

processors of shell-fish had been paying 18s a bag for cockles collected in the Kyle of Tongue area. This had brought work to about 16 people from Melness and Tongue in the past year. But this might peter out in a year or two when the rival beds were revived and to counteract this, Mr Mairland said that he had visited the company's factory near Liverpool.

He had got an assurance that if the supply from Sutherland could be increased, the company might well consider opening a small processing plant near Tongue, Lairg, or Dornoch.

75 YEARS AGO **(February 2nd, 1939)**

THE new road over the embankment at the Mound was opened to traffic on Tuesday forenoon. The first driver to negotiate any public vehicle over the new road was Mr James Macrae of the Highland Transport Company.

To Mr Macrae falls the distinction of being the first driver to cross several of these new road works. He felt very happy on Tuesday when told he would be the first official driver to take the switch round from the Mound bridge.

Motorists should note that in future they must use the new road. The old road is now barricaded against traffic. While the new road is unbarricaded on both sides, it is much wider than the old highway. Yet drivers must exercise the greatest care in ascending or descending the new route.

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WITH a view to developing the agriculture course at the Sutherland Technical School, Golspie, a demonstration croft is to be established. This scheme was recommended by the Agricultural Education

Advisory Committee some years ago but on account of the expense it would involve, the proposal was turned down.

It is now felt, however, that the formation of a demonstration holding can be successfully carried out and will have a definite educational value for boys. The proposed scheme is to cost £116 6s 6d.

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PLANS for the new school which Mrs Carnegie of Skibo is to erect near Clashmore village were submitted to Sutherland Education Committee. The plans have been adjusted by the department. The school will be built of brick. There will be two classrooms, a staffroom, lavatory and cloak room.

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MR Ali Davidson, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alex Davidson, Poultry Yards, Skibo, has received an appointment as an assistant planter with the American-Malayan Rubber Company. Mr Davidson sailed from London for Penang on 27th ult. A pupil of Skibo Public School and Dornoch Academy, Mr Davidson is a young man of sterling character. We feel sure he will give a good account of himself. His many friends congratulate him on his appointment and wish him every success.

100 YEARS AGO **(January 29th, 1914)**

REPRESENTATIVES of all the public bodies in Sutherland interested in public health matters met at Lairg yesterday for the purpose of making recommendations for the distribution of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Grant for the county of Sutherland.

There was a large attendance and the proceedings,

which lasted for about three hours, were of great interest. Mr Andrew Lindsay, convener of the county, was called upon to preside.

In his opening statement, the chairman gave a most lucid account of the intentions of the Dewar Commission in recommending a grant for the improvement of the medical and nursing service in the Highlands. He commended the good work done by the Sutherland Benefit Nursing Association and paid tribute to the services rendered by the founder of that organisation.

He suggested that one public health authority should have control of all public health affairs instead of divided control by the county council, parish council, insurance committee, school boards and other bodies as at present.

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WITH characteristic thoughtfulness and generosity, Mr E J Hall, of Inver Lodge, Lochinver, and Clayquhat, Blairgowrie, has again this season distributed through the agency of Mr Mackenzie, the Stores, a large number of valuable New Year gifts to his friends in the district. Mr Hall has recently acquired by purchase the fine estate and residence of Lundie, Edzell, Forfarshire, but it is pleasant to note that he still continues to take an interest in his Lochinver friends who hope that he may long be spared to come amongst them.

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A BOMB exploded in the Botanic Gardens, Glasgow, early on Saturday morning and caused some damage to the Kibble Palace. A watchman had a narrow escape from being injured by another bomb, the fuse attached to which he managed to cut in time.