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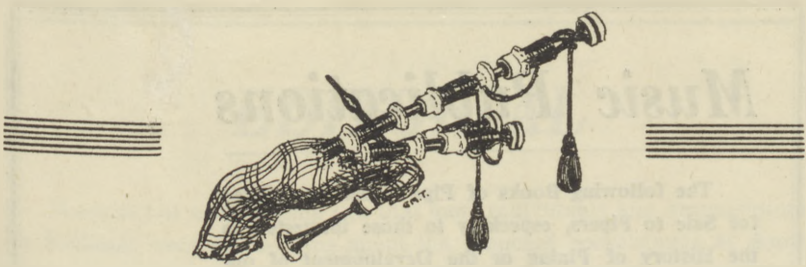
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# EDITORIAL

It seems but a short time ago that most individuals and organisations in Scotland were up in arms about the proposed rocket-range at South Uist. Scots who believed in the importance of preserving our national identity were profoundly shocked at the devastating choice of situation for the devastating weapon. We were unanimous in agreeing that no atomic missile perfected in the Outer Isles could possibly do as much damage as the Whitehall planners would have already done.

Recently the furore has died down considerably. Unofficial conferences and committees have done their bit; the letters have been written to the newspapers; the articles have appeared in the magazines. It would appear that Scotland has shot her bolt. Having protested once again at an invasion of her rights, she settles back a little nearer the ultimate oblivion.

Some have gone so far as to say that perhaps it won't be such a bad thing after all and anyway the old way of life is changing in the islands even without an influx of foreigners.

It is not the business of this magazine to hold protest meetings or to act as organisers of petitions or conferences. We can however reiterate our opinion, which has not weakened in the slightest, that a rocket-range in South Uist will be a death-blow to Gaelic culture in general, and the art of piping in particular, in that island. If the project goes ahead this fount of piping culture will dry up in the next decade, and all the work of the Piobaireachd Society there in this century will be cancelled out.

Nor do we subscribe to the view that atomic energy in the islands will only accelerate the natural process. Certainly life in the islands is altering, but life in the islands has always been altering. Only in Exhibition clachans does time stand still. If the vital force exists at all then change is continuous, in spite of what romantic visitors would like to think.

If it is necessary to go to Woomera for atom bomb explosions, there is no reason why the other atomic weapons cannot be developed there too. The Americans use the deserts of New Mexico or uninhabited atolls of the Pacific; the Russians go to the wastes of Siberia; only the English are uncivilised enough to disrupt an existing culture.

## SCOTLAND

# AROUND THE GAMES

ALVA HIGHLAND GAMES, 14th JULY, 1956.

### Open Piping Competition.

#### Strathspey and Reel.

1. K. MacDonald, Glasgow; 2. P/M. Pitkeithly, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; 3. J. Young, Edinburgh; 4. Cpl. Anderson, Black Watch.

#### Marches.

1. J. Young, Edinburgh; 2. P/M. Pitkeathly; 3. K. Stewart, Kirkcaldy.

#### Quickstep.

1. P/M. Pitkeathly; 2. K. MacDonald; 3. J. Stewart; 4. Cpl. Anderson.

Judge: John Kerr, Fallin.

### SOUTH UIST GAMES.

The premier meeting of the Outer Isles was held this year on August 7th on a day which unfortunately was not conducive to the best playing. Only two pipers, Donald MacLean and William MacDonald travelled out from the mainland, which is surprising in view of the good prize money which is offered.

One of the judges was as usual Col. Grant of Rothiemurchus who has been maintaining an unbroken succession of appearances there for many years. Also on the bench were Dr. Simpson (another regular attender) and a comparative newcomer to Askernish machair, Major David Murray.

The John MacDonald Cup, presented by Seton Gordon for the best local piobaireachd performance was won by William Walker who was also the winner of the MacKenzie Quaich. Calum Beaton won the Fincastle Star. In the chanter competition James MacLean was outstanding and was a worthy winner of the Fr. MacKellaig Cup.

### Results.

Piobaireachd—1. William MacDonald; 2. Donald MacLean; 3. Robert B. Nicol; 4. Wm. Walker; 5. C. Beaton. Marches—1. Wm. MacDonald; 2. Donald MacLean; 3. Robert B. Nicol; 4. Wm. Walker; 5. A. MacKillop. Strathspey and Reel—1. Wm. MacDonald; 2. Wm. Walker; 3. C. Beaton; 4. Andrew MacKillop; 5. Angus Campbell. Jigs—1. C. Beaton; 2. Wm. MacDonald; 3. Andrew MacKillop; 4. Wm. Walker.

Chanter (under 15)—Marches—1. James MacLean, 2. K. M. Campbell, 3. J. MacCormick; 4. K. Maceachen. Strathspey and Reel—1. James MacLean, 2. K. M. Campbell, 3. J. MacCormick, 4. K. Maceachen.

### DORNOCH HIGHLAND GATHERING, 10th AUGUST, 1956.

#### Piobaireachd.

1. Donald MacLean, Lewis; 2. John D. Burgess; 3. K. MacRae, Dornoch.

#### Marches.

1. John D. Burgess; 2. Donald MacLean, Lewis; 3. David G. Steven, Dunnet.



### **Strathspey and Reels.**

1. John D. Burgess; 2. Donald MacLean, Lewis; 3. David G. Steven.

The Miller Gold Medal for most points in the Piping Events was awarded to John Burgess. The Judges were Angus MacPherson of Achany Lodge, Lairg and Hugh Grant, Skibo, Dornoch.

### **LONAGH GATHERING, 17th AUGUST, 1956.**

#### **Piobaireachd.**

1. Donald Morrison, Aberdeen; 2. Robert Brown, Balmoral; 3. N. Meldrum, Invercauld.

#### **Strathspeys and Reels.**

1. Walter Drysdale, Methil; 2. Robert Brown, Balmoral; 3. Donald Morrison, Aberdeen.

#### **Marches.**

1. Walter Drysdale, Methil; 2. Robert Brown, Balmoral; 3. Robert B. Nicol, Balmoral.

### **GLENFINNAN GATHERING, 18th AUGUST, 1956.**

#### **Piobaireachd.**

1. Robert U. Brown, Balmoral—"Lament for Padruig Og MacCrimmon"
2. Donald MacPherson, Alexandria—"I got a Kiss of the King's Hand"
3. John MacFadyen, Glasgow—
4. Donald MacLean, Lewis—"MacDonald's Salute".

#### **Marches.**

1. Andrew Pitkeathly, Fort George; 2. Donald MacPherson, Alexandria;
3. Wm. MacDonald, Inverness; 4. Donald MacLean, Lewis.

#### **Strathspey and Reel.**

1. Robert U. Brown, Balmoral; 2. Donald MacPherson, Alexandria;
3. N. Meldrum, Invercauld; 4. Andrew Pitkeathly, Fort George.

#### **Local Marches.**

1. Finlay MacRae, Roy Bridge; 2. Duncan Henderson, Acharacle;
3. John MacCallum, Fort William; 4. A. F. MacDonald, Fort William.

#### **Strathspey and Reel.**

1. Finlay MacRae, Roy Bridge; 2. A. F. MacDonald, Fort William;
3. John MacLellan, Fort William; 4. (Equal) D. Henderson, Acharacle and John MacCallum, Fort William.

John MacFadyen won the Seton Gordon Silver Medal for best Piobaireach Competitor who was a native of Inverness-shire or Argyll-shire.

### **COWAL GATHERING.**

Friday at Cowal this year was a fine clear day and was well enjoyed by the large audience. The piping events this year were all held out in the open, a move which was probably under the circumstances approved by all, although this meant that the listener had an embarrassment of riches to choose from. Quite often in fact he had to take two at once.

There was the usual large entry of professional pipers, and once again Cowal showed that it encourages the younger and lesser known

performers. Of the names on the programme, once we deleted several of the experts who did not turn up, there were more hopes than expectations.

Some good piping was heard with Donald MacPherson again taking principal honours and winning both the Glen Caladh and the Brymay Trophies. The John MacLellan Trophy for open marches was won by John MacFadyen, while a special welcome is extended to John M. MacKenzie on his return to competition and his success in winning the MacCallum Trophy.

The outstanding juvenile competitor was young Hugh A. MacCallum, a grandson incidentally of the grand old man whom the strathspey and reel commemorates. Hugh won the two juvenile events on Friday and the boys' ceol mor event on Saturday. He has been taught by John MacKenzie and by Ronald MacCallum.

## Results.

### Friday.

**Open**—Piobaireachd—1. and Glen Caladh Trophy, Donald MacPherson Alexandria, "MacCrimmon's Sweetheart"; 2. Peter R. MacLeod, Glasgow, "Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon"; 3. John MacFadyen, Glasgow, "Battle of Auldearn"; 4. Ronald M. Lawrie, Oban, "Clan MacNab's Salute"; 5. Donald MacLean, Lewis, "Lament for Donald Dughald MacKay"; 6. Ronald MacCallum, 8th A. and S.H., "Earl of Seaforth's Salute".

March—1. and John MacLellan Trophy, John MacFadyen, Glasgow; 2. Donald MacPherson, Alexandria; 3. Ronald M. Lawrie, Oban; 4. Donald MacLean, Lewis; 5. Peter R. MacLeod, Glasgow; 6. Ronald MacCallum, 8th A. and S.H.

Strathspey and Reel—1 and MacCallum Trophy, J. MacKenzie, Campbeltown; 2. Roderick MacDonald, Dunoon; 3. Donald MacPherson, Alexandria; 4. Ronald MacCallum, 8th A. and S.H.; 5. Ian MacFadyen, Cardonald; 6. William G. Brown, Kilty.

Brymay Trophy for most points in Open Piping—Donald MacPherson, Alexandria.

Best dressed playing piper, adult (Walter Scott Trophy)—Ronald MacCallum.

**Juvenile**—March, confined to boys under 16 in Argyll and the Isles—1 and Warner Cup, Hugh A. MacCallum, Campbeltown; 2. Peter MacLachlan, Glasgow; 3. Freena MacFadyen, Glasgow. March, strathspey and reel, boys under 16, open—1 and Lamont Shield, Hugh A. MacCallum, 2. Thomas Spiers, Darvel; 3. Peter MacLachlan.

### Saturday.

March, Strathspey and Reel (confined),—1. and Burgh Cup, Roderick MacDonald, Dunoon; 2. James J. Ahara, Port Charlotte; 3. J. Henderson, 8th A. and S.H.; 4. Alastair T. MacKellar, Glendaruel.

Piobaireachd (boys 18 or under, open)—1 and Inverchapel Trophy, Hugh A. MacCallum, Campbeltown; 2. Evan C. MacKay, Glasgow; 3. Thomas Speirs, Darvel; 4. Freena MacFadyen, Glasgow.

## UNITED STATES

### SAN DIEGO GAMES, CALIFORNIA, June 9.

James MacColl, late of Shotts, took all the firsts at this gathering held not far from the Mexican border. The events were marches, strathspeys and reels, hornpipes, and jigs.

A former pupil of Archie MacNeill, James Thompson won all the seconds in the same events.

Just to keep the statistics simple, all the thirds at the San Diego Games were won by the same piper, P. Noonan.

This is the second year that these games have taken place.

### ROUNDHILL GAMES, CONNECTICUT.

The 21st annual Roundhill Games were held on July 4th, on a day which threatened to rain and eventually, in the late afternoon, carried out its threat. This however probably helped to give the right atmosphere to the crowd of 7,000 who gathered for this most popular function.

#### Results.

##### Open.

**Piobaireachd**—1. James Petrie, 2. Thomas Connolly, 3. Douglas H. Howie.

**March, Strathspey and Reel**—1. Douglas A. Howie, 2. James Petrie, 3. Angus MacLeod.

**Class B. March**—1. Patrick M'Kenna, 2. Isobel Glasgow, 3. J. Brady.

**Ladies March Strathspey and Reel**—1. Isobel Glasgow.

##### Band Events.

**Class A.**—1. Glengarry Pipe Band, New York; 2. Scottish Highlanders, Brookline, Mass.; 3. Manchester Pipe Band, Manchester, Conn.; 4. Stamford Kiltie Band, Stamford, Conn.

**Class B.**—1. Iona Gaelic Pipe Band, Long Island; 2. Manchester Pipe Band; 3. Bridgeport Pipe Band.

The judges were Mr. George Duncan, Mr. Donald MacMillan and Mr. George B. Gray.

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## ECHOES OF OBAN

The annual concert featuring some of the principal prize-winners at the Meetings will be held in the—

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## NEW ZEALAND

### GOLDEN WEDDING

On June 1st, Drum-major John Seton, D.C.M., B.E.M., and Mrs. Seton celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in Hastings, New Zealand. It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Seton left their home in Dunoon for New Zealand in 1952 after what would be looked on by many as a lifetime spent in the interests of pipe bands. Since then the world-famous drummer has been showing enthusiasts in New Zealand that experience and a young heart make an invaluable partnership, and his presence down under must be one of their proudest boasts.

Present at the celebrations were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seton, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Shaw (late of the Red Hackle band), and Mr. and Mrs. J. Brackenridge who now all reside in Hastings. The fourth member of the family, Mr. Robert Seton, was on his way out from Scotland at the time, having been the third Seton to retire from the Glasgow Police after more than a quarter of a century spent as a drummer in the band.

John Seton is well-known throughout the world of piping and drumming as a personality, as leader of the March of the Clans in 1951, and as joint author with Willie Gray of an excellent collection of music. In his New Zealand days he has found time to produce his tutor for the drums which has had an excellent reception. We are sure that everyone would like to join us in wishing him and Mrs. Seton our congratulations and our best wishes for many more happy years.

## NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

And some from America, too.

By John Seton, D.C.M., B.E.M.

My best New Zealand friend, James Parkinson, is neither a piper nor drummer. Jim, who lives at 608 Maddison Street, Hastings, with his mother, lost both his arms in an accident fifteen years ago while breaking up new ground with a tractor which overturned.

A keen Ham—radio amateur—Jim can operate all his complicated gadgets in a most astonishing manner. He also rolls his own cigarettes. With the aid of a gadget rigged up by a genius in Napier he can also eat nice juicy steak accompanied by the usual garnishings.

During the Queen's visit to the Dominion, Jim typed in her presence a message of welcome. The Queen was delighted and graciously autographed the Welcome and returned it to him; it is now his framed treasure.

When I called on my friend on the 28th May, I found him searching the air waves for contact and in a matter of minutes we heard the voice of Ed. Smallidge, 4856 38 South Street, Seattle, 6. I then came into the picture and told Ed. that I was a friend and correspondent of the late John Ironside for over fifty years. John was pipe-major of Seattle Pipe Band and instructor of the first raised American Army Pipe Band. I also mentioned that Jack Ironside, the son of John, was the present pipe-major and that I had served with his uncles George and David in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Before going off the air Smallidge said he would have enquiries made and requested me to come on the air at the same time the next evening.

Believe it or not, at the time stated I was speaking to Jack Ironside. We exchanged greetings and discussed the Ironsides and Setons, also to mention to Nellie, his mother, that Jess and I would be celebrating our Golden Wedding on June 1st. In due course we received a cable of congratulation from the Seattle Pipe Band.

Quoting now from a letter I received recently from Jack Ironside.  
"Dear Mr. Seton,

"A lot of us in America think we have experienced most of the thrills of modern living. I was one of them until I answered the phone and the voice at the other end asked me if I would like to speak to Mr. Seton in New Zealand.

"It was one of the grandest experiences of my life to be able to talk to you. The only person who could have been more excited would have been my father. I was caught so far off my guard I was tongue-tied.

"We have two phones in the house so Daisy, my wife, listened in on the other one and I am sure she was pleased to hear your voice because I think you will remember her father, Joe Paul of the Glasgow Police.

"To say the least, the world is getting smaller.

"Evidently, you and your family are enjoying life "down under" or your son, Robert, would not be on the way to join you.

"I would have asked you many more questions the other night but I couldn't get my thoughts together fast enough.

"We hear so much about piping activities in N.Z. that I would like to know first hand if there is as much interest as we think. Perhaps when you write you will pass on the information of the bands and Games, etc.

"I am still active in the Seattle Band and am still teaching the boys band which has ten pipers and a few more coming along on the chanter. They are not playing too badly when you stop to consider that they are almost without exception, American lads.

"Our biggest problem in both the bands is the drumming. Oh! if only you were not so far away. We now bring a drummer down here from Vancouver but can only do it once a month and without anyone qualified to keep them practicing properly and sufficiently, it is almost a waste of money to bring a man down.

"The original American Army Pipe Band that was started by my father has now spread to three Army Pipe Bands and one in the U.S. Air Force. So you see that there is some interest here too.

"Perhaps, as time goes on some of the members will enter the civilian bands.

"At the moment, we are getting ready for the Games again. The circuit now takes in Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria and Portland, Oregon. They start off at Portland and Seattle winds it up with international championships in all events except the bands. Maybe by next year they

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# COLLEGE NOTES

This month the college takes up again in Glasgow and Edinburgh and, no doubt, the chief topic of conversation among pupils is the Summer School which was held in Skye during July. It certainly appears as if all who attended the school thoroughly enjoyed both the long hours of instruction and the long hours of fun and games which went with it, or rather after it. Certainly, it will be obvious to all College members that those who were at the School have made a great deal of progress since the end of June.

On Wednesday, 27th June, the Annual display of the College was held in Kelvin House, together with the presentation of prizes and certificates. A varied programme of chanter contests, piping demonstrations and Highland Dancing was well appreciated by the audience of parents and friends. By a happy coincidence Ignatius and Toni Lambert were in Glasgow for the start of their Scottish holiday, and Mrs. Lambert was persuaded to present the certificates and prizes, a job which she did with her usual charm and dignity.

Reporting on the work of the year Seumas MacNeill and Thomas Pearston both commented on the fact that satisfactory progress had been made by most pupils although, as always, there was a considerable wastage due to people taking up the pipes without sufficient enthusiasm. College pupils had acquitted themselves well in open competitions and the number of certificates gained during the year was up to standard.

A most encouraging feature which was pointed out was the enthusiasm with which some of the older members of the College were helping in the teaching and other work.

The competitions were again a personal triumph for Evan MacKay

## DONALD DRONE



who won, once more, the Juvenile and Senior Championships. Runners up in the Senior Competition were Donald MacNeill (Port Glasgow) and Vic. Black both of whom played very well indeed. The Juvenile Competition was won by Evan MacKay with ten points to Neil Beaton's eight. Credit was also due to Robin Bennett and Tom Dingwall in these events and particularly to Billy Kenyon who was easily the youngest competitor.

#### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

**Coel Mor**—1. Evan MacKay, 2. James Martin.

**March**.—1. Vic. Black, 2. Donald MacNeill (Port Glasgow), 3. Evan MacKay, 4. Margaret MacDonald, 5. Angus MacTaggart.

**Strathspey and Reel**—1. Evan MacKay, 2. Donald MacNeill (Port Glasgow), 3. Vic. Black, 4. Angus MacTaggart, 5. James Martin.

**Slow March**.—Vic. Black, 2. Evan MacKay, 3. James Martin, 4. Angus MacTaggart, 5. Donald MacNeill (Port Glasgow).

**Jig**.—1. Evan MacKay, 2. Donald MacNeill (Port Glasgow), 3. Angus MacTaggart, 4. Tom Dingwall.

#### JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

**March**.—1. Evan MacKay, 2. Neil Beaton, 3. Tom Dingwall, 4. Robin Bennett, 5. William Kenyon.

**Strathspey and Reel**.—1. Evan MacKay, 2. Neil Beaton, 3. Robin Bennett, 4. William Kenyon, 5. Tom Dingwall.

#### Chanter Events.

**Second-year pupils**.—1. Gordon Smith, 2. James MacNiven, 3. John MacDougall. The three prize-winners were taught by Dugald MacNeill.

**First-year pupils**.—1. Gordon Smith, 2. Richard Russell (taught by John MacFadyen and Dugald MacNeill), 3. David Blair (taught by Mr. E. MacLennan), 4. Donald MacFarlane (taught by Calum Carmichael).

By SEORAS



# CANADA

## MAXVILLE GAMES.

A crowd of over 20,000 came to witness the Maxville Highland Games taking place in this small Scottish settlement in Ontario, Canada. Many of the spectators travelled more than 500 miles, but the weather was fine and the competition keen, so they were well rewarded.

John Wilson and Archie MacNeill acted as judges. The results were as follows:—

### Open Slow March.

1. B. Manson, Toronto; 2. Billy Gilmour, Toronto; 3. Reay MacKay, Toronto; 4. Sandy Russell, R.C.A.F., Ottawa.

### Open March.

1. B. Gilmour; 2. G. Grant; 3. John MacKenzie, R.C.A.F., Ottawa; 4. B. Manson.

### Open Strathspey and Reel.

1. Reay MacKay; 2. Billy Gilmour; 3. Sandy Russell; 4. George Grant, R.C.A.F., Ottawa.

## TORONTO GAMES, June 16th, 1956.

### Class A Bands.

#### March, Strathspey and Reel.

1. 48th Highlanders of Canada (Toronto), 98½ points.
2. 401 Squadron R.C.A.F. (Montreal), 91 points.
3. 400 Squadron R.C.A.F. (Toronto), 87 points.

#### Slow March.

1. 48th Highlanders of Canada, 95½ points.
2. Caber Feidh, 94½ points.
3. 401 Squadron, R.C.A.F., 94½ points.

### Class B. Bands.

#### March, Strathspey and Reel.

1. Todmorden Legion, 85½ points.
2. Earls court Legion, 85 points.
3. Avro-Orenda, 82 points.

#### Slow March.

1. Earls court Legion, 88 points.
2. Todmorden Legion, 85½ points.
3. Avro-Orenda, 84 points.

#### Open Piobaireachd.

1. William Gilmour, Toronto, 95 points; 2. Reay MacKay, Toronto, 94 points; 3. Ronald Sutherland, Montreal, 93 points.

#### Open March.

1. R. MacKay, 92 points; 2. W. Logan, Flint, Michigan, 91½ points; 3. George Grant, R.C.A.F., Ottawa, 91 points.

#### Open Strathspey and Reel.

1. W. Gilmour, 97 points; 2. R. MacKay, 95 points; 3. (Equal) George Grant and J. Crumb, Toronto, 93 points.

**March (16 and under).**

1. G. Shand; 2. W. MacLeod; 3. P. Baker.

**Strathspey and Reel (16 and under).**

1. G. Shand; 2. Dale Brown; 3. D. MacGregor.

**Drumming, A Class.**

1. Jimmy Blackley, 98 points; 2. T. Orr, 96 points; 3. Larry Sheehan, 95 points.

**B. Class.**

1. John Newlands, 2. W. Jarvis, 3. J. Francis.

**CALGARY GAMES, ALBERTA, JUNE 23.**

**Marches Open.**

1. Donald Maxwell, Calgary; 2. A. J. Duncan, New Westminster, B.C.; 3. Roy Wriggett, Calgary.

**Strathspey and Reel.**

1. D. Maxwell, 2. A. Duncan; 3. Walter Muir, Edmonton.

**Western Championship.**

1. A. Duncan; 2. W. Muir; 3. R. Wriggett.

**Old Highland Airs.**

1. W. Muir; 2. Norman MacLeod, Calgary; 3. No Prize.

**Confined to Locals.**

1. Don Maxwell; 2. Norman MacLeod; 3. R. Wriggett.

**Under 21**—1. Martin Van der Schilden.

**Ladies Only**—1. Peggy Stewart, Calgary.

**Under 12.**

1. Catherine Moody, Lethbridge, Alberta; 2. Peggy Stewart.

**Under 16. Strathspey and Reel.**

1. Gordon Cargill, Lethbridge, Alberta; 2. Catherine Moody.

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**NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND.**

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will have the bands included; at least, that is what they are working towards. The last event of any worth here is our indoor meet which is held at the end of March.

"I guess that is all about piping meantime".

Jack followed up by giving me family notes.

**Golden Wedding.**

Our Golden Wedding celebrations went with a real swing. We had a happy gathering of relatives and friends. A beautiful iced wedding cake was made for us by pipe-major S. Neil, of the Wairoa Pipe Band. Among those present was J. A. Magee, of Wanganui, the well-known adjudicator. There was a steady stream of cables and telegrams.

**Flitting.**

I write this news under difficulties as we have moved to a new house over the road and I am still up to the neck in the flittin'.

## ENGLAND

### PIPING IN BRIGHTON.

In spite of the remarks of the Editor in July, there is some degree of bagpipe-consciousness in Brighton, for the Brighton and Hove Music Festival has senior and junior contests in individual piping each year. This praiseworthy idea was instituted in 1946 when Dr. and the Hon. Mrs. Mitchell Anderson of Hove, Sussex, presented a silver rose-bowl for an annual piping event. This is now the senior trophy, Mrs. MacNaught of Lindfield, Sussex, having now donated a cup for the juniors.

The contest receives considerable support from London pipers. In recent years James B. Robertson, with T. K. Marshall and Allan Riach, has organised a bus-load of enthusiasts to make an outing to Brighton for the day. This has proved a most popular idea and has done much to encourage entries in the two competitions.

#### Results.

Senior Cup—1. John MacIntosh, "Mrs. MacDonald of Dunach", "The Ewe wi' the Crooked Horn", "Sandy Cameron"; 2. Leslie Cowell, "Captain Carswell", "Highland Harry", "Lord MacDonald".

Junior Cup—1. David Hannay, "Australian Ladies", "Dorrither Bridge", "Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran"; 2. Kinnear Forbes, "Edward Hope de Vere", "Maggie Cameron", "Duntroon".

### CEILIDH AT HAMMERSMITH.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Macfarlane of the "Salutation", Hammersmith, are justly renowned for their Highland hospitality, and a large gathering of enthusiasts had an opportunity of enjoying this once again when they attended a pipers' ceilidh there last month.

The occasion was to welcome, on one of his now rare visits to London, Dr. W. M. MacPhail who is one of the pillars of piping in the south. Dr. MacPhail is a well known personality throughout the world. During the war he kept an ever-open door for pipers in the overseas forces.

A very fine night's piping was enjoyed by all, the standard of playing being very high indeed. Those taking part were Mr. James Campbell, James B. Robertson, Malcolm MacMillan, David Ross, Arthur Gillies, Allan Riach and Peter Quinn. With such an array of talent the music was worth going a very long way to hear.

Among the non-pipers present was Mr. Iain D. Cameron of New Zealand who is over here on a visit. Mr. Cameron is a great enthusiast for the pipes and is a past president of the New Zealand Pipe Band Association.

# **SOME NEW RECORDINGS!**

**LONG-PLAYING — 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  R.P.M.**

## **SPECIAL RELEASE FOR THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL**

### **WORLD CHAMPION PIPE BAND, BELFAST, JUNE, 1956.**

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The new sessions of both the Scottish Pipers' Association and the Highland Pipers Society began on Saturday, 4th August, and as usual a good attendance of members and friends was in evidence.

There was a special welcome in the Gym for Mr. William Hope, of Belfast who was on holiday in Ardrossan and taking the opportunity of visiting the Club whilst in Scotland. Mr. Hope is the well known stalwart for piping in Northern Ireland and has been active in its support there for many years.

The effervescent pipe-major Donald MacLean opened the playing with "Mo Dhachaidh" following it with "MacLeod's Salute", a tribute to the association's Hon. Composer, the celebrated piping composer Peter MacLeod, of whom it has been said that a tune of his is being played at any given moment some place in the world.

Duncan MacFadyen entertained with an intelligent interpretation of "The Prince's Salute". There were also pleasing performances of less exalted music from Iain MacFadyen, Charles MacDonald, Alex. Jack, Peter MacLeod, jr., and Hector MacLeod.

It was announced that the now famous Veterans' Contest will be held in the Highlanders' Institute on 22nd September when it is hoped that pipe-major John MacDonald of Bulawayo will be present. Mr. MacDonald donates each year the gold medal and the prize money for this most popular event.

Round the corner at the Minerva Club the members were treated to a fine piece of Ceol Mor, "Moladh Mairi", by Hugh MacDougall. The programme was sustained by the ever popular chairman and president pipe-major John MacDonald, City of Glasgow Police Pipe Band, ably supported by vice-president Iain MacPherson, sen., whose son Iain, jnr. also played. Other contributors to a pleasing night of piping were Calum Ferguson, Angus Morrison and James Ahara.

In his opening remarks pipe-major MacDonald welcomed the members and their friends to this first night of the new session and had a special word of greeting for Mr. John MacLellan of Surrey who contributed a generous donation, the first to be received towards the annual professional competition which will be held in the High School Hall on October 20th. This contest is assured of success having had enormous support since its inauguration only two years ago. A feature of the competition is that the number of competitors in the ceol mor event is to be restricted to fifteen.

Good wishes were sent to Mr. Roderick Mackay, ill in Stornoway, for a speedy and complete recovery. Mr. Mackay is, of course, the ex-treasurer of the Society who worked so hard in the beginning to establish the success of the venture.

I had a word with Mr. Duncan MacFadyen sen., of the famous piping family, who tells me that he has been appointed to organise the next session's competitions on behalf of the College of Piping of whose Competitions Committee he is the Convener. In the course of discussion I gathered that the new "boss" had very definite ideas about how contests should be run and how large audiences should be attracted.

It will be no news to anyone when I mention here that there is a strong body of opinion in piping circles against the insistence of the College on competitors in its contests holding appropriate certificates from the College. Since the College has made this condition there has been a marked decrease in the number of entries for its competitions.

Whether the time has come for a change of heart of the Executive of the College remains to be seen. Personally, I feel that lack of support for the certification scheme, admittedly ambitious, in piping circles is to be regretted. It is by such measures that the status of the piper can best be raised.

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#### CORRECTION.

In the August issue we gave a wrong result in the World Championship. Fourth prize was actually won by the Clan Fraser (Pipe-major F. B. Melvin) with 88 points. Our apologies to all concerned.

In the July issue we quoted the national press reports that next year's World Championship would be held in the Isle of Man. We now learn that these pronouncements were wrong, and we regret any inconvenience caused to the S.P.B.A. by our propagation of this false information.

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## RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

- Tuesday, 2nd October, 1956—7.30—7.45 p.m. Pipes and Drums. British Legion Pipe Band. Pipe-Major John Traquair (Recorded).
- Thursday, 11th October—10.15-10.30 p.m. Piping by Ronald Lawrie, Glasgow Police Pipe Band.
- Wednesday, 17th October—9.55-10.15 p.m. Piobaireachd. P/M. Donald MacLean (Lewis). "Lament for the Children".
- Thursday, 25th October—9.55-10.15 p.m. Pipes and Drums. Clan MacRae Society Pipe Band. Pipe-Major Alex. MacLeod.
- Thursday, 1st November—10.00-10.15 p.m. Piping by T. Pearston.
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# PIPE BAND RESULTS

## DUNBEATH HIGHLAND GAMES.

20th July, 1956.

### Piping Results.

#### March.

1. C. Ness, Thurso; 2. A. Pirnie, Pitlochry; 3. J. MacKay, Thurso.

#### Strathspey.

1. A. Pirnie; 2. C. Ness; 3. J. MacKay.

#### Jigs.

1. C. Ness; 2. A. Pirnie.

The Mathieson Medal presented by C. F. Mathieson, Gartymore, for most points in open piping events, was won by C. Ness, Thurso. The runner-up was A. Pirnie, Pitlochry.

## INVERKEITHING HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES.

4th AUGUST, 1956.

### Pipe Band Contest Results.

#### Grade 1.

1. 6/7 Batt. The Black Watch. 90½ points.
2. Lochore and District. 89½ points.
3. Glenraig Colliery. 89 points.
4. Clan MacRae Society. 88 points.

#### Grade 2.

1. Glenraig Colliery. 87½ points.
2. Lochore and District Juveniles. 86½ points.
3. 6/7 Batt. The Black Watch. 85½ points.

#### Grade 3.

1. Whitrigg Colliery. 83½ points.
2. Edinburgh Corporation Transport.
3. 6/7 Batt. The Black Watch.

The Pipe Band Contest was up to the usual standard, attracting sixteen bands, with twenty-five entries. While marshalling the bands for the Grand Finale the weather broke and the rain marred what would otherwise have been a fine finish.

Mr. D. MacIntosh, General Secretary of the S.P.B.A. and Mr. Wm. MacKay, Treasurer, were the very able contest officials.

## BRIDGE OF ALLAN HIGHLAND GAMES, 4th AUGUST, 1956.

Pipe Band Results (Confined to Members of the Stirlingshire Pipe Band Association).

1. Wallacestone Pipe Band, 84½ points.
2. Fallin Colliery, 82½ points.
3. Kilsyth Colliery, 79½ points.
4. 7th Argylls (Territorial), 78½ points.

Drumming Prize—Wallacestone Pipe Band.

Marching and Discipline—Wallacestone Pipe Band.

Drum Major's Prize—1st D/Major W. MacDonald, 7th Argylls (Terr).  
2nd. D/M. M. MacIntosh, Dunblane City.

The Pipe Band of the 1st Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the 1st Batt. The Scots Guards were present and gave an excellent display both collectively and separately.

## COWAL GATHERING, 25th AUGUST, 1956.

The principal feature of the band events was the victory once again of Muirhead and Sons in the Cowal Championship. This fine combination is now very clearly on top of the world, and great credit is due to Jackie Smith and his grand bunch of lads. There's nothing like a ceilidh in Taynuilt Hotel for finding out how a World Champion band ticks.

Congratulations are also in order to the three bands from Ireland, Ballycoan, St. Lawrence O'Toole, and 29th B.B. Old Boys, which figured prominently in the prize list. Once again Alex MacIver's boys of the 214th Boys' Brigade demonstrated their ability in the juvenile section, with the 40th B.B. made a very successful comeback to the Cowal arena.

### Results:—

**Cowal Championship Open Band Contest**—1 and Argyll Shield and Peter Ferguson Trophy, Muirhead and Sons, Ltd., Pipe-Major John Smith (Dugald MacColl's Farewell to France, Caledonian Society of London; Alick C. MacGregor), (91½); 2 and Sutherland Shield, Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia, Pipe-Major John K. MacAllister (Inverness Gathering; Dornie Ferry; Reel O'Tulloch), (91½); 3 and Macneal Shield, Renfrew, Pipe-Major Thomas Shearer (Brig-General Cheape; Atholl Cummers; Pretty Marion (90½); 4 and Glenfinart Cup, Clan MacRae Soc., Pipe-Major Alex. MacLeod, (Balmoral Highlanders; Cameronian Rant; MacAllister's Dirk), (89½); 5 and Macfarlane Trophy, Red Hackle, Pipe-Major A. MacLeod, (Elsbeth Campbell; Bob o' Fettercairn; Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran) (89½).

**General Band Contest No.1 (Grade 2 bands)**—1 and Sir Harry Lauder Shield, Ballycoan, Belfast, P/Major Wm. R. H. Wood (88½); 2 Torphichen and Bathgate Welfare, Pipe-Major George Montgomery (87); 3 Dundonald Colliery, Pipe-Major Robert MacKay (86½); 4, Woolmet Colliery, Pipe-Major Norman Summers (86½); 5, 402 (A. and S.H.) Light Regt. R.A. Pipe-Major J. C. Weatherston (86½).

**General Band Contest No. 2 (Grade 3 Bands)**—1 and "Daily Record" Trophy, 6/7th Bn. the Black Watch (T.A.), Pipe-Major Thos. Imrie (87½); 2, Ayr, Pipe-Major Robert M'Croskie, (87½); 3, 29th Boys' Brigade Old Boys' Association (Belfast), Pipe-Major James Murdoch (87½); 4, Fallin Colliery, Pipe-Major John Kerr (86½); 5, Wallacestone, Pipe-Major Jas. Inglis (85).

**General Band Contest No. 3 (Bands which have never won a prize at Cowal between Jan, 1951 and Jan. 1956)**—1 and Benmore Trophy, Caigneuk Parish Church, Pipe-Major James Dundas (82½); 2, St. Lawrence O'Toole, Dublin, Pipe-Major Sean Duggan (82); 3, Blackburn Welfare, Pipe-Major J. Sinclair, (79½); 4, St. Lawrence, Howth, Dublin, Pipe-Major Patrick Kelly (79½).

**Ladies' Bands**—1 and "People's Journal" Trophy, Lochgelly Ladies, Pipe-Major Margaret Lawson (74½); 2, Airdrie Ladies, Pipe-Major May Campbell, (72½).

**Juvenile Band Contest No. 1**—1 and "Glasgow News" Shield, 214th Glasgow Coy. the Boys' Brigade (85½); 2, Lochore and District Juvenile (83); 3, 40th Glasgow B.B. (79½).

**Juvenile Band Contest No. 2 (Bands which have never won a prize in No.1 Contest or first prize in No. 2 Contest between Jan. 1951 and Jan. 1956)**—1 and Crosher Trophy, 40th Glasgow B.B. (79½); 2, 167th Glasgow B.B. (78); 3, 23rd Paisley B.B. (78).



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