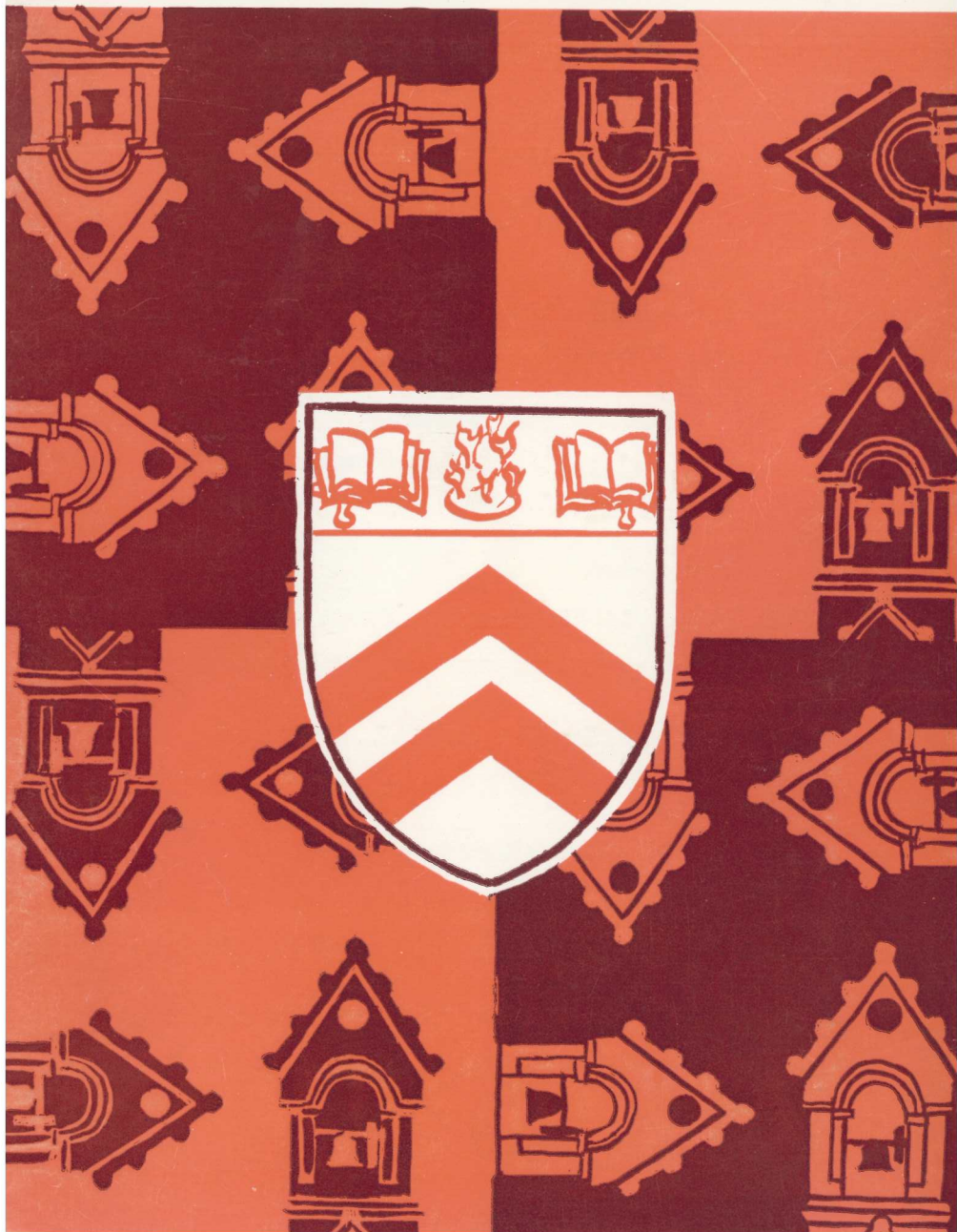


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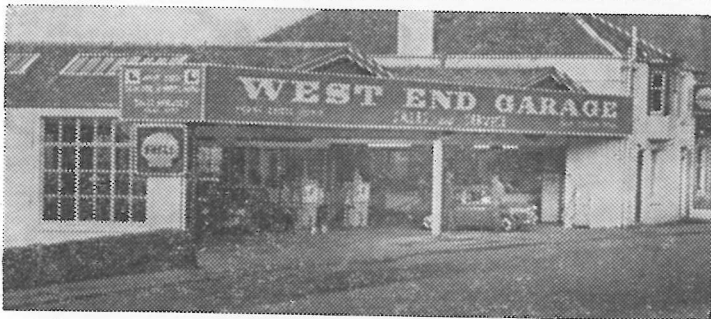
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editorial

THIS year 'The Morrisonian' comes to you in glorious technicolour. The new design and colour scheme are an attempt to dazzle you so that you do not read any further than the Editorial and the Editors' names — which you will find on Page 1. Sadly, we could not include colour photographs too, but autographs can be obtained in the Prefects' Room for a small fee.

Which brings us to another fact which will, no doubt, have surprised you: that is the small increase in price of a few pence. We regret this, and can only plead that decimalisation, the EEC, raging inflation and all are, surprisingly, beyond our control.

We were going to write this in French to show how outward-looking and EEC-conscious we are, but not wishing to demonstrate our linguistic acrobatics, we refrained. Tant pis pour vous!

We nearly forgot to say that in our first week's plea for articles, we were inundated with one poem, but slowly contributions trickled in. We were very impressed with the articles from the younger boys; plagiarism, or we could call it eclectic research — either from previous 'Morrisonians' or lesser publications — accounts for less representation of the older boys' work. This, of course, does not include us, as we were heavily burdened by the responsibility of writing this esoteric, erudite and egotistical Editorial, not to mention tramping through the streets of Crieff in search of willing advertisers.

In conclusion (about time too, the clamouring populace cry), we should like to thank Mr Andrews, without whose inspiration, and at times groan-provoking instructions, this would never have been possible.

So, 110 years after the School's foundation, we present the 1971 'Morrisonian', and for what you are about to read may you be truly thankful.

SCHOOL NOTES

The School officials this season are:

School Captain: W. P. BALFOUR

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Wooley.

The School has had its share of misfortune this session. Mr Turner became ill at the end of the Christmas Term and was in hospital and convalescing for the whole of the Easter Term. Now, we are glad to say, he is back among us, and we hope he feels fully restored to good health. We are once again grateful to friends of the School for coming out of retirement to help us: Miss Margaret Bayne, formerly Principal Teacher of English at the Girls' School and familiar already with our ways, and Miss E. B. Bain, formerly in charge of Geography at the Girls' School, shared Mr Turner's classes between them. After Mr Watson's departure at Christmas, Mr A. F. Macrae resumed the well-worn path from the gate at the foot of Academy Park and has once again exhorted and led Form 4 through the mysteries of 'O' Grade Latin. To all three, good friends of the School, we are very grateful.

Last summer term saw a variety of excursions and activities. Visits to Pitlochry Festival Theatre to see "The Lion In Winter", "Candida", "A Doll's House" and "The Twelve-Pound Look" were rewarding experiences for many senior boys: we are fortunate in having such a talented company comparatively near us. In June, five boys went to the Outward Bound Moray Sea School at Burghead near Elgin. Their course, which lasted a month, included rock-climbing, swimming, sailing, cross-country runs, expeditions in the Cairngorm area and frequent cold showers. This June, four boys are following their footsteps.

At the beginning of the session ominous gaps appeared in the green swards of Academy Park. Shortly here was to be the birth of the boys' new Primary Block, which after a slow start seemed to sprout overnight. At the time of writing, break brick and harling replace several of the stout lime trees which once proudly dominated the Park, and the new Block will be opened on September 17th by Sir Malcolm Knox, a former Chairman of Governors.

Probably the most pleasing news of the session has been from the Universities. The following Bursary awards have been announced:

Aberdeen

W. A. FERGUSON—Matilda Murray Bursary in Science (Botany, Zoology, Physics).

D. R. PERRY — Peter Gordon (Cabrach) Bursary in Arts (Latin, French, History).

H. D. WATSON—Dingwall and Fullerton Bursary in Arts (Maths, Physics, French).

Edinburgh

D. W. McNEILL—John and Isabella MacDougall Bursary in Arts (French, German, English).

St. Andrews

G. A. HAY—Taylor Thomson Bursary in Arts (French, German Latin).

These represent considerable academic achievement, and we offer our sincere congratulations to the winners.

In November there were again boys competing in the French Prose and Verse-Speaking Competition for Perthshire schools. In the French section two boys from Form 1—L. T. S. W. Muir and J. A. Strathearn—were placed first, and in Form 5, A. T. Laidlaw was placed third. In the German section B. Ivison, of Form 5, was placed second.

In December Mr Watson took a large party of all ages to Perth City Hall for a Carol Concert. There were Bible readings and carols in Latin, French, Spanish, German, Italian and Gaelic. Ceud Mille Failte to the Common Market — or should the operative words be Suas Leis a' Ghaidhlig, Alba gu brath!

This session a record club was formed jointly with the Girls' School. Weekly meetings have been held, and records featuring a wide range of composers, from Mozart to Shostakovitch, were played.

We congratulate I. G. M. Bryson of Form 4 on his success in the Theory of Music exam, Grade 5 (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music): good luck to him in Grade 6 (Intermediate) of the violin exam.

The Schools' Christmas Dance was held in a transformed Academy Hall on December 21st, to the tones of the Strathearn Dance Band, perhaps unfamiliar to the hardened ears of regular stompers, and the Summer Dance will be held on July 5th, also in Academy Hall. Thanks are due to the hard-working Dance Committee.

The Boarders' Social Club has had another successful year. Among Games Nights and regular Film Nights, where the standard of films was very high, were included several visits to Perth Repertory Theatre where the plays included "Wuthering Heights", "The Cat and the Canary" and "You Never Can Tell." Of the many dances held during the session, perhaps the Tramps' Ball afforded greatest hilarity. The John Smith Building basement was not used after the Christmas Term because of redevelopment, and many of the boarders regret the loss of its intimate and crowded atmosphere. The organising committee would like to thank members of Staff, ear plugs and all, who were guests at the various evenings and outings.

At the end of the Easter Term, Mr G. Christie, a Morrisonian at St. Andrews University, gave a talk about university life and career

prospects to members of Form 5. In an entertaining and informative manner he told us much about the life of the university; and, in less happy terms, warned of the currently poor prospects of employment for graduates, especially in Science.

Congratulations to Graham McElhinney on his design for the new cover of the 'Morrisonian'. This was chosen from several designs by boys in Forms 4 and 5. Change not for the sake of change; but in a continually moving population, we like to see the work of current members of the School reflected in the magazine.

We acknowledge receipt of several contemporaries.

At the time of going to press, the following boys are known to be going to university:

ABERDEEN—W. A. Ferguson (Marine Biology), R. D. S. Johnson (Medicine), D. R. Perry (Arts), W. F. Stoddart (Agriculture), H. D. Watson (Arts with Maths).

DUNDEE—G. M. Hood (Electrical Engineering).

EDINBURGH—N. W. P. Anderson (Law), D. W. Ashworth (Veterinary Science), W. P. Balfour (Veterinary Science), A. J. Batten (Law), P. J. Duncan (Chemical Engineering), A. P. Godfrey (Economics), R. C. M. Lee (Maths), D. W. McNeill (Modern Languages), K. D. Noble (Ecology).

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ST. ANDREWS — J. C. Dalglish (Modern Languages), G. A. Hay (Modern Languages), A. M. Leckie (Maths and Modern Languages), R. D. White (Computer Science).

STRATHCLYDE—A. A. Anderson (Metallurgy), R. J. Laing (Electrical Engineering).

I. F. Turnbull is taking up a career in the Royal Air Force.

We wish all those leaving success in their careers.

STAFF CHANGES

Mr A. B. Watson, MA

Mr A. B. Watson came to the Classics Department of Morrison's in September 1968. In December 1970 he left to take up the post of Principal Teacher of Classics in Portree High School. During his short stay here Mr Watson became a popular teacher and in extra-curricular activities showed a wide variety of talent. He formed a choir from the junior boys of Dalnavorrach, which produced a fine service of carols at Christmas 1969, and he then devoted himself to training a junior choir from the Girls' School. In addition, he played a leading rôle in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at Christmas 1970. Last summer he led a large party from Form II to Hadrian's Wall.

His departure was a sore blow to all who benefited from his many activities. We wish him well in his new post—and in his new way of life, for since leaving Crieff, he has been married, and now lives in the delightful village of Uig.

In September 1970 we welcomed three new members of Staff. Mr A. S. Andrews, MA, joined us as Principal Teacher of English, coming from Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow, where he had taught for six years. A native of Glasgow, Mr Andrews was educated at Glasgow Academy, the University of Glasgow and Jordanhill College of Education. Mr J. C. S. McGregor, DPE, an Old Boy of the School, trained at Jordanhill College of Education, after which he spent three years at Glenwood Secondary School, Glasgow, and one year divided between Alyth and Ullapool. Mr McGregor is married and has two sons. The third new member of Staff is Mr J. E. G. Martin, DPE, BEd, who joins the Mathematics Department. Mr Martin is also an Old Boy of Morrison's, and he continued his education at Loughborough College of Education and the University of Nottingham. He was married last summer, and has spent his first session as House Tutor at Dalnavorrar. We wish all these new members well in their stay with us.

Speech Day, 1970

Speech Day was held in St. Michael's Church on Thursday, July 9th, 1970, when a large number of parents and friends augmented the Schools to fill the church. The principal guest was Mr John A. Donachy, MA, Managing Director of the Economist Intelligence Unit of Scotland, and a past Manager of the Scottish Council (Development and Industry). Mr Donachy spoke to the Schools before presenting the prizes.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Governors, Professor A. J. Beattie, reported on the progress of the Development Plan. Now that the Beatrice Mason Building was complete, he said, work on the boys' new Primary Block would begin before the end of the summer.

Professor Beattie referred to the threat which has been hanging over the School for the last few years. This had now been lifted, as the new government rejected the Donnison Commission's proposal that grant-aided schools should be absorbed fully into the system of Local Authority schools, and that they should no longer charge fees. Morrison's would continue, it appeared, to receive a grant from the Scottish Education Department.

The Rector began his report by paying tribute to Mr James Ryan, late Principal Teacher of English. Mr Quick referred to Mr Ryan's involvement in school activities for over twenty years, his deep loyalty, and his love of teaching, which affected every boy he taught. We were grateful indeed, the Rector continued, to Miss Margaret Bayne, lately retired Principal Teacher of English at the Girls' School, for taking Mr Ryan's place and working manfully with us and for us from mid-February until the June half-term.

On the academic side of the School, the Rector commended especially N. T. Begg, winner of a Thomson Bursary at the University of Edinburgh; and generally the senior boys' SCE results of the previous

session, and the large number of University places already assigned to sixth-formers. He turned to games and reported that while the first teams in both rugby and cricket had not finished with good records, the general performance through the age range had been creditable. Golf, curling, sailing and swimming had produced many notable performances by teams and individuals; while the athletics season had been very successful, with two gold medals and one bronze at the Scottish Schools' Athletics Championships.

The CCF and the Scout Group deserved admiration for the diversity of interest for which these catered, and the Rector thanked warmly all those associated with groups and societies, too numerous to name.

Lastly, the Rector made special mention of the gift of a new silver trophy, presented for the inter-house general efficiency competition in the CCF by Mr and Mrs B. N. Finch in memory of their son, Michael.

The Rector concluded his report by assuring all those leaving of the continuing interest of the Staff in all their activities; by thanking the Staff for their work and loyalty; and by wishing all returning a very happy holiday.

Among the principal prize-winners were:

Dux of the School — N. T. Begg; **Proxime Accessit** — B. J. Simpson; **MacRosty Medal** — N. T. Begg; **the Gladys Baker Prize for English Literature** — N. T. Begg; **the C. M. Taylor Prize for English in Form V** — G. A. Hay, D. D. Laidlaw and A. M. Leckie; **the Strathairn Prize for History** — I. G. K. Leighton; **the Forbes Hynd Prize for Modern Languages** — D. A. Cairns; **the John Smith Prize for Mathematics** — P. T. Morris and B. J. Simpson; **the Kippen Prize for Science** — B. J. Simpson; **the Moffat Prize for Biology** — N. T. Begg; **the Reid Prize for Technical Subjects** — G. M. Hood.

House Cups and Trophies were as follows:

Tennis — the Grahams; **Swimming** — the Grahams; **Rugby** — the Grahams; **Cricket**—the Murrays; **Lower School Championship**—the Drummonds.

The Crieff Shield for the Championship House was won by the Murrays.

The Appeal Fund

The postal dispute effectively damped down prospects of the Appeal Fund and no headway was made during the prolonged strike. Lately, however, contributions have started to come in again, including an important gift from the Trustees of the James Weir Foundation. In addition, gifts to the Fund have been made by Sir Alec Douglas-Home, KT, MP, and by Professor O. L. Richmond, who was Chairman of the Governors from 1924 to 1946. In his letter, Professor Richmond speaks of his continued interest in Morrison's Academy and its future.

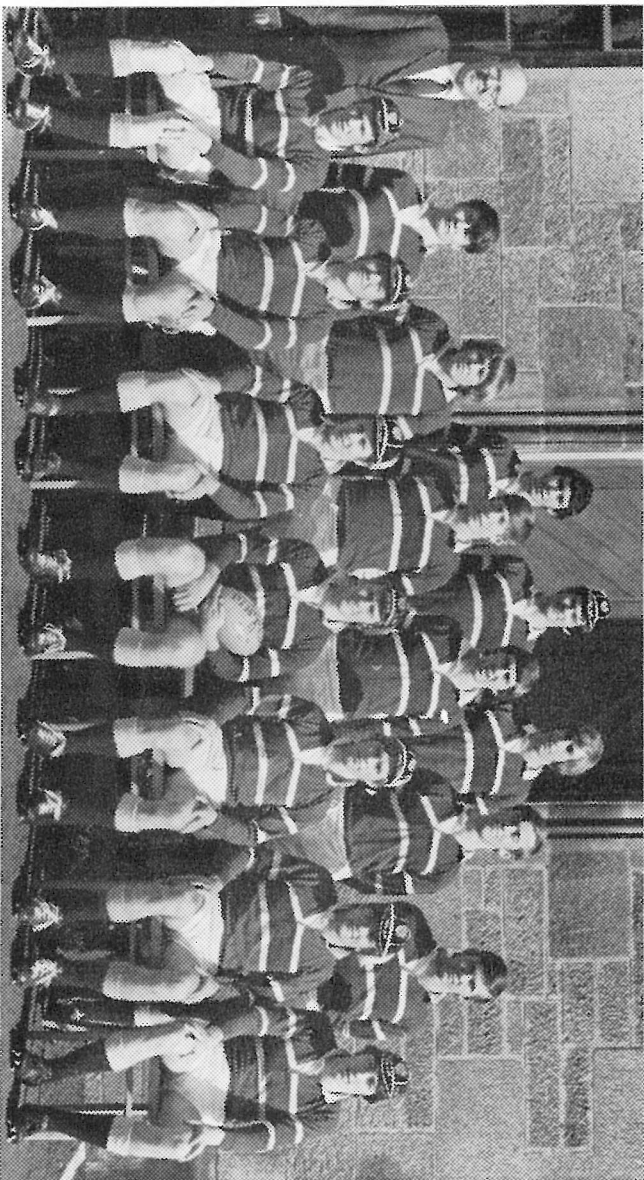
The Progress Report published in September 1970 said that the Appeal Fund had reached a total of £64,000, with a shortfall of £13,000 towards the target of £77,000. The total is now £66,400 and the deficit is £10,600. The Appeal Fund is thus making steady if not spectacular progress and, given continuing support by those from whom we may justifiably expect it, we hope to arrive at the £77,000 aimed at within a reasonable time. Recent contributions are encouraging and point to a revival of interest in the Fund: it is hoped that they will stimulate those who have not yet contributed and make good the £10,600 which we still need. This is surely not beyond those with the future of the School at heart.

In the meantime, good progress is being made with the building of the Boys' Primary School within Academy Park. It is well up to schedule and will be opened on September 17th by Sir Malcolm Knox, Chairman of the Governors from 1946 to 1952. Bricks and mortar provide evidence which speaks for itself: with the Girls' School Domestic Science Block — the Beatrice Mason Building — completed and brought into use in September 1970, we think we have done well in fulfilment of Stage I of the Development Programme launched in October 1968. The Girls' Primary School is next on the list and when this is built, Stage I will have been completed.

So I would urge all those with an interest in the School, mindful of good progress already made with the Development Programme and of further work yet to be undertaken, to do their best to support the Appeal Fund and confirm its complete success in 1971.

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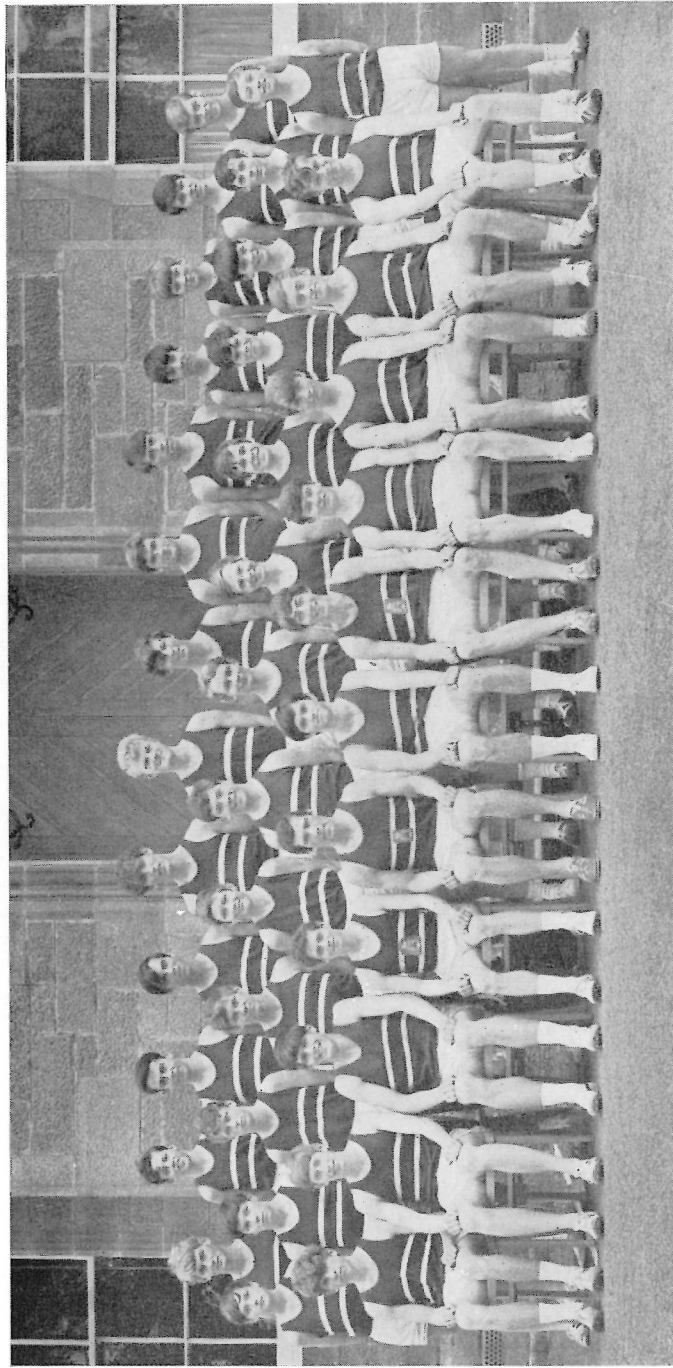


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The Rugby Scene

NAIRN MacEWAN,

an Old Boy, has just had his first season as an internationalist, gaining five caps for Scotland. He lives in Inverness but plays for Gala, one of the most successful Border clubs. Here he answers questions put to him by 'The Morrisonian'.

THE SCOTTISH TEAM IS ONCE AGAIN AT THE FOOT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE. WHY, AFTER SUCH GREAT MATCHES AS THAT AGAINST THE WELSH AND THE CENTENARY MATCH, IS THIS SO?

When two International Teams meet, it is unusual for the scoring margin to be wide, and when two teams at this level meet, quite often the bounce of the ball decides the victors. Whilst Scotland therefore are regrettably at the foot of the International Table, it may well have been a different story had the luck that arrived in Twickenham been also present against France and Wales.

There is also a point to remember that teams sometimes get into the habit of losing and — who knows? — after the past season's encouraging performances, especially against England, Scotland might well believe in themselves, which may be all that is required to win the International Championship.

THE WELSH HAVE HAD GREAT SUCCESS. DO YOU THINK THIS IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE HAD A NATIONAL COACH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE APPOINTMENT OF A NATIONAL COACH IN SCOTLAND?

Certainly the presence of a team coach could well influence the performance of a side, but in the case of the Welsh it is always important to remember that this is their national sport, and they are therefore in the position of introducing players to the game very early — and into an efficient coaching network which will eventually produce players for their International side. When the national coach is given a squad, they are in fact already coached, and he is left with the relatively easy task of using the skills they have learned to form a

successful international team. Personally, I would like to see the official appointment of a national coach, but we might not be able to give him immediately the right material to work with until the coaching programme sponsored by the Scottish Rugby Union has had time to take effect. There is no doubt in my mind that already Scotland is benefiting from the coaching programme that has been under way for the last two years.

DO YOU THINK THAT THE EXPERIMENT TO AWARD FOUR POINTS FOR A TRY IS A GOOD MOVE?

I think most people in the game would accept any alteration in the Laws that would make a try more valuable, so that in achieving the basic object of the game, namely to score a try, the enjoyment of the spectators and players is increased by the type of play that will evolve in pursuing the more rewarding means of gaining points.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF LEAGUE DIVISIONS?

Any sport that introduces an element of competition produces better and more efficient clubs, which automatically leads to a higher standard of Rugby, and so breeds players and an International team that are capable of producing the best results for their country. I would personally agree with the introduction of Leagues, provided that the rivalry between clubs is kept in check, so that no element of "win at all costs" will bring about the destruction of the existing spirit in which the game is played.

HOW MUCH DIFFERENCE DID YOU FIND AT FIRST BETWEEN SCHOOL AND CLUB RUGBY?

Whilst I recall playing some pretty bruising school matches, I think you have got to accept that after School, the club game is going to be more physical and at a faster pace. There is no question of there being an age limit, and from one season of playing with people about your own age, you are tossed into the cauldron of club rugby where you meet people almost old enough to be your father! The thing to do is not to be overawed by the club system, but to introduce yourself gradually, depending on how fast you develop. Everyone has to go through this stage and the good players usually make it.

HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK DO YOU ESTIMATE YOU SPEND ON TRAVELLING, TRAINING AND PLAYING? ARE THERE TIMES WHEN YOU WONDER WHETHER IT'S ALL WORTH IT?

On average I spend about fifteen hours a week entirely devoted to rugby. This figure is increased occasionally by a further two hours, say, when I have special additional training before district matches, internationals and other games where I consider I must achieve maximum fitness. I am not a natural trainer, and would always prefer to play the

game rather than achieve fitness for it. You have got to accept that you can't have one thing without the other, and any unpleasantness you experience during the training programme can always be minimised by the thought of how you are going to take it out of the opposition on the Saturday! Certainly there are times when you wonder whether it is all worthwhile, but it is a true saying that the more you sacrifice for anything, the more you get out of it.

WHY DO YOU THINK GALA HAVE SUCH CONSISTENT SUCCESS?

There are many reasons why Gala at present is a successful club. Briefly, I would say that the fact that the Borders are steeped in rugby tradition and that this is the principal sport of the area, makes you constantly aware that you are playing for the town, not for yourself or an isolated club. The amenities of the club and their thirst for victories, naturally influence the outlook of the players in their ranks. The pride which each individual player shows when putting on the maroon jersey is almost certain to produce a measure of success, especially if the people putting on the jersey are players of above average ability.

WE ARE SEEING MUCH VIOLENCE ON AND OFF THE SOCCER FIELD. DO YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO RUGBY TOO?

I do not consider that the situation now evidenced in soccer will infiltrate the rugby world. The players' introduction to the game is more disciplined and rightly so. From an early age, players are generally taught that the referee's decision is final. The very physical nature of the game makes this necessary to the enjoyment of the sport, and this coupled with the certain knowledge that players are sacrificing time and effort to play in an amateur sport, will, I am confident, maintain the high standards of sportsmanship in the game.

FINALLY — THE QUESTION YOU MUST ALWAYS BE ASKED — WHAT DOES IT REALLY FEEL LIKE TO BE WAITING IN THE DRESSING-ROOM AT MURRAYFIELD? IS IT ANY WORSE AT TWICKENHAM?

I suppose every player has a different reaction when placed in the atmosphere of a dressing-room before an International. It is certainly an emotional experience where you are very conscious that your country has placed on you the honour of playing with a few on behalf of many. Apart from the feeling of temporary isolation from your own supporters, your pre-International feelings are unchanged at Twickenham, and in fact are possibly more marked with the thought of meeting the "auld enemy" on their own ground.

'AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS'

by GIAN-CARLO MENOTTI

At the end of the Christmas Term the joint schools presented an evening of Christmas music to a capacity audience in Academy Hall.

The first half of the programme was devoted to Christmas Carols sung by a junior choir taken from the Girls' School and the boys of Glenearn House. The choirs presented the carols with obvious enjoyment and a great deal of ability. Trained and accompanied by Mr A. B. Watson, they created just the right atmosphere for the second part of the evening, a production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors", a one-act opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti.

The title part of Amahl was most sensitively portrayed by Ranald Naismith, who combined mischief in appearance with a musical and acting ability remarkable for his years. Grace Kidd, an Old Girl of the School, beautifully sang the part of his mother, blending her fine voice and musical talent with that of Amahl to great effect. Indeed, the voices and appearances of "mother" and "son" matched so well, it was difficult to believe that they were not related.

The Three Kings were played by Mr M. C. Boyle, Mr A. B. Watson and Neil Anderson, who sang with a pleasing balance of sonority, and the short but difficult part of the page was ably handled by Derek Greig. Albert Bil and Duncan Stevenson, holding the unenviable rôle of joint understudies to Ranald Naismith, lent dignity to their monarchs by serving as junior pages.

The large chorus of shepherds, shepherdesses and dancers was played by senior boys and girls of both schools, who combined to produce well-balanced harmony and eye-catching appearance.

The opera was produced by Mr M. C. Boyle, and musical direction and accompaniment were by Miss Elizabeth Luke. Chorus master and stage manager were Mr A. S. Andrews and Mr D. H. MacLennan respectively. The colourful costumes were created by Mrs M. McLauchlan.

The performance was enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience.

TRIP TO HADRIAN'S WALL

Last summer a party of boys, mainly from Form II with some from Form III and a few older boys, spent a week's holiday in the vicinity of Hadrian's Wall.

The trip was organised and supervised by Mr Watson with the help of Mr Boyle.

Transport was by coach from Crieff leaving early in the morning and arriving in the late afternoon at Edmundbyers Youth Hostel.

Our first excursion entailed visiting Chesters Fort via the village of Blanchland. We spent a short time there visiting the impressive abbey and treating ourselves to the local ice-cream. At Chesters there is one

of the best examples of a Roman bath-house in Britain. The fort also has a museum which contains one of the most important collections of Roman relics in Britain.

On the way back via Hexham we paid a visit to the temple of the sun god, Mithras. At the far end of the temple there were three altar stones with the Latin still visible. We all tried to translate the Latin but we were forced to seek the guidance of Mr Watson.

On the third day we visited Corbridge Roman Station which has excellent examples of Roman granaries, and a series of temples. Corbridge also has a very good museum. In addition, one notable exhibit is the Corbridge Lion — a sculptural fountainhead.

We spent the afternoon exploring Hexham, viewing the open-air street market, the abbey, the shops, and the putting greens.

On the fourth day we spent our time at Housesteads Fort, which was one of seventeen that housed the auxiliary regiments on Hadrian's Wall. We walked along the Wall itself to Housestead milecastle.

The latter part of the afternoon was spent in the village of Haydon Bridge, where we went for a walk.

That night, which was our last, we stayed at Once Brewed, a more modern and larger hostel.

On the last day we walked along another stretch of the Wall and the Vallum. Before the bus arrived to take us back to Crieff we walked along the Stanegate to the Roman fort, Vindolanda, which was under excavation.

At Edmundbyers we made our own meals and took packed lunches when we visited the various sites. At Once Brewed, breakfast and tea were provided, but we had to help with the washing-up.

The weather during the trip was excellent. In fact, sometimes we could just lie back and enjoy the beautiful sunshine.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr Watson and Mr Boyle for arranging this highly interesting and most enjoyable trip.

DAVID ARNOTT, Form 2 Cross

Sports Clubs

RUGBY

FIRST XV



The combination of a very strong side and a mild winter (only one game was cancelled) enabled this year's Fifteen to win more games than any other Morrison's side, and in doing so they produced one of our best records ever. This record was achieved by a good blend of teamwork from the forwards with the exhilarating individualism of the inside backs: J. R. Hall and R. D. S. Johnson were ably backed up by D. W. Ashworth, G. D. Stalker and the back row of G. H. R. Clark, C. M. K. Ryder, and W. P. Balfour. R. I. Davidson jumped exceptionally well at the lineout, and R. J. Laing and G. A. McElhinney revelled in the loose play. Great credit must also go to W. P. Balfour's inspiring and remarkably effective leadership.

We started off the season with a good win over a strong Old Boys' side, and then went on to beat Dollar and Melville College. We suffered our first setback against Hutchesons' Grammar School in a closely fought match at Dallerie. The following Saturday we were beaten by George Watson's 9-6: 3 penalty goals to a try and a penalty goal — a case for a differential penalty system!

After beating a strong Dunfermline High School side and producing some of our best rugby against Robert Gordon's College, to win 31-3, we were beaten by a good Royal High School side in a thrilling game at Dallerie. Our other defeat during the Christmas Term was by Glenalmond, in the last minutes of the game, which we lost 9-6. We finished the first term with a very creditable record:

Played—12 Won—8 Lost—4 Points: For—166, Against—111

We started the Easter Term with victories over George Heriot's, a strong Daniel Stewart's team and Glasgow High School. After this good start we suffered our only defeat of the term in our match against Edinburgh Academy, when we were beaten by a single point. As if stung by that defeat, we won our remaining matches against Hillhead, Boroughmuir and Glasgow Academy, rounding off the season with a 32-3 win over Aberdeen Grammar School.

We were well represented in the Midlands District Schoolboys' XV, when J. R. Hall captained the side and R. D. S. Johnson, G. A. McElhinney, R. J. Laing and R. I. Davidson all played. R. D. S. Johnson played for the Scottish Schoolboys' XV and J. R. Hall was a travelling reserve in the match against England at Galashiels. Both players merited

their selection as they had played outstandingly well throughout the season: Hall was top scorer with 102 points, and Johnson scored the greatest number of tries.

We are again indebted to Mr Macintyre for his hard work in training the side during the season and to all the other rugby masters for teaching us the basics of the game lower down the school. Those of us leaving would like to wish next year's side an enjoyable and successful season.

Full colours were awarded to: J. R. Hall (re-dates), D. W. Ashworth, W. P. Balfour, G. H. R. Clark, R. I. Davidson, R. D. S. Johnson, R. J. Laing and G. A. McElhinney

Half-colours were awarded to G. D. Stalker.

1st XV RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Results	
		F	A
1970			
Sept. 19	MORRISONIAN CLUB	28	14
Sept. 26	DOLLAR ACADEMY	11	8
Oct. 3	MELVILLE COLLEGE	19	8
Oct. 10	HUTCHESONS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL	5	9
Oct. 17	GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE	6	9
Oct. 24	DUNFERMLINE HIGH SCHOOL	12	11
Nov. 7	ROBERT GORDON'S COLLEGE	31	3
Nov. 14	ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL	5	18
Nov. 17	STRATHALLAN	11	8
Nov. 21	PAISLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	19	9
Nov. 28	DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL	Cancelled	
Dec. 5	GLENALMOND	6	9
Dec. 12	PERTH ACADEMY	17	5
1971			
Jan. 16	GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL	12	6
Jan. 23	DANIEL STEWART'S COLLEGE	12	8
Jan. 30	GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL	13	3
Feb. 6	EDINBURGH ACADEMY	5	6
Feb. 13	HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	12	3
Feb. 27	BOROUGHMUIR SCHOOL	11	3
Mar. 6	GLASGOW ACADEMY	17	3
Mar. 13	ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL	32	3

SECOND XV

After a very unfortunate start to the season, losing our first four matches, the Seconds ended the season with a creditable number of wins. Both backs and forwards played well but special mention must be made of the pack who overcame much heavier opposition by their speed. With several players returning next year we can look forward to another successful season.

THIRD XV

As usual the 3rd XV suffered from continuous team changes as a result of 1st and 2nd XV shortages. The team played well at times; probably the best play was in their 22-3 victory over Glasgow High School, but there was a lack of real co-ordination between the forwards and the backs, which probably accounted for the number of points scored. Of the 216 points scored against them, 122 were taken by a very strong Dollar side, in the three matches against them.

COLTS XV

The season for the Colts XV was quite a successful one, with the majority of games being won. Much of the team's success was due to the work of the whole pack which was exceptional and consistent throughout the season. The backs, whose size did not match the forwards', lacked penetration although they showed courage at all times.

The following players were awarded Colts' Buttons: W. L. Milroy, G. W. Ashworth, R. A. R. MacLean, D. R. Scobie, G. M. Wilson.

FIFTH XV

The Fifth XV had a successful season. The side was ably led by S. J. Raith, while Bell played extremely well at stand-off. In a hard-working pack of forwards, D. A. McMurchie and S. W. McDougall were outstanding. The games the side played were marked by considerable effort and determination but only rarely did forwards and backs combine to produce the outstandingly good rugby of which they are so obviously capable.

SIXTH XV

The opening of the season was disappointing with two defeats in a row, but this did not demoralise the side or affect play. With hard running by A. E. Rankin in the backs, and good rucking and handling by K. G. W. Adam, the team gradually grew stronger. An unlucky defeat in the middle of the season by Kelvinside Academy spoilt a good run of victories. We were very lucky with the weather and had only two games cancelled in the whole season. A satisfactory season, and we hope there are many more to come.

PRIMARY XV

Although their record was not impressive, the side played well throughout the session. The pack, which was ably led by A. P. Petropoulos, held their own very well — often against stronger and more experienced forwards. The backs, despite being erratic at times, ran well and both wingers, J. A. Campbell and W. G. H. Scott, are worthy of special mention.

TEAM CAPTAINS

1st XV — W. P. Balfour

3rd XV — D. J. West

5th XV — S. J. Raith

2nd XV — D. W. McNeill

Colts XV — W. L. Milroy

6th XV — J. A. Cargill

Primary XV — A. P. Petropoulos

TEAM RECORDS FOR SEASON 1970-71

					Points					
					P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
1st XV	...	...	...	...	20	15	0	5	280	146
2nd XV	...	...	...	...	16	8	1	7	141	101
3rd XV	...	...	...	...	15	4	2	9	102	216
Colts XV	...	...	...	...	17	11	0	6	206	76
5th XV	...	...	...	...	14	10	2	2	238	76
6th XV	...	...	...	...	13	9	1	3	153	61
Primary XV	...	...	...	...	6	2	1	3	27	43

CRICKET 1970 SEASON

FIRST XI



The 1970 season began with a good win over Robert Gordon's College, showing the batting potential of A. G. Ruxton and R. D. S. Johnson. As the season progressed, it became obvious that middle batsmen lacked aggression; consequently runs did not flow freely. This was noticeable on several occasions, especially against Dollar, where "tail-ender" C. M. K. Ryder showed his disapproval by hitting two sixes in his innings

The opening bowlers were C. M. K. Ryder and J. L. Macdonald, one of whom always broke through. Their penetrating and accurate bowling saved the day on several occasions. Both their averages were excellent at the end of the season, Ryder winning the bowling prize presented by Brigadier W. L. Alston. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Brigadier for his generosity. Other potential wicket-takers were W. P. Balfour, a spin-bowler, and J. R. Hall, who was a useful change bowler.

The highlight of the season was the match against Paisley Grammar School, when the School basked in the glory of their first First XI century for very many years. Hall batted with great authority and was presented with the batting prize—finishing the season with an average of 24. Ruxton was a revelation behind the wicket, when he deputised for J. P. McNee in this match and went on to have a fine season.

Unfortunately the game against the Morrisonian Club was not as memorable, due to the fact that not many Old Boys supported the event. This year the date has been changed to after Sports Day, and we hope that there will be a greater interest in this match.

Two notable inclusions at the end of the season were D. J. West and A. N. Suttie, who show promise for the future.

Finally, we should like to thank Mr Grieve and the ground-staff for their devoted attention to the grounds. We should also like to thank Mr Bell and Mr Macintyre and all the other masters concerned for their support during the season.

Colours were awarded to J. R. Hall, J. L. Macdonald, and C. M. K. Ryder. Half-colours were awarded to R. D. S. Johnson and A. G. Ruxton.

TEAM CAPTAINS

1st XI — J. R. Hall

2nd XI — G. Dow

Colts XI — D. W. Allan

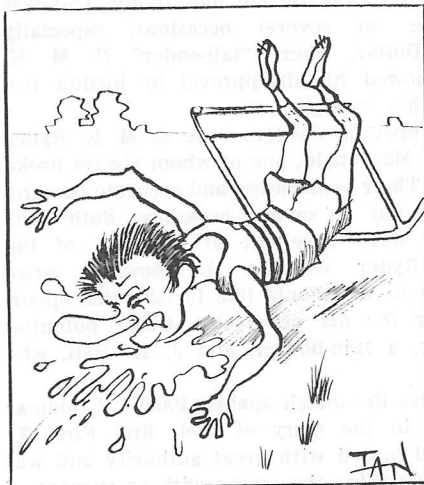
Junior 'A' XI — R. A. R. MacLean

Junior 'B' XI — G. S. Bell

Primary XI — W. D. Allan

TEAM RECORDS 1970

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Aban'd
1st XI	12	5	2	4	1
2nd XI	9	6	1	2	0
Colts XI	6	4	0	2	0
Junior 'A' XI	6	4	1	1	0
Junior 'B' XI	6	5	0	1	0
Primary XI	4	3	0	1	0



ATHLETICS

The Athletics Team, captained by N. T. Begg, had a memorable season in which we won two out of our three matches.

In our first contest against Dollar we were narrowly beaten by a team which had a powerful junior section. Despite this narrow defeat there were several outstanding performances: H. T. Beattie won the Senior sprint double and A. R. MacLean the Intermediate 100 metre hurdles and sprint double. P. J. Duncan won the 800 metres and was second in the 1500 metres.

Our contest against George Watson's took place at Myreside. There were many good performances in this close contest which was still in the balance until the last event, the Senior Relay. The relay team of M. J. Cochrane, D. G.

R. Hume, D. M. Currie, and H. T. Beattie clinched victory for us with a fine run, the points total standing at M.A.A.C. 161, George Watson's 158.

We entered a strong team to compete in the Scottish Schools' Championships. The championships were held at Pitreavie (an all-weather track), where the conditions were far superior to those of the red blaise at Scotstoun on which we have competed in previous years. R. D. S. Johnson received a gold medal for winning the Intermediate 400 metres hurdles in the fast time of 58.0 seconds. A second gold medal was won by I. T. Rankin, who broke the Junior discus record with a throw of 40.08m. (131ft. 6in.)

Our senior relay team (M. J. Cochrane, D. Hume, D. M. Currie, and H. T. Beattie) came third in their final, collecting the bronze medal. Other notable performances were recorded by A. B. Millar in the Intermediate 400 metres, T. Heggie in the Intermediate 1500 metres and N. T. Begg in the Senior shot-put, all of whom collected badge standards. H. T. Beattie was a finalist in the Senior 200m. and he recorded the fastest time in this event in the heats.

As a result of winning the 400 metres hurdles, R. D. S. Johnson represented Scotland in Dublin in a schoolboys' international.

There was a large number of spectators on a sunny sports day which promised entertaining athletics. Some notable events decided beforehand were: H. T. Beattie winning the Senior 400m. and 1500m.; K. C. Holden winning the Senior cross-country with W. A. Ferguson runner-up.

On Sports Day, H. T. Beattie became Senior Champion, winning the Senior 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres. R. D. S. Johnson was runner-up and his best performance was a 14.8 seconds 110 metres hurdles. The Intermediate Champion was A. R. MacLean with joint runners-up, A. B. Millar and I. T. Rankin. S. J. Raith was Junior Champion with S. D. Turner runner-up. T. Blair was Primary Champion.

The Drummonds were House Champions with the Grahams a close second.

Our final contest of the season was against George Heriot's. This match was held in a constant downpour but in spite of this the Athletics Team won convincingly over a team which has had a good record in their previous matches against M.A.A.C. The event times were slow and the jumping was cancelled. Outstanding performances: H. T. Beattie won the 100, 200, and 400 metres; N. T. Begg won the Senior shot-put and javelin; and W. L. Milroy won his three field events — the Junior discuss, shot-put and javelin.

We entered strong teams in the Scottish Schools' Cross-Country Championships where H. D. Watson and T. J. Heggie ran well in their respective events. Athletics colours were awarded to H. T. Beattie, R. D. S. Johnson and A. R. MacLean.

Our success this year was due mainly to the joint effort of Mr I. Gibb and N. T. Begg whose encouragement and help aided us greatly.

Thanks also to the ground staff at Dallerie for maintaining the excellent turnout of the running track.

P.J.D.

SWIMMING

This session saw a large number of swimmers, particularly in the Junior section of the club, enter for the Perth and Kinross Schools' Association Gala held as usual in October at the Perth Baths. In spite of being hampered by a lack of training facilities (our own baths being unusable due to repairs) sixteen individualists and three relays reached the finals with C. D. Moncrieff, H. H. Vick, and P. F. Craig taking first places along with the Senior Relay, consisting of W. A. Ferguson, P. F. Craig, G. H. R. Clark, and S. A. Lochtie. Seven seconds and a third were also recorded.

The Glenalmond Time Trials saw some very good swims with several fast times recorded, especially by B. Wilson (under 12), C. D. Moncrieff (under 16), and the Senior Relay, who all got through to the Scottish Schools' Swimming Association National Championships, held this year in the Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh. All are to be congratulated on good performances and credit must go to the Relay team which, although weakened by the absence of Clark (T. G. Heggie substituting), earned the distinction of being reserve for the Final, establishing themselves as the seventh fastest relay team in Scotland.

Several of our swimmers represented Perthshire, once in Perth, and in May at the Wishaw Baths, where Rankin swam in the under-14 Freestyle and medley relays, Will and Moncrieff in the under-16 relay and Lochtie in the under-19 Freestyle and medley relays. Both of the last-named came in first out of the six counties participating.

The Primary Gala is to be held this year in June in Perth. We have several promising swimmers and should do well.

The Inter-House Gala was won for the third year in succession by the Grahams (150 points), beating the Murrays (113), Campbells (77), and Drummonds (76).

No life-saving was held in the Easter Term, but it is hoped to have the exams at the end of this term.

Last season Colours were awarded to W. A. Ferguson and Half-Colours to P. F. Craig.

CURLING CLUB

This season 16 boys went into Perth Ice Rink for practice sessions.

The team defeated Perth Academy in a match in December. They met the same school in March in the area playdown for the Scottish Schools' Championships. Again they won convincingly and went forward to the final stages of the competition at Lockerbie in April. Unfortunately the team experienced their only defeat of the season at the hands of Inverness Royal Academy in the quarter-finals.

At the end of March the team went north to Aviemore to defend the J. & D. South Trophy which they won last year. Although they won both their games, they could only finish third.

Those who played in the team this season were: T. G. Muirhead (skip), J. S. Naismith, J. Haggart, R. A. H. Naismith and D. G. McCartney.

TENNIS SECTION



The 1970 season showed a marked increase in the number of boys showing an interest in tennis.

The school team had a reasonably successful season, reaching the semi-finals of the Midlands Trophy, being beaten by the eventual winners, Morgan Academy. In the previous rounds the team beat Glenalmond and Perth High School, both matches taking place at the school.

The school team retains the same players this year, and it is hoped, with their previous experience, that they will be more successful.

Once again, with almost monotonous consistency, J. R. Hall won the Dye Cup, this time beating A. A. Anderson in the final.

The members of the side in the 1970 season were: J. R. Hall (Captain), R. D. S. Johnson, W. A. Ferguson, G. D. Grant, A. G. Ruxton and A. A. Anderson.

Full colours were awarded to J. R. Hall.

We should like to express sincere thanks to the following:

Mr R. K. Findlay for his organisation and running of the Section; Mr Woodcraft for his coaching; J. R. Hall who captained the side throughout the season; and the Girls' School for their generous use of the courts.

A.G.R.

GOLF

In 1970 the Belch Cup again took the form of three medal scratch rounds for senior boys. W. T. G. Milne was the winner with an aggregate of 212 strokes. Milne had a very successful season in which he was awarded County Colours and also gained a place in the Scottish Youths' Team.

The Junior Match Play Competition was won by T. G. Muirhead, for the second successive year, beating D. G. McCartney in the final.

In the Midlands Schools Tournament played at Glenalmond, we finished fifth.

In our annual match against the Old Boys for the Cameron Cup we were beaten by three games to one.

This year's side, captained by R. D. S. Johnson, is a relatively inexperienced one, but there are many keen golfers coming up through the school.

R.D.S.J.



SKI-ING

Due to lack of snow there was very little ski-ing done during the session 1970-71. Out of the four trips which were organised to Glenshee for members of the school from Forms 4, 5, and 6, three had to be cancelled, and on the one occasion when a few dedicated enthusiasts ventured their way up to the slopes they were met with poor quality snow.

There was, however, one week in January when the conditions were favourable for ski-ing and a sixth-Form representative, K. D. Noble, attended a course in ski-ing organised by the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation, spending the week at Glenmore Lodge.

There was a joint meeting held in the Boys' School in the Easter Term, where we were given a talk by Mr Lewis Drysdale (President of the Scottish National Ski Council) on competitive ski-ing, and ski-ing in Scotland and on the Continent.

It is hoped that through the lack of snow this winter the boys' interests in the Ski Club will not be dampened.

I should like to conclude by thanking Mr Boyle for all his help and dedication towards the club.

G.H.R.C.



THE ANGLING CLUB

The Angling Club did not meet during the Christmas Term, but a small group of enthusiasts from junior forms have met during the the Easter and Summer Terms to be initiated into the skills of fly-tying and casting.

BADMINTON

Several boys entered the Perth and Kinross Schools' Badminton Championships at Bells Sports Centre. The standard of play at the Championships was high. G. S. Townson and D. M. Lyle were the only boys to get past the first round, and they were beaten in the quarter-finals.

SAILING

After a most successful season last year, the Sailing Club has gone from strength to strength. In the annual Inter-Schools' race, using 'Enterprise' dinghies, the Boys' School was the joint winner with Dundee High School for the Brown Trophy. C. A. Campbell-Crawford was helmsman, with D. F. Finlayson as crew.

Although we have lost our most experienced helmsmen this season, we have in both schools a growing number of enthusiasts who are finding satisfaction and frequently excitement in testing their skill on the unpredictable waters of Loch Earn. In addition to our own two 'Enterprises' and one 'Mirror' dinghy, we now have the use of the two Scout 'Mirrors'. We look forward to a good season.

School Societies

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Last summer the Club combined with the Music Department of the Girls' School to provide an evening of music and drama.

The evening opened with an extract from "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde. Miss Thomson, the producer, had written a prologue and an epilogue in which Oscar Wilde, admirably played by Jack Watters, linked the middle act—the garden scene—to the rest of the play. The cast coped well with the difficult task of recreating well-known characters — particularly the Algernon of Alistair Laidlaw, and the Lady Bracknell of Diane Millar. Frances Stalker and John Dalglish were amusing as Miss Prism and Canon Chasuble. Deirdre Millar, Alan Ruxton and Sally Sylvester acted ably in the principal parts of Cecily, Jack Worthing and Gwendolen. The Merri-



man of Guy Crawford had a quality somewhat foreign to the style of Oscar Wilde, but was nevertheless amusing. Ewan Notman played the other butler, Lane. The setting of the garden was cleverly captured by the artistry of Marlyn MacMillan and Frances Stalker. The costumes were elegant and colourful, most of them having been lent by the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre.

After a short interval, Schubert's Serenade, sweetly sung by the choir with Irene Milroy as soloist, introduced the musical half. This was followed by "Swallow, Swallow" by Gustav Holst. A charming group of recorders played works by Bach and Tchaikovsky. A Trio by Gurlitt, extremely well interpreted by Mysie-Ann Pelly, Barbara Reid and Lesley Johnston then played to delight the ear. The music was concluded with the Finale of Act I of "Cosi fan Tutte" by Mozart. This was charmingly introduced by Mr Watson, who continued to delight with his interpretation of the crafty Don Alphonso. The difficult and demanding rôle of Fiordiligi was sung admirably by Linda Stewart. Dorabella was enchantingly sung on alternate evenings by Irene Milroy and Marion Coats. The comic Despina alternated between Lynne Halley and Mary Denholm. Jack Watters and Norman Begg sang extremely well in the parts of Ferrando and Guglielmo, bringing out the comedy of the poisoning and revival very ably. The whole presentation was further enhanced by the beautiful costumes, designed and made by Mrs M. McLauchlan. Miss Luke, acting as "orchestra", accompanied superbly and with a sensitivity which added greatly to the success of the venture.

The evening ended with "The Invisible Duke" by Sladen Smith. This slight play proved a splendid vehicle for the talents of the cast and stage crew, who managed to realise the potential farce in it. They were

strongly led by Jack Watters in the role of the Astrologer, making an excellent climax in his third rôle of the evening. He was most effectively supported by the Necco and Decco of Irene Milroy and Mary Denholm. The Duke, the Count Francesco and the Lady Emily were confidently and masterfully played by David Finlayson, Norman Begg and Diane Millar. Prompter was Alison Eggo. The costumes were made by Miss Hartley and Elaine Smith and the production was by Mr M. C. Boyle.

The evening behind stage was managed by Mr MacLennan, who was aided by many willing workers, all of whom are so essential to the success of the evening.

The 1970-71 season has been varied. Miss Thomson left and we welcomed Mrs M. Adam as a new helper at the start of the session. We again combined with the Music Department of the Girls' School to put on at Christmas time Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors". (An account of this appears under separate heading).

The production this summer is to be "The Matchmaker" by Thornton Wilder, which we shall present for public performance on Friday and Saturday, July 2nd and 3rd, and we hope you will support us and have a happy evening.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The first meeting was held on Friday, September 11th, and the following office-bearers were elected:

Secretary: G. H. R. Clark

Form Representatives:

S6 H. D. Watson

S5 T. J. Macaskill

S4 R. B. Sylvester

S3 W. L. Milroy

We were very pleased to welcome Mr A. S. Andrews, a new member of staff, to the Chair, and we hope that he will hold this position for many years.

Throughout the year there were four meetings, and the Girls' School held a Burns' Supper, to which the boys were invited.

There was one formal debate, when the motion was "That this House thinks that Morrison's Academy should not become co-educational". This caused spirited discussion and the motion was resoundingly defeated: Morrison's, it seems, was to have as much co-education as possible. The result was very popular with the audience.

Other meetings took the form of a "Twenty Questions" quiz, and a speech-making contest judged by representatives of the Crieff Toastmasters. The latter meeting was held jointly with the girls in the Memorial Hall.

We should like to thank Mr Boyle, Mr MacLennan, Mr Thomson and Mr Turner, who represented the masters in the "Twenty Questions" quiz, and helped to give a very entertaining evening. For the sake of diplomacy, we shall say that the masters were narrowly beaten by the boys.

For the speaking competition, we should like to congratulate A. S. Todd on his prize-winning speech on "Men in Gardens" (or, in his own phrase, "Homo Hortus"), and the runner-up, N. W. P. Anderson, who talked about "Science Run Riot". Congratulations also to Yvonne Percy, winner for the Girls' School, the runner-up being Helen Mackinnon.

Our thanks to Mr Frier and the Crieff Toastmasters, who graciously gave up their time to judge the contest.

I should like to conclude by thanking Mr Andrews for his help and encouragement in his first year as chairman.

G.H.R.C.

THE SCRIPTURE UNION

The Scripture Union this year had a most interesting and encouraging development — for the first time in some years we have been able to run a separate Senior Section for boys from Forms 4, 5 and 6, although unfortunately there are not as many boys from Forms 4 and 6 as we would like to see.

The Intermediate Section has had a very varied programme consisting of films, quizzes, Bible studies and projects. We were fortunate to have a visit from Mr Meiklejohn, the Scottish Schools' Secretary, early in the session, when he spoke to the First Form and started many of them on a project on John's Gospel. This resulted in quite a boost to our numbers and attendances were very good for most of the year. There were a few back-sliders towards the end of the session but we are confidently looking forward to seeing them next session.

One of the 'new' projects this session was a study of the lives of the Apostles, which we 'taped' to help future scholars.

The Senior Branch, in the guise of the Senior Discussion Group, started early in the session in response to suggestions from some of the senior pupils, and has had a most encouraging first session. We saw one or two films, the most memorable of which was the famous Fact and Faith film: 'God of Creation'. We also had some very lively discussions and had talks from Mr MacLennan, Dr Heavenor, Mr Meiklejohn (on his two-month tour of India) and were started on our most recent undertaking — a study of Romans 1-5 — by Mr Tait.

Not least of our activities have been three combined meetings with the S.U. Senior Branch of the Girls' School. The first of these was in the Girls' School when small discussion groups were arranged and we had a very enjoyable time. This was followed by a 'Teach-in' in the Boys' School on 'Living the Christian Life' and finally the girls joined us for Mr Meiklejohn's talk and slides of his Indian visit. These combined meetings have proved very popular and we hope to continue them next session. One other interesting development has been a strong invitation to join with the Perth schools S.U. meeting held once a month, and when time — and transport — permit, several boys have been going through to the fellowship meetings there.

At this point we would like to thank all the speakers who have

come along to talk to us at S.U. and to Mr Thomson who has arranged so many enjoyable and successful meetings.

We have been calling ourselves the M.A. Christian Fellowship this year in the hope that this will make it clearer to all what we aim to be—a fellowship of Christians in the School. Why not come along and join us next session?

P.F.



C.C.F. NOTES

The Inspection was held on June 4th, 1970. The Inspecting Officer was Brigadier J. C. Monteith, CBE, MC, Commanding Officer Highland Area at Perth. He was accompanied by Major G. B. Murray, Queen's Own Highlanders. (Major Murray, a Morrisonian, has now left the area to rejoin his regiment in Germany).

Awards were made as follows:

KENYA CUP (best senior NCO) — Sgt. P. J. Duncan and Sgt. D. W. Ashworth.

SWORD OF HONOUR (best junior NCO)—Cpl. I. F. Turnbull.

CULTYBRAGGAN CUP (best recruit)—Cdt. I. G. S. Cunningham.

MUNGALL VASE (best senior shot)—Cdt. D. C. Robertson.

DOBIE CUP (best recruit shot)—Cdt. D. T. Murray.

ARNOLD SHIELD (highest marks in APC exam)—Cdt. A. J. Macnab.

FINCH CUP (inter-Platoon Competition)—No. 4 Platoon, Murrays
(Sgt. N. W. P. Anderson).

(This was the first occasion on which the Finch Cup was presented)

In 1970 camp was held in BAOR for the first time. Major Meakin, OC, and sixteen cadets spent nine very successful days with 19 Field Regiment, RA, who fortunately spent the whole period of our stay on the ranges between Hanover and Hamburg. The cadets, who also visited

4 Royal Tank Regiment, were able to drive all vehicles from the 3-ton lorry to the 50-ton Chieftain tank. They also fired the 25-pounder, and directed the fire of the guns from an O.P.; all had a trip in a helicopter, and on the last evening saw an Honest John missile being fired from a distance of about 200 yards. Thanks to Major Philips, a well-known Morrisonian, who arrived at Traven during our stay in his rôle as PRO at Highland Area, Perth, the party made a brief appearance on ITV a week after returning home.

Senior NCO's during the session were:

CSM — P. J. Duncan.

CQMS — D. W. Ashworth.

Sgts. — No. 1 Platoon (Campbells) I. F. Turnbull.

No. 2 Platoon (Drummonds) K. D. Noble.

No. 3 Platoon (Grahams) G. A. Hay.

No. 4 Platoon (Murrays) N. W. P. Anderson.

Training has continued with the help of 36 Cadet Training Team. Sgt. Taylor, a popular figure with the cadets, has now gone to join another team.

24 cadets passed the APC exam. This is the last occasion on which the old type of exam will be held. In future, cadets will have to pass in five subjects chosen from a wide variety, and cadets will not necessarily progress at a uniform rate. Satisfactory progress in piping or drumming will count as a subject.

Two cadets, Cpl. A. J. Macnab and L/Cpl. A. S. Clarke, attended the Southern Command Leadership Course held during the Easter vacation at the Stamford Training Area, Norfolk.

At the same time, a party was in Skye on Adventurous Training. Based on the Drill Hall at Portree, they covered a large part of the island, walking many miles and climbing thousands of feet. Fortunately the weather was very fine.

Camp this year is to be held in Skye, again based on Portree. This is the first time we have had our own camp, and there are so many advantages that it seems unlikely that we shall return to a centralised camp such as Cultybraggan. Former cadets will also be interested to know that BD is on the way out, very gradually perforce. This year all cadets at camp will have a combat jacket and will not take BD to camp.

PIPE BAND

The Band was second to our old rivals, Dollar, at the Glasgow Highland Club 1970 Competition, but was unplaced at the CCF Competition at Strathallan. This year the Band contains a high proportion of young players and not too much is expected. During the session Mr Donaldson was absent for some weeks through illness. We are glad to say that he has recovered and is back with us.

We are fortunate in now having on the school staff, Mr McGregor, a former member of the Band. From next session Mr McGregor will be taking an interest in the training of the Band.

Band NCOs are:

Pipe-Major: W. P. Balfour.
Drum-Major: G. D. Stalker.
Leading Drummer: A. R. MacLean.

We record with gratitude the gift of three side-drums from Mr R. Fairlie of Nairn, and various donations to the Pipe Band Fund, including a generous gift from the Morrisonian Club.



27th Perthshire Scout Group

This has been another successful year, and there has been a continued demand to join the Pack and Troop. Mike Todd, who is not a member of the School Staff, has had to work under considerable difficulties as the sole Leader of a vigorous troop for the greater part of the year. He is to be thanked for all the time and energy he has devoted to the Scouts.

Mr J. C. S. McGregor, assisted by Ewan Notman, who is a Venture Scout, and the D.C. have been responsible for the Thursday evening meetings of the Cub Scouts. We have over eighty Scouts and Cubs on the roll, and we must have more leaders, if the Group is to continue to operate at its present strength and standard of efficiency.

We expect that half our 43 Cub Scouts will have Bronze Arrows, four Silver and two Gold by the end of the School year. There has been considerable interest in the swimming badges, in addition to the normal winter evening activities. With the better weather, we have started nature walks and outdoor games. The older Cubs, who will be going up to the Scouts next year, have started on their Link Badge: this is proving valuable in introducing them by degrees to the Troop,

rather than flinging them in at the deep end, as was the practice before the changes brought about by the Advance Party Report.

The Troop was involved in many outdoor activities at the end of last summer and in the Christmas Term. These included sailing, canoeing, climbing and orienteering. Later a weekend camp was held at Lochearnhead Scout Station, and there was ski-ing at Aviemore at New Year. The mild weather upset our plans for Glenshee, but during the Easter Holidays, some good slopes were discovered in the Cairngorms.

This summer all Patrols have held camps, and there is to be a weekend camp for the whole Troop at half-term. For the summer holidays, we are returning to the Grand Union Canal for another cruise on the traditional narrow-boats, starting from Brounston near Rugby.

27th
Perthshire
Scout
Group



STREET FIGHTING

The children in the street, playing
At soldiers. The noise of rising
Battle rules the street. They scream and die;
Lying down, they count their death away.
Death for them has no meaning.
Soon, they'll be up and screaming,
"Got you!" and another falls down,
Feigning death. Yet in another town,
The man in the street is shooting
At soldiers. The din of shattering
Gunfire rules the street. They scream and die;
It's war, not games they play.
Death for them has its meaning
As they lie in the gutter, bleeding.

'WAF', Form 6S

AN ACCIDENTAL POEM

The car was still, resting on the pavement.
Inside, bodies showed no sign of movement.
A wheel hub rocked yards away, clattering
Quietly in the silence. Screams are ringing
Round the street. As rivers flow
To the sea, people come, anxious to know.
A few call 'Order', most ignore the need,
Chattering questioningly — 'Who?' — 'How?'
The hopeful white van arrives at speed
—Yet too late! Like an audience at a show,
The crowd fall silent. The bodies now dragged
Out and stowed away, pay no heed
To the whispered comments. The car, now dead,
Is towed to its grave. The death of interest follows it.
The crowd dies too, slowly, bit by bit.

'WAF', Form 6S

DAVID ANOINTED KING

David the son of Jesse,
David the lamb of God,
David's the one who killed the lion,
David's the one who cares.

What news has a servant got?
What news has Samuel in mind?
One by one all brothers come in —
David's anointed king.

JULIAN C. M. RAGLESS, Primary 4

THE CHARGE INTO EUROPE

(With apologies to Lord Tennyson)

Half a speech, half a speech,
Half a speech onward,
All join the Common Market,
Shout the Four Hundred.
Forward, the Tory band,
Little Belgium lends a hand:
Into the talks of merging
Ride the Four Hundred.

Powell to right of them,
Wilson to left of them,
Elections in front of them,
Poor Tories stumble.
They try to join the Six,
This puts them in a fix,
Into the paws of France.
Outwith New Zealand meat
Ride the Four Hundred.

JOHN A. SCRIMGEOUR, Form 5 Star.

THE NOVICE

The sun beat down,
His hair fluttered in the breeze,
As he came in sight of the cairn,
Standing there, bold and erect.
He reached it and sagged
Slowly, onto the heather.
His shirt clung to his back,
His hair was hot and sticky . . .
His eyes blinked twice and then slowly closed.

He woke with a start,
The air was chilly, the light dim,
His legs were stiff, his hands numb.
He plodded — wearily downwards.
At last he saw a light —
A lonely shepherd's cottage.
He thought of hot food, and warmth . . .

Silently he slipped into the darkness
And rolled down the slope,
His head cracked on a passing rock.
At last he came to rest.
A dog barked, a door opened—
The beam of a torch lit up the lifeless body.

SCHOOL

O SCHOOL, thou art a dreary place,
With blackboard, chalk and gowns
Which teachers often tear
And drag along the ground.
There is a staircase — oh, so long,
Which each day we must climb:
Why not build a lift instead?
Saving our energy and time.
In Maths we discover angles
And facts of Algebra,
In French we learn our verbs
And know a cat is 'chat'.
In Chemistry we perform experiments
And make some nasty smells,
In Biology we study animals
And the secrets of their cells.
In Physics we set up circuits
And hence prove Ohm's Law,
While in Art we carve out models
And are taught how to draw.
In Music we examine the orchestra
And sing several folk songs,
In History we study the past
And ancient Peoples' wrongs.
In Geography we draw some maps
And look at life in Japan.
In Technical we make clamps—
But first we must draw a Plan.
In Economics we study the State
And why we have to pay tax,
In Latin we conjugate verbs
And know that peace is 'pax'.
In English we write compositions
And attempt some punctuation.
So this is the School's curriculum,
And also our situation.

DAVID M. ARNOTT, Form 2 Cross

SUICIDE IN THE DESKS (After Sassoon)

I knew a simple scholar boy
Who laughed at work in empty joy,
His daily work was always done
Although he thought it not much fun.

In winter desks, cowed and glum,
With teachers, books and bubble gum,
He put a bullet through his brain,
No-one spoke of him again.

You smug-faced thugs with grinning eye
Who laugh when scholar lads crawl by,
Sneak home and pray you'll never know
The hell where youth and laughter go.

BRIAN D. ROBERTSON, Form 4 Cross.

REAWAKENING

Alone, silent in the field,
There stands a tree;
A sentinel,
Watching;
Waiting;
For what?
Her branches sway in the breeze,
Her leaves flutter,
Brilliant green:
A symbol of life.
A man, killer
At her foot,
Wields the fatal axe.
He marks her trunk,
And strikes a mighty blow;
And again!
Sadist!
The tree, at last,
Falls dead;
Her life cut short.
Years later,
A shoot appears
Near the rotten stump;
A symbol that life will continue —
For a time, at least.

DAVID M. COULL, Form 2 Cross

OUR HUT

We live in a glass classroom—
People nose around!
Never at peace to work for noise—
Girls playing tennis outside,
We hear them through the glass,
While teacher tries to speak,
And boys continually pass.

Our classroom is oblong — not like any other.
But one thing about it — it's made of glass and tin.
It's most unusual, with its concrete floor,
And doesn't look like a classroom at all.
Pictures on the window!
Carpet on the floor!
But you can see everything
In our glass abode.

JOHN McILDOWIE, Primary 4

NIGHTFALL.

I see the silhouetted
Trees against the
Opaque brightness of the rising moon
And behind, the setting sun
Emits its dying rays
On those who watch;
On nature
Sleeping after striving
With the problems
Man gives it during day.

I see the glowing embers
Of the fire
That once burned bright
So full of life; and the
Eternal Spirit I can sense
Now rising in the minds
Of those who care
To notice it is there.
But then it goes,
And we once more return
To darkness
As before.

GORDON D. GRANT, Form 5 Star

PEACE IN PARADISE

(On seeing the 'Bridge at Maincy' by Cézanne)

There's a bridge in perfect peace,
Twittering birds, a silent stream—
This is the place for me.
Green trees, they are all still —
Lush and beautiful with an arch
Of stone is the bridge,
A still river is perfect peace,
The clear reflection sparkles.
This is Paradise!

NICHOLAS LUNN, Primary 6

THE FARM GATE

Be ye coming — be ye going,
Be ye early — be ye late,
Please! Take time to shut the gate.
Be it cold — be it hot,
Be it raining — be it blowing,
Please! Take time to shut the gate.
If you fail to shut the gate,
Welcome never again be ye.

JAMES TAINSH, Primary 5

THE BANDIT

Enrique tweaked his drooping moustache, ridding himself of the infernal itch his own sweat was causing him, and squinted down the barrel of his gun, following his elusive target with steady, determined gaze. His heart hammering, he watched the bandit leap nimbly from rock to rock, never completely giving a view of himself, always infuriating his hunter and ducking behind cover when least expected to. The sun had now reached its zenith; its rays bounced off the rocks and stony, steep-sided slopes, dazzling at times. The bandit was crouching behind a large bush, which looked like an intruder in the barren landscape; suddenly he sprang out, dashing headlong for a rock some distance away. Enrique saw his chance: his eyes alight with anger and excitement, he took aim and squeezed on the trigger. Almost simultaneously the bandit fell, and Enrique looked at the lifeless form which he had sought after for so long.

The stallkeeper at the fairground pulled down the lever to stop the turntable, on which were several gaily coloured, grinning bandits surrounded by crude imitations of boulders and rock-filled slopes. He smiled weakly at Enrique and handed him his prize, a garish-looking gnome, made of clay.

JOHN C. DALGLISH, Form 6L

RIOT!

I am standing at the corner of the High Street and St. John's Street. The rain is slowly drizzling from the grey, overcast sky. All about me is a sea of faces, worried faces, strained faces, faces showing nights of terror and violence. All the faces are turned on a man, a young man, standing on the back of a lorry on the other side of St. John's Street. He is wearing a grey overcoat, collar turned up against the rain. Water is dripping from his old trilby.

He raises his arms to emphasize his thoughts. His words, however, can barely be heard above the rumblings of disagreement from his audience.

Suddenly a man pulls a bottle from his pocket and throws it at the truck, which immediately bursts into flames. It was a petrol bomb — and this is Belfast '71.

Shotguns appear from nowhere and instantly the air is alive with shells. A man beside me folds up like a penknife and crumples to the pavement with blood pouring from between the fingers clutching his stomach. The running, stumbling crowd disperse in all directions into shops and houses. I run with them.

Then the army move in. Three armoured cars, two Land-Rovers and one lorry speed round the corner. The crew of the first armoured car has no chance: a petrol bomb is hurled through an open hatch and the car erupts into a ball of flame.

The soldiers pump round after round of rubber bullets at the rioters. From behind me come men and boys with petrol bombs. They throw these, and everything they can get their hands on. Slowly, slowly they retreat into the backstreets under a hail of fire.

People begin to emerge from the débris. There is silence now, no more shooting, no explosions, no more people falling to the ground never to get up again. Bodies and burnt out shells of cars litter the streets. I look around and see a man lying with an expressionless look in his eyes. He is wearing a grey overcoat with its collar turned up against the rain. Water drips from his old trilby.

CLIVE P. L. YOUNG, Form 1 Star

THE SEA'S MOODS

Many moods has the sea,
A calm peaceful thoughtful blue,
A rough and reckless black.
Peaceful, the sea is a friend,
Rough, the sea is a foe.

Children splash on the water's edge —
The sea turns wild.
No sound of happy voices.
Sandcastles crumble away.
Only the sound of crashing waves —
Pounding the jagged rocks.

MICHAEL P. WRIGHT, Primary 5.

THE LIVELY VILLAGE

Skating round with the screech of metal,
Ice cracks here and there,
The chilly wind howls round about
With the clatter of the hooves.

Hark! A trumpet blows,
The hunters are returning,
With a dozen hares
And yapping hounds.
They come in great rejoicing.

PETER YOUNGER, Primary 6.

Old Boys' Notes

1970 ACTIVITIES

At December 31st 1970 the total membership of the Club was 1092, which represents another good increase in the membership over the past year. During the year there were 54 new members and 9 deaths reported. The Club has 29 members listed as missing during the last year, and 74 members are abroad.

Monthly luncheons are held as follows:

GLASGOW — First Friday each month, except July and August, at the Blythswood Hotel, Argyle Street (between York Street and Robertson Street).

A reminder will be sent on request, one week before each luncheon: application should be made to the Secretary.

The Rugby Reunions held in the 'Wee Windaes' were not as well supported as in previous years, and an informal gathering will take place. The venue will be announced in a circular.

On April 23rd, 1970, the Annual General Meeting was held in the Royal Stuart Hotel, Jamaica Street, Glasgow: a report follows these notes.

The 'May Weekend' was again held in the Murraypark Hotel, Crieff, from May 23rd to 25th, 1970, and the open golf medal competition took place at Taymouth Castle on the following day. The winner was T. Steele on 70, with K. M. Grant second and R. L. Haggart third. On Monday, the cricket match against the School was handicapped by the lack of members prepared to participate: the School therefore won convincingly.

At Sports Day the usual meeting took place after the programme had been completed. The golf match against the School on the following day was won by the Club by 4 matches to nil.

At Speech Day the Dux Medal was presented on behalf of the Club by Mr T. Finlayson, Aberfeldy.

The Club team for the Q.E.C.S. Golf Tournament was of high calibre and gained a place in the second round before being beaten by a strong Old Carthusian side.

In September the rugby match against the School for the McNaughton Cup resulted in victory for the School 14-28.

Due to an industrial electrical dispute, the Annual Dinner-Dance was cancelled. Please note that the date of the event has been **changed** in 1971 to **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29th**; apply for tickets **one month** beforehand to the Hon. Treasurer.

1971 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 6—Rugby Reunion: 'Wee Windaes', Edinburgh.

Feb. 27—Rugby Reunion: 'Wee Windaes', Edinburgh.

Mar. 27—Rugby Reunion: 'Wee Windaes', Edinburgh.

Apr. 29—A.G.M.: Royal Scottish Automobile Club, Glasgow.

June 26—Sports Day; meeting afterwards.

June 27—Golf v. School.

June 28—Cricket v. School.

July 8—Speech Day: Dux Medal to be presented by the President.

Sept. 18—Rugby Match v. School for McNaughton Cup. (Names to W. S. Thomson).

Sept. 25/27—Q.E.C.S. Golf Tournament. (Names to P. B. McLean).

Oct. 29—Annual Dinner-Dance: Tinto Firs Hotel, Glasgow.

(Tickets £2.50 each).

ORGANISERS' ADDRESSES

Cricket—A. R. H. Ferguson, c/o Edinburgh University Union, Teviot Row, Edinburgh 8.

Dance Convener—W. S. Thomson, 18 Penrith Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow.

Golf—P. B. McLean, 1a Victoria Drive, Troon (Tel. 714).

Rugby—W. S. Thomson, 18 Penrith Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow.

1970 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on April 23rd, 1970, in the Royal Stuart Hotel, Glasgow.

The retiring President, Mr K. M. Grant, handed over to Mr N. R. Waddell.

Membership of the Club at December 31st, 1969, was 1047, of whom 80 were abroad. Committee and Sub-Committee meetings were held as necessary during the year. Income for 1969 was satisfactory.

Reports were given by the Representatives on the Board of Governors and the Boarding Houses Association. The reports were approved and discussion of the political implications to the School of legislative changes ensued. Items of expenditure were approved for the following year, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

The 1971 Annual General Meeting held on April 29th will be the subject of a report in the next issue of 'The Morrisonian'.

The following office-bearers were elected:

- President:** N. R. Waddell.
Vice-Presidents: A. S. Brown and Dr W. G. Semple.
Honorary Secretary: D. D. H. Coltart.
Assistant Honorary Secretary: B. K. E. Edridge.
Honorary Treasurer: A. W. Deakin.
Honorary Auditor: G. D. Caldwell.
Committee: A. I. Macmillan, J. M. Fairbairn, I. M. Stuart, K. M. Liechti, J. Davidson, H. H. Wood, S. E. L. Frutin, W. S. Thomson, B. K. E. Edridge, P. B. McLean.
Representative on Board of Governors: W. A. Cook.
Representative on Boarding Houses Association: T. N. Biggart.
Past Presidents on ex-Officio List: G. D. Greenshields, T. McNeil, H. G. Dodd, J. B. Omand, C. C. Stewart, T. Dunsire, K. M. Grant.

LONDON MORRISONIAN CLUB

- Chairman:** D. D. Stewart.
Vice-Chairmen: J. Diver and D. Wanless.
Honorary Treasurer: G. Jones.
Honorary Secretary: D. D. Stewart, 58 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 3AV. Tel. 86544.
Committee: D. Brown, R. Millar, D. Macmillan.
Meetings during session 1971-72 will be held at The White Swan, New Row, London WC2, at 6.30 p.m. on the following Mondays:
1971—July 12th, September 13th and November 8th.
1972—January 10th and March 7th (AGM).
The Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 4th, 1971.
Please apply for details to the Hon. Secretary.

GENERAL NOTES

D. Kyle McCallum is settling down to be married in July. He is teaching in the Music Department of Mackie Academy, Stonehaven, where his fiancée also teaches music.

Brian Edridge is to be married this year — probably in October — and continues to gain experience with a firm of business consultancy experts.

Ian Coltart returns with his family in mid-July for a three-month furlough after four years' hospital administration and missionary work at Poona, India.

Martin Glen has been sponsored by the Crieff Rotary Club for a 12-month course at Canterbury College, New Zealand, on Agricultural Valuation Practice and Land Use Economics. He returns early in 1972.

Kenneth R. Sturrock has been appointed to the partnership of consulting engineers, Babbie, Shaw & Morton, of Glasgow. Mr Sturrock now resident in Milngavie, Glasgow, has served with Babbie, Shaw & Morton since graduating BSc(Eng) at St. Andrews University.



The cast of "The Importance of Being Earnest" — July, 1970



The Granary at Corbridge — Hadrian's Wall, 1970
(photo by David Arnott, S2)



**'AM AHL AND THE NIGHT
VISITORS'**

Christmas 1970

**Left: Ranald Naismith in the rôle of
Amahl.**

**Below: The Boys' Chorus of
'Shepherds'.**



Colin Anderson is living in Billinge near Wigan, and travels with Courtaulds. He has taken up badminton to try to lose his paunch.

Graham Dow is at Glasgow College of Building.

Richard Kendall is at Glasgow Nautical College with **Andy Willis** and **Richard Stuart**.

Stewart Wilson is doing a year's farming before going to Edinburgh to read for a B.Sc.

Roy Anderson is now in partnership with his father at Stirling and is a keen squash player.

Campbell Christie is at Paisley College of Technology, and has changed his course from Mechanical to Civil Engineering.

Mike Parker is doing Quantity Surveying at Glasgow.

Ian Oates is doing very well in Art at Aberdeen.

Alan Ramsay continues to be seen in and around Perth Repertory Theatre.

Lewis Dick is at Loughborough and played in the Scottish Rugby Trials.

Iain Lochtie is still working at the Blackhall branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Andrew Balfour is in Montreal, working for a whisky distilling firm!

David Hall is in third-year Town and Country Planning at Dundee, and shares a flat with **Andy Kerr**, who is doing architecture.

As a newcomer to Morrison's, I lack as yet the personal knowledge and contact with Old Boys of the School which my predecessors have had. Thus I am at the mercy of chance in discovering news about Old Boys, especially at the universities. May I make a plea to all who read "The Morrisonian" to keep Douglas Coltart or me informed about the activities of former pupils. — Editor.

EDINBURGH

The inevitable quota of freshers coming up to Edinburgh have settled in well, and gained their wings as fully fledged students.

Jack Watters does medicine, and spends most of his spare time in the theatre. In the same Faculty are **David Heavenor**, who has done a lot of singing and has played at Charlotte Chapel, and **Norman Begg**. Norman sings with the University Savoy Opera Group, and appears to enjoy life.

Young engineers are **Brian Simpson** and **David 'Willie' Thomson**. Willie is enjoying an intimate relationship with one of the University computers, while Brian has distinguished himself in his class exams.

Douglas Brown (Law) has taken up meditation, and makes occasional, but spectacular appearances on the University social scene between bouts of hibernation. **Andrew Bryce** also leads a gay, hectic life, and has occasionally been known to study Geology. Our final fresher is **Ian Park**, who is studying agriculture.

Information on more senior students is hard to come by, but **David Yule** (Maths) appears to have developed a passion for Guinness. **Lindsay Kennard** is now working in the French Institute, while studying French and German. **David Millar** does Psychology, and is at present living it up in his flat at Morningside. **Mike Fiszer** does the same course.

Sandy Finlayson (Second-year Law) stays in a flat, and has bought himself an old Rover, which comfortably fits his four flat-mates, their girlfriends, and the kitchen sink.

In the Vet. Faculty, we have **Alan Melville**, **Alan Annat**, **Willie Stewart**, **John Corbett** and **Budgie Ryder**.

Other quieter (and perhaps more hard-working) Morrisonians are **James Fairbairn** (Chinese), **Neil Sutherland**, **David Sutherland** (Law), **Hugh Cairns** (in final-year French), **Mike Innes** (Bio-chemistry), **Charles Yacomeni**, who is engaged and studies Chemistry, **John McRorie** and **George Sutherland** (both Medicine), **Gavin Jack** and **James Robertson** (both Agriculture), **Douglas Watters**, **John Todd** (Science) and **Robert Torrens** (History).

Alastair Stenhouse and **Alec McKinnon** are both in fourth year. **Alec** intends to join the Merchant Navy. **David Cooper** becomes more conservative every day. Tales have reached us of him working hard, and he has formed Edinburgh University's first Meditation Society.

Stuart Armit and **Eddie Graham** are whooping it up around the Continent in the third year of their Arts course.

David Hingston, recently married, studies Law. Other Morrisonians here include **Alex Johnstone** (Maths), **Robert Simpson** (Agriculture), **Ewart Hood**, **John Rennie**, **George Meikle** and **Ian Fraser**, and possibly others who are too quiet to make their presence felt: to these, my apologies.

We extend a warm welcome to all of you fortunate enough to be arriving here in October.

N.T.B.

GLASGOW

Morrisonian students at Glasgow are scattered over a large area and contact between past pupils is fairly limited. However, our reporter has compiled the following notes.

Pete McNee is doing first-year Engineering and is reported to be working very hard — at what, is in some doubt. He is to be found at all the pop concerts in the city.

Richard Laing is a first-year Medic and is coping with the work very easily. A point which fills everyone here with great respect for Podgy is that he trips from place to place with a different chick each time.

Ken Liechti is doing aeronautical engineering and must be working successfully because he has obtained exemptions in his degree exams for the second year running.

Mike Inglis is in second-year Medicine and enjoys the Anatomy

classes! He is involved with the University Opera Society and can be heard singing around the taverns of Glasgow.

David Martin is doing second-year Drama but is rarely seen at the University. He can only be found at the Southpark Theatre and other dives but is getting on pretty well.

Colin Clark is plodding steadily through the long, arduous course of Vet Medicine and is a well-known ballad(!)-singer at local parties.

Gordon Macdonald is doing Engineering, still continues to be a keen boxer and has a lot of wary friends.

Chris Edwards is in third-year Geology, and can be seen digging up anything that looks vaguely like an interesting rock.

Our reporter concludes: we look forward to welcoming boys who will join in October and hope that more people will come to Glasgow University in the future.

No news has come to us at time of going to Press from the other Universities — Editor.

STOP PRESS NEWS

CRICKET

M.A.C. 39 for 1. Allan Glen's School 38. Won by 9 wkts. (Ryder 5 for 14, Balfour 3 for 7; Ruxton 26)

M.A.C. 66 for 9. Daniel Stewart's 112 for 8 declared. Match drawn (Ryder 3 for 29, Hall 3 for 20; Anderson 28)

M.A.C. 92 for 8. Robert Gordon's 126 for 9 declared. Match drawn. (Hall 30; Balfour 4 for 35)

M.A.C. 78. Glasgow High School 76. Won by 2 runs. (McNaughton 3 for 14, Ryder 3 for 20)

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TENNIS

In the Midlands Tennis Knockout Tournament, the Tennis Team beat Perth Academy 5-4 in the first round, and won against Glenalmond 5-1 in the second round. In the semi-final, we were beaten 4-5 by Lawside Academy, Dundee.

MAGAZINE

We once again acknowledge the gift from an anonymous Old Boy of a prize for the best contribution to the magazine. This is judged on all the articles submitted, taking into account the age of the writers, editorial adjustment or correction. The prize is awarded this year for the first time to a boy in the Primary School — Nicholas Lunn of Primary 6, for his poem "Peace in Paradise". This was written, in class, in response to the showing on television of several famous paintings. Well done, Nicholas.

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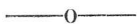
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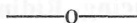
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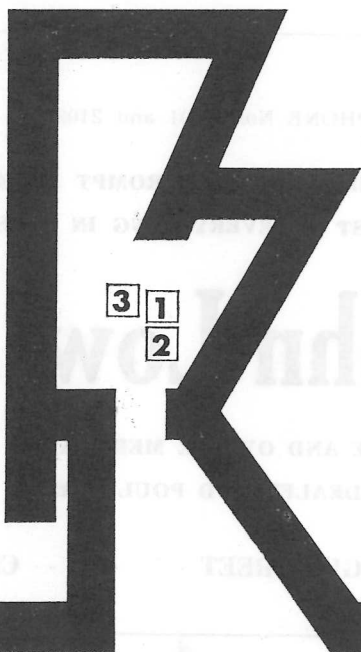
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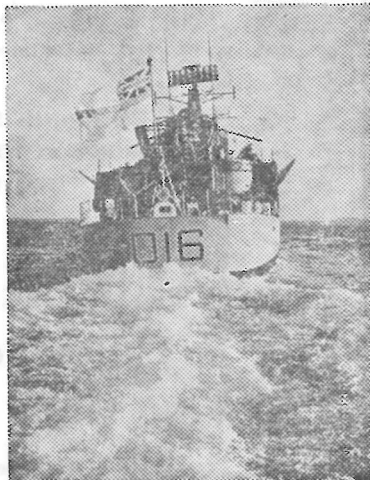
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