

# TODAY'S NEWS

*Have I got old news for you?*

**1938**

**INJURED PILOT** walks two miles for help. Four occupants of an R.A.F. aeroplane were injured when it crashed in thick mist and heavy rain about 1,000ft. above sea level near Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire. The aeroplane was attached to Prestwich Aviation School, Ayrshire.

**1938**

**MAID'S WARNING** saves family from fire. Servant girl's warning enabled her employers and other servants to make dash **for safety** when fire destroyed part of Lochside House, the home of Mr R. A. Clapperton.

Mr Clapperton and his wife carried their two children, Ruth, aged two, and Charles, aged four months, to their gardener's cottage. They were **roused** by **Margaret Rice**, maidservant, who was awakened by **smoke** in her room on the top story. Two other servants were almost overcome by the smoke and were guided to safety by Mr Clapperton. West Renfrewshire Fire Brigade confined the fire to the servants' quarters.

## Disgraceful Scene at Lochwinnoch

**O**n Sabbath week this peaceful village was thrown into a state of great commotion, by the visitation of nearly a hundred miners, pitmen, and others, from the parish of Kilbirnie, bent on purposes of pleasure and something worse. It is commonly rumoured that a brutal fight was contemplated near the head of the Lake. In this, for the credit of humanity, they did not succeed.

During the day, several parties of these men found access to several of the public-houses in Lochwinnoch (not to the credit of those who keep them), where they drank without restraint. The churches were dismissing, it was truly painful to see so many young men swaggering along the streets in state of intoxication, outraging every feeling of decorum, and setting everything in connexion with religion and religious men at defiance.

Among others, the Reverend Graham, the minister of the parish, on his way from the pulpit to the manse, became the subject, first of their derision and then of their assault. One of the most outrageous and insolent of them, without a single word from Mr Graham, laid hold of him by the breast and demanded him to stop. Mr Graham presented his umbrella to his breast in return, and in an instant pushed him from his hold to a respectful distance. Several advances and as many repulsions took place were the minister got rid of his assailant.

## 1908

James Crighton, a man of eminently **respectable** appearance, admitted charge of **fire raising**, the indictment setting forth that had on New Year's day set fire to the grocer's shop occupied by him in **High Street, Lochwinnoch**, with intent to defraud the Northern Insurance Company.

## 1908

**Castlesemple Estate. Lochwinnoch,**



was exposed for sale in Edinburgh this week at **£100,000**, but there was no offer.

## 1907

A series of **thefts** have been perpetrated in the district during the last two weeks, and are receiving the strict attention of the police. The most notable one was the theft of the two



small **ancient cannons** which stood in front of Castlesemple House.

## 1900

**Lochwinnoch Golf Course:**

J. W. Cooper succeeded in lowering the record for the course, doing the double round in 79 strokes.

The affair was committed to the care of the Procurator Fiscal, who soon captured the daring outlaw, and, after a judicial examination, found it necessary to transmit the offender to the Paisley Prison to receive the reward of his deeds.

## Improvement in Trade 1827

**I**t is with pleasure we state, that in Renfrewshire and Ayrshire, there are decided appearances of improving trade. The cotton works, woollen factories, printfields, bleachfields, lime works, etc., are all brisk; and there is no scarcity of employment of some sort or other.

The two cotton works at Lochwinnoch are going full time, and give bread to about 400 of the inhabitants of the village. In all the villages the people are in much better spirits than formally.

In every part of Renfrewshire, there is a great demand for all kinds of harness work, and prices have advanced fully one-fourth. Weavers cannot in fact be procured to the extent required. In Lochwinnoch, which contains about 350 weavers all is bustle and activity in the heavy trimming line.

The earning of the harness weavers will average from 3s to 3s 6d a day. The muslin weaving has, however, only experienced a slight advance; and the lappet weavers, although they get abundance of work, not average more than from 5s to 7s a week.

There is no building this spring in Lochwinnoch, and the same may be said of every village in Ayrshire.