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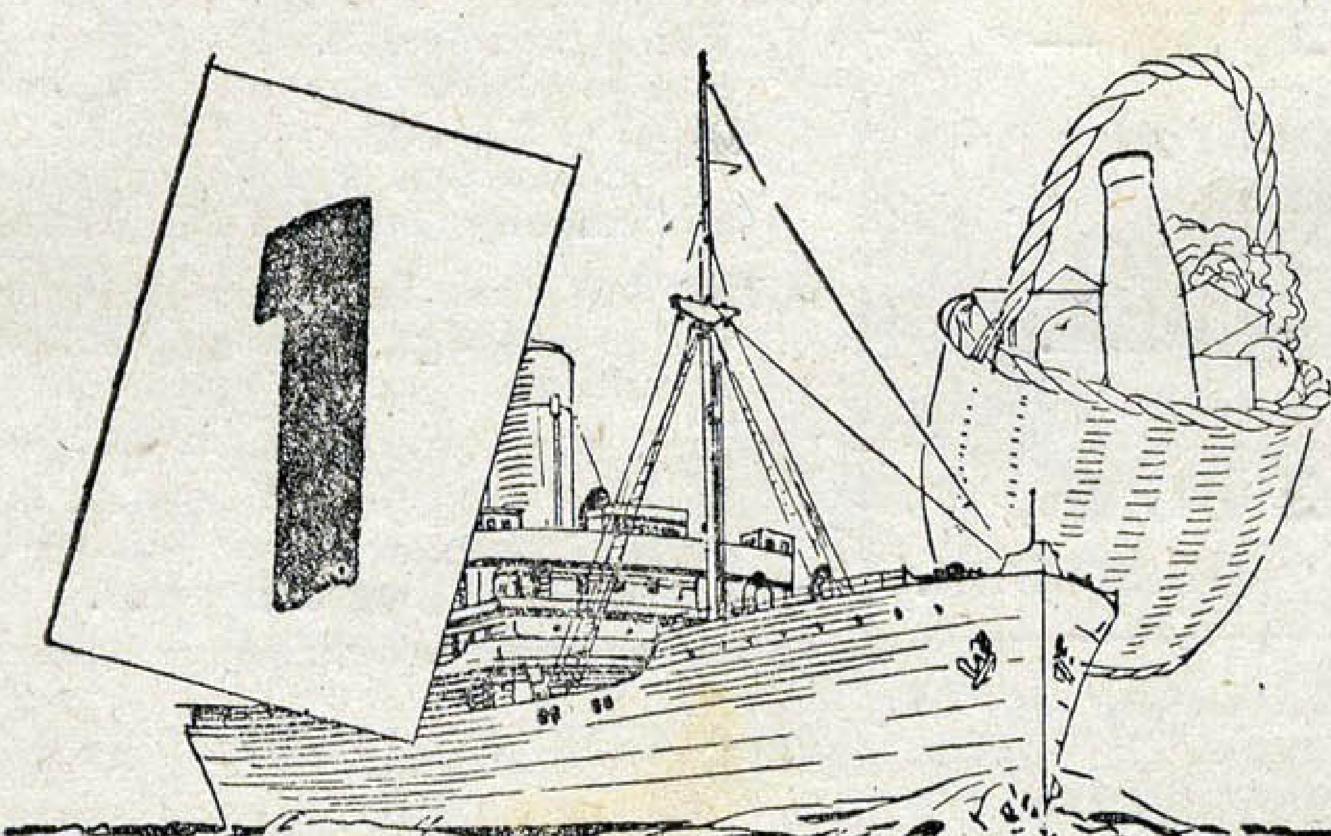
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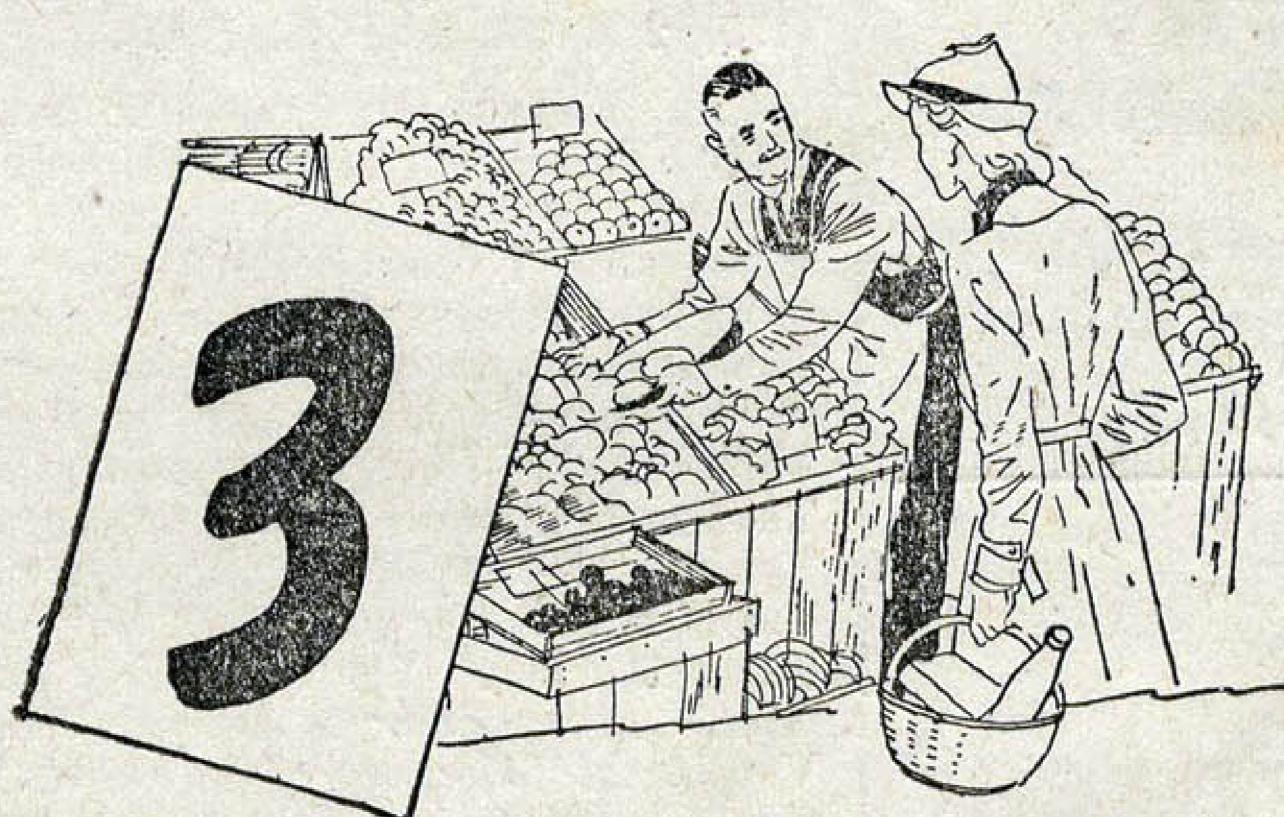
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Marriages.

DAVIDSON-HASTIE. - At Glenbuck Parish Church, on 27th April, 1940, by the Rev. D. Baird, assisted by the Rev. A. Rose Rankin, St. Columba's, Govan, Richard Law (second son of the late John Davidson and of Mrs Davidson. 122 Ferkeley Street, Glasgow, and formerly of Muirkirk), and Marion Auld (only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hastie, Public Hall, Glenbuck).

M'INTYRE-BROWN. - At Millerton Methodist Church, Granity, Westport, New Zealand, by the Rev. F. Sanderson, Ella (only daughter of the Hon. and Mrs W. H. M'Intyre, Millerton) to William (only son of Mr and Mrs J. P. Brown, Granity).

Deaths.

DAVIDSON.-At Spireslack Row, Glenbuck, on 29th April, 1940, Mary Scott (widow of Thomas Davidson), aged 76 years; sadly missed.

DAVIDSON, -At 10 Grasshill Row, Glenbuck, on 30th April, Jemima Clark (beloved wife of the late James Davidson). Funeral on Friday, 3rd May, at 2.30 p.m., to Muirkirk Cemetery. Any friends desirous of attending please meet cortege at Cemetery Gate at 2.45. JAMES DAVIDSON.

HODGE .-- At an Infirmary, Glasgow, on 24th April, William Hodge, Jeweller, Campbeltown (late of Muirkirk).

LOVE. -Suddenly, at the home of her sister (Mrs Dickson, Jelliston, Patna), on 30th April, 1940, Jeanie (daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Hugh Love, Torhill), aged 48 years.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1940.

Local Mews.

ARMY REGISTRATION.—The registration of the 26's and those now reached the age of 20 took place on Saturday. At Muirkirk Exchange 27 men registered.

MASONIC WHIST. - Mr James G. Beresford conducted the usual whist drive in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, and an enjoyable contest resulted: -Ladies' prizes-1 Mrs Mitchell (173), 2 Mrs Stein (172); gentlemen's prizes-1 Mrs Fettes (175), 2 Mr H. Hamilton (167).

THE REGAL CINEMA. -- Six supers from the famous Paramount Studios are advertised this week, commencing with that rousing tale of gallantry and adventure, "Beau Geste," which will be shown to-night (Thursday) and on Friday and Saturday. The action cast that this famous Foreign Legion story demands is headed by Gary Cooper, Ray Milland, and Robert Preston. On Monday and Tuesday the double feature programme will appeal. The mirthful mystery, "The Gracie Allen Murder Case," starring Gracie Allen and Warren William, heads the bill. You will enjoy this side-splitting farce. Also showing is Donald Woods and Evelyn Venable in "Heritage of the Desert." Will patrons please note there will be no matinee on Tuesday? The colourful story of contemporary America is most enjoyable and interesting in "Our Leading Citizen," showing on Wednesday (for one day only). Bob Burns and the entire cast give a grand show. On Thursday and Friday Irene Dunne, Fred M'Murray, and Charlie Ruggles will present "Invitation to Happiness." The title can be taken literally, and those who accept the invitation will be afforded a vivid emotional experience. Note "This Man in Paris" on Saturday of next week (for one day), and look out for "Goodbye, Mr Chips." If it's goodit's at the Regal.

POSTAGE ALTERATION.—Readers who send the "Advertiser" to friends, and those who get their copy sent-weekly from the office, should note that under the new postal regulations postage on this paper will now cost one penny.

YESTERDAY was Mayday, but locally it was just like any other day. In some localities, of course, the first of May is a day set apart for holiday sports and festivities. Doubtless, some Muirkirk maidens may have washed their faces in the May dew, which procedure is said to enable them to keep their beauty. But, naturally, that would be done in secret, wouldn't it, girls?

PRESENTATION. - Mr Alan Davidson, B.Sc., who was recently transferred from Muirkirk H.G. School to Bank School, New Cumnock, returned to Muirkirk on Monday evening to receive a presentation from his former colleagues. The staff met in the Domestic Science room, and Mr Gordon, in making the presentation -a golf bag-thanked Mr Davidson for all his good work at Muirkirk, particularly in connection with school savings and the boys' football team. Mr Davidson made a suitable reply, thanking his Muirkirk friends for their fine gift and good wishes.

MINERS' WAGES. - From yesterday, Scottish miners receive a further increase in wages, the ascertainments showing that for the month of May an increase of 2.161 per day is warranted. We understand that the adult miners' wage is now 9/11.66 plus 1/5 cost-of-living increases granted since the commencement of the war, making a total of 11/4 66 per shift, the highest level reached since 1922. It is pleasing to learn that the negotiations on the proposed new agreement are still continuing between the owners' and workers' representatives, and that a further offer has been made by the employers. The difference between the parties is now so small that those concerned are breathing more freely on the assumption that a satisfactory settlement will be attained.

A STRANGE VISITOR. — The other day a strange visitor made its appearance near Middlefield in the form of an adult female badger, and was promptly despatched. Badgers are of the otter family, about thirty inches long, and twelve inches high. They are of the burrowing tribe, hibernate, and feed on roots, insects, frogs, etc., so that they are really innocent creatures, and carry a kenspeckle broad white blaze extending from the snout to the crown of the head which is shaped like a pig's. This is the first badger that has been bagged in this district within living memory, and they are really scarce in Britain. Otters are not unknown in the parish. Three foxes have also been despatched in the parish within the last few days, which is opportune at the beginning of the lambing season.

PRESENTATION TO MR JAMES SMITH. -The waygoing of Mr James Smith, accountant at the Muirkirk branch of the Olydesdale Bank, has not been allowed to pass unnoticed. Last night the Rover Scouts gave him an enthusiastic send-off, and on their behalf Mr W. M'Kerrell handed over to Mr Smith a handsome cigarette case and lighter combined as a memento of his association with the Rovers as their leader. Later in the evening the local Observers, of whom Mr Smith was deputy head observer, presented him with another fine cigarette case. Mr John H. Preston, head observer, made the presentation, and in most appropriate words thanked Mr Smith for his services and for many kindnesses shown the members of the Post, and also complimented him on the whole-heartedness he had shown in any public work he had taken on. At both presentations the very best of good wishes for the future were expressed, and on each occasion Mr Smith suitably returned thanks for the gift and kind thoughts, and assured his Muirkirk friends that he would have many happy memories of a pleasant sojourn with them.

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE. - The programmes selected for Picture House patrons this week-end and next week should provide capital entertainment. To-night (Thursday) "The Saint strikes back" and "Arizona Legion" make a double-feature programme of special appeal. If you have not yet made the acquaintance of "The Saint," don't miss this opportunity to-night. The king-pin of the week's programmes, however, is "Captain Fury" which will be screened on Friday and Saturday. Here you have the roaring adventure and rich romance of Australia, with "Captain Fury," the Robin Hood of that country, as the central figure. The cast is as big and strong as the story itself-Victor M'Laglen, Brian Aherne, Paul Lukas, June Lang, are just a few of the characters—and for sheer film entertainment this is specially recommended to all picture-goers, young or old. On Sunday John Barrymore will gain your fullest approval in "The Great Man Votes," in which he is excellently supported by the child stars, Virginia Weidler and Peter Holden. On Monday and Tuesday "Twelve Crowded Hours" is an eyeful of fast action entertainment, and is supported by " Magnificent Outcast" in which a dog takes honours among the principal actors. On Wednesday another attractive double-feature programme consists of "Laughing Irish Eyes," a breath of Ould Ireland and a very pleasant one at that, and "Here's Flash Casey" in which the hero is a go-ahead cameraman who risks all for his pictures.—See advt.

"Naw, ma's no' in," was the excuse a small boy made to a caller, "she's awa' tae yin o' thae R.I.P. meetin's tae see aboot her gas mask."

THE BUDGET.

Everyone is more or less affected by the increases in taxation announced last week, and it may be of use to enumerate the principal changes.

Postage—Letters now 2½d, Postcards 2d.

Telephone-15 per cent. increase.

Telegrams - 31 increase.

Matches—1d boxes now 12d, 2d booklet up to 1d.

Tobacco-Increase of 3d per ounce. Beer and Spirits - Beer increase by 1d per pint,

whisky by 1/9 a bottle. Income Tax-increased from 7/- to 7/6. Exemption limit reduced from £125 to £120. Earned Income Allowance reduced from onefifth to one-sixth of such income, with maximum allowance of £250. Personal

allowance to married taxpayers reduced

from £180 to £170. Allowance for children reduced from £60 to £50 for each child. Estates of seamen and fishermen killed at their calling are granted complete relief from estate duty.

MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

The weekly meeting of the Guild was held on Tuesday at the Manse, and this also marked the end of the first six months. For the half year the financial statement revealed that the Parish, through their weekly contributions and the extra donations received, had given the Committee an income of £445 which speaks volumes for the steady response of the public to the claims of the Red Cross and the local lads serving.

The contributions for the week included two donations -a further addition from Mr Wilson's Red Cross Box of 6/- and a first contribution of £2 from Mr Murdoch, teacher. This £2 is the first instalment from the collecting of waste paper by the Boy Scouts. This is a further inducement to householders to save all the waste paper and hand it over, as that comes back to the Parish Guild in the form of cash.

The weekly contributions realised over £10, and there are two district collections to be added.

The material brought in was divided as follows:-To the Red Cross the following articles were sentfive pyjama jackets, four pairs of pyjama trousers, three vests, two nightshirts, six pairs of bed socks, six knitted vests, along with magazines and books.

There were distributed locally three pairs of socks, one pullover, and one pair of gloves. The rest were added to stock for future purposes, namely, thirtytwo pairs of socks, four pullovers, five scarves, and two pairs of mittens.

GOLF.

The first tournament of the new season was played off on Tuesday evening, when Mr John Williamson was the winner with a score of 35.

Owing to transport difficulties it is expected that the usual inter-club matches will not take place this year. However, the annual clashes between the Southside and Village stalwarts will provide the match atmosphere, and both sets are already hard at practice for the first encounter, which takes place shortly.

FOOTBALL.

MUIRKIRK JUNIORS V. IRVINE VICTORIA -In the second round of the Irvine and District Cup competition these teams met at Ladeside Park on Saturday. The homesters soon took up the running, and Murray and Dick had good attempts at goal. Maxwell next had a great opportunity but missed it, and later Bobin nearly opened the scoring with a cute header. The Muirkirk defence showed an improvement from the previous Saturday, and the raids by the visitors were safely dealt with. M'Vey at centre, after making several good and a few bad attempts at goal, at last found the net just before the interval to give the homesters a 1.0 lead at halftime. The second half was only five minutes old when Maxwell cut in to score a second goal for Muirkirk. Murray almost made the total three with a hard drive which was stopped by the 'keeper, but the ball was got away. A penalty award to the Vics. gave them a good scoring chance, but the ball was shot against an upright and eventually cleared. From a Maxwell cross M'Vey headed a third goal for Muirkirk, who might have added more considering the opportunities that came their way, but the game ended with the score 3-0 in their favour. Victoria also missed opportunities through faulty finishing, although goalkeeper Morrison stopped one or two good drives. Teams :- Muirkirk-Morrison; Clive, Rankin; M'Mahon, R. M'Neil, N. M'Neil; Maxwell, Bobin, M'Vey, Dick, Murray. Irvine Victoria - Taylor; Crawford, Cunningham; Howie, M'Call, Hood; Garven, Craig, Ferguson, Davidson, Fulton.

The Juniors travel to Hurlford on Saturday first to face Dalry Thistle in a semi-final tie of the Moore Trophy competition. The Muirkirk team will be selected from the following players:-Morrison, Clive, Davidson, M'Mahon, R. M'Neil, N. M'Neil, Dick, M'Culloch, Rankin, Bobin, Murray, Dempster, Maxwell, and Langan.

GLENBUCK.

THE Auxiliary Fire Brigade had a practice at Glenbuck on Sunday evening. A goodly crowd of spectators watched the proceedings and were impressed with the efficiency of the unit.

CHURCH WEDDING. - A very pretty wedding was solemnized in Glenbuck Church on Saturday last. The contracting parties were Richard Davidson (formerly of Muirkirk, but now resident in Glasgow) and Maisie Hastie, The Hall, Glenbuck. A large number of wedding guests were accommodated in the front pews of the Church, while many village folks took advantage of the opportunity of witnessing the ceremony. Rev. David Baird of Glenbuck was assisted by Rev. Andrew Rankin of St. Columba's, Govan, of which church the young couple are members. The bride's dress was of white brocaded marocain, with veil of tulle. She was given away by her father. The bridesmaid was a cousin of the bride. Miss Violet Crooks, of Sheffield. Her dress of blue flowered silk contrasted pleasingly with the white of the bride. The bride carried a bouquet of roses and red carnations, and the bridesmaid one of pink carnations. Mr George Davidson, brother of the bridegroom, was groomsman, while Mr John Hastie, jun, and Mr John Davidson. brothers of the bride and bridegroom respectively, attended to the welfare of the guests, almost 70 in number, in the Church, and afterwards in the Hall, where Mr and Mrs Hastie entertained their guests right royally. The bride's going-away dress was of floral silk, over which she wore a coat of antelope fur, the gift of the bridegroom. The other wedding gifts were too numerous to be given in detail.

WEDDING BELLS.—A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the Millerton Methodist Church, Westport, New Zaland, the other Friday, when Ella, only daughter of the Hon. and Mrs W. H. M'Intyre, Millerton, was married to William, only son of Mr and Mrs J. P. Brown, Granity. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. Sanderson, and Mrs W. Blyth presided at the organ. The friends of the bride had the Church beautifully decorated. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a frock of ivory slipper satin. The bodice was designed with full gathered shoulders and heart-shaped neckline, and the sleeves were long and tight fitting and pointed over the wrist. The panelled front skirt fell from the waist in a full flare forming a long train. A coronet of orange blossoms held in place her flowing veil of ivory silk tulle. She carried a shower bouquet of regal lilies and white carnations. The bridegroom was attended by Mr Alick M'Intyre (brother of the bride) as best man. Mrs M'Intyre, mother of the bride, wore a navy pin stripe costume with accessories to tone and carried a posy of delicate tinted roses and carnations. Mrs Brown, mother of the bridegroom, wore a black costume with accessories to tone and carried a posy of lemon roses and carnations. It may be mentioned that Mr and Mrs J. P. Brown left Birkcleugh 17 years ago.

COMING EVENTS.

May 10-Whist Drive and Dance in Glenbuck Public

WITH THE R.A.F.

FLAMING ONIONS-OLD AND NEW.

R. A. F. pilots, returned from flights over Germany, frequently report that they have encountered "flaming onions." But these are very different from the "flaming onions" of the last war.

The 1914-18 type "flaming onion" was a star shell. The stars, which varied in number, were expelled from a shrapnel case and hung about in the air for a considerable time. The object was to set fire to the fabric of the old type aircraft. But the flaming onions" of those days did very little damage. The Germans called them "leuchtkaninchen" (light rabbits), which was a clear indication of their harmlessness.

The modern version of "flaming onions" is light anti-aircraft tracer shells fitted with self-destroying fuses in addition to percussion fuses. If the shells hit an aircraft they explode with the usual effect. If they miss the target the self-destroying fuse is fired by the tracer. The self-destroying fuse which is fitted into the base of the shell explodes the charge so that the shell shall not injure people on the ground.

As the light A.A. guns fire as many as 150 rounds a minute, a stream of shells exploded by their selfdestroying fuses look as though the shells are tied together, and they resemble the old-type "flaming

Jones-" No, I never pick a quarrel with my wife. She picks much better ones."

Maid-"I'm sorry I must give notice as I see you don't trust me." "Don't trust you!" cried the astonished mistress, "but I gave you the keys of the cellar, the keys of my jewel case, and the keys of the master's desk." Maid-" Yes, ma'am, I know, but none of them fits."

SOME MORE LIGHT ON LOCAL COVENANTERS.

During the recent perusal of a work on the Covenanters, several interesting and—to the writer hitherto unknown facts concerning Muirkirk were disclosed, and, in the hope that others may also find these of interest, here they are.

It may come as a surprise to many, in these days of colossal things, to learn that the number of Richard Cameron's followers at Ayrsmoss in 1680 amounted to forty foot and twenty horse. They faced a company of about a hundred foot and dragoons, under the command of Captain Bruce of Earlshall. Cameron's men were directed by Hackston, of Rathillet in Fife, and it is a coincidence that Bruce and Hackston must have known each other, being county gentlemen and magistrates in the courts at Cupar. Hackston fought bravely, but was wounded and captured, while most of the fighters on foot escaped over the moor. The two Camerons and seven of their men were left dead on the field, and four other prisoners were taken besides Hackston. One of these was Archibald Alison of Evandale (Strathaven), and his sword, which is in the possession of Miss Pearson of Crofthead, is a fine specimen of the time. Another interesting link with those times has come down to the same family from an ancestress, Elizabeth Allan, who lived in the early eighteenth century. Hackston, who was one of the assassins of Archbishop Sharp near St. Andrews, while hiding was sheltered by Mr Allan of Elsrickle, near Biggar, and in return presented his host with his ring, saying,—"I am uncolys (exceedingly) obleeged to you." The ring consists of a handsome yellow topaz surrounded with two rows of smaller stones, the inner one of diamonds, and is in perfect condition.

During the hunt for fugitives in Ayrshire in 1684, the troopers captured on Wellwood two youths, John and William, sons of William Campbell of Over Wellwood. Two Bibles found in their pockets were sufficient evidence to warrant arrest, and they were savagely ill-treated before they reached the Tolbooth in Edinburgh. It is good to know that these two were successful in escaping from that grim prison some weeks later, and that John became a captain of horse under King William in happier times.

At Greenockmains lived an aged man named Thomas Ritchart, whose son James was a fugitive, but the father had been induced to resume churchgoing by the indulged minister, Hew Campbell. Captain Peter Inglis, with some of his men, came in 1685 to the hospitable farm pretending to be Whigs, and induced the unsuspecting host to make incriminating admissions. He was taken to Cumnock and shot on the gallows at Barhill for sheltering "the honest party."

There were no fewer than three John Browns of Muirkirk who were martyrs in that epoch, but the most famous and least offending was he of Priesthill, or Priestshiel, as spelt then. There he lived with his second wife, their child, a son of his first marriage, and the herd laddie, John Brouning. Incidentally, it was Peden who performed the marriage ceremony. It was a misty day in May, 1685, when Brown was surprised by Claverhouse while he was casting peats, and the identity of the traitor who led him over the moor has never been discovered. The brave conduct of the widow has been often told. Claverhouse interrogated the herd laddie, whose baptism is entered in Muirkirk Session Records on 26th July, 1668. On promise of pardon if he would give information of value, the lad told them much of local Covenanting, but, nevertheless, was taken to Mauchline and there hanged.

Probably one of the earliest unions was that which eventually became known as the United Societies, which were originally formed for the purpose of adopting certain precautions to preserve the Covenanters' freedom. It held general meetings, shire meetings, and fellowship meetings. One general meeting of great importance was held at Douglas Water on May 20, 1696.

Not all abuse was confined to the Dragoons, for there are records of abuses to which the hapless indulged clergy were subjected. The Society men did what they could to curb this as wanting in ecclesiastical dignity, preferring the method of peaceful ejection. In 1690 a book was published in London which gave a long list and complete history of the victimisations, but these were answered by Gilbert Rule in "A Second Vindication," in 1691. The Society men themselves took the precaution to publish a vindication disclaiming all knowledge and responsibility for these excesses at the Cross of Douglas, on 4th January, 1689. But better times were to come soon. The new King, William, summoned a Convention for the following March, and thenceforth the persecutions were at an end.

DO YOU KNOW THAT?

The Government's programme of works is expected to absorb a large number of workers in the building and allied industries.

Authority is now being given for the issue of a second pair of boots to all recruits.

Last month alone the cargoes of 498 ships, exclusive of vessels coming in from the Far East, were considered on contraband control basis in the Mediterranean.

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Local Intelligence.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS. — In the Women's Hall of the Institute on Tuesday evening of last week the prize awards were :- Whist-ladies-1 Mrs L. Layman, consolation Mrs R. Gold; ladies playing as gentlemen-1 Mrs W. Wilkinson, consolation Mrs Jas. Taylor. Dominoes-1 Mrs Jas. Kelly, consolation Mrs Jas. Blackwood.

WELFARE FINAL. - We made a mistake re the semi-finals of the pairs domino competition. The final competitors and the result were:-R. Gold and P. Burrell 11, W. Sloan and A. Alexander 9.

INSTITUTE WHIST. - The card enthusiasts are still turning out well to the weekly whist drive in the Welfare Hall. Last Wednesday evening the prizewinners were: - Ladies-1 Mrs R. Gold, 2 Mrs F. Bonomi, consolation (after a cut) Mrs Jas. Jackson; gentlemen-1 Mr Jas. Taylor, 2 Mr W. Stevens, consolation Mr John Kerr.

WELFARE WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING. -On Thursday evening in the Women's Hall the card awards were: - Ladies-1 Mrs Gidron, consolation Mrs A. M'Kenzie; ladies playing as gentlemen-1 Mrs N. Miller, consolation Mrs J. Currie. The domino result was: - 1 Mis Jas. Blackwood, consolation Mrs J. M'Laughlan.

NEW DEACONS. - At the noon service on Sunday in New St. Bride's Church the Rev. John Mowat, as the result of a recent election, announced and welcomed four new members of the Deacons Court of the Church, viz., Messrs W. Mitchell, W. Jamieson, W. Tweedie, and Thos. Taylor.

PRESENTATION.—At a social function the local troop of Boy Scouts presented their scoutmaster, Mr William Clarkson, with a handsome timepiece on the occasion of his marriage.

W.R.I.—LECTURE ON LITERATURE.—At . last Thursday's meeting of Douglas W.R.I., after tea had been served, Mr J. M. Kilgour, M.A., organiser of the Adult Education Scheme, gave an interesting address on English Literature, for which he was heartily thanked. A business meeting followed, and the annual reports showed the Institute to be in a satisfac tory condition. It was resolved to arrange for the usual summer outing.

BOWLING.—The opening function in connection with the start of the season on Douglas Victoria Bowling Green is always an interesting ceremony, and the Club makes everyone welcome. The green will be opened on Wednesday first.

DOUGLASDALE ECHOES.

The bowlers are now beginning to consider their play for the opening of the season.

Shortly after the Road Board of the County Council had re-covered the tracks made by the pipelaying gang, the Water Department have reappeared and opened up again to make connections. To an outsider it seemed that these could have just as easily been made when the track was first leiu. But of course County Council departments are a law unto themselves, though it looks like bad management.

There was a spate of local weddings last week. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday each saw a pair made one. The local Boy Scouts made their presence felt when their Scout-master was wed on Saturday.

A number of locals had to register for service on Saturday, but as this is now done by post it attracted little attention.

The local Air Raid Wardens are at present attending a course of lectures on advanced training in connection with high explosive and incendiary bombs. A big fire-fighting display in Douglas district is expected to take place shortly.

With the demand for scrap metal some folks are wondering why the old German gun in front of the school has not been claimed.

DOUGLAS WEST.

INSTITUTE MEETING. - A special general meeting of Douglas West Miners' Welfare Institute was held on Thursday evening. President R. C. Kay was in the chair, and the position of the Institute in regard to the considerable number of former members who had left the district, thus reducing the regular income, was considered. To help to keep the Institute going it was resolved to increase the weekly subscription to sixpence per member.

BENEFIT WHIST. -To aid the funds of Douglas West Institute a successful whist drive was held in the Institute Hall on Friday evening. There was quite a good assembly of card players, and the contest ran smoothly under the conductorship of Mr S. Prosser. At half-time a basket-tea was served by a committee of ladies and thoroughly enjoyed. Before announcing the result of the competition Mr R. C. Kay moved votes of thanks to the ladies who had provided the tea and the donors of the splendid prizes, which were readily accorded. The prize list was :- Ladies-1 Mrs R. Gold (Douglas), 2 (after a cut) Mrs J. Brown (Glespin), consolation Mrs P. Burrell (Douglas); gentlemen-1 Mr W. Johnstone, 2 Miss I. Shaw (Douglas), consolation Mr W. Prosser.

DANCE. - A fairly successful dance was held in the Institute Hall on Saturday evening. The music was supplied by the Astorians from Douglas Water, with Mr R. Sim as M.C.

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Sweet soil will grow healthier and more leafy foliage-foliage that will not be susceptible to diseases—and of strong foliage—foliage that will help to produce weighty bunches of tubers. Plants breathe in food out of the air through their leaves and young stems. Open the ground weeks in advance of the planting date, so that the weather can influence the ground—so that air, rain, sun, etc. can penetrate and can purify it. Drive the spade straight down at every dig in order to make the soil wholesome to the greatest possible depth. Lime is a sanitary powder, and a dressing following the digging-half a pound per square yard-is desirable.

Manure, animal or vegetable, is unhealthy material close to the tubers. It can be kept beneath the top spade's depth of soil when double digging is practised. Take out the top spit, spread a layer of manure along the surface of the second spit, and invert this subsoil and manure. The potato ought not to be overfed with natural manures or with mixed fertilisers, because they hold much nitrogen which quickly becomes available as plant food. Too much nitrogen, the foliage-making property, leads to sappy leaf-leaf that does not withstand disease.

Those who believe that simple digging suits their constitution better than digging the patch two spades deep should know that the manure can still be kept out of reach of the edible tubers. The edible tubers form at the base of the stems of the plants. These tubers will not touch the manure when it is sandwiched between the first and the second spit of soil. The soil should be thrown from trench to trench, and the emptied trenches should be strewn with manure.

Old and dusty soils are deficient in potash—the food that improves the flesh of potatoes. Potash makes the potatoes cook white and floury. Kainit is a good and cheap form of potash. Kainit is moderately slow in action, so that the planting drills may be lined with it. Have a four-inches thickness of soil between this food and the seed potatoes.

Put the seed tubers in shallow boxes in a window in order to encourage sprouting. Sprouting the tubers leads to health in the plants; because even the early variety need not be planted until fairly favourable weather—it will still be grown and ripened by the proper time. Stand the tubers touching one another, the broader end upwards, in boxes without soil. The shoots from the broader end will be the stronger. Limit the shoots. Two stems per plant with the earlies, and three stems with the later groups, will produce tubers of medium size. One stem per plant might be the rule when the potatoes are required for boiling in their jackets. The number of stems does not govern the weight of the yield, but does govern the number of tubers on the bunch.

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WARDROP.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Susan Vallance, and our dear mother and granny, who died 12th May, 1935, also my dear son Robert and our dear brother and uncle, who died in China, 22nd Dec., 1935.

They were ours, and we remember. -Inserted by husband and families.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1940.

Local Mews.

WEDNESDAY first is a full holiday with the members of Muirkirk Merchants' Association. -- See advt.

DEPUTY CHECKWEIGHMAN. - The voting for the appointment of a deputy checkweighman at Kames Colliery was concluded last week, and Mr John Davidson, Victoria Buildings, was the successful applicant.

Masonic Whist.—The prize-winners at the whist drive in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening were: - Ladies-1 (after a cut) Mrs M'Kenzie (173), 2 Mrs L. Davidson (173); gentlemen-1 Mr W. Bell (174), 2 Mr James G. Beresford (170). Mr Beresford conducted, and, as usual, the event was heartily enjoyed.

Court News. — At Cumnock J.P. Court on Monday a Catrine man was fined 10/- for pretending to be a bona-fide traveller and thus obtaining refreshment at a Muirkirk hotel on Sunday. A local man on a charge of assault was admonished as also was a woman on a similar charge. A charge of breach of the peace against two Muirkirk women was found not proven after evidence had been led, and the case of a Glenbuck man who pled not guilty to a charge of assault was continued for trial till next month.

CHOIR PARTY.—The members of the Old Parish Church Choir and a number of friends spent a most enjoyable social evening in the Masonic Hall on Friday. Presided over by the choirmaster, Mr Scott, the company, which numbered over forty, sat down to a splendid tea, ably purveyed by Mrs Hogg and her assistants. After this enjoyable item, songs were contributed by various members of the company before clearing away the tables for games and dancing. The music was supplied by Mr James Thomson with his accordion, with Mr William Loggie as M.C. A ladies' hour was also held and enjoyed under the direction of Miss Bet Mathieson.

MARKET INTELLIGENCE. — On Friday, at Kilmarnock Egg and Poultry Auction Market, Mr R B Thomson, auctioneer, had larger supply of eggs on offer, but, with a small attendance of buyers, prices again dropped as is shown by following quotations: -17 lbs., 1/9 to 2/-; $15\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and ungraded, 1/73 to 1/9; 14 lbs. 1/6 to 1/7; smalls and pullets, 1/3 to 1/6; duck, 1/6 to 1/9 per dozen; goose, 4d to 5½d each; hatching goose to 8d each; turkey 5d to 91 each. Table poultry in larger quantities made good prices, but not so high as last week. Best hens, 3/4 to 4/6; medium, 2/8; lights, 1/9; best cockerels, 4/- to 4/6; mediums 3/4 to 3/9; lights, 2/- to 3/- Day-old pullets, short supply, making better prices, 15/- to 23/- per dozen; day-old chicks as hatched, 2/- to 3/- per dozen. Garden produce making recent rates. Demand for plants was good, but no supplies forward.

THE REGAL CINEMA.—To-night (Thursday) and on Friday Irene Dunne, Fred MacMurray, and Charlie Ruggles will present Paramount's noted film, "Invitation to Happiness." Many will have heard of "This Man in Paris" by reason of its all-round excellence. It will be shown on Saturday (for one day only), and is specially recommended. Patrons are advised to make special note of "Goodbye, Mr Chips," showing on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Robert Donat and Greer Garson take the leading parts, and with a big cast they present two hours of real film enjoyment. The Press and public are full of praise for this M.G.M. effort. After you see it—you'll want to see it again. Note the matinee on Tuesday forenoon at 10.30. On Thursday and Friday Claudette Colbert, James Stewart, and Nat Pendleton star in "It's a Wonderful World." Also showing is Charlie Chase in "The Chases of Pimple Street," followed on Saturday by Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, and Lana Turner in "Calling Dr Kildare," and Laurel and Hardy in "Busy Bodies." If it's at the Regal—it's good.

EVENTS COMING

CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

Saturday First-Angling Club Competition.

QUOITING.—The draw for the first round of the Scottish Singles Championship is out, and J. Kilpatrick (Herriothill) has been drawn against R. Innes (Dalmuir).

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE.—"Gunga Din," the screen version of Rudyard Kipling's famous poem, is the star attraction this week. It will be shown to-night (Thursday), Friday, and Saturday, and everyone should make a point of seeing this grand film. Cary Grant, Victor M'Laglen, and Douglas Fairbanks, jun., are in the three principal roles, and as a happy-go-lucky trio of sergeants in the British army they give a truly enjoyable performance. This is undoubtedly one of Hollywood's most spectacular and thrilling melodramas—a mammoth film production which makes other supers look commonplace. Romance, comedy, thrills, and adventure in India's mystic mountains are combined in a truly grand show which is heartily recommended to all filmgoers. Sunday's feature is "No Limit," and with the one and only George Formby and Florence Desmond as the stars there is "no limit" on the fun and enjoyment. This is supported by "Renfrew of the Royal Mounted," an enthralling story set on the Canadian-American border. On Monday and Tuesday "Over the Moon" stars Merle Oberon in the role of county heiress who sets out to see life. This is a film of high entertainment value, and it is gorgeously produced throughout in brilliant technicolor. Still another outstanding attraction has been booked for Wednesday and Thursday in "Winter Carnival." Popular Ann Sheridan tops the cast here, and she is splendidly supported by other well-known favourites. Winter sports provide a thrilling background, and there is not a dull moment throughout. - See advt.

OPENING OF BOWLING GREEN.

A goodly crowd attended the opening of the new bowling season at Muirkirk Bowling Green on Wednesday of last week, and the event was graced by the presence of a strong contingent of ladies.

Mr Hugh Bell opened the proceedings on behalf of the retiring president, Mr Adam Loggie, and returned thanks to the members for their splendid support of the President throughout his session of office. Mr Bell said he also had great pleasure in introducing their new president, Mr Robert Pringle, and he was sure that in 1940 the members would support him as fully as they had Mr Loggie.

(Applause).

Mr Pringle first of all asked Mr Loggie to accept the thanks of the members for his able service to the Club, and secondly acknowledged the honour the members had bestowed on himself in appointing him their president. This was the 66th opening. and during the lifetime of the Club there had been many changes and different experiences. A great deal of work had been done on the green during the close season, and Mr Pringle complimented the green convener, green baillies, and members for services given voluntarily. Were it not for these services the Olub would be faced with heavy expense. The President also expressed appreciation to the secretary and treasurer, and said he was very glad that these offic s were in such capable hands, This year many difficulties lay ahead. Some folk asked why they should carry on with sport at all, but in his opinion their activities on the green would ease the strain of war-time. Mr Pringle also said he hoped that men in the Forces would take advantage of the Club's invitation to play on the green when home on leave. Mr Pringle extended a hearty welcome to old and new bowlers, and hoped all would enjoy the fellowship of the game throughout the season. This was a sport that could be played by all ages - the young and not so young, for there were no old bowlers. At the moment three generations of one family were represented on the green. Mr Pringle then called on his niece, Miss Chrissie Pringle, to open the green.

Thereafter Miss Pringle, amid applause, threw a jack and a pair of bowls in fine style, and thus opened the green in the time-honoured fashion. It is also interesting to note that Miss Pringle is a great-grand-daughter of one of the original members of the Club, Mr James Law, perhaps the only surviving original member. Mr Andrew Pringle. father of the President, was making his 55th appearance at the opening ceremony-quite a record

in itself. Mr William Hogg, vice-president, then called for a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Pringle, and invited the ladies to have tea in the Clubhouse as the guests of the President and him elf.

The singing of the National Anthem brought this

part of the proceedings to a close.

The gentlemen members thereafter took part in the customary match between sides representing the President and Vice-president and a really enjoyable encounter ensued, the vice-president's side eventually winning by 47 shots to 33. Scores:—

PRESIDENT.		VICE-PRESIDENT.			
R. Pringle, -		4	W. Hogg,		15
W. Anderson,		14	M. Anderson,		19
H. Bell, -		4	J. Guthrie,		14
R. M'Kay -		11	A. Loggie,		8
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		33			47

Later, in the Clubhouse, the Boyle Cup was presented to the vice-president, Mr Wm. Hogg, and a cheery hour was spent in song and sentiment.

Diner-" Waitress, what's wrong with these eggs?" Waitress-"I don't know; I only laid the table."

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WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS. - The domino result in the Women's Hall on Tuesday of last week was: -1 Mrs Jas. Blackwood, consolation Mrs Jas. Kelly. The whist prize-winners were: -Ladies-1 Mrs B. Kerr, consolation Mrs W. Wilkinson; ladies playing as gentlemen-1 Mrs H. Hamilton, consolation Mrs M. Kerr.

CONCERT PARTY IN SMASH. - In the early hours of Wednesday morning of last week an omnibus occupied by the popular concert party, The Dixie Minstrels, was passing through Douglas. At Braehead the head of the 'bus struck the boundary wall of Kilncroft House and knocked down a stone lamp standard. The 'bus was badly damaged, and eight of the party were injured and had to receive treatment at Douglas Cottage Hospital. The entire party were hospitably entertained by Dr Olive Somerville, and were ultimately able to resume their journey when a relief 'bus arrived.

Institute Whisr .- Despite the lighter evenings the weekly card contest continues to attract a large crowd of players. On Wednesday evening the prize awards were: - Ladies - 1 Mrs L. Mitchell. 2 Mrs B. Kerr, consolation Mrs R. Sim; gentlemen-1 Mrs M. Kerr, 2 Mr W. Watson, consolation Mrs P. Burrell.

WELFARE WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING. - The whist prize-winners in the Women's Hall on Thursday evening were: - 1 Mrs R. Gold, consolation Mrs Jas. Jackson; ladies playing as gentlemen-1 Mrs N. Miller, consolation Mrs M. Kerr. The domino result was-1 Mrs Jas. Kelly, consolation Mrs Jas. Blackwood.

DEATH OF MRS COLLINS. -One of the oldest ladies in the parish died last weekend in the person of Mrs Collins of Mansefield. Mrs Collins was in her 86th year and had seen the third generation of descendants succeed her. At New St. Bride's Church on Sunday the Rev. John Mowat. M.A., paid tribute to her loyal service to the church. She was the mother of the congregation, and had been connected with it for over sixty years. She was one of the original members of the organisation that now forms the Women's Guild, and one of her most treasured possessions was the long service award in connection with this movement.

APPOINTMENT.—Captain J. A. W. MacMullen-of Crossburn has been appointed a recruiting officer under the Scottish Command, and has taken over his duties at St. Mungo's Halls, Glasgow.

SAD COINCIDENCE. - On Sunday morning, Mr Adam Martin, manager of Douglas Provident Co-operative Society, received news by wire of the sudden death of his aged mother at Whitburn. Mr and Mrs Martin set forth for Whitburn, and shortly after their departure the local police arrived with a telephone message that Mrs Martin's mother, who had been ailing, had died in Hamilton. The two old ladies died within two hours of each other.

Comforts.—The Navy League Seamen's Comforts Depot, Upperward of Lanark, No. 1, despatched during April 117 articles, 38 (including two pullovers) from Glespin War Work Party, 18 from Douglas War Work Party, and 61 from the Depot Knitting Bee. These last included 8 pullovers, 11 pairs of sea-boot stockings, and 7 pairs of the Mellor mine-sweeper's gloves. Sweets and periodicals were sent with the parcel, and a special contribution of 10/- worth of cigarettes for a mine-sweeping trawler came from Rigside. A "daffodil tea" was held to raise funds at Glentaggart on Saturday, when workers from all the districts covered by No. 1 Depot were present. Flowers were sold and an enjoyable afternoon was spent out-of-doors, and the sum of £4 Os 31 was added to the Wool Fund. Another garden afternoon will probably be held later in the summer.

LADY BOWLERS. —There was a good attendance at the annual business meeting of the Ladies' Section of Douglas Victoria Bowling Club held in the Club pavilion on Saturday evening. The officials appointed for this season were: - President-Mrs loss of their leaves. They breathe in atmospheric Jas. Hamilton; vice-president, Mrs R. Gold; secretary Mrs Jas. Spence; treasurer, Miss N. Kerr, with a committee. Arrangements were made to carry through the usual competitions.

ADVANCEMENT. - Lieutenant Stoddart Prentice of the Seaforth Highlanders has been appointed Assistant Adjutant. Thus a Douglas young officer is advancing in the Army. "Stod" is well-known to Muirkirk football fans.

STORE MEETING. - The required quota of members did not turn out at the quarterly meeting of Douglas Provident Co-operative Society on Tuesday, and hence it was adjourned till next Tuesday evening, when business will be proceeded with irrespective of the number present.

Popular Guide to Douglasdale,

By J. G. GALBRAITH,

TO BE HAD FROM STATIONERS.

DOUGLAS WEST.

OPENING OF BOWLING GREEN.—An exceptionally large cowd assembled on Saturday afternoon when Douglas West Welfare bowling green was formally opened for the season. President R. C. Kay welcomed all present briefly before calling upon Mrs Cairns, wife of the Wilsons and Clyde Coal Co. agent, to throw the first jick and bowl. This task the lady accomplished in workmanlike style, amid applause. Mr Crowe, general manager of the Coal Co., on behalf of the bowlers presented Mis Cairns with two beautiful bronze statuettes as a memento of the occasion, and said he hoped they would long adorn her sideboard. Mrs Cairns neatly replied, expressing her pleasure at the honour thus conferred on her, and wished the Club a very successful season. Then, on a splendid green, thanks to the labours of Greenkeeper Duncan, the annual rink contest between teams representing the President and Vice-president commenced. Mid-way in the contest a halt was called and the entire party adjourned to the Institute Hall and enjoyed a sumptuous tea. Mr Kay then called upon Mr Cairns to make a few remarks. Mrs Barr, who was deputising for her husband, and Mr Clark also made a few remarks, all uniting in thanking the Committee for the invitation to be present. Before the contest was resumed Mr Kay asked for a vote of thanks to the ladies for serving the tea, particularly to Mrs H. Hamilton for the useful service she had rendered. The cheery contest was then played to a finish and ended in a victory for the team representing the President, the actual figures. being President 81, Vice-president 51. Thus the bowling season was again commenced. Representatives from Douglas Victoria and Douglas Water Welfare Clubs were present.

DO YOU KNOW THAT—

The British railways are running about 2,000. special troop trains per month.

Fully 700 local authorities, representing 35 million inhabitants, are now salving waste paper. Their collections for March were at the rate of 130,000 tons a year.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

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BENOVATING THE LAWN.

"Nothing is more pleasant to the eye than green grass kept finely shorn."

The lawn makes or mars the garden, but many people who do not spare themselves on their flower beds neglect the grass plot. The most likely troubles are unevenness, poverty of soil, weeds, moss, and broken edges.

Pack the sunken places in order to make the lawn level. The turf is peeled off, soil is put down, and, before the grass is returned, the soil is firmed with the flat of the spade. The roller ought to be pulled. If the roller were pushed the feet might be pressed into the ground.

The best way to feed heavy soil is with powdered lime, and several weeks afterwards with nitrate of soda. Lime is not a food, but increases the porosity of the ground. Lime aerates the ground, and air lib rates food locked up in it. Nitrate of soda by itself gives better results on light ground, because it is not desirable to make light ground less moistureholding. The quantities per square yard might be four ounces of the lime and one ounce of the fortiliser.

Weeds will grow more strongly than grass. If they do not receive attention, they will crowd out the grasses. A lawn sand may be used during a dry spell in order to kill daisies and other surface-rooting weeds. Dandelions and other deep-rooters may be treated in any weather. Plants are weakened by the food through the pores of their foliage. If the heads of deep-rooting weeds are cut off just below the surface of the ground, the roots of the weeds will be weakened. Put a pinch of salt on every wound, Salt on the sap should destroy the weakened weeds.

Moss is unsightly in dry weather because it turns brown. If moss persists, it chokes the grasses. Begin the cure by brushing off the intruder with a stiff broom. The cause of the moss would be wetness; therefore, the sticky ground should be lightened with a dressing of lime at the rate of half a pound to the equare yard.

One way of making sure that a lawn benefits from the lime or fertiliser is to perforate the surface with the garden fork, and is to give the sprinkling when rain will soon be washing it into the tiny borings. A better idea is to give the lawn a dressing of mould; nourishment in a fertiliser cannot then be steamed away by the sun.

Where an edge of the lawn has broken, and where it is not desired to widen the path, the neat verge can be restored if a narrow width of turf is moved forward. The spade will cut a straight edge with the guidance of two stakes and a tight length of string. The space behind should be filled with the broken pieces of turf and with mould.

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MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

The weekly meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday at the Manse, and there was a good

attendance of the members.

In spite of the fashionable craze of spring cleaning, a very good number of articles were brought in, and these were disposed of as follows: -The Red Cross at Ayr received one pyjama jacket, three pairs of pyjama trousers, one vest, eleven knitted vests, and two pairs of bed socks, along with a parcel of magazines. The Navy League's parcel contained eighteen pairs of socks, three pairs of seamen's stockings, two helmets, and one pullover, and there were added to the stock held six pairs of socks, two pairs of cuffs, two pairs of mittens, and three scarves, while two pullovers and three pairs of socks were given out to local lads in the Services.

The weekly contribution was exceptionally good considering that two districts' books are to come in, as the books showed an income of £11, and there falls to be added to that the contents of Mrs Muir's box, which made its fifth appearance at the meeting and contained the sum of £1 3/-, a total of £12 for

the week.

Correspondence.

THE SOLDIERS', SAILORS', AND AIRMEN'S FAMILIES ASSOCIATION.

(To the Editor).

Dear Sir,-I shall be very grateful if you will bring the context of this letter to the notice of your readers.

A local division of the above Association has been established in Cumnock to operate over an area of the County including Muirkirk and Glenbuck. The objects of the Association are, mainly, to aid the wives, families, widows, and other dependants of all ranks (other than commissioned officers) of all branches of our Imperial Land, Sea, and Air Forces. It should be noted, however, that it will not generally be possible for this Association to grant aid where aid is already being given by the Public Assistance Authority or the Unemployment Assistance Board, unless the circumstances are extreme.

The Cumnock Division of the Association is represented in Muirkirk by Mr and Mrs Gordon, Schoolhouse, Muirkirk, and any person seeking the aid of the Association should communicate either with Mr or Mrs Gordon, or directly with me at The Town Clerk's Office in Cumnock. Yours faithfully,

R. D. HUNTER, JNR., Honorary Secretary. Town Clerk's Office, Oumnock, 2nd May, 1940.

FOOTBALL.

MUIRKIRK JUNIORS V. DALRY THISTLE. - This semi-final tie in the Moore Trophy competition was played at Hurlford on Saturday, and proved quite an interesting game throughout. On play, Muirkirk looked the likelier lot, and, after a quarter of an hour's play, Maxwell opened the scoring with a fine shot. Dalry also scored in this period, and the interval arrived with the scores level at 1-1. The Juniors continued to hold territorial advantage in the second half, and when Dick gave them the lead they looked likely winners of the tie. With ten minutes to go, Rankin, at centre-forward, handled rather foolishly, and from the resultant free kick the ball was lobbed into the goalmouth for a Dalry player to score the equaliser. This put a different complexion on the play, for Dalry crowded on full sail and forced another goal in the closing minutes to win by three goals to two. Muirkirk were rather unfortunate to lose. The defence—the half-back line especially—played well, and Dick, Maxwell, and Bobin played serviceably in front. Rankin was not a success at centre, and Murray was not a success at outside left. Muirkirk team: - Morrison; Clive, Davidson; M'Mahon, R. M'Neil, N. M'Neil; Dick, Maxwell, Rankin, Bobin, Murray.

M'Mahon played his last game for Muirkirk for the time being on Saturday. He joins the Navy to-day. Best of luck, Pat.

Glenbuck's football prowess is widely known, yet it would seem that its history is still well in the making. For the international match with England at Hampden on Saturday, Willie Shankly and Tom Brown have been chosen to occupy the wing-half positions in the Scottish team Furthermore, Bob Shankly is reserve for the centre-half position, and, as there is a doubt about the appearance of the firstchosen pivot, Bob may also figure in the team, and thus make it an all-Glenbuck half-back line. This would surely be a unique half-back line in international history.

Muirkirk Juniors play Annbank United at Annbank on Saturday in the second round of the Vernon Trophy. The Muirkirk chosen are:-Morrison; Clive, Davidson; M'Vey, R. M'Neil, N. M'Neil; Dick, Maxwell, Langan, Bobin, Murray.

The colonel met two men carrying a steaming dixy from the cookhouse:-" Bring me a spoon," he ordered. One of the men demurred; the colonel insisted. "Heavens," he cried, "awful muck. Tastes like washing-up water! What on earth is it?" They chorused—"It is washing-up water, sir !"

HOMING.

Racing pigeon fanciers are being allowed to race their pigeons this season, and the Ayrshire Federation, to which the local clubs are affiliated, made a start with the old bird programme on Saturday last. The race-point was Dumfries, a distance of only 36 miles from Muirkirk, and with the birds homing in large batches there was some fun at the home end endeavouring to get the birds to trap quickly, and with such a short flying distance a minute or two lost in this manner can put an early arrival back amongst the also rans. Local results :-

SOUTHSIDE CLUB.

120 birds were sent by Southside Club members, and the order of timing was-T. Crawford (1093 yards per minute) (1d, 2d pools) (1044) (1d, 2d, 3d pools) (1038), Moran and Lennox (1036), H. Irvine (1033), Moran and Lennox (1028) (985), T. Crawford (1019) (3d pool), Kelly Bros. (1002), J. M'Ginley (993) (980.9), F. Rattray (980.2), H. Irvine (979) (964), G. Irvine (958.3), J. Samson (958.2), Muir Bros. (900), J. M'Dade (839).

CAIRNTABLE CLUB.

The entry amounted to 83 birds, and velocities were: -T. Crawford (1093) (1d, 24) (1044) (1d, 2d, 3d) (1038) (1019), Kelly Bros. (1002), J. M'Ginlay (993) (980), G. Irvine (958.3), J. Samson (958.2), W. Tait (388) (840), S. Davidson (848).

The next race is due on Saturday from a new racepoint-Gretna. Mr George Irvine, secretary of the Southside Club, is one of the assistant convoyers this year, and will travel with the birds to a number of the racepoints, including Christchurch, the longest race of the season.

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But even now the allotmenteer must not rest on his laurels. As soon as those early seedlings show through the ground, hoeing should be begun. There are far too many people who, by shirking this job now, only give themselves a good deal of backbreaking work later on.

WHY NOT HARICOT?

Another job which should be done now is the sowing of runner, French, and haricot beans. Beans are an extremely valuable vegetable to grow in wartime, as they are rich in protein and carbohydrates, and make an excellent substitute for rationed foods.

Runner beans should be sown two inches deep and nine inches apart. The soil should be deeply cultivated, to allow the plants plenty of root room, and if possible well manured with farmyard or some other organic manure. The manure must not be fresh, however, or it will not the seed. For artificial fertiliser, a mixture of superphosphate at the rate of Over the Moon 1½ oz. and sulphate of potash at the rate of ½ oz. per square yard should be forked into the surface.

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The pessimist wears a belt as well as braces; the optimist wears neither.

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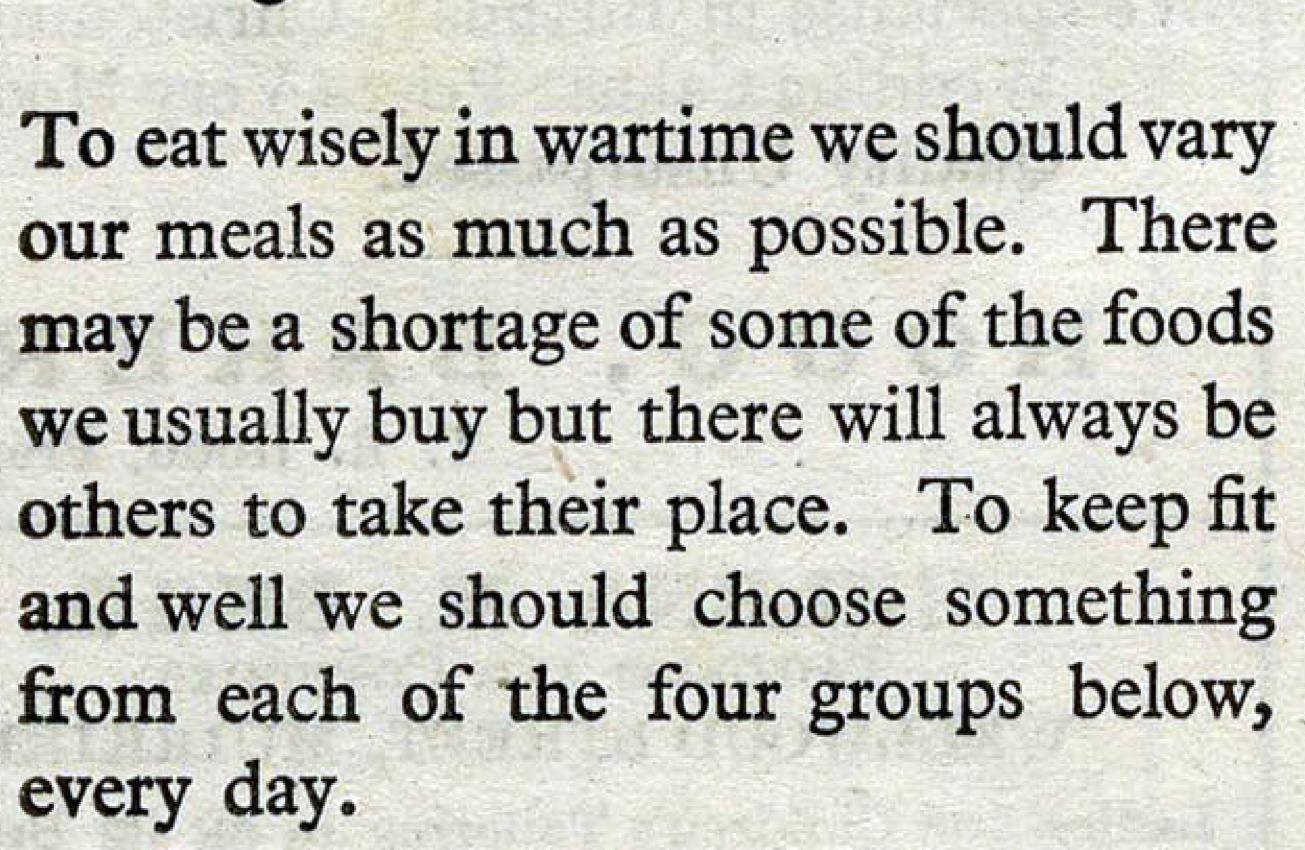
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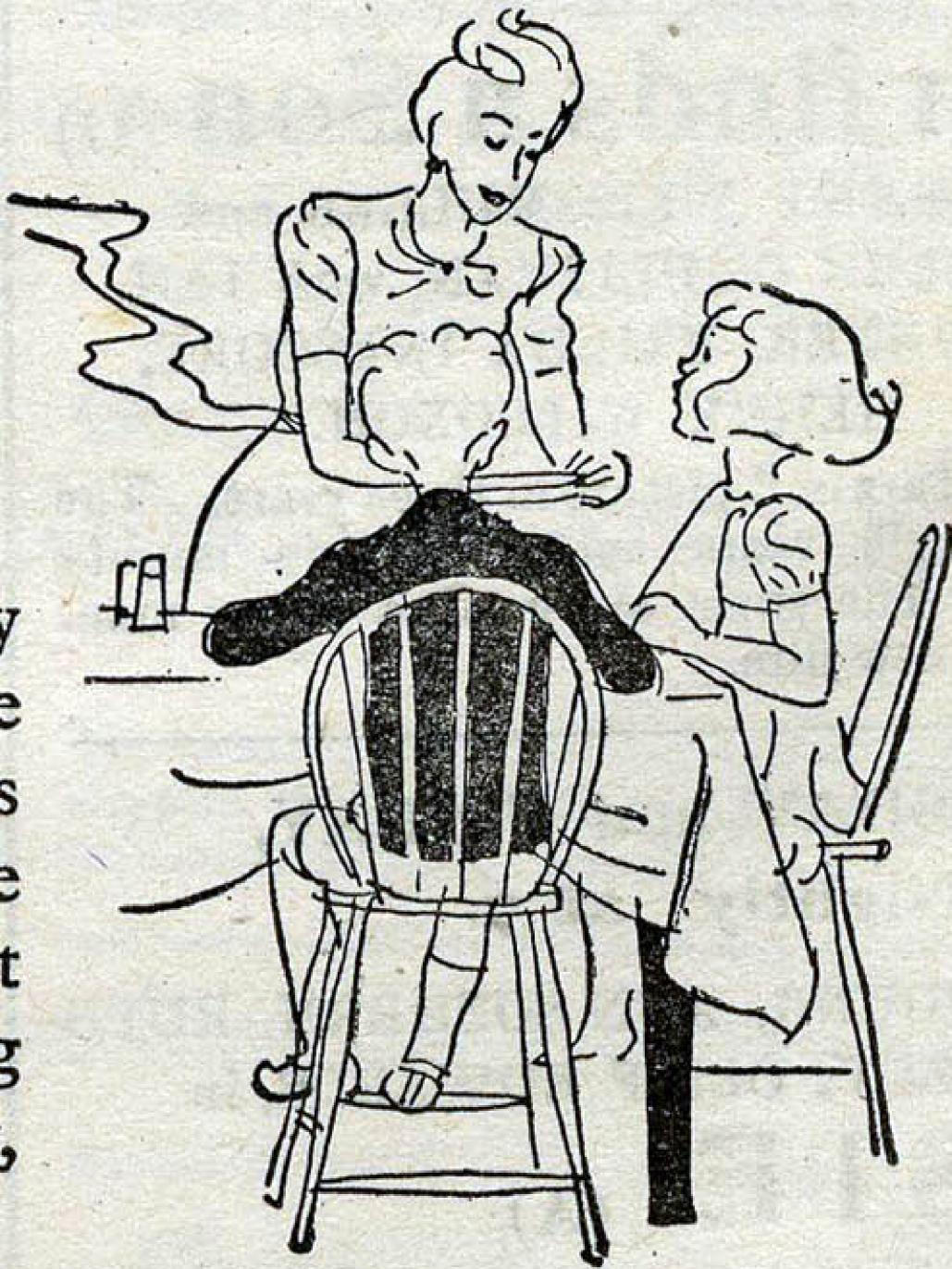
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—Inserted by her father, mother, brothers, and sisters, Mossgiel Terrace, Mauchline.

Treasured still with love sincere.

—Inserted by Aunt Mary, Muirkirk, and Aunt Lizzie, Mauchline.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE

THURSDAY, MAY 16 1940.

Local Mews.

THE merchants had a full-day holiday yesterday.

Co-operations are reminded that the quarterly general meeting of the members of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, Ltd., will be held to-night (Thursday) in the Masonic Hall.

Four Generations.—At a coming-of-age party for Miss Margaret Bain, 31 Glasgow Road, four generations were represented—Mrs Margaret Bain, her son (Mr Geo. M. Bain), his family, and his grandchild.

MASONIC WHIST.—Mr Robert M'Call conducted the play at the usual whist drive in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, and the prize winners were:—Ladies' prizes—1 Mrs D. Leslie (172), 2 Mrs Gilfillan (171); gentlemen's prizes—1 Mrs D. Murray (169), 2 Mrs Hodge (166).

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT.—We have again been favoured with a copy of the City of Manchester Chief Constable's report on the administration of the police department and fire brigade, with statistical returns for last year. No need to mention the name. It is a very comprehensive volume, and would take some compiling. It is most interesting, and any of our readers who care to have a look through it can apply at the office in Main Street.

Infirmary Collection.—The note of thanks by the organiser of the annual collection towards the Victoria Infirmary will be found on our front page to-day. The total is slightly less than a year ago, but it is yet very creditable, and although comparisons are said to be "odorous," still, compared with most other districts, which shall be nameless, our parish has done remarkably well in subscribing on this occasion the sum of £14 33 101. The collectors this year were Misses Rhoda Crosbie, Elizabeth Davidson, Jean Murray, Margaret Paterson, and Sadie Rae. It may be mentioned that during 1939 eight patients were sent from this parish, and the total cost of treatment was £71 18/-.

Angling.—Muirkirk Angling Association held a competition on Saturday, when eighteen rods were out, including three boy members. Conditions were unfavourable, and catches were mostly light, and the result was:—1, Thomas Beck (handicap 3 lbs. to 1 lb.), 8 lbs. 6½ ozs.; 2, Thomas Mackin (3 lbs. to 1 lb.), 8 lbs. 3½ ozs.; 3, James Menzies (8 ozs. to 1 lb.), 6 lbs. 13¾ ozs.; 4, Robert Kirkwood (1 lb. to 1 lb.), 5 lbs. ½ oz. In spite of the poor conditions, the three competitors in the boys' section each had a catch, and the placings were:—1, Neil Shaw, 1 lb. 6 ozs.; 2, Thomas Findlay, 8 ozs.; 3, Bernard Gibney, 1¾ ozs.

The Regal Cinema.—Last night concluded the

"Delight" group pictures, and to-night sees the commencement of what the Management terms its "Wonderful" group of thirteen programmes. The six programmes advertised this week, with the following week's bookings, are of high calibre. To-night (Thursday) and on Friday Claudette Colbert and James. Stewart present "It's a Wonderful World." Supported by a grand cast, these two screen favourites fully maintain their good favour, and put over fast and furious fare. On the same programme is Charlie Chase in his comedy hit, "The Chases of Pimple Street" Patrons will remember that refreshing film, "Young Dr Kildare," shown recently at the Regal. The second of this noted series, "Calling Dr Kildare," with Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, Laraine Day, and Lana Turner, will be shown on Saturday (for one day). Also showing is Laurel and Hardy in "Busy Bodies." Beautiful Annabella with Robert Young, Walter Connolly, and a big cast will present "Bridal Suite" on Monday and Tuesday. This picture was made for laughter purposes only and will be thoroughly enjoyable. Note Wednesday's feature (for one day only) "Tarzan Finds a Son" with its cast of stars. This is an entirely new film of the noted "Tarzan," and challenges any thrill-jungledrama ever made. On Thursday and Friday Robert Young, Ann Sothern, and Ruth Hussey appear as principals in "Maisie," a really frothy comedy guaranteed to give you many hearty laughs as well as serious thoughts. Note "6000 Enemies" on Saturday of next week—the "Big House" picture of the year. The foregoing programmes have all been booked from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and having been specially selected, the Management recommend each and all as really "worth-while." See advert. for the following week's attractions. If it's at The Regal—it's good.

Lily—"Is your new boy-friend with the car a good driver?" Tillie—"Not terribly good. He always seems to need both hands!"

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE.—"Winter Carnival," showing to-night (Thursday) is a grand romance with a lively winter sports background, and will be enjoyed by all patrons. "The Man in the Iron. Mask," one of the world's greatest adventureromances, from the pen of the renowned Alexandre Dumas, will be shown on Friday and Saturday. Even greater than "The Count of Monte Cristo" by the same author, this pulsating drama has all the ingredients of super film entertainment -a thrilling plot, romance, and intrigue, flashing swordplay, and swashbuckling adventure. The cast is magnificent, and the whole film is produced in a manner which will evoke your highest praise. Joan Bennett is superb-Louis Hayward plays the most spectacular dual role ever created. A picture of the "must be seen" class. On Sunday, the name of Gracie Fields is sufficient guarantee of enjoyment in "Look Up and Laugh," and on Monday and Tuesday "A Britisher's Home" is a tip-top story of the espionage service, with a good romance to hold your attention throughout. On Wednesday and Thursday a fine double-feature programme features "Boy Slaves" and "Trouble in Sundown." The former is the sensational story of a group of outlaw youths whose punishment was worse than death, while the latter is a real out-door type of Western film. Note the casts in all the pictures—they assure you of plenty of enjoyment.

MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

The usual weekly meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday at the Manse, and the ladies brought in a very good supply of articles, these being divided as follows.

The Red Cross at Ayr received six knitted vests. four pairs of bed socks, two pairs of pyjama trousers, one pyjama jacket, one sleeveless night dress, along with a parcel of old linen given by Mrs Moffat of Wellwood Street, and a parcel of magazines. The Navy League received twenty-three pairs of socks, two pairs of seamen's stockings, and two pullovers. It was agreed to answer the wireless appeal of Monday's date for the soldiers serving in Norway, and the parcel forwarded contained eight scarves, three pullovers, four helmets, nine pairs of socks, fifteen pairs of mittens, and four pairs of cuffs. Four pairs of socks were given out locally, while there was added to stock three pairs of socks, two pairs of pyjama trousers, one scarf, and two pairs of mittens.

The contribution from the children at the school was six pairs of socks, five pairs of mittens, and four

The Minister intimated that the pupils at St. Thomas had asked for wool, and that the Central Depot had eased the situation as regards wool, for the Committee had in hand a six weeks' supply.

The weekly contributions were well above the average, and the Treasurer was able to report that the week's collection without any donations came to £14 2s 6d.

SOME DEFENCE ITEMS.

With Adolph now in Norway, and also pushing into Belgium and Holland with considerable success, and thus reducing the space between him and our shores, the Defence Regulations are being tightened up.

The blackout must be rigidly observed; chinks of light down the sides of the blinds are not allowed. The public know the regulations and are also well aware of the dangers; the days of warning are over, and those of summons are at hand. Be it said, however, that since the invasion of Holland and Belgium on Friday there have been few delinquents. With a worthy motive, the local police believe in prevention rather than detection. At the moment the blackout hours are from 9.53 p.m. till 4.33 a.m.

Shops, too, must conform to the business hours as stated in the Act. For the sale of newspapers, tobacco, and smokers' requisites business must close at 9 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 p.m. on other days; for aerated waters, sweets, and ice cream 10 p.m. on Saturdays and 9.30 p.m. on other days.

There was a quick response locally to the appeal by Mr Anthony Eden over the wireless on Tuesday evening for volunteers for the Local Defence Corps. The appeal was made at 9.10 p.m., and at 9.15 p.m. the first volunteer arrived at the Police Station. By Wednesday morning eight had volunteered.

FOOTBALL.

MUIRKIRK JUNIORS V. ANNBANK UNITED.—The Juniors visited Annbank on Saturday and tried conclusions with the United in the second round of the Vernon Trophy competition. The homesters had the best of matters in the first half, and led by three goals to nil at half-time. In the second period Langan opened Muirkirk's scoring account, but Annbank replied with another goal. Two quick goals by Langan and Murray made the score 4.3 and heartened the visitors, who were conspicuous for a time, and almost got the equaliser when the ball struck the foot of an upright, but their effort petered out and two more goals for Annbank settled the issue, the final score being-Annbank 6. Muirkirk 3. It was a poor game. Clive, who was Muirkirk's best player, was injured, and finished the game at outside right, with Bobin at right back. Maxwell right half, and Dick at inside left. Muirkirk team-Morrison; Clive, M'Vey; Gebbie, R. M'Neil, N. M'Neil; Dick, Maxwell, Langan, Bobin, Murray.

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HOMING.

Gretna Green, famous for runaway marriages, was the point from which the Ayrshire Federation pigeons were racing on Saturday, and a fine race resulted with good velocities and excellent returns. Local club results were:—

CAIRNTABLE CLUB.

The Cairntable Club entry numbered 83 birds, and velocities were:—S. Davidson (1170 yards per minute) (1d pool) (1167) (1d, 2d, 3d) (1111), W. Tait & Son (1163) (2d, 3d), (1116), T. Crawford (1109), J. M'Ginlay (1103.8) (1088), Kelly Bros. (1014), J. Samson (1001), G. Irvine (982).

SOUTHSIDE CLUB.

131 birds competed in the Southside Club, and the result was:—Moran & Lennox (1110) (1d, 2d, 3d pools), T. Crawford (1109) (1d), J. M'Ginlay (1103'8), F. Rattray (1103'7) (2d), T. Crawford (1100), F. Rattray (1090'9). (3d), Moran & Lennox (1090'6), J. M'Ginlay (1088), H. Irvine (1057), Kelly Bros. (1014), J. Samson (1001), S. Robb (1001), G. Irvine (979), J. M'Dade (913), Muir Bros. (793).

BOWLING.

RINK TOURNAMENT.—The weekly rink tournaments at the bowling green were commenced for the season on Tuesday evening, when there was a goodly entry, and the winning rink was that composed of W. Wilson, Miss Maisie Gilfillan, J. Biggans, and D. M'Kay (skip).

GOLF.

A long and short competition evoked friendly rivalry and enthusiasm on Tuesday evening, and the prize-winners were:—1 T. Steven and J. Crosbie (76), 2 T. Muir and T. Waugh (77).

CLENBUCK.

WHIST DRIVE -- A whist drive in aid of the Soldiers' Parcels Fund was held in the Public Hall on Friday evening. There was rather a poor turnout. Rev. David Baird conducted, and tea was served at an interval by a willing staff of ladies, under Mrs Milliken. The prize-winners were: - Ladies - 1 Mrs Geo. Davidson (Ayr) (173), 2 Miss Maggie Brown (172), 3 Mrs John Thomson (Muirkirk) (170); gentlemen-1 Mr John Shankly, jun. (172), 2 Mr John Bain (171), 3 Mr Thos. Menzies (167). At the close of play Mr Baird thanked the patrons and all those who had assisted at the drive. The prizes were donated by Mrs Howatson, Glenbuck House, and Messrs Wm Muir, A. M'Connell, and J. Crosbie, "old boys" who made their mark in the football world. A successful dance followed, the music being supplied by the Arcadians from Douglas Water.

DOUGLAS WEST.

Bowling.—The first promiscuous pairs on Tuesday of last week was won by Mrs S. Prosser and J. Cleland.—The mixed contest on Thursday was won by Mrs R. Gold and W. Hamilton, 16 shots up.

GLESPIN.

Benefit Whist.—The weekly whist contest in aid of the local War Work Party continues to attract the card enthusiasts. On Thursday evening, after a pleasant competition under the charge of Mr A. Morrison, the awards were:—Ladies—1 Mrs R. Anderson, consolation Mrs John Brown; gentlemen—1 Mr Jas. M'Lachlan, consolation Mr Jas. Taylor (Douglas). On this occasion the prizes were gifted by Miss K. Steele.

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Public Notices

"The Faithless Lover."

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Local Intelligence.

DANCE. - An invitation dance in aid of local Red Cross funds was held at Newmains on Friday evening. Organised by Messrs R. Connell and J. Veitch, it proved highly successful. The music was provided by Messrs John Welsh (accordion) and A. Gilbert (drums), with R. Connell as M.C. At an interval tea was served by the Newmains ladies, and songs were rendered by Messrs A. Gibson and J. Bell. A spot waltz contest was won by Miss M. Martin and R. Connell. The effort raised the sum of £3.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS. - On Tuesday of last week, in the Women's Hall, the prize-winners were: - Whist - ladies - 1 Mrs J. Jackson, consolation Mrs R. Gold; ladies playing as gentlemen-1 Mrs H. Sloan, consolation Mrs H. Hamilton. The domino result was:- 1 Mrs Jas. Blackwood, consolation Mrs J. Shaw.

In Memoriam.

RAMAGE.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear daddy, Andrew Ramage, who died 15th May, 1939 (result of an accident).

Friends may think we have forgotten When at times they see us smile, But they little know the heartache That is hidden all the while.

-Inserted by his loving wife and family, 33 Kilncroft Terrace, Douglas.

Good was his heart, his friendship sound, Loved and respected by all around; To a beautiful life came a sudden end, He died as he lived—everyone's friend.

-Inserted by his mother and father, 14 Glebe View, Douglas.

Masonic.—There was a good turnout of brethren and visitors at the regular monthly meeting of Lodge St. Bride, No. 118, which was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening of last week. R.W.M. Bro. James Linton presided, and welcomed a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, consisting of Bros. T. G. Winning, grand secretary; Dr D. Radford, grand director of ceremonies; and W. Martin Hobkirk, grand organist. The R.W.M. referred to the high honour paid the old Douglas Lodge and desired to hand over the mallet to Bro. Winning, who, however, promptly returned it, remarking he was sure it was in good hands. All these distinguished brethren gave brief addresses, expressing their pleasure at visiting Lodge St. Bride, and Bro. Hobkirk said he was a native of Douglas. The three Grand Lodge visitors were made honorary members of Lodge St. Bride. The Lodge was closed, and the entire party joined at tea, and a pleasant time was spent in harmony. After the loyal toast had been honoured, the R.W.M. proposed the toast of the "Grand Lodge of Scotland," and Bro. Winning, in his reply, gave some interesting details of the work of Grand Lodge. The other guests also replied fittingly when their health was honoured.

INSTITUTE WHIST.—There was a good turnout in the Welfare Hall on Wednesday despite counterattractions, when the usual card contest was held. After a pleasant competition the prize awards were: -Ladies-1 Mrs I. Watson, 2 Mrs W. Mitchell (Douglas West), consolation Mrs Sorbie; gentlemen-1 Mrs H. M'Laughlan, 2 Mr R. Cleland, consolation Mrs R. M'Donald.

OLD FOLKS' TREAT. - In aid of their Old Folks Treat Fund, Douglas Valley Social Club will hold a whist drive and dance next Wednesday. Good prizes and a fine new band should draw a bumper crowd to both these functions for such a splendid object.

WELFARE WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING. - Last Thursday's prize awards in the Women's Hall were: - Whist-Ladies-1 Mrs B. Kerr, consolation Mrs W. Foggo; ladies playing as gentlemen-1 Mrs A. Shankly, consolation Mrs J. Currie; dominoes-1 Mrs Jas. Blackwood, consolation Mrs Jas. Kelly.

No Conventicle. — The annual Cameronian Conventicle to celebrate the formation of the regiment on 14th May, 1689, should have been held last Sunday, but owing to the war and the officers being otherwise engaged it had been resolved to abandon the ceremony this year.

FIREMAN BURNED. - In the early hours of Tuesday morning a married colliery fireman, Richard Hyslop, who resides at Townfoot, Douglas. while at work in Kennox Colliery was burned about the face and hands by a slight explosion of gas. Hyslop was conveyed to Douglas Cottage Hospital where he was detained.

DOUGLAS WAR WORK PARTY. - The following is a short account of the War Work Party's activities for the four months ending April 30. The treasurer's books show an income of £103 15/- at that date. This sum translated into comforts for our fighting men reads as follows:-To the Army, 269; the Navy, 144; the Air Force, 108; Carstairs Canteen to aid needful cases en route, 36; to Finland Fund, a large box of hospital garments and knitted goods; the Red Cross, two large parcels of hospital requisites; and 70 pairs of socks in the troops' Easter parcels, which also included postal orders and razor blades. The balance in hand, £24, is being used to lay in stocks of wool while it is available. Very encouraging results have been obtained from the penny-a-week collections, but, while these are considered satisfactory as such, they only amount to about one-third of the expenditure. The Committee, therefore, are anxious that the public generally and all local clubs and organisations will continue to give their full support. As the war continues and the number of local lads joining the Forces increases. there will be a greater strain on the resources in trying to keep in touch with them all. During the coming summer, therefore, friends and supporters are urged to continue and increase their help.

FOOTBALL.

School's Football. - Douglas West School have entered a team to take part in the Stark Cup League this season, and they opened the season at Douglas Water on Wednesday of last week, when after a good game Douglas Water boys beat them by the odd goal in five. The result was-Douglas Water School 3. Douglas West School 2.

Douglas v. Coalburn. - The return game between teams of youths representing Douglas and Coalburn took place at Crabtree Park on Saturday and ended in a 7-0 victory for Douglas.

OPENING OF BOWLING GREEN.

There might have been a larger attendance of members and friends on Wednesday evening of last week when the formal opening of Douglas Victoria bowling green took place. President James B. Gardiner, in his opening remarks, said he had to introduce himself owing to the recent sad death of Mr John Sloan, the past president. He expressed the Club's sympathy with his wife and family, and announced that the Club were to erect a tablet to commemorate the loyal services of Mr Sloan to the Olub. THe welcomed the original member of the Club, Mr C. C. Riach, and hoped his health would allow him again to take his place on the green. He also referred to the illness of Mr James Collins, another old member, hoping he also would soon be restored to his usual health. He then called upon Mrs Gardiner to throw the first jack and bowl, which she did in a workmanlike manner amidst applause. Vice-president R. Shankland then presented a silver jack to Mrs Gardiner as a memento of the occasion, and the lady briefly expressed her thanks. The customary contest between teams representing President and Vice-president took place, while Douglas District Silver Band played musical. selections under the conductorship of Mr J. Cornelius. At the end of the contest all present were entertained in the Club pavilion to tea, served by the Ladies' Committee.

The ladies' section opened play on Thursday afternoon when there was a fair turnout of members. The customary contest bit een teams representing the two principal officials ended-President 32, Vicepresident 44. After the game the party were entertained to tea in the club pavi ion, and thus the green was opened properly for another season.

The first sweepstake contest was played on Saturday afternoon when there was a good turnout of players. The winners were Jas. Spence and J. Sim. with a majority of 15 shots.

There was a good turnout of members at the first points game on Monday evening. The prizes were the gift of President Jas. B. Gardiner, and after a pleasant contest the winners were Jas. Spence, A. Bannatyne, R. Gold (skip), 15 shots up.

Correspondence.

NATIONAL SALVAGE SCHEME.

(To the Editor).

Dear Sir, -The recent events in the war make it: increasingly necessary that every one should assist in avoiding waste and in providing scrap materials which are vital for our national effort. So much can be done with waste paper, tins, bottles, scrap metal, and other things that it is part of our national duty to preserve them, and see that they are collected and sent to the right quarters.

To organise this scheme in Douglas and district the Douglas War Work Party, cc-operating with the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, has made arrangements for a collection of all scrap material.

1. SCRAP METAL.

It has been decided to have a Scrap Metal Week in Douglas from the 3rd-8th June, when all forms of scrap metal-e.g., bedsteads, grates, pots, fenders, anything in iron, brass, z'nc, lead, etc., will be gathered. It is hoped, with the co operation of the local contractors, to cover the village in that week as follows: -- Monday evening-Hillside, Glebeview. Welldale, Springhill, and Kilncroft; Tuesday evening-Ayr Road, Nursery Avenue, Yards, and Addison Drive; Wednesday evening-Main Street and rest of village. Douglas West and outlying parts will also be visited. Householders are asked to collect scrap material, and have it ready for the lorry on the evening allocated to their district.

2. TINS AND BOTTLES.

It is hoped to get the assistance of the children of the village in this part. Through the school they will be invited to bring as many empty bottles, jars, or tins as they can to the Slaughterhouse on any Tuesday evening between 7 and 8 p.m., starting from Tuesday, 21st May. Tins and bottles should be clean and washed if possible. Householders will help by seeing to this. Do not throw out that tin or bottle—send it along.

3. WASTE PAPER.

This scheme has, so far, been in the charge of the Scouts, and they have done their work well. They hope to continue, with the help of the Guides, and to cover the area more systematically. It would greatly facilitate the collection if the waste paper were separated into different bundles-(a) newspapers, (b) cardboard and brown paper, (c) books and magazines. Greaseproof paper should not beincluded. Every piece of clean paper is of value. If you have any quantity awaiting collection please send word to the Scout Hut on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings or on Saturday afternoon.

The War Work Party and the Scouts and Guides look for the loval support of everyone in this effort. Any proceeds from the sale of scrap material will go to the funds of the War Work Party and also of the

Scouts and Guides. Save now all you can of every kind, and help our national effort to win the war.

> For the Joint Court. J. MOWAT.

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COUNCIL. Notification of Air Raid Casualties.

The Public are informed that should an Air Raid occur in this County an effort will be made to obtain, as quickly as possible after the Raid, information regarding any persons who have been killed or injured, and to make such information quickly available to the public by posting it up at the Local Public Assistance Offices in the areas affected or, in Small Burghs, at the Burgh Chambers.

Arrangements will also be made to inform the Relatives by post where necessary.

JAS. R. LOCKIE, County Clerk.

County Buildings,

Ayr, 16th May, 1940.

ST. THOMAS, No. 201. The Regular Monthly Meeting

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The fun-studded family film. Remember 'Boy Trouble,' recently shown.

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Death.

BARRIE.—At Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on 18th May, Thomas Barrie (beloved husband of Agnes Kennedy), aged 36 years. - Mrs Barrie wishes to thank the Doctors and Nurse for their kind attention, and friends and neighbours for floral tributes and messages of sympathy.

18 Park Terrace, Muirkirk.

In Memoriam.

LOWE.—In loving memory of my beloved wife and our dear mother, Cathrine M'Queen, who died on 23rd May, 1939, at 3 Old Terrace, Muirkirk.

> Things have changed in many ways, But one thing changeth never-The memory of those happy days, When we were all together. For all of us she did her best: May God grant her eternal rest; She did work hard for those she loved, And has left us to remember.

-Inserted by her husband and family. This month brings back sad memories Of a loved one gone to rest, And those who think of her to-day Are those who loved her best.

-Inserted by her son Robert and daughter-in-law Annie and grandchildren, 69 The Square, Muirkirk.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1940.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"CATTLE SHOW." - The date of the Cattle Show this year would have been Friday, 7th June, so that the public holiday would be held on the Saturday following.

Local Aews.

Local Defence. —There has been a fine response in Muirkirk to the appeal for volunteers for the Local Defence Volunteer Corps. Over fifty persons have offered their services.

EVACUATION SCHEME.—At a meeting held at Ayr on Saturday in respect of the Second Evacuation Scheme, representatives from all over the county attended, and the Scheme was discussed. So far as Muirkirk is concerned, it is treated as a reserve area at present.

PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS.-Most folks are aware that it is an offence to lift the eggs of wild birds, and we have been asked to remind local hikers and picnickers to leave all nests undisturbed, and particularly at the gulleries around the district. A person taking wild birds' eggs is liable to a heavy fine—a fine which would make the price of hen eggs pale in comparison.

AN OLD STORY IN A NEW SETTING. - We have all read "The boy stood on the burning deck," but have any heard of the one who sat on the chimney can in Muirkirk the other day? In the smoke screen the good lady of the house wondered why her "lum wasna drawin'," so a hasty conference with neighbouring generals was held, and a reconnaissance disclosed the enemy having a bird's-eye view of the district. There was no hero worship in this case, as the spitfires opened their throttles and in language more forcible than polite addressed the usurper-"What the ??!!xxxx—hoo the ?!xxxx!!!" The enemy was completely demoralised by this totally unexpected surprise, got into a bad wobble, but made a safe landing.

THE REGAL CINEMA: -- If you like a rattling good comedy with lots of kick in it, don't fail to see "Maisie" showing to-night (Thursday) and on Friday. And you will also enjoy the popular musical featurette "Somewhat Secret." On Saturday (for one day only) the Regal is pleased to present the "Big House" treat of the year-" 6000 Enemies." This picture does not concern that disturbed mind of to-day, Herr Hitler. It is a dynamic prison drama of a most enthralling nature, and is a perfect screen treat. City friends will no doubt have advised you to see "French without Tears." The entire press of the world has acclaimed it as the biggest laugh hit and naughty-but-nice comedy for many years. Ray Milland and Ellen Drew with an all round cast will present their 90 minutes of gaiety on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday's double feature programme (for one day only) will find popular appeal by reason of its good seasoning of high drama and good comedy. The powerful drama "Television Spy" heads the bill, and the very enjoyable comedy, "Night Work," starring Mary Boland, Charles Ruggles, and the well-known "Fitch Family" completes the programme. "Island of Lost Men" showing next Thursday and Friday is a picture we recommend you to see. It is weird but it is good, and its cast is equally good. On Saturday Bing Crosby is supported by a selected cast in "The Star Maker." While Bing is the star in this film it can be truly said that his role portrays him as an unequalled artiste. See next week's issue. If it's at the Regal—it's good!

Ma onic Whist. - There was a fairly good attendance at the whist drive in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, and Mr R. M'Call conducted. The prize-winners were: - Ladies-1 Mrs Graham (179), 2 Mrs D. Leslie (174); gentlemen-1 Mr T. Morrison (169), 2 Mr J. Brown (168).

PROTECTION FROM GAS.—The issue of anti-gas helmets for babies up to two years of age and respirators for children up to 4½ years was made in this district yesterday. About 350 helmets and respirators were distributed. Children up to 41 years not yet supplied are to receive their gas masks on Wednesday first at the Public Assistance Office from 6 till 7 p.m. Don't forget to take National Registration Card for each child.

MARKET INTELLIGENCE. — At Kilmarnock on Friday, Mr R. B. Thomson, auctioneer, had shorter supply of eggs on offer, and reports improvement on last week's quotations-17 lbs. 1/9 to 1/10, 15½ lbs. and ungraded 1/8 to 1/9, 14 lbs. 1/6½ to 1/7, small and pullets 1/4 to 1/5, duck 1/8-all per dozen. Good hens scarce and dear. Chickens more plentiful. Day-old pullets in good demand.

TO OUR READERS.

SCARCITY OF PAPER.

Owing to the scarcity of paper and consequent great rise in price (newsprint is now three times its normal price), we are reluctantly compelled to raise the price of the "Advertiser" to ONE PENNY per Copy after this issue.

Co-operation.—The quarterly meeting of the members of Muirkirk Co-operative Society, Ltd., was held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening last. There was a large attendance, and Mr T. Morrison, president, was in the chair. The minutes of last quarterly meeting and meetings of the Board of Management were adopted, as also was the balance sheet. This showed that the sales for the quarter amounted to £19663 17s 4d, an increase of £571 4s 5d over the corresponding quarter of last year. After paying trade charges and allocating £245 for interest on share capital, £227 for depreciation, and £93 17s 4d paid as the premium on collective life assurance, the divisible surplus was £28289/-, which was allocated as follows: -£2766 10/- for dividend at 2/9 per £1 of purchases, £5 to reserve, £10 to education, and the balance, £46 19/-, carried forward. The report was considered very satisfactory. Mr Peter M'Luskie gave a report of a meeting of the S.C.W.S., and Mr S. C. Matthews one on the Ayrshire Conference. Messrs John Colthart and James G. Beresford were re-elected to the Board of Management, and Mr Jas. Anderson was appointed to the vacancy caused through the resignation of Mr James Masterton. Mr Robt. K. Wilson, vicepresident, and Messrs James Murdoch and Hugh Love, members of committee, who were due to retire, were nominated for re-election at next meeting. Messrs T. M'Culloch and R. Hill were re-elected to the Educational Committee. Amongst the general business a notice of motion to alter the quarters was made and duly noted.

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE. - Film-goers should again find it easy to get first-class entertainment this weekend and next week—a visit to the Picture House any night should bear this out. To-night (Thursday) there is a popular double-feature programme. "Boy Slaves" and "Trouble in Sundown" are thoroughly enjoyable films, each in a different vein. As usual, the management bring out another "weekend special" on Friday and Saturday nights. These are generally nights when you can confidently look forward to super entertainment at the Picture House, and this week's offering-"Streets of New York" will satisfy your film appetite to the full. Jackie Cooper gives one of his finest performances in this picture, although Martin Spellman, as Jackie's little orphan pal, also gains the highest praise. This is real drama at its best, and the efforts of these boys, supported by a particularly fine cast, will wring your heart and bring the tears at times. . A film which should be seen. On the same programme is "Convicts' Code," the story of a man who was "framed." On Sunday another fine programme has been contracted for, and this is followed on Monday and Tuesday by the Warner Bros. success-"On Trial." John Litel and Margaret Lindsay are the stars, and the story will keep you guessing till the unexpected climax. On Wednesday and Thursday George Formby is entertainer-in-chief in "Keep Your Seats, Please." Florence Desmond, Harry Tate, and Alastair Sim are also in the cast, and this is mirth and melody fare throughout. Novelty is added to this programme in "The Terror of Tiny Town," a full-length Western burlesque with a cast composed entirely of midgets averaging just a few inches over three feet in height. This is something new in film entertainment, and is certain to be enjoyed.—See advt.

MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

The weekly meeting of the Committee was held at the Manse on Tuesday, when there was a good attendance of the members. The articles brought in were distributed as follows:-To the Red Crosstwo vests, one night shirt, five suits of pyjamas, two pairs of bed socks, and eight knitted vests; to the Navy League—one pullover, five pairs sea-boot stockings, eleven pairs of socks; and to be sent to the Norwegian Expeditionary Force there were retained fourteen pairs of socks, one scarf, three helmets, and one pullover. Two pairs of socks were given out to the local lads.

The Minister reported that he had received an anonymous donation of £1 from Bournemouth to assist in the good work being done by the Muirkirk Committee. The Old Parish Choir had sent in a donation of 2/6. while the ladies' weekly collection

amounted to £11 18s 83d.

OUMNOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of Cumnock District Council was held at Millbank, Cumnock, on Monday evening. The start was delayed owing to the unusual length of the School Management Committee meeting which preceded it.

The only item of local interest was the minute of

a meeting of Muirkirk Sub-committee.

In this it was reported that the old tennis courts had been cleaned up, and that one half would be used for children's tennis and the other half for roller skating, etc.

It was also agreed to obtain sand for the children's sand pits, and also to renew the fence round

the Carruthers Park.

With regard to the proposed public conveniences, a letter was submitted from the District Clerk asking for facts in support of application for the work to be carried out now, and a statement was prepared.

Only one offer was submitted for the cleansing of Muirkirk Special District. This was made by Mr Forbes A. Marshall, amounting to £345, and was

accepted.

A letter was read from Dumfries Estate intimating that the coup at Southside had to be levelled, soiled, and sown out before an extension would be considered, and the matter was left in the hands of the Clerk.

It was reported that the sale of lamp standards for scrap iron had realised the sum of £44 8s 10d, approximately £4 per ton, and this was considered very satisfactory.

GOLF.

The weekly competition on Tuesday evening was won by John M'Culloch with a nett. score of 29.

The match between the Town and Southside golfers did not take place last Wednesday evening, but instead a social evening was spent in the Clubhouse. Tea and a sing-song passed the time pleasantly.

FOOTBALL.

MUIRKIRK JUNIORS V. AUCHINLECK TALBOT.—In the third round of the Irvine and District Cup competition the Juniors visited Auchinleck on Wednesday of last week. Muirkirk had team difficulties, and, as will be seen from the line-up, nearly every player was out of his accustomed position. They started not so badly, and for a quarter of an hour or so had a share of the play, but afterwards they were not in the picture, and the Talbot ran out easy winners by six goals to one. Muirkirk team-Morrison; M'Vey, Bobin; Langan, R. M'Neil, N. M'Neil; A. N. Other, Fullarton, Maxwell, Knox, Dick.

Junior clubs will be relieved of paying signing bonuses to players for next season. All the clubs have to do is to send to the S.F.A. by June 1 a list of the names of players they wish to retain for next season. This is a war expedient which has already been applied to the senior clubs.

Kilmarnock Juniors were due to visit Muirkirk last Saturday under League auspices, but called off owing to lack of transport. The match is to be played this Saturday, however, and the Muirkirk team will be selected from: -Morrison, Clive, Davidson, M'Vey, R. M'Neil, N. M'Neil, Dickson, Maxwell, Langan, Bobin, Dick, Dempster, and Gebbie.

DO YOU KNOW THAT-

Australia's population, it was estimated recently, has passed the seven million mark. During the last war out of a population of under five millions, over .400,000 men enlisted and over 300,000 served overseas.

Norwegians and Danes present in Kenya have placed themselves at the disposal of the Government "in all and any capacity in this war on the same footing as British subjects."

The average age of the British soldier is, at present, twenty-six.

The British Empire has 2,000,000 men under arms, exclusive of the Royal Navy and Marines, Mercantile Marine, and Royal Air Force.

The high value of oatmeal is being emphasised in the movement for giving guidance to the public on the use of food.

The Government are considering proposals for atilising soldier-labour to assist farmers this year.

WE NEED MORE COAL.

ESSENTIAL FOR WINNING THE WAR. By Lord Portal, Chairman of the Coal Production Council.

Coal and more coal is an essential for winning the war. Let us make no mistake about that.

Our own demands are ever increasing. French Allies are asking us for as much coal as we can supply to them.

Deliveries from Belgium have been cut off, and these cannot be fully compensated by the increased coal production of French pits.

The task of the Coal Production Council is implied in its title. We want to get larger supplies of coal from the ground.

When I went through the various coal-fields recently I found an encouraging willingness to co-operate with the Council. This is the right spirit. It will assist the Council in one of its first steps, which is to find out the exact number of registered, unemployed miners whose skill can be "refreshed" to fit them for work in the pits again.

Many good miners have gone to other industries. I hope some of these will be able to return to their former work. If so, I suggest that they should write to their friends in their home districts telling

them so.

One thing is beyond doubt. Both owners and mineworkers, by their attitude towards this great problem, have shown the wisdom of our tradition of collective bargaining. The miner, as well as any other thinking man, knows that he has a positive contribution to make to the victory of that democracy in which he believes.

Many of them went off at once to the armed Forces, and you may be sure that they will be in the

thick of the fighting, wherever it is.

Other miners have properly been exempted from military service, because their skill is an asset in home production.

I have special knowledge of the bad times which

But now these days of depression are past. There is a need for coal as never before, both for the home and export markets. The coal industry is coming into its own again. Working conditions will conform to the highest principles, and will be agreed within the industry.

There is goodwill everywhere, and this enables the Council to go forward with its work confidently. The miners of Britain have risen to the need of critical situations before in our history. They will not fail the country now.

GLENBUCK.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

to be held at GLENBUCK GOSPEL HALL, On SATURDAY F RST, 25th May, at 5.30 p.m.

Speakers - Mr J. Russell, Glasgow. Mr Wm. Todd, Auchinleck. Christians Cordially Invited.

BOWLING.

RINK TOURNAMENT.—There was a full green on Tuesday when the usual rink tournament was played, and a pleasant evening was spent. The winning rink was that composed of John Thomson, Mrs Palmer, A. Pringle, and M. Anderson (skip).

MUIRKIRK V. AUCHINLECK. — Six rinks of Auchinleck bowlers visited Muirkirk on Wednesday evening of last week and engaged a similar number of Muirkirk players in a League match. Conditions were not favourable for the sport, and only ten. ends were played, with the Auchinleck players gaining the points by a majority of nine shots. Scores :-

MUIRKIRK.			AUCHINLECK.				
R. Pringle, -		8	J. Crawford,		7		
J. Bell, -		1	J. Yates, -	•	12		
H. Bell,	A PROPERTY OF	4	A. M'Leod,		10		
W. Anderson,		19	T. Ross, -		4		
J. Beresford,		4	R. Blair, -		10		
D. Crosbie,		9	J. Russell,		11		
		45			54		
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HOMING.

The local clubs held a race from Penrith, a distance of fully 78 miles, on Saturday in conjunction with the Ayrshire Federation. Another successful race resulted, the winners covering the distance in round about an hour and a half. Results :-

CAIRNTABLE CLUB.

The Cairntable Club entry was 74 birds, and velocities were: -- Scott Davidson (1528 yards per minute) (1d, 2d, 3d pools), Kelly Bros. (1441), Scott Davidson (1371) (1d, 21, 3d), T. Crawford (1362), Scott Davidson (1342), J. Samson (1309), J. M'Ginlay (1296), G. Irvine (1160), W. Tait & Son (993).

SOUTHSIDE CLUB.

118 birds competed and the result was:-H. Irvine (1444) (1d, 2d pools), Kelly Bros. (1441) (1d, 2d), H. Irvine (1417) (2d, 3d), F. Rattray (1403) (3d), H. Irvine (1389), Muir Bros. (1388), Moran and Lennox (1381), T. Crawford (1362), J. Samson (1309), J. M'Ginlay (1296), J. M'Dade (1252), G. Irvine (1160), S. Robb (1120). Knockout competition—second round—H. Irvine beat T. Crawford, Moran and Lennox beat J. M'Ginlay.

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TROUBLE IN SUNDOWN (u)

A Fine Western Drama.

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FRIDAY at 7. SATURDAY at 6 and 8.30 p.m. MATINEE at 1.30.

JACKIE COOPER, MARTIN SPELLMAN (The Greatest Child Star Discovery since Shirley Temple), and DICK PURCELL in

affected our coal industry. I know how discouraged Streets of New York the miner became.

A powerful human drama with two great juvenile stars. Both born in the gutter where you have to be tough to go straight—homeless savages of the city jungles, they live by a gun and die by it.

If you like a heart-throb, here's one. We'll wager that many a tear will be shed during its unreeling, but, what's more, it's first-class entertainment from beginning to end.

On the same programme-

ANNE NAGEL and ROBERT KENT in

CONVICTS' CODE (a)

Gray prison walls cast a shadow over their romance, as the man with a past fought frantically for the right to live.

SUNDAY at 7.30.

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Breath-taking surprises, suspense, and a startling denouement make this mystery film one of the best of its type. Don't Miss It!

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WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY at 7.

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A laughter-filled film with George and his "uke" in great form. Everyone will enjoy this.

Also—The smallest people in the world in a picture that is the biggest novelty in years-

JED BUELL'S MIDGETS in

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The first all-midget show ever filmed. A hundred Tom Thumbs in action. They fight, they sing, they love. Great novelty tunes are featured.

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Welfare Women's Contest.—On Tuesday of last week in the Women's Hall the prize-winners were:—Dominoes—1 Mrs Jas. Kelly, consolation Mrs J. Shaw. Whist—ladies—1 Mrs H. Gidrin, consolation Mrs Jas. Jackson; ladies playing as gentlemen—1 Mrs M. Kerr, consolation Mrs Jas. Taylor.

FLOODING IN DOUGLAS.—At the instigation of County Councillor Angus M'Laren, an expert has made a report on the flooding which takes place in Douglas following a heavy fall of rain. It is very interesting. In it he said the cause is definitely the building of so many new houses in the higher parts of the village, and hence the old sewage system in the lower portion of the village cannot carry off the excess caused by the rainfall. The solution suggested is the provision of a separate sewage outlet carrying the refuse from the housing schemes to higher up the river. This scheme, however, would mean an increase of nearly 1/4 on the drainage rate, and the expert advised, under present conditions, that the scheme should be delayed meanwhile, but Mr M'Laren vigorously protested against the present disgraceful conditions being allowed to continue.

DAY OF PRAYER.—By the special desire of H.M. The King, Sunday first, 26th May, is to be observed by all churches and religious organisations as a National Day of Prayer and Intercession on behalf of the nation and empire and their Allies. This step has been urged for some time by many religious leaders, and the request of King George has been widely welcomed.

Welfare Whist.—The last card contest of the present season to be held by the Welfare Institute Committee took place on Wednesday evening of last week. There was a good turnout, and at the close Mr J. G. Galbraith, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the p'ayers for their patronage, and announced the result as follows:—Ladies—1 Mrs M. Kerr, 2 Mrs R. M'Donald, consolation (after a cut) Mrs Jas. Jackson; gentlemen—1 Mr R. Kerr, 2 Mr W. Cunningham, consolation Mr J. G. Galbraith.

Home Defence. —A splendid response has been made locally with regard to the Home Defence force which is to be organised. A goodly number of men have volunteered to lend their aid in the defence against parachutists and other insidious attacks on the home front.

Welfare Women's Meeting. — The yearly business meeting of the Women's Section of Douglas Miners' Welfare Institute was held in the Women's Hall on Thursday evening. There was a good attendance, and the reports showed the Section to be in a very healthy condition. The main officials appointed were: — Convener, Mrs W. Foggo; secretary, Mrs T. Hastings; with a representative committee. The matter of the summer outing was fully discussed, and ultimately it was decided to visit Lochearnhead per motor 'bus in June.

Sore Meeting.—The business at the quarterly meeting of Douglas Provident Co-operative Society beld in the Welfare Hall on Tuesday of last week was mostly routine. The reports were duly passed and the retiring officials re-elected with one exception, and after some discussion it was resolved to hold the annual Gala Day as usual although on a somewhat restricted scale.

PREPARATIONS FOR EVACUEES.—Preparations for the reception of children under the new Evacuation DOUGLAS. Scheme are now rapidly going ahead in Douglas as it is realised that the problems will have to be faced in view of the changed conditions. A meeting of the billeting officers was held in the School, when the new Scheme was fully discussed. It was considered advisable to conduct another survey to find the necessary accommodation in view of changes in many households. Mr Biggans reported he had received intimation from the authorities in Glasgow that the allocation to Douglas under the new Scheme would be 200 children, and that the difficulties experienced during the last evacuation would not be repeated. He further mentioned that every endeavour would be made whereby no householder would be asked to accommodate more than two children unless they desired. In answer to questions he pointed out it was desired to work the scheme on a voluntary basis and with the hearty co-operation of all, but that the officers would exercise their compulsory powers if it was not possible otherwise to secure homes for the children removed from the sending area, and that unwillingness alone would not absolve a householder from sharing in a general obligation.

> CAMERONIAN SERVICE. — Although owing to present military duties, the regiment could not take any official part in commemorating the 251st anniversary of the formation of the Cameronian (25th Scottish Rifles) Regiment at Douglas on 14th May, 1689, it did not pass unmarked. Two motor bus loads of members of the Regimental Associations under Colonel Vandeleur, D.S.O., attended on Sunday afternoon, and a brief service was held neath the statue of their first commander, the eighteen-years-old Earl of Angus. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Salmond Smith, B.D., and the lesson was read by Captain Chambers, and the address was delivered by the Rev. John Mowat, M.A. In his address Mr Mowat emphasised that the Covenanters fought for the same principles as we were to day fighting for, viz., liberty and freedom of conscience, and expressed his faith that again faith in God would prevail. The praise was led by a choir with Mr Jas. Davidson at the organ. Although the presence of the guard of honour and armed sentinels was missed, it was quite an impressive service. At the close Colonel Vandeleur made a few remarks and called upon Colonel Lowther to deposit the wreath from the Regimental Associations at the base of the statue. Thanks to all who had assisted closed the service.

BOWLING.

Owing to rain the ladies' first points game on Tuesday afternoon of last week had to be cancelled.

A series of sweepstakes have occupied the male members. On Wednesday evening the winners were J. Anderson and L. Mitchell, 10 shots up. Thursday's winners were L. Mitchell, W. Newbigging, and P. W. Cook, and on Friday evening J. Scott and D. Newbigging were victorious.

The weekly contest on Saturday afternoon was won by T. Platt and P. W. Cook with the substantial majority of 21 shots.

Several competitions have now been drawn, and the ties will keep the green busy.

The chosen players to take part on behalf of Douglas Victoria Club in the Scottish Bowling Association contests are:—Rink—W. Stevens, R. Shankland, R. Hamilton, Jas. Scott (skip); pairs—J. B. Gardiner and L. Mitchell; single-hand—T. Newbigging.

The prizes at Monday's points contest were gifted by Vice-president R. Shankland, and the winners were A. Sloan, D. Dalton, W. Newbigging, J. B. Gardiner (skip), 16 shots up.

DOUGLAS WEST.

OUGLAS WEST MINERS' WELFARE SOCIETY.

The Committee beg to intimate that the Bowling Green and Tennis Cours at Douglas West are Open to the Public for play

on payment of the following Annual Subscription—

BOWLING, - 25/
TENNIS, - 10/-

Tennis Court Charge in addition to the Annual Subscription is 4d per Half Hour. Charge for players who do not pay Annual Subscription, 9d per Half Hour.

VISIT OF MINING STUDENTS. — On Saturday afternoon a party of twenty-four Stirlingshire mining students paid a visit to Douglas Castle Colliery. The party were in charge of Mr Chas. C. Arneil, mining lecturer for Stirling County, and were met by colliery officials. A short time was spent inspecting surface plant and then the party went underground for three hours. The students saw stoop and room working on steep gradients. After returning to the surface they adjourned to the Welfare Hall where tea was served, provided by Messrs Wilsons and Olyde Coal Coy, through the good offices of Mr D. J. Barr, managing director. After tea Mr R. C. Kay conveyed the good wishes of Messrs Wilsons and Clyde, informing them that his superiors were most anxious that the visit should have a social as well as an educational value. Mr Arneil replied on behalf of the students, and declared that this was one of the finest visits they had had, for while no mechanical mining was on view, they had seen something entirely different from most collieries. One of the visiting students corroborated this opinion. The party set forth for the return journey evidently well pleased with their outing to Lanarkshire.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE. - The following letter from the Manager of the Overseas League Tobacco Fund has been received by Mr T. H. Train, Douglas West School:-- 'Sir Evelyn Wrench has asked me to thank you sincerely for the contribution you have so kindly sent towards our Empire Day Schools Collections Fund. We appreciate particularly the prompt response you have given, but we would like to explain that it is our intention to hold over your donation until after Empire Day, as we shall then receive the proceeds of collections made in schools all over the country, and, accordingly, be in the position to send all the cigarettes which will be provided under this plan. We shall also then be able to include with the parcels of 'smokes' the special 'Makers of the Empire' reply postcards, ready addressed to your school, these postcards not yet being available."

Bowling. — Last Thursday evening the mixed contest was won by J. Oleland, J. Orr, Mrs J. Owens, with a majority of 12 shots (after a tie).

GLESPIN.

WHIST DRIVE.—Again there was a fair turn-out of players in the Welfare Institute last Thursday evening, when the whist drive in aid of the local War Work Party was held. Mr Morrison conducted, and the prizes were the gift of Mrs J. Whiteside. The winners were:—Ladies—1 Mrs G. Walker, consolation Mrs M'Farlane; gentlemen—1 Mrs Geo. Hastings, consolation Mr W. Marshall.

FOOTBALL.

BENEFIT MATCH.—On Wednesday of last week a game took place on Crabtree Park between teams of young men representing Douglas and Drumalbin. It was quite a brisk encounter, both teams displaying great energy, and in the end Douglas emerged victorious by the odd goal in 7, the result being Douglas 4, Drumalbin 3. A collection was taken on behalf of the local War Work Party.

Schools' Football.—In the Stark Cup League competition Douglas West School played their return game with Douglas Water School on Crabtree Park. There was a fair crowd of spectators who enjoyed quite a clever contest to the full. In their opening burst the West nearly scored, and D. Gardiner did net for them within five minutes. The Water then settled down, and play was fairly equal till the interval. After the restart the local boys put on pressure, and Frame scored a goal with a lovely shot, and later laid the ball on for Gardiner to make the home total 3. It was certainly a game worth watching, and all the boys were triers.

Some time ago Queen Mary paid a visit to an elementary school. She asked one intelligent-looking child how her studies were progressing. "Oh, very well, Ma'am," replied the pupil with assurance, "I'm the best scholar in the class." "Indeed," said the Queen, considerably amused, "I'm glad to hear it; did the teacher tell you so?" "Oh, no," answered the child, "teacher didn't tell me, I noticed it myself."

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WANTED, OFFERS for the following Conveyances throughout Session 1940-1941—

(1) Of 24 Pupils (approximately) between Glenbuck and Muirkirk each School Day; of this number three are to meet the Cumnock 'Bus leaving Muirkirk at 8.20 a.m., the remainder to report at Furnace Road H.G. School and St. Thomas' R.C. School at 9 a.m. - all to be conveyed home on arrival of Cumnock 'Bus at 4.30 p.m.

(2) Of 1 Pupil (approximately) from Nether Whitehaugh to and from Wellwood School each school day. This conveyance will also lift 7 Pupils (approximately) from Dalfram, Greenockdyke, Nether Whitehaugh, Aikencleugh, and Burnfoot Farm to Muirkirk H.G. School.

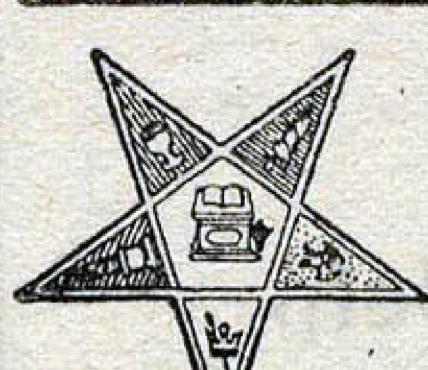
Sealed Offers, having the envelope endorsed "Offers for Conveyance" are to be lodged with the Subscriber not later than 10th June, 1940.

JOHN ALLAN,

Clerk to the School Management Committee.

Millbank, Cumnock, 30th May, 1940.

Public Notices.



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, Chapter "Wellwood," No. 159.

The REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING will be held in the MASONIC HALL on THURSDAY,

Tea.

6th June, at 7 o'clock. Initiation. Visitation of W.D.G.M., W.D.G.P.

Parcel.

M. WILSON, Secy.

MINISTERIAL JUBILEE OF THE REV.
JAMES GREENSHIELDS, B.D.

A SOCIAL MEETING

in honour of Mr Greenshields has been arranged tor MONDAY, 24th June, in Wellwood Church at 7 p.m.

Subscriptions towards a Testimonial will be received by Mr Gordon, Schoolhouse, Muirkirk.

/ UIRKIRK RE-UNION.

BALANCE SHEET, 1939-40.

INCOME.

		i. Coming.				
Cash in Bank,				£36	13	10
Cash in Hand,				. 3	19	0
Interest accrued,	-			1	11	8
Collections,				29	7	7
Donations,	•		-	16	3	9
Summer Efforts,				9	18	2
				£97	14	0
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> T. M'MORRAN, Vice-Chairman. MORAH LOVE, Secretary. HUGH SAMSON, Treasurer.

29th May, 1940.—We, the undersigned, have examined all the books, receipts, accounts, etc., and certify that above is a true and correct statement.

> J. G. HODGE, T. FULTON, Auditors.

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GOLD.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Mary Thomson, who died at Albert Cottages, Muirkirk, 1st June, 1936.

Time may come and bring its changes Fresh with every coming year, But her memory will be cherished In the hearts that loved her here.

—Inserted by her husband and family.

A silent thought, a secret tear, Keep her memory ever dear.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs J. Ross, 12 Duthil Street, West Drumoyne, Glasgow. :

We who loved her sadly miss her, In our memory she is dear; Loved, remembered, longed for always, . At the close of another year.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs Thomas Morton, 45 Maxwell Street, Girvan.

From out the warp of grief and tears We weave the joy of coming years When we shall meet again.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs A. Gold, 127 Main Street, Muirkirk.

THE MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER

AND DOUGLASDALE GAZETTE. THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1940.

Local Mews.

MILITARY REGISTRATION.—Saturday last was the day for registration of men of 27 years of age. as well as those now reached 20. At Muirkirk 33 men registered — just about the usual number compared with earlier registrations.

THE ministerial jubilee of Rev. James Greenshields, B.D., will be celebrated in Wellwood Church next month. A social meeting has been arranged, and subscriptions are invited for a suitable testimonial.

SABBATH SERVICES.—In accordance with the expressed desire of H.M. the King, Sunday last was observed as a national day of prayer and intercession for the Nation, Allies, and Service-. men. There were goodly congregations in all the local churches, and the services were of a particularly impressive nature.

Masonic Whist. — There was again a fine attendance at the weekly whist drive in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, and under the conductorship of Mr Hugh Hamilton play was fully enjoyed. The prize-winners were:-Ladies—1 Mrs Towle (175), 2 (after a cut) Mrs Gilfillan (169); gentlemen—1 (playing as a gentleman) Mrs W. Bell (169), 2 Mr T. Morrison (168).

CYCLING.—Although competitive cycling in Muirkirk has been in abeyance for some time, a Muirkirk cyclist is making a name for himself with the Douglas Water Clarion Club. He is I. M'Kay, Garronhill, and, following on a goodly list of successes, he clocked the fastest time of the year in the Hamilton C.C. 25 miles time trial on Sunday. His time was 1 hour 2 minutes 42 seconds. Good work!

AT THE PICTURE HOUSE.—"Keep Your Seats. Please," is the George Formby film showing to-night (Thursday), and it is a pleasure to do so with George dishing out the laughs in generous doses. The midget show—"The Terror of Tiny Town," will also be found of interest and amusement. The perfect combination for thrills is to be found on Friday and Saturday in "Dark Eyes of London." This is Edgar Wallace's thriller of thrillers, played by a cast headed by Bela Lugosi of "Dracula" fame. If you like to feel your spine tingling—see this. "French Leave" (Sunday) is a saucy, naughty, war-time farce, and as funny a film as one could wish to see. On Monday and Tuesday "Mr Wong in Chinatown" features Boris Karloff in a favourite role. and in "Girl from Rio," the supporting feature, music and drama are well mixed. A very clever girl star, Hazel Ascot, will gain your admiration in "Stepping Toes" on Wednesday and Thursday. Clever dancing, fine music, and good speciality acts are side-attractions of this highly interesting story of how an old trouper gains his ambition through the aid of his little granddaughter. This should be specially good. An exciting new serial, "The Lost Jungle," starts next week.—See advt.

MARKET INTELLIGENCE.—At Kilmarnock Egg and Poultry Auction Market on Friday Mr Robert B. Thomson, auctioneer, reports increased supply of eggs for which demand was poor. Prices were rather under last week's. Quotations:-17 lb. 1/8 to 1/10½ (small lots to 1/11), 15½ lb. 1/7 to 1/9. 14 lb. 1/5 to $1/7\frac{1}{2}$, pullets from 1/3, duck 1/8 to 1/10, goose 4/-, goose hatching 9/6, turkey 6/- to 8/-—all per dozen. Table poultry a better supply and making good prices. Best hens 3/11 to 4/8. mediums 2/10 to 3/6, lights 1/6 to 2/8; best cockerels 5/- to 5/9, medium 3/- to 4/6, lights 2/6; poussins 1/4 to 1/7, geese 3/6 to 4/2, drakes 1/8. Day-old chicks short supplies met with spirited bidding. Sex-linked pullets 18/- to 21/-, as hatched 4/- to 9/- per dozen. Turkeys (with hen) 2/8 to 2/10 each. Garden plants made nominal prices with supplies exceeding demand for flowering plants; also cabbage and brussels sprouts. Cauliflower sold speedily at 4/- per 100. Seed potatoes, no sales effected.

THE REGAL CINEMA.—Noted stars headed by Anna May Wong, J. Carrol Naish, and Eric Blore appear in the gripping drama "Island of Lost Men" showing to-night (Thursday) and on Friday. The anniversary of the re-opening of the Regal will be marked on Saturday by the special presentation (for one day only) of Bing Crosby's biggest musical success "The Star Maker." In grand voice he sings fourteen good old numbers, and has excellent support from the large cast. On Monday and Tuesday the Crazy Gang will take you off to Alaska in a regular riot of comedy, and if you are in need of a hearty laugh, see this lusty farce—"The Frozen Limits." The doublefeature programme on Wednesday (one day only) is of good blending. "Sandy takes a Bow" tops the bill, and is supported by the detective yarn "The House of Fear." That unique film "The Arsenal Stadium Mystery" will be seen next Thursday and Friday. The good cast is supported by George Allison and his noted Arsenal F.C. Get an insight into Highbury and see Arsenal versus Brentford. You will get a real kick out of this comedy-thriller. Note Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer, and Barbara O'Neil in "When To-morrow Comes" showing on Saturday of next week. This is perfect entertainment. If it's good—it's at the Regal!

HOMING.

The old bird race programme was continued on Saturday, when the race-point was Kirkham, a distance of about 130 miles. The winning birds set up good velocities, but with the distance increasing there were longer gaps between arrivals. Local results:-

SOUTHSIDE CLUB.

109 birds were sent by members of the Southside Club, and the order of arrival was:-I. Samson (1451 yards per minute) (1d, 2d, 3d pools), Moran & Lennox (1403) (1d 2d, 3d), T. M'Ginley (1314), T. Crawford (1249) (2d), I. M'Ginley (1221'4), F. Rattray (1221'1), Moran & Lennox (1189), H. Irvine (1176), G. Irvine (881), J. M'Dade (805), Kelly Bros. (614). Knock-out competition—final tie—Moran & Lennox beat H. Irvine.

CAIRNTABLE CLUB.

The entry in the Cairntable Club amounted to 73 birds, with the following result:—J. Samson (1451) (1d, 2d), J. M'Ginley (1314) (1d) (1221) (3d), S. Davidson (1261) (2d, 3d) (1258), T. Crawford (1249), W. Tait & Son (1025), G. Irvine (881). Kelly Bros. (614).

The next race-point is Warrington.

THE DEVIEW ADVISED THE PROPERTY OF ANTHORSE AND WATER

MUIRKIRK WOMAN'S WAR GUILD.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Committee the ladies brought in a good supply of finished articles, and three parcels were sent out:—1—to the Red Cross at Ayr—two pairs of pyjama trousers, one pyjama jacket, one sleeveless nightshirt, four knitted vests, and four pairs of bed socks; 2-for the Norwegian Force—four pullovers, three helmets, five scarves, and fifteen pairs of socks; and 3—to a London depot for the soldiers in France—twelve scarves and twelve pairs of socks. A fourth parcel for soldiers contained books and magazines. Five pairs of socks were given out to local lads on service, while the remaining scarves and socks were added to the reserve stock.

The Minister intimated that he had received from the Wellwood Carpet Bowling Club a donation of £5 per Mr James Anderson of Wellwood, and the Committee are due the Club very grateful thanks for their subscription.

The weekly collection was well above the average and amounted to £13 11/-, which brings the week's income to over £18.

MUIRKIRK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual general meeting of this Club was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. There was an encouraging attendance, and Mr Wm. Gold, president of the . Club, occupied the chair.

After a short introduction by the Chairman the financial report was submitted. This showed that the Club started the season with a credit balance of £129 16s 10½d, and at present there was on hand a cash balance of £33 11s 2d. The principal items on the income side were—from members, £243 18s 2d; John Nimmo's transfer to Rangers, £40; and from the Supporters' Club £50. Team building cost £214 19s 2d (of which the signing fees accounted for £171 10/-); property, £23 2s 8½d; upkeep and renewals, £63 Os 3½d; rent, rates, etc., £8 3s 4d; honorariums (for last season's work), £14; deficit on games, £68 17s 10d. After a question or two the balance sheet was unanimously approved.

Mr Gold gave a résumé of the work of the season, and said that, in common with all other clubs, our club had been very adversely affected by the war, during the first week of which, in September, they lost two of their principal players, and now half the team were in the Forces. The Committee felt that, under present circumstances, it would be unwise to make any arrangements for next season, as there might possibly be no football. Already several of the clubs in the Western League had stopped functioning, and very few were left in the southern section. Owing to this defection the Juniors had not had a home game this year, and it was such games that should have provided most of their income. The Juniors had still two fixtures—one at home and one away, and the Committee recommended that these be given up, while the present office-bearers and committee had decided to resign.

After discussion it was decided to fulfil the two remaining fixtures, to make no arrangements for next season, and a small committee was appointed to look after the interests of the Club and its property, these gentlemen to appoint their own office-bearers and with power to add to their number.

An interesting meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the office-bearers, and the committee.

BOWLING.

RINK TOURNAMENT.—The winning rink in the weekly tournament on Tuesday evening was that comprising James M'Lelland, Mrs Anderson, Adam Loggie, and Matt. Anderson (skip).

S. B. A. CHAMPIONSHIPS. — The Muirkirk representatives have made a good start in the Scottish Bowling Association Championships. At Mauchline on Friday, in the first round of the rink competition, the Muirkirk rink beat Ayr Wattfield rink by 25 shots to 8. Our winning rink was composed of A. Loggie, G. Steele, A. Findlay, and Jas. Bell (skip). G. Steele of the Muirkirk Club also had a runaway victory in the first round of the singles championship. This tie was played at Cumnock on Monday, when the Muirkirk player beat the Lugar representative by 18 shots—21-3.

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The monthly meeting of Ayr County Council was held at Ayr on Tuesday.

In the minutes of the Teaching and Staffing Sub-committee the appointment of Miss Sophia P. Dalziel, 20 Old Terrace, Muirkirk, to Muirkirk, H.G. School as an assistant was intimated.

In the same minute the Director of Education reported that it would be necessary to obtain accommodation for an additional class at St. Thomas's R.C. School, Muirkirk, and that the Territorial Hall would appear to be suitable for this purpose. The matter was referred to the General Purposes Sub-committee, who had agreed to negotiate with the Territorial Army Association for the use of the hall.

The recommendations by the School Management Committee, Area No. 5—(a) that the janitor of Muirkirk H.G. School be paid for extra work carried out on Sundays, due to the lighting restrictions and storm conditions, and (b) that full investigation be made of the work and hours of the cleaners with a view to more equitable distribution, were considered. The Director of Education reported that the janitor did not wish to claim any extra payment. He also reported that the cleaner at Main Street was able and willing to attend to the lavatories there in her scheduled time. Mr M'Cartney, who had been attending to this work, could thus resume whole-time duty at Furnace Road, and the services of Mr Buchanan as parttime assistant janitor could be dispensed with. This was agreed upon, but it was decided if necessary to re-engage Mr Buchanan for cleaning duties of the hall it is proposed to rent to provide additional accommodation for the St. Thomas's R.C. School pupils.

In connection with the School Management report that the heating of Main Street School was very unsatisfactory, the Architect reported that the heating surface of the building was deficient according to the standard laid down for new schools. If the system was to be brought up to the Furnace Road School standard, an estimated cost of £190 would be involved. In view of the age of the building the question of re-modelling might have to be considered when conditions returned to normal, and on that account it might be deemed inadvisable to expend the amount indicated at this stage. As an alternative an improvement could be effected by the restoration of the open fires. It was agreed to restore the open fires to supplement the present heating system as weather conditions might demand.

GOLF.

WEEKLY COMPETITION.—Keen and friendly rivalry characterised the weekly competition as usual on Friday evening, and the winner proved to be Cameron Murray, with a nett. score of 33.

The qualifiers in Mr Gordon's Jubilee Medal competition have now been determined.

FOOTBALL.

For the second week in succession Kilmarnock Juniors called off their League match with Muirkirk Juniors, and so the game advertised for Saturday did not take place. To all intents and purposes it would now seem that junior football in the district is finished, probably for "the duration."

Original Poetry.

THAT LITTLE WORD-"PEACE."

As I lay in the quiet of the evening hour confined to a sickness bed, I thought to myself that life was sweet, yet some poor mortals wish they were dead; Analysing the many and varied scenes that arise on the journey through life, Contrasting my young days of rapture and joy with days now of sorrow and strife.

As I tried to survey the whole matter in full, more than sickness and pain made me sad. The thought of those ruthless, atrocious deeds is enough to drive sane people mad; I endeavoured to think then how long it might last, but I failed, as no end I could see. He'd be a wise prophet, indeed, who could tell or forecast what the outcome might be.

But victor or vanquished, if such there may be, what a terrible price must be paid. And oh! what a dawning awaits those we know on whose shoulders the blame must be laid; So I earnestly trust that at no distant date the big guns forever will cease. When nations of the world will unite and agree to live as one family in peace.

JAMES D. DAVIDSON.

Douglas Water, 6/5/40.

A short essay on frogs by a young immigrant in the U.S.A.: -- "What a wonderful bird the frog are. When he stand he sit almost. When he hop he fly He ain't got no sense hardly. He ain't got no tail hardly, either, when he sit on what he ain't got almost."

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BELA LUGOSI ('Dracula') in Edgar Wallace's Thriller of Thrillers—

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with Hugh Williams, Greta Gynt, and Wilfred Walter.

An Outstanding Attraction—a real spinechilling Film which concerns the nefarious and sinister activities of a mad Doctor and his surprising plan to get rich quick at the expense of human lives.

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Local Intelligence.

summer outing of New St. Bride's Ladies' Guild took place, per motor 'bus, the party proceeding to Peebles after a detour via St. Mary's Loch. The party enjoyed the outing very much.

WELFARE WOMEN'S CONTESTS. - In the Women's Hall on Tuesday of last week the prize awards were: - Whist - ladies - 1 Mrs A. M'Kenzie, consolation Mrs W. Forsyth; ladies playing as gentlemen—1 Mrs Jas. Taylor, consolation Mrs P. Burrell; dominoes-1 Mrs Jas. Blackwood, consolation Mrs Jas. Kelly.

A.R.P. DISPLAY.—The most important A.R.P. display that has yet taken place in our district was held on Friday evening in the policies of Douglas Castle. Fire brigades, rescue squads, and first aid detachments with ambulances took part, and numerous notable A.R.P. authorities were present, while a large crowd of spectators witnessed the display. There were numerous supposed casualties who were "rescued" from various dangers. Some of them had to be carried down the ladders, and, in one case, the casualty was lowered by means of block and tackle from the upper storey windows. Bandaged and dressed, they were conveyed to the waiting ambulances, which moved off with them. The display on such a suitable site would do much to complete the education of the squads engaged.

British Legion.—On Saturday evening at a meeting of the local branch of the British Legion, after discussion it was decided to abandon the annual summer outing this season.

FIRST WAR CASUALTY.—A telegram from the War Office has been received by his brother that First Lieutenant Robert H. Gardiner had been wounded in action. Gardiner is the first Douglas man to have figured thus in the list of casualties.

WELFARE WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING.—On Thursday evening in the Women's Hall, the results of the usual competitions were:—Dominoes—1 Mrs Jas. Kelly, consolation Mrs Jas. Blackwood; whist—ladies—1 Mrs Jas. Jackson, consolation Mrs H. Gidrin; ladies playing as gentlemen-1 Mrs J. Currie, consolation Mrs W. Forsyth.

BENEFIT WHIST AND DANCE.—There was a fair assembly of card players in the Institute Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, when a whist drive was run by Douglas Valley Social Club in aid of their Old Folks' Treat Fund. The competition proceeded smoothly under the control of Mr D. M'Arthur. President George Mitchell handed over the awards as follows: -- Special half-time award—R. M'Donald; ladies—1 Mrs H. M'Laughlan, 2 Miss J. Galbraith, 3 Mrs Sorbie, consolation Mrs James Weir; gentlemen-1 Mrs L. Mitchell, 2 R. M'Donald, 3 James Taylor, consolation Mrs L. Layman. The dance which followed also attracted a goodly crowd. A new musical combination to Douglas - Tommy M'Intyre's Band from Larkhall, with a lady crooner—obviously pleased the young dancers, and had to respond to strong demands for encore numbers. Mr A. Cornelius had an easy job as M.C. The spot waltz was won by Mrs Thomson and D. M'Arthur.

DOUGLASDALE ECHOES.

The schoolboys who acted the part of casualties at the A.R.P. display seemed to enjoy the adventure.

The gardens are now beginning to furnish a display of bloom, and the "kail pot" products are making a promising start. A great quantity of rhubarb, however, is "shot." Perhaps with the scarcity of sugar this is a blessing in disguise.

DOUGLAS WEST.

Bowling. — On Tuesday of last week the promiscuous contest was won by R. Ronney and H. Hamilton, 16 shots up. On Thursday, with a majority of 18 shots, H. Hamilton and W. Hamilton won the awards.

GLESPIN.

WAR COMFORTS WHIST.—At the weekly card contest in the Welfare Hall on Thursday evening, when the prizes were gifted by Mrs Marshall, the winners were: -Ladies - 1 Mrs R. Anderson, consolation Mrs Jas. Brown; gentlemen-1 Mr G. Hastings, consolation Mr S. Freebairn, sen.

"DOUGLASDALE: IT'S HISTORY AND TRADITIONS."

Under the title of "Douglasdale: It's History and Traditions," a most erudite and interesting book has just been published by Messrs Blackie & Son, Ltd. Prefaced by a modern map of the parish, and with many excellent illustrations, it relates the history of Douglasdale from earliest times, and the intimate records of each corner of the district will prove of great interest to residenters, natives, and visitors alike. The authors, Mr J. D. Hutchison, B.Sc., and Dr MacFeat, are to be congratulated on a volume which, although bound to be greatly appreciated by the present generation, will probably be still more valued in the future. Its production has obviously entailed a tremendous amount of LADIES' GUILD OUTING.—On Tuesday, the painstaking research, and the fund of authentic information obtained from the old session and the estate records is outwith the realms of fancy. The book extends to 250 pages, is nicely produced, and contains a foreword by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Home, K.T. It is very reasonably priced at 6/-. and ean be obtained through any bookseller. It is a volume that should be in every house in Douglasdale.

BOWLING.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week the ladies' promiscuous contest was won by Mrs Jas. Hamilton and Mrs A. Bryson, with a majority of The prizes were the gift of Mrs J. B. 12 shots. Gardiner.

On Tuesday evening in the preliminary round of the S.B.A. singles Mr Steele (Larkhall) beat T. Newbigging (Douglas Victoria), and on Wednesday, also at Lesmahagow, after a keen game-in the same stage of the rink contest our locals were beaten by a single shot by a strong Stonehouse rink.

Tuesday's sweep winners were J. B. Gardiner and John Gardiner (2), 12 up.

On Thursday evening P. W. Cook and W. Hastings, 4 up, won after a tie.

There was an exceptionally large turnout on Saturday, when the weekly pairs contest was played. The winners were R. Lowe and T. Newbigging, with a majority of 20 shots.

At Monday evening's points contest 32 players took part. The prizes were gifted by the Rev. A. Salmond Smith, and the winners were E. V. Stuart, J. Anderson, W. Newbigging, and T. Newbigging (skip), with a majority of 16 shots.

FOOTBALL.

Douglas v. Glespin. — A challenge match between teams representing Douglas and Glespin took place on Crabtree Park on Saturday afternoon. Several well-known former junior players were recognisable in both teams. Play was quite interesting. Douglas scored first, but soon the visitors had scored three times, one of the goals from a penalty. In the second half with the wind in their favour Douglas netted thrice to emerge victorious by four goals to three.

RATIONING CHANGES.

SUGAR.

The Ministry of Food has announced that. owing to a partial failure of the sugar crop in the British West Indies and to the necessity of conserving currency resources, it has become necessary to make a reduction in the sugar ration until further notice.

The domestic ration will be reduced from 12 ozs. to 8 ozs. per head per week with effect from 27th May. From 1st July the allocations of sugar for manufacturing uses will also have to be reduced, but no alteration will be made in the allocation to any industry now receiving 40% of basic usage or less. The Ministry recognizes that it may be necessary to make supplementary allocations in special cases later on.

In the early days of the War steps were taken to secure the fullest available supplies of raw sugar from the Dominions and Colonies, and the position would have been satisfactory but for thefailure of the West Indies crop. It has only now been possible to measure the extent of the damage: to this crop and of its effect on the sugar supply. position.

BUTTER.

The Ministry has announced a reduction in the butter ration from 8 ozs. to 4 ozs. per head, to take place on Monday, 3rd June. While provision has been made for adequate supplies of butter, the loss of Denmark and Holland as supplying countries. renders necessary a reduction in the ration, since it is essential to conserve supplies.

RESTAURANTS GET LESS BUTTER AND SUGAR.

Don't count on getting so much sugar and butter as you have been getting in restaurants.

When he cut your sugar and butter rations, the Minister of Food cut those of catering establishments, canteens, etc.

From the 27th May, 1940, the sugar used by a catering establishment in any week is not to exceed an amount calculated at the rate of 70 ounce per person per meal served, plus a further amount calculated at the rate of To ounce for each hot beverage served. The old allowance was & ounce.

From the 3rd June, 1940, the butter used by a catering establishment in any week is not to exceed an amount calculated at the rate of }. ounce per person per meal served. It was previously \frac{1}{3} ounce.

EGG PRICES ARE CONTROLLED.

Now that the peak of the egg season has passed? the Ministry of Food have decided to make sure that the price does not rise much above the present level for the time being.

The maximum prices run from 1/9 to 2/6 per dozen according to the size of the egg.

In case you feel like taking a pair of scales with you, here are the exact price definitions:-

Category 1—(a) Eggs graded so that no egg shall. weigh less than 23 ozs.—at the rate of 2/6 per dozen.

(b) Eggs graded so that no egg shall weigh less than 13 ozs.—at the rate of 2/3 per dozen.

(c) Eggs graded so that no egg shall weigh less than 15 ozs.—at the rate of 2/- per dozen.

(d) Ungraded—at the rate of 1/9 per · dozen.

BACON RATION HALVED.

The bacon ration will be reduced on Monday, 10th June, from 8 oz. (without bone) to 4 oz. (without bone), and a proportionate reduction will. be made in the allocation of bacon to catering establishments.

NEW RATION BOOKS.

"Please apply as soon as possible and in any case not later than Saturday for your new ration book," says the Ministry of Food.

In your present ration book you will find a detachable postcard headed "Reference Leaf" this should be filled in and posted to your food. office.

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