

NEWTON MEARN'S CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

JUNE, 1958.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Colin George Fongies Porter, The Lodge, Pollock Castle.

David Livingstone Donaldson, 11 Edzell Drive.

Deaths.

"Christ the first fruits of them that are asleep."

Andrew Bowie, 9 Newtonlea Avenue.

Alexander B. MacDuff, 118 Beech Avenue.

Mrs Johnston, 20 Hill Avenue.

Miss Jessie Condie, formerly of Edzell Drive.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Jenny T. Brown to James R. Harvie.

Marion T. Cowan to Edward B. Howie.

Dorothy C. Nisbet to George J. Milne.

New Members — 4th May, 1958

By Profession of Faith.

Mr John Thomson Blackwood, 27 Newtonlea Ave.

Mr David Brodie, 41 Hazelwood Avenue.

Mrs Annie Capnerhurst, Mearnskirk Hospital.

Mr Lawson Millar Marshall, 10 Hazelwood Avenue.

Miss Noreen Anne Osbourne, The Croft, Ayr Road.

Mr and Mrs Thomas R. Stewart, 48 Netherplace Rd.

By Certificate.

Mr and Mrs Alex. Dinsmor, 34 Netherplace Road.

Mr and Mrs William Rennie, 14 Newtonlea Avenue.

Mrs Swanson, 142 Ayr Road.

MINISTER'S LOG.

The General Assembly opens this week, and it promises to be an interesting one. The Duke of Hamilton will again be Lord High Commissioner, and Dr. John Fraser of Hamilton Parish Church, the Moderator. He is well equipped for controlling the Assembly as he has been, for some years, the business convener of the house. This is important since the report on the Inter Church Relations Committee will be submitted and some strong opposition to it is expected. What the result of the debate will be it is difficult to forecast but there is strong feeling in the Church that any slur on the status of the ministry as regards the Church of Scotland must be removed.

We were all greatly relieved that the threat of the railway strike was removed. The London busmen are still, however, at loggerheads with their employers. We have a deep sympathy with all men who find it difficult to make ends meet, but we cannot see how the raising of their wages is going to ease the situation. It would seem certain to put the cost of living up, and so on to more and more inflation.

As you know we suffered a family bereavement in the death of my wife's mother, and would like to express to you all our thanks for your sympathy with us at this time. The wreaths sent from the Church, and from the Woman's Guild were very greatly appreciated.

The Evening Service comes to a close at the end of May, and resumes in September. May I express my thanks to those of you who have supported it loyally through the winter.

I trust that you will have a very enjoyable vacation when it comes.

Very sincerely yours,

W. MURRAY MACKAY.

OBITUARY.

Mr Alexander B. MacDuff of 118 Beech Avenue Newton Mearns, died in a nursing home in Glasgow, on April 25th. Born in Canada, his mother died at his birth, and he was brought to this country to be brought up. He spent all his business life with the firm and family of Sir William Beardmore, being private secretary to Lord Invermain for 50 years, and later to Lady Invermain. His long hours of service during the First World War took a severe toll of his health from which he suffered considerably in his later years. He was closely associated with the late Sir Ernest Shackleton, who was a personal friend, and assisted him with his first expedition. Valuable documents and records have recently been gifted to the Geographical Society, while he also assisted James Fisher with his recent book on Shackleton. He was a keen golfer and fisher, and loved to leave business worries for the quiet of the Isle of Islay of which Mrs MacDuff is a native. For many years he was a loyal member of Rutherford Church in Dennistoun in the days of Rev. James Barr. We shall miss his friendship and companionship, and to Mrs MacDuff, and her family we extend our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

Mrs Johnston, 20 Hill Avenue, died on Friday, 2nd May, 1958. Born in the south of Scotland she in early years to live in this district and spent the rest of her life within it. She devoted her life to her home, being the mother of a large family to which indeed she dedicated her life. She lived to see them all married and settled in their own homes, and that must have been a great joy to her. Certainly she bound them to her by the ties of deeper affection, and they rewarded their mother by constant attendance on her. She was a woman of a very bright disposition, always a smile on her face, and never known to open her lips in criticism of another. It was a great happiness to her that her sons and daughters lived so near her, and in her latter years they were most loyal in visiting her, and helping her in every possible way. To her sons and daughters we extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of one so justly loved.

We have also to record the death of Andrew Bowie, the infant son of Mr and Mrs Robert Bowie, of 9 Newtonlea Avenue. He had been seriously ill for several months. It did not look as if he was going to be fit to take his place in life; yet the sorrow was great when he was taken away, and we offer our sympathy to his parents.

Miss Jessie Condie of Edzell Drive, had been out of the district for over two years. She lived latterly in Newark Nursing Home, but died on Monday, 19th May, at the age of 77.

EDITORIAL.

At recent meetings of the Congregational Board and the Kirk Session, Mr T. F. Marchant ably supported by Mr S. Brunton suggested the possibility of delivering the Supplement to every home and after discussion, it was decided that a delivery system should be inaugurated. Having suggested

something involving work, naturally enough these gentlemen found themselves in charge of the whole project and within fourteen days a system was completed which guarantees a personal or postal delivery to every one of the four hundred and sixty homes in the congregation. Congratulations to Messrs Marchant and Brunton and their thirty-five volunteer "News Ladies" who seized this opportunity to serve their Church so constructively.

Is it good for the Supplement to go out in this way or should it be necessary for a person to attend Church to obtain their copy? Regrettably every home is not represented at Church every Sunday and we doubt whether receipt of the Supplement, being conditional upon attendance at Church, would be likely to improve the situation.

We believe that the Supplement being delivered to the home may serve to remind some Church members that the Church is not here just to regularise Births and Marriages, or to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper but is a convenient method for practising, as against Social, Christians to witness for Christ and by fellowship one with another to encourage those who would weaken and fall. We all need encouragement at some time or another so why not come along and help us. We need you—will you help?

Due to the inordinate shyness of the various organisations it has proved necessary for the Editor to practically live on the premises if any news of their activities was to reach the pages of the Supplement. This method, though very enjoyable, proved rather exhausting, so an attempt is to be made to establish a reporting staff upon which the Editor can draw.

If you would be willing to keep in close contact with an organisation and furnish light readable reports of their activities, please contact the Editor at the earliest.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

Since the April Supplement, the Youth Fellowship have concluded their winter session. On March 9th, Mrs Thom gave a lucid and stimulating statement of the position of women in the Church and the case for and against women in the eldership. This provoked one of the liveliest and most interesting discussions for sometime. Since then we have had a debate on the usefulness of higher education, in which some very harsh words were said about the usefulness of university students, a "Balloon game" which consigned Solomon and Jonah to a long drop back to earth, leaving Moses in sole possession, and a talk on youth work in the Church of England by a refugee from England now staying in Mearns, Mr Cliff Hargreaves. On the 30th March, we had an excellent address from the Rev. Donald McLeod from Castlemilk. Mr McLeod said that all the ideas and the drive and the energy of the Church should come from its young men and women who should not be afraid to act as a "ginger group" to the Church as a whole. This was an open meeting and we were very grateful to the three members of the congregation who were interested enough to come.

During March the Fellowship carried out the U.N.A. Scottish Refugee Appeal in the area west of Ayr Road. At the end of the month we held our dance in aid of War Memorial Hall Fund. Despite a substitute saxophonist who seemed to be tone-deaf, the dance was very enjoyable indeed. We did not however, sell enough tickets and intend to do better next time.

At the A.G.M. on April 20th, the following committee was elected: President, Russell Hillhouse; Vice-President, George Robertson; Secretary, Lesley Williams; Treasurer, David Roser; Members, Judith Bain, Joan Duncan and Anne Loudon.

This years outing will be on Saturday, 28th June, at 2.30 p.m., and will be by bus to West Kilbride; all participants should bring a picnic tea and bathing equipment. Lemonade is supplied free, and the cost is only 7/6 per head. Last year's was exceptionally enjoyable and we hope that all young people will come and bring their friends, members or not.

It is hoped to have, under the auspices of all the 1st District Fellowships, a holiday week-end 3rd to 5th October, at Wiston Lodge, costing approximately 35/-. This should be a wonderful chance to make friends in a holiday atmosphere.

The Youth Fellowship is often accused, frequently by people who have never troubled to come and find out the facts, of being a stodgy, over-serious student debating society who sit and talk and never do anything. There is, of course, a little truth in these accusations, but in the past year we have tried to be a more vital force in the life of the Church. We have tried, with some success, to achieve the friendly informality which is the essence of true fellowship. We have brought in interesting speakers to talk on subjects vital and interesting to youth. It ought not to be dull and stodgy to discuss subjects which no Christian citizen can afford to ignore—and we remember many lighter moments too—the dance, the outing to Millport and so on. We have sent delegates to the Christian Youth Assembly, where they seem to have played a useful part in the deliberations and we intend to strengthen our contacts with other groups of young people in the year to come. We have also begun, tentatively, to offer some of our time and trouble in the service of the community. Help for refugees, by personal contact with a family and by making a collection, singing carols to old folks, raising a few pounds for the Hall Fund—it may not seem much but it is a start. The result of all this is that we have strengthened our membership considerably and look forward to a lively and inspiring session 1958-1959.

WANTED.

It will be appreciated no doubt that it takes a lot of news items and reports to fill the pages of the Supplement and when we tell you that we are planning nine issues next session you will have no difficulty in understanding our need for News.

If you are doing or contemplate doing anything interesting or know anyone who has done or intends to do something of interest to Christians—let us know. If one of your family or a friend distinguishes themselves in any way let us know because the rest of this Christian family will be just as interested and proud if they know about it.

CHOIR.

Those of us who attended Church a few weeks ago were accorded the rare pleasure of listening to a solo sung by Miss Mairi Rennie. Mairi performed with such confidence yet managed to retain a freshness in her approach which made her effort so very much part of our service of praise and worship that we look forward to hearing from her again soon. Unfortunately, Mairi is not able to be with us every Sunday as her studies at St Andrews University claim her attentions for the time being.

Incidentally, Mr Cuthill would welcome anyone who can sing—no need to be soloist standard—if you can sing in tune you can at least give a little more than moral support at the Sunday service. There is no Choir practice on week nights at present and a short time after the morning service on a Sunday morning will not cut into your week too much.

The excuse for not joining the Choir aired most often by young members is, that the choir is old fashioned and sings only dull unimaginative stuff. Having discussed this with Mr Cuthill I can tell you that he thinks you don't know what you really want. In other words—anything for an excuse. Is he wrong? Do you know what you want? If you do, come along and tell him—he won't bite and the Editor will come too as referee if required. Fix a date and speak or forever more hold your peace.

TREASURE HUNT.

On Friday, 16th May, the Automobile Treasure Hunt contestants got off to a flying start on the track of the first clue and from the very start the wily organisers Arthur Stubbs and Allan Carlaw, aided and abetted by Jim Ferns, had the 75 cars disappearing to all points of the compass in large clouds of exhaust smoke. At first sight this statement might appear an exaggeration but when one hears that our minister Mr Mackay was congratulated by a judge at Trahearne House test point on approaching the grounds "from the right direction" it will be appreciated that perhaps the full story of the competitors' wanderings would make those of the tribes of Israel pale into insignificance. At one point Arthur Stubbs was behaving as though "his tribes" had not only wandered but had got lost as well. However, we are glad to report that everyone returned—with or without an egg—and pronounced themselves as having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

The tea party in the Hall was excellent and the Guide Captain Isobel Morris and her team are to be congratulated on a job well done which contributed so strongly to the reminiscent atmosphere as experiences were told and retold. Mr and Mrs Fulton and sons Beech Avenue, thoroughly enjoyed the whole show and are in favour of another at the earliest possible. Garvie Amos and his band of "Merry Men" were quietly confident and gave the Editor no clue that they had done so well. Several competitors gave the opinion that the more people in the car the better, as the clues were too many and too close. One car which believed in the motto "the more the merrier," didn't carry their help with them, they simply used sign language to some children in order to get them to open their windows and answer their questions—shame on you E. and G.

While the points were being totalled up there was a complete hiatus in the proceedings which caused some impatience so Arthur and Allan have noted this for the future and guarantee it won't happen again. The final results were given and amid strong applause the winners and their teams received their prizes from Mrs W. Rodger.

Prize Winners.

- (1) Mr Pearson, 241 marks.
- (2) Mr R. Campbell, 212 marks.
- (3) Mr G. Amos, 204 marks.
- (4) Mr Whitehouse, 197 marks.

Ladies Award.

Mrs J. Ferns, 167 marks.

The Treasure Hunt raised £52 for the War Memorial Hall Fund and Arthur, Allan and Jim are to be congratulated on the splendid effort which must have involved a lot of work and planning. Incidentally, they have asked us to convey publicly their thanks to Anderson's Garage for the use of the premises as a starting point.

OPERATION KID-NAP.

Sometimes a family can be a blessing but at others a complete nuisance. For instance the very night you want to study your evening class notes or swot up for an examination you can be sure that that will be the night young Johnny will choose to bring his skiffle group pals round for a practice or your sister will decide to press her party dress and wants your books off the table. In fact, you think there is little or no peace with a family around.

Perhaps you aren't studying anything but find yourself at a loose end a few evenings in the week or may be you are just plain lonely. Whatever your difficulty maybe, we think we have the answer—become a KID-NAPPER.

How do you become a KID-NAPPER and what would you have to do? First you would register your name and state the evenings in the week when you will be prepared to baby-sit for parents wanting the evening off. You decide (with guidance if required) what size and shape of child you think you can cope with and this will be entered on your record so that you will never be confronted with a situation out-with your control. If you don't fancy children but would like to keep an elderly person company then your services will be just as welcome.

Each Kid-napper would be required to charge a basic fee of 5/- for the hours 7 pm. to 11 p.m., and 2/- per hour thereafter which would be paid to the organiser or a specially nominated person and all the money, less running expenses, would be placed to the credit of the Memorial Hall Fund.

If you would like to become a Kid-napper—give your name, address, telephone number, (if you have one) together with the age range and sex of child you feel capable of dealing with, to any of the following people: Mr Walter Rodger, Mr T. F. Marchant and Mr A. M. Hanna.

When our plans are completed, parents will only require to contact a lady, whose name, address and telephone number will be published in the Supplement and on posters, to be in touch with the nerve centre of Operation Kid-nap. This lady will, after consulting the register, do her best to send a Kid-napper to the right place at the right time. Sometimes, depending upon demand, this may prove difficult so parents will be advised to book early. Watch the next Supplement for further details of Operation Kid-nap.

For the benefit of the humorous minded—Mr Walter Rodger is away ahead of you—his application for a girl aged 18 - 20 to be his baby sitter has been rejected. He will take Mr MacKay and like it.

This organisation is open to all, ladies, and GENTLEMEN, girls and BOYS. Anyone can become a Kid-napper, so let's have your names as soon as possible.

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BOYS' BRIGADE.

The final parade and prize giving of the 79th Boy's Brigade Company and Life Boy team took place in the Church Hall, on Friday, 9th May. Many parents were present.

The programme consisted of a "Fall In" with the usual opening devotions followed by the showing of a number of films by Mr Stewart Telfer, which was enjoyed by all present.

The boys re-formed and after a few words of thanks by the Chaplain Rev. W. Murray Mackay to Captain Scott for his excellent work in the Company, Lt. A. F. Stubbs, Leader-in-charge of the Life Boys and the other Leaders; Mrs E. F. Robertson, widow of a former Captain, Mr J.P. Robertson; was invited to present the prizes.

The following were the prize winners:

- The Liberation Shield for Efficiency—Pte. A. W. Orr.
- The Best Drilled Boy (Young Cup)—Pte John McCormick.
- Best Squad Medal No. 1—L/C. T. Dobson, Pte J. McCormick, Pte. R. Mackay.
- Bible Knowledge Certificate—Pte. A. W. Orr, Pte. R. Mackay, Pte R. Cattan.
- Attendance 2 Years Perfect—Pte. A. W. Orr, Pte. J. McCormick.
- Regular Attendance—L/C. D. McDougal, L/C. J. Dobson.

Badges.

- 3 Years Anchor—Pte. D. Riddet.
- P.T. Badge—Pte. D. Riddet.
- P.T. Certificate—Pte's Cattan, Fulton, Orr, McCormick, Mackay.
- First Aid Badge—L/C's D. McDougal, J. Loudon, T. Dobson.
- First Aid Certificate—Pte.'s Orr, McCormick, Cattan Riddett.

Life Boys:

- Most Efficient Boy—Kenneth Smith.
- Marching Cup—Kenneth Smith.
- Recruiting Award—Kenneth Smith.
- Best Recruit—Kenneth Smith.
- Seal System—Billy McPhail, Douglas Houston.
- Courtesy—Findlay Robertson.
- Smartness—David Rae.
- Perfect Attendance—Duncan Hall.
- 1 Absence—Peter Ramage.
- 2 Absences—Adrian Hopkins, Archie McLeish, Billy McPhail, Brian McAulay, Alistair Smith.
- Best Squad.—John Loudon (Leader), Eric McMorris, Findlay Robertson, Stephen Urquhart, Archie McLeish, Lindsay Forbes, Allan Russell.

At the end of the prize giving Mrs Robertson was warmly thanked for presenting the prizes so graciously and was asked to accept a box of chocolates from the Company and Team.

The ceremony concluded by the singing of a hymn followed by the Benediction.

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THE FLOWER LIST.

The Committee desire to thank all those who so kindly added their names to the Flower List for year ending 26th April, 1959.

- July 6—Mrs Boyle.
- „ 13—Mrs Crawford.
- „ 20—Mrs Wood.
- „ 27—Miss Reid.
- Aug. 3—Mrs Cameron.
- „ 10—Mr Buchanan.
- „ 17—Mrs A. McCance.
- „ 24—Mrs McPhail.
- „ 31—Mrs Pettigrew.
- Sept. 7—Mrs G. H. Sinclair.
- „ 14—Mrs Fulton.
- „ 21—Mrs Orr.
- „ 28—Mrs Menzies.

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NEXT SUPPLEMENT.

Items for inclusion should be in the Editor's hands by 23rd August.