

THE PRESIDENT

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club on 17 November 1982, Mr. E. F. Johnston was elected as the 32nd President in succession to Mr. P.F. Howgate.

Eric Johnston was born in Aberdeen and gained his banking qualifications during his early career with Aberdeen Savings Bank. He has since held senior positions as Manager of the St. Machar, Bucksburn and Southern Branches, followed by promotion to Bank Secretary, Senior Assistant General Manager and then to his present position as Area General Manager, East, for TSB Scotland.

Mr. Johnston joined the Club in 1954 and his wife, Joan, joined more recently. Mr. Johnston was appointed Meets Secretary in 1957 and held this position until 1967. He was Secretary from 1968 until 1972 and Vice-President from 1967 until 1969. As described in C.C.J., Vol. 17, No. 92 p.p 210/211, Mr. Johnston climbed the six Cairngorm tops on 31 July 1960, in a time of 11 hours 10 minutes.

Mr. Johnston was in the 4/7th Royal Dragoon Guards (Tank Crew) during the Second World War and saw service in north west Europe and in the Middle East.

Mr. Johnston has climbed in the French and Swiss Alps and throughout the United Kingdom. He was Chairman of the Aberdeenshire Countryside Committee from 1972 until 1974 and his long experience of Club matters as a member and office bearer, fit him well for the Presidency.

