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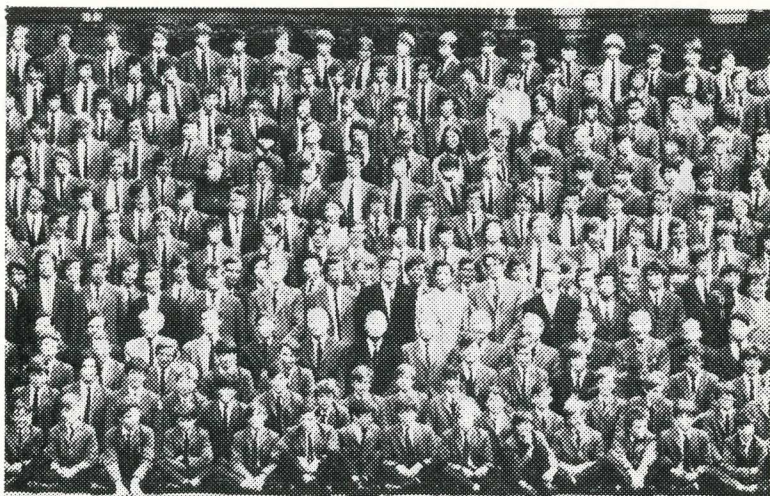
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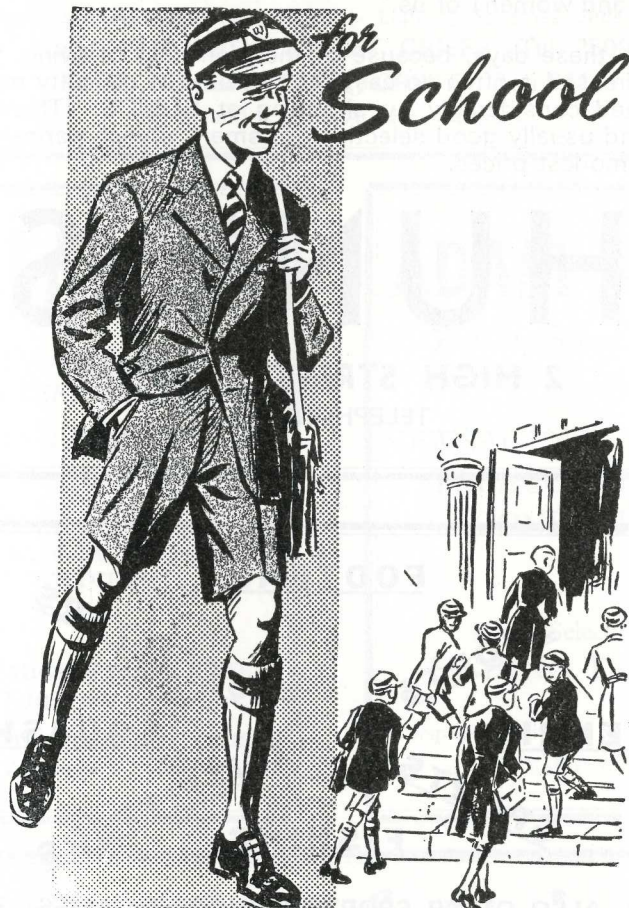
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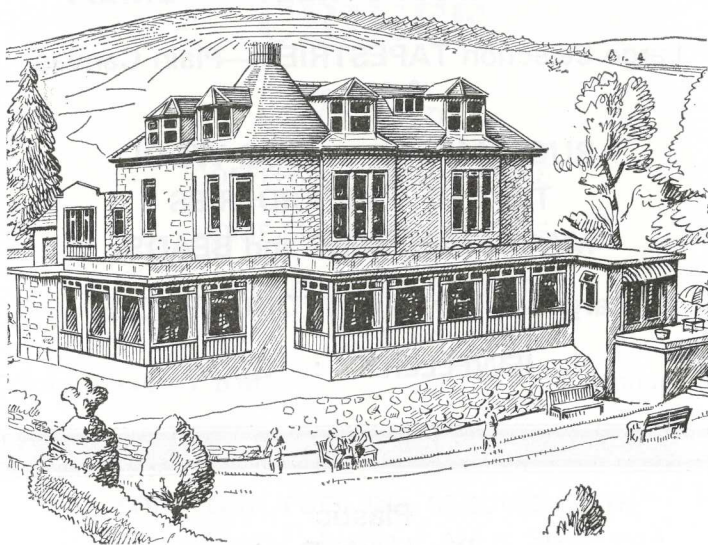
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# *editorial*

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As befits this year of full integration, the new, combined "Morrisonian" finally emerges. The School is now charting unknown waters, yet we believe that the coming years will be as successful as those that have passed. We hope that this magazine reflects the character of the "new" school, and does not appear to favour either of the previous, separate magazines. Impossible as it is to please all of the people all of the time, we would like to think that some of the old gaps between Boys' and Girls' Schools have been bridged. Our thanks go to all those who have contributed. In particular, the Primary Department, which has been positively prolific, is deserving of praise. It has been a delicate task combining the two magazines, and we hope that any omissions will be forgiven.

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## **The School Year, 1979-80**

At a time for Morrison's Academy when change is the norm and the unexpected is to be expected, much happens in all sorts of areas of school life which is not recorded under the separate headings of sport or societies or literary efforts. This session has been an eventful one for all of us, in some way or another. This new magazine seeks to reflect events, and it is in this general section that many features, some of them very important, are recorded.

Mr R. D. Allardice leaves us at the end of the session to take up a post in the U.S.S.R., as a teacher of English under the auspices of the British Council. Mr Allardice joined the English Department in September 1978, and in his two years here he has been a friendly and helpful colleague and a sympathetic and painstaking teacher : the good wishes of all Morrison's go with him to Georgia. At the time of writing his successor has not yet been appointed.

New and familiar names have appeared in our daily school life. The four Houses have taken the names of the Boys' Houses — after lengthy debate on such a contentious issue — and this means that those formerly in Ochertyre have joined the Murrays, those in Drummond the Drummonds, Ferntower the Campbells and Dollerie the Grahams. Buildings, too, have acquired different labels : while the John Smith Building (which now houses the Staff Room on the ground floor) and the Beatrice Mason Building have retained their names, the former Boys' School main building is now called the Old School Building; the former Boys' Primary Block the John M. Craig Building (named after the distinguished Old Boy who won the V.C. in the First World War); the Girls' School main building has become the Ferntower Building; while the Library Building houses the Library, three laboratories, the Technical and Business Studies Departments. To give further details of accommodation would merely confuse our readers : we hope that at least some of our pupils would be able to direct visitors anywhere in the School.

This is the first session in which we have given Entrance Tests to boys and girls seeking entry to Morrison's and, as will be read under the heading of the Appeal, Bursaries are also to be introduced gradually.

Some very distinguished achievements have been accomplished by pupils over the last year. Colin D. Penny, now in Form 6, was awarded a prize by the Institute of Biology for his performance in the S.C.E. Higher Biology Examination in May, 1979. Colin took first place in Scotland for this examination. Timothy J. Copeland, of Form 4, was one of the "Top 20" pupils to win an award in the 1980 Mathematical Challenge held in the Central, Fife and Tayside Regions. This is a problem-solving competition organised by the Scottish Mathematical Council.

Armored K. Gaskell, of Form 5, won First Prize in Scotland in the 16 to 18 age group in an essay competition held by the Royal Commonwealth Society for Scotland. This was for an essay on topics relating to the Commonwealth.

Armored was also awarded the Mary Johnson Prize over all age groups, and she now goes forward to the final stages of the competition in London. Crieff Rotary Club Essays and Posters Competition gave Ruth E. Wishart, Form 4, second prize, and Caroline J. Ashworth, Form 5, third prize in the Essays Section. Nicola R. Frail, Form 1, was second in the Posters Section.

Caroline J. Ashworth will have the opportunity to show a different aspect of her abilities, when she and Karen M. Halley, also of Form 5, go "Outward Bound" : they have both been awarded Arthur Bell Scholarships.

To all these pupils go our warmest congratulations.

Morning Assembly has taken on a new look regularly this session, with pupils from each class in turn taking the service twice a week. Sunday Services, too, have been held in Memorial Hall. These replace normal church attendance for boarders, but day pupils, parents and friends are also welcome. Visiting speakers have been the Countess of Mar and Kellie, Chairman of the Scottish Branch of the International Year of the Child; the Rt. Rev. W. B. Johnston, now Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; and Miss Elizabeth Carnegie of Lour, President of the Girl Guides Association in Scotland. We are very grateful to these distinguished visitors for giving of their time.

Many visits have taken place during the session. Open Days at Universities have proved popular and useful introductions to many of our seniors. Form 2 paid a visit in February to Hewlett-Packard in South Queensferry, where they were given some very warm hospitality. There have been Geography field trips and several visits to theatres for senior pupils.

School dances have been held in Academy Hall for Form 3 and for Forms 4 to 6 in December, and a Leavers' Dinner-Dance was held in May.

Parents' evenings have been held as usual throughout the session.

As we go to press, we hear with pleasure of the award of the John and Isabella MacDougall Bursary, tenable for three years at St Andrews University, to Karen Dalglish of S6.

## ***THE BOARDING HOUSES***

With the long summer holidays behind us, we all settled back once more into the routine of boarding house life. The monotony of the long first term was relieved with each house having its traditional Hallowe'en and Christmas parties. On Guy Fawkes Night the Knockearn and Croftweit juniors joined forces and had a fireworks display and party, after which they climbed up the Knock to the "Witches' Rock," where they exchanged terrifying ghost stories. The "young ones" in the other houses had discos and the seniors had coffee evenings — the Croftweit seniors adding some variation with their tremendously successful "Tramps' Evening" in February. We must not forget the Boarders' Christmas Dinner-Dance, which was appreciated by all, and our special thanks go to Mrs McGuire and the Refectory staff as well as the dance committee.

All boarders would like to thank Housemasters and Housemistresses, House Tutors, Matrons and all House staff for their service and interest in all the pupils. More especially on this occasion some changes must be recorded.

Mr and Mrs D. E. Miller arrived in Dalmhor in September to take over as Housemaster and Housemistress from Mr and Mrs Macintyre; Mr Rannie is now House Tutor. Mrs Sinclair left to take up a new post at Knox House after fourteen years of service on Dalmhor's domestic staff. Mr and Mrs MacDonald left Academy House in March and were replaced by Mr and Mrs McChesney from Edinburgh. Also joining Academy House staff was Mr Harris as House Tutor. Mr Laing leaves Glenearn after two years as House Tutor, and his place will be taken, for one term only, by Mr Allardice.

Mrs Duncan has been Housemistress of Croftweit since last September; Mrs Brown leaves after two years as Matron. In Benneath, Mrs Fotheringham takes over as House Tutor from Mrs McEwan. Mrs Harris is the new Matron at Knockearn, which has reverted to being an all-girls' house.

To all who are leaving or have left go the boarders' thanks and sincere good wishes. To all those who are new, a warm welcome and the hope that they will be with us for a long time.

### ***THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD***

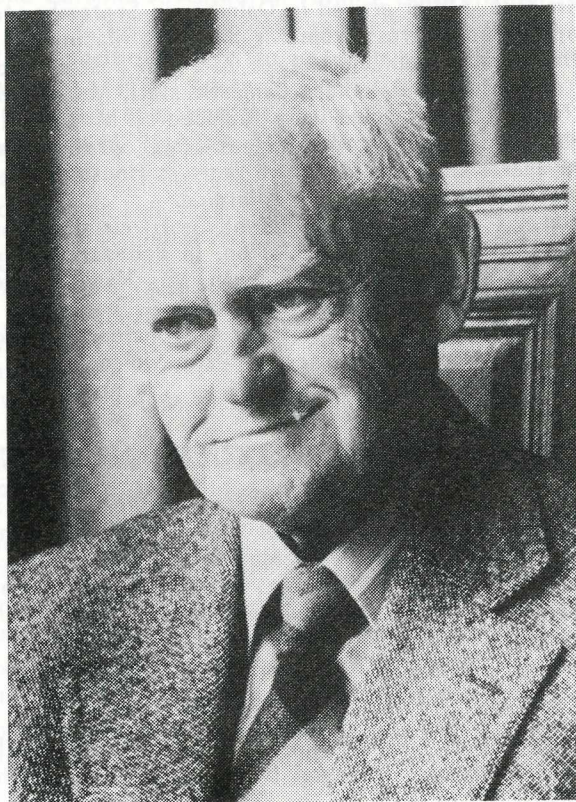
The School's efforts for the I.Y.C. began in June, when a sponsored Jog took place in Academy Park. Pupils of all ages were seen making their way—some struggling, others with apparent ease—around the 'track.' June also saw the Charity Concert organised by members of Form 6; the programme included many songs of the past and present and few will forget the splendid rendering of "If I Were a Rich Man," by Messrs Murray and Mathieson. In the second half of the evening, "Drowned Rat" performed their Farewell Concert. The Memorial Hall's foundations must have rocked with the loud but nevertheless enjoyable sound.

With the addition of smaller amounts raised at a Mock Election and at a Coffee Morning and sales arranged by individual classes, the School had donated a total of £702 to the I.Y.C. by the end of the Session.

At the beginning of the new Session, we decided that our target should be £1000. In order to achieve this, a Fête was held. Each form took charge of a stall for which they collected items throughout the Winter Term. On December 8th, after being officially opened by Mrs Ashmall, the Fête began. Academy Hall was packed with parents and pupils anxious to take a look at the wide range of books, cake and candy, White Elephant and records and cassettes available. Upstairs, Form 6 girls provided teas for the thirsty. After the raffle numbers had been drawn, the weight of the cake and the name of the doll announced, it was clear from the few items remaining that the culmination of the School's efforts for the I.Y.C. had been very successful.

The following day the Countess of Mar and Kellie, Chairman of the I.Y.C. Fund in Scotland, gave the address at a School Service, in which she thanked pupils for their work during the year. The amount raised at the Fête was over £600, which brought the total sum raised to over £1300 — a very creditable performance by everyone involved.

## ***Staff Retirements***



*Dr W. M. TODD, B.Sc. Aberdeen, D.Phil. Oxon.*

Dr Todd joined the staff of Morrison's in the Summer Term of 1954, and he retired at the end of the Christmas Term in 1979. During his twenty-five years at Morrison's he taught Science, and for the latter part of his service he was Head of the Chemistry Department.

Dr Todd, or Max, as he was always known, was an Aberdonian, educated at Aberdeen Grammar School, which he left in 1932. From there he went to Aberdeen University, and his career there was one of great academic success, gaining a First Class Honours degree in Chemistry, and being awarded the



Chemistry Medal in his last year. From Aberdeen he proceeded to Oxford and carried out research there under Professor Sir Robert Robinson for the next two years. The results of this work gained him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

On leaving Oxford, he lectured for the next six years at Robert Gordon's Technical College, and from 1945 to 1948 he was on the staff of the Royal College of Science and Technology in Glasgow. For the next six years, from 1948 to 1954, he was in the Public Analyst's Department of Aberdeen County. This varied career gave him a broad outlook on his Chemistry teaching when he finally joined Morrison's and, as a close colleague of his, I was always most impressed by the care which he took over all aspects of the teaching side of his subject. His enthusiasm for the experimental side of Chemistry led him to spend many hours after school ensuring that all the demonstrations planned for the next day would work perfectly. I suspect that few of his pupils were ever aware of the time spent over his many and varied experiments.

He was an excellent teacher. His attention to detail was always meticulous and no boy ever got away with an answer which was not perfectly clear and correct. His own explanations of difficult points were models to any teacher, being concise and most carefully argued. When the new Chemistry syllabus was introduced, Morrison's could not have had anyone more suited to bring it into use. The whole aspect of the subject changed overnight, and only someone with a really broad grasp of Chemistry could have brought in the changes so effortlessly. The success of Max's teaching was evidenced by the excellent examination results, and also by the real enthusiasm that his classes showed for the subject.

Outside the classroom Max took a full part in all aspects of school work. He helped to run a successful Science Society for many years, and was the guiding hand behind the Boxing Club when this was part of the out-of-school activities. However, hockey was his favourite game. He gained his hockey Blue at Aberdeen University, and was Captain in his last year there. He was also good enough to play in the Final Trial for the Scottish Team. The Girls' School were fortunate to have his help, and for a number of years he refereed matches for them on Saturday mornings.

Max will always be remembered by the Staff for his humour and for his downright commonsense — two virtues well known in his native city of Aberdeen. In Staff meetings his advice was always listened to, and nearly always acted upon.

I am grateful for having him as a friend for the last twenty-five years, and I take this opportunity on behalf of all Morrisonians to wish both Mrs Todd and Max a long and happy retirement.

A. B.



*Miss E. H. BLAIR, M.A. Glasgow*

Miss Ethel H. Blair came to Morrison's Academy Girls' School in 1957 after some years of teaching first in Kinross and then in Glasgow and it was good to hear her say before she left us on 30th April this year that these years in Morrison's had been the happiest of her teaching career. For Morrisonians in her care they have indeed been happy and profitable.

In Miss Blair's early days in Morrison's, the Girls' School consisted of only the modest Ferntower Building with the 'Hut' in the grounds, a far cry from the development of the Library Building, the Beatrice Mason and Primary Buildings, the Games Complex and finally the incorporation within the whole structure of the combined Schools. Miss Blair will always be associated with the creation of the Library itself from its modest beginnings to the splendid facility it now is. Memories of those early days must be only too clear to Miss Blair, with classifying and covering and cataloguing, learning to type endless cards and records, extending her knowledge about librarianship as was inevitable with her meticulous care to have everything in first class order in that smooth-

running domain. And she has already done so much towards completing the integration of the former Boys' School Library with that of the former Girls' School.

Yet the care and attention she was prepared to lavish on the Library was merely an extension of that she gave consistently to her work in the English Department, where year after year her delight and skill in language and literature were shared with her pupils. Always she was patient, understanding, kind, using her quiet sense of humour, showing the same interest in pupils whether they happened to be good in English or were finding difficulty. Many a struggling pupil must bless her for the help and encouragement she has given, first to girls and now equally to boys.

Miss Blair is far too wise a person to limit her interests only to Morrison's and the study of English. Her connection with the Church has been life-long and of deep concern to her, and it is always good to listen to her level-headed views on religion and on life. She was a fine hockey player, chosen to play for the Midlands and the West of Scotland, and even reached national trials level. Here again, school benefited when Miss Blair could help out with games fixtures and, of course, provide much-needed expertise in those Staff v. Pupils contests. She is a very keen golfer and a formidable walker, combining the latter with her interest in bird-watching, the study of plant life and photography. As if that were not enough, she is a very active skier, and somehow it seems unlikely that her 'retirement' will be an inactive or quiet or uninteresting one.

Always avoiding the limelight, Miss Blair was nevertheless one who has left an invaluable imprint on the life of Morrison's, and we can only say to her a sincere 'Thank you,' and wish her much happiness in the busy years ahead.

## **THE APPEAL**

Last year's "Morrisonian" referred to the decision of the Governors to start an Appeal to raise money for Bursaries and Scholarships in anticipation of the phasing out of the Direct Grant system. Since then the Appeal Administration has been set up in the School to prepare records of Morrisonians, Parents and other likely well-wishers, and Mr Strathairn, the Secretary, is grateful for the assistance which he has received from the Clubs.

The Appeal Committee was formed to assist with the fund raising and I have the honour to have been appointed its Chairman. The money forthcoming from the Appeal is administered by a Management Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr D. P. McLaren, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

On 12th November, 1979, the Appeal was launched in the Memorial Hall in the presence of a wide representation of the Press, and afterwards the Rector and I were interviewed in the School grounds by both channels of tele-

vision. The launch made a considerable impact in Scotland and the School received excellent publicity.

Since then some 2,500 letters, signed by either the Rector or myself, have been despatched to friends of the School and, after only six months, the Fund now stands at £97,036. We should very soon reach the figure of £100,000. The final total for the 1969 Appeal was £67,275.

The Appeal Committee has agreed to publish the names of donors in next year's "Morrisonian." There will be no reference to the sums donated and every amount, no matter how small, will merit the same recognition.

By the time this article is read I hope that the Fund will be well on its way to the second £100,000. Every little helps. If you have not already contributed, may I please ask that you contact the Appeal Secretary at the School.

A. ROSS BELCH.

## ***Obituaries***

### *SIR T. MALCOLM KNOX*

Last Easter morning, 6th April, 1980, there passed away at his home in Victoria Terrace, Crieff, a truly great man, a man of great gifts of mind and heart, Sir Malcolm Knox, former Principal of the University of St Andrews, a former Chairman of the Board of Governors of Morrison's Academy, one of the world's leading authorities on the German philosopher, Hegel, and a member of numerous government and other Commissions and Committees throughout the United Kingdom.

Born in Birkenhead, the son of a Congregational minister and his wife who came from Tillicoultry, he was educated in Bury and Liverpool and at Pembroke College, Oxford, of which he later became an Honorary Fellow. For some time thereafter he was private secretary to the first Lord Leverhulme, but later returned to academic life as a Tutor and Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford, where he lectured on Greek Philosophy. In 1936, he was appointed to the Chair of Moral Philosophy in St Andrews, of which in 1953 he became Principal and Vice-Chancellor, which post he held until he retired in 1966.

In 1937 he was appointed to the Board of Morrison's Academy, and became Chairman some nine years later. It was said of him later that "when St Andrews sent us as one of our Governors Professor, now Principal Knox, an appointment was made which has proved vital to Morrison's." A scholar, holding honorary degrees from several United Kingdom and foreign Universities, and at the same time a man of affairs, he brought to the Schools those gifts of administration which have raised Morrison's to a high place in Scottish education. In a sense, along with Rector J. E. G. Quick, he was the creator of a modern post-war Morrison's "of which we are legitimately proud today." He retired from the Board in 1962 after a quarter of a century of distinguished and unstinting service. The Centenary celebrations of 1960-61 crowned this

period of devoted service to the interests of the Academy, during which many of the plans to extend and improve the Schools were hatched in his active mind. When, at Speech Day in 1962, he performed his last duty as Chairman, he could recall many such plans and achievements which had come to fruition: the reconstruction of the East Wing, the erection of the John Smith Building, the acquisition of the extensive and beautiful playing fields of Dallerie, the Memorial Sports Pavilion and a whole series of educational and administrative improvements in the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Principal Knox lived in Crieff after his retirement, and it was he who opened the new Boys' Primary School in the grounds of Academy Park in September, 1971. In a forthright speech he gave certain pieces of advice to all who heard him. He advised each member of the audience, "Be a Giver, not a Taker." He went on: "We are losing our moral stamina and becoming dependant on the bounty of a fairy godmother, the state." He also laid stress on the use of the word "Mind":

"Mind your School: it has a distinguished record — let it never have occasion to be ashamed of you. Mind your appearance. Long hair in a man is a sign of weakness in the head. Mind Scotland. Do not forsake its traditions and your duty to it. Mind God. If your vision does not pierce through the flux of petty changes to what neither passes nor fades, your life will become boring and meaningless."

A man of intense personal and academic integrity and of unswerving principles, he was also by nature a reserved person, and a not unsympathetic lover of nature in both its human and harsher manifestations. He spent many happy hours among the hills and glens of Scotland, and among the beautiful isles of Greece and the Mediterranean, where he found relaxation and time for meditation.

At his funeral service in St Andrew's Church, Crieff, which he attended regularly, the Rev. Archibald H. Minto spoke of how "we came to know the man behind the public image, and we found a man exceedingly kind and generous, of a truly friendly disposition, and possessed of a gift of gently humour that was a delight to us all . . . he was in all essentials a Christian at heart . . . We salute Malcolm Knox, a valiant soul for whom the trumpets have sounded on the other side."

In a letter I received recently from one who studied under him and who is now a Professor in the American University in Istanbul, the writer said: "Sir Malcolm was one of my teachers for whom I had the greatest respect and affection and his loss means a great deal to me." Many others here and elsewhere will agree.

To all the members of his family we extend our sincerest sympathy.

J. W.

## JOHN DALGLISH, O.B.E.

John Dalglish was born in 1907 and came to Crieff when one year old with his widowed mother and his sister. He was educated in Morrison's Academy, starting in the Kindergarten and going right through the school to the Sixth Form, with considerable distinction.

In 1923 the family returned to Glasgow where he took a First Class Honours Degree in Engineering at the University. He then entered the family engineering business in Pollokshaws, Glasgow. Over the years he transformed the business, introducing many new products and selling to new markets, some of them considered particularly difficult. Of these the most notable was Russia, where orders worth many millions of pounds were secured. To handle this expansion of the company a second factory was built at Thornliebank. In 1966 he was awarded the O.B.E. for his services to export.

All this success resulted not only from his intelligence and lively mind but greatly because of his sincere interest in people and in their activities. He had very many friends and never forgot one. His interest in others took practical forms and he aided many individuals and organisations financially — often anonymously. He found time to serve as a Governor of Belmont School, Glasgow, and he was a member of the Business Committee of the General Council of Glasgow University.

In 1965 he retired from business and decided to return to Crieff. There he built the first house on the bluff of Callum's Hill and here he was able to devote time to gardening. He developed an outstanding garden on the slopes of the hill and in a neighbouring disused quarry. He played a little golf but had a keen interest in fishing and acquired a stretch of the River Earn — to the benefit of many of his friends.

He joined the Council of Morrison's Academy Boarding Houses Association in 1967 and served as the Local Chairman until its dissolution ten years later. All who worked with him during those years benefited from his kindness, his business acumen and intelligent approach to the many problems concerning personnel and property. Although not always in the best health, he made regular visits of inspection to the Houses and grounds. He took a keen interest in the welfare of the children, and the boarders of those years will recall his presence there and at Dallerie, when he gave his support to the XV. Much that he achieved has not been recorded, but future generations of boarders at Morrison's Academy will benefit from his far-sightedness.

He died on 11th January, 1980, after a long, trying illness which he fought with great fortitude and good humour. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Heys, whom he married in 1933, a son and a daughter and five grandchildren. He leaves behind a multitude of friends and all will remember him with affection and respect.

# ***Staff Appointments***

With the Academy registering as a single school on 1st January, 1980, all departments were combined and the following appointments were made to promoted posts.

*Depute Rector* : Mrs A. Patterson, B.A. Durham.

Mrs Patterson joined the staff of the Girls' School in 1958 as Principal Teacher of History, having taught formerly in Dumfriesshire and Berwickshire. She was appointed Deputy Headmistress in 1969.

*Depute Rector* : Mr C. A. Thomson, M.A. Glasgow, A.F.I.M.A.

Mr Thomson was appointed Principal Teacher of Mathematics in the Boys' School in 1963, having taught previously in Allan Glen's School, Glasgow. He served for four years as Housemaster in Ogilvie House (when it was a boys' house, of course), and was appointed Assistant Rector (Guidance) in 1973, and Deputy Rector in 1976.

*Assistant Rector* : Mr W. Laing, B.Sc. Edinburgh.

Mr Laing joined the staff of the Girls' School in 1961 as Principal Teacher of Science, having taught previously in Broxburn Academy. He was appointed Assistant Head Teacher in 1974.

## *Principal Teachers*

*English* : Mr A. S. Andrews, M.A. Glasgow.

Mr Andrews taught in Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow, for six years before coming to Morrison's Academy as Principal Teacher of English in the Boys' School in 1970. His involvement in school life covers rugby, climbing and music, and he edited the Boys' School Magazine from 1971 to 1979. He is now Editor of the new "Morrisonian."

*History* : Mr J. A. Harley, M.A. Edinburgh.

A Herioter himself, Mr Harley taught at Tynecastle Secondary School, Edinburgh, for three years before returning to George Heriot's, where he has taught for six years. He joined Morrison's as Principal Teacher of History in April, 1980, and his interests include cricket, golf, tennis, ski-ing and badminton.

*Geography* : Miss H. S. Gardiner, B.Sc. Edinburgh, B.Sc. London.

Miss Gardiner joined the staff of the Girls' School in 1969 as Principal Teacher of Geography, and was appointed Principal Teacher of Guidance in 1973. She had taught formerly in Johnstone High School, Renfrew, Campbeltown, Glenrothes, and Dunfermline. As well as involvement in the Scripture Union, her interests include walking and wild life.

*Modern Languages* : Mrs M. M. Smith, M.A. Edinburgh.

Mrs Smith came to the Girls' School in 1974 as Principal Teacher of Modern Languages. Her teaching experience as an Assistant was gained in Brondesbury and Kilburn High School, London, the Grammar School and College of Further Education, Workington, Cumbria, and Perth Academy. She was then appointed Principal Teacher of Modern Languages in Auchterarder High School. Mrs Smith is an Examiner in German for the S.C.E. Examinations Board.

*Classics* : Miss J. T. D. Nisbet, M.A. Glasgow.

Miss Nisbet's teaching experience was in Newmilns Junior Secondary School, Wellington School, Ayr, and Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School in Glasgow, before being appointed Principal Teacher of Classics in the Girls' School in 1967. She inaugurated the Minerva Club and the Gaelic Society in the Girls' School, and was Housemistress of Ochtertyre.

*Mathematics* : Mr D. A. Smith, B.Sc. Edinburgh.

Mr Smith taught as an Assistant in Kelso High School, and as an Assistant Principal Teacher in North Berwick High School before coming to Morrison's as Principal Teacher of Mathematics in April, 1980. His interests include chess, orienteering and hill-walking, and other forms of outdoor education.

*Biology* : Mr G. P. Wilson, M.A., B.Sc. Aberdeen.

Mr Wilson came to the Boys' School in 1966 as Principal Teacher of Biology. He had taught formerly in Perth Academy. He has been very actively involved in School golf, cross-country and in climbing.

*Chemistry* : Mr M. D. Hicks, C.Chem., M.R.S.C.

Mr Hicks qualified as a Chartered Chemist and a Member of the Royal Institute of Chemistry after a period of study and industrial experience in the rubber and plastics industry. He joined Morrison's Academy in January, 1980, as Principal Teacher of Chemistry after seven years' teaching experience at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen. He was there an Officer in the C.C.F., and has joined Morrison's Contingent. Mr Hicks is keenly interested in all outdoor activities.

*Physics* : Mr R. H. Higgins, B.Sc. Edinburgh.

Mr Higgins came to the Girls' School in 1975 as sole teacher of Physics, having taught previously in the Federal Government College in Ilorin, Nigeria. He had gained teaching experience in Dunbar Grammar School before going overseas, first to Uganda, then to Nigeria. He was appointed Principal Teacher of Physics to the combined Schools in 1978.



*Art* : Mr M. C. Boyle, D.A. Glasgow.

Mr Boyle came to Morrison's Academy in 1967 as Assistant Teacher of Art from Bell-Baxter High School, Cupar. He was appointed an Assistant Principal Teacher (Guidance) in 1973, and later succeeded Mr Norval Sharp as Principal Teacher of Art to both Schools in 1975. Mr Boyle's interests include drama and music.

*Home Economics* : Miss D. M. Nicol, Dip.Dom.Sc. Aberdeen.

Miss Nicol taught in Aberdeen, Jersey, Midlothian and Clackmannanshire, before being appointed Principal Teacher of Home Economics in the Girls' School in 1970.

*Music* : Mrs A. B. Hunter, D.R.S.A.M., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

Mrs Hunter joined the Girls' School as Principal Teacher of Music in 1975, having taught in Notre Dame High School, Glasgow. She is on the Committee of the Scottish Schools' Music Association, and was accompanist with the Glasgow Orpheus Club. She also conducted the Kelvin Junior Singers.

*Physical Education* : Mr A. P. Macintyre, D.P.E.H. Jordanhill.

Mr Macintyre was appointed Principal Teacher of Physical Education in the Boys' School in 1955, having taught formerly in George Heriot's School, Edinburgh, and Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen. He served as Housemaster of Dalnhor for fourteen years, and was appointed Principal Teacher of Physical Education of the combined Schools in 1977. He is currently President of the Scottish Schools' Rugby Union.

*Careers* : Mr A. C. Auchterlonie, M.A. Glasgow

Mr Auchterlonie came to the Boys' School in 1955 as a teacher in the Primary and Geography Departments, and he developed the teaching of Geography to the level of presentation at Higher Grade in 1966. Having served as House Tutor in Avondale and Glenearn, he became Housemaster of Academy House in 1966, where he remained until 1974. He has been appointed to the newly created post of Principal Teacher, Careers, with effect from 1st June,

*Primary* : Mr Mcl. McLauchlan, D.P.E.H. Jordanhill, Graduates' Certificate of Primary Education, Moray House.

Mr McLauchlan came to Morrison's Academy from Bell-Baxter High School, Cupar, in 1958, as Assistant Teacher of Physical Education. In this capacity he served for seven years, when he left to take his Certificate of Primary Education at Moray House in Edinburgh. He returned to the staff of the Primary Department in 1966, and succeeded Mr Lauder as Head of the Boys' Primary Department in 1973. He was a House Tutor in Avondale from 1960 to 1962, and served in Ogilvie with his wife as Housemistress from 1969 to 1975.

# PRIZE LIST, 1979

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Primary 4—1 Evelyn Armstrong, 2 (equal) Wendy McArthur and Carol A. McLaren.  
Primary 5—1 Murray G. Crease, 2 T. Stewart Young.  
Primary 6<sub>1</sub>—1 Terence A. Shuttleworth, 2 Stuart D. Ashworth.  
Primary 6<sub>2</sub>—1 Jane A. Reid, 2 Moira M. Findlay.  
Primary 7<sub>1</sub>—1 Ronald W. Dalglish, 2 Bruce A. Gourlay.  
Primary 7<sub>2</sub>—1 Pauline J. Rait, 2 Phillipa D. Coutts.  
Primary 7<sub>3</sub>—1 C. Jane Borthwick, 2 Linda J. Ross.  
Betty Campbell Award to the Dux of the Primary School—Pauline J. Rait.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Form 1 Girls: 1 Sally F. Brooks, 2 Nicola M. White, 3 Victoria J. Barrie, 4 (equal) Wendy J. Hay and Janet M. Maclachlan.  
Form 1 Boys: 1 Cross 1 Roy J. K. Bishop, 2 Kenneth M. Gourlay.  
1 Star 1 Andrew S. Meakin, 2 Hamish J. G. Mair.  
Form 2 Girls: 1 Jane M. Scott, 2 Anne M. Maclachlan, 3 Kirsten A. Glen, 4 Shona Donaldson.  
Form 2 Boys: 2 Cross 1 Calum M. Guthrie, 2 Euan A. Ferguson.  
2 Star 1 Stephen J. Pearson, 2 Alastair McLean.  
Form 3 1 Timothy J. Copeland, 2 Catherine M. Barron, 3 Ruth E. Wishart, 4 Suzanne M. McClelland, 5 Lesley Nicholson, 6 Andrew M. Scott, 7 Aileen J. Cunningham, 8 Kathryn J. Scott, 9 Fiona H. Lloyd, 10 Kenneth J. Welsh.  
Form 4 Girls: 1 Karen M. Halley, 2 Carole D. Johnston, 3 Armored K. Gaskell, 4 Emma L. Curtis, 5 Caroline J. Ashworth.  
Form 4 Boys: 1 Mark Valentine, 2 Graeme Nicholson, 3 Nicholas M. D. Johnston-Jones, 4 Colin M. Band, 5 Graham D. Thom.  
Form 5 Girls: 1 Fiona I. A. MacRae, 2 Fiona J. Reid, 3 Anne G. Aitken, 4 Helen L. Bomont, 5 Jacqueline H. Alexander, 6 Jennifer H. Newstead.  
Form 5 Boys: 1 Alastair J. E. Gray, 2 George W. Frier, 3 Douglas B. Meakin, 4 Colin D. Penny, 5 Andrew M. Niven, 6 Brian D. Strathie.

## Special Prizes

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| Taylor Prize for English:                   | Alastair J. E. Gray     |
| Valentine Prize for English:                | Fiona I. A. MacRae      |
| Robert Laurence Prize for Modern Languages: | Fiona I. A. MacRae      |
| Kennedy Prize for Modern Languages:         | Andrew M. Niven         |
| Reid Technical Prize:                       | Patrick C. Brown        |
| Wardman Prize for Home Economics:           | Alexandra J. M. McNicol |
| Mrs Alston's Prize for Music:               | Hilary M. Donaldson     |
| Lady Knox Prize for Literature:             | Karen E. Brown          |

## Form 6 and Special Awards

Duncan Prize for English Literature:	Yayoi K. Isaacson
Valentine Prize for English:	Yayoi K. Isaacson
Gladys Baker Prize for English Literature:	Kenneth R. Murray
John Smith Prize for Mathematics:	Duncan L. Lord
John Smith Prize for Chemistry:	Duncan L. Lord
A. D. Kippen Prize for Physics:	Duncan L. Lord
Valentine Prize for Modern Languages:	Shona M. E. Crease
Strathairn Prize for History:	Judith A. Sadler
Valentine Prize for Geography:	Vina M. Murchie
Moffat Prize for Biology:	John Macfarlane
Hynd Prize for Modern Languages:	I. Michael Cartwright
(Shared)	J. Gordon Cunningham
Sanderson Prize for Art:	Patricia Thummanond
Proxime Accessit to the Girls' Dux: (The Mason Prize)	Fiona J. Reid
Proxime Accessit to the Boys' Dux:	J. Gordon Cunningham
Crieff Burgh Centenary Cup:	Lorna M. Todd
Valentine Shield for the Head Girl:	Vina M. Murchie
Macrosty Medallist:	Andrew S. Biggart
Valentine Shield for the Head Boy:	Andrew S. Biggart
The Girls' Dux:	Fiona I. A. MacRae
The Boys' Dux:	Duncan L. Lord

## Bursary Award

Shona M. E. Crease has been awarded a Gammie and a Drum Bursary in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Aberdeen University.

## Governors' Bursaries

Duncan L. Lord, June Thomson.

# Sports Clubs

## RUGBY

Captain: I. G. M. Duguid



First XV vs. Boroughmuir, 23rd February, 1980.

The season started with the traditional fixture with the Morrisonian Club, in which our very inexperienced side was well beaten. From then on, the side improved, although it was not until our seventh game that we enjoyed our first win. Some fine performances against Dunfermline High School, Royal High School and Boroughmuir were balanced by poor ones where the score could have gone our way with a bit more effort and concentration.

Our main strength in attack lay in A. N. Buchanan and R. M. Gillies — Buchanan's change in pace and ability to break, in combination with Gillies's strong running, produced many of our tries. D. S. Bosomworth, who developed his play tremendously, was an asset at scrum-half, while the goal-kicking of his half-back partner, C. N. Marshall, also deserves praise. R. H. M. Kerr, promoted to the First XV in the second half of the season, proved to be a competent full-back; and the sound tackling of S. A. MacNicol was an example to us all.

Our physically unbalanced pack usually came up against heavier opposition. Despite the shortcomings in size, spirited performances in the loose — notably

against George Watson's College and Glenalmond — provided the backs with a reasonable share of possession. R. A. Edreira improved his play with every game, and his jumping ability brought most of our line-out ball. F. S. Holder was very effective at Number 8, many of our tries being to his credit; he, along with D. I. Kerr, also excelled in the loose.

On the whole, the team deserves more credit than the somewhat mediocre record suggests. The enthusiasm was generally unquestionable and, although the basics were occasionally lacking, some fine rugby was produced. As this is a young side, the majority of players should be returning to school — something which augurs well for next season.

The School was represented at District level: A. N. Buchanan and I. G. M. Duguid both played for the Midlands Senior side, Buchanan going on to join the Scottish Schoolboys' squad for the match against Wales. F. S. Holder and C. N. Marshall were selected for the Midlands 'B' XV.

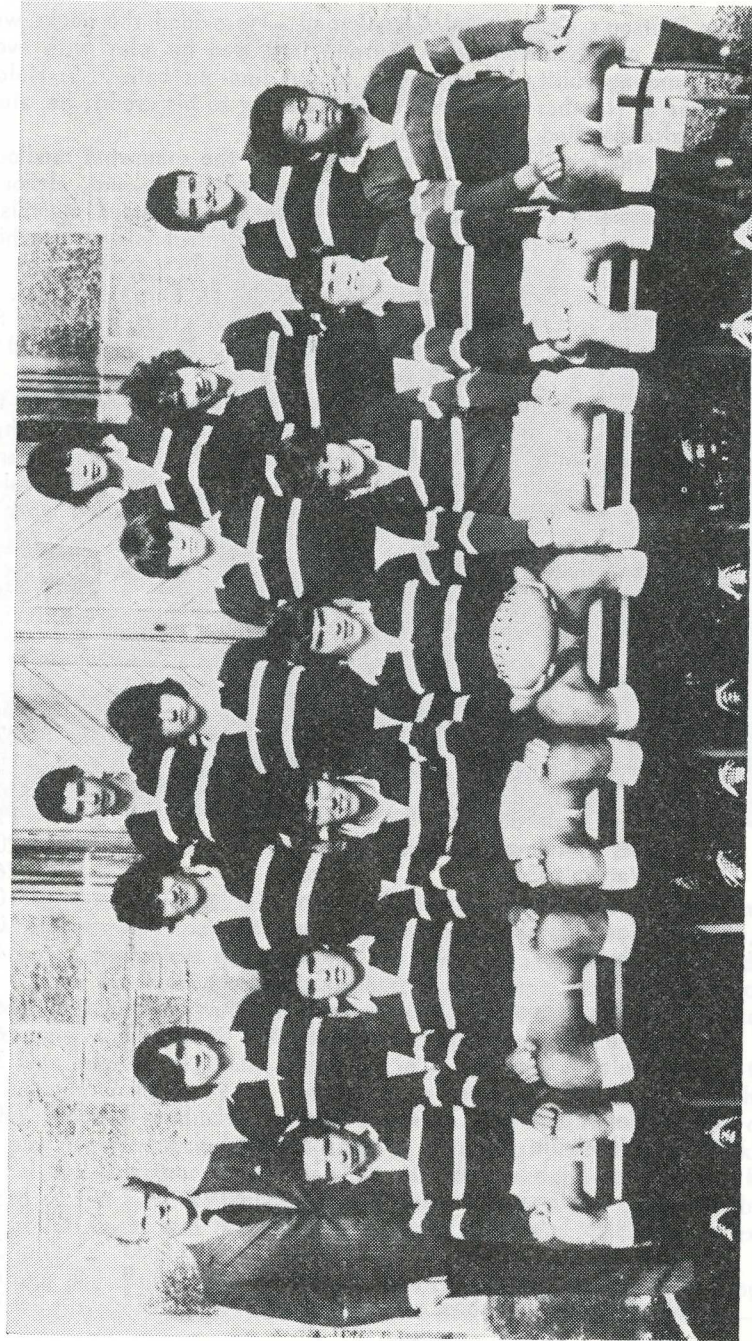
In closing, the Rugby Club is indebted to the masters who coach all the teams, and to the members of staff who travel to away matches — their help is essential to the maintaining of the Club. In particular, the First XV's thanks must go to Mr Macintyre for his work in coaching and organising the side. Also, we must thank Mr Grieve and his ground staff for their hard work in maintaining Dallerie.

Colours were awarded to D. S. Bosomworth, A. N. Buchanan, I. G. M. Duguid and C. N. Marshall. Half-Colours were awarded to R. A. Edreira and F. S. Holder (re-award).

#### FIRST XV RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Result	For	Against
Sept. 8	Morrisonian Club	Lost	7	22
Sept. 15	Kelvinside Academy	Lost	0	19
Sept. 22	Dollar Academy	Lost	6	34
Sept. 29	Merchiston Castle School	Lost	3	17
Oct. 6	Hutchesons' Grammar School	Lost	3	20
Oct. 13	George Watson's College	Lost	9	26
Oct. 27	Dunfermline High School	Won	18	10
Nov. 3	Robert Gordon's College	Won	7	0
Nov. 10	Royal High School	Won	9	4
Nov. 13	Strathallan	Cancelled		
Nov. 24	Dundee High School	Lost	6	16
Dec. 1	Glenalmond	Lost	0	16
Dec. 8	Perth Academy	Won	11	3
1980				
Jan. 12	George Heriot's School	Lost	4	10
Jan. 19	Stewart's/Melville	Cancelled		
Jan. 26	Queen Anne High School	Cancelled		
Feb. 2	Edinburgh Academy	Cancelled		
Feb. 9	Hillhead High School	Cancelled		
Feb. 23	Boroughmuir High School	Won	33	3
Mar. 1	Glasgow Academy	Lost	9	16
Mar. 8	Aberdeen Grammar School	Won	28	0

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Second Row: Mr A. P. Macintyre, J. S. McGeachie, A. S. Small, S. A. MacNicol, R. M. Gillies, I. D. Brown, J. R. Main, D. G. F. Beat, G. A. J. Allan.

Front Row: D. I. Kerr, R. A. Edreira, C. N. Marshall, I. G. M. Duguid (Captain), A. N. Buchanan, D. S. Bosomworth, F. S. Holder.

## SECOND XV

Captain: A. M. Niven

Overall, it has been a mixed season under the captaincy of A. M. Niven at hooker. Having suffered several defeats early on, the side improved towards Christmas and won four of the last six matches, including fine wins over Edinburgh Academy, Boroughmuir and Aberdeen Grammar School. These good results were achieved through a more secure heel at the set piece, and better forward play in the loose, where N. Shankland and N. A. Auchterlonie were particularly effective, supported by the alert G. G. Smith at scrum-half. This base provided useful possession for our strong back division. J. I. Walker's direct running and speed made him the side's top try-scorer with fifteen, assisted by the penetration of R. McLelland and C. N. B. Macmillan.

Despite some narrow margins of defeat, the season was enjoyed by most, especially during the Easter Term.

## THIRD XV

Captain: L. S. Fretz

The Third XV started the season badly, conceding ninety-six points in the opening two games against Kelvinside and Dollar. Despite this bad start, the side settled down to some hard practices and improved by leaps and bounds.

Captained very ably by L. S. Fretz, the team went on to win eight of their remaining eleven games, losing two and drawing one. Two notable wins were against Glenalmond and against the Dollar side who had scored forty-six points against them earlier in the season. In both of these games, the pack, led noisily but effectively by D. M. Glen, played superbly, providing first-class possession for their backs.

The backs on several occasions proved sound in both defence and attack, with S. S. Cullen and J. F. McNicol worthy of mention. On the whole, it was a very successful season for the Thirds, and we look forward to seeing one or two of the side in the First XV next season.

## COLTS XV

Captain: A. G. Law

To assess the Colts' season, it would be fairer to look at their points record than the number of games won. Many games were lost very narrowly, the largest margin in a defeat being nine points — against Glenalmond: and there were some very convincing wins. This is a side whose vigorous enthusiasm combined at times with very effective forward play; and while the backs'

handling was not consistently secure, they produced some fluid and entertaining rugby on their best days. Their defence rarely broke down, as reflected in the points scored against them; and they should provide the senior sides with considerable strength in the next two seasons.

D. T. Lothian captained the team in the early part of the season, and on the field he led well. Law took over as captain and proved a very effective and responsible leader as well as a skilful hooker and energetic loose player. Although this side's principal strength lay in its work as a unit, there are two players who deserve special mention — P. N. Moore (the envy of at least one master in charge of our opponents) and A. J. Lonie, who is a versatile and talented player in the stand-off or centre position.

Colts' Badges were awarded to J. R. Halley, A. G. Law, A. J. Lonie, D. T. Lothian, P. N. Moore, J. M. Scott.

### FIFTH XV

Captain: A. L. Small

This year's Fifth XV has been a keen and active side. Our pack, though not of tremendous size, is a compact, hard-working unit which was led admirably well by P. Young, who kept them on their toes throughout the season. Also worthy of mention is E. J. Clunie, for his spirited and aggressive play in all aspects of the game: he was an influence on the whole side. D. G. G. Aitchison and G. Campbell proved to be very useful in winning the ball at lineouts.

The backs proved to be quite a fast line-up. R. T. Gough, a nippy little player, played his new role of scrum-half very well, whereas our former scrum-half found that his talents were better employed at wing-forward. The stand-off, S. R. Kerr, was notable for his touch-kicking under pressure, and for his consistent place-kicking throughout the season. A. D. Thummanond, our outside centre, was top points scorer for the season, with 56 points, and proved to be a great asset to the side with his tremendous pace. The two wingers, C. T. Hutton and W. M. Scott, both had a good season. Hutton, a newcomer to the game, adapted himself very well, and proved to be a very evasive player. W. M. Scott, apart from his strong running, was by far the best tackler in the side, and deserves praise for his aggressive play.

Overall, this season has been quite a successful one, and we look forward to a good season next year as the Colts.

### SIXTH XV

Captain: R. C. Temple

This was a disappointing season as there are many good players in the First Year. Unfortunately there are two or three key positions in which better players are needed before much progress can be made.



Once again, lack of size was a great handicap, particularly in the forwards. This was most noticeable in the lineouts, where a lot of possession was lost, and two, or even one, taller player would have been a great help. In loose play enthusiasm and hard work partly made up for this lack of physical presence.

The backs often did not play as well as their individual ability would have allowed, for there is no doubt that there are some talented and keen boys in this part of the team.

The record shown does not do justice to the hard work that several of the boys have put in. While the results are not everything, boys of this age do become dispirited after a couple of heavy defeats. However, with the right changes next year, and continued hard work and practice, things will surely be much better for the boys.

Much thanks must go to the captain, R. C. Temple, for his help throughout the season.

### PRIMARY XV

Captain: A. W. S. Mair

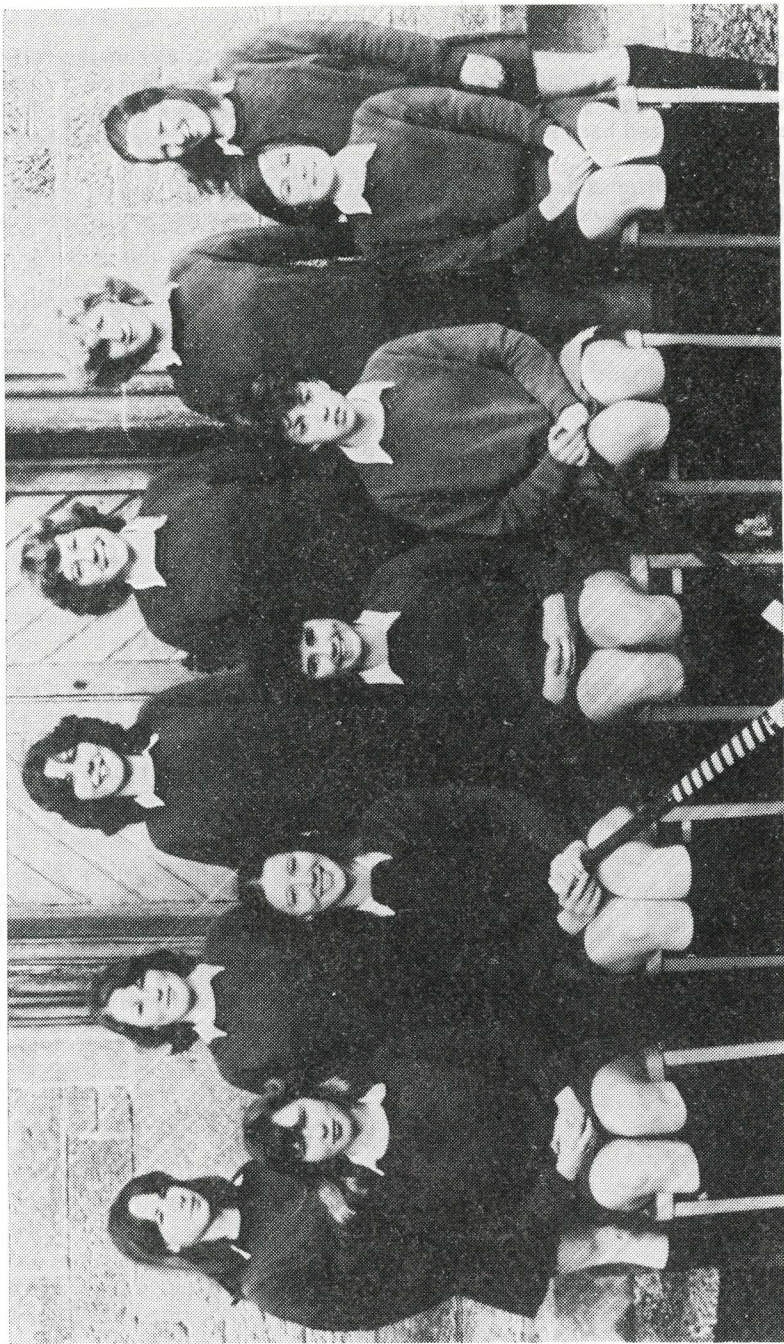
A good, enthusiastic Fifteen in spite of a poor season's record. Practices showed that this team has potential to do well in the future, but at the moment some basics have to be perfected, especially in set scrummaging and lineouts. The backs were strong running but suffered from the lack of good ball, and with five of the regular backs still in Primary 6, next season's team should start a much more experienced side.

Three games stood out from the others. The matches against Edinburgh Academy and Dollar Academy were well and closely fought. Perhaps the most satisfactory match was the draw against Heriot's at Goldenacre — a win there would have given the team the confidence so badly needed.

#### Team Records for Season 1979-80

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV .....	15	6	0	9	146	194
2nd XV .....	16	5	1	10	207	352
3rd XV .....	13	8	1	4	140	184
Colts XV .....	13	6	2	5	174	56
5th XV .....	12	6	1	5	173	215
6th XV .....	14	3	1	10	78	321
Primary XV .....	7	0	1	6	4	139

HOCKEY — FIRST ELEVEN, 1979 - 80



Back Row: Heather J. Stevenson, E. Sharon Kup, Joyce J. Aitken, Alison M. Stimpson, Zoe Swithenbank, Fiona A. J. Lothian.  
Front Row: Louise E. Knowles, Armored K. Gaskell, Anne G. Aitken (Captain), Patricia M. Geddes, Karen M. Halley.

## HOCKEY

Captain: Anne G. Aitken

Adverse weather conditions played a major part in this year's hockey fixtures, with many cancellations as a result. The team began the season with a convincing win over Perth High School, which did much to boost confidence. However, we then lost to a strong Kilgraston side. Possibly our most satisfactory game was our victory over Dollar Academy, during which the defence managed admirably to halt any late attacks from a team determined to pull back the small deficit.

In the Midlands Tournament, the team produced a co-ordinated effort, resulting in second place in the group which had the eventual winning team.

As well as participating in the outdoor tournament, we took part in an indoor competition at Perth Academy, where we gained second place.

After a long break, during which we played St Leonard's in an indoor game, we finished the season by losing somewhat dismally to Harris Academy.

Our congratulations go to Louise Knowles, who was chosen to play for the Perth and Kinross County Team.

We should like to thank the P.E. Staff for their encouragement in sometimes sub-zero conditions, and also the groundsmen for maintaining the pitches in such good condition. We hope that next season will be more successful than this year's — but as enjoyable.

Colours were awarded to Karen M. Halley and Louise E. Knowles.

Half-colours were awarded to Anne G. Aitken, Patricia M. Geddes, Heather J. Stevenson and Alison M. Stimpson.

### SECOND XI

Captain: Hilary M. Donaldson

The hockey season for the Second XI started off later than that of the other teams, with a convincing win over Harris Academy. Forwards and defence alike played well over the whole season, and our goalkeeper, Eleanor Johnstone, faced formidable opponents bravely. Catherine Barron, the centre-forward, was our chief goal-scorer, and her excellent shooting power meant that although we faced defeat three times, we were not completely disgraced.

Unfortunately, bad weather meant that we were not allowed to show off our skills to their best; but the spirit of the Second XI was not daunted, and enthusiasm was shown by most right up to the end of the season.

### THIRD YEAR XI

Captain: Susan C. Hunt

This was a poor season because of the disappointing weather and cancellations by the opposition. We played seven games, winning one, and also entered the Junior Tournament at St Columba's.

Results aside, the girls greatly enjoyed their games. Although we had great difficulty in maintaining a regular team, the attitude after all the games showed good spirit. We should like to express our thanks to Mrs Laing for all her encouragement.

## *SECOND YEAR XI*

Captain: Jennifer C. Cowan

The Second Year hockey team has had a successful season, although quite a number of matches were cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. We played six matches, winning two, drawing three and losing one. We enjoyed the season and a good team spirit was present throughout.

## *FIRST YEAR XI*

Captain: C. Elizabeth Cowan

The First Year hockey team has had a fairly disappointing season, in that we have played only six games. This was due to adverse weather conditions and cancellations by the opposition. Out of the six games we played, we won three and lost three. Team spirit is high and we hope that this will continue next season.

## **CRICKET - 1979 SEASON**

Captain: D. I. S. Browne

The beginning of the season saw a number of new faces in the side, balanced by the experience of several of the previous year's players. A rather even record reflected some reasonably high standards of play in the team, but a lack of consistency let us down on many occasions. The best performances came against Glasgow High, Kelvinside Academy and Perth Academy — which were our three notable victories.

D. I. S. Browne showed experience and enthusiasm in captaining the side throughout the season, with many praiseworthy batting performances, the best coming against Crieff, where he claimed 41 of the side's total of 92. On the bowling side, the ever-energetic R. A. Davidson produced consistently fine performances with his deceptive style. Backing him up were K. Donaldson and N. A. Auchterlonie, who were by no means hampered by their inexperience. They were to be joined later in the season by D. S. Bosomworth, who settled in immediately as a very promising opening bowler, claiming many important wickets.

The batting standard proved to be pleasing on many occasions, with the highest final average coming from D. G. F. Beat. He made good scores of 39 against a strong Strathallan side, 26 against Perth Academy, and an unbeaten 53 against the Morrisonian Club. C. N. Marshall also attained a fine half-century against Glasgow Academy, followed by totals of 33 and 27 runs. A. S. Biggart joined us halfway through the season, making a stunning 50 not out in only 55 minutes against Perth Academy, with a style equally suitable on any golf course.

The fielding throughout the season was commendable, with A. S. Biggart and A. G. MacEwen showing the highest number of catches. Other members followed closely behind with some spirited fielding.

## CRICKET — FIRST ELEVEN, 1979



**Second Row:** Mr J. C. S. McGregor, I. D. Brown, L. S. Fretz, D. G. F. Beat, A. G. MacEwen, S. A. MacNicol, N. A. Auchterlonie, K. Donaldson, D. B. Meakin (Scorer).

**Fornt Row:** A. S. Biggart, R. A. Davidson, D. I. S. Browne (Captain), C. N. Marshall, D. S. Bosomworth.

The highlight of the season was our annual match against the Old Boys' XI, who set us a rather difficult target of 128 runs, but, in front of the School, our batting proved to be the stronger, passing this total with the loss of only 7 wickets. We are indebted once again to the Morrisonian Club for producing a team of its usual high standard.

We should like to thank Mr McGregor for coaching and umpiring the First XI, and also all other members of staff who coached and umpired other Elevens: their help is greatly appreciated. Thanks must also go to Mr Greive and his staff, who maintained the good condition of the pitches throughout the season.

Half-colours were awarded to D. G. F. Beat and C. N. Marshall.

## CRICKET — Team Captains, 1979

1st XI — D. I. S. Browne  
2nd XI — A. M. Niven  
Colts XI — E. J. McRobbie

Junior 'A' XI — A. G. Law  
Junior 'B' XI — S. R. Kerr  
Primary XI — A. G. Niven

### Team Records, 1979

	P	W	D	L
1st XI .....	13	4	4	5
2nd XI .....	8	5	1	2
Colts XI .....	6	4	1	1
Junior 'A' XI .....	7	3	2	2
Junior 'B' XI .....	7	3	0	4
Primary XI .....	6	3	1	2

## ATHLETICS - SEASON 1979

### Boys

The School competed in two matches in 1979, the first against Dollar at home, and the second away at George Heriot's School. Although the final results in these matches were disappointing, there were many commendable individual performances, especially those of F. S. Holder and R. M. Gillies.

In the first of these matches our strength was in the Junior section, who won by 56 points to 53. The Intermediates and Seniors, however, lost by 22 points and 9 points respectively. The final score was Dollar Academy 188, Morrison's 160.

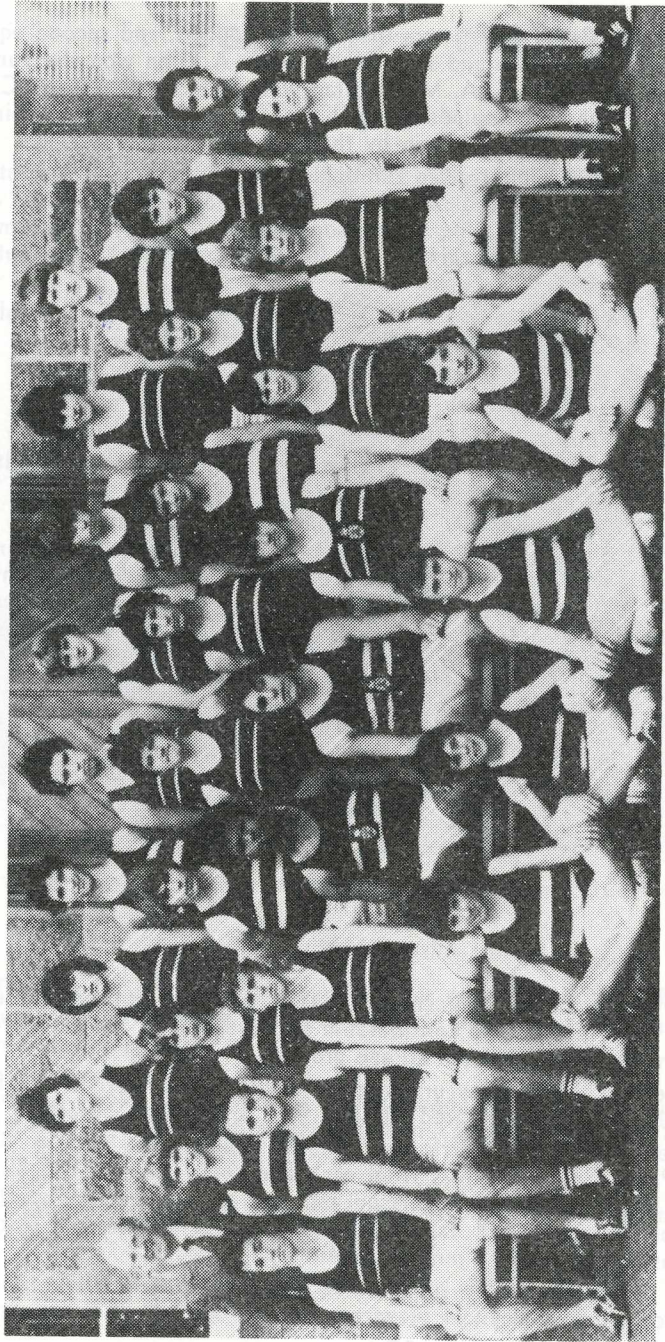
All three of our age groups lost in the second match, with the Juniors and Seniors being beaten quite convincingly. The Intermediates were our most successful group, eventually losing by just one point. Heriot's were the victors by 27 points, the final score being Heriot's 173, Morrison's 146.

Nine members of the team entered for the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships at Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow. Of the many good performances of these boys, the most noteworthy came from J. M. Scott, who gained a first place in Group C (13-15 years) javelin; and F. S. Holder, who was second in the Group B (15-17 years) long jump.

Sports Day, 1979, unfortunately turned out to be one of the wettest days of the month. The weather did not, however, seem to bother the many parents and friends who loyally turned out to support. Nor did it affect the competitors themselves, who put in some fine performances.

The Senior Championship was won by C. S. J. Alexander with 36 points, F. S. Holder being runner-up with 31, and R. Boyle being third. In the Inter-

BOYS' ATHLETICS — 1979



**Back Row:** D. Duncan, I. C. Kirkwood, A. Findlay, J. F. McNicol, A. N. Buchanan, I. D. Brown, C. N. B. Macmillan, A. G. Meikle.

**Second Row:** Mr A. P. Macintyre, D. A. Glen, G. A. MacLachlan, I. G. M. Duguid, P. N. Moore, T. Y. Griffiths, W. M. Scott, J. M. Scott, C. J. Hill, A. D. Thummanond.

**Front Row:** R. McLelland, D. S. M. Buntin, R. Boyle, F. S. Holder, C. S. J. Alexander, R. M. Gillies, H. M. Caldwell, A. I. D. Todd, J. H. Ragless.

**Seated:** G. S. Strathie, C. M. Guthrie, W. McAllister, T. J. Batchelor.

mediate Championship R. M. Gillies was first with 41 points, and second equal with 12 points were I. D. Brown and J. F. McNicol. D. A. Glen won the Junior Championship with 26 points, G. A. MacLachlan was second with 21 and C. J. Hill was third. The Primary Championship went to D. W. Lawson with 13 points. The Inter-House Championship was won by the Grahams.

The help and encouragement given throughout the season by Mr Macintyre was much appreciated by everyone concerned. Thanks go also to all staff and pupils who helped in any way during the season. Of course many thanks must go to Mr Grieve and his ground staff for the hours of hard work they put in at Dallerie.

Colours were awarded to C. S. J. Alexander (re-award), F. S. Holder (re-award) and R. M. Gillies. Half-colours were awarded to R. Boyle.

### *Girls*

For the girls, Athletics is a developing sport in the School. They got off to an encouraging season last year with three inter-school matches, resulting in some very commendable individual results.

Sports Day produced many fine performances. Fiona Lothian showed her all-round ability, winning the Senior Championship with 23 points; runner-up was Alex McNicol with 19 points. Alison Stimpson narrowly won the Intermediate cup with 20 points, after yet again dominating the throwing events; runner-up was Rhona Macintyre with 19 points. The Junior Championship was won convincingly by Emma Bond with 29 points; runner-up was Karen Halley with 17 points.

The House Cup was won for the first time in seventeen years by Fern-tower with 114 points; runner-up was Dollerie with 110 points.

Our thanks to all members of Staff for their help, efforts and enthusiasm.

## **BADMINTON**

Captain: Alison M. Stimpson

Although it has been an unsuccessful season, this has not been due to lack of interest. There has been a considerable improvement in the standard of play, and an increase in players from all age groups.

During November, Mrs Halley organised a mixed tournament. In the final David Beat and Joyce Aitken defeated Alasdair Kerr and Fiona Corbett.

In December, the annual Perthshire Schools League was held in Bells' Sports Centre, Perth. Several players from each age group participated. In the Under-14 Boys' Singles, William Robertson reached the quarter-finals; David Beat with Alison Stimpson and Iain Todd with Carole Henderson reached different sections in the Over-16 mixed doubles semi-finals.

Our thanks go to Mrs Halley and Mr McCarra for devoting their time to supervision and coaching of younger players.



## GOLF - 1979 SEASON

### BOYS' GOLF TEAM — 1979



(Left to right) A. G. Lawson, J. H. Parker, A. S. Biggart (Captain), D. L. Lord, C. D. Lowson.

The Boys' Golf Team enjoyed another good season in 1979. Once again they won both Perthshire Schools' Team Stroke Play event and the Schools' Match Play Competition.

In the stroke play event at Glenalmond, the team ran out comfortable winners by 11 strokes, with a team total of 230. The individual event was won by A. S. Biggart with a good score of 73.

In the match play the team defeated Glenalmond by three matches to one in the final at Craigie Hill Golf Club.

The Schools' County Stroke Play Individual Championship was played at King James VI Golf Club in Perth, and was won by A. S. Biggart with a 74.

The Perth and Kinross Boys' Match Play Championship was won by C. D. Lowson at the Milnathort Golf Club.

A. S. Biggart won the Belch Cup for the third time with some excellent golf.

A. S. Biggart, C. D. Lowson and A. G. Lowson represented the County in matches throughout the season.

The School Team for 1979 was :

A. S. Biggart  
C. D. Lowson  
A. G. Lowson  
D. L. Lord  
J. H. Parker

The Team would like to thank Mr Wilson and Mr Macintyre for providing transport and giving advice.

Colours were awarded to A. S. Biggart, C. D. Lowson, A. G. Lowson and D. L. Lord.

#### GIRLS' TENNIS VI — 1979



(Left to right) Alison M. Stimpson, Armorel K. Gaskell, Carolyn D. Miquel (Captain), Joyce J. Aitken, Anne G. Aitken, N. Fiona Laing.

## TENNIS - 1979 SEASON

### Girls

Captain: Carolyn D. Miquel  
Vice-Captain: Susan Robertson

Despite an encouraging start to the season, with wins over Kilgraston and Dollar, the team's good fortune was not to last.

The 1st VI was entered for the Scottish Midlands Schools Tournament but was quickly dismissed by Kilgraston, who were eager to gain revenge for their earlier defeat by Morrison's. We hope for better things in the future.

The Junior team, however, enjoyed a more successful season, with convincing wins over Perth Academy and Kilgraston. Their good play also enabled them to reach the semi-final of the Junior Midlands Tournament.

There was once again a large entry for the School Singles Championship, the eventual winner being Alison Stimpson, who beat Armored Gaskell in straight sets.

The results of the house matches were as follows :

1st — Drummond	3rd — Dollerie
2nd — Ochertyre	4th — Ferntower

Half-colours were awarded to Carolyn Miquel, Susan Robertson, Anne Aitken, Alison Stimpson and Armored Gaskell.

### Boys

The Tennis Team was entered for only one competition this season, the Midlands School event, which took place in Perth and Dundee.

After beating Perth Academy 7-2 in the second round, the team was knocked out in the semi-finals by a strong Dundee High School VI. Although convincingly beaten by 6-3, the match was more closely fought than the score suggests.

The annual match against the Morrisonian Club on the Sunday after Sports Day was called off due to adverse weather conditions. It is hoped that fixtures against other schools will be started this summer.

There was a large entry for the School Championship for the Dye Cup. The semi-finalists were C. N. Marshall, S. A. MacNicol, D. G. F. Beat and H. M. Caldwell. Marshall and Beat progressed to the final, and in an enthralling and closely contested three sets, Marshall emerged the winner.

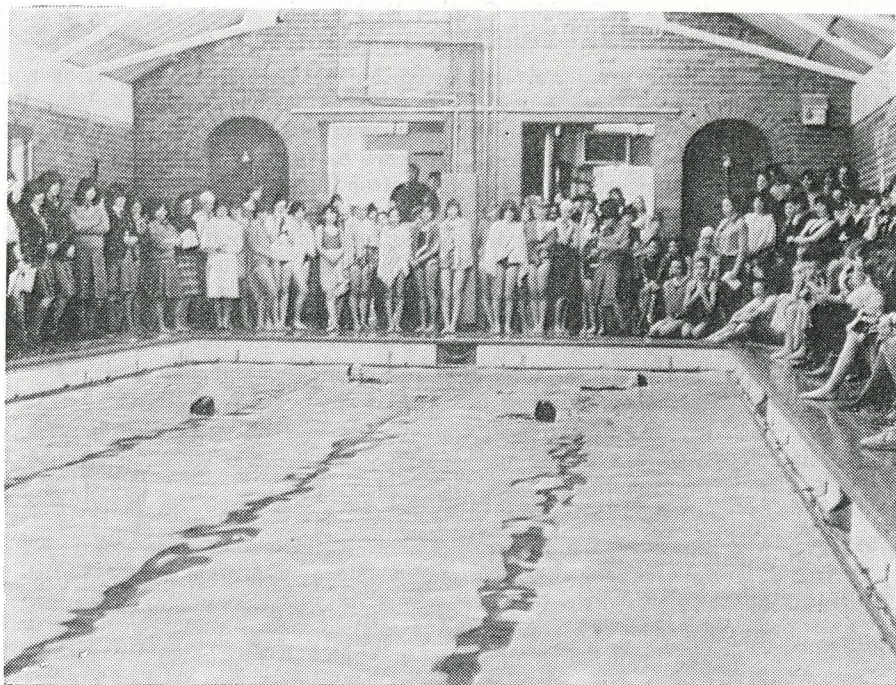
The team which represented the School in the Midlands Schools Competition was :

1st couple :	C. N. Marshall (Captain)
	D. J. Knapman
2nd couple :	D. G. F. Beat
	A. S. C. Leitch
3rd couple :	S. A. MacNicol
	R. A. Edreira

Thanks are due to the masters who give up time to transport the team to the competition.

The Murrays again won the House Tennis Championship, the Downie Cup. Colours were awarded to D. G. F. Beat and C. N. Marshall.

## SWIMMING



The Senior Girls' Swimming Gala, 14th March, 1980.

### *Girls*

The Swimming Club has had a busy session. The first gala was the Perth and Kinross Championships, where in the under-14 age group Elizabeth Cowan and Jennifer Cowan were first in the back crawl and butterfly respectively. The girls' team also won the relay events in the under-14 and under-16 age groups. In the under-19 age group Annette Rankine and Barbara Rodger were first in front crawl and butterfly respectively.

The next gala, in November, was against St Leonard's School, with under-14 and under-13 competing: Morrison's lost 62-72. Also in November swimmers took part in the time trials at Glenalmond. Congratulations go to Marion Mitchell, who qualified for the Scottish Schools Final at East Kilbride. Although not placed, Marion swam a personal best time. We had two Primary galas against Kilgraston. The first, in December, was won by Morrison's by 104 points to 64; the other gala, in February, was won by Kilgraston, 66 points to 64.

In March, a gala for all age groups was held against Dollar, who won by 218 points to 135. Also in March we entered two relay teams for the Stirling Gala. The Primary team of Gayle MacLachlan, Moira Findlay, Lindsey Skea and Catriona Arbuthnott won the Primary Schools Cup; while the Senior team of Jennifer Cowan, Gillian Rodger, Annette Rankine and Fiona Coles came fourth.

In the Primary Inter-House Gala, the individual Championship was won by Fiona Wilkie, with Gayle MacLachlan a close second. House results were: 1st, Campbells, 138 points; 2nd, Grahams, 94; 3rd, Drummonds, 82; 4th, Murrays, 81.

The Senior Inter-House Gala had the added attraction of a synchronised swimming display involving Jane Inglis, Kate McKenzie, Hilary Donaldson and Fiona MacIntyre.

Individual champions were: Junior — Jennifer Cowan; runner-up, Fiona Coles; Intermediate — Claire McNaughton; runner-up, Susan Hunt; Senior — Alison Stimpson; runner-up, Marion Mitchell.

House results were: 1st, Grahams, 117 points; 2nd, Murrays, 107 points; 3rd, Drummonds, 94 points; 4th, Campbells, 25 points.

### Boys

We entered a strong team for the Perthshire Schools Gala, and there were some very creditable performances. In the under-14 group D. D. Goodwin came first in the one-length back crawl, and there was one individual second. In the under-16 group there were two individual firsts: R. G. J. Mathers in the two-lengths front crawl, and E. J. McRobbie in the one-length butterfly. There was also one individual second. We entered two teams in the four-by-two-lengths relay and obtained first and second places.

A small number took part in the Scottish Schools Time Trials at Glenalmond, but no-one reached the finals.

Over recent years the Inter-House Galas have produced close results. This year was no exception, with five points separating the top three Houses. The Drummonds finally emerged as victors with 112 points; the Murrays were second with 111; the Grahams third with 109; and the Campbells fourth with 77.

Finally our thanks must go to members of the games staff who gave up their time to help us.

Colours were awarded to R. G. J. Mathers and I. D. Brown.

## **SKI CLUB**

Despite the mild winter, three Sunday trips were made to Glenshee during January and February. On one such occasion driving conditions were made so hazardous by falling snow that our thanks must go to the Lawson bus drivers for their careful driving.

The School entered two teams to compete in the Perth and Kinross Schools Ski Championships, held annually at Glenshee. Congratulations go to James Halley, Douglas Lothian, Emma Bond and Nicola Campbell for coming fourth, and to David Gaskell, Stephen Leckie, Alan Dingley and Peter Moore for coming sixth.

The highlight of the skiing calendar was a week's holiday in the Italian resort of Artesina in the Maritime Alps. Since spring 1979, Mr McGregor and Mrs Laing, as organisers of the expedition, had held regular briefing sessions and arranged two parents' evenings at which the Schools Abroad representative spoke about necessary equipment and the accommodation.

By the end of term, excitement was high and on Friday, 28th March, fifty pupils, accompanied by Mr and Mrs McGregor, Mr and Mrs Laing, Miss Hartley and Mr Allardice, set off from Victoria Terrace. After a smooth flight and a long coach journey, we arrived at the Hotel Marguareis, where a hot meal awaited us.

The next morning, after obtaining our equipment, we assembled somewhat nervously on the slopes where our skiing abilities were to be assessed by the instructors. Afterwards we were allocated to groups and thereafter we received two hours' daily instruction. Skiing conditions were ideal: the sun shone all day long, and the wide variety of ski runs were all covered with a powdery snow which did much to cushion our falls!

The "après ski" life proved to be great fun, with discos every evening, and towards the end of the week everyone participated in an "It's a Knockout Disco," consisting of wild and crazy team games. One evening, the hotel held a tobogganing contest in which teams of four participated in an energetic relay on a slope. Despite dubious tactics, the winning team received a welcome bottle of wine as a reward for their exertion.

The climax of the week was the ceremony on the last night, when Ettore, one of our instructors, presented each of us with an Italian Ski School Award, denoting the standard attained.

The holiday was most enjoyable and beneficial. Everyone, especially the beginners, improved in the warm and friendly atmosphere. Our thanks go to all the Staff for their organisation and supervision in making this such a memorable and rewarding holiday.

# CONTRIBUTIONS

## Primary

On Sunday the church bell rings and all the good people come and pray. I sit beside Rachel Eadie and they sing and talk to Mr Tait. There is a weather-cock and from the school window you can see it.

Charlotte A. Marris, P.3

The robin is a friendly bird and he eats worms and berries and he has a red breast. He has black eyes and a brown beak. He likes crumbs of bread. Robins build nests in tea-pots and garden sheds.

Gordon B. Wilson, P.3

### MAGIC RUGBY BOOTS

One day I went into a shoe shop to buy some rugby boots, the man said, "Today all my boots become magic."

I said, "Wonderful." I bought a pair with sparkling studs and bright red round the rim. I took them home and gave them to Daddy.

He said, "Thank you," and went to play rugby. He did well with the magic boots and scored fifty tries. The next time he played his team won the gold cup, and after that they always won it.

Katherine M. Bolton, P.3

### MAGIC BOOTS

I went into the shop the man said, "Can I help you?"

I said, "Certainly, I would like that pair of shoes, please."

"Thank you very much," the assistant said, "they are magic shoes. They will take you to lots of strange lands."

"Oh!" I said, "I would be very pleased to have them. Thank you very much. How much are they?"

"They are £1.00. Come again," said the assistant. I went away. I put them on. They were lifting me up in the air. I was flying! Wow! Suddenly I was at a haunted castle. A skeleton was there to meet me. I was welcomed in. Everyone was here to meet me. I was astonished at them. I was so excited that I was not scared because I had my magic boots on. I clicked my heels and flew away.

Victoria M. Shuttleworth, P.3

### THE SCARECROW'S STORY

I'm lonely, oh so lonely,  
Here in this ploughed field.  
The wind blows in and out of my coat,  
Trying to make me yield.  
My head is a cold, wet turnip,  
My clothes are tattered and torn,  
I'm cold, wet and miserable,  
Alone and forlorn.

The farmer has a smart new suit,  
Why can't I have one too?  
His children have toys and lots of fun,  
I haven't a thing to do.  
The big, black crows just laugh at me,  
I don't scare them at all :  
I think they laugh because they're so large,  
And I'm not very tall.

But wait, here's a family of robins,  
They're making their nest on me!  
They'll be my friends for ever,  
And happy I shall be!

D. Jeffrey Crofts, P.6A

### THE SITTING-ROOM FIRE

I sit down by my warm fire and stare into it.  
Away I go, away I go, into the world of dream.  
I see weaving figures dancing round and round,  
Up to a castle in the sky they dance— then a quick flicker,  
And away they go, all the dancing gone.

Elizabeth A. Lorimer, P.6M

### MOUNTAIN

The cornices gleam in the evening sun.  
The dangerous ice dazzles and  
All around the silence closes in,  
Except for the ice-axe chipping dully,  
No creature stirs, the wind is still.  
The weary moon climbs the empty sky,  
The final breath of day expires,  
And it is night.

I am alone on the mountain.

Kenneth C. Steven, P.7H



## THE SCHOOL OLYMPIC GAMES

"This is Joe Chompit, champion tie-chewer from Scogpool School. He can chew half a mile of ties in quarter of an hour." A senior prefect was showing Mr Bloggs round Morrison's Olympic Stadium where the next School Olympic Games would be held. The top athletes from all the nations' schools had already assembled, waiting for the games to begin.

"This is the Olympic Swimming Pool. Of course, it is within regulation size — five metres in length and two in breadth. The best swimmers can do doggy-paddle for up to two breadths without stopping." The prefect pulled a bewildered Mr Bloggs outside again, and slammed the door. It immediately fell off its hinges.

They continued through the grounds where a bedraggled assortment of pupils were seemingly trying to hit each other on the head with gigantic bits of concrete suspended on strings. "The conker team," the prefect informed Mr Bloggs, as he was hit by a flying bit of mortar.

"Tom Crumpit, the champion ruler smasher. He specialises in the 'Shatter Proof' kind."

"Scroggins," the prefect said, as he pointed out a mingy-looking individual with hair down to his feet. "He won a bronze in the greasy hair competition last Games."

The prefect and Mr Bloggs continued their tour until they came to a large hut which, the prefect informed the sight-seer, was the Refectory. They entered and saw a large girl supporting her weight on a Refectory stool.

"This is Fiona Watey, who can eat ten tons of Refectory food in half a term. She is expected to win a gold in the food-stuffing competition . . ."

I woke up. Oh no! It was Monday morning.

E. Wendy Bassett, P.7M

## THE HORSE

Cold and miserable is the field,  
An old tin shed acts as a shield,  
Old horse in the corner sees the snow,  
Tired and hungry, feeling low.

His field is just a sea of white,  
He stares into the coming night.  
Churning of slush, swishing of wheel,  
Here's the farmer, bringing his meal.

He leaves his shed, plods slowly on,  
Stops for rests, that are never long,  
Never a winter was so cold,  
Worse next year, for he's really old.

Nicholas C. Mayall, P.7H

### RINGS

Olympic Flag  
Flying white.  
Peace and hope?  
Blue is sky or  
Blue is cold?  
Black as night or  
Black as death?  
Red is bright or  
Red is danger?  
Yellow as corn or  
Yellow as withering?  
Green is grass or  
Green is envy?  
War and despair?

Robert G. Mackinlay, P.7H

### OLYMPIC FLAG

White, flying, a gentle sight,  
Blue, labyrinth of scattered clouds.  
Black, harmless, soft night,  
Red, warm friendly crowds.  
Yellow, joy and happiness,  
Green, grass, trees and seed :  
All the wonders spoiled by greed.

Douglas W. Lawson, P.7H

### SATURN

Saturn weaves his weary way  
Through the starry Milky Way  
He is growing old and grey  
As he moves, time ticks away.  
He is spherical, brown-grey slate  
With meteor rings in triplicate  
Each a stellar laurel wreath  
Not made out of any leaf  
For leaves would die in cheerless space  
And nothing else could take their place!

Terence A. Shuttleworth, P.7H

### TROIKA

Smothered in furs,  
And jogging along behind the sure-footed horses,  
There is a feeling of exhilaration and utter joy,  
Just trotting over the snow,  
Packed closely, or sometimes half-sinking into it.  
Bells jingling,  
Harness rattling,  
Whip cracking, sounding like music in our ears,  
Three heads,  
Bobbing up and down in perfect unison,  
Flying over a bump,  
The hardy little beasts pulling their burden behind them,  
Slowing down,  
Getting slower,  
Slower,  
Bumping and jolting,  
To a gradual stop.

Jane A. Reid, P.7M

### ALONE

Alone is a lovely place,  
With nobody to keep me company,  
Only the flutter of wind in the trees,  
And the twitter of birds high in the breeze,  
Nobody there, just all alone,  
That's how I like it, all alone.

Nicholas Ditchfield, P.7H

### CRYSTAL PALACE 1851

Crystal Palace, a magnificent sight,  
All made of glass, reflecting light,  
Outside, inside, proportions right,  
What a length and what a height!

Crystal Palace, a wonderful design,  
The beautiful glass made it shine,  
Outside, carriages in a straight line,  
A massive greenhouse, bigger than mine!

David S. Buchanan, P.7H

## *IDLENESS*

I meant to do some work to-day,  
But something in me made me say,  
That I should do a little less,  
Because of my sheer idleness.

Angus W. S. Mair, P.7H

## *EXPERIENCE ABROAD*

I live in Tehran, capital of Iran. Tehran is a very busy place, and it is growing every year. It is gradually going up the mountains nearby. Although Iran is a very hot country, and it is very hot in summer, it can be very cold in winter.

I live a quarter way up a hill, that is why we have very bumpy roads near our house. We have a two-storey house; it is very big. It has one bathroom, three toilets, one very big bedroom for my mum and dad, two other bedrooms for Soheil, Sepideh and me. We have one kitchen, one television room, a dining room, a cooler room and two storage rooms. As you can see, there are only two bedrooms for three children: that is why I share a room with my younger sister, Sepideh.

One summer when my mother and brother were in England, we did not have any electricity; that was because the people who work for the company had gone on strike. That summer was the hottest summer I have ever had. No electricity for the coolers to come on and the house was like an oven. I went round the house with shorts and a thin top. I could not bear the heat. When my dad said, "The pool is ready, you can go in now," I would dash and change into my swimming costume and run out outside in the garden, and jump in the cold pool. It was very nice. The problem was that we had to fill the pool nearly every day as after two days there would be hardly any water in the pool, because of evaporation. Mind you, it is not a very big pool. It is about half the size of the School's pool. I would have not survived if we did not have that pool. I am now in Scotland, Crieff, as you can see. I would not be in this cold weather if the revolution had not started. Now I see that it is better to be hot than cold!

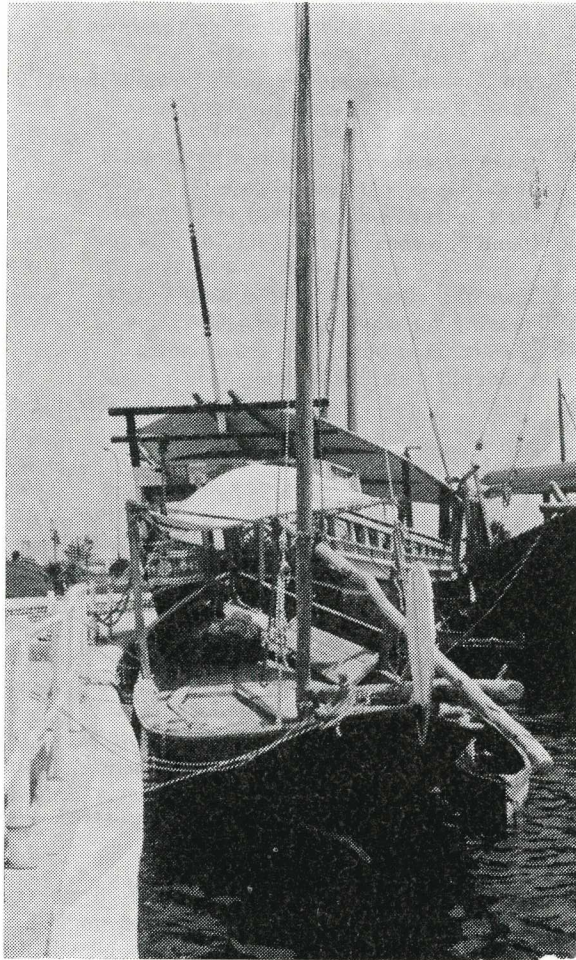
Maybe in a few years I will be able to go back home to Tehran — 'My home town.'

Soheila Amin-Hanjani, P.7M

## ***Best Primary Contribution***

The prize for the best Primary contribution has been awarded to Kenneth C. Steven, P.7H, for his poem "Mountain," which appears on page 42.

## **JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**



The winner of the Junior Photographic Competition was Simon W. Campbell, whose photograph is published above.

## **Secondary Contributions**

### *MIDNIGHT CAT*

The moon shone silver down on the town,  
While a lonely figure stirred,  
And a midnight chime echoed down a street  
Where a jet-black shadow crept.

Feline eyes shone under the light  
Of the lamp-post on the walk,  
Their secret owner padded in silence  
Round the corner of a wall.

Down the alley, among the bins,  
Foraging for wasteful remains  
Of butchered bones and fishes' tails,  
A moonlit creature roams.

Karen E. Sych, SIY

### *SUNSET*

The sky is dark with honey-coated clouds,  
Clotting the sky with orange-stained air,  
Dipping through the horizon,  
The long fingers of the trees  
Point up towards an unknown land.

Through a honey-coated cloud  
A needle of light is seen,  
Its bright yellow rays seem  
To brighten the sky.

Jennifer B. Weston, SIY

### *SNOW IN WINTER*

Something very strange has happened to the world.  
The trees are dressed in their winter gowns of white satin, studded with  
diamonds.  
The white foam is lying soft, deep and calm on the lawn,  
Sparkling white stars are falling from the sky.  
A gentle breeze takes it, whips, whirls and tosses it in a pair of unseen hands.  
A bird alights on the bed of foam.  
A trail of claws were left distinctly in the snow.

Rebecca A. Hall, SIY

### *THE SEA*

The moon shines,  
her radiant moonlight,  
and makes the crystal sea  
sparkle like diamonds.

The sea whispers,  
to the deep, dark sky,  
and little sparks of diamonds  
sprinkle on the  
smooth Hawaiian sand.

The palm trees wave slightly,  
with the breeze,  
and bow down  
to the beautiful  
crystal sea.

Jill McIlldowie, S1Y

### *CAT*

Creeping stealthily through the darkness,  
Your searching gaze falls in emptiness . . . .  
You are the merciless, Cat.

Loneliness seems to fill the damp air as you pad  
On paws of velvet along the desolate road . . . .  
You are the silent, Cat.

You were worshipped once, but now you are  
Meaningless, rejected . . . .  
You are the forgotten, Cat.

A roar, a whirl of blackness, then silence. The car  
Shoots away into the night, leaving you helplessly crushed . . . .  
You will be no more, Cat.

Wilma Scougall, S1Y

### *THE ICICLE*

Shining tooth of warning.  
What are you protecting? What are you hiding  
Behind that gleaming barrier?  
I respect your company while you sit there in splendour,  
Thousands of white servants encircling you.  
Your fabric is simple; yet unusual.  
Your design is plain; yet effective.  
Your presence is pronounced; yet undefined.  
You scorn at every being —  
But heed not the sun scorning at you.

Calum M. Guthrie, S3A

### THE STRAY

She was mine,  
Yet she belonged to no-one,  
And needed no person.  
Her eyes regarded me  
With quiet tolerance,  
Like cold jade held  
    to a flame.  
She wasn't a cat to me,  
    but a goddess;  
A spirit that haunted  
    my soul.  
If I glanced at her quickly,  
She melted away,  
But if I returned her languid gazes,  
I could almost reach her.  
When she rested at my feet  
I could stare deep,  
Dive deep down  
Into her eyes;  
Eyes that rippled with every movement;  
Eyes that waxed and waned.  
    I was so close,  
Almost touching.  
Never closer than that  
Dreamy, listless swim.  
Like a child, awed at  
The sight of a queen,  
I longed to feel her  
Magnificent robes.  
But to touch her  
Seemed sacrilege.  
She belonged to no-one,  
And needed no person.

Rebecca J. Buchanan, S3D

### REVENGE?

The housefly sat down  
In an armchair  
By the fire,  
Took off his shoes,  
Put on his slippers,  
And relaxed.  
He was disturbed  
By a buzzing noise,  
And, annoyed,  
Took his newspaper  
And crushed a small man  
As it landed on the wall.

Euan A. Ferguson, S3A



### THE SEA

Pounding ceaselessly against rocky cliffs,  
It steadily erodes the works of creation.  
Mighty sand-dunes, hoarded by the ancient winds,  
Are constantly washed away by its effortless rinsing.  
It licks round sandcastles on the beaches,  
Hauling them into its gaping jaws.  
Small boats out in heavy storms  
Are crushed and inhaled carelessly.  
It reaches out foaming waves, smashing them down  
Upon the shore, where they claw ineffectually at the pebbles  
Till they are withdrawn once more.  
And it never ceases to call to the land,  
"I am coming."

Graeme B. Wilson, S3A

### THE FISH

Calm day,  
quiet river  
fish jumps;  
silence shattered.  
Long cast,  
Devon Minnow,  
line tripped,  
now retrieving.

Quick tug,  
tighten line,  
sink the hook,  
rod's jerking.  
Sudden pressure —  
reel screaming,  
line whizzing,  
Salmon runs!

Let him go,  
start pumping,  
bring him back,  
now he's jumping!  
Near the end,  
beach him gently,  
use the priest,  
river's empty!

S. Nicholas Copeland, S3A

### DAYDREAM

' . . . . The beautiful mountains down to the right  
Are the Pyrenees . . . . '

"What is an adjective?"

' . . . . There are many high mountains in this range . . . . '

"Don't you know?"

' . . . . There is also . . . something is going wrong! . . . . '

"Are you really that thick?"

' . . . . Do not panic — we're going to crash . . . . '

"Come out here!"

' . . . . Be ready for a hard jolt . . . . '

"Put your hands out!"

Crash!

"An adjective describes a noun."

J. Douglas Jarvie, S3A

### AUTUMN

It was autumn as I stood looking across the fields, which were still stubbled after the harvest. No longer did the slender golden stems sway smoothly in the wind. No longer was there any great activity in the fields, no tractors, combines, or balers, no men. Now it was quiet and still; so still that the slightest movement of rabbit or hare seemed to be the movement of a large, cumbersome animal, and the quietest chirp of a tiny bird echoed through the air for minutes.

Beyond the flat fields, there was a dense wall of copper; the trees, metallic and lustrous as they reflected the sun's bright rays of light. Far away, rising from behind the trees, small mounds of green earth were visible, rolling on for miles, brightly tinted where the yellow light struck them, dark and shadowy in the deep, sombre pockets, adding colour and contrast to the view.

The sky, pale blue, gave a false impression of warmth; the air was freezing! I shivered, and, turning away from the serene and beautiful scene, walked briskly towards the farmhouse.

Suzanne M. McLelland, S4X

### HARSH REALITY

Cursed by all for the rest of time,  
We saw you run and leave the line.  
Was it not you who left the field?  
Fled the trenches, fled the Hill,  
Deserted your comrades, left them to die,  
As you ran for your life,  
Did you hear them cry?

Where were you when the last man fell?  
Were you there when they tolled the bell?  
Or were you still in a state of confusion,  
Imagining the dead as a strange illusion?

J. Bruce Cartwright, S4A

### WINTER STORM

Gusting, biting, icy knife edge  
Cutting through all in its way,  
Tearing branches out of bare hedge  
As clouds shut out last light of day.

Craggy, sharp-point icicles form  
As shivering creatures try to hide  
From deathly chill of winter storm,  
Forgotten by the world outside.

Shrieking cry of drifting gale,  
Piling snow by every wall,  
Winter claims both hill and dale  
As stark whiteness covers all.

Eileen C. Campbell, S4X

### TOWARDS THE SOUTH

Damp mist covers the hill-tops,  
Swirling white on white.  
A figure comes towards me  
Through the dull grey light.  
An old man muttering poetry —  
An ancient sailing song.  
My heart is carried southwards  
To the land for which I long,  
Where night is one eternal day  
And nothing e'er goes wrong.

The wind blows harshly stronger  
As the old man hurries by.  
I will never know his name, although  
He's bid my heart to fly,  
And, despite the foggy dampness,  
Though the winds the bushes churn,  
I cast off this freezing coldness  
And I feel my numb limbs burn,  
And my head is raised to the Heavens  
As towards the South I turn.

Ruth E. Wishart, S4X

A PARODY ON "DULCE ET DECORUM EST"  
— with apologies to Wilfred Owen

Bent double, the old teachers under gowns,  
Knock-kneed, smoking some fags, they struggled through swarming crowds.

Pupils marched asleep. Many had left their books,  
But soldiered on regardless. All were belted, all gated;  
Deaf even to the screams of victims belted repeatedly behind.

Quick, boys! He's coming — An ecstasy of fumbling,  
Getting out their books, just in time.  
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling.  
If you too could face that dragon who belted him,  
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face.

If you could hear at every crack the blood  
Come spluttering from the crimsoned palms —  
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest,  
To children desperate for some false story,  
The old Lie : " Dulce et Decorum est  
Pro ludo mori."

Armored K. Gaskell  
and Gillian A. Wright, S5X

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS?

" Hunt and find," the producer said.  
" There must be somebody famous dead.  
There must be a war in some far-off isle  
Or a new record time for running the mile.  
Perhaps London's burning or Venice has drowned  
Or a strange, nameless corpse has just been found."  
" You must be mistaken,  
It must be a ruse —  
For there's nothing to say  
On the nine o'clock news."

Karen M. Halley, S5X

**Best Secondary Contribution**

The prize for the best Secondary contribution, kindly donated by an anonymous Old Boy, has been awarded to Rebecca J. Buchanan, S3D, for her poem "The Stray," which appears on page 50.

# **School Clubs and Societies**

## **CHESS CLUB**

This season has been a very eventful one for the Chess Club. Mark Valentine (Form 5) held on to his title of School Champion after a hard-fought All-Play-All Tournament, despite almost-successful attempts by runner-up Andrew Gould (Form 6) and third-placer Timothy Copeland (Form 4) to deny him a two-year reign.

A School Team was formed, Mark Valentine being elected as Captain with Andrew Gould as his Vice-Captain, and sufficient funds were obtained to purchase four new sets and boards and four clocks for inter-school matches. The first of these was a trial match staged away against Perth High School, where our team recorded win number one. It is hoped that we will be able to arrange regular matches against local schools.

A Chess Ladder was formed within the Club, by means of which players can work their way up to higher levels as their playing strength develops, and this has attracted several new members.

The standard of Chess has been extremely high this season, and several of our members have been competing in various Chess Congresses with some success, and we wish them the very best of luck in their further endeavours.

The Club would also like to take this opportunity to express its extreme gratitude to Mr Higgins, without whom all of this would not be possible.

## **CLIMBING CLUB**

The Climbing Club has been extremely busy throughout the session. Since the last report, our first expedition was to neighbouring Ben Chonzie. Then two trips to very familiar areas — Ben Vorlich, followed by Ben Ghlas and Ben Lawers — turned out to be very enjoyable days, leading up to the first of our "long" expeditions, on An Caisteal and Beinn a' Chroin. This weekend in the term traditionally seems to bring good weather for the Club, this year affording suitable warmth to allow several of the party a dip in a deep pool in the River Falloch on the way back to the cars. A pleasant but misty day on Creag Mhor in Glen Lochay — after a hair-raisingly bumpy ride over the high road and several brushes with highland cows — marked the end of the Summer Term's outings.

The autumn saw a very ambitious party, suitably trained on Meall nan Tarmachan the previous week, traversing the ridge of Ben Cruachan. Unfortunately, poor visibility denied us the reputedly fine view, but another trip is planned for the summer. We are very grateful to be allowed to take our transport up to the dam, thus avoiding six miles of road-walking and 1200 feet of

climbing, which is time-wasting at the very least. We should like to thank Mr Finlayson, one of our School Governors, whose good offices led to our obtaining a key to gain access. On this climb we were joined by Jack Meredith, a very "old" climber who threatens to become a lawyer this summer.

After a very wet, "blind" day on Cruach Ardrain and Beinn Tulaichean, and a less depressing day on Ben Vorlich, the Club returned after an interval of many years to Ben Lomond. Despite gale-force winds and heavy mist, we were rewarded with a fine sense of achievement on reaching the summit. The Easter Term brought only two outings, both to well-trodden ground, to Ben Chonzie and Ben Ledi; but this time many of our number were being introduced to climbing in snow — these being two of the few hills in the area which are relatively safe for such expeditions.

In February we had a visit from Bob Barker and Mike Beresford, both of the R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Team based at Leuchars. We were shown a film of mountain rescue work and a film of snow and ice climbing, and we greatly appreciated these and the opportunity to examine a large selection of equipment which they brought with them. As the Club has once had to use the services of R.A.F. Mountain Rescue — though not for a climbing accident — we have a very special respect for their work.

In retrospect, our busy year has certainly demonstrated the enthusiasm for this activity. On this note, the Club is indebted to the members of staff who devote their Sundays to climbing by organising and leading the expeditions. Their help is greatly appreciated by all. We look forward, optimistically, to a good summer, as we intend to explore new ground, maybe in the Glencoe and Glen Nevis areas, providing a challenge to veterans and newcomers alike.

### **C.C.F. NOTES**

Officers: Major A. C. Meakin (O.C.)  
Second Lieut. P. F. McCarra  
Second Lieut. M. D. Hicks  
S.S.I.: G. Robertson  
Senior N.C.O.s: C.S.M. D. I. Kerr  
C.Q.M.S. A. M. Niven

As will be seen from the above, we have an additional officer since last year. Mr Hicks, who arrived in January as Principal Teacher of Chemistry, was already an officer in the C.C.F. at Gordon's College. His arrival was most welcome, and already he has participated most enthusiastically in the work of the Contingent, having attended one of our best Adventurous Training Camps in Skye.

We were again back at Torrin, with two officers and seven cadets. Only one day was bad, but even that was not a complete loss, as it was the day we passed through Portree on our way to the Quirang. Some of the cadets went up to the Table by the familiar gully, others by the more simple route, but all reached the top. Unfortunately the weather was such that we had to call off

the camping and we were back in Torrin that night. Other expeditions were to the top of Blaven, round the Step to Coruisk and, for the first time, one of the Cuillins, Sgurr Sgumain, above Glen Brittle.

Camp in 1979 was once again at Warcop. There was the usual generous support by C.T.T.s, but this time the Adventurous Training was concentrated on one day for each Contingent so that any one cadet could not participate in so many different activities. Our day was spent at Ullswater, where, although it was our only damp day, the majority of the cadets enjoyed a day of climbing and canoeing. The others were back at the caves at Selside.

More of our cadets have been to Frimley Park, and more are going this year; and Ewan Campbell, following what appears to be the family tradition, did Port Operating at Gosport. Douglas Kerr is just back from U.K.L.F. at Stanford, having missed it last year by a last-minute injury at games; and Robin Boyle has just been at the School of Signals at Blandford, Dorset. He was most impressed by the food, especially at 37p per day.

Towards the end of last session the question of girls in the C.C.F. was raised. Unfortunately the situation is governed by very precise regulations, which we have not been able to satisfy. We have therefore enrolled no girls, but during the session several girls have joined us in training, and on occasion have gone off very muddy. That, of course, is what is wanted, as the intention is that girls should do exactly the same as boys and not act as nurses or cooks.

In 1979, we were free from official inspection, and instead held an unofficial parade for the benefit of parents and friends, on the evening before Sports Day. The Inspecting Officer was Wing-Commander Lane, Secretary of the Highland Territorial Army Association. They, incidentally, are responsible for the upkeep of the C.C.F. Hut and the Range. The accompanying officer was Lt. Nigel Dunkley, who was at that time acting as Liaison Officer in Scotland for his Regiment, the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

The prize-winners were :

Best Senior N.C.O. (Kenya Cup): C.S.M. A. N. Macnaughton.

Best Junior N.C.O. (Sword of India): L/Cpl. D. I. Kerr.

Best Recruit (Cultybraggan Cup): Cdt. D. J. Boyle.

Best Senior Shot (Mungall Vase): Sgt. A. S. Glen.

Best Junior Shot (Robertson Dobie Cup): Cdt. M. R. K. Dalziel.

First Aid Cup: L/Cpl. A. M. Niven.

This year there is an official inspection by the Commander Highland, Brigadier Anderson, on 13th June. There is likely to be a formal parade for parents, again on the evening before Sports Day.

The Inter-House Competition was held on the March Field Day, and the winners were again the Drummonds.

Niall Macnaughton, who appears in last year's "Morrisonian" as sergeant, was by the end of the session C.S.M. In the autumn he joined a Signals Regiment in Catterick for two months, after which he sat and passed his Regular Commission Board. The result is that at the moment we have three former C.S.M.s at Sandhurst: Niall, Nigel Dunkley and James Garven, the last two commissioned.

While at Warcop last summer, the O.C. was able to visit Mr Danells, who still looks back with pleasure to his association with Morrison's.

We have nothing to report on the 1979 Competition as it was held in October, although we have made it clear that we could not find a team at that time in the session. The choice of October proved a mistake, and this year's Competition will be held once again in May. We are preparing a team of our most experienced cadets. Once again the area will be Blair Atholl.

Again we have been helped by Mr Reid and Miss McGregor, and again we are indebted to Mr Robertson for his invaluable services so unstintingly rendered. Again we have been ably supported by 36 C.T.T. from Perth.

## ***CURLING CLUB***

Owing to the policies now in practice at Perth Ice Rink, the School Curling Team was able to play in only one tournament this season. The Open and Local Schools Competitions no longer require the four players in each team to be pupils at the same school. The tournaments are now misnamed, as they are indeed now schoolboys' tournaments and not inter-school competitions. We regret this change, as although it may raise the standard of curling in this age group, it certainly seems to reduce the number of pupils for whom curling competition is available, and further reduce the opportunities for a player to represent his school in competition against others.

This season's team of Ian Stuart, Craig Ramsay, Fraser Steele and Gregor Smith (skip) played together only once. In January the team lost to Perth Academy in the area play-downs of the Scottish Schools Championships. The team had no chance to settle against a well-established team, nor had they any chance to recover from this defeat as a straightforward knock-out system replaced the normal round-robin league.

Next session, perhaps, if local rink policies change, the team may be able to play more games in competition with other schools.

## ***DEBATING SOCIETY***

The Debating Society has perhaps not been as active this session as in previous years, due mainly to the lack of voluntary debaters. However, there have been several lively debates and competitions. Sola Ogundiya, Graeme Nicholson and Ross Hughes represented the School in the Conoco/E.S.U. Public Speaking Competition. They succeeded in securing a place in the second round, held at Morrison's, but were unsuccessful on home ground. Fiona Corbett and Douglas Meakin entered the Daily Express Debate, but were not successful in the first round in Glasgow, debating that "Training is essential, Education a luxury." George Frier and Joyce Crawford once again represented the School in the Conoco/E.S.U. Debating Competition. As in the previous



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year, the Tayside Region final was their stumbling block, when they debated "That Christopher Columbus went too far."

The Burns Supper once more proved to be very popular. Fiona Corbett chaired the Supper, while Mr Denis Cairns of Crieff was our guest speaker. Graham Duguid piped in the haggis, which was duly addressed by Mr Allardice. James Main toasted the lassies, and Joyce Crawford replied on their behalf. Fiona MacIntyre sang two Scottish songs, accompanied on the piano by Mr Andrews. Graeme Nicholson gave the vote of thanks. The latter part of the evening was spent in lively dancing, the music being supplied by Fraser Steele's band.

Dr MacQueen must be thanked for her continual hard work, as must members of staff who kindly transported pupils to and from debating competitions. As we well-worn debaters leave, it is to be hoped that younger pupils will ensure the continuation of the Debating Society.

## DRAMA

### SENIOR GROUP

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This being the "Year of the Opera," drama was restricted to those unable to sing. From the original response, it seems that most boys must be musically inclined. However, after the girls had persuaded some bashful males of their histrionic talents, two one-act plays were cast.

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Arthur Pinero's "Playgoers," produced by Dr MacQueen, dealt with an Edwardian household whose young mistress (played by Una MacDonald), to the chagrin of her husband (Graeme Nicholson), decided to send the servants to the theatre. The reactions of the superior parlourmaid (Elspeth Reid), the aggressive cook (Ruth Wishart), the temperamental, the puritanical, and the timid maids (Susanne Hope, Olu Caulcrick and Lesley Nicholson), with the unwanted but loyal Odd Man (Ian Stuart), made an amusing episode.

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In the Mexican farce "Sunday Costs Five Pesos" by Josephine Niggli, produced by Mr McCarra, the aggressive Berta (Karen Howat), quarrelling with her fiancé, Fidel (Bruce Cartwright), involved her neighbours (Clare Ragsdale, Sola Ogundiya and Karen Melville) in a lively altercation which reached its climax in a most realistic fight, but Berta found a way to escape their revenge, in which poor Fidel proved useful after all.

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We are particularly grateful this year for Douglas Meakin's expertise in lighting and sound, and to our make-up experts, Mrs Stuart and Mrs Cartwright, whose skill we have come to take for granted.

Next session should see a full-length play. We hope to have a few more male actors: perhaps our boys are shier (or lazier?) than most. Any carpenters and painters available next autumn will also be welcome.

## *JUNIOR GROUP*

The Junior Drama Group met regularly throughout the Easter Term to prepare for an evening of drama which was held in Academy Hall in March. All members of this enthusiastic group took part in excerpts from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest"; poems by A. A. Milne; and sketches adapted from American publications. At the time of writing we plan to continue meeting on Wednesday evenings throughout the Summer Term, when we shall try to expand our stage techniques in readiness for the new session.

## ***THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME***

This year fifteen boys and eleven girls enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze level. All are now well into the Interest Section, and most have completed the Physical Activity Section.

Only one Service Course — Police — has been run in Crieff this session. It is, however, intended to run two further Service Courses — Fire and Life-Saving — and it is hoped that the majority of those working on the Bronze Award at present will attend one of these courses.

Expedition training was started in the Christmas Term, and in the Summer Term a number of pre-expedition hikes will be arranged.

A local Award Committee was set up in Crieff last year in an attempt to co-ordinate all centres within Crieff operating the Award Scheme, the aim being that all centres pool their resources, instructors and assessors in an attempt to offer the participants as wide a selection of Interest and Service courses as possible.

In December the local Award committee had a joint Presentation of Awards evening, to which all parents of those participating in the Scheme were invited. The President of the Forty-One Club, Mr George McIntosh, presented Diana Aitchison, Caroline Ashworth and Karen Halley with the Bronze Award. Three girls from Crieff High School and one girl from the local Ranger Guide Company were also presented with the Bronze Award, and two girls from the Rangers received their Silver Award. Mrs Myra Butter, Chairman of the Perth and Kinross Area Committee and Trustee of the Award Scheme, congratulated the girls and stressed the need for as many adults as possible to become involved in the Scheme as instructors or assessors.

Also in December, Caroline Ashworth, Diana Aitchison, Linda Campbell and Zoë Swithenbank joined four girls from the High School on a joint Bronze-Silver Award final expedition, in which they traced the route of the old coach road from Crieff to Perth. All those involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and passed this section with high merit. As a result, Caroline Ashworth and Diana Aitchison have recently gained their Silver Award and are now started on the Gold Standard.

## **GAELIC SOCIETY**

Members from P7, S1, 2 and 4 have attended well this session.

In the Christmas Term a study was made of the customs and songs of the islands. This was followed by preparation of pieces prescribed for the Aberfeldy Mod.

At this Provincial Mod, which takes place in June, pupils will be competing in Bible Reading, recitation of poetry and solo singing.

## **THE GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY**

This year we saw the rebirth of the Geography Society. It is not solely for boys and girls who take Geography as a school subject, but for any pupil who has a general interest in it.

A committee was formed at the beginning of the year, consisting of representatives of Geographers in S4, S5 and S6.

Our first meeting was on 7th March, when Professor Caird of Dundee University gave an informative lecture on Nigeria. An enjoyable evening was had by all, and several more activities are planned for the future. There is also a summer expedition planned, to go for five days to Torridon in the north-west of Scotland.

The committee members are :

- S6 : Caroline S. MacEwan
- S5 : John H. Coats (Secretary)  
Robert H. M. Kerr  
Gillian A. Wright
- S4 : Dawn D. Mackay  
J. Bruce Cartwright  
Gail Patterson

## **THE LIBRARY**

A considerable number of books have been added to the Library this year, many of which have come from the former Boys' School Library, thus creating additional tasks in their preparation for the shelves for the Librarians, who have undertaken these duties willingly and conscientiously. Generous gifts of books from Mrs Cook, Mr and Mrs Williams, Mr Gonnella, Mr Mathieson and others have also increased the numbers, and the Library now houses the impressive total of 10,092 books, covering a diverse range of subjects. The Library has been used by an increasing number of pupils both for study and borrowing purposes, with an especially encouraging increase in the number of First Year readers.

The Librarians and Staff who have given of their time and assistance have all played a major part in the successful running of the Library, and deserve sincere thanks.

To Miss Blair, whose dedication and untiring work have created an extremely efficient Library and who has helped to encourage an interest in reading in pupils of all ages, go our warmest thanks and best wishes for a happy retirement.

*Librarians* : Head — Karen Dalglish; Vice-Head — Fiona MacIntyre.

*Library Prefects* : Anne Aitken, Thea Brown, Susan Campbell, Fiona Corbett, Hilary Donaldson, Ross Hughes, Jane Inglis, Fiona Laing, Julia Mather, Caroline MacEwen, Kate MacKenzie, Fiona MacRae, Carolyn Miquel, Graeme Nicholson, Clare Ragsdale, Pamela Ross, Sheila Watson, Elaine Wyper.

*Library Committee* : Miss Blair, Mr Boyle, Mrs Cartwright, Mr Clark, Miss McCallum, Mr McLauchlan, Mrs Patterson.

## **MUSIC IN MORRISON'S**

The Music Department this session has produced a varied and interesting programme. December was a particularly busy month : on the 10th and 11th the Senior and Junior Choirs performed to capacity audiences in Academy Hall. A mixed Senior Choir presented a selection of Victorian and Edwardian songs : " Love's Old Sweet Song," " Give Me a Ticket to Heaven " and " With Cat-like Tread," among others, proved not to be museum pieces, but lovely ballads reflecting a gentler era. The hit show of the seventies, " Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat " was presented by the Junior Choir in the second half of the programme.

The annual Carol Service was held in St Michael's Church on Sunday, 16th December, with the School Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. E. S. P. Heavenor, presiding. The Service was drawn from the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols. The well-known hymns sung by the congregation of over eight hundred and the combined choirs — Junior Girls', Mixed Seniors', Primary Boys' and Girls' — and conducted by Mrs A. B. Hunter, produced a rousing sound. The Lessons were read by Ronald Dalglish, Karen Brodie, Andrew Niven, Fiona Corbett and the Rector; the organist was Mr A. S. Andrews.

Perth Music Festival in March attracted more than thirty entries from the School. We must congratulate the following winners of First Class Certificates: 1. Gilbert and Sullivan vocal ensemble — Clare Ragsdale, Barbara Rodger, Fiona Reid; 2, Descant Recorder Solo (Open) — Carolyn White; 3, Scots Folk Songs unaccompanied, and Silver Medal Winner of the Scots Folk Song Class — Marion Murray; 4, Descant Recorder Solo (Advanced) — Jill Thomson; 5, Vocal Duet for Girls, Under 14 — Marion Murray and Karen Brodie; 6, Recorder Group (Advanced) and the unconduted Madrigal Group.

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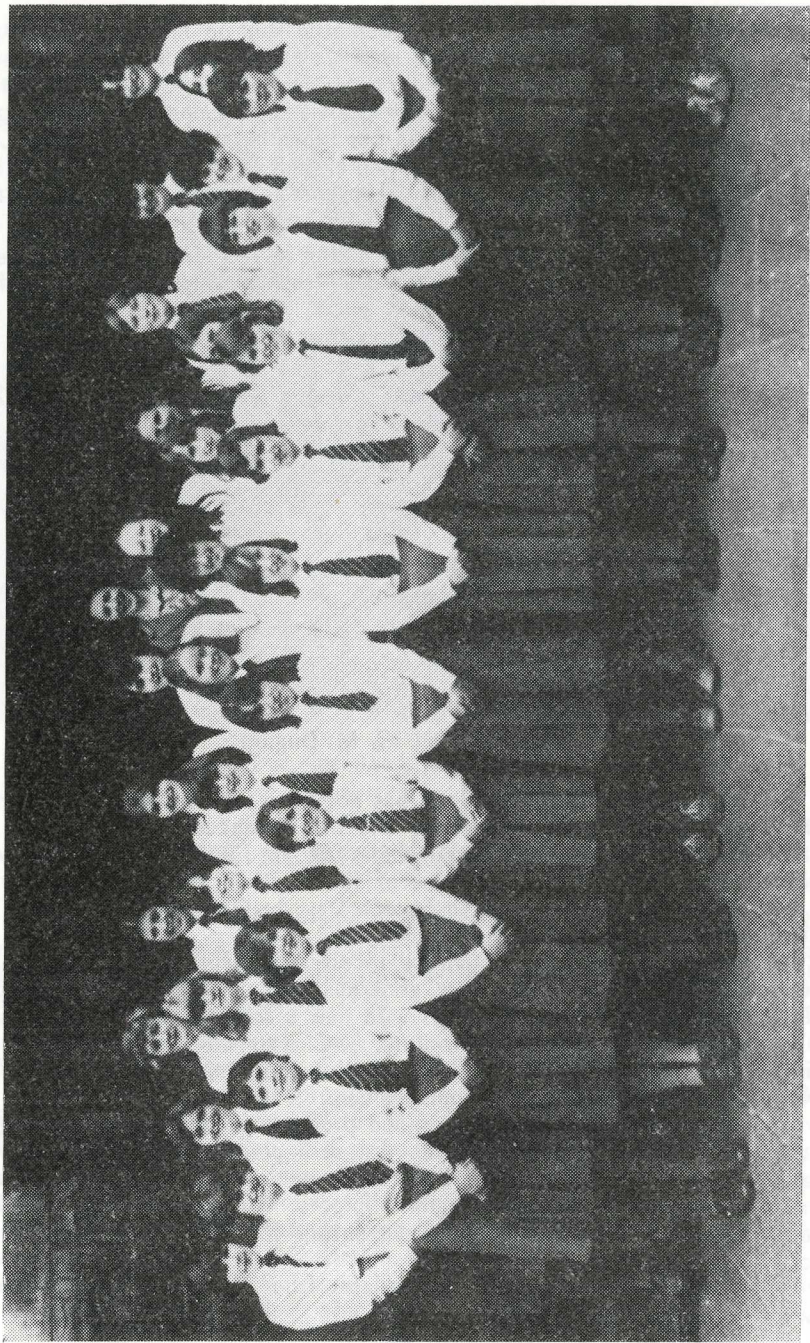
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### THE GIRLS' CHOIR



The Senior Girls' Choir outside St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, Sunday, 4th May, 1980.

A Musical Evening was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 17th April. A varied programme was presented, too many to name all individually, but some performances must be mentioned. Marion Murray gave a delightfully natural performance of "Morag's Cradle Song." Catriona McGoogan produced good tone and displayed a sound technique in her tenor horn solo. The Senior Choir produced the musical highlight of the evening, with a fine rendering of the very beautiful four-part Schubert setting of "The Lord is my Shepherd." Our thanks to Mr A. S. Andrews and Mr P. H. Stuttard for accompanying.

It was a great honour to be invited to sing in the "Music at Six" series at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh on Sunday, 4th May. The Senior Girls' Choir, the Madrigal Group and two instrumentalists, Alison Anderson (Oboe) and Fiona Reid (Clarinet), presented a most attractive programme of choral and instrumental items.

As this is written, two further musical events are in preparation. On 26th May we return to St John's Kirk in Perth to give a lunch-time concert. On 3rd, 4th and 5th July at 7.30 in Academy Hall, we shall be presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."

## **PIPE BAND**

Drum-Major: A. S. Small

Pipe-Major: I. G. M. Duguid

Since last year's report, the Band has not been very active. The departure of two senior pipers left a very young and inexperienced Band. However, our first engagement was at the Muthill Gala Day in June. Although we were unable to play on Sports Day because of the weather, the Band did play for the C.C.F. Parents' Evening and on Speech Day. In October we played at the opening of the Tartan Museum in Comrie.

In addition to the kind donations received in Muthill and Comrie, the Parents' Association donated a very generous sum of £500. This helped to replace the ageing full-dress uniforms with new black jackets and sporrans.

In the individual competition in July, A. C. Kerr won the Robertson-Dobie Piping Trophy, with R. M. Scott Miller winning the Junior Piping Prize. W. D. Cartwright won the McGregor Drumming Cup.

This session the Band has made good progress. In addition to the regular practices on Monday and Friday evenings, drill practices are often arranged after school on Fridays. There is still a healthy nucleus of enthusiastic beginner chanter players and a group of beginner pipers. This demonstrates the dedicated and much appreciated work of our tutors, Mr D. Donaldson and Mr H. Sinclair.

So, with new uniforms, and enthusiasm from the boys, the Band looks forward to a busy summer.



The Pipe Band, May, 1980.

## ***THE SCRIPTURE UNION***

"Take and Read" was the advice recently given to our group by the Rev. J. Crouch of Perth. As a Scripture Union group, our main aim is to "Take and Read" the Scriptures, and in doing so to learn about the Christian way of life and its relevance to life to-day in 1980.

Our meetings have taken many forms this year: speakers, Bible studies, films, discussions, a Singalong, Call my Bluff and an Any Questions evening have all formed part of our programme. Our speakers have included Rev. Rossiter and Rev. Crouch from Perth; Miss Flashman of St Ninian's; Mr Revel, a voluntary S.U. worker; Rev. R. Gorrie, a full-time member of the S.U. staff; and Miss McMillan, a nurse from Auchterarder. From the School itself we have welcomed as speakers Mrs McLean, Housemistress of Knockearn, Mr Thomson and Mr Ashmall. Special meetings have been our Coffee Evening in October, and an informal meeting in February in Miss Gardiner's home.

Once again we were invited to babysit at the Christian Medical Fellowship Conference at the Hydro, which we enjoyed. For this we were given a

donation which we divided between the International Year of the Child Fund and S.U. Headquarters.

Plans for the Summer Term include our annual barbecue, and a weekend somewhere, possibly in Pitlochry, in June.

We should like to thank all those who have contributed to our meetings. Special thanks are due to Miss Gardiner for her continuous help and encouragement.

We take this opportunity to say that anyone who is interested in S.U. would be made very welcome at any of our meetings.

#### *Junior Scripture Union*

This session's Junior S.U. has taken place every Monday lunchtime and has been a great success. We have had quizzes, games and singalongs at the end of each term. There have also been rallies in Perth every month, in which a few of the S.U. members took part. There was a Bonfire Night, a Christmas Party and a Film Show, all of which were very enjoyable.

Many thanks must go to Miss Gardiner, without whom there would be no Scripture Union.

#### *Quest*

This session's Quest was great fun for everyone involved. Our leaders, Miss Gardiner and Miss Fordyce, thought up a number of puzzling quizzes and good games. There were two parties, one at Christmas and one at Hallowe'en, and a picnic in the Summer Term.

At Easter, three members of the group and Miss Gardiner went to camp at Callander, where a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to Miss Gardiner and Miss Fordyce and to the members of the Senior S.U. who often helped, especially Fiona and Wendy.

### **SAILING CLUB**

This season the attendance has been healthy, with a few enthusiastic new members. More new members are always welcome.

The Sailing Club has been fairly active in competitions this season. Two teams were entered in the Schools' Race at Loch Earn. These were: Graham Donaldson with Roderick Baird as crew, and Sarah Mitchell with Alison Mitchell as crew. Against some very stiff competition, Sarah and Alison sailed very well to come third, while Graham and Roderick were fifth. Sarah and Alison also won the Jean Brown Cup. Unfortunately both of them have left us for Australia, which is a sad loss, as Sarah was a qualified instructor and was involved with the tuition in the School Club.

During the Christmas and Easter Terms Mr Findlay gave us some very interesting and useful lectures on Nautical Knowledge; and he arranged for Mr Lunn from Glenalmond to give a lecture on Fingal Cruises. All these meetings were well attended.

This successful season would not have been possible without the help of Mr Findlay and Miss McKenzie, who give up their Monday and Friday evenings to drive to Loch Earn and teach us to sail. To them we offer our grateful thanks. Now we are looking forward to another successful season.



## **27th PERTSHIRE SCOUT GROUP**

The Group continues to flourish, thanks to the very willing Leaders. Mr Beattie still runs the Friday evening sessions of the Scout Troop without any adult help and his present illness may cause problems for the future. Meanwhile, we wish him well and a speedy return to duty. We are very pleased that Mrs Dorothy McLauchlan has taken over the Cub section to which she has brought a new disciplined approach — shades of Ogilvie House!

### **Scouts**

The enrolment was greater this session, the final figure being thirty, plus Venture Scout James Main, who did the work of Assistant Scout Leader. Greater emphasis has been placed on self-reliance and encouraging the quality of leadership.

The Scout Council, comprising four senior Scouts, have met fairly regularly and formulated Troop policy. Patrol Leaders have been successful and their A.P.L.s have also, in being responsible for the discipline, good order, smartness and teaching of Scouts in their Patrols.

P.L.s and A.P.L.s and others are expected to be able to stand before the Troop and give a talk, or instruction, on an agreed subject appertaining to Scouts. The purpose is to teach a boy to speak in front of a gathering, without embarrassment.

On the practical side, we bought from our own funds five compasses, and training is going on. We have had two abseiling sessions and energetic practice for the County Flag Championship is being carried out by the two teams of five who will represent the 27th at Loch o' the Lowes, in May this year.

Our second "Scout Night," held in the Games Hall in November, was a great success and pleased a large, appreciative audience. During the night we had the honour of presenting a cheque for £90.00 to B.L.E.S.M.A., which was the sum raised from a sixteen-mile sponsored walk.

In the Summer Term we anticipate two camps, both possibly at Comrie, but perhaps one elsewhere.

Meeting on a Friday night instead of a Sunday afternoon is suitable to the majority. The School has been generous and we are grateful for the use of the excellent Games Hall. What we seek now is a storage area, with sufficient floor and shelf space for our equipment, to which there is easy and ready access.

### **Cub Scouts**

A lively pack consisted of twenty-four boys. Our new-found permanent home in the recently built gymnasium has temporarily dampened the badge-work enthusiasm in favour of rather noisy and strenuous games.

The pack, led by S. Ashworth with R. Drummond, C. McGregor and R. Sinclair as "Sixers," were pleased to be invited to join the Scout Troop in their Open Evening. This gave them an opportunity to thank publicly Hubert Strathairn, for his many years of service to Cub Scouts, in a tangible way.

It is hoped that the summer term will bring fine weather, allowing us to make full use of our outdoor amenities and prevent one young cub — who shall remain nameless — from asking at least four times per hour — “Akela, can we play death ball?”

Grateful thanks to Mrs J. Dakers and the senior girls, Elaine Coles and Marion Mitchell, who turn out cheerfully every Friday at 15.30 hours, a time when little boys are not always at their most manageable.

### **S.S. “UGANDA” CRUISE, 1979**

Life on the S.S. “Uganda” was perhaps not luxurious, but certainly most eventful and enjoyable. Our first impressions did not appeal to us at all, but gradually, as different schools began to mix, the uneasiness disappeared and the fun started.

There were energetic games to play on deck, several daily chores and relaxation periods — all to be fitted in between our four outings on land. Competitions also took place, not forgetting our attempts to find Superman (or woman), and the best team in our “It’s a Knockout” contest, a messy affair enjoyed by everyone. We all attended a few interesting lectures about the ports, but everything else was optional, although the majority took part. There was no time for boredom at night either. We were kept amused by discos, fun fairs, parties, fancy dress parades and films.

On the whole, it was a very interesting experience, but our land outings were very welcome, the first being to Travemünde in Germany. We spent the morning shopping frantically and then went on an interesting sightseeing tour to Lübeck, where we visited Bach’s organ in St Mary’s Church.

Compared to Germany, Poland was a poor and depressing country, but in the oldest streets the tall, narrow houses had beautiful carvings, some of them in gold. Unfortunately it was a public holiday, and the pouring rain did not help.

We took advantage of the more welcoming weather in Finland by visiting an open-air museum and taking time to admire the beautiful countryside. As we left Finland, we sailed through a maze of tiny islands surrounded by plentiful batches of graceful, tall, green trees hiding some typical Scandinavian houses.

Copenhagen was busy but attractive, and here we visited various famous sights such as “The Little Mermaid,” and we shopped in the “Magasin du Nord,” an enormous, well-known store.

The climax of our holiday was the Tivoli Gardens, where we passed an exciting evening spending our money on the amusements, and eating the delicious ice-cream. As evening drew on, Tivoli was lit up with brightly coloured lights, which was a marvellous sight, never to be forgotten.

We not only enjoyed ourselves on this fantastic trip, but arrived home with a vast knowledge of the various ports, which we found very interesting. We should like to thank Mrs Smith for organising the trip and for accompanying us.

# **Former Pupils' Section**

## **NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES**

### **EDINBURGH**

#### *1st Year*

Having done the Royal Mile and Rose Street, our 'Freshers' seem to have found their feet, or at least their local.

Douglas 'Spend, spend, spend . . .' Naismith seems rather dissatisfied with Architecture and is on the free transfer list. Gordon Cunningham has decided that academic work must come first, and has turned down an offer to sing on a regular basis in Bruno's Restaurant — for the meantime at any rate.

Andrew Biggart, M.P. (now an avid political whizkid) is often to be found leading the above-mentioned astray, but enjoys life.

Ian Findlay is now courting last year's Vice Captain (of the Girls' School, that is), but seems to be bearing up well — just joking, honest!

John Inglis, as always, keeps himself to himself; we all hope that one day he will free himself of this inherent shyness. (If you believe any of that, you'll believe anything).

David Knapman has bought shares in the Ensign Ewart, but consumes most of its liquid assets. Our rugby enthusiast, Kenneth Murray, is occasionally to be seen in Teviot and seems to enjoy his course.

Of our female counterparts also in Edinburgh, Morag Macdonald, doing Languages, always stops for a chat when sighted in George Square, and Yayoi Isaacson is also here.

Laura Stuart and June Thomson, both aiming to become C.A.s, look as if they are enjoying life a bit more now.

#### *2nd Year*

Just to clear up all rumours to the contrary, Grant Gorrie actually does work hard (when not hobnobbing with the rugby fraternity in the North British, that is). His long-suffering flat-mates, Michael Parker — master of all space-invader machines — and Colin McIntosh, who is a keen (and skilled) photographer, also enjoy life to the full (enough said).

David Hawkins passes his medical exams, but with increasing difficulty. Julian Kitching is a leading light in Chamber St. Union and appears to be a keen patron of its liquid amenities.

Susan Playfair has changed her course to archaeology (I think) and is getting on fine in her new flat.

Elsbeth Gray continues to be successful (so I'm told) and is looking well. Helen, of the same clan (the name is Gray as well), doing history, is also in the pink.

Gillian Duffy, Biological Sciences, still keeps a low profile, but I'm sure she'll get over it.

Valerie Johnston-Jones, having chosen her flat within walking distance of at least seven pubs, continues to enjoy linguistics.

#### *4th Year*

Dave Parker, B.Com., tries hard to keep a watchful eye on his younger brother, but without much success.

Dave Telford, Economics, bravely puts up with Teviot Union food and beer, but appears none the worse for it.

Another stalwart, Billy Allan, Dentistry, is obviously proud of wearing his Old School tie — judging by the number of times he's seen with it on.

J.G.C.

### GLASGOW

This year we are delighted to welcome the fair sex to this list of School "has-beens." Sadly, however, there are few Morrisonian Old Girls on the Glasgow campus.

Of the Old Girls who are here, Anne Hirst is looking forward to graduating with an Arts Degree at the end of this session. Julia Knowles is very hard to track down, but when sighted, she does appear quite happy.

The Old Boys at the University still include Allan Downie, who is in his Final Year of Civil Engineering. John Campbell is having a successful season both in his studies of Geography, Psychology and Physics, and in playing for Clarkston R.F.C.

Contrary to popular belief, the Law Faculty does in fact hold lectures. However, Jack Meredith is still struggling to provide evidence to prove this. Jack is to be acquitted at the end of this year.

In his Second Year of Medicine, Dave Bilsland is still easing through exams. Another Second-Year student is Pete Younger. Little has been seen or heard of Pete, or his pipes, in recent times, but at our last meeting, his social calendar had very few spaces.

Akin Ogundiya now wears a deerstalker instead of the Old School cap. He and Hamish Caldwell are just beginning to savour University life in their First Year of Civil Engineering.

H. M. C.

## HERIOT-WATT

For the boarders the transition to life at Heriot-Watt has proved refreshing, to say the least. Work has not played a decisive role — yet — for Gregg Davidson and Julian Ragless, who are presently absorbed in their new joint venture of (literally) a “set of wheels.” Duncan Lord, enjoying his work, leads by no means a sheltered life in Edinburgh.

Doubtful sources report Simon Wake having been seen in the vicinity of a lecture theatre, but these remain unconfirmed; whilst Raymond Oliphant and Guy Harvey, working as hard as any (?), are still keen that “Anarchy in the U.K.” should prevail.

Though working competently, Iain “George” Peacock opts next year for a change in course and a bid to reorganise the business world.

Mark McNicol and David Robertson — not seen much at Riccarton — are apparently still continuing their courses, as is Ronald “Flash” Davidson, who continues to run his life at a fast and furious pace—from the confines of his flat. Don “The Fence” Findlay, after his *liquidating* first term, has settled for dreaming about his very own “A.A.” (Alcoholics Anonymous) Club.

D. L. L.

## NAPIER COLLEGE — SIGHTHILL

Fiona Hutchison (Knox) is in third-year Accounting, while Alison Telford (Benheath) and Lorna Suttie are both in second-year Secretarial Studies with option Business Studies. Sharon Mackinley is also in second-year, in Secretarial Studies; and Wendy Thummanond (Benheath), in second-year Computer Studies, is still going out with Euan Gillies. Her parents now live in Singapore. Alison Geddes is doing a first-year Diploma in Commerce.

Kim Mathers (Ogilvie), Lynn McInroy, Celia Geddes, Alison Watson (Benheath), Susan Brown (Knox), Louise Selkirk are all in first-year Secretarial Studies with option Business Studies; while Maureen Foster and Jane Crozier are in first-year Secretarial Studies. Lynn Duncan (Knox) is in first-year Computer Studies. Elizabeth McIntosh is in her first year of the B.A. Business Studies course.

Sharon McKinnel (Ogilvie), first-year B.A. Business Studies, is still seen around with Dave McQueen (Glenearn). James Thomson — second-year B.A. Business Studies—has found himself a girlfriend, and between her and the beer, he just finds time for work. Graham Brown (Glenearn) — second-year H.N.D. Business Studies — is still going strong with his girlfriend Sheila, and has recently moved to Barbados, where the two of them were on holiday. He still plays a bit of sport. Alan Brown — first-year H.N.D. Accounting — shares a flat with Alan Milroy, Donnie Scobie and Martin Coombes.

## NAPIER COLLEGE — MERCHISTON

Martin Coombes is in second-year H.N.D. Civil Engineering and plays rugby for the College. He has a nice girlfriend, Karen, and seems to be working hard. Alan Milroy — first-year H.N.D. in Photography — enjoys the life of a student and thrives on alcohol during the weekends. Donnie Scobie plays rugby for the College occasionally, and seems to lead a quiet life, although a few sightings of him are made.

Neil Marshall, first-year H.N.D. Mechanical Engineering, shares a flat with Elspeth Gray, Lesley McGregor and another male. He is seen occasionally at College, but more often at Goldenacre, where he plays for Heriot's F.P. Firsts. Michael Watt and Colin Fraser are seen around the Student Union as much as the College, but what courses they are on is unknown.

Alasdair Watson is in first-year Civil Engineering after switching from Accountancy last year.

Apologies to anyone overlooked, and to any offence give in any other way.

A. W. and N. J. M.

## ST ANDREWS

### 1st Year

All the First Year Morrisonians appear to be thriving, due to that ambiguous term "university life." Joyce Mitchell studies Science with a smile, while Joanna Murray is successfully reading Medicine; she also tends to be a safety hazard on a bicycle. Vina Murchie can be seen making a fool of herself in aid of charities or occasionally studying Geography and Zoology.

Michael Cartwright is studying French and German and plays the bagpipes for the O.T.C. Michael Wright's main interest seems to be in playing squash, but he eventually intends to study Psychology. Frank Band is enjoying his French and German course while becoming a connoisseur of the local hostelries.

### 2nd Year

Lesley McRae hopes to continue with History and is enjoying life. John Holms has discovered where the Library is this year and is still playing at doctors. Alan Kinroy continues to read Science.

### 3rd Year

Christine Campbell is happily studying Economics while Alison Denholm is skiing and reading Mediaeval History — in that order. Helen McNaughton enjoys the social activities offered and studies English in her spare time. Carol Scott reads Psychology but keeps a low profile.

Billy Macmillan, despite his Chemistry course, is full of *joie de vivre*, and perhaps a little in love?! Fergus Torrens is studying Science, while David Stuttard revels in the delights of Classics.

#### 4th Year

Catriona Murdoch is recovering from a sun tan and is working hard for her finals in Honours French. Vivienne Johnston-Jones has been on the Continent for her year abroad, but will be returning in October. Carla Grilli, who is seldom seen, is studying Chemistry very successfully.

David Arnott has had all the time he can as an undergraduate and will be sitting his finals in Chemistry. Chris Swan is taking the unusual combination of German and Biblical Studies for his finals, the first to do so, and can often be seen in the Library. Ken Fraser studies French.

#### 5th Year

Douglas McGeachie, sitting his finals in Computing, is engaged and about to be married; and Derek McLean is researching for a Ph.D.

F. I. M. B.

### STIRLING

Neil Brown and Fiona McIntosh are both in Second Year. Neil is doing a degree with joint Honours in Biology and Environmental Science. He maintains that he is happy, despite failing his driving tests with tedious regularity. Fiona is doing very well in her Honours Psychology degree. She has the largest smile on campus, which obviously works efficiently, as she's never short of dinner dates.

"Ali" Nicol is ploughing through his Third Year in Accountancy, and has become part of the decor in the Sports Union — near the bar!

James Bain and Susan Petrie graduate in June. James keeps a low profile — the social life here is beneath him — but he is laughing all the way to his Accountancy degree.

Susan has opted to continue academics, so she is running off to Edinburgh University next year, clutching her History degree to take up post-graduate work.

Many congratulations to both of them, and the best of luck from us suckers left behind.

N. J. B., F. McI.

### STRATHCLYDE

Although not well represented by former pupils, the following people have been sighted. Apologies to anyone I have missed out.

In First Year, Marjorie Ellis and Fiona Souter are both doing Hotel and Catering Management and are enjoying University life. Alan Glen is specialising in Marketing and Politics (Maggie Thatcher, beware!) and is enjoying his course.

In Third Year there is Jackie Kinnear, who is taking Marketing, and Tom Dalziel, who is coping well with Biology.

A. S. G.

## **MORRISONIAN CLUB NEWS**

It is hoped that by the time this has been published there will be a fully integrated Club taking in all former pupils who were members of the "old" Morrisonian Club or the Old Girls' Union.

Efforts have been made over the last year or two to bring the old clubs closer with a view to integration. Discussions took place between boys' and girls' clubs and resulted in a revised constitution of the Morrisonian Club being adopted at an Extraordinary General Meeting held earlier this year.

The constitution is not too formal and is designed to develop the Morrisonian Club as a co-ordinating unit dealing with the formalities and drawing together ideas and events through a series of local branch organisations which themselves will be separately constituted. The committee will be drawn mainly from branch representation together with others appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

The branches of the Club are the important areas to be developed, not only for promoting the welfare of the school but also to maintain and strengthen friendships formed there. The branches will promote social events and will represent the grass roots from which the umbrella or co-ordinating body will be drawn. There have been successful branches established for many years in London, Hong Kong and Glasgow; in the last year a new fully integrated branch has been set up in Crieff; Edinburgh is still actively working towards setting up a branch.

A general meeting of the "new" Morrisonian Club is to be held in early June at which time a new committee will be appointed; thereafter the Club can realistically call itself integrated and representative.

It is hoped that the fully integrated Club will launch a recruitment drive and with some help from the school it is hoped to achieve a high intake of new members from all school leavers. This stronger Club will considerably benefit the school and members alike. It is expected to allow contact through the medium of a regular circular to be maintained and perhaps improved upon; it is hoped that there will be a regular build-up of funds to allow periodic donations or support for specific school projects; the larger Club organisation and membership will create a much more positive and useful unit all round.

As always, it is hoped that ALL school leavers, boys and girls, will join the Morrisonian Club. Life Membership is £10 (which includes one free issue of the magazine). The benefits are that it helps to keep you in touch with old friends and with school activities, and production of the life membership card allows you to buy club ties, blazers, etc. Please also make contact with your local branch secretary when you leave and join in local branch activities.

Morrisonian Club office-bearers at the time of writing are :

*President* : Ian Stuart (1952), Castlemill, Gartness, Balfrou.

*Secretary* : Mike Sheppard (1961), 2 Ledcameroch Crescent, Bearsden, Glasgow.

*Treasurer* : Alister Deakin (1961), 6 Duart Drive, Newton Mearns, Glasgow.



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## **MORRISONIAN CLUB BRANCH NOTES**

### **HONG KONG**

A "new" face is part-time Hong Kong resident **DAVID MACKENZIE**, (1933/36) who is a representative of the Canadian Independent Schools Service. David is a Scottish Rugby Cap.

**RICHARD GIBB** is reported to have returned to the U.K.

The Annual Dinner was held this year on 7th March and was attended by :

Tom Harley	1933/45	Day Boy	Insurance
Gordon Saddler	1957/66	Avondale	Hotels
John Fotheringham	1957/62	Academy House	Merchant Banking
David Cameron	1957/68	Ogilvie	Merchant Banking
Nigel McNie	1950/56	Academy House	Company Secretary
Leigh Roberts	1958/65	Whinmount	Shipbroking
Andrew Godfrey	1960/70	Day Boy	Accountancy
James Fairbairn	1960/68	Dalmhor	Banking
Iain Leighton	1963/71	Dalmhor	Lawyer
and visiting Hong Kong :			
Graham Bicket	1957/66		Army
Alister Macmillan	1942/49	Glenearn	Eng./Mgt. Consultant

Only Robin Radcliffe was away from the Colony at the time.

Anyone visiting Hong Kong should contact James Fairbairn.

## GLASGOW

*Chairman* : David Stewart (1931) and *Treasurer* : David Fyfe (1976) would be pleased to welcome new faces at regular meetings on the second Monday of every month in the upstairs lounge at the Blythswood Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow, at 6.00 p.m., for 6.30 p.m.

Like London, these evenings are wholly informal, so please come along.

The Glasgow branch organised the Club's very successful dinner-dance last October at Dunblane Hydro.

## LONDON

The London Committee comprises :

<i>Chairman:</i>	David Millar	1969	Glenearn
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	David McColl	1967	Glenearn
	Fraser Kirkcaldy	1966	Glenearn
<i>Secretary:</i>	Gary Chalmers	1973	Academy House
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Don Munro	1961	
<i>Committee :</i>			
	Ian High	1968	Academy House
	Alan Ferguson	1965	Dalmhor
	Alister Marshall	1974	Glenearn
	Bob McColl	1966	Dalmhor
	Jim Diver	1940	

The Club continues to meet on the second Monday of every month at the Marquis of Granby in Chandos Place on the north side of the Strand, off William IV Street, at 6.30 p.m. These evenings are informal and always well attended, and any Morrisonian in London on these days will be most welcome.

The Secretary's home address is 21a Edgwarebury Lane, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 8LH. Telephone numbers — (home) 01-958-6036; (business) 01-278 2345.

## CRIEFF

February, 1980, brought the formation of this "new" Former Pupils' Club. The initial impetus came from the committee of the Old Girls' Union and after a preliminary meeting and the customary Steering Committee, a Constitution was approved and Office-bearers and Committee elected.

With the co-operation of all other bodies involved, the Club hopes to look after local events and is already engaged in arrangements for a Leavers' Tea Party on 27th May, Sports Day Tea and Evening Entertainment and the Dance to be held in Crieff Hydro on 5th December.

The School has generously offered Club Members the use of the Swimming Pool on one evening each week — evidence of the very strong support the School has given the Club in its early days.

The Club Officials and Committee are :

*President* : Robert Bolton.

*Vice-President* : Mrs Lorna Muir.

*Secretary* : Barclay Inglis, C.A.

*Treasurer* : Miss Joyce Fordyce.

*Committee Members* : Mrs Ann Scott, Mrs Patricia Ruxton, Stuart McLaren, Ken McKechnie.

Any of the above can be contacted for further information. To join, simply pay £2 to any committee member or direct to the Treasurer at Abbeyhill, Auchterarder.

## **OLD GIRLS' UNION**

1979 - 80 has been a very busy and enjoyable year for the Office-bearers, Committee and members of the Old Girls' Union. The highlight was, of course, our 75th Anniversary, held on 18th November, 1979. The Rector had kindly arranged for all the school buildings to be opened, and a large number of Old Girls were delighted to take the opportunity of looking at their old classrooms and viewing the improvements made. A tea party followed, and our Guest of Honour was Miss Marjorie McLeish, who was Dux of the Girls' School in 1901, and who served as a Governor of the School for a long number of years. A pleasing touch, and much appreciated, was the performance of the Pipe Band.

Another event which gave much pleasure to all present was our Annual Dinner, where our Guests of Honour were Mr and Mrs Ashmall. Evelyn Temple, an Old Girl and well-known sculptress, thrilled her audience by modelling a head in clay. Her model was Mhairi Graham, a present pupil of Morrison's Academy, and daughter of Mrs Graham, our representative on the Board of Governors.

Congratulations are due to the Edinburgh Branch of the Union on attaining their 25th Anniversary.

May I take this opportunity of saying how welcome it is to see so many "new" Old Girls attending our functions — and long may you continue to do so.

Kathleen Auchterlonie.

### **EDINBURGH BRANCH**

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1979 - 80**

The year under review has seen few changes in the membership of the Branch although the Committee, under the experienced leadership of Nancy Ovens, has worked hard at trying to widen the membership net, in particular at paving the way for what must one day soon be a joint Old Boys' and Old Girls' Union.

The main event of the year was once again the Sherry Party which for the first time was held in a public place — on this occasion the English Speaking Union's Gallery. This proved to be a very successful choice for this function. Letters were sent to as many Old Boys as we could contact who were living in the Edinburgh area in an effort to make contact with them. In this we were helped by Mr Tom Macaskill. Five Old Boys attended, but several sent their apologies, and in all cases, their donations to our Jubilee Appeal Fund. In all, about 40 Morrisonians and their husbands or wives attended.

The Summer Skittles Evening was held on 21st June at the Marshall Arms, Duddingston, and this was enjoyed by all who attended.

During the Summer also, one of our members — Jane Buchanan, who lives in Fife — offered the use of her house for a Coffee Morning to which could be invited all those Old Girls who live in the Fife area. Unfortunately the attendance at this event was rather small, but Mrs Auchterlonie, the Crieff President, and Nancy Ovens, our own President, both went.

Throughout the course of the year, we have kept in touch with events at the School and with the Old Girls in Crieff. Two of our members — Betty MacDonald and Elsie Duff — visited the School on the occasion of the Crieff Old Girls' Union's 75th Anniversary Birthday Tea Party at which Old Girls were shown round the School by present pupils. Several of us also attended the Annual Dinner in Crieff of the Old Girls' Union. Our President, Nancy Ovens, has represented us on the School's Appeal Committee.

All members of the Branch will have been saddened to hear of the death of Miss Malcolm earlier this year. She had been in failing health for some time, but as long as she was able, she came to our meetings. We were also very sorry to learn of the death of another of our honorary members — Miss Mary MacDonald, who died on 4th March in an Edinburgh Nursing Home.

G. P. MacNaughton.

### ***Sporting Activities***

**GOLF :** Brian McLean, 22 Alexander Avenue, Eaglesham. Telephone Eaglesham 2733.

Brian looks after Club teams for matches against the School for the Cameron Cup held over Sports Weekend and for the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Cup held each September at Barnton. Those wishing to play should contact Brian.

**RUGBY:** Tom Macaskill, 35 Darnell Road, Edinburgh.

Tom arranges Club sides to play the School XV opening game in September and the annual shield match against Dollar F.P.s. Those wishing to play should contact Tom.

Last September we were beaten by a well organised Dollar side 6-13. Our team was David Warnock, Ewan Gillies, Mike Cochrane, Murray Lyle, Harry Beattie, Bruce Davidson, Ronnie McLean, Dave Laing, Billy Allan, Bill Milroy, Rod Davidson, Ian Macaskill, Ross Mathieson, Ian Rankin, Jimmy Scobie.

Versus the School we fared better and beat them 22-7. The side on this occasion was captained by Norman Jack who admits to having left the school in 1956; he came from U.S.A. to play in the game. The team on this occasion was Alister Logan, Beattie, Bobby Bolton, Dave Lindsay, Tom Heggie, Doug West, Ken McNaughton, Laing, Allan, Henry Vick, Davidson, Alasdair Watson, Lyle, Jack, Peter Stewart. An additional fixture has been played in April this year against Merchistonians, when a strong Morrisonian side beat them handsomely 36-0.

**CRICKET:** Richard Vick, 55 Whirlow Lane, Sheffield. Telephone 0742-360924. Richard organises the Club side to play the School XI on the Monday of Sports Weekend.

### ***Dinner Dance***

The dinner-dance was once again held in Dunblane Hydro and as always was a great success. It was organised this time by David Stewart on behalf of the Glasgow branch.

This year the new Crieff branch is going to take on the organisation of the dance which will be held at Crieff Hydro on Friday, 5th December. Enquiries should be addressed to Mrs Lorna Muir, Springkell, Callums Hill, Crieff. Telephone Crieff 2255.

### ***Personal Notes***

**KEITH MacKENZIE** (1957/69) is currently working as a deputy manager of personnel for Nordic Bank in London and lives at Egham in Surrey.

**DR. J. P. REID** (1958/64) is a principal and clinical tutor in general practice in a group practice in Foresterhill (Teaching) Health Centre, Aberdeen. This teaching health centre is one of the few purpose-built centres in the country which houses the university departments of general practice and pharmacy along with all the usual services.

**CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS** was married in 1979 in Aberdeen, and he and his wife, Sue, are living in Parana in southern Brazil. They also have a flat in Rio de Janeiro. Christopher is in geological research for B.P., and was filmed at work and appeared on Brazilian television.

**DONALD QUICK** is presently moving from Auckland to Melbourne.

**DONALD LOVE** is a junior engineer with B.P., Tanker Co. Ltd., and therefore spends long periods away from the country. He moved last year from Bridge of Weir to Bonnyrigg.

**MICHAEL McNIE** (1950/58) remains on the overseas staff of Barclays Bank and is presently advances manager in Barclays Bank of Botswana and has been living there with his family since 1976.

**NIGEL McNIE** lives and works in Hong Kong.

**DENNIS KIRKLAND** (1950) is personnel service manager for Thomson Publications.

**MUIR MOFFAT** (1957) is managing director of Nexos, an N.E.B. subsidiary, and he recently moved to the Bristol area.

**DON MUNRO** (1961) is spending his time in London chasing terrorists.

- IAN McCULLOCH (1969) is now a fully fledged accountant and his ambition is to work in Monte Carlo.
- BAYNE SHAW (1956) is now back in London after a spell in the Middle-East.
- DAVID MILLAR is an accounts director with the J. Walter Thomson Organisation. He recently became an M.I.P.A., and is involved with the Hammersmith Adult Education Institute.
- GARY CHALMERS is assistant advertising manager with one of the Trade and Technical Magazines with the Thomson Organisation.
- DAVID McCOLL is a consultant designer with his own firm and has recently become involved in part-time lecturing. He is married and now lives in Norfolk.
- BOB McCOLL is an engineering consultant with Bowring Risk Management.
- FRASER KIRKCALDY is an architect with the Frederick Gibbons practice and was site architect on the Bank development for Coutts on the Strand.
- ALAN BOYD (1978) has completed his apprenticeship in shipping and may now return to Edinburgh.
- GERALD CUMMING was on the Heugh until 1926, is alive and still kicking and, still a regular feature at the Institute in his own right, he offers his Methuselah experience to old and new alike.
- GEORGE MURCHIE (1959) is to be seen around London when Government business permits.
- JIM DIVER (1940) is a regular attender at the London Club and works with General Accident.
- ALAN FERGUSON (1965) is personnel manager for Shell U.K.
- GEORGE FOTHERINGHAM (1975) attends the London Club from time to time.
- ERIC HASTRICK (1975) was last heard of in the London area while at College.
- IAN HIGH (1967) is working in computers in the London area.
- GEORGE TODD has recently been seen and is continuing to bring his full weight to bear on keeping the criminal element off the streets of London.
- ALISTER MARSHALL (1976) continues to do his own thing in his own time in his own way in the insurance world.
- WARD VERNON—The London Club says, "Come Back Please, All Is Forgiven."
- ANNE C. McARA graduated M.A. with Class II Honours in Geography from Dundee University in July 1979.
- CRAIG ADAM (1972) has attained his Ph.D. He is now a physicist with Unilever Research in Port Sunlight. Married last September to an Edinburgh girl called Alison Campbell.
- BILLY DUFF (1972) is at present working in Paisley and is submitting his thesis this summer for his Ph.D.
- NIGEL LAING (1972) also attained his Ph.D. and is at present carrying out research in the Institute of Physiology in Oslo till January 1981, then goes to Perth, Australia, to help start a new Neuro-Physiology Unit there.
- STEWART WILSON (1972) has graduated Ph.D. in Engineering from Strathclyde University.
- ALLAN ANDERSON (1971) has graduated Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Aberdeen University.

DR. CRAIG C. SHARP. Pupils might be interested to note the following information regarding Dr Craig C. Sharp, an Old Boy who delivered a lecture to senior pupils last session. Dr Sharp is Lecturer in the Physiology of Exercise at the University of Birmingham. A distinguished sportsman, he is also responsible for the training and fitness of both the Great Britain's Men's and Women's squash teams, and the British Olympic Sprint Canoe Team. As a member of the Medical Advisory Committee of the British Olympic Association, Dr Sharp has attended the previous two Olympic Games and will be at Moscow. He travels extensively as a part of the British Sports Council Mission, and is currently lecturing in India. He is married — his wife is a noted squash player — and he has two children.

STEVE B. McCOLL (1965), ex-Academy House, has worked in India and the Middle East. He has now been working for six years as a Director of an American Group of Companies in Bangkok. He is married, with one boy and one girl. He would be happy to give any assistance to any F.P. passing through Bangkok.

### ***Obituaries***

Dr. JOHN ROBERTSON died suddenly last year at the age of 51. He was Senior Consultant Obstetrician to the State of Qatar. He was born in India and graduated from Edinburgh in 1950. Among his many appointments he was examiner to the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

The following deaths were notified to the Secretary during last year, and they are noted here with regret: John Cumming, Bruce Omand, Alistair Walker, John Dalglish, Lt. Col. W. G. Smith.

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For any further information, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Sybil Macnaughton, Annfield, Glenalmond. Tel. Glenalmond 267.

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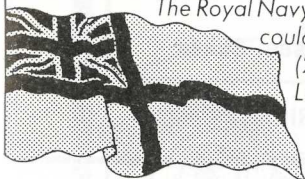
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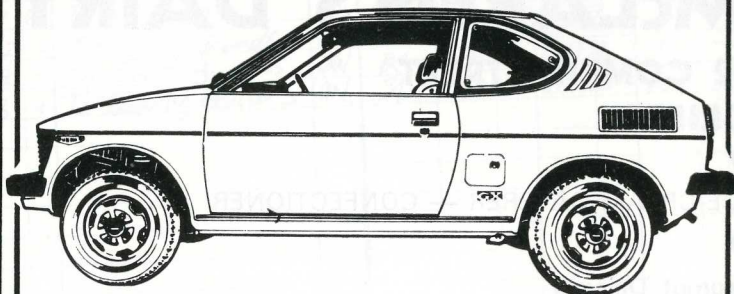




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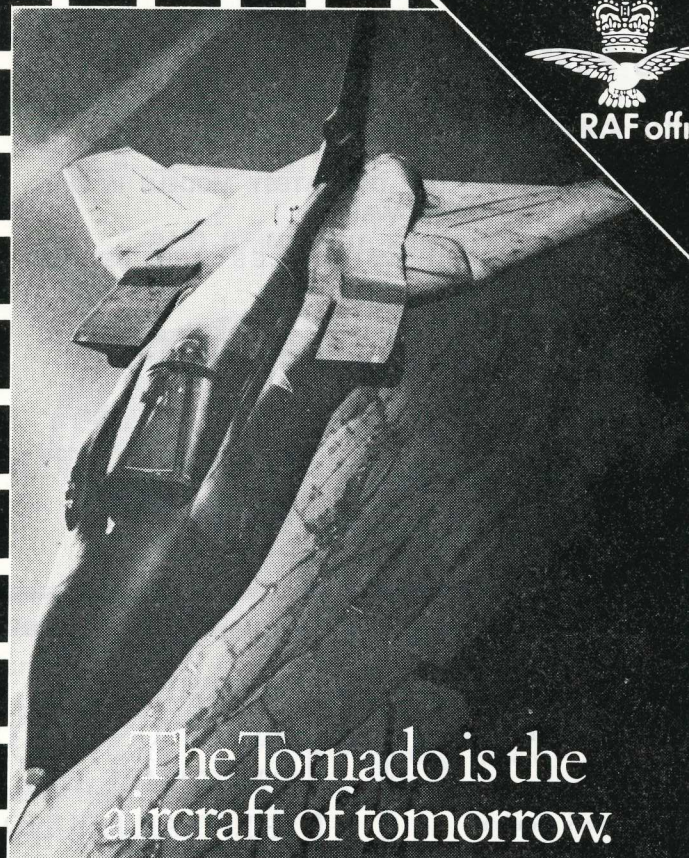
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