank you enough for the two further splendid contributions to our stocks.

Mrs O'Keefe, the wife of the Rhodesian High Commissioner in London, wrote me yesterday to tell us what a boon our supplies of comforts had been to them, especially as a fresh batch of airmen had just arrived unexpectedly and needed to be fitted out at once.

We have a certain amount of fine wool, and if this would be any help to keep your Work Party busy, and you have some good knitters who could tackle it, I would be very pleased to send you some if you would let me know.

With again many thanks for all your help,
Yours very truly,

ISOBEL GRAHAM.

**SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE,
AREA No. 5.**

A meeting of the above Committee was held at Cumnock on Monday.

In the minutes of a meeting of Muirkirk Sub-committee, held on 24th December, it was reported that the use of Glenbuck, St Thomas', and Wellwood Schools had been granted for social functions. An application by the Amateur Orchestra for the use of Muirkirk H.G. School for practices was granted on the usual conditions, with the proviso that practices must be held at a time arranged by the Convener, so that no disturbance of other school work will be caused. It was agreed to recommend that the Attendance Officer be supplied with a waterproof coat and leggings, and, as Main Street School had no black-out facilities, it was decided to ask the Architect to give a report on the cost thereof.

We understand that black-out arrangements have now been completed at Main Street School.

CUMNOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The District Council met after the School Management Committee meeting at Cumnock on Monday.

The minutes included one of a meeting of Muirkirk Sub-committee, held on 24th December, amongst the business at which Mr Colthart gave notice that at next meeting he would put forward the motion that the Committee consider the question of the termination of the let of Glenbuck Park.

Original Poetry.

1940TH CHRISTMASTIDE.

We've reached another Christmastide,
And still war rages far and wide,
On sea and land, and in the sky,
When all the world should ring with joy.

But we must do and nobly dare
While Huns are rampant everywhere,
With fire and high-explosive bombs
Destroying lives and wrecking homes.

Oh, Father, help us with Thy might
To win this war for Truth and Right,
And hail victorious Peace with pride
Before another Christmastide.

MATTHEW ANDERSON
(Ex-Ayrshire Policeman).

DOUGLAS.

Sabbath Services.

**DOUGLAS OLD ST. BRIDE'S PARISH
CHURCH.**

SERVICE ON SUNDAY FIRST—
12 noon—Rev. A. SALMOND SMITH, B.D.

A MEETING OF LADIES

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3rd Feb., at 7 p.m. Speaker—Miss Pirie, Ithchang,
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Local Intelligence.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—At the weekly whist drive in the Welfare Hall on Tuesday of last week the prize awards were:—Ladies—Mrs W. Sykes (Douglas West), 2 Mrs R. M'Donald, consolation Mrs J. M'Dougall; gentlemen—1 Mr Jas. Taylor, 2 (after a cut) Mr W. Kerr, consolation Mr J. G. Galbraith.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS.—On Tuesday evening of last week in the Women's Hall the domino contest result was:—1 Mrs C. Welch, 2 Mrs J. M'Laughlan, consolation Mrs J. Sandilands. On Wednesday evening the whist prizes were won by Mrs B. Kerr and Mrs Jas. Taylor.

DROWNED IN MINE.—A peculiarly sad accident took place at Douglas Castle Colliery on Thursday morning. It seems that two men were engaged "redding up" a heading, and a sudden inrush of water from an adjoining heading occurred. As a sad consequence Robert Russell (34), miner, who resided at 61 Ayr Road, Douglas, was almost instantly drowned. Russell, although not a native of Douglas, had resided here for several years, and was a married man with a family of five young children. A very sad fact was that his wife, a Douglas woman, gave birth to a baby only a few days before this mishap. At the funeral on Saturday members of the Observer Corps, of which Russell was an active member, turned out and marched at the side of the hearse, and carried the coffin to the graveside. Fellow workers and the mine management attended the funeral.

WELFARE WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING.—In the Women's Hall on Thursday evening the prize awards were:—Dominoes—1 Mrs Jas. Blackwood, consolation Mrs J. Shaw; whist—ladies—1 Mrs R. Gold, consolation Miss M. Shaw; ladies playing as gentlemen—1 Mrs A. Shankly, consolation Mrs M. Kerr.

MASONIC DANCE.—On Thursday evening there was quite a good attendance in the Masonic Hall when another dance in aid of the Lanarkshire Masonic War Hospital Scheme was held. The music was supplied by Messrs Kennedy from Douglas Water, and Mr John Welch acted as M.C. The Monte Carlo dance competition was won by Miss J. Dempster and Mr T. Gibson.

INVITATION DANCE.—Another cheery dance was held by the Newmains folks at Coalgill on Friday evening in aid of local funds for soldiers comforts. The invitations had been gladly accepted, and quite a pleasant time was spent in dancing to the music supplied by Mr Kennedy, while Mr R. Connell as M.C. saw that everyone did their share in the dancing. At an interval a refreshing cup of tea was served up by the ladies, and thoroughly enjoyed. Songs were also contributed by Messrs A. Gibson and W. Brodie, and it proved quite a successful function.

CURLING MATCH.—The postponed friendly match with a Lesmahagow team took place on the Stables Loch on Saturday afternoon. Five rinks took part, and a keen yet pleasant contest on moderate ice ended in a victory for Douglas by 23 shots. Skips and scores:—

DOUGLAS.		LESMAHAGOW.	
Jas. M'Laren,	22	L. Steel,	16
A. Clarkson,	27	T. M'Gregor,	21
John Wilson,	16	R. Borland,	23
D. Provan,	21	J. Scott,	19
W. Mitchell,	33	R. M'Gregor,	17
	119		96

The visitors were hospitably entertained at the close of the match.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—An interesting memorial service, organised by the local troops of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, was held in New St. Bride's Church on Sunday. The Scouts, Wolf Cubs, and Guides, under their leaders, occupied the body of the church. The service was conducted by the Rev. John Mowat, M.A., and Scout R. Thorburn and Guide N. Newbigging read the Scripture lessons. The praise was appropriately chosen, and in his address Mr Mowat emphasised the value of the Scout movement in its universal appeal. He instanced Lord Baden Powell, in whose memory the service was held, as a marked example of their standards of loyalty, service, and honour, and at the close all the young folks renewed their oath of service. Mr Mowat declared that the germ of world-wide friendship desired when peace came lay already in the Scout movement.

CAMERONIAN BAND CONCERT.—It is seldom Douglas folks have an opportunity of hearing a programme by that mixed musical combination of brass and wood wind instruments—a military band. Hence the visit of the Cameronian I.T.C. Military Band on Sunday was welcomed heartily. The concert was organised by the Home Guard, and was on behalf of the Cameronian War Prisoners' Fund. Although there was room for more, quite a large audience gathered in the Welfare Hall on Sunday afternoon, and were generous in their applause. Company Commander D. Provan, in opening the concert, welcomed the Cameronians to Douglas, pointing out that it was in Douglas the regiment was first raised, and said how proud the Home Guard were to be attached to this historic regiment and wear its badge. The programme by the band was varied and proved very interesting, and the combination acquitted themselves with distinction. Both in their straight numbers and novelty items good musicianship was ever in evidence, and their attention to their clever conductor was praiseworthy. In addition the band members rendered vocally a series of sea shanties in robust style. Further variety was given to the programme by the solos of Mr William Noble (tenor)—"Take a pair of sparkling eyes," and "Because," and Mr Jas. Fairley (baritone)—"Hail Caledonia," "Bonny wee thing," and "Hurrah for the Highlands," these Scottish items in particular pleasing the audience. Instrumental solos were rendered by Bandsman N. Rae (who also accompanied the vocalists), Lance-Corporal T. Langdon (piccolo), Bandsman D. Powrie (cello), and a post horn solo by another member of the band. The conductors were Mr L. N. Dunn, A.R.C.M., and Mr S. W. Pennel, A.R.C.M., to whose training the combination owe much. At the close Mr Provan moved votes of thanks to the Welfare Committee for their generous gift to the fund, the artistes, Q.M. T. H. Train and his assistants for their help in organising the concert, and all were heartily endorsed.

GLESPIN.

WHIST DRIVE.—On Thursday evening in Kennox Welfare, at the weekly card contest in aid of War Work Party Funds, it was noticeable that gentlemen players were in the majority. This does not often occur, and to show their abilities the men carried off all the awards. The winners were:—Ladies' prizes—Mr R. M'Gill, consolation Mr W. Hastings; gentlemen's prizes—Mr Geo. Hastings, consolation Mr S. Freebairn.

DOUGLAS WEST.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—There was a smaller attendance in the Welfare Hall on Monday evening when the weekly card contest took place. The awards were won by Mr and Mrs Wm. Hamilton.

He was moody and glum after the dance, and his friend could hardly get a word out of him. "What's the matter?" he asked "Didn't you get on well with the girl I introduced you to?" "Well," said his friend, "I asked her three or four times if I could see her home, and she said if I was as keen on her home as all that she'd send me a photograph of it."

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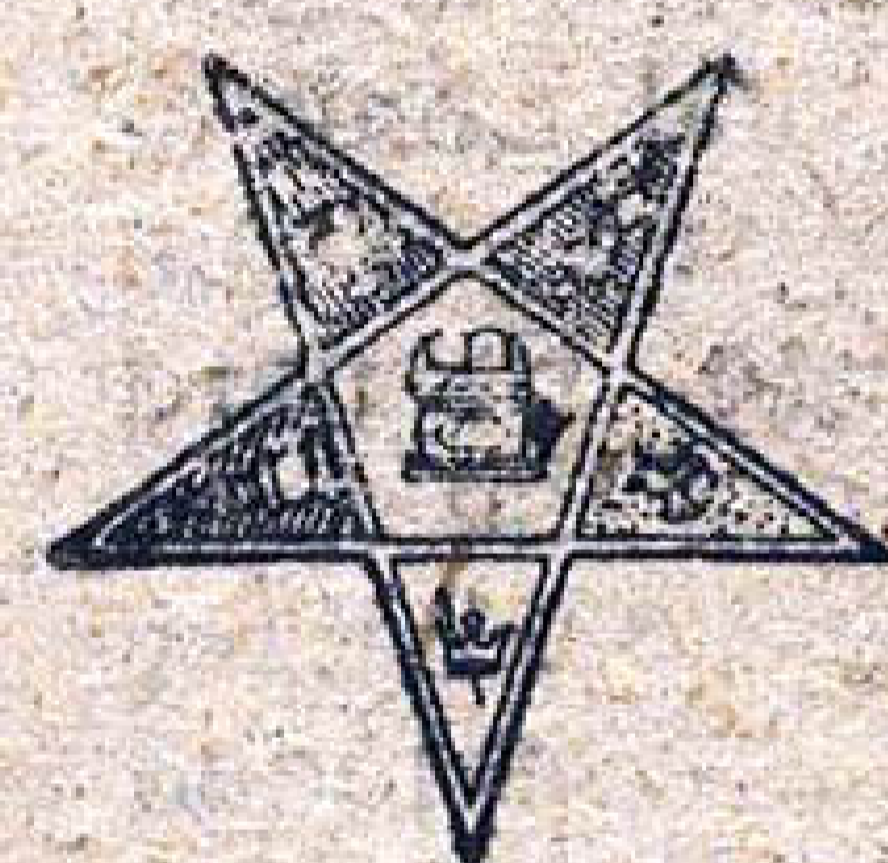
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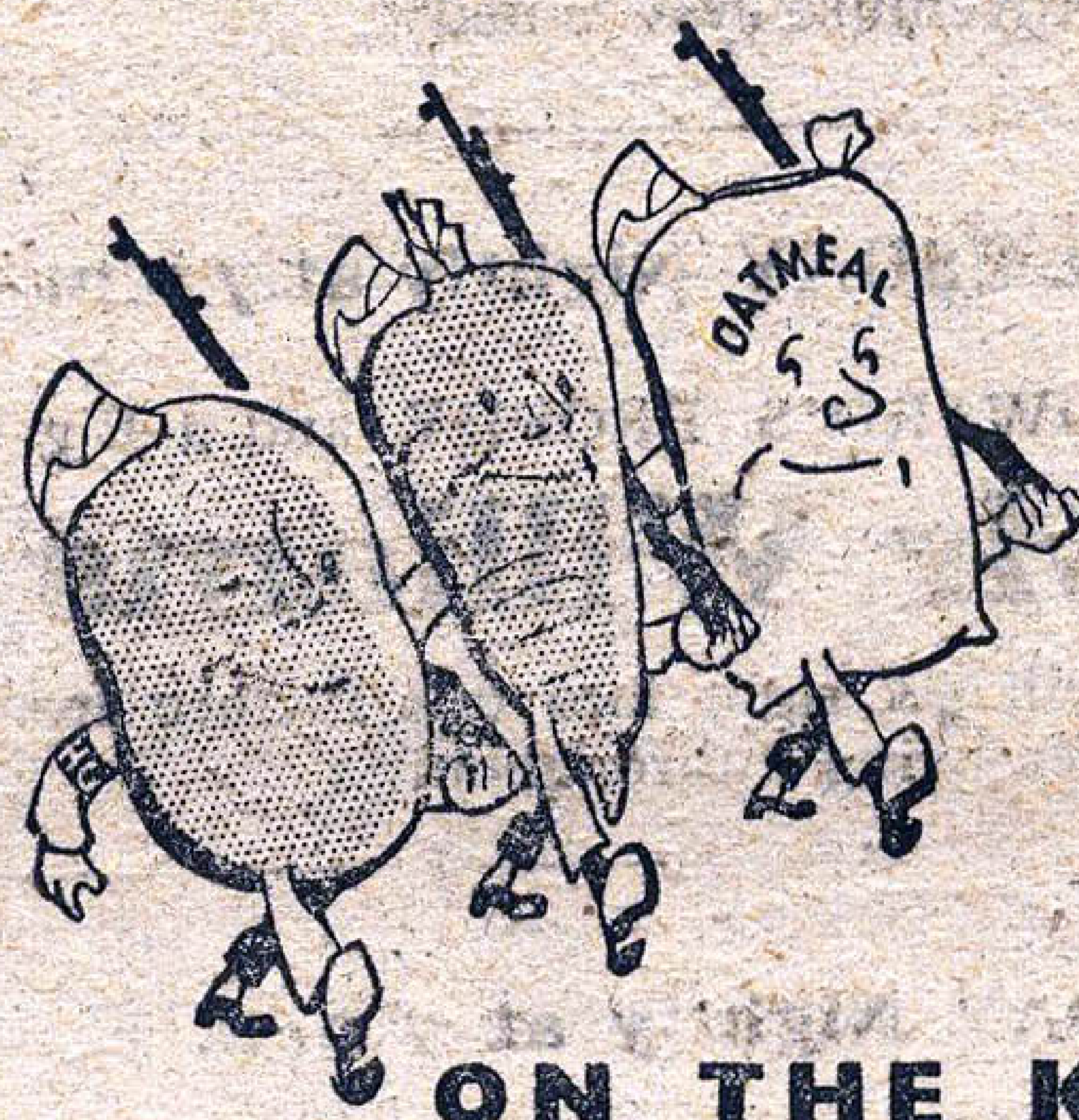
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ON THE KITCHEN FRONT

Quiz

1. Carrots contain Vitamin A. How does this help you to get home safely at night?
2. How much potato do you lose when you peel it?

Potato and Corned Beef Pancake

When you are offered corned beef instead of your usual cut of meat, do you know how to make it into a substantial dish? The great point is to keep it moist and utilise its fat to the best advantage. Here is a suggestion from America.

Mix lightly 1 breakfastcupful of chopped corned beef with the same quantity of diced cooked potatoes, and season with pepper and salt. Pour into a pan $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 gill milk or household stock and a teaspoonful or so of clarified fat or dripping. When warmed, turn in the meat and potatoes, spreading them evenly. Flick another two teaspoonfuls of fat over the top. Place a plate over the pan and allow the pancake to cook quite slowly for about half an hour. A thick delicious crust will form on the bottom. Fold the pancake across and serve it up on a hot dish with sprouts or any other cooked green vegetable.

"Traffic Lights" Vegetable

Carrots and sprouts are good vegetables to serve together. Scrape and slice some carrots and prepare and slice an equal quantity of

sprouts. Steam them together until tender (about 15 minutes) sprinkling them with a little salt. If possible, toss with a teaspoonful of margarine before serving.

Pigs in Clover

For this wholesome and economical dish you will need 6 medium, well-scrubbed potatoes, 6 skinned sausage and some cabbage. With an applicator, remove a centre core lengthways from each potato and stuff the cavity with sausage meat. Bake the potatoes in the usual way and serve on a bed of lightly chopped, cooked cabbage.

Honey Oatmeal Buns

These nourishing buns are extremely popular in most homes. Try them on your family. This recipe makes 18 medium-sized or 12 larger buns.

Sift 4 ozs. white flour, 1 heaped teaspoonful baking powder and some salt. Then rub in $2\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. margarine or clarified cooking fat. When evenly mixed, add 4 ozs. fine oatmeal and a level teaspoonful ground ginger. Mix a little beaten-up egg with 3 dessert-spoonfuls honey (loosened by slight warming if necessary) and mix to a stiff consistency with a fork. You may need a little milk here. Divide the mixture into roughly piled heaps. Bake in a hot oven for quick rising; then reduce the heat slightly for crisp, even browning. The whole baking should take about 20 minutes.



ANSWERS

1. It helps you to see in the dark.
2. About a quarter (yes, really!). So you see how important it is to scrub potatoes, not peel them.

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Also: NIGHT HAWK (u).

SATURDAY (For One Day Only) at 1.30 (Matinee), and at 5.30 and 8.15 p.m.

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The Picture that took America by storm, and has done terrific business in this country.

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord, He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored, He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible, swift sword, His truth is marching on."

This Picture takes approximately 130 minutes to show. Please be early and see it from the beginning.

Also—THE MARCH OF TIME (u).

FRIDAY at 7 p.m.

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COMING—

THE ROAD TO SINGAPORE (u)—Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour.

HIS GIRL FRIDAY (a)—Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell.

UNTAMED (a)—in Technicolour—Ray Milland, Akim Tamiroff, Patricia Morrison.

IF IT'S AT THE REGAL—IT'S GOOD.

Marriage.

MACLEAN—MILLAR.—At St. Enoch Kelvinghaugh Church, on 23rd Jan., by the Rev. Douglas Watt, Chief Petty Officer William MacDonal Maclean, third son of Mr and Mrs Allan Maclean, of Glasgow, to Hannah Wilson Millar, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Millar, 29 Garronhill, Muirkirk.

In Memoriam.

ROBB.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died at Muirkirk, 28th Jan., 1940.

You often said we'd miss you,
You've proved your words too true,
We lost our best and dearest friend,
Dear mother, when we lost you.

—Inserted by John, Jenny, and Wee Mary, and also her son Jimmy.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1941.

Local News.

WELLWOOD CHURCH WOMAN'S GUILD.—The monthly meeting was held in the Church Hall on Thursday evening last, Mrs Gordon presiding. There was a fine attendance of ladies. After tea Mrs Callan gave a most interesting and true-to-life address on "Time". Vocal solos were contributed by Mrs Kirkwood (Glenbuck), Miss Davidson (Glenbuck), and Miss Annie Dempster, with Miss Guthrie at the piano. At the close of a successful meeting the usual votes of thanks were accorded on the call of Mrs Gordon and Miss Findlay.

ADULT EDUCATION.—At the weekly meeting in the Higher Grade School on Wednesday of last week Mr Murdoch, the class lecturer, took "Macbeth" as his subject. Mr Murdoch dealt with the various elements that went to make up tragedy, Aristotle's idea of tragedy, and then with the plots of several Shakespearean tragedies before proceeding to talk in detail on "Macbeth" and its more important characters. There was a good discussion afterwards, and the well-worn question again cropped up—"Was Bacon the real Shakespeare?", while opinions were expressed on the relative merits of Bacon and George Bernard Shaw as dramatists. The remainder of the time was spent in doing several interesting vocabulary exercises, and a successful meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr John Crosbie for fulfilling the duties of chairman.

THE REGAL CINEMA.—The management has much pleasure in presenting five "star-lit" programmes, each and all of which are of proved entertainment merit. To-night and also to-morrow (Friday) the feature is "Joe and Ethel Turp call on the President." The stars here are Ann Sothorn, Lewis Stone, Walter Brennan, and William Gargan. Their respective roles in many past films are well known, and one has only to see this effort to realise just how careful producers are in selecting suitable stars. It's an altogether well set and rounded off cast for this homely and unique tale. Also showing is "Night Hawk." Saturday's one-day show is of the type everyone enjoys. Wallace Beery can always be relied upon to give a rousing show, and in company with John Howard, Dolores Del Rio, and Donald Meek in "Arouse and Beware" he fully enhances his already good reputation. Next week three outstanding supers will be shown. The bill on Monday and Tuesday is headed by Columbia's catchy comedy, "The Amazing Mr Williams," starring Melvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell with a big supporting cast. Melvyn and Joan together again recalls past successes, and in "Mr Williams" their performance is splendid. It is comedy of a good wholesome type throughout. Patrons will no doubt note "The Grapes of Wrath" showing on Wednesday and Thursday. This in some ways is perhaps the masterpiece of this week's programmes, and, in view of its considerable length, patrons are requested to come early and see it from the beginning. On the same programme is the ever topical and interesting "The March of Time." On Friday and Saturday of next week your own Shirley Temple appears in her most beautiful and appealing film, "The Blue Bird" (in glorious technicolor), and also your own Jones Family in "Young as You Feel." You can always count on "stars" at the Regal—the cinema where they "always shine." Note coming attractions.

COMING EVENTS

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

February 11—E.U. Women's Union meeting at 7.15 p.m. Harmony Night. Soloists—Mrs Steven, Mrs Clark. Elocutionist—Mrs Hadden. Musical Items—Miss Patricia Da Prato. Tea 6d.

Feb. 14—O. E. S. Whist Drive in Masonic Hall.

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GLENBUCK.

HOME GUARD NOTES.—On Monday of last week at a practice shoot with the miniature rifle Alex Davidson scored 25 out of a possible 25, and Frank Bone 24. This performance is all the more meritorious when it is mentioned that the target was a disappearing one (five seconds exposure). —On Tuesday Captain Baird, R.A.M.C., gave an hour of his short time of leave to give a lecture-demonstration on the treatment of gun-shot wounds with consequent bleeding—capillary, venous, or arterial. He spoke also of the possibility of fracture, and showed how it should be treated. Finally, he mentioned the best ways of dealing with shock arising from wounds. There was a splendid turnout of members, who showed in no uncertain fashion their appreciation of the Captain's splendid lecture and of his fine sense of duty.

COMING EVENTS.

March 14—Glenbuck Old Folk's Re-union and Dance.

Golfer—"Let's see, what did I go round in yesterday, caddy?" Caddy—"Plus fours an' a check cap, sir."

MASONIC WHIST.—Mr Gourlay Haugh conducted the whist drive in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, and the prize-winners were:—Ladies' prizes—1 Mrs Currie (178), 2 Mrs Towle (176), 3 Mrs Barrie (175); gentlemen's prizes—1 Miss M. Gilfillan (168), 2 Mr A. C. Walker (166), 3 Mrs Stein (166).

MARKET INTELLIGENCE.—At Kilmarnock Egg and Poultry Auction Market on Friday, Mr R. B. Thomson, auctioneer, had supplies of poultry similar to last week's. Prices were still very good. Best hens 5/- to 7/6, pullets for killing 5/- to 8/10, others 9/6; best cockerels 7/- to 9/-; soft chickens 7/- to 8/-. Rabbits 1/6, hares 4/-. Day-old chickens, mixed sexes, 10/- per dozen. Garden produce good supplies making nominal prices. Beetroot, parsnips, and carrots, 6/- per half bag; potatoes, 9/- per cwt. Egg supplies were less than previous week's; all were passed through Packing Station and maximum rates per dozen with no commission charged were paid.

BENEFIT WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—The effort in the Ironworks Institute on Friday evening in aid of Adam Black was attended by the success it deserved, and the function passed off in a most enjoyable manner. There was a splendid attendance at the whist drive, and under the genial conductorship of the Rev. John Henderson, B.D., play proceeded smoothly. The prize-winners were:—Top score—Mrs John Morrison; ladies—1 Mrs Queen, 2 Mrs H. Anderson, 3 Mrs Twist; gentlemen—1 Mr John Kean, 2 Mr John Turner, 3 Mr W. Park. Mr John Rollett, chairman of the Committee who had organised the event, thanked the public for their support, and called for a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. John Henderson for his services. The dance which followed was also well patronised, and the music was supplied by the Harmony Boys from Douglas Water, with Mr Steve Bradford as Master of Ceremonies. The prizes for a novelty dance were won by Mr B. M'Garry and Miss Janet Kelly. The object of the Committee—to provide Adam with a new Allwell spiral chair, has thus been successful. We understand the new chair will be a four-wheeler, complete with hood for protection from the weather.

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE.—In this week's "review" we have again some very fine pictures to recommend, and it is a safe bet that you will find a programme to your liking at the Picture House. The selection is as follows:—

"Golden Gloves" (to-night)—Romance of the boxing ring. Grand fights, fast-moving story, and good love interest. O.K.

"It all came true" (Friday and Saturday)—Ann Sheridan (the "oomph" girl) at her best, excellently supported by Jeffrey Lynn and Humphrey Bogart. Zasu Pitts also has a typical role, and provides the funniness. "Sunday Post" awards it three stars. Don't miss it!

"Smuggled Cargo" (Sunday)—Gangster melodrama with a somewhat unusual theme. Fast and exciting.

"Turnabout" (Monday and Tuesday)—A comedy special by Hal Roach the comedy specialist. Hal knows what makes the laughs, and in "Turnabout" he makes 'em. Well recommended.

"Charge of the Light Brigade" (Wednesday and Thursday)—A cast-iron speculation. One of the best pictures ever, and far too well-known to need any puff. Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland are the stars.

Up-to-date news-reels and selected shorts accompany all of these choice features.—See advt.

MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

The weekly meeting of the Committee was held at the Manse on Tuesday afternoon, and there was a full attendance.

The members brought in a great amount of work including three suits of pyjamas, one pair of pyjama trousers, twelve pullovers, twenty-four pairs of gloves, twenty-two pairs of socks, seventeen scarves, eight helmets, two pairs of seamen's stockings, and eight pairs of mittens. The Red Cross received five suits of pyjamas, while the Navy League got eight pullovers, three helmets, four scarves, four pairs of gloves, thirteen pairs of socks, and two pairs of seamen's stockings. The Rhodesian Air Force received four pairs of mittens, five pairs of gloves, three helmets, three scarves, three pullovers, and five pairs of socks, while it was agreed to give to the soldiers who were passing through the village two helmets, four pairs of gloves, six scarves, and twelve pairs of socks. There were given out for our own boys four pairs of socks, seven pairs of gloves, four scarves, one pullover, three helmets, and one pair of mittens.

The Higher Grade children contributed four scarves, five pairs of gloves, and one pair of mittens, while Master J. Hilditch contributed papers and magazines.

The collection for the week came to nearly £14.

"Let me tell you," the plump wife shouted at her husband, "that it's hard for a woman like me to be brave in wartime." "I know," retorted her long-suffering husband, "look at all the chins you have to keep up."

Picture House.

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TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY) at 7 p.m.

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**It All Came
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ground—and what a background!
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ground—and what a background!

(A)
TURNABOUT
JOHN HUBBARD, and a Big Cast in
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HAL ROACH presents

to a Special Programme!
S'all right, folks—it's just to draw your attention

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY at 7.

ERROL FLYNN and
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**THE CHARGE
OF THE
LIGHT BRIGADE** (U)

One of the finest Pictures of all time, and worth seeing over and over again.
Too well known to need further comment.

FULL SUPPORTING PROGRAMME.

COMING—

Jack Benny in Paramount's Musical—
Buck Benny Rides Again.

AYR COUNTY COUNCIL.

The January meeting of the Council was held at Ayr on Tuesday.

The following excerpts from the minutes of various Committees are of local interest.

From the Finance Committee minutes :—
MUIRKIRK SCAVENGING.

Submitted reference from the Public Health Committee approving the appointment of a scavenger at Muirkirk at a wage of 60/- per week. The previous wage was £2 15/- per week but a part-time assistant will now be dispensed with. Approved.

From the Highways Committee minutes :—
PAVEMENT ALTERATIONS AT CLYDESDALE BANK, MUIRKIRK.

Submitted letter from the Agent of the Clydesdale Bank, Muirkirk, with reference to the pavement alterations recently carried out by the Highways Department ex adverso the Bank property. The agent stated that the new level of the pavement required the alteration of an iron gate, and that when the work was proposed some time ago the Bank had obtained an estimate for changing the gate at a cost of £2 10/-, which figure, however, had now risen to £4 owing to the increased cost of material. His Head Office contends that the County Council were responsible for the delay, and are therefore of the opinion that some contribution should be made by the Council towards the increased charge.

The County Surveyor reported that in the first instance the increase of 30/- in the contract price appeared to him to be out of all proportion to the actual increase in the cost of materials due to the war. The Surveyor also stated it was made clear to the bank officials that his Department was unable to carry out the work at the time arranged and that the job was proceeded with when the first opportunity arose. He was, therefore, of the opinion that the County Council should not accept any responsibility.

It was agreed to take no action.

SNOW PLOUGH FOR MUIRKIRK DISTRICT.

Submitted letter from the District Council Clerk, Cumnock, submitting a recommendation by his District Council that a modern snow plough be provided for Muirkirk District and that it be stored in the village.

The County Surveyor reported that there has been a good deal of difficulty in adjusting the locations of snow ploughs in the past, and that this has often been occasioned by the lack of sufficient heavy lorries in a particular area. In order to meet the needs of the District Council the Surveyor stated that the Divisional Surveyor has arranged with a local haulier at Muirkirk to have one of the light snow ploughs adapted to his vehicle and that this will be kept in Muirkirk. He further stated that there is also a wooden snow plough built last year by the local roadman which is available there at any time.

It was agreed to approve the arrangement.

From the Housing Committee minutes :—
GLENBUCK HOUSING.

Submitted letter from Mr Alex. Little, plumber, Muirkirk, making application on behalf of Mr Peter Tait, Braehead Cottage, Glenbuck, for permission to connect the drain from a new w.c. being installed there to the drainage system of Glenbuck Housing Scheme.

There was also submitted report by the Architect that permission might be granted provided the connection is made to his satisfaction, and that Mr Tait will agree to bear half the cost of any future repair or cleaning of the drain between the point of his connection and the septic tank, and also half the cost of any future repair or cleaning of the septic tank. The County Sanitary Inspector agrees with these recommendations.

It was agreed to grant the application subject to Mr Tait agreeing to the conditions recommended by the Architect, or, alternatively to his agreeing to pay (a) a proportionate part of the capital cost incurred by the County Council in laying the section of drain from the point of connection of the house drain to the septic tank and in installing the septic tank, and (b) a similar proportion of the cost of any future repair or cleaning of the section of drain referred to and of the septic tank.

GLENBUCK HOUSING.—PAINTING AND GLAZING. Remitted to Architect to take in offers for the work and to accept the lowest satisfactory offer.

From the minutes of the Public Health Committee :—

MUIRKIRK.—Mr John Taylor having been appointed Relieving Officer at Muirkirk, it was resolved to appoint him Registrar. The salary allocated to the appointment is £50 per annum.

WELLWOOD.

HERDS' DANCE.—On Friday evening the welkin rang at Wellwood School, the occasion being a dance under the auspices of the Wellwood Herds. There was a fine turnout of about seventy dancers, and, fortunately, the sterner sex predominated. Mr Jas. Wood, Upper Wellwood, was Master of Ceremonies, and the music was supplied by Mr James Thomson with his accordion. The weather was quite decent for the occasion, and a cheery event broke up well before milking time.

DOUGLAS.

Sabbath Services.

DOUGLAS OLD ST. BRIDE'S PARISH CHURCH.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY FIRST—

12 noon—Rev. A. SALMOND SMITH, B.D.
6.30 p.m.—Service at Glespin.

A MEETING OF LADIES

will be held in the COFFEE HOUSE on MONDAY FIRST, 3rd Feb., at 7 p.m. Speaker—Miss Pirie, Ithchang, China.

NEW ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH.

SUNDAY FIRST—

12 noon—Rev. T. FERGUSON NEILL, Lesmahagow.
5 p.m.—Minister's Bible Class.
6 p.m.—The Courtesy of God.

Public Notices.

GRAND BENEFIT DANCE.

In aid of the Lanarkshire Masonic War Hospital Scheme a DANCE will be held in the MASONIC HALL, DOUGLAS, EVERY THURSDAY from 7.30 till 11 p.m. Ladies 9d, Gentlemen 1/-.

DOUGLAS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING will be held in the COFFEE HOUSE, on SATURDAY FIRST, 1st Feb., at 6.30 p.m.

J. P. Secy.

DOUGLAS DISTRICT SILVER BAND.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For Year ending 30th Nov., 1940.

INCOME.	
Brought forward, ...	£2 2 8
H. to H. Collections, ...	50 1 11
Whist Drive and Dance, ...	7 15 0
Donations, ...	6 12 0
Band Members, ...	2 1 7
Total, ...	£68 13 2
EXPENDITURE.	
To Mr J. Cornelius, conductor, £15, } £18 0 0	
To Mr J. Girdwood, conductor, £3, }	
Whist Drive and Dance, ...	3 4 3
Secretary's Expenses, ...	2 19 8
Mr Taylor, Douglas, ...	2 9 3
Music, ...	2 5 0
Players' Expenses, ...	1 12 6
Music Chest, Stationery, &c., ...	0 11 2
Total, ...	£31 1 10
Cash in Bank, ...	32 0 0
Cash on Hand, ...	5 11 4
Total, ...	£68 13 2

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DOUGLAS WAR WORK PARTY.

The Work Party had its depot meeting on January 9 and its knitting party on the 25rd. The number of knitted articles this month was 134. These were divided between the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. The Committee very gratefully acknowledged a gift of £20 from the Douglas West Baths Committee. There have been a number of smaller contributions, such as the proceeds from dances, and other local gifts, all of which are highly appreciated. The balance sheet for the past three months is at present exhibited in Mr J. Gardiner's shop. It shows an expenditure of approximately £100, and a credit balance of £80 to carry forward.

Local Intelligence.

LOCAL BAND AFFAIRS.—The financial report, herewith published, shows the Douglas District Silver Band to be in quite a good position, and that the general public are generously assisting them. Recently they have obtained the services of Mr J. M'Kean as conductor. He has been in this position for some time with Douglas Colliery Band, and under his control our local lads feel a distinct improvement.

MASONIC.—A special meeting of Lodge St. Bride, No. 118, was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening. R.W.M. Bro. George Smith presided over a good turnout, and the work of the First Degree was very effectively conducted by Bro. D. Nisbet of Lodge No. 334, aided by P.M. Bro. John Dalton. They were cordially thanked at the close of the ceremonial work, and a very pleasant harmony followed.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—In the Welfare Hall on Tuesday of last week, when the weekly card contest was held, the prize awards were :—Ladies—1 Mrs Wm. Mitchell (Douglas West), 2 Mrs M. Kerr, consolation Mrs A. Shankly; gentlemen—1 Mr J. G. Galbraith, 2 (after a cut) Mrs M' Cormick (Douglas West) (playing as a gentleman), consolation Mr F. Bonomi.

CURLING.—The return match with the Lesmahagow team took place on Tuesday of last week at Lesmahagow. The result was reversed on this occasion, the Lesmahagow team emerging victorious by seven shots.

CONCERT RESULT.—As a result of the recent concert by the Cameronian I.T.C. Military Band, the Home Guards were able to forward a donation of £8 to the Cameronians' Prisoners of War Fund.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS.—On Tuesday evening of last week the domino awards were :—1 Mrs W. Ramage, 2 Mrs J. Sandilands, consolation Mrs C. Welch. On Wednesday evening the award went to Mrs L. Layman. On Thursday evening, when there was a large turnout, the awards were :—Whist—ladies—1 Mrs W. Wilkinson, consolation Mrs R. M'Donald; ladies playing as gentlemen—1 Mrs J. Currie, consolation Mrs Jas. Taylor. Dominoes—1 Mrs W. Ramage, 2 Mrs R. Grant, consolation Mrs Jas. Kelly.

MASONIC FUND DANCE.—Although somewhat slow in turning up, ultimately there was quite a good crowd in the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening. They obviously enjoyed dancing to the music as supplied by Messrs Kennedy, Douglas Water, as they were repeatedly encored. Mr J. Welsh acted as M.C., and the Monte Carlo competition was won by Miss I. Prosser and W. Telfer. As usual, the function was in aid of the Lanarkshire Masonic War Hospital Scheme, and they are to be held weekly in future (see advert).

DOUGLAS WEST.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—On Monday evening in the Welfare Institute the weekly whist drive prize-winners were Mrs Owens and Mr A. Alexander.

ADULT EDUCATION.—There was quite a fair audience in Douglas West School on Tuesday of last week when Mr Samuel Newman, M.A., delivered his opening lecture on "World Affairs." This was a review of the past year and proved interesting, the lecturer recalling many incidents already almost forgotten by his hearers. At the conclusion a class was formed, and the lectures are to be given weekly.

MANAGER APPOINTED.—Mr Scrimgeour, who has been in the employ of the Shotts Coal Coy., has been appointed to the position of manager of Douglas Castle Colliery, and is expected to take up his duties shortly.

PRESENTATIONS.—On Wednesday of last week the members of the Welfare Institute Ladies Bowling Section waited on Mrs R. C. Kay at her home, and presented her with a splendid bag as a memento on the occasion of her leaving the district. Mrs A. Murray made the presentation on behalf of the members, and Mrs Kay feelingly voiced her thanks for the gift and the good wishes which accompanied it. The party were hospitably entertained, and afterwards took part in a short whist drive. The prizes were awarded Mrs S. Prosser and Mrs A. Murray. On Saturday evening, when a social function was held in Douglas West Institute, Mr A. Murray presided over a party of fifty employees of Douglas Castle Colliery. After the company had enjoyed a splendid repast, purveyed by the local Co-operative Society, on behalf of his fellow-workers Mr John Hamilton, under-manager at the Rankin Mine, presented Mr R. C. Kay with a beautiful writing bureau as a memento of his eight years' service as local colliery manager, together with the good wishes of all for success in his new position. Mr Kay suitably replied, voicing his regret in a measure at leaving Douglas West, and his thanks for the splendid gift and their good wishes. Thereafter a few hours were enjoyed in song and sentiment, and thus a pleasant time was spent by all present.

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