CORRESPONDENCE

ITALIANS IN SCOTLAND.

Sir,—I greatly admired and I am thankful to you for your article, "The Italians in Scotland," which I found true in every word of it.

You can't, on the other hand, convince us about Mussolini's foreign politics, like you point it out on Saturday, the man who is in Europe who makes big noise against Mussolini Government? Only France! France thinks to keep Italy down by creating a lot of enemy round her neck, as Mussolini is too wise for that. France has no business to stir up trouble Italy and Italy against Italy like she did in this Geneva meeting. If France is entitled to make as many friendly nations as she can why the case should not be the same for Italy? Italy never make any noise when France sign friendly treaty.—I am, &c.,

A. Barufati.

15 Victoria Street, Dundee.

MANSES AND OWNERS' RATES.

Sir,—Hitherto parish ministers, unlike ministers of the non-Established Churches, have been liable for owners' as well as occupiers' rates, although they are in some owners of their manses than those of ministers.

When the ecclesiastical buildings have been actually transferred to the General Trustees of the Church, the latter will be liable for the owners' rates, but, as they have no funds for the purpose, they will have to fall back upon the individual congregations.

Now that the 1925 Act is in existence, some Kirk Sessions and congregations are asking ministers of what has always been regarded as an unfair burden, without waiting for the actual transference of the property. Why should not this injustice be removed by Kirk Sessions at once and in every case?—I am, &c.,

J. T. C.

Aberdeen, Dec. 15, 1926.

ALYTH DEN.

Sir,—I had an hour to spare in Alyth yesterday, and walked through part of their beautiful Den. I had heard so much about it that this winter time one could picture it a wonderful place it must be in the summer season. But, would you believe it, as you enter this lovely place, the first thing for all the rubbish is there? I know any of the Town Council of Alyth, but I think they take the advice of a stranger and change their dumping place into town's rubbish.—I am, &c.,

James Wood.

Perth, 15th December, 1926.

POWER FROM THE RIVER TAY.

Sir,—Those of us who, though no longer young, can dream dreams and see visions will always bear in mind that in the actual mind we are generally regarded as useless lunatics, and so, along with the promoting schemes of this sort, I am fully aware that there isn't the slight probability of any one of these ever being carried out.

But I think it would save a great deal of trouble if Professor Fulton and Mr. N. R. Dobson were to cross the Tay Bridge at low water, say, about 10 a.m. and look towards the Tay. The amount of sand and the total entire absence of water would rather surprise them, and, for all the Dundee Bows above the bridge, it could be seen by the probationists in one day. A similar state of matters exists between Tighty Castle, where the channel proper is much wider than a street. A glance at the tidal chart of the Dundee Harbour will bear me out.

Then, leaves us with that portion of River between Broughty and the Tay, where there is any considerable depth of water which could be used for the purpose. Engineer has proved very feasible, and my more land reclaiming schemes facilitating against the scour of river by reducing the volume of water within the River. This opinion may be open to criticism, but it must go with the Trust. Therefore, all our schemes are barren.—I am, &c.,

William Reid.

THE POOR WHO NEVER SPEAK.

Sir,—There are many Christmas appeals all quarters at this time of the year. The poor we have ever with us, and also we have an open ear to the cry of the needy. But there are both poor and poor. There are the poor who crouch under their poverty with their pride outstretched, and who have the gift of hiding the tale at this season of the year. Much harsh need be said against them, that it is hard to bear, and the exercise of charity will not do the giver any harm.

But there is the other sort of poor—the poor—who suffer and say nothing. They are mostly elderly people, some with only the bare old age pension, which is hopelessly insufficient to provide the necessities of life, and the high cost of living to-day has stricken them with cruel force. In many respectable districts of the city of Dundee, it would be a heartrending tale would be told. But the silent poor are as dumb as the walls. While the more vocal poor get their large share of what charity is going, the silent poor suffer in silence.

There are many of the citizens in Dundee always willing to contribute towards the unknown poor—the poor who do not ask.—I am, &c.,

Pat Reilly.

55 Perth Road, Dundee.

FIFE MOTOR 'BUS TEST CASE

K.C. Questions Magistrates' Powers

"Is it not that the conditions of transport have entirely outgrown the legislation?" said Mr J. A. Watson, K.C., Edinburgh, in Dunfermline Police Court yesterday during a test case of unusual interest to motor omnibus proprietors.

Mr Watson appeared for the defendar in the case, which was ultimately taken to avizandum by Bailie M'Clelland.

Stewart Benson, bus proprietor, Church Street, Cowdenbeath, was charged that, being the holder of a license granted by the Magistrates entitling him to ply for hire between Dunfermline and Lochore and a time-table approved by the Magistrates, he did on 2nd December, a day on which he was prohibited from plying, he did not conform to those regulations.

He pleaded not guilty.

James Macfarlane, depute town clerk, Dunfermline; John Methven Mitchell, county clerk of Fife; and Robert Robertson, inspector of omnibuses, gave evidence with regard to the drawing up of the time-table, which provided for a fifteen minutes service between Dunfermline and Lochore during the week and a five minutes service on Saturday.

Prior to the introduction of these bye-laws, which came into effect on 6th Sept., there was a five minutes daily service, but the authorities were satisfied that this was in excess of requirements. There was a good deal of speeding by the 'buses, due to the competition.

It had been found impossible in drawing up a time-table to allow every 'bus to run to schedule. A group system was adopted whereby the various owners were to stay off the road for three days each week.

Evidence was given that Benson had been conveying passengers on 2nd December, a day on which he was not entitled to be on the road, was given by two police officers.

"Oppressive" Regulations.

Objection to the relevancy of the complaint was taken by Mr Watson.

The Magistrates, he said, had undoubtedly the right in the interests of public safety to regulate traffic, but when they went further and set up a time-table like this they were not regulating traffic, but were disturbing business.

"I submit that these bye-laws are ultra vires," he declared, "in respect that they have no validation under the Act under which they proceed, that they are oppressive in the legal sense in respect that they are in restraint of trade, and that they are repugnant to the law in respect that they have no authority to make such regulations in restraint of trade. These bye-laws, however excellent in intention and however growing in need, are in excess of the powers which have been given to the authorities by Parliament."

Chief Constable Bruce, Dunfermline, who prosecuted, said that under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, authority had been given to the Magistrates to regulate the times of departure and arrival of omnibuses. He held this to be sufficient authority to extend to the regulations restricting as to plying on certain days in the week, as defined by the present grouping system.

He quoted authority to show that the lower Courts should not take into consideration the question of the validity of the bye-laws at all.

Bailie M'Clelland intimated that he would give his decision on Monday, 27th Dec.

CAKE ICING AT DUNSHALT W.R.I.

The monthly meeting of Dunshalt W.R.I. was held in the Public Hall—Miss Ritchie presiding over a large attendance.

Miss Agnes Gray 2 Miss Smith gave a demonstration in cake icing. In the steamed gingerbread competition Mr Allan awarded the prizes—1 Miss Agnes Gray; 2 Miss Smith.

The programme was sustained by Misses Pringle and Young and Mr W. Allan.

The hostess was Miss Ritchie, assisted by Mrs Currie, Mrs Tosh, and Miss Young.

U.C.D. ASSISTANT LECTURER WEDS

"Courier and Advertiser" Photo

The wedding took place in St Enoch's Parish Church, Dundee, yesterday of Miss Ada Malcolm, assistant lecturer in physics at University College, and daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex. Malcolm, 67 Magdalen Yard Road, and Mr Balfour Williamson, son of Mr David Williamson headmaster of Glebelands Public School. Photo shows the bride and bridegroom, Kathleen Malcolm, maid of honour, and Malcolm Ross.

HONOUR FOR DUNDEE R.N.V.R. SIGNALMAN

TO TOUR WITH DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK.

A second member of Dundee Division, R.N.V.R., has been chosen to join H.M.S. Renown, in which the Duke and Duchess of York are to make their trip to Australia.

He is Signalman Louis Hackney, 79 King Street, who is employed as a fitter by the Caledon Shipbuilding & Engineering Co., Ltd.

Signalman Hackney is an enthusiastic member of the R.N.V.R. which he joined nearly six years ago. He has done sea training on several battleships, and recently took special courses in signalling at Portsmouth, passing out as leading signalman.

Petty Officer Hector Scott, 20 Reid Street, and Signalman Hackney are due to report at Portsmouth on 3rd January, and the tour begins on 6th January.

COLLESSIE NURSING ASSOCIATION

Monimail and Collessie Nursing Association held their annual meeting yesterday at Letham Hall, with Mrs Leslie Melville of Melville, president, in the chair.

Miss Hutchison, secretary, Mr Hill, treasurer, reported the total income for the year was £156 and the expenditure £180. There was a credit balance of £294.

Office-bearers were appointed as follows—President, Mrs Leslie Melville; vice-presidents, Mrs Balfour, Forrest Castle; hon. secretary, Mrs Storrar, Habhill; hon. treasurer, Mr John Black; committee—Mrs Spencer Nairn, Leslie House; Miss Nairn, Rankeilfour; Mrs Walker, Rankeilfour Hope; Mrs Dun, Connoquhie; Mrs Watt, Kilburny; Mrs Gray, Ballantagar; Mrs Melville, Letham; Mrs Tuglie, Letham; Mrs Strang, Collessie Mill; Mrs Mitchell, Collessie; Mrs Forsyth, Newton of Collessie; and Mrs Taylor, the Manse, Collessie.

ABERNYTE WHIST DRIVE.

The Abernyte and District Recreation Club held a successful whist drive and dance in the School, Abernyte, on 10 taking part in the drive, with Mr W. J. Stewart, Kirkton, as cardmaster.

Prizes gifted by Mrs Tosh, Lochton Castle, Mrs James Lawson, Hilltown; and Rev. Mr Smith, U.F. Manse, were presented to the winners by Mrs Smith, U.F. Manse, Ladies—1 Julia Greig, Perth; 2 Miss Ella Clark, Fingask; consolation, Miss N. Davidson, Perth. Gentlemen—1 Mr Cameron, Pitkindie; 2 Mr T. Donaldson; Southfield; consolation, Mr A. Milne, Rosie Cottage. Travelling Prizes—Miss M. M'Leary, Abernyte, and Mr James Reid, Abernyte. A well attended dance followed, with Mr A. Allison as M.C., music being supplied by Mr F. Batchelor's party, Collace.

BARNHILL MASONIC FUNERAL.

The funeral of J. A. Sinclair, a former Senior Warden of Lodge Broughty Castle (558), took place to Barnhill Cemetery yesterday.

Rev. Gordon Quig, Chaplaid of Lodge Grange, Monifieth (1073), conducted the service at the house and grave. The R.W.M. of Lodge Broughty Castle, Alex. Ramsay, and J. A. Brownlie, P.S.M., took part in the ceremony.

A. J. Forbes, Director of Music of the Lodge, had the brethren in the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light." A wreath of acacia and deceased's Masonic apron were dropped on the coffin by the brethren.

At the second monthly meeting of Lochearnhead W.R.I. in the Institute Lady MacGregor of MacGregor presided over a gathering of fifty-five members and introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs Stewart Fotheringham, whose subject was "Hoodoo Neighbours."

An enjoyable evening was spent by the Sunday School teachers of St David's Parish Church, Dundee, at the annual "At Home," held in the Church Hall. A beautiful timepiece was presented to Mr Andrew Fyfe, secretary of the Sunday School, by Mrs Geo. MacLean, on behalf of the teachers, on the occasion of his forthcoming wedding. An address was given by Rev. Geo. M. MacLean.

WELL-KNOWN MONTROSE MAN DEAD

The death took place yesterday morning, suddenly, of Mr W. F. M'Hardy, at 104 Northesk Road, Montrose.

Deceased, who was a native of Arbuthnott, went to reside in Montrose about forty years ago, and was a well-known figure in the burgh. He was for a short time with the Montrose police, under S.-Superintendent Wilson, but resigned and took over the Black Bull Hotel, which was afterwards destroyed by fire.

He had also business connections with Johnshaven, Arbroath, and Tarradale. He spent 20 years in the service of the Town Council, to whom he had been a faithful employee.

Mr M'Hardy published in 1889 a delightful book of poems "Bonnie Montrose." It is an enjoyable book, concerning mostly the beauties of his adopted town.

Deceased, who was 75 years of age, is survived by his widow and a grown-up family.

SIR JAMES BARRIE'S EARLY FEES

£445 PAID FOR "THE DYNASTS" FIRST EDITION.

Some sidelights upon authors and their work are revealed in a collection of autograph letters sold at Messrs Hodgson & Co.'s saleroom in London yesterday.

The letters included examples by Sir Jas Barrie, H. G. Wells, Thomas Hardy, Geo. Meredith, and Arnold Bennett.

In one of these Barrie, writing from Kirriemuir 35 years ago (he was then 31), refers to an offer of £1000 for a novel or "a dozen short stories!" "I would not care to make any agreement for less," he says.

A year later he writes that "Smiths offered me £1250 for book rights (not serial) in America for two books, but I declined," and referring to requests for contributions he says, "I regret being told what I am to write about."

Mr H. G. Wells has some references in early letters to the work he was then doing. This was in 1896 on "The War of the Worlds." "I won't let anything stand in the way of my doing my very best on this thing," he says.

The first edition in three volumes of Thomas Hardy's drama, "The Dynasts," brought £445, the purchaser being Mr Spencer. The edition was notable on account of the autographed inscriptions in the author's own hand.

Some rare Dickens volumes in the collection of the late Mr Walter Herries Pollock were sold. Chief of these was a copy of "Mr Nightingale's Diary," a one-act farce, in which Dickens collaborated with Mark Lemon, then the editor of "Punch." Only three copies of this play are known to exist, and that offered yesterday went to Mr Spencer for £35. It is a thin, little volume of only 25 pages.

DEAD MAN TWO DAYS IN TRAIN

IDENTIFIED AS MISSING OFFICIAL.

A man was found dead, with his throat cut, yesterday in a first-class coach of the 7.25 a.m. train from Watford to London.

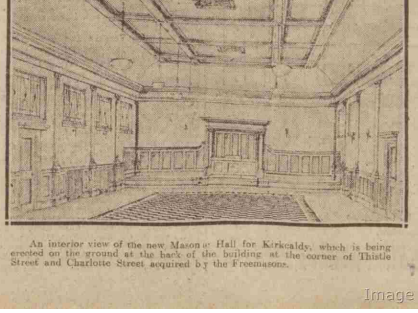
The discovery was made just before the train left Watford. The carriage had been in a siding all night, and it is believed the man had been dead two days.

The body was identified as that of Mr Dan Pelliar, who was appointed Official Receiver at Northampton in March last year, and had been missing from home since Monday.

At a meeting of the sub-committee of the Stewart M'Phail Memorial Nursing Association at Kennoway, Rev. William A. Gillies, B.D., hon. secretary, reported that the sum of £22s 4s 6d had been collected in the parish for the Queen Alexandra Memorial.

Biggiswade (Beds.) Guardians have discovered that the scars for bobbing and singling has spread to female inmates of their institution. An accident brought the matter before the Board, the Matron having fractured her arm, and being unable to continue to perform the bobbing and singling of the female inmates.

NEW MASONIC HALL FOR KIRKCALDY



An interior view of the new Masonic Hall for Kirkcaldy, which is being erected on the ground at the back of the building at the corner of Thistle Street and Charlotte Street acquired by the Freemasons.

FILMING THE GOLDEN EAGLE

Perth Lecturer's Studies of Bird Life

Wonderful photographic studies of the golden eagle in flight and in repose made a big impression on the audience in the City Hall, Perth, last night, when, under the auspices of the Duncan Trust, Captain C. W. R. Knight lectured on "The Filming of the Golden Eagle."

In 1924, said the lecturer, he had visited Scotland in search of a subject to secure a film of the golden eagle, but of four eyries which he had visited three had been robbed by the egg-collecting fraternity and the fourth contained only two rotten eggs. (Laughter.)

This summer he decided to try again, but his programme was held up for a period by the general strike, and he contented himself with taking interest in his own garden of the golden crested wren. Captain Knight showed an interesting little film depicting the life of the wren.

At last the lecturer and a companion set off for Scotland, where some excellent photographs were secured. After climbing a precipitous cliff and ensconsing himself in a "hide," from which photographs were taken, Captain Knight saw two eagles, one a female and the other a male. Among the food lying on their ledge were six grouse, three or four rabbits, and the carcases of several hares.

In this first eyrie the female eaglet fought the male, and overcame the three at over the ledge and killed it. "Close ups" of the struggle between the pair were shown. It was well known that the female that if there were two eaglets in a nest the female frequently killed the male.

Another eyrie was built on a ledge on a steep cliff, and after a time the nest fell to the ground below. Fortunately, however, the eaglet was not hurt, and some more interesting pictures of the mother feeding her young were obtainable from the ground. Some fine "close ups" were shown of the pair of growing eaglets in action, slow motion being used to obtain the full beauty and power of their flight.

In concluding, Captain Knight showed several pictures of a captive golden eagle which he has tamed and trained as a falcon.

KIRRIE WITHOUT A PROVOST

TOWN COUNCIL PROBLEM.

Developments, which are expected over the appointment of a Provost, a Town Clerk, and two new members of the Kirriemuir Town Council, will be watched with interest by the townspeople.

The position which was taken up at the Town Council meeting on Wednesday night, when the appointment of a new Provost was the chief matter, is an extraordinary one, and because of it there will probably be no out a civic chief for some little time yet.

It was generally expected prior to the meeting that Bailie Moir would be appointed to the chair unanimously, and inquiries made at Kirriemuir yesterday did not elicit that any new aspirant to the provostship has come forward.

The Council—or, at least, some of the members—could not see eye to eye on the period during which Bailie Moir should hold office, and with the Bailie declining to serve as an interim Provost an impasse was reached.

The legal position does not appear to be absolutely clear to the Council, and differences constructions are being placed on the Town Council Act, which governs the appointment. In the opinion of Mr Mitchell, an authority on the Act, indicates that in the event of a vacancy of an unusual kind occurring in the provostship, the Town Council, the Council may appoint a successor for the period of three years, or until the Town Council's period of office expires.

It is learned in Kirriemuir, however, that opposition to the appointment of Bailie Moir for another three years is strong, and agree as to the period for which he should be appointed.

CHURCH WEDDING AT LOGIE, CUPAR

The wedding took place in the U.F. Church, Logie, Cupar, of Miss Mima Cuthbert, elder daughter of the late James Brown, Kettlebridge, and Mr Robert Keith, to Mr Francis Keith, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Keith, New Gilston.

Rev. Jas. Morton, gave the officiating clergyman, and the bride was given away by her brother Mr A. Brown. The bridesmaids were Misses Jessie Aitken, Cupar, and Miss Jean Brown, while the groomsmen was Mr William Duncan, Tayport.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Church Hall, when the guests were received by Mrs Brown.

The bride wore a charming dress of ivory satin with a delicately embroidered net veil—the gift of her grandmother, Mrs Cuthbert, Blairgowrie—and carried a bouquet of white crysanthemums. The bridesmaids were also prettily dressed, Miss Aitken favouring a dress of powder blue georgette with the tunic edged with silver lace, while a circlet of silver leaves adorned her bobbed hair. Miss Brown wore a simple, but charming, dress of white silk.

PERTH BOY SCOUTS' WHIST DRIVE.

Ninety couples attended last night in the Lesser City Hall, Perth, a whist drive and dance in aid of the funds of the 24th (St John's Parish) Troop of Boy Scouts.

Dancing took place to the strains of the Savoria Orchestra. Assistant Scoutmaster D. S. Smith and A. F. G. Miller were M.C.s.

The whist prizes were presented by Major Pullar as follows:—Ladies—1 Miss L. Officer; 2 Miss M. S. Thomson; 3 Miss M. J. Officer; and Miss J. Shaw (equal). Consolation, Mrs G. Crighton; spot prize, Miss Muriel Thomson. Gentlemen—1 Mr J. Thomson; 2 J. Scott and R. Smith (equal); consolation, Miss Cissie Dadd; playing as gentl; spot prize, Mr R. L. Welsh; travelling prize, Mr J. Winton.

KINCARDINE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS.

At the meeting of Kincardineshire County Council, Stonehaven, yesterday, Mr Geo. William Low, Balmakewan, was re-appointed chairman and convener of the Tuberculosis Committee for the ensuing year, while Mr Porteous, Lauriston, St Cyrus, was appointed vice-convener.

The various committees were also formed.

BAKING COMPETITION AT KENBACK W.R.I.

The December meeting of Kenback W.R.I. was held in Dura Den Hall, when Mrs Gilroy provided a cinematograph entertainment, which was much enjoyed.

Miss Smith, Dura, judged the baking competition, and her awards were as follows—Plain cake (not to exceed 4s)—1 Miss Beckett, 2 Miss R. Edie; Christmas pice—Mrs Beckett; Christmas present competition (not to exceed 2s 6d)—1 Miss Edie, 2 Mrs G. Stevenson. Miss Spittal sang to the accompaniments of Miss Laing.

NEWPORT GUILD SOCIAL MEETING.

A social meeting of St Fillan's U.F. Church Guild, Newport, was held, when Rev. John A. Clark presided over a large attendance.

Tea was served from flower-decked tables by Misses B. T. Young, Dorothy Wilson, Husband, Latto, M'Millan, Breen, and Tate.

An interesting feature of the programme was Mr James Lawson's account of a recent visit to Budapest. Others contributing to the evening's enjoyment were:—Misses Jean Geordon, B. Wilson, Nellie Carswell, Rena Clark, and Mr W. Weir Breen.

BALMERINO W.R.I. LECTURE.

The usual monthly meeting of Balmerino W.R.I. was held in Morison Duncan Hall—Mrs Fearn, president, in the chair. Miss Marshall, secretary Fife Federation, gave an interesting lecture on "Citizenship," and later in the evening a talk on Institute work.

Mrs Fearn's reading was greatly enjoyed, as were Miss Clark's and Miss Davidson's songs. Mrs M'Cullock and Miss Morrison were accompanists.

Tea was served by Mrs Clark and Mrs Taylor, with assistants.

In Came Mrs Fezziwig

One was substantial smile; in came the three Miss Fezziwigs; in came Mrs Fezziwig, paid with her cousin, the baker; in they all came—some slyly, some boldly. It was Christmas time, good old Christmas time. Nowadays this jolly season is enhanced by the addition of Mince Pies, Pastry, etc., made with Robertson's "Golden Shred" mincemeat.—Advt.

BLAIRGOWRIE SALE OF WORK

Opened by Lady Ramsay of Bamff

Lady Ramsay of Bamff made her first public appearance in Blairgowrie yesterday afternoon, when she performed the opening ceremony at a sale of work held by the Ladies' Work Guild and Girls' Guild of the South U.F. Church, in the Church Halls, Rev. J. W. More presided.

Lady Ramsay in an address said that women sewed their thoughts into their work more literally than any man knew. How many thoughts—worries, hopes, joys, and sorrows—must be represented in the work on the stalls that day. But she was sure the prevailing thought in the minds of the lady workers must have been one of loyalty to their church.

A vote of thanks to Lady Ramsay was moved by Mr R. G. Smith, Drumcairn, and a basket of confections was presented to her by Master Eric Thomson, Brambleknowe.

The ladies in charge of the stalls were:—Work stall No. 1—Mrs T. Thomson, Mrs W. Crooks, Mrs Cromarty, Mrs John B. Crockart, Miss Saunders, and Mrs W. Baxter. Work stall No. 2—Miss Smith, Miss M'Millan, Miss M'Ritchie, and Mrs M'Lean, Miss Mitchell, Miss M'Nab, and Miss Reid. Cake and candy stall—Mrs Ford, Miss Laird, Mrs Jas. Williamson, Mrs W. Connel, Mrs D. W. Baxter, and Miss Wylie.

Girls' Guild stall—work section—Miss Henderson, Miss M. Stewart, Miss Alexander, Miss M. Sim. Kitchen section—Mrs Williamson, Miss M'Ritchie, and Mrs Blacklaw. Produce—Miss Sidey, Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Davidson, Mrs Lamond, Mrs Smith, Mrs Cooper, Miss Smith, Mrs John Duncan, Mrs J. Baxter, Mrs Downie, Miss M. Robertson, Miss R. Robertson, Miss Denholm, Miss N. Sidey, Miss Allison, Miss Bruce, and Miss Ferrier.

The proceeds will be devoted to congregational and foreign missionary purposes.

ARBROATH BAND'S OFFER TO TOWN COUNCIL

WIPING OFF A DEBT.

A deputation from Arbroath Instrumental Band, including the president and secretary, met the Parks Committee of Arbroath Town Council yesterday and discussed with them the situation which has arisen out of the Council's proposal to deduct the year £10 from the usual grant of £30 to the band to be applied towards wiping off a debt of £80 due the Council by the band.

The band representatives pointed out the band was quite willing to pay off the debt mentioned, but their present financial position would not allow them to do so. If permission were given the band to provide open-air concerts in the season at the Town House or Bloomfield Bridge the finances of the band would be improved, and they would thereby be enabled to meet the debt more easily.

The Parks Committee thanked the deputation for their information, and indicated that they would seriously consider the matter.

PITTENWEEM SHIPMASTER FINED £30

ILLEGAL TRAWLING.

In Haddington Sheriff Court yesterday, James Taylor, shipmaster, Kirkgate House, Pittenweem, was ordered to pay of fine of £30, with the option of thirty days' imprisonment, for illegal trawing within the prohibited area of the Bass Rock on Monday, November 22.

It appeared that when the accused's trawler, "Pride of Queen," was caught using an otter trawl by the fishery cruiser Brenda, Taylor explained that he had been unable to hire a beam trawl.

Taylor explained to his Lordship that no one in his common sense would have taken the risk he had taken, as there were only two fish in his net.

HIS WIFE PROVIDED THE FURNITURE

BERVIE FARMER'S ASSERTION IN BANKRUPTCY EXAMINATION.

George Stephen, farmer, Mains of Hall green, Bervie, was examined in bankruptcy before Sheriff Laing at Stonehaven. He admitted his liabilities were £3692 and his assets £1481.

In answer to Mr George Alexander, solicitor, who appeared for the trustees, Stephen said he was married about 30 years ago, and a year thereafter they took over the farm of Shargergreen, Netherdale.

Previous to that he was with his father at Woodside, Auchenblae. He took Shargergreen on a 19 years' lease, and at that time he had £250. It was a farm of 144 acres. His father-in-law, Robert and his father had given him the balance. Robert had lent him £1500. When his lease was out he went to Mains of Hallgreen. To go there he had borrowed £400 from William Weir, dairyman, Aberdeen, his brother-in-law.

Mr Alexander—Have you paid back any of the money you borrowed?—A pucklo o't; maybe £10.

Whom did you pay that to?—My brother.

Did you pay anything to your brother-in-law?—£75.

Furniture Question.

Stephen said he paid his brother during the war—good years for the farmers. He got a good subsidy, but he had to pay manure bills. He had also got £400 or £500 from his brother's estate on his death.

Mr Alexander—Have you a word in your state of affairs about furniture—No; it belongs to the wife.

How do you account for that?—She got it from her friends—her aunt, for instance.

In answer to further questions, he persisted that his wife got all the furniture he had from her.

Sheriff—Come away now; who bought the furniture?—My wife.

Stephen said he had not spent money on his house.

The Sheriff—Had your wife money?—Nae a lot.

He further stated that the state of affairs he had lodged was the full disclosure of his affairs.

The examination was continued until to-day.

JUMPER KNITTING AT BUTTERSTONE W.R.I.

Butterstone W.R.I. held their monthly meeting in Butterstone House, on the invitation of Miss Crabbie, president.

A demonstration on "Jumper cutting" was given by Mrs Lochhead. The sword dance was performed by Miss Menzies. After tea, dancing was engaged in to music supplied by Mrs Thomson (piano) and the president (drum).

The hostesses were Miss Crabbie, Miss Lochhead, Mrs Macdonald, and Miss G. Smith.

PERTH BUILDING PLANS.

Permission was granted at Perth Dean of Guild Court yesterday to Geo. Valentine, cutler, Craigie, Perth, to make alterations on plans passed by the Court in September in connection with reconstruction at his premises at 147-149 High Street, Perth, according to plans by Mr A. M. Lamond, solicitor, Perth.

Plans were submitted by Mr Norman Hindmarsh, solicitor, Perth, on behalf of Mr Thomas M'Gregor, retired farmer, Craigie Park House, Perth, who asked permission to erect a bungalow on ground belonging to him at Craigie Road. The burgh surveyor asked for a continuation for a week to investigate the proposal, and Bailie Baxter agreed.

Rev. J. K. Cameron, Auchterhouse, gave a lecture on "The Dog" at a meeting of Arbirlot Men's Club. He was thanked on the call of Rev. John Oliver.

The members of the Congregational Church Recreation Club, Montrose, last night received a lantern lecture from Mr Moir, who chose as his subject "Through Glass Eyes." The St Luke's U.F. Church Men's Club held a games evening.

Rev. Graham Nicol Warner, formerly of Berwick, was yesterday inducted collegiate minister of Elgin Parish Church in succession to Rev. J. C. Conn, now of St Stephen's, Broughty Ferry.

The following appointments were made at a statutory meeting of Trinity Gask Parish Council:—Chairman, Mr Wm. Brown, J.P.; delegate to U.S.C. Porthouse, Mr Jas. Dawson; representative to Central District Committee, Mr Peter M'Intosh; representative to St Margaret's Hospital, Mr John Ritchie; Finance and Churchyard Committee—Rev. D. J. M'Laren and Mr Wm. Brown.

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