

Y.M.I. HARRIERS.

The Midland District held their first wartime open races on Saturday last at Garscadden. The trail was an unusual and in some ways unsuitable one. In some fields there was a one-way path where one found that to pass the man in front meant going over the shoes in mud and maybe not being able to get a place in the line further up, this also applied to a one-man path along a canal. One pleasing feature however, was the stripping accommodation, each team had a modern built room to themselves in the University A.C.'s Pavilion and the baths were a harrier's delight.

First race was a youths $2\frac{1}{2}$ mile team race. At the start our boys were seen to be packing together and they pulled each other out manfully but found the previous mentioned one-man tracks a hindrance when it came to moving up. Archie Coats moved up to the 6th position and held it till the end then came Muirden, Mooney and Orlun placed 11th, 12th and 13th--this was good going for them considering that it was Muirden's first open race, that it was the first race Mooney had run in because he works on Saturdays and had to get leave to run, his running was the surprise of the team. Orlun's studies have kept him from training so his effort deserves commemoration. The non-counting members of the team who backed the first four up in case of accidents were Roy, Millar and Longmire.

Result:—1. Shettleston; 2. Springburn; 3. Motherwell Y.M.C.A.

Following this came the senior $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles team race. This race was won by Bellahouston Harriers in convincing fashion. Individual placings were—1. Farrell (Maryhill); 2. Craig (Shettleston); 3. Lamb (Bellahouston), with our own champion W. Sommerville in the 7th place. Willie has shown that he can run in the best of company and the merit of his running can be judged by the fact that the six men who beat him were all international runners. Our man was the first "junior of the seniors" home, in pre-war days this would have gained him an award. There was some delay in counting up the other team places and we left for our bus hoping to get full details in the papers but newspapers do not go in for sports details now and we are awaiting official word as to what position Motherwell filled. We know, however, that C. Kirk was next Motherwell man in after Sommerville then came R. Burnside, after him W. Nicol beat R. Devon on the tape with W. Magowan next.

Our dance last week was the usual well-attended, well danced function. Next date to remember is Wednesday, April 17. Members ordinary and honorary please note that the annual presentation of prizes will be held on Wednesday, March 27. This function takes the form of a free and easy, members can bring their partners, venue is Lecture Hall at Y.M.L. tickets 1/6.

Saturday first ordinary run for seniors and youths at 3 p.m.

FARRELL FIRST HOME

JOHN FARRELL, Maryhill Harriers, proved too good for the opposition in the Midland District 6 miles individual race at Garscadden. He reached home a winner from Archie Craig, Shettleston, by 40 yards in 32 mins. 12 secs. while Tommy Lamb, Bellahouston, did well to finish third about 60 yards behind Craig.

Bellahouston Harriers were easy winners of the team race for which the aggregates were on an unusually low level for the first three teams.