

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

SEPTEMBER, 1965

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Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

(The Evening Service alternates monthly with
Mearns Kirk)

**Sabbath School—Primary, Junior and Senior:
10 a.m.**

Bible Classes, 10.15 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 7.45 p.m.

REGISTER.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Carmen Benzie and George Ritchie.
Helen McGregor and William Baird.
Anne Elizabeth Royle and James Crawford Gillies.
Maureen Barclay and Ian Craig Morton.

Golden Wedding.

Mr and Mrs Robert Carswell, Eaglesham.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED AT THE MAY COMMUNION.

By Profession of Faith.

Miss Harriet Wardrop Munro, 54 Castle Road.
Miss Dorothy Stewart, 272 Ayr Road.
Miss Margaret Stewart, 272 Ayr Road.
Miss Mhairi Dinsmor, 34 Netherplace Road.
Mr Ian Peddie, 23 Fraser Avenue.

By Certificate from other Congregations.

Mr William Dunlop, 41 Larchfield Avenue.
Mr and Mrs James Edgar, 63 Fruin Avenue.
Mr and Mrs J. M. Kane, 2 Gordon Crescent.
Mr and Mrs Ian Livingstone, 3 Campbell Crescent.
Mr and Mrs David B. McKenna, 23 Chisholm Drive.
Mrs Elizabeth Motion, Ardshiel, Burnside Road.

The following have left the district and have received their Disjunction Certificates.

Mrs William A. Simpson, 56 Craighlaw Avenue,
Waterfoot.
Mr and Mrs H. M. Woore, 25 Arisdale Cres., Newton
Mearns.
Miss Jane Ward, 15 Belhaven Terrace, S.W.
Mr and Mrs W. Blackstock, Killellan, Glebe Lane.

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MINISTER'S LOG

The new pipe organ gifted to the congregation by the late Miss Isobel Currie of Baldorran, Crookfur Road, in memory of her two brothers, will be dedicated at the forenoon service on September 19th by the Rev. T. M. Murchison, D.D., of St. Columba-Copland Road, and Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow. Mr William Coulthard, organist in Wellington Church, who kindly agreed to be our organist consultant during the installation, will officiate at it, and Mr Littlejohn will conduct the choir. The last 20 minutes of the service, which will be of the usual length, will consist of a recital by Mr Coulthard. The new organ, built by Walker of London, has, including the building of an organ chamber, etc., cost £15,000 and contains 1649 pipes. One need not add how grateful we feel for this magnificent gift, and believe that it will be of great service in the worship of the church.

As we bid farewell to the Hammond organ that was presented to the congregation by the late James Nicholson of Towerwood at the time the new church was built in 1939, may we say that it has been of great service during the last 26 years. We propose to put it into storage meantime until the new halls are built.

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We would take this opportunity of expressing to Mearns Kirk our thanks for their willing co-operation in allowing the joint services during July and August to be held in their church. It had been decided by the Congregational Board to re-decorate the church and it would have been impossible to hold services in it during August.

As well as "giving the church a new look" it has been decided by the Woman's Guild and the youth organisations to try to do the same with the minister! I know you are limited by the material with which you have to deal! In other words they have subscribed to buy new robes for him. It is a very kindly gesture on their part. The robing ceremony will take place at a social on September 15th in the hall at 7.45 p.m. Members of the Session and of the Congregational Board and their wives have been invited. It is open, however, to any members of the congregation to attend. Tea will be served, and Mr Littlejohn will provide some music. The robing will be performed by Mrs Mather.

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We are on the verge of another winter's work, and would call on all members of the congregation to do their best to make the witness of the church in this district as vital as they can. You each have your part to play whether it is in being in your place at the public services of worship, or in the specific work that you have undertaken in the church as elder, manager, member of the Woman's Guild, Choir member, or youth leader. However beautiful a church may be architecturally it is your presence and your fellowship that is the most important part of it. You took solemn vows when you joined to share dutifully in its worship and service, and to give of your substance as the Lord hath prospered you. Not as in the sight of men, but as in His sight, you would not wish to break this sacred vow.

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The Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, October 3rd, at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. At the forenoon service the children will bring gifts of fruit, flowers, etc., which will be distributed later to those whom we wish to remember at this time. In the evening at the joint service Mr Littlejohn will give a short recital at the close of the service of worship.

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on October 17th at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Those who wish to join our fellowship should hand their certificates to the minister at the earliest convenience.

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A class for first communicants will be opened in the Manse, 204 Ayr Road, on Tuesday, 14th September, at 8 p.m., and will meet on succeeding Tuesdays until the Communion.

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As the large hall still has large crates and boxes in which material for the new organ was brought it will not be possible to say at the moment when it will be available for badminton. Notice will be given from the pulpit when the season will com-

mence. The club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and on Saturday afternoons.

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The evening service this month is in Mearns Kirk, owing to the district elders' service in the Broom Church this will not begin until the 19th September.

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The Minister's Bible Class begins in the Vestry on the first Sunday of October at 10.15 a.m.

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THE WOMAN'S GUILD

"The Syllabuses are ready." Thus begins our new session for the work of the committee begins long before the meetings and this year is no exception. For the last two years we have attempted to visit every woman member in the congregation. This year it is not possible to do so but our invitation to come along and join us is still open to all, both old and young.

Last year we tried by various means to form a nucleus of our younger members hoping that they would organise for themselves a group bound by common interests and friendship. When one project failed we tried another but always found the response unsatisfactory. This is a pity for many mutual benefits can be had from a group of people of varied outlook and ideas though still within the same age limits. We hope that at some future date such a group will arise under a leader to whom we will willingly give any help desired of us.

The winter's session begins with the opening social—a good opportunity for "Getting to know you," and thereafter the meetings have been so arranged that there should be something to interest everyone from holiday trips abroad, as on October 18th and January 10th, to demonstrations, one of which will be given by the South of Scotland Electricity Board on October 25th. The Board will not only convey to Hamilton, free of charge, a party of fifty but will also make special efforts to prepare dishes desired by the party or give recipes and hints for their preparation.

On 1st November the Savoy Club is providing us with a concert and this we are making an OPEN night for the whole congregation—MALE as well as female. No tickets are being sold but a generous silver collection will be requested.

One of the features of our programme this year is our Informal Nights. We are keeping one or two surprises up our sleeve for them and we hope that these evenings will prove particularly enjoyable.

Last but not least is the Coffee Morning on November 13th. Again we appeal to the generosity of the congregation to help us meet our Co-ordinated Appeal which according to our rating as a church is pretty considerable. Especially do we look forward to meeting visitors at coffee and having a leisurely morning of friendly "chit-chat."

This brings us half way to Christmas and if the weather clerk proves to be as kind to us as he was last year we can look forward to a series of happy evenings. Hope to see YOU there.

2nd MEARNS GIRL GUIDES.

We have had a very industrious, out-of-doors summer term this year. Many of us went for week-end camps, and others achieved outdoor proficiency badges. We congratulate P.L. Fiona Rait who has passed the required tests to make her a First Class Guide, and in addition to this she has won her All-Round Cards.

At our last night in June, Mrs Crossland came and kindly presented prizes to some of the Guides. These awards were for such things as:—Attendance—Muriel Russel; Best Recruit—Morag MacDonald; Best Guide—Jill Crossland; Patrol Leader's Cup—Fionna Rait; Smartest Guides—Sheila Wylie and Valerie Niven; All-Round Excellence—Lynda Forbes.

Our year's Guiding was rounded off by 32 of us all going for our first ever week's camp to Comrie, in July. This proved to be a success, the weather being extremely kind to us, and the Guiding spirit and laws were upheld by all. The Guides went on various expeditions and competed for a Patrol Challenge Cup, and some Guides and Guiders were even energetic and brave enough to climb half-way up Ben Chonzie and watch the sunrise!

Session 1965-66 started on the 2nd September and continues every Thursday night till June—we take the opportunity of inviting all young girls between the ages of 11 and 16 to come and join us from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. on any of these nights, in the church hall.

Jane C. Clements (Captain).

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We are drawing near to the commencement of the Youth Fellowship for the year 1965-66 and I would like to take this opportunity of reminding you that the first meeting will take place on Sunday, 3rd October, in the church hall at 7.45 p.m. when we will be having a Film Night. I am looking forward to seeing you there. To all of you of 16 years and over a warm welcome is extended.

We are having a Barn Dance on Friday, 17th September, at Lorimer's Farm, Bonnyton Moor, starting at 8 p.m. and finishing at approximately 12.30 a.m. It is hoped to have a folk singer present for your entertainment.

Tickets can be obtained from any member of the committee at a cost of 3/1d and if you do not have transport, a shuttle service of cars from the Church Lane to the Farm from 8 - 9 p.m. is being arranged.

Please bring your friends along and remember—everybody dress casual.

Michael Craig, President.

2nd MEARNS BROWNIE PACK

The Brownie meetings were regularly attended throughout the session and with the advent of the summer weather quite a few of our Thursday meetings were held outside with games and nature study in the park.

On Saturday, 1st May, the Brownie Revels were held in Eastwood Park with warm sunshine overhead. Games, competitions, camp-fires with fried sausages and a pow-wow were arranged and a very enjoyable afternoon was passed.

Towards the end of the session two of our Badge Brownies "flew up" to Guides with a most impressive array of colourful badges decorating their Brownie uniforms. We wish them continued success in the Guides.

Brownies completed the 64-65 session on 17th June with the usual prize-giving.

On September 16th at 6 o'clock the 1965-66 session commences and I would welcome all girls between the ages of 7 and 11 to join with us in our Thursday evening meetings.

Joan O. Simpson, Brown Owl.

THE LIFE BOYS

The 79th Company of the Life Boys will resume on Friday, 10th September, in the hall at 6.30 p.m. A warm invitation is given to all boys between 8 and 11 years to join.

THE SPARKS

A desire has been expressed that an organisation catering for those younger than the Life Boys should be formed. We have procured a Leader and the first meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd September, at 5 p.m. in our church hall. Boys between 5 and 7 years of age will be welcomed.

DISTRICT SESSION MEETINGS

The Kirk Session of Mearns Kirk, Broom and our own church have decided to have three meetings on Sunday Evenings, September 12th, October 10th and November 14th—the second Sunday of each month. Addresses are to be given on the subjects—"The Elder and the Congregation"; "The Elder and the Courts of the Church"; "The Elder and the Parish." These will be delivered by Rev. Murdoch Bennett of Eaglesham, Rev. Andrew Herron the Clerk of the Presbytery, and the Rev. James Currie of St. James' Pollok, respectively. The elders will divide up into groups afterwards for discussion, and re-assemble to put forward their findings. As we do not wish to deprive anyone from coming to an evening service in the district, a warm invitation is given to anyone to be present at the first part. The first will be held in the Broom Church, the second in Mearns Parish Hall, and the third in our own.

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The next Supplement will be available for distributors on November 14th, 1965.

If you have any material that you think would be interesting to the congregation would you endeavour to have it in the hands of the Minister not later than 14 days before date of issue?

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The Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings at 7.45 p.m.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.

Captain: Mr ALEX. J. WATT, 47 Braefield Drive, Thornliebank.
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THE LIFE BOYS—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.

Leader: Mr DONALD McDOUGALL, 4 Raeside Avenue. Telephone: NEW 2756
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THE GIRL GUIDES.

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