

Banknock Colliery Silver Prize Band.

The above band, a photo of which will appear in our next issue was formed in May, 1912 by the miners in the little village of Dennyloanhead, Stirlingshire. This band was unknown in the contesting world previous to the year 1919, but since when they have made themselves well known throughout Scotland by their numerous successes.

Their most successful year was 1926 (the year of the miners' strike), for by consistent practice they were able to score two firsts and one second out of three contests entered for that year. In August, they annexed the Fanshawe trophy and all the solo medals (a performance they repeated the following year) which was competed for by ten bands belonging to the Falkirk and District Brass Band League for the first time. This success was all the more creditable, when one considers the fact that they were competing against 1st and 2nd section bands, while they themselves were still in the 3rd section. The third success that year was in October at Motherwell in the 3rd class championship, when they won the championship out of an entry of seventeen bands. In December they secured 2nd place after replay for 1st place in a contest for the Hawkes' Shield organised by the Falkirk and District B.B. League.

Mr. Robert Thomson of Kilsyth, the present conductor, is to be congratulated on the high standard of the band, especially in view of the fact that most of the present players have joined since "Old Bob" "took over" in 1918. There is just one other record of which the band are proud, and that is every man is a "local," and started his career with Banknock.
