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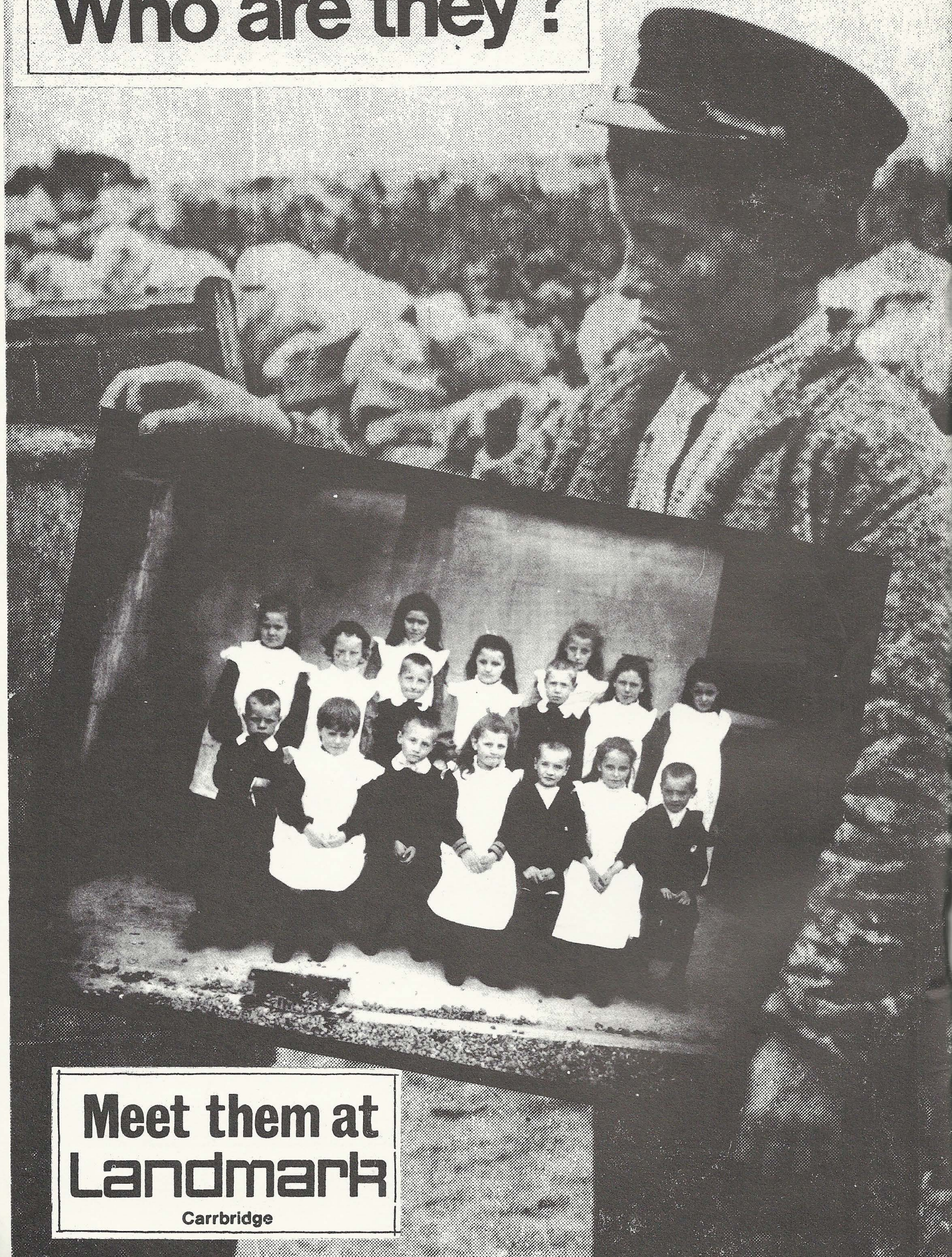
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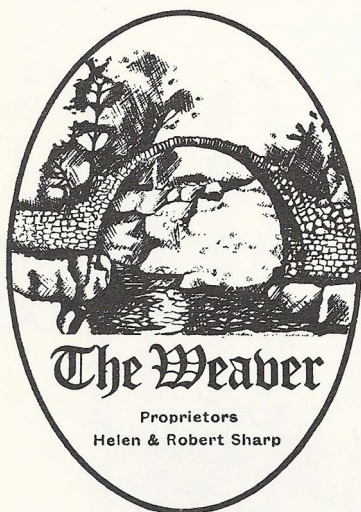
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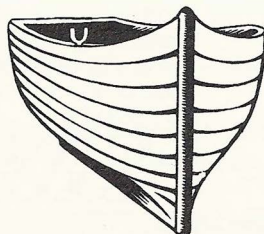
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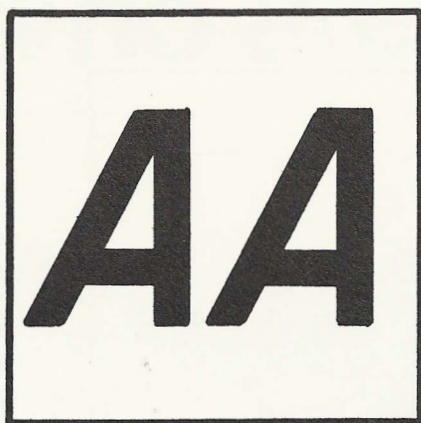
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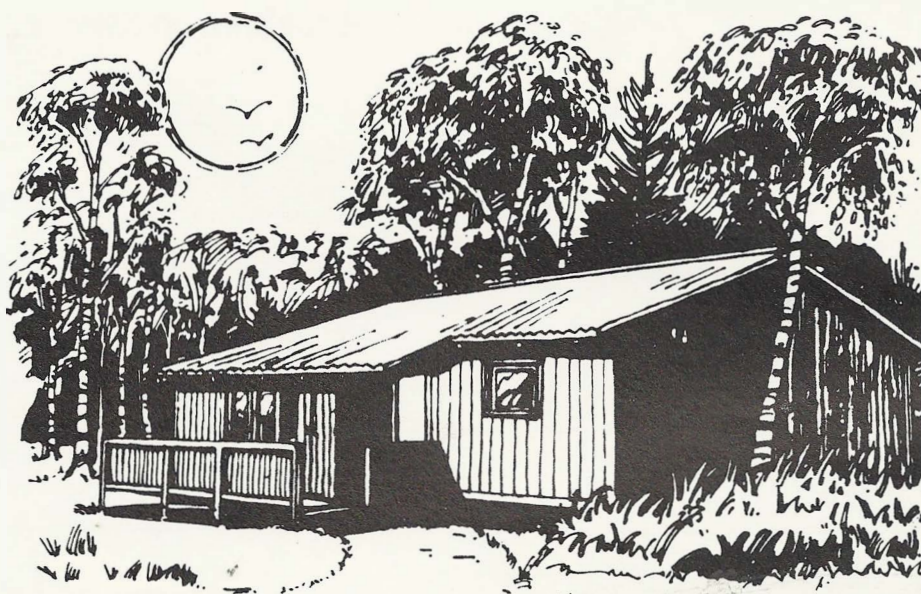
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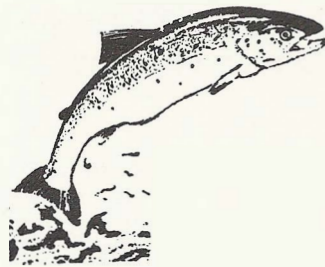
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editorial

Another year has sped by and the time has come yet again for an edition of the school magazine. The Editorial Committee, consisting of teachers and senior pupils have been busy gathering in preparation for this issue for about two months so it is hoped that you will enjoy the articles and illustrations submitted by pupils throughout the school.

Since the last magazine was issued there has been much staff movement and we have said hello to some, goodbye to others. We would like to thank those who have left us for their service to the school and of course welcome the new staff.

All that remains is to thank those advertisers who have continued to give us their support, welcome new advertisers and hope this issue of the school magazine appeal to you.

SCHOOL NOTES

It has been yet another eventful year at Grantown Grammar School. Well-attended discos have been held regularly by prefects and supervised by members of staff. At the recent A.G.M. of the P.T.A. it was agreed that in future parents would also suffer whilst offering their services in a good cause! Music was provided by the local disco unit, Studio 7.

Fifteen pupils, accompanied by the Rector and Miss Wray, paid a visit to Eden Court Theatre, Inverness to attend a concert given by Yehudi Menuhin with the Scottish National Orchestra. Another visit was made at Christmas time by approximately 60 pupils and staff to see "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare.

At the Inverness Music Festival in March, Sandra Guthrie, now in Secondary 3, came first in her class for flute playing and gained 'distinction' standard marks in addition to a place in the Festival Concert held at Eden Court the following week. Still in musical vein, a recorder group with a membership of fourteen pupils from all years of the Secondary Department got under way in February, thanks to Miss Wray.

The first of three talks was given in May by Constable Norman McDonald of the Northern Constabulary Community Involvement Department. He gave a comprehensive talk, accompanied by slides, on drug abuse, to senior pupils. In August Mr Stanley B. Flett, appeals organiser for the Scottish branch of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, who is himself partially sighted, visited the school to inform pupils in 2nd and 3rd years about the problems facing blind people. Finally, in early September, pupils of 4th, 5th and 6th years enjoyed a brief but informative talk on the Parliament of the European Community from our European Representative M.P. Mrs Winifred Ewing.

A memorial service for the greatly esteemed late rector, Dr. Bain, was held at the Secondary Department on Friday the 29th of August. The Reverend Dr Joseph Grant and Mr W. F. Lindsay made memorable contributions to the service and the response to the memorial fund has already been generous. We thank all those who have contributed.

In March, twenty-one pupils went on a ski-ing trip to Aprica in the Italian Dolomites and were accompanied by Mr Mathieson and Miss Jardine of the P.E. department and they all enjoyed their trip - apart from the rolls (which appeared to be the staple diet!)

Our lunchtime clubs this year include: Recorder, Guitar, Choir, Scripture Union, Swimming Training, Badminton, Gymnastics, Drama and Chess and board games and several others who report on their activities in a separate section of the magazine.

The end of the summer term saw the annual Prize-Giving and an interesting speech directed towards school leavers by former pupil and Dux of the school, Mr Angus McIntosh.

The following day an informal charity concert was given by a group consisting of pupils, both present and former, called Syndicate. A second group which consisted of the janitor, Mr Grassick, and teachers, Mr McKenzie and Mr MacLennan, further entertained pupils. Sandra Guthrie raised the tone of the performance with two pieces of music on her flute. The proceeds, from this event went to the Action for the Crippled Child Fund.

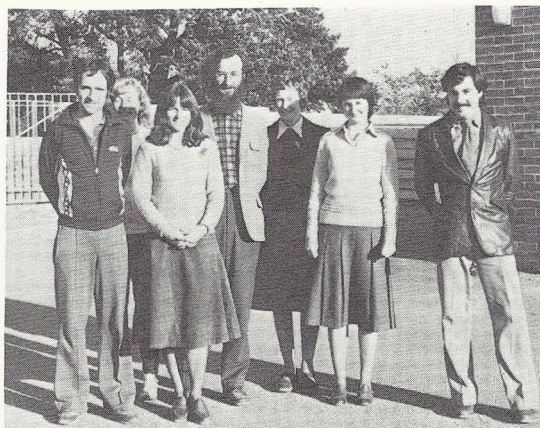
Mrs MacLennan's O'Grade sewing class visited Gray's School of Art and a knitwear factory in Aberdeen.

Head Boy and Girl for the 1979-80 session were:- Alan Wright and Morven MacLean.

Harvey Dux Medallist for 1980 is Colin Grant.

STAFF NEWS

some
staff



(and the photographer!)

Although we have seen the departure of several teachers since the publication of last year's magazine, we were able to start this, 1980-81 session fully staffed.

Miss Wilson left at Christmas to become Mrs Brown and is now living in Kent. Mrs Brown, who taught French and German, sent an enormous piece of her wedding cake to be distributed between roughly two hundred pupils; this was greatly enjoyed by all.

At the beginning of this term, Mrs C. Lamont joined the Modern Languages Department to fill the post vacated by Mrs Brown. Thanks are also due to the French assistant Mademoiselle Ollivier whose extra help was greatly appreciated when the Modern Languages Department were minus a teacher for part of the session. As a result of the decision to make the post of Deputy Rector and Principal Teacher of Modern Languages separate, Mr Thom has taken over the post of principal teacher of Modern Languages and Mr Smith remains Deputy Rector.

Now living in the Black Isle, Mrs Scarffe, formerly Miss Hannan left at the end of the 1979-80 session - complete with two deckchairs which she received from pupils on her departure!

Miss Marshall joined us at the beginning of this term to replace Mrs Scarffe in the Mathematics Department.

Mrs Mathieson was a further addition to the staff this term, to teach Home Economics full-time. Mrs Mathieson, who had taught part-time in the past, came to take over from Mrs McLennan who left us for the happiest of reasons! Consequently, we would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs McLennan on the arrival of their first son, John, who was born on 19th September this year.

Congratulations are also due to Mr Young of the Maths Department and Miss Wray who teaches Music whose engagement was announced in June 1980. They are already making arrangements for their wedding next summer.

We recently saw the departure of Mrs Popham who taught Biology and A.P.H. for three years and who will now be living in Edinburgh, where her husband has taken up an appointment with the Scottish Sports Council.

For one month, last year, the Art Department were lucky to have the assistance of student art teacher, Miss Heather Sears who was in her final year studying at Aberdeen College of Education and has now joined the ranks of teachers somewhere in Aberdeenshire!

At various times during the year Mrs Herd has stepped in to fill the breach in the P.E. Department, one occasion being when both Miss Jardine and Mr Mathieson accompanied the school ski-ing trip to Aprica.

Lastly, although we are no longer joined to the primary school, we wish Mr Campbell well in his duties as Headmaster of Grantown Primary School.

THOSE IN HIGH PLACES !

PREFECTS:

BACK ROW (left to right)

JANE WALLACE : A rare bird on the earth and very like a black swan. (JUVENAL)

TIMOTHY POTT : I should like very much to take a vacation. (LATE SHAH OF IRAN)

CALUM BEANGE : Modesty is my middle name. (ANON)

ERIC PIRIE : As innocent as a new-laid egg. (SIR W.S. GILBERT)

GRAEME WALKER : Two starry eyes hung in the gloom of thought. (SHELLEY)

ROSS MACLEAN : Seems like a nice boy! (LARRY GRAYSON)

SEAN McGOWAN : But I'm not so think as you drunk I am. (STANTON)

MARTIN MACKENZIE : From the great deep to the great deep he goes. (TENNYSON)

DONALD SCOBIE : I find we are growing serious, and then we are in great danger
of being dull. (WILLIAM CONGREVE)

KAY ROSS : I am a bear of very little brain and long words bother me. (A.A.MILNE)

FRONT ROW (left to right)

MARIAN HAMILTON : Her voice was ever soft,
Gentle and low, an excellent thing in woman. (SHAKESPEARE)

SUE MARTIN : Life is just one damned thing after another. (ELBERT HUBBARD)

LYNN MCGILLIVRAY : I am in plainer words, a bundle of prejudices - made up of
likings and dislikings. (CHARLES LAMB)

SHIRLEY MASSON : A smattering of everything and a knowledge of nothing. (DICKENS)

DEBBIE ALLAN : So buxom blithe and debonair. (JOHN MILTON)

SHIRLEY ROBB : I have taken all knowledge to be my province. (BACON)



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL :

CLAIRE McCANN :

But far more numerous
Was the herd of such
Who think too little
And who talk too much.

(JOHN DRYDEN)

HEAD GIRL :

ALISON PAUL :

That petitionary grace
Of sweet seventeen.

(TENNYSON)

HEAD BOY:

ANDREW GEORGE : A beast , but a just beast. (DR. TEMPLE, HEADMASTER OF RUGBY)

DEPUTY HEAD BOY:

MALCOLM SMITH : The friendly cow, all red and white
I love with all my heart. (STEVENSON)

where are they now ?

We wish the best of luck to all those who left school this year to start work or go on to Further Education.

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Colin Maclean
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CLASS 3

James Brown
Danny Webster
Trish Isbell
Amanda Simmonds

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Speyside High School Aberlour
Canada
Dunfermline

CLASS 2

Rona Eglinton

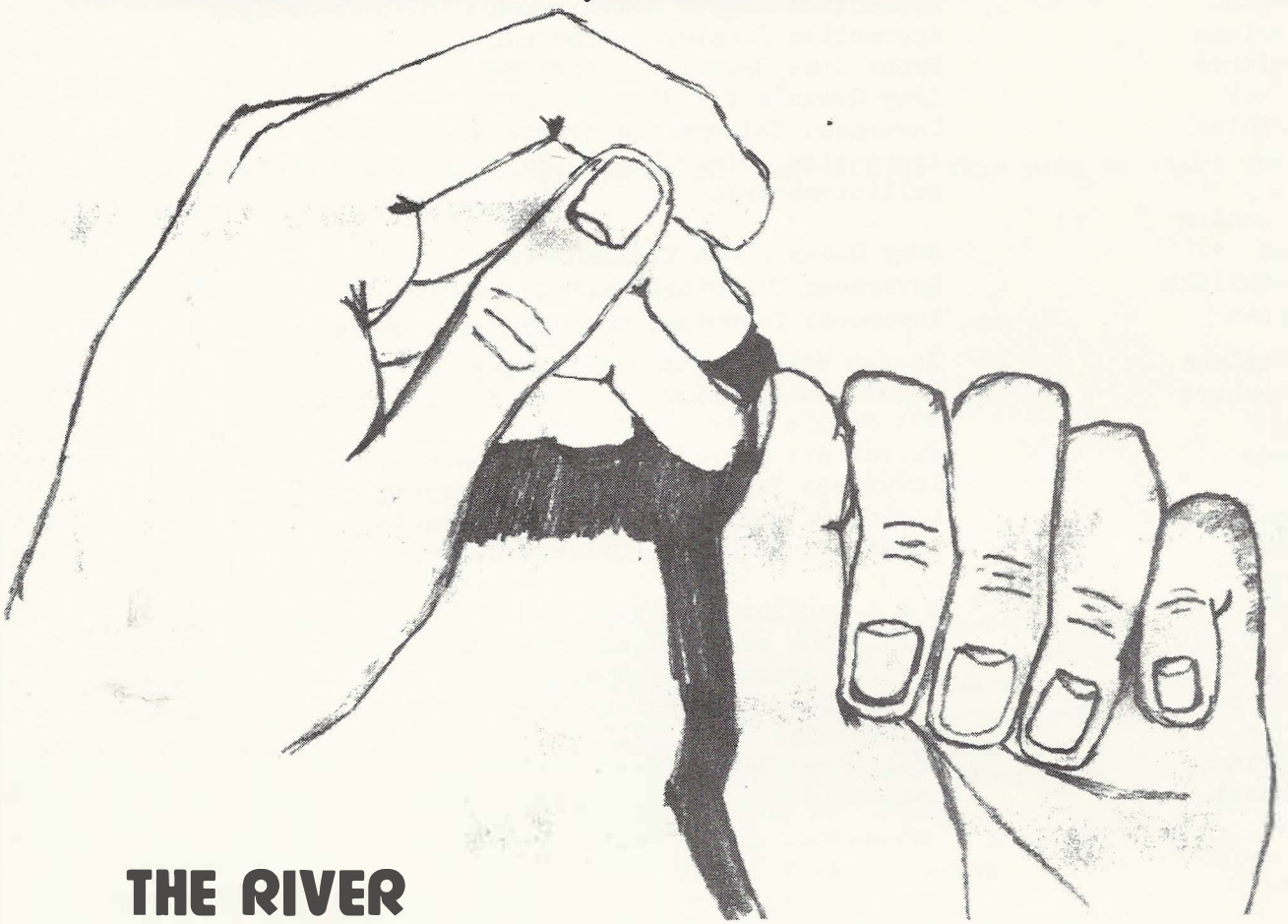
Edinburgh

CLASS 1

Michael Brown
Michael Webster
Robert Davies
Mhairi Sutherland
Tracey Isbell
Lillian Mooney

Peebles
Speyside High School Aberlour
Bray J. High School Shetland
Inverness
Canada
Inverness Royal Academy

Need a Read?



THE RIVER

The condensing vapour resembled cigar smoke freed of its heaviest elements which would have been left in his lungs had the lonely man been smoking, which he hadn't. Smoking had never interested him even as a boy. His were the only footprints distinguished by their darker colour, against the dew-saturated grass and across the damp sand. The broken wooden bench he was sitting on was a few feet from the swollen river. The water slid around the rocks and ground them slowly, patiently, certain of the day the rocks would be washed away and disappeared into the swirling, dark depths.

The bridge was silent; its moss-filled cracks dripping crystals. No cars roared over the pot-holed tarmac to break the oppressive, dusty, stillness that silenced the birds. The dark green trees carved in some foreign stone towered over the fishing huts. The bridge's one arc reflected in the torrent as the sun broke the bickering rain clouds. The grey stone was stained with fifty years of rain. The sun's glorious rays reflected the rolling tree-infested hills to the mountain hidden behind their cloaks of grey mist.

The river flowed past or through them all and watched them change, its torrents of water, with their foam waste picked up from the ugly, rusting pipes, bore no life but only watched. And the banks of grass and sand watched the river slowly die. They watched its waters change from sparkling white, tinkling glass to dull grey and saw the foam sores on its back. They watched the life bleed out of it, the floating fish, the dead weed, the dead water birds - bright colours dulled and hidden by the trails of green and black slime.

They had seen a friend pass away with no fight. A car roared across the bridge; its engine pounding the air. The trees choked on the lead monoxide. A laugh disappeared round a corner and they saw their future. They waited patiently and silently.

INTRUDER

The night was warm and clouds scuttled across the restless sky as the moon shone brilliantly down upon the Essex marshes. A warm wind fanned the cheeks of a watchful farmer checking that all was well on his small farm. Glancing up at the sky he saw what he thought was a bright star, but this idea changed as the object seemed to be getting larger. What could it be? A meteor, perhaps? Fascinated the farmer watched the object grow larger and larger. An inexplicable fear gripped at his heart but was hardly noticed as his excitement grew to fever pitch. He could feel heat from the object - so fierce that he had to turn away. A violent hissing sound followed by a gurgling could be heard. Chancing a look, he saw the object not far away being sucked slowly into the marshes.

At first the farmer was afraid as there was something strangely primeval about the marshes now as the object had made the water boil furiously. Curiosity finally overwhelmed him and he raced back to the farmhouse for his tractor. Nothing had changed when he returned and, working quickly, he managed to attach a metal chain to the object. After several attempts, he succeeded in pulling the thing to dry land. The object was roughly spherical in shape, slightly flatter on the top and bottom, and as far as he could see had no opening or even crack in its outer shell. It stood about four feet high and the farmer could not make up his mind as to what it was made of. It looked like aluminum. As the dip in the marshes had cooled it off, he decided the safest thing to do would be to take it home. With this thought, he loaded it up onto the scoop on the back of the tractor.

Driving along the road, he fancied the tractor was going faster than normal. But being a practical sort of man, he decided that was impossible. The tractor began to give small violent shakes as if trembling and this so worried the farmer that he stopped and switched off the engine. Everything was peaceful and nothing could be seen or heard that was out of the ordinary. Annoyed at his own stupidity, he restarted the engine and set off once again. This time instead of imagining the tractor was going faster he could feel it accelerating, faster and faster, until the by now terrified farmer had to wipe streams of 'wind' tears from his eyes to see where he was going. He applied the brake but found it was useless. The gears were useless too and he resorted to throwing the madly careering tractor in all directions just to keep it on the road. Suddenly he lost all control of the tractor. The steering would not respond and it was as if the machine were controlling itself. The tractor tore down the quiet lane straight towards the electricity sub-station which supplied all the farms in the area. Just in time the farmer threw himself clear. The last thing he remembered before he blacked out was a terrific rending and crunching of metal.

When he came to he could not believe his eyes: the tractor had smashed straight into the sub-station and because of the tremendous surge of electricity the object had received it began to glow red, then white hot. The farmer knew he must escape and began to run for his life. As he ran he could feel the heat the object was generating becoming greater and greater. He tripped, stumbled, staggered to his feet, then ran on redoubling his efforts. Suddenly everything went blank.

Searchers next day found the wrecked power sub-station, or what was left of it for the force of the objects take-off practically annihilated it. A four hundred yard burn mark covered the ground around the area and at the edge of this they found the farmer. He was badly burned and his mind had gone so he could not tell them what had happened. The searchers were all talking about U.F.O.'s, flying saucers and such things. But they did not really know what had happened. Newspaper reporters began to arrive searching for a sensational story. The intruders had gone but neither the people nor the place would ever be quite the same again.

ACCIDENT PRONE !

I went to bed late the night before,
So I couldn't help walking straight into the door
If I'd taken mum's advice and gone at nine
I would have got up today quite fine
I walk downstairs, my head all hazy—
I shouldn't be so bloomin' lazy.
I put on the grill 'cause I have to be fed
But I wish I'd stayed in my nice cozy bed
Oh! my poor toast, I've burnt it all
"Something's burning!" I hear mum call.
Och, I've just tripped over my shoe,
I've swallowed my toast, I didn't chew.
I wash my face with stone cold water—
It's all over the floor! Oh what a sotter!
"Mum I can't find my English book."
"Don't bother me: you'll have to look."
Have I got all my books in my bag?
If I leave them about, mum loses the rag.
Not again, I've lost one shoe.
It's time to go, what will I do?
Down the road I really rush
Oh heck! now, I've missed the bus!

Diane
MacGill Murray



CAMP

The Scouts watch the sizzling sausages
Happily singing Scout camp-fire songs
The fire flickers ferociously
While the boys wistfully watch the wood burning
Finally the food is well fried
And the grub is greedily guzzled
By starving, sunny scouts
The washing up is willingly done by the w
And everybody eagerly enters their sleeping ba

Craig Walker.

AUTUMN by Jane Dunlop.

Summer's coinage has been spent. Leaves are rustling then falling to the ground leaving the trees forlorn and bare. The trees shed their golden glories. Only the Scot's pine and other coniferous trees remain a deep green, and still the lovely strong scent of pine is smelt throughout the forest.

Swallows sing and gather in the sky and on telegraph poles. They prepare for their long journey south to the warmer lands of heat and sun, leaving behind ice and snow.

The sky is a paler bluey grey and the sun is faint and weak, struggling to break through the candy-floss clouds that drift by aimlessly.

The grass is an ochre-brown, as if some weedkiller had been sprayed over it. No longer are the barley fields full of growth and life but sport unsightly stubble.

The ground is hard with frost beneath the crust of earth. Snow and ice threaten with the merciless wind my hands and face.

In the distance the mountains loom high above the pine forests, lochs, towns and rivers. The first sprinkling of snow is seen on the Cairngorms, like icing sugar on a cake - the bride of winter - making the mountain range look even more majestic and breathtaking.

The nights are now lengthened - the days shortened - as winter draws up his battle line.

Animals have already begun to hibernate: hedgehog and squirrel have disappeared off the face of the earth as the less fortunate creatures, cow, horse and dog grow their own natural protection - winter coats.

The wind whips through the trees, merciless and cruel, stripping them of their remaining treasures. Winter, cold and cruel, advances for the kill.

WHO AM I ?

I am a mountain
I tower above life
And look upon world-wide strife.
Far and near I can see trees.
I ask myself. What are these?
Animals live upon my sides.
The timid rabbit hides,
While the sly fox glides
to catch it's prey
Funny:
These things happen in one short day.

Jean Guthrie.



A black and white photograph of a snowy landscape. In the foreground, there are dark, bare trees with snow-laden branches. In the background, a dark building is partially visible through the snow. The overall scene is desolate and wintry.

After the Blizzard

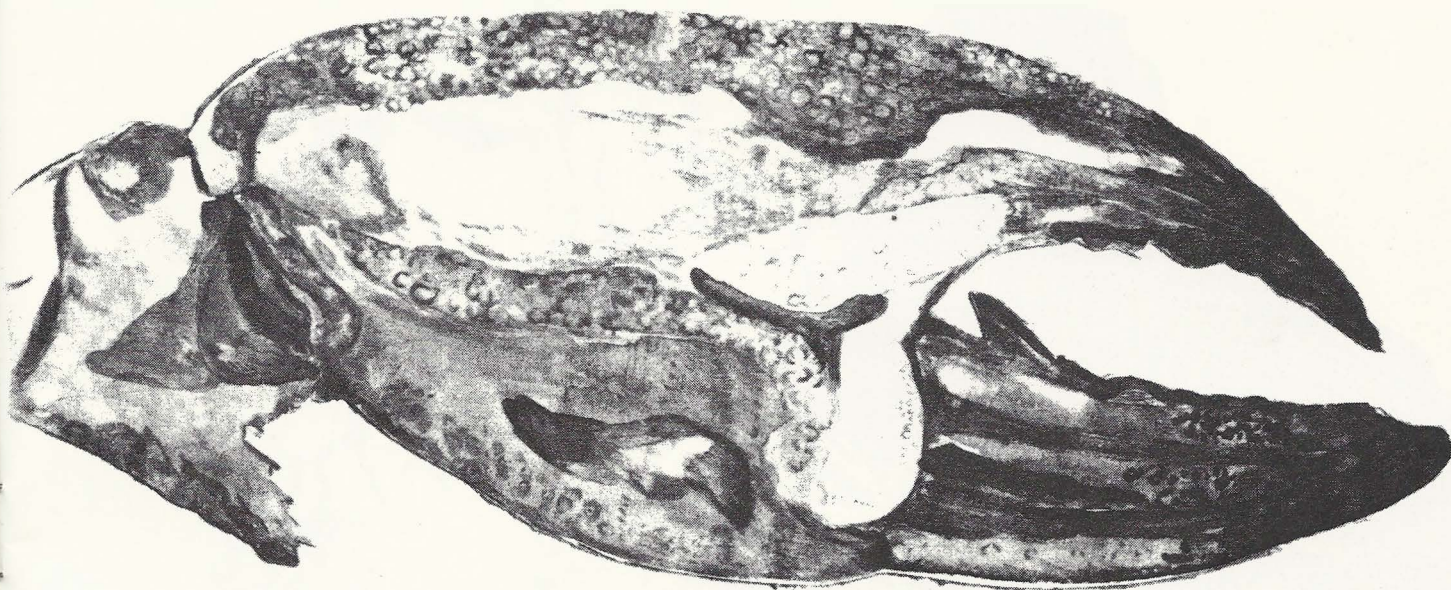
The storm was over
The land lay bare.

Smoothed over as if by icing powder,
The only blemishes the walls of the house

A solitary figure treks over the landscape
Gliding over the thigh-deep blanket
Towing a sleigh packed with provisions;
Preparing for the weeks ahead.

A dot over the horizon,
A whirring of blades.
A lifesaving eagle -
A flying foodstore.

Mark Sanders.

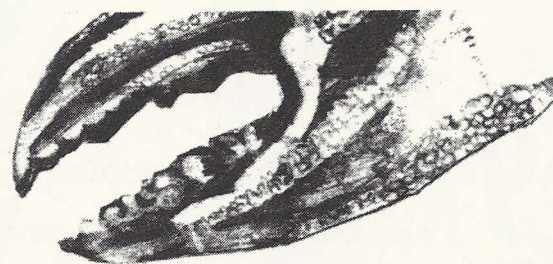


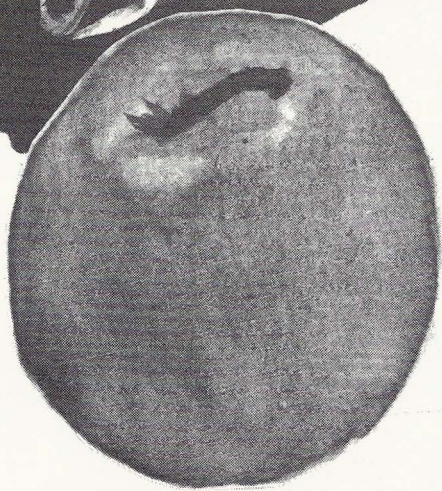
Impressions

Everything is calm; everything is quiet at the beach. Just a few seagulls are flying about looking for scraps at the near by harbour. All morning it is quiet; a man and his dog walk along the sands. Momentarily the quiet is broken by the dog barking at the seagulls.

In the not so far distance there is a clap of thunder accompanied by a dark mass of black cloud. It comes nearer and nearer until it is right over the beach. Thunder and lightning rage and the sea dances to the tune of the storm. Suddenly a huge wave builds up and crashes onto the beach like a grasping hand.

And then it is all over. It is calm and quiet. Just a gentle breeze is blowing the sand.





Kids!

Yawning, yacking, chewing undercover Yorkies,
They pile in, pushing and punching.
I sigh, and sit staring at a sea
Of blank, bored faces, burbling
Their misunderstandings; misbegotten ideas; moans
About homework; hates about grammar; hear
Their whispers, crisp packets, whines, whistles ~
... and smile. Why? Suddenly thinking of Saturdays:
Peace, perfect peace, and the mountains of paradise.

v.a.b.



TEACHERS !

Teachers tend to talk a lot
Making sarcastic, snide comments on
slovenly work
Eternally handing out endless exercises.
I sit silently thinking on snowfields
and skiing,

THE BLIZZARD

As the twilight drew near,
The grey and heavy sky gave way
And the snow fell, silently
To cover the rock-hard ground.

The branches of the trees became
And bowed down with the ^{heavy} weight
The frozen river became disguised
With the snow which covered the ice.

As the snow got thicker,
The night became strangely bright.
The beam from the street lights
Couldn't escape.

There was no sign of life:
No birds, rabbits and hares.
All had disappeared into their homes
To keep dry on that snowy, cold
night.

Then the wind got up,
Blowing and whipping-up the snow,
Deep drifts formed against the
fence.

The blizzard raged outside
by Mairi Ross.

RAIN

I am the rain,
I make people all wet,
I pour down on people's roof tops
and make puddles outside shops.
I batter against people's faces
and I make floods.
I make river banks explode
and I drown cattle.
I have no heart
just a cold, bleak shiver.

Audney Smith



FISHING ?

The river was fairly low; the hot sun ensured that the recent spate water had subsided quickly, and prospects were perfect for night fishing for the sea trout which ran up from the sea whenever the river rose sufficiently to allow them.

The day had been a hot one, even for July, but when I arrived at the river at about eight o'clock in the evening, the tourists who had swum to escape the heat had disappeared. The evening was still warm, but not humid, and a high layer of cloud ensured that the temperature would not drop too much.

There was still about an hour and a half of daylight before dusk so I sat down on a large water-smoothed boulder beside the long dark pool. At the head of the pool, where the river forced its way through a narrow, steep-sided gorge, there was a stretch of fast rippling water and here two oyster catchers were skipping from boulder to boulder, picking up the flies which were hatching profusely in the warm summer air.

Salmon and seatrout were jumping quite frequently, rejoicing in the fresh pure water of the river which surrounded them, but I was content to sit there and to admire the beauty and stillness of the highland glen.

As dusk drew nearer, the stillness and solitude of the river struck me. Although the river was rushing past, broken by boulders and rapids, it seemed completely in place, and the noise of the rushing water was hardly noticeable unless you really concentrated on it.

It seemed that I was the only human in the area: an intruder there to spoil the peacefulness and solitude of nature, and, feeling slight pangs of guilt that my intention was to kill some of the most beautiful creatures in the world, I sat still, hardly daring to move. My eyes were distracted by a movement at the neck of the pool. A family of mallards were bobbing their way effortlessly through the fast water. The mother came first, her beautiful bluey-green neck feathers only just discernable in the fading light. Her brood of little brown chicks followed, bobbing up and down to struggle a little more than the mother to keep in line. One lagged behind, ignoring its mother's anxious cries and I mused that it would not be very long before a fox or stoat snapped it up for its cockiness.

Just as the top of the sun slowly slid below the hills which lay to the west, I saw a sight that I will never forget. Suddenly, near the tail of the pool, a huge salmon leaped. It was fresh from the sea and its silver scales flashed in the fading light. It was thick and muscular, the benefit of months of rich feeding in the sea and as I saw it hanging majestically in the still night air I could sense the urge that sent the salmon surging up the river to the spawning ground where most would die. It slowly turned in the air and fell down on its side, the splash it made shattering the silence.

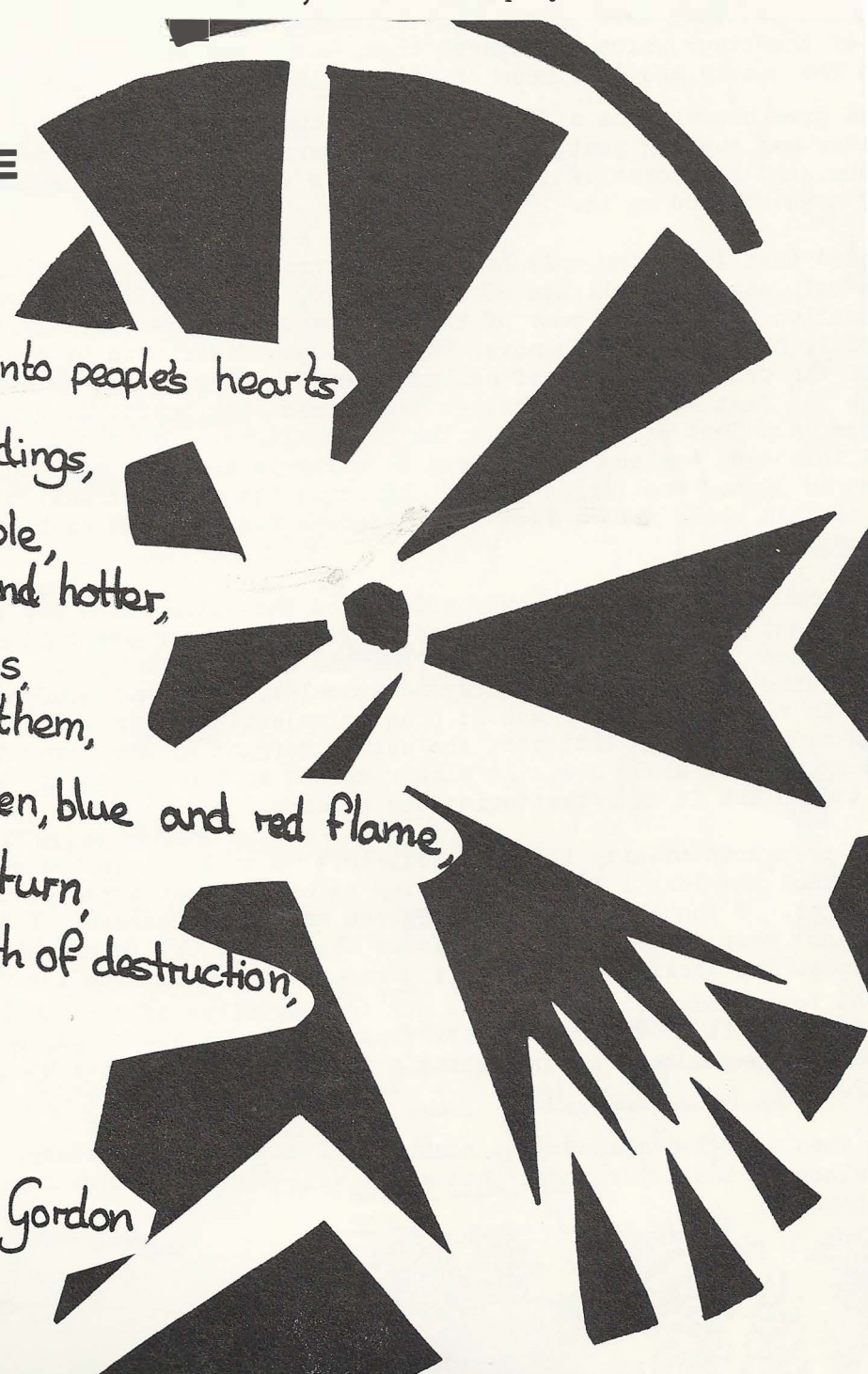
All the pressures of city life and work left me as I sat in the cool of the night. I don't know how long I had been sitting before I heard a rustle in the bracken on my right. I thought it might have been another fisherman. I hoped not because I could not bear to see the peacefulness shattered. My fears, though, were unfounded and a small fox slowly and carefully poked its head out from the undergrowth. It stood for a moment, sniffing the air for any signs of danger but did not notice me as I sat still on the rock. Satisfied, it slowly and warily walked towards the pool and began to drink quenching a thirst that had built up throughout the hot day.

It was then that I realized just how lucky I was and that beauty, wildlife and peacefulness I had experienced that night were worth far more than the fishing I had missed.

I AM WATER

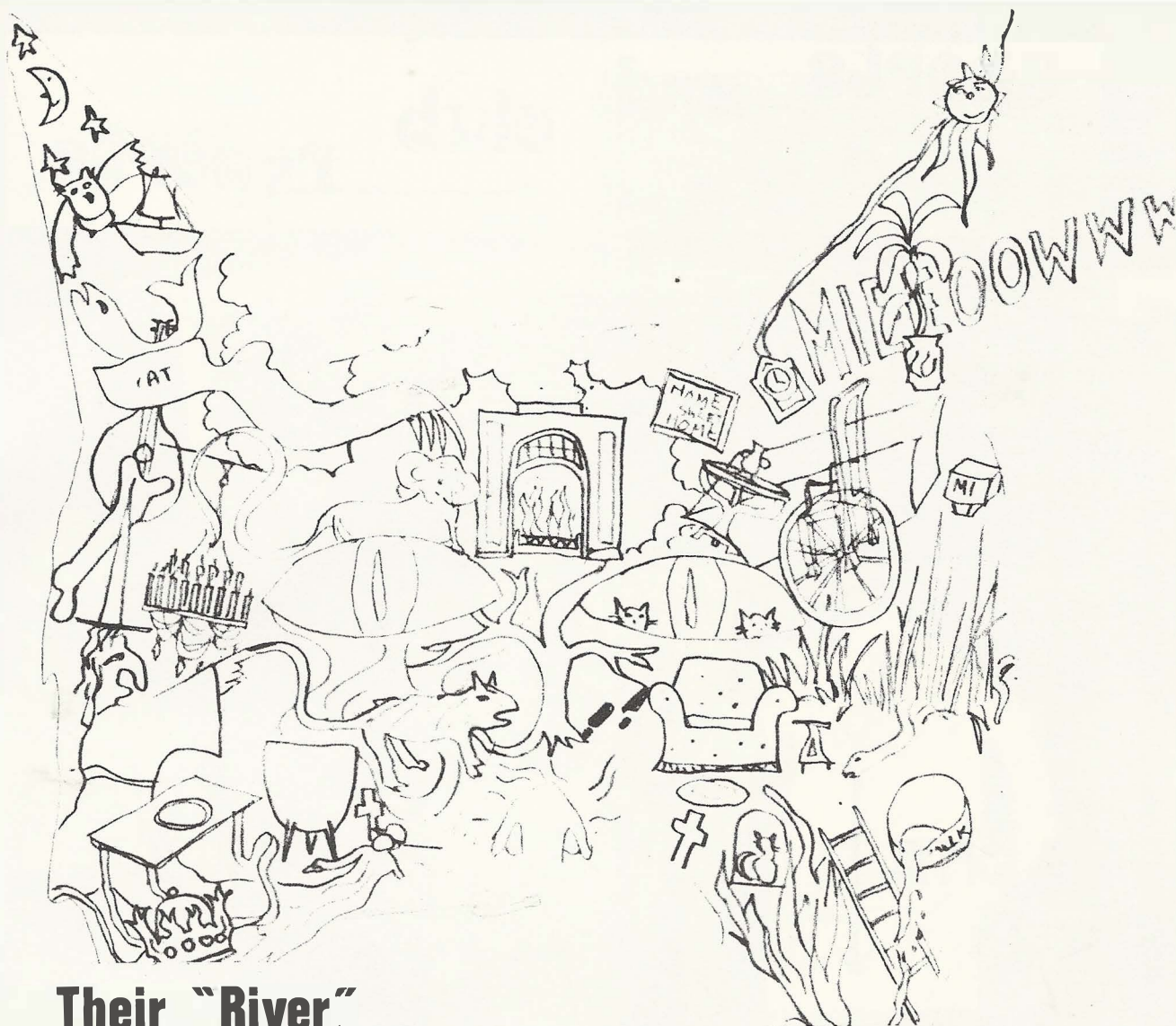
I began life as a pure, clean crystal of mountain water, thrust out of the ground and abandoned among millions of identical twins, all flowing freely down the hillside. I felt swamped but I was able to make my way to the surface. There was still a dew in the air but as we travelled nearer the valley floor the sun broke through warming us. We were joined by more and more water and I felt very limited in my movement as did everyone and we all slowed down. The long slow meander through the flat lowlands and eventually into the farming areas made one lethargic. The peacefulness was disturbed only by us, jostling for place and making a quiet gurgling at the same time. We were the centre of attention: the birds flocked to the river, the farm animals came to drink, and all the time we grew in width. A fishing boat loomed up ahead and we parted just for a second. Houses came into view and people. The air was not so fresh and dirty particles settled on our invisible skin. By now we were in the middle of a pleasant town. Pleasure boats floated on top of us and an angler stood on the bank casting his line into our, now, murky depths. We rippled as a breeze niggled the surface. A great steel structure hung above me momentarily. The river was crowded by now, with boats of all kinds, and children played on the bank.

I AM FIRE



I am fire,
Sending terror into people's hearts
Destroying buildings,
Destroying people,
Getting hotter and hotter,
Melting things,
And burning them,
With my green, blue and red flame,
I twist and turn,
Leaving a path of destruction,
Behind me
I am fire!

Susan Gordon



Their "River"

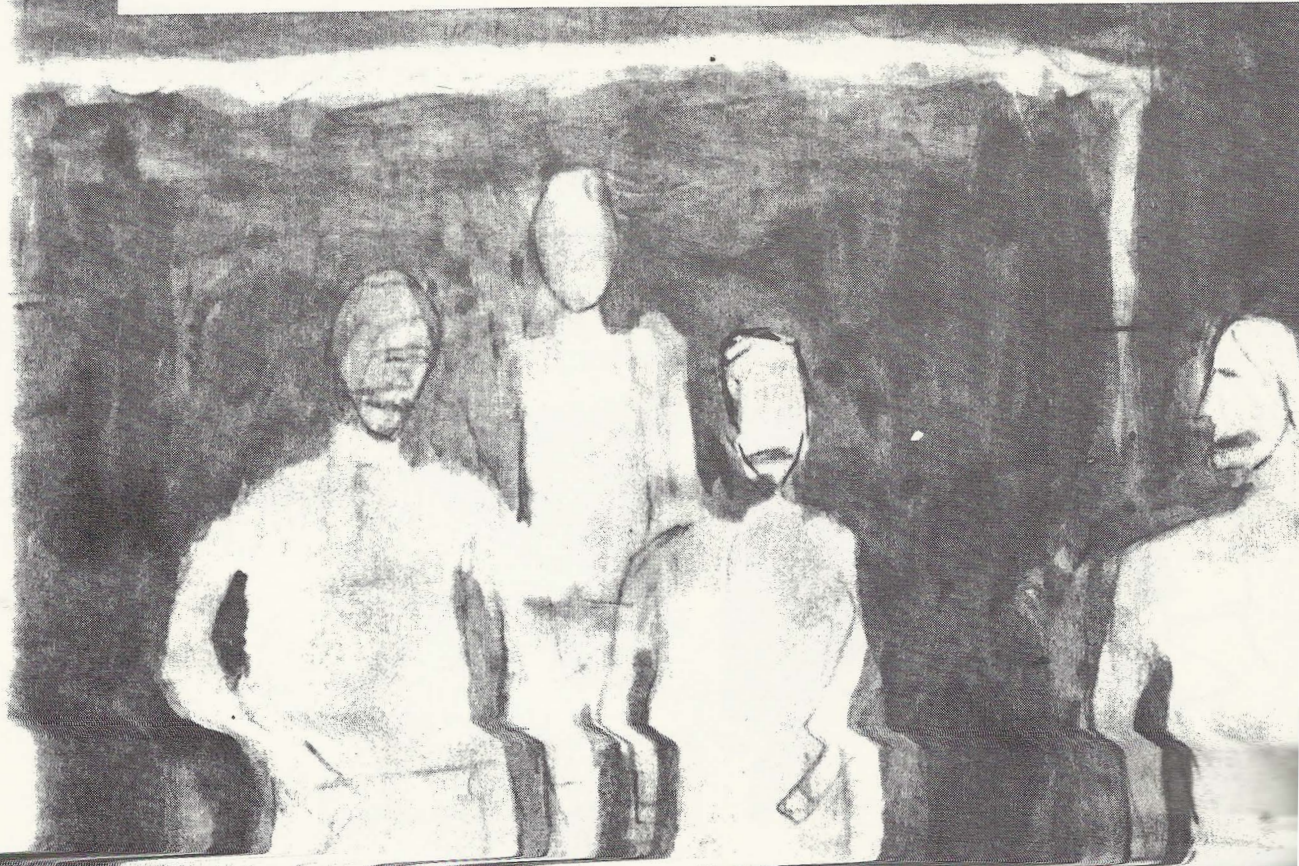
They were there every evening - muddy, screaming, deprived but these children loved their "river". After having escaped the underground and the dreaded rush hour, I, too, treasured those few minutes reminiscing, watching those unfortunate children who reflected my identical childhood.

To lean on that rusty, ugly bridge peeling off the green paint, finding yet more rust, had become a regular occurrence. Whilst I was there listening to them, I felt a sort of responsibility for them. I knew where the mud was most slippery; where there was a hole to climb through in the wire surround. Once they had paddled in their shoes kicking through the murky, shallow water sinking into the sucking, sludge below. Damming the brook, as I had always called it, seemed a popular game. Some nights they would try and cross the wider part of the brook. I would laugh with them when someone slipped from one of their slimy stepping stones.

It amazed me how they could change the brook and its surroundings. What imagination they had! First they were ship-wrecked, then they were in the navy and if all else failed they could always be mermaids and men in a strange under-water world. Though, when I thought of their never-ending source of ideas, I had been the same. When I was their age, the decaying bridge, the disgusting smell of the polluted water which carried regular supplies of dead fish, foam and numerous forms of rubbish to wherever, had never really occurred to me. The decaying undergrowth and other people's rubbish had never bothered me either. I loved - and still do - those trees which had been long since forgotten.

The bridge and its weird groaning, distressing wail, which it made if one ran along it, would always remain with me, as would my great fear of the prowling stray dogs who used to roam there. Never could I forget those happy times and the innocence of it all.

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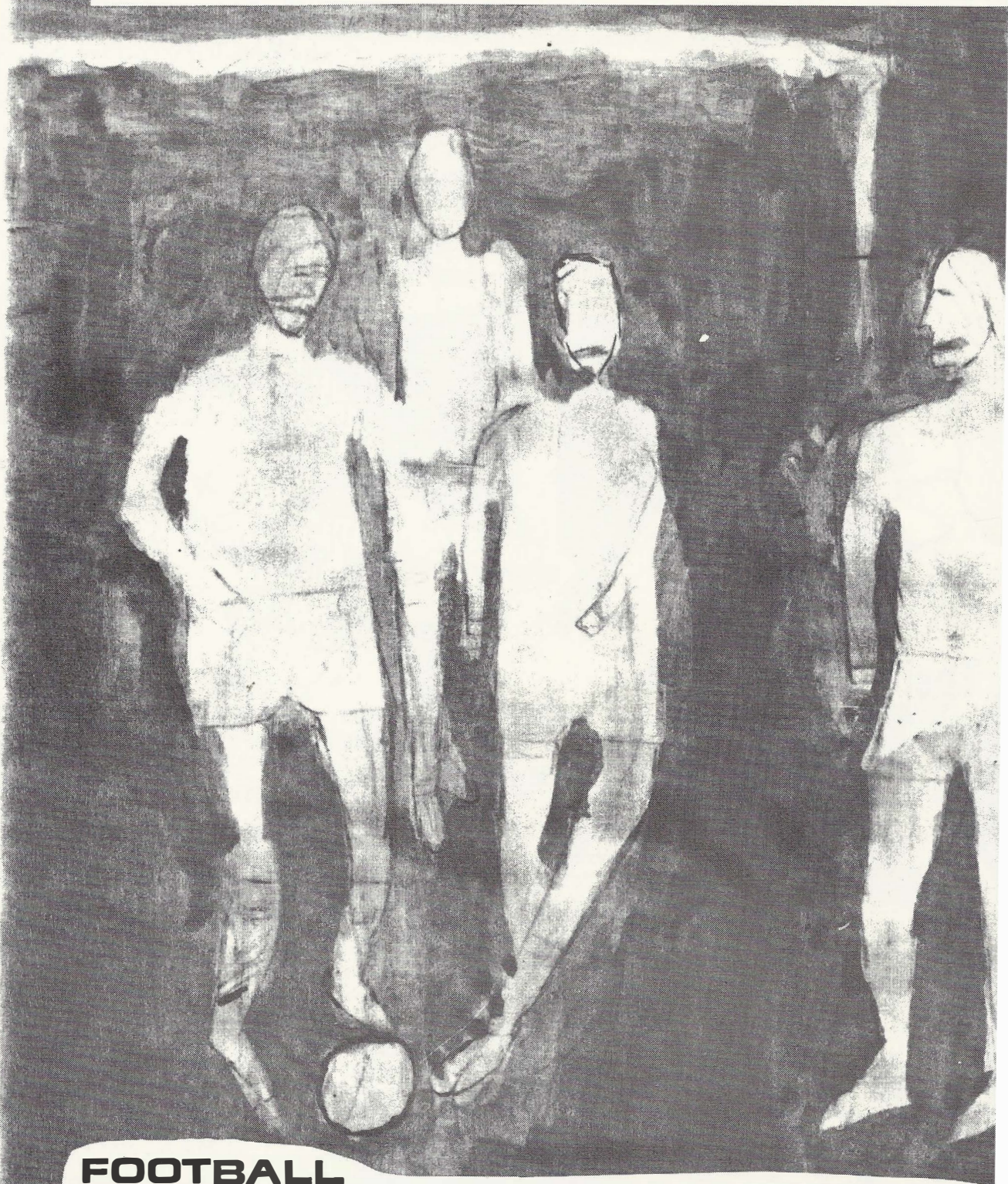


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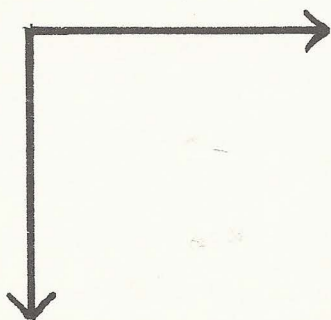


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now



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV., 1931-32.

Standing—I. Macpherson, A. Mackintosh, E. Munro, F. Roberts (captain), J. Cooke, W. Macaulay, J. Macaulay, E. Mackintosh.

Sitting—J. Ross, A. McIntyre, D. Fraser, J. Calder, R. Ross, E. Mackintosh, P. Garrow.

(Photo by A. Ledingham)

SKI REPORT...

The season started with three pupils travelling abroad - Ross MacLean and Tony Kuwall going to Courmayeur in Italy for the British junior championships and Colin Grant a member of the "Citadin" team, went to Val d' Isere in France for the British Land Championships. Unfortunately nobody recorded anything out of the ordinary but all three gained invaluable training and experience.

The school did fairly well in all the races but unfortunately did not win any. They took second place in both the Scottish Schools race and the Boyd Anderson Trophy. Congratulations are due to Peter Kuwall and Colin Grant who came first and second respectively, in the Boyd Anderson Trophy.

In the school house race the competition was very "hot" with Roy coming out on top. The weather, however, wasn't so warm - in fact it was blowing a gale and absolutely freezing!

Just before Easter, some school pupils and staff travelled to Aprica in Italy and a good time was rumoured to have been had by all.

Finally, we have to thank Miss Jardine and Mr Mathieson and the other members of staff who gave up so much spare time to take the Thursday afternoon and Saturday ski sessions.

CANOEING ...

During this year we purchased 3 good canoes and were given 2 more. These have been well used by the handful of pupils and staff who were already paddling but sadly we cannot run a proper club as we have no trailer or vehicle to tow it with.

GYMNASTICS ...

Numbers in the primary club were so large, that two sessions had to operate over lunch-breaks on a Tuesday and Wednesday. The Wednesday evening senior club from 4-5pm was well attended with twelve girls taking part in all four olympic gymnastic pieces: beam, vault, floor and bars.

Senior club	S Sawers	M McGowan	G Bertram	S McIntosh
	A Smith	L Mackay	C Grant	C McCann
	M Ross	T Millward	G Calder	

VOLLEYBALL ...

Twelve senior boys took part this year, training on Wednesday evenings in the gym, from 4-5pm. One fixture against a visiting girls squad from Lesmahagow near Glasgow resulted in a rather one-sided win for the boys.

Senior pool:-	J Ormiston	G Walker	M Anderson	B Williamson
	M Smith	C Beange	A Clark	M McKenzie
	S MacGowan	A Liggat	D Scobbie	D Low

BASKETBALL

Twenty-five senior pupils started this club in October, numbers eventually balancing out around fifteen. Practices took place on Tuesday evenings from 4-5pm. A double fixture against Kingussie resulted in a home-draw and a rather heavy loss away. Towards the end of this term a junior basketball section began over lunch-break on Mondays.

LIFESAVING

Swimming training sessions have started very well this term. They take place on 4 lunch hours and 2 evenings each week. Six 5th year pupils are running some of the junior training.

In Life Saving last year Claire McCann and Jane Dunlop passed their Award of Merit and John Ormiston, Mike McCulloch (F.P.) Jane Wallace, Marion Hamilton, Fiona Walker and Annette Hogg passed the indoor section of the new Distinction Award. Sadly they have been caught up in internal controversy in the R.L.S.S. and Scottish examiners are currently refusing to examine the outdoor section.

ATHLETICS ...

As a result of industrial action, the primary and secondary participation at the South Highland Sports was withdrawn. Primary sports day saw Sally Gordon and Peter McLeod lift the girls and boys individual championship honours. Our own sports, after a days postponement, were eventually held in rather damp conditions on Wednesday 25th June. Champions at junior, intermediate and senior level were:-

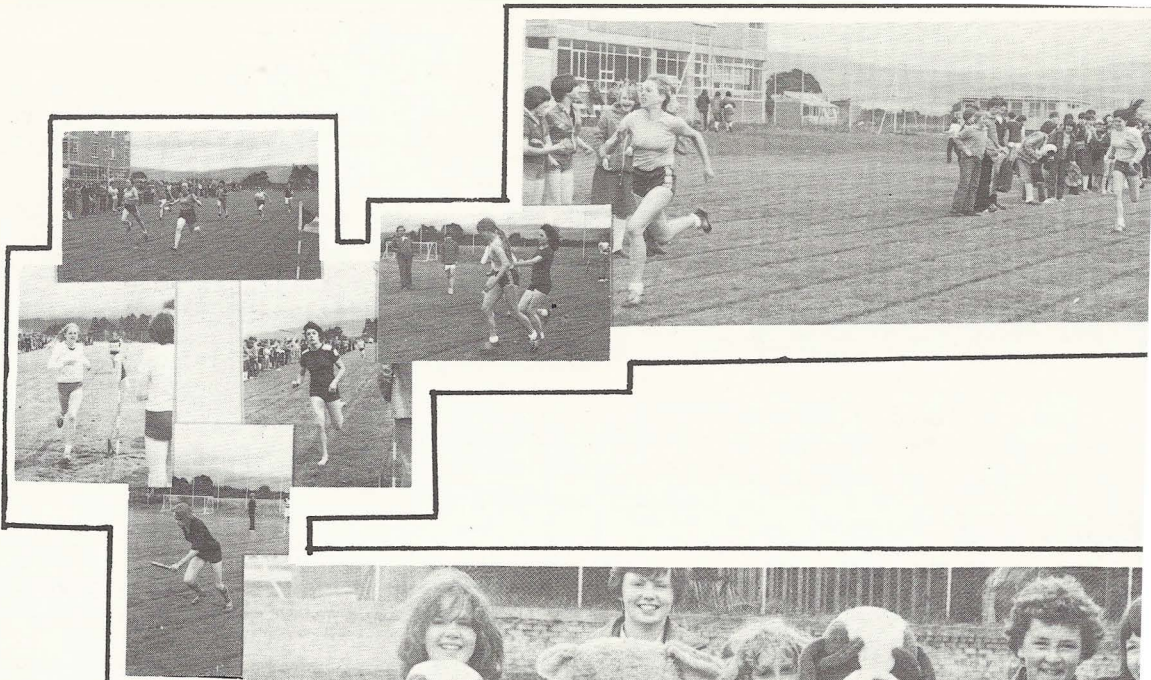
	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Senior</u>
Boys	G Chapman	S McMillan and S McKay	J Ormiston and J Williams
Girls	A McIntosh	C Gray	M Gordon

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP ...

Some nineteen house matches covering junior and senior levels were run throughout the terms: football, hockey, cross-country, swimming, basketball, ski-ing, badminton and athletics made up the annual house programme. Hopefully next session rugby and volleyball will be added to this list. The overall house championship resulted in a win for Roy with 42 points, Revack 2nd with 36 points and Revoan 3rd with 35 points. A big thank you to all the games captains and vice-captains from the P.E. department.

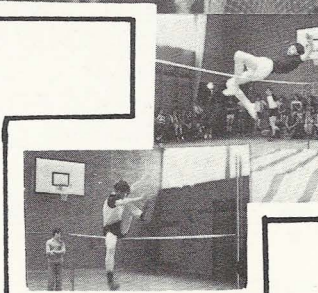
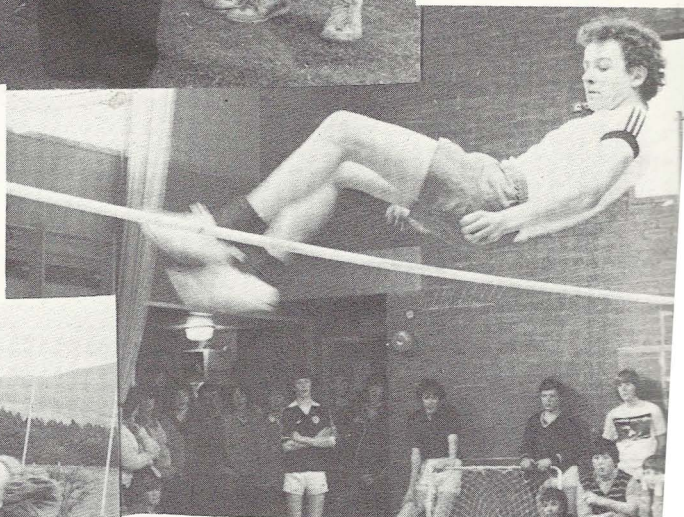
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Girls	A Forbes A Grant	M McLean L Mooney	A Paul M Hamilton
Boys	G McConnachie P Kuwall	A Liggat A George	M Ferguson C Grant

SCHOOL SPORTS 1980





We are the champions



DRAMA



The highlight of the drama calendar last year was surely the production of "Spring and Port Wine" written by Bill Naughton and well performed by the Senior Drama Group. This play, which the cast had already studied in class, proved a tall order, since the majority of the pupils involved were having important "O" grade prelims half-way through rehearsals. However, under the strict guidance of Mrs Barley, all went smoothly on the night and the performance was enjoyed by an appreciative audience of pupils and parents. Fine performances were given by the main characters played by Malcolm Smith and Fiona Chavasse who had a mass amount of lines to learn. Other members of the cast were Debbie Allan, Thomas Docherty, Sean MacGowan, Kay Ross, and Lee Shedden.

Although many senior pupils were forced to give up drama club for a short while due to important exams, the others kept on and two plays were performed around Easter time.

First was "The Rajah's Ruby" in which Melanie MacGowan and Thomas Docherty gave memorable performances. The next play to be performed was "Over the Wall" by a group of third year pupils. Both these short plays were put on for the rest of the school.

Mrs Barley's Thursday activity group of senior pupils are now involved in this year's Christmas play, "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard which is a play within a play and will be performed not long before the Christmas holidays. This year the play will run for two nights instead of one and the cast is as follows: Jane Dunlop, Denise Grant, Lee Shedden, Melanie MacGowan, Sean MacGowan, Kay Ross, Jennifer Grant and Lesley Craib.

Miss MacLennan's activity groups have also been busy working on various short plays and are now in the process of rehearsing "The Body Snatchers".

Lastly, the drama groups, as well as first and second year pupils, greatly enjoyed a series of short sketches on a religious theme performed by the "Footprints" Theatre Company early this session.

music

The 79/80 session took off with the arrival of various new percussion instruments and the new music centre.

Lunch hour activities included guitar, recorder group and girls choir. The choir sang extracts from "Carols for Today" by Herbert Chappell at the Christmas service. The choir, and recorder group and Sandra Guthrie performed at the Prize-Giving.

On the 12th March Sandra played her flute at the Inverness Music Festival and won her class. She was then asked to play at the Festival Concert in Eden Court on the Saturday night - a great honour!

During the year there have been a number of trips to Eden Court. In November and again in April, a group went to see the Scottish National Orchestra; the world famous violinist Yehudi Menuhin was soloist at the April concert.

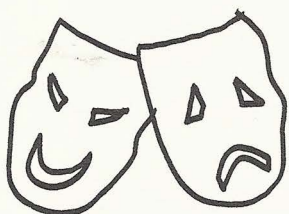
Miss Wray's and Miss MacLennan's activity group went to see London Contemporary Dance Theatre at Eden Court in March.

Miss Wray and Mr Young took the 3rd year certificate music class (and a few others) to see "H.M.S. Pinafore" by Gilbert and Sullivan in October.

On 22nd October we were given a recital by Miss Ruth Wilson and Mr Brian Craib who played various Renaissance and Baroque instruments. This was attended by secondary 1 and secondary 2 and the 2nd year certificate music class.

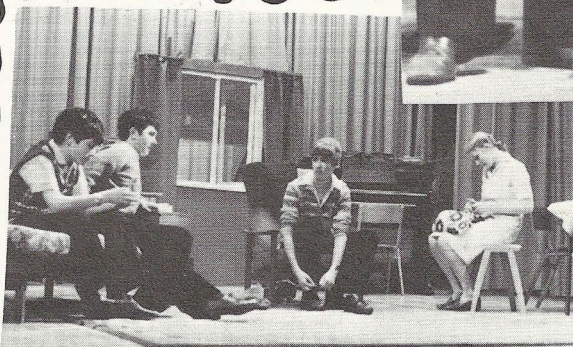


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PORT WINE.
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DRAMA



SPRING 1980



THE MAN
IN THE
BOWLER
HAT.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



During last year 5 girls were working towards their Gold Award. All have nearly completed it and should do so in the near future. They are Ann Ferguson, Alison Paul, Tricia Laing, Alison Grant and Alison Forbes.

In the Silver group 6 boys and 17 girls have either finished their award or will do so this term, and of these 5 boys and 8 girls intend to try for Gold. Also 2 or 3 plan to leave the scheme for a year and take it up again in 6th year.

All 16 girls who started Bronze last year are nearly finished but only 3 are continuing to Silver straight away. Unfortunately the boys who started last year haven't fared so well but there is plenty of time for them yet!

This autumn we have 11 new entrants to the scheme and hope they will do as well as the previous 3 groups.

All new entrants and people going on to the next award now do the 'new' scheme whereby they choose one topic from each of 4 sections.- Expedition, Skill, Physical Recreation and Service.



HILLWALKING

There were several enjoyable expeditions mostly in the Cairngorms for 3rd and 4th year and one longer one for seniors to the Dundonnell/Fisherfield Forest Area. There were also assessments for the expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh at all 3 levels.

BADMINTON

The senior team last year had mixed fortunes, winning all matches up to Christmas when Michael Ferguson left. This had a disastrous effect on the other boys who lost most of their remaining games. The U15 team did not have a good season but are virtually unchanged for this year, so should do well.

Individually Michael and Anne Ferguson and Alastair Mutch reached the Scottish School Championships at Perth.



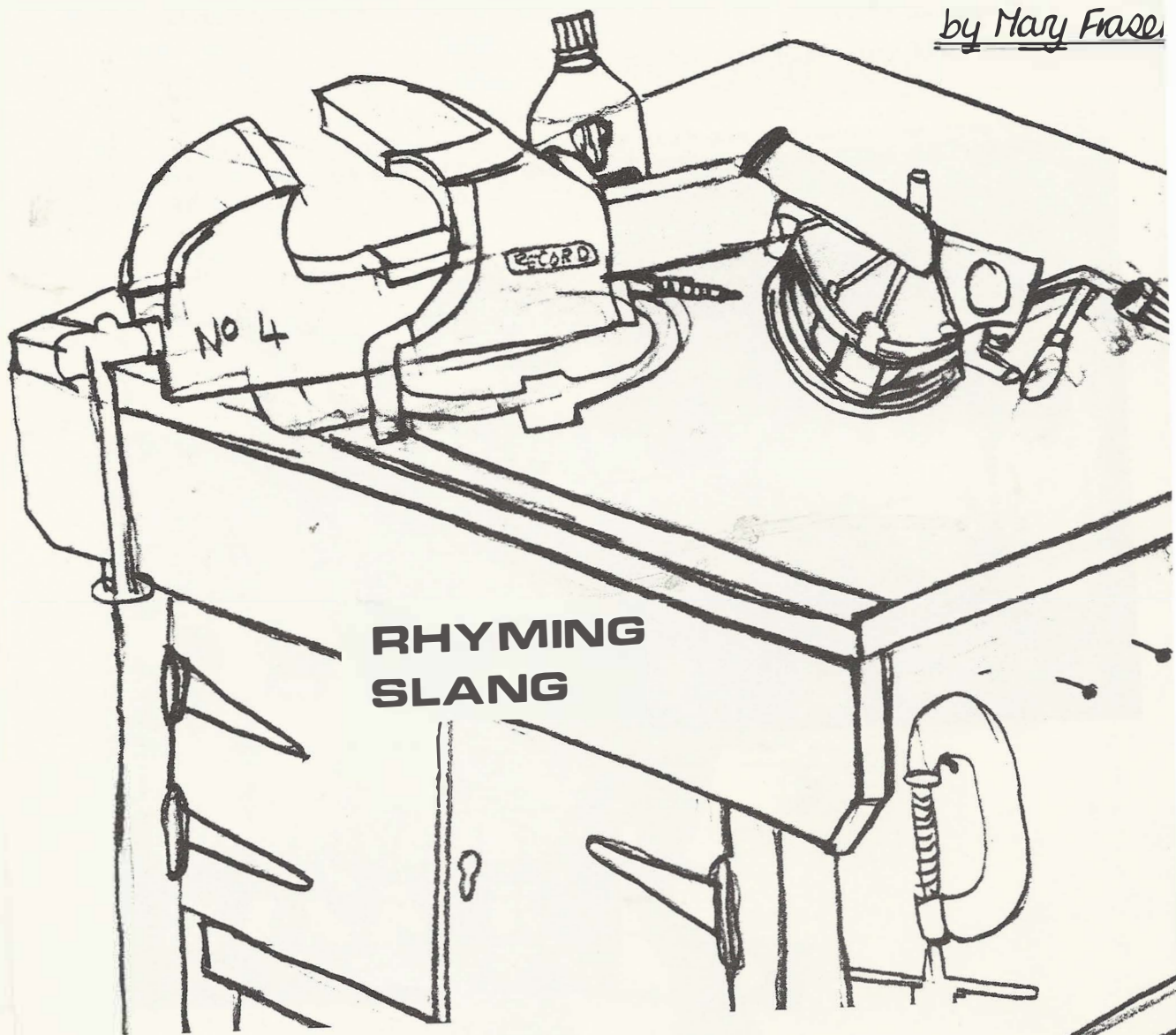
BOARD GAMES

Mr Turnbull's "Board Games Club" is held every Friday lunchtime from 1.20 - 2.00. Senior and junior pupils attend and play various games including: Chess, Quantum, Mancaia and Mastermind. During inclement weather a Scrabble Club is also held.

AN AFTERTHOUGHT

As I walked down the Big Feet, I slipped on a banana tin and fell on my jumping jack. I got to my mincemeat and carried on down the Big Feet. Suddenly I saw two teenagers hussing and ran unto Farmer Browns factor and tart. Rubbing my sore a farm, I carried on walking. At last I reached my rat and mouse, to find I had left my garden peas be

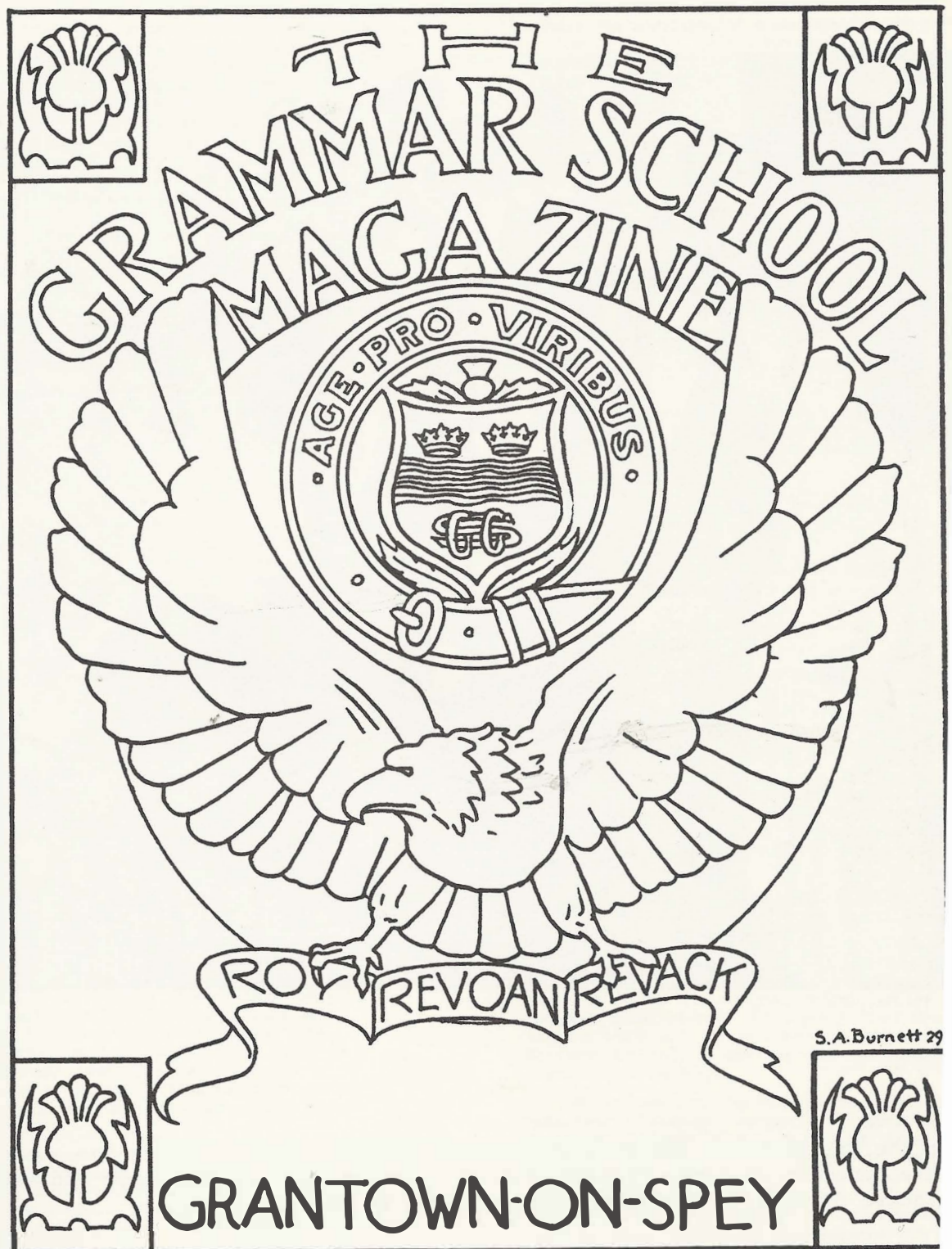
by Mary Fraser



When I went to the skips and hops
I bought something for the blue sea.
I decided that we would have
corral reef and cockles and mussels.
After that I went to the christmas
fairy then returned to the cat
and mouse.

T.H. Foster

FORMER PUPILS' SECTION



— 1980 —

REUNION

DINNER



Held in the Craiglynne Hotel on 18th April 1980, the Biennial Dinner was a most enjoyable function in every respect with an entertaining and nostalgic address from Richard Surtees. In the photograph above we see:

Front row, left to right: Mrs. I. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. Surtees, Miss M. Grant, Mr. L. Grant (Rector), Mrs. C. Grant, Mrs. A. Ross, Mrs. L. Grant, Mr. M. Grant. Second row: Miss Jean Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Surtees, Mrs. Bain, Mr. G. Donaldson, Dr. Bain, Mr. Alex. Ross, Mr. Ian Smith. Third row: Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson, Mrs. Anne Duncan, Mr. Angus Mackintosh, Mrs. I. Mackintosh, Mrs. Donaldson. Back row: Mrs. F. Mason, Mrs. R. Bass, Mr. John Duncan, Miss M. Legge.

One or two Old Guard ties are also in evidence!

editorial

The first year of the eighties has brought an important change in the pattern of education in Grantown with the division of the School into two separate entities, a Primary and a Secondary School. The creation of a separate Primary School follows naturally from the decision to continue Primary schooling in the old building and thus perpetuate the difficult split-site situation. Separation was the logical answer, and we wish our colleagues in the new Primary School and their new headmaster, Mr. Neil Campbell, well in the days to come.

1980 also brought the death of our honorary president, Dr. James Bain, who did so much to shape the destiny of the school and of so many of its pupils during a memorable rectorship. Eloquent tribute to Dr. Bain was paid by two of those best fitted to appreciate his many virtues, Rev. Dr. Joseph Grant, who conducted the funeral service in Aberdeen, and whose tribute we publish as an obituary, and Mr. W.F. Lindsay, former Director of Education for Moray and Nairn, who spoke at the memorial service, held in the School in August. Every letter we have received since Dr. Bain's death has expressed the high esteem in which he was held by friends, colleagues and former pupils alike. We have all profited from his example, his dedication, his encouragement and his never failing interest in the lives and careers of those around him.

Club functions which took place during the past year have been most successful. The decision at the 1979 A.G.M. to replace the Christmas Dance with a Disco for younger F.P.'s. proved extremely popular, and arrangements have already been made for another Disco on Monday 29th December in the Craiglynn Hotel. The Biennial Dinner in April was also greatly enjoyed by those who attended and who heard an entertaining address from Richard Surtees. Members will be interested to know that a provisional date has been fixed for the 1982 Biennial Dinner. It is 23rd April 1982 and Tom Hunter, son of the former Rector, has agreed to be the speaker on that occasion. No doubt many readers will be interested to note that date even though it is a long way ahead.

Former Pupil Angus Mackintosh, whose article on his visit to China we printed last year, gave a fine address at the Prize-giving in July.

The death of Dr. Bain left a vacancy in the office of Honorary President, and at the A.G.M. in October it was unanimously decided that Miss Jean Paterson should be appointed to this office as a recognition of her devoted service to the clubs, the school and the community over very many years. We congratulate Miss Paterson on her appointment and wish her a happy tenure of office.

Finally our sincere thanks to all those F.P.'s who keep us well informed by returning their information slips or by letter, and a special "thank you" to all those who included generous donations to Club funds again this year. Donations were almost double last year's total and go a long way towards meeting our heavy postage bill.

We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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* MEMORIAL TO DR. BAIN *

A fund has been opened for subscriptions towards the provision of a memorial in the school to commemorate Dr. Bain's rectorship. It has been decided, in view of Dr. Bain's abiding interest in sport, that the memorial, which would be situated in the entrance hall of the school, should take the form of a display cabinet, in which the school trophies, including for example, the Inter-House Ski Trophy presented by Dr. Bain himself, would be displayed.

Former Pupils wishing to make contributions towards this memorial are requested to send them to the Secretary, Mr. J.R. Smith, The Gables, Woodside Avenue, Grantown-on-Spey PH26 3JR before the end of February, 1981.

* LATE NEWS EXTRA! *

Since we completed the lists and "News from the Outposts" we have received the following items of news:

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson have taken up residence in Grantown again, in one of the newly built houses on a new estate. We wish them happiness at their new address, which is 'Mingula 25c. Strathspey Drive.

Good wishes also to newly-wed Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross for whom we likewise have a new address: 48 Glenshiel Place, Inverness. Charles has completed his H.N.D. in Biology in Edinburgh and has been appointed to the Microbiology Unit in Raigmore Hospital.

Nethybridge infiltration of the local news media continues as photographer Sandy McCook joins Jane Macaulay on the staff of the "Press and Journal" at the end of October! Congratulations Sandy!

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Paterson on the birth of a third son in September.

We note with pleasure that John Clark, who has had a distinguished career in the army since joining as a boy entrant and rising through the ranks to become a regimental sergeant-major, has now been commissioned. At present John, who was awarded the B.E.M. in 1974 for his services in Northern Ireland, is serving with the Royal Engineers in Germany.

We welcome four further new recruits from this year's leavers: Scott Clark, who is to go to Napier Collegem Edinburgh to study Hotel Management, Alison Forbes, who goes to Aberdeen College of Education to do a B.Ed. course in Nursery Teaching, Alison Grant who is doing a One Year Hotel Receptionists course at Telford College, Edinburgh and Michele Heawood who is to do a 2 year medical secretary's course at Stevenson College, Edinburgh. We wish them well in their careers, and will include their names in next year's lists.

We enjoyed brief meetings with Bill Reid and Mrs. Napier (Lindsey Stephen) home from Edinburgh and Australia respectively at a Grantow Society meeting recently. Finally we have a new address for Mrs. MacSween (Margaret Ross): it is Broxwood, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester.



DR JAMES BAIN

As an obituary for our late and well-loved former Rector we print below the tribute paid to him at the Cremation Service in Aberdeen in June by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Grant, who conducted the service, and who, as Chairman of the former Moray and Nairn Education Committee, shared Dr. Bain's aspirations and worked closely with him to help achieve them.

Today I know that I speak for you all and many others when I express the deep sense of loss we feel at the passing of one who played so significant a part in our lives and held so esteemed a place in our hearts. I need not outline to you who knew him so well the varied spheres in which Dr. Bain rendered distinguished service in the field of education and the general welfare of youth. Suffice it to direct our thoughts for a little towards the two main centres of his life-work, in the City of Elgin and the burgh of Grantown and its environs, in the County of Moray.

An honours graduate, with a doctorate following assuredly he had come to Elgin imbued with zeal to develop in his young charges the whole personality and potential. What he did for the advancement of secondary education in the department of Science in the Academy was reflected in the steady flow of senior pupils who, passing through his hands, went forward to University or into the world soundly equipped for careers that added lustre to the fair name of Elgin Academy, nor were the less gifted any less his care and concern. Not an academic with the classroom as his only world, he excelled in strenuous recreational activity. No more ardent exponent of the principle "mens sana in corpore sano" than he, and, to be sure, what greater sporting incentive could he have provided the youth of the area than his place in the ranks of Elgin City in the Highland Football League?

Having earned a notable name, much was expected of Dr. Bain when he became Rector at Grantown,

and much more was to be given. The Grammar School flourished under his leadership with an influence still present and felt. It was my privilege to co-operate with him in some small measure during those years. They left with me certain lasting impressions - intense earnestness; high standards set, high standards expected; unswerving loyalty to his colleagues; a great encouragement of all his pupils, not only those of bright promise - from time to time he would take over instruction of the less able, the struggling, and get results. Then at times we saw the head teacher handyman, attending to some simple necessary chore or driving country bairns home through a winter blizzard. He was the inspiring and watchful leader of many a mountain expedition, when in a the shared exhilaration of strenuous days, respect for this ever youthful headmaster was never diminished in the hundreds of youngsters who traversed with him the high Cairngorms. Toward the end of his service the new Secondary School came into being, and I remember well the unremitting attention he contributed to its successful completion so that all within its walls would work in as fitting conditions as could be achieved - characteristic again of his sense of duty and devotion, his retiral imminent, he was not to be the inheritor of its benefits.

How can we reckon the influence of such a man upon generations of young lives? It is quite unreckonable, for the good that men do lives after them. Truly he has earned the Master's "well

Obituary

On 16th April, 1980 the local community lost a well-loved and respected member, and the clubs a faithful supporter, in the person of JAMES A. (Jim) WINCHESTER. Jim worked for the Post Office in Falkirk, and served in the army, before returning to Grantown to succeed his father as manager of the Ministry of Labour office. In this capacity he served the local community for 28 years, till increasingly poor health forced his retirement five years ago. A Scottish International Team Captain in S.B.R. shooting, Jim was instrumental in reviving the Rifle Club and acted as its secretary for some 20 years. His other sporting interests included football, angling, bowling and curling.

To his wife Margaret, brother David (Jock) and sisters Mary (Mrs. Greenwood) and Jenny (Mrs. Grant) we extend the sincere sympathy of the clubs.

We record with regret the passing of Mrs. George Watt (LILLIAS M. (Pearl) MACMILLAN) in Strathcathro Hospital on 24th October. Dux of the school in 1910, Mrs. Watt went on to graduate M.A. at Aberdeen and later taught in Inverurie, before emigrating to America with her husband. They later returned to Grantown on retirement in 1966. A keen bridge player and a popular member of our community Mrs. Watt will be remembered with affection by her many friends and former neighbours who kept in touch when she moved south to hospital first in Montrose and later in Strathcathro.

We send the condolences of the Clubs also to the following members who have suffered bereavements recently: to Mrs. John Allan (Evelyn Geddes) on the loss of her husband, to our President, Lewis Grant on the loss of his mother, to the Innes family on the loss of their father in March, particularly to Alistair Jack, whose young wife died as the result of a traffic accident last December, and who left two sons of two years and six months, to Mrs. McGregor (Pat Lawrence) whose mother died suddenly in April, to Mrs. Main (Elizabeth McGillivray) also on the loss of her mother, to Mrs. Masson (Margaret Stuart) who lost her father in June, to the Shand family on the loss of their mother in October, to Mrs. David Sinclair (Lisi Fuchs) on the tragic death of her brother in a road accident in September, to Mrs. Squires (Isa Moyes) whose husband took a heart seizure at the wheel of his car in Newfoundland in June, to Lachlan Stuart on the loss of his mother, to the Telfer family also on the loss of their mother last November, and to Mrs. Austin Walker (Helen Scott) whose husband died in September of last year.

* BIRTHS *

Congratulations to the following members on "happy events":

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman (Irene Edwards), who had a daughter in September 1979 in Nottingham; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart MacDonald, who also had a daughter in April; Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Walsh) (Rhona Cameron) who had a son in August in Saudi Arabia.

* ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES *

Congratulations and best wishes to Susan Grant who became engaged to Bruno Bettoli in Switzerland in August and to Audrey Murray who became engaged to John Wilson from Shetland in October; also to John and Ethel Milne, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding last September; to former head boy Michael Wood, who married Jessie Campbell in Keltly last December; to June Grant, who became Mrs. Finlay Marshall in February (Finlay is an actuary); to Dianne Duncan, who married lawyer Hugh McLeman from Lossiemouth in March; to Harry Harris who married Cheryl Allaby in Canada in April; to Rosemary Masson, who married Garry Rattray and to Margaret McGregor who married Donald Smith, both in Inverallan in June; to Mrs. Chart (Margaret Mackintosh) who became Mrs. B. Brooksbank in July; to James Thomson who married Barbara Harris in August; to Charles Ross who married Jacqueline Allan at Durnain Bridge in September, and finally to Evelyn McMurray who married Colin Brazendale in Inverallan in October.

* NEW RECRUITS *

After a somewhat lean year for new members last year, we have a bumper crop this year. In alphabetical order we welcome: Dr. Jimmy Allan, who is a G.P. in Edinburgh, but who holidays annually in Grantown; Eunice Allan, who graduated with honours in Microbiology at Aberdeen this year, and who is to continue her studies for a PhD.; Stuart Archibald, who is now a qualified computer operations engineer with Ferranti-Cetec Graphics; Andrew Dobson who is off to do Civil Engineering at Strathclyde; Graham Grant, who joins Canadian Pacific as a Deck Cadet; Annette Hogg, who takes up a banking career with the Royal Bank; Patricia Laing, who collected a worthy crop of Highers, and is off to do a Bilingual Secretary Course at Napier College of Commerce; Archie Liggat, who completed his B.Sc., (Hons.) in Aeronautical Engineering and is now on flying training at R.A.F. Cranwell; Karen Low, who goes to Glasgow Technical College to do a course in accountancy; Mrs. P.A. Lynch (Pam MacPherson), who was Junior Dux in 1956, and who now teaches in an Infant School in Chesterfield; Kevin Mackenzie, who is now a technician with the Anatomy Department of Aberdeen University; Morven MacLean, (head girl last year), who is to do a year at Telford College, before starting a B.A. in Hotel Management at Strathclyde; Barry Main, who has passed his City and Guilds Certificate after three years spent at Kirkcaldy Further Education College, and with the family firm, and is now doing further training with an Edinburgh firm; Amanda Munro, (last year's deputy head girl), who starts training as a S.R.N. in Glasgow; Alastair Mutch, who starts as a craft apprentice with the Hydro-Board; and Danny Rose who starts as an apprentice joiner with Duncan Rose.

Besides these, Martin and Chrissie Grant have become Life Members.

NEWS

from the Outposts

Our thanks to our many correspondents who dutifully return well-filled information slips and thus provide the material from which these notes are composed. You really are a great help, and the number of slips returned blank diminishes every year. The editor's blessing upon you!

Mrs. Allan (Evelyne Geddes) returned to Strathspey for a holiday this year and saw her young son catch his first salmon. New recruit Dr. Jimmy Allan writes: "unfortunately I seem to have led a dull, uninteresting, uneventful life - never been in prison, never won a beauty competition, and never found an oil well in my garden!" Modestly he fails to mention that he is a formidable Bridge player at international level. Best wishes to Mrs. Allan (Mona McLean) who reports that her husband and she have now retired from farming and have a new address in Biggar.

Mrs. Anderson (Shona MacDougall) is teaching at Hilton Primary School, Inverness. Dr. Bahzad (Christobel Terris) whose precise handwriting was the neatest we have seen in nearly 30 years schoolmastering, wrote us (still in a most attractive hand!) an enthusiastic account of her life in Wisconsin. "I am working full time in Obstetrics Gynecology private practice in a partnership with 20 other specialists in almost every medical field. We have our own clinic with surgeries, X-ray department and laboratory and it's a very pleasant way to practise medicine even if there aren't enough female physicians around." She has been back to Grantown this year, and last, and enjoyed reunions with former class-mates Elspeth Gow, Carol Stuart and Catherine McGregor.

Bruce Bain has a very busy life, as his work involves much travelling. He is however now building a house in Yugoslavia. Mrs. Bain went out to spend a restful holiday with Bruce and his wife in August and returned much refreshed after the period of strain following Dr. Bain's illness and death.

Mrs. Banks (Lorna Stephen) reports her entire family (including adults) went down with Chicken Fox early this summer. While in Grantown in August she was able to attend both the memorial service for Dr. Bain and the retirement celebration for Mr. Johnston. Iain Beange has been serving on the cruise ship S.S. Oriana as a trainee navigation officer till October, after which he joins another ship. Mrs. Guthrie Booth (Netta Hunter) has moved to Kinloss, her husband having retired. They were hosts in their new abode to brother Tom and his wife who spent a few days in Moray in September.

Mrs. Braid (Pamela Gibson) called during a quick visit to Grantown this summer, and delivered her slip personally. Mrs. Brocklehurst (Margaret McWilliam) reports she "has been made a good old-fashioned granny for the third time". Congratulations to Iain Brown on his B.A. (Hons.) in Philosophy gained at Stirling this year. He is to return to Stirling to study for a Ph.D. Stanley Buchan still maintains a lively interest in the magazine and the school.

Johnnie Burgess told us recently his wife and he (frequent visitors to Grantown from their base in Ayr) were acquiring a second home at the rear of the Ben Mhor.

Nell Stephen returned the slip for her friend Mrs. Butler (Dorothea Syme) who lives in Forres. Mrs. Butler-Lee sent slips for sisters Elizabeth (Mrs. Threadgold) and Catherine (Mrs. Mills) when returning her own from Fort William. Eva Cameron reports from Elgin: "Expecting to become a great-aunt any day now! Am myself an appropriate 83!"

George Catto also reflects on the passage of time: "No change, still young at heart though older in years!" Sorry we missed seeing Mrs. Chapman (Irene Edwards) when she called with her slip and sister Amelia's (Mrs. Oakes). Irene had another 'happy event' to report. Mrs. Chapman from New Zealand (Elizabeth McDonald) wrote us about a fine trip to Sydney and happy contacts with other "down under" F.P.'s. Lindsey Stephen (Mrs. Napier) and Allan Grant. Allan was just back from a school camp. "Shades of Glenmore?" asks Elizabeth.

David Clark is enjoying his B.Sc., Production Engineering course at Napier College, and is now entering into third year. "No change" reports George Coutts from Fareham. Mrs. Cowan (Wilma Irving) is off back to the sunshine of Cyprus with her Flight Sergeant husband. While at Catterick in September 1979 they were presented to Princess Margaret when she visited the Sergeants' Mess there. "An interesting experience and she was extremely pleasant" comments Wilma. Mrs. Craig (Dorothy Calder) sent us a greeting from Knockendo.

Mrs. Cumming (Fiona Ledingham) enjoyed a voyage on husband Iain's ship to South Africa, the Far East and Australia and is now back at work with Lothian Social Work Department. Iain has obtained his Master's Certificate and is presently serving as Chief Officer with the Bank Line Ltd. Mrs. Davidson (Margaret McBeath) had no news of note from Dumfries.

Walter Dempster writes that there is nothing to report, then fills a closely written slip with interesting information and comments! He is vice-president of the Buchan Field Club (a sort of Grantown Society which covers however the whole Buchan area), his wife enjoys her job as a night sister in Foresterhill, his boys, one in class 5, the other in 2, are making him "feel the years creeping on." His elder son's interest in hill-walking reminds him of "many happy days on the high tops, some of them with Dr. Bain". He goes on "We who had him as Rector gained a great deal from him. Hard but fair, and then entirely different on these week-ends away from school. I often think too of Mr. Hunter who was in charge when I went to Grantown in 1949, and I remember with admiration and respect Miss Grant, Mr. Donald and Mr. Mackenzie for their work with us. Those were the "Good Old Days!" Walter regrets the dispersal of his former class-mates "Angus Mackintosh in St. Andrews, Keith Donaldson across the Atlantic, Johnnie McGregor in London, John Coutts and Billy Lamond goodness know where," and deplores the lack of kent faces when he visits Grantown.

We noted that George Dixon had been taking up the cudgels in the "Scotsman" in the controversy about the McCrimmon piping family, and also that his work on Scottish planned towns published in the Strathie has been recognised as "authoritative" by the Scottish History Society.

Margaret Donald has added a London University Nursing Diploma to her qualifications, and has moved away from central London. "I'll miss Big Ben for telling me the time," she says. She is now assistant matron at University College Hospital and was planning a holiday in the U.S.A. this year. Keith Donaldson attended a medical conference in Nice last December, and later paid a flying visit to the Old Country, Kamloops, like Strathspey, has ski-ing as a popular winter exercise, enjoyed by Keith, Gay and their three girls. Congratulations also on gaining a further qualification: F.R.C.P. (Canada.)

We note that Andrew Duff graduated B.Sc., at Aberdeen this summer and send our congratulations. Having completed her Diploma in Commerce at Glasgow Technical College in June, Daphne Duncan has been working as a car stock control clerk for the summer, before embarking on a year's course at Jordanhill to qualify as a teacher of Business Studies.

We are grateful to fish farmer Eddie Duncan, on whom we called in Lochcarron while on holiday in the West, for an interesting evening during which we were shown all the ins and outs of catering for his hungry thousands of young salmon. Judging from the number of "pens" for raising them appearing in the sea-lochs, this is one of Scotland's few growth industries at present.

Clive Elrick is now self-employed as a Department of Transport Approved Driving Instructor: "Greying slowly but surely!!" he says. As a result of the job we wonder?? He has also recently taken over as Scout Leader of the 1st Elgin Troop. Twin brother Nigel is still working in the hospital at Elgin and likes the job very much. He also has his own "ance Band called "Texan".

Fiona Donn always has plenty to report. She attended three Scripture Union camps this year including one with Mrs. Scarffe (Kathleen Hannan) who left our Maths. Department on marriage in June. She also pays a fine posthumous tribute to her former colleague and fellow F.P., the late Georgina Turnbull: "She quietly and efficiently coped with many 'extra chores' about which many of us only became aware after her death."

Mrs. Fearnley (Maureen Macauley) had an anxious time with the serious illness of her youngest daughter, now happily fully recovered and off to school. Maureen is therefore looking forward to filling her free time with all sorts of neglected activities: "golf, fancy cooking, sewing etc! - even thinking of learning to play Bridge!" Sine Fergusson had no news of note from Edinburgh.

Ian Forbes writes that he enjoyed the Biennial Dinner, but regrets that "local support was not stronger." He is now a triple grandfather. Lorna Forbes has successfully completed the 1st year of her Medical Secretary's Course, and enjoyed the fieldwork at Foresterhill Health Centre. Live wire Mrs. Forsyth (Nancy Gray) certainly is having a busy "retirement" in Avoch. Her activities include: Women's Guild Secretary, Treasurer of local S.N.P., Press Officer for Guide Dogs for the Blind plus a host of others, and, she says "our meetings never clash"! She also reports a chance meeting with Miss Grant and Miss Legge and asks "Why is it our teachers of yesteryear never grow old as we pupils do?"

Mrs. Fraser (Elspeth Mitchell) was another "exile" who greatly enjoyed the reunion dinner. Robin Fraser stays cheerful in spite of minor irritations like thinning hair, poor weather for his holiday in Speyside and losing golf balls on the course at the Boat. Mrs. Gardiner (Wilma Watt) returned from South Africa and revisited Grantown this summer for the first time in seven years. She enjoyed introducing her younger daughter Cirsteen to her childhood haunts.

Mrs. Gordon (Ann Paton) regrets: "Sorry, nothing to report from Huntly." Allan Grant has successfully completed 3 years at Physical Education College in Sydney, and is now teaching in a Sydney School. He is planning a trip home in December. Donald Grant is now entering his second year at Aberdeen University studying Computer Science. "After spending" he adds, tongue hard in cheek, "a highly exciting summer working for the local council."

Fiona M. Grant now has a post in the Children's Ward of the Eye Pavilion in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. While home in August, Fiona, a former Sunday School teacher, took part in the lively evening at the Kirk Hall that marked Mr. Johnston's retirement. Susan Grant's slip merely states: "Now working in Interlaken, Switzerland," but her more important news is in the matrimonial column! Mrs. Greenwood (Mary Winchester) dropped us a line from Todmorden in August.

Mrs. Greig (Margaret Grant) wrote us a nice letter in June with an anecdote about her Dundee primary class during this thundery summer. After a particularly vivid flash a wee voice enquired "Mrs. Greig, is that God taking a photo?"

Donald Gunn writes "Thoroughly enjoyed the last reunion dinner - delighted to meet so many old friends." Sheila Harris keeps us well posted in the doings of the Harris family. Big news of the year was brother Harry's marriage in Canada to a doctor's receptionist, attended by his mother, father and sister Patricia, while Sheila "looked after the pub" in Dunbar. Harry himself, somewhat disguised by a handsome beard, paid us a call in school before setting off.

Mrs. Harris (Kathleen Dunn) will be completing a decade of teaching in Brechin this year. Mrs. Harvey (Catriona Johnston) spent a month on a French course at St. Malo after completing her second year of teaching. Your editor has happy memories of a similar course nearly twenty years ago when we had the pleasure of the Corpe family's company on the caravan site there.

Fiona Henderson continues with the Social Work Department at New Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, and Peter with a General Science degree at Heriot Watt University. Susan Hendry wrote us a most interesting account of her life in Spain. Apart from the "wark o' the weaver" (she has a new loom and plenty of orders to keep it busy), she does some design work and teaching, and has formed a folk group concentrating "mainly on Scottish traditional airs which have gone down very well here." She had a visit in July from mother and father (Stan and Betty Hendry) and brother John.

Mrs. Hepburn (Rita Mackay) is still enjoying life in Cheshire "as with everyone else I wouldn't mind seeing some sun before the winter really sets in" she adds ruefully. Mrs. Hogg (Jean Cruickshank) tells us she enjoys the magazine, and when she has read it, she sends it on to an uncle in Mansfield, who in turn

despatches it to a third F.P.! Mrs. Hollins (Maureen Gardner) and her husband moved away from the seaside in June and are settling into a new house just outside Northallerton "despite the efforts of Emma and Richard to hamper our progress." They had a visit from Maureen's parents in September.

We received a new address for John Holmes in N.S.W. plus the information that he was a "right heart-throb" in his school-days! He is married with 3 sons aged 18, 20 and 22. Andrew Howlett's youngsters Sarah(6) and Jamie (3) enjoy their regular visits to Grantown, while Duncan still lives in central Aberdeen.

Edward Illingworth, when returning his slip, was "Looking forward to seeing David Livingstone who is visiting me on 29th July. Haven't seen him for 30 + years." Please tell us next time how this reunion went! John Irving is rightly proud of his son Keith (12) who won the award for best boy in the 6th Bolton Company of the Boys Brigade last year. Keith also drums in the Company band.

Alister Jack is still in ~~Edinburgh~~, while his chemist nephew has moved to the Boots branch in Dingwall. Bill Johnston has been unable to find a job in the sphere of town planning, due to the Government cut backs, and has been driving a bus in ~~Edinburgh~~. That is when he not practising his hobby of ballooning. He was interviewed on the B.B.C. recently after taking one of the news presenters for a flight. After landing perfectly, Bill was incensed at having to fake a bumpy landing because it sounded more dramatic!

Colin Keith has been appointed visiting surgeon in periodontology at Glasgow Dental Hospital for one session per week. A bright and breezy slip from Dena Kelman says: "To write 'no change' would be too easy! I am still enjoying work here (Royal Marsden Hospital) as Medical Secretary in the Skin Department. Would recommend medical secretarial course to anyone remotely interested. London life is, of course, very different to home and I must admit I do enjoy the peace and quiet very much when I get back to the 'Boat' for holidays. As this was the appropriate year, 'Happy 21st birthdays to all my former classmates' and to you too Dena!

Grace Kirk is "Just working away - but enjoyed a short visit to Elgin earlier in the year when Grantown was re-visited - a nice antidote to city life." Mrs. Knopping (Ruth Mathieson) regrets "News neither interesting nor amusing!" but sent good wishes for the success of the magazine. Mrs. Laing (Katherine Templeton) also bemoans a lack of news. Mrs. Lugg (Jean Burgess) is delighted to see any old friends in Strathcarr. Prospective visitors may be encouraged by Jean's increasing wine-making expertise - with also gin a speciality. She regularly passes her magazine to Agnes McDougall on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Lynch (Pam. MacPherson), a new recruit this year, has borrowed her father Peter's magazine copy every year since 1958, but says she is now "delighted to lay claim to a legitimate copy of her own". After years of a fairly nomadic existence her scientist husband and she have settled in Chesterfield with their two children and she has resumed her teaching career. Robert McAllister has just completed a B.A. in Business Studies and was seeking employment when he returned his slip. We wish him well in that quest which poses such problems for so many of our young folks these days.

Mrs. McArthur (Joan Paterson) sent good wishes for the success of the magazine from Nairn. Journalist Jane Macaulay writes on many varied topics in her work as features writer with the Press and Journal. She had a nice article on the children's verse written by Mrs. Douglas Matheson (wife of our former principal maths. teacher) for example.

Margery Macaulay has just completed one year of a three year contract with the service children's Education Authority, teaching at Berengaria Primary School, Cyprus, and enjoys finishing school at 12 noon and spending the rest of the day at the beach with temperatures of 90° - 100°. Simon Macaulay is, he says, "Still teaching - still in Harris - and nothing new to report!"

Mrs. McClelland (Elizabeth Lawrence) holidayed in London this year and visited Bill and Judy Mitchell "in picturesque Surrey". Earlier she had had another enjoyable meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson and Rev. and Mrs. G.B. Johnston catching up on lots of Grantown news. Sandy McCook has successfully completed his Photography course, and, at the time of writing, had had an interesting offer of employment.

Sheila McCulloch completed a very successful first year at Aberdeen University gaining first class certificates in French and German, and hopes to go forward for joint honours. Alistair MacDonald is now a senior supervisor with an oil/gas well testing firm in Edmonton. He welcomed his parents on a visit this summer. The MacGregors, Andrew and Pat (Lawrence) were shocked by the sudden death of Pat's mother in April and have been kept busy since then with 3 trips to Aberdeen and Pat also keeping her teaching job going.

We noted Gordon MacGregor's son Ewan has been promoted to marketing officer for the Perthshire area of the T.S.B. which he joined five years ago. Douglas McInnes sent a cheery greeting from Inverness, and it was nice to hear from Ronald McIntosh in Aberdeen again too. We had the pleasure of meeting Donald McIntyre for the second year running, when he spent two weeks in Grantown with his wife, Ann, and son, Ewan, and we enjoyed showing him over the "New School" and also having a peep at the old one. Ronald was delighted to see again Miss Grant, Miss Legge, Bob Wilson, Jean Paterson, Marion Stuart and Outhbert Smith.

Ronald McIntyre reported in from Falkirk. Dr. Sandy Mackenzie was honoured by becoming a Freeman and Liveryman of the City of London in the course of the year. Congratulations! He now has his eldest son at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. Keith McKerron specifies that the "fiddling circles" where he meets fellow F.P.'s. Donnie MacBeath (Aberdeen) Vic Ross (Bearsden) and Gordon McInnes (Blairgowrie) are Strathspey and Reel Society Fellies!

Innes Mackintosh lists two highlights of his year as our invitation to him to give the address at the Prize-giving - which he did most acceptably, and participating in the Scottish A.A.A. Marathon Championship in which he finished 47th out of 89 starters. To finish at all, when the course is 26 miles, 385 yards, is no achievement! His elder son, Alistair starts Engineering at Aberdeen University this year.

Eugh Mackintosh is now sole manager of 3 farms at Bunchrew - the biggest job he has tackled. Bert Mackintosh, U.N. Association Treasurer in Edinburgh, has sought in vain names in his books and is looking for recruits among Edinburgh F.P.'s!

Unfortunately we missed seeing Mrs. Edith Mackintosh this year when she visited Grantown, as our holidays coincided.

Hotel Management expert Isobel MacLean has moved back from Geordie-land to Scotland - Renfrew in fact. We had the pleasure of seeing Dianne Duncan becoming Mrs. Hugh MacLeman at King's College in March - a nostalgic moment for your editor and magazine typist, bringing back memories of a similar occasion some quarter of a century ago! Dianne is still active as Swim Pool supervisor at Lossie, and "in my time off I look after my husband" she says. Mother Mrs. Dixon gave us a new address for Louise (Mrs. McLennan).

Mrs. McLeod (Elizabeth MacGregor) is still in Aviemore. Evelyn McMurray is house-hunting near Yeovil, Somerset (where she works as a S.E.N. in the hospital) as she is planning marriage this October. Big sister Maureen is now a pharmacist at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, and brother Raymond is entering 4th year B.Sc. (Hons.) in Pharmacology at Edinburgh. Over summer he was working with local building firm Jimmie McLeod and playing for Grantown Football Team.

Peter McNicol just made it in time to get a mention! He was just back from a two months trip to Brazil and Argentina and about to set off for Canada again. Peter McPherson has five grandchildren now, and his younger daughter, Fiona is off to a teaching post in Las Palmas in the Canaries. What a spot for a holiday! Peter says "I play my pipes continually! Remember the Boy Scout Band around 1928? I've added a few more tunes since then!" Alan McTaggart in Queensland has moved. Brother Michael has "just survived the wedding of our elder daughter Kate to a Hampshire farmer. My activities curtailed thereby" he continues "but I hope to be in Scotland during the summer. Other travels have been minor this year - once to Skye and once to New York - I prefer Skye!"; and Donald has just returned to U.S.A. after one year's sabbatical leave spent partly in Bali, Indonesia, and Rouen, France.

Neil reflects that "Lawyers' lives show little change" but some major ones are in the offing as "some learn to live with computers and the rest of the profession puts off the evil hour when they will admit the monitor screen and the silicon chip to the venerable chambers."

Mrs. Marshall (June Grant) is still with John Menzies in Edinburgh as senior analyst in their retail division. Mrs. Mitchell (Jan Templeton) "spent January February and March in Lesotho, Southern Africa, with daughter Janice, husband Brian and family. Janice and family will spend Christmas at Inverurie before returning to Lesotho.

Bill Mitchell "spent a month in Bahrain during the winter as guest professional at Awali Golf Club and arrived home very brown and full of tales to tell." On his return he was installed as Captain of Surrey Professional Golfers' Association. He may be off on his travels again in November - to Zaire this time!" writes his wife Judy.

After graduating B.A. (Fine Arts) at Edinburgh, Jane Morris has done a course in teaching English as a foreign language at the University of Kent, and is off to Madrid to put this into practice. Meanwhile her family is moving south to Gloucestershire. Anne Munro (Tormore) is working in the Finance Department of B.P. at Dyce as the "practical" for the third year of her B.A. in Business Management at Robert Gordon's.

Edwin (Sam) Munro wrote to tell us of a "wonderful holiday in the New Zealand summer. Christmas lunch on the beach and the sea even warm enough for me to go swimming." He was staying, of course, with daughter Pat and her family. Jeannette Munro, now established in her new abode in Elgin, reported "Nil of interest." Audrey Murray found her first year of teaching at Culter Primary School, "more tiring than I had imagined it would be, though very enjoyable."

Mrs. Murray Ann Stewart) has "Nothing exciting to report - just kept busy entertaining two very lively children and exercising the dog!" Congratulations to Mrs. Murren (Fiona MacDonald) on qualifying as S.C.M. In September she went off to Dundee for a course at Ninewells Hospital (where Maureen McMurray is a pharmacist.) Betty Mutch regretted missing the dinner through illness, but continues her well known wine-making activities (see the 1977 mag!). This year she won a shield for the best wine in East Lothian against a field of 91 entries. She also sent us a change of address for sister Kathleen (Mrs. Aston).

Like Betty, Amelia and Ernie Oakes couldn't manage the dinner but hope to make the next one. Mrs. O'Connor (Dorothy Cameron) who lives in Seattle, some eighty miles from Mount St. Helens, the volcano which erupted with such frightening effect last spring, kindly sent us a sample of the dust which her husband brushed off their car and also some most interesting documentation about the eruption. These are now on show in the science and geography departments in school. We hope they may be spared further incidents of this sort.

Student Nurse Mairi Paterson takes her finals at the Western General, Edinburgh this October. Mrs. Perk (Ann Stuart) has left Canada for Zambia, where her husband is engaged in a Wheat Growers' Project.

Dr. Ron Philip writes from the Bahamas: "After 11 years here, I'm astonished to find British tourists on the beach. Previously "Brits" here have been visiting relatives. Apparently there are waves of them going to Miami Beach, and Freeport is a 20 minute flight away. Nice to see the British Pound humbling the almighty dollar for a change! and three cheers for Sir Freddie Laker and his transatlantic fares."

Mrs. Rae (Mona Grant) complains: "My 3 children were attendants at the wedding of MY flower girl - enough to make one feel OLD very quickly. That's about the biggest excitement in a very routine existence. Still, for all that we enjoy life." Andrew Reid, who was pleased when his Civil Service work brought him home to Scotland some five years back, is off to London again, having been promoted to an administrative post in the Metropolitan Police.

Mrs. Robertson (Davis Thomson) has taken an R.S.A. Diploma in "Teaching English as a Second Language" to help in her work with immigrant youngsters. She also sent us news of brother Jimmy, who lives in Maidstone, and works as an accountant for a telecommunication firm.

Jessie Ronaldson sent us a nice greeting from Inverness. And Alex. Ross and his wife (Dorothy George) "Thoroughly enjoyed the F.Ps' dinner-dance at Easter. Sorry no more of our generation were there" - he comments - "no offence to the older generation, of course!!"

Charles Ross (Ballintomb) has been working on a large hill farm near Larne (N. Ireland) in the course of his OND in Agriculture. He finds the Irish "very friendly and sympathetic." Margaret Ross (Broomhill) sent us an interesting account of how she met a fellow F.P. at a tapestry exhibition in the Royal Scottish Academy. Margaret's quick interpretation of some chance remarks led to the identification of this unknown lady as Mrs. Clark (Heather Mathieson). The latter was, like Margaret, in Edinburgh for the Festival, accompanied by sister Ruth (Mrs. Knopping) and her husband. Thus was bridged a 36 year gap since their schooldays at G.G.S.!

Mrs. Ross (Patricia MacDonald) called on us at the beginning of August while home from Toronto for the wedding of her nephew, James Macdonald, Dalvey. Victor and Dorothea Ross this year had a visit from Canada of their daughter Carol and son-in-law Tom and two grandchildren. Walter Ross had no news of note this year. Dr. Bill Sellar's daughter Sonya (Aged 11) has been distinguishing herself as a pianist at a local festival.

Mrs. Selman (Elise Kirk) has one son completing a degree in Town Planning - and getting married too - while the other starts medicine in Aberdeen this year. Mrs. Shiach (Margaret Smith) had a restful holiday in Arran with only two wet days - surely something of a record this year! Mrs. Simpson (Lesley Dixon) had her slip returned by Mum. Barbara Smith graduated with honours in French and German at Aberdeen in July and has taken up a post as a commercial management trainee with British Home Stores in Leeds.

Catherine Smith maintains a wealth of interests. This year she mentions for example duty at the Citizens' Advice Bureau and a R.S.P.B. week-end in Speyside in May. Unfortunately, unable to attend the Dinner in Spring after buying her ticket, she generously donated the price to Club Funds. Mrs. Smith (Elspeth Gow) has just returned from Malaysia and feels very lucky to get her old job back at Peebles High. The other Mrs. Smith (Janette MacDonald) had this year a summer holiday at Erguy on the North coast of France, and very much enjoyed meeting a young French couple with whom she and her husband became very friendly.

After working in the Texas oil fields for two summers, John Smith has now gone to the Phillipines for this summer to continue the same sort of work. All this in the course of his Science degree at Edinburgh! Mrs. Spalding (Isobel Gunn) sent details of her son Neil's progress - after a distinguished school career he is starting a B.Sc. (Eng.) course at Aberdeen, and is to be receiving his Gold Award under the Duke of Edinburgh scheme from Prince Philip himself in November. Well done!

Diligent Open University student Mrs. Speer (Morna Mackenzie) hopes to gain her B.A. this year after six years of studies. She intends to go on for honours, reading art and architecture. She was also planning a reunion with Wilma Watt and Margaret Murray this summer. Nick Spence has joined the jet set - this doesn't mean he'll be featuring in the "News of the World" shortly, but just that he makes weekly trips to England and Italy in his company's executive jet! Mrs. Springall (Jessie Stuart) hoped to visit Grantown in July.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Squires in Quebec Province, as her husband Frank died suddenly from a heart seizure at the wheel of his car earlier this year.

Thanks to James Stewart for bringing us up to date on his career. He was in London for only 2½ years before going to Lagos, where he found the lack of reliability on the part of services and people "made large demands on one's supply of patience". Returning to the U.K. in 1977 he took an M.Sc., in Construction Management and Economics at Aston University. At present he is in the Netherlands, working with one of the biggest Civil Engineering concerns in the world, dealing mainly with Middle East projects. Glad to hear he occasionally achieves communication in French! Dr. Elizabeth Stuart is enjoying her hospital work in Kirkwall. Sister Rita was host to mother Marion and aunt Jean Pat. when they visited Paris in August.

Alistair and Richard Surtees and their wives look just as well as the photograph suggests. Brother Robert is a Security Superintendent at the Bank of England Printing Works. Security will have to be a real priority there! We are most grateful to all three for their generous endowment to the School Library which will be of continuous benefit to present and future pupils. Alistair had two items of interest: firstly, congratulations are in order, as he has been promoted to Senior Executive Officer, and secondly, he heard this news just before setting off for "a lovely holiday in Crete, in an apartment overlooking the sea which was quite delightful." He enjoyed the reunion dinner and says "we often talk about the people we met whom I hadn't seen since 1942."

Mrs. Sutherland (Elspit McIntosh) planned two trips to Nethy this year and daughter Mhairi was to attend an international Guide Camp at Cawdor Castle. Cordon Bleu cook Trudie Sutton is dodging the British winter by going off to the Virgin Islands for six months to cook in a luxury hotel there. Mrs. Taylor (Marjory Cattanach) was over for a few weeks from U.S.A. following the death of her aunt Mrs. Nan Cattanach to help settle her affairs. Jean Pat. informed us, and passed on Marjory's magazine order.

Gordon Templeton still lives up Midstocke way in Aberdeen. James Templeton managed to find one of the fine days in July to deliver his slip personally. Retirement seems to be suiting him. Billy Templeton has had a busy year, being President of Forres Rotary Club, and is due to become Captain of the Golf Club there this back end. Sons David and Andrew are both now students. Billy's wife (Rita Marshall) tells us about her 90 year old mot memories of her schooldays at Grantown Grammar School., with contemporaries Netta Gillies and Molly Gilbert. She came in by train from Ne and walked to school from the old L.N.E.R. S

William Thomson has had a really unfor year. In November last year he was knocked by a truck on a pedestrian crossing, and he to take early retirement because of this. had also serious eye trouble, requiring la treatment, and now has difficulty seeing m about, but "he adds bravely, " I can alway keep smiling". We wish him better luck, a success in his attempts to find a house ir Grantown, and thank him for the informati about Corby which he sent us, and which incidentally showed that the town is faci difficult days with the same fortitude Wi is displaying. Of course its population largely Scottish!

Derek Walker is to be congratulated winning the Chancelot Trophy for the bes student of the year on completion of his Management Course at Telford College.

then he has had two spells as general assistant in hotels in Derbyshire and Kinross, till recently promoted to assistant manager at the Green Hotel, Kinross. Mrs. Walker (Helen Scott) who lost her husband through cancer in September 1979, did have the consolation that he saw their daughter graduate LL.B., and also marry her Canadian husband. Mrs. Walling (Isobel Jack) reports that her family are emigrating to the U.S. where Adrian is to join in a clinic in Kansas state.

We had a nice letter from Mrs. Walsh (Rhona Cameron) on notepaper with a heading in Arabic characters. Fortunately the other side explained in English that she had "borrowed" it from husband Richard who is Projects Manager for Raymond, Saudi Arabia! Rhona's German is kept alive by the prevalence of German experts among her husband's colleagues. For other important news see the births column. Sheina Donaldson, having moved to Morpeth "found my badminton (begun under the guidance of Gordon McGregor so many years ago!) and my tennis a great help in making new friends."

Mrs. White (Marjory Mackintosh) records "No change". Dr. Margaret Williamson is now a Senior Registrar in Psychotherapy in Glasgow. Congratulations to David Wilson who was awarded a first class honours degree in Law at Edinburgh. Well done! After a temporary appointment with the Scottish Law Commission, he starts his apprenticeship with an Edinburgh firm of solicitors, and hopes also to study part-time for a Master's degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson have been toying with the idea of a move back to Speyside, but house purchase is such a daunting thought in the present financial situation. David ("Jock") Winchester is now retired in Fort William. Barry Wood continues his career as a journalist with Scottish County Press, Edinburgh. We quote brother Michael's slip verbatim: "Have now taken up a Technical Teaching post at St. Columbas's R.C. High School in Dunfermline.

One year up - how many to go???. Now well and truly handcuffed - was escorted to the altar on December 20th 1979 by Jesssie Campbell (Policewoman constable serving at Dunfermline)." John and Shona Wright (Calder) have been home from Canada, we hear, visiting Grantown and Erskine, where's John's father is in hospital. We were glad to hear again from Stanley Wright in Somerset. Mrs. Yates (Gillian Henderson) is still practising Physiotherapy down under.

LOCAL NEWS

1980 has been a puzzling year as regards weather. After a beautiful spring when it seemed the sunshine would never stop, (We bought a new garden hose!), the summer has scarcely had any period of 24 hours when it has not rained. (The hose is still unused!)

Road improvements continue on both sides of the town with a major realignment in progress near Ballintua, and Aviemore now bypassed by the new A9, the latter job actually being completed 6 months ahead of schedule. The Castle Road East houses have undergone a considerable renovation inside and out, and this face-lift certainly brightens up that approach to the town.

The separation of Primary and Secondary Schools has been amicably achieved, and close cooperation continues, with some Secondary staff still involved in the Primary, and of course, liaison about transport, closures, transfer to Secondary etc. going on as before.

Both schools are being involved by the Community Council in a project to plan the developments proposed for the Grant Park lochan (better known perhaps as the Skating Pond), though financial stringency has slowed down progress in this sphere at present.

National concern about fuel supplies has brought about the production by a local firm of "micro-hydro units", small scale generators of electricity from water power, and, as these have been successful in meeting an urgent need, production of them is to be built up, bringing some welcome employment opportunities to the town.

On however to the doings of our local members: Fred. and Winnie Anfield (Shaw) "occupy themselves with the garden, bees and occasional visits south to watch Freddie's babies grow up". Sheila Archibald keeps busy as secretary of the T.W.G., while Frank Calder has completed a four year stint as chairman of the Scout supporters at a period when arrangements for the erection of a fine Scout hut in the Black Park have been under way. The hut, which is to cost about £12,000 when complete, is now well under way, the timber part being erected and the concrete end (kitchen, toilets etc.) growing daily. Frank also has another grandchild with the birth of Lesley's son. Mrs. Clark (Alison Ronaldson) has a busy life too with her work, the District Council Office, and involvement in Church and Sunday School affairs.

Graham Clark is now chairman of the Young Farmers Club. Alex. Dick had his new house in South Street under wraps for quite a while last winter to keep the frost off, but emerged looking fine in spring. John and Anne Duncan are moving along the road from Dunallan to The Laurels. There was a nice photograph of the Fraser sisters, Margaret and Jessie in a recent Strathie when they were on the cake and candy stall at the Kirk fete. Mairi Gordon completed her spell in the school offices under the tutelage of secretary Evelyn Grant and moved to the offices of McLean Brothers this year. Jimmy Grant not only managed the organisation of the Flower Show again, he also managed to win a cup and four awards even in this dismal year for flower growers.

Mrs. John Grant (Betty Templeton) is adept and enthusiastic at drumming up support for F.P. functions among her family and former school-friends. Sally Grant, now a clerical assistant at the Police Station kept up the family curling tradition by winning the mixed pairs competition with Hamish McLeod. Since the untimely death of son Alistair's wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jack have been looking after the grandchildren in their new house in Strathspey Drive. Alistair is of course frequently in Grantown, and played for us in George McIntosh's band at the Reunion Dinner.

Elsie Keith was one of those who took part in the presentations to Rev. George B. Johnston on his retirement. Isobel McCafferty unfortunately missed nearly all of the first month of this term through ankle and rib injuries sustained, not while chasing truants, but suprisingly enough, in playing tennis! Must have been a hard game! Sandy MacPhail usually spends his holidays caravanning in the south. Ian McPherson spoke to the Grantown Society on the Highlands through the ages, and George Dixon did likewise about the Clearances, while Jean Paterson and Marion Stuart are both involved in the administration of that worthy body. Marion is off to visit daughter Ann soon, and will probably bring the latter home, as we hear another happy event is in the offing. (Continued at end of Local List)

Raymond McIntosh, Electrician.
 James S. Mackenzie, Draper.
 Mrs. James S. Mackenzie (Ailie Robertson).
 Mrs. McLaren (Jeannie B. Nicoll) Teacher (retd.)
 Mrs. Alexander D. McLaren (Sheila MacDougall).
 M. Helen S. MacLaren.
 D. Patrick McLean, M.A., L.L.B. Administrative
 Director (retd.)
 Mrs. Ian Maclean (Helen A. Calder).
 * Mrs. J. MacLean (Gillian Ross).
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 Isa MacPhail, Artistic ware shopkeeper.
 Ian McPherson, Stores Dept., R.A.F. Outdoor Centre.
 Mrs. D. Main (Elizabeth McGillivray).
 Pamela Main, Qualified Medical Secretary.
 James B. Marshall, Spey Fishery Board.
 Mrs. Mustard, (Dorothy I.R. Shivas), M.S.S.Ch.,
 M.B.Ch.A.
 Alastair J. Mutch, Craft Apprentice, N.S.H.E.B.
 Sheena Ogilvie, Teacher, Deshar School.
 Ian L. Paterson, Mechanical Engineer, Aviemore.
 Jean M. Paterson (retd.)
 * John L. Paterson, J.P. Master Plasterer.
 Neil G. Paterson, Plasterer.
 Sandra W. Paterson, Bank Employee.
 * George G. Paton, Insurance Agent.
 Lewis Rattray, Motor Engineer.
 Mrs. Lewis Rattray (Sheila Grant).
 David Ritchie, Contractor.
 Mrs. Thomas S. Robertson (Mary E. Hastilow).
 * Danny Rose, Apprentice Joiner.
 Donald Ross.
 * John Ross, Garage proprietor, Dulnain Bridge.
 Robert Ross, Garage proprietor
 Mrs. Robert Ross (H. Margaret Davidson) M.A.
 Teacher (retd.)
 Mrs. M. Shand.
 * James Shand, Decorator.
 Mrs. David Sinclair (Lisi Fuchs).
 Brian Smith, Joiner.
 Ian Grant Smith, Farmer.
 John R. Smith, M.A. (Hons.) Deputy Rector,
 Grantown Grammar School.
 Sheila M.G. Smith, B. Comm., Teacher of Business
 Studies, Grantown Grammar School.
 Mrs. Helen Stephen (Nellie Byers).
 Mrs. J. Stuart (Marion N.G. Paterson) M.A.,
 Teacher (retd.)
 * John R. Stuart, Fishing Tackle Dealer.
 Mrs. Colin Sutton (Catherine M. Mackay).
 * A.G. Telfer, Burgh employee.
 Margaret M. Terris, Bank clerkess.
 Roderick J.D. Thomson.
 Mrs. George Watt (Pearl McMillan) M.A.
 A. David Williamson, Telephone Engineer).
 Patrick G.C. Wood.

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 Mrs. Margaret Brazier; Jimmy Burns; Sandra Burt;
 Jimmy Calder (sen.); Andrew Campbell; Jackie
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 Green; Diane Hamilton; Mrs. A. McCafferty;
 M. McCarthy; David McCulloch; Michael McCulloch;
 George MacDonald; Mrs. Jenny MacDonald;
 Mrs. June MacDonald; Mary MacDonald; Harry
 MacGregor; Mrs. Lily McIntosh; Raymond McIntosh;
 Fred McKandie; Mrs. Ann McKenzie; Mrs. Sylvia
 McKenzie; Tony McLean; David McLeod; Donald
 McLeod; Torquil McLeod; Alistair Masson;
 Mrs. Margaret Masson (Secretary); George Paton;
 Mrs. Carol Poulter; Alison Ritchie; Pauline
 Ritchie; Mark Robertson.

 * LOCAL NEWS - CONTINUED *

Pamela Main has completed her medical
 secretary's course in Edinburgh. George Paton
 was awarded a long service medal for his 21 years
 with the Fire Service. Lewis Rattray has
 moved to a new house on the south bank of the
 Spey, and John Stuart should be moving into his
 new one this autumn.

We apologise to two other members of
 Britain's largest family for confusing them last
 year when we credited Miss Sheila Smith with
 winning a golf award actually won by F.P. John
 Smith's mother Mrs. Sheila Smith (Burnfield).
 Miss Sheila is no mean golfer either of course!

 * SWIMMING CLUB *

President John Duncan reports that the
 Swimming Club had a successful year in spite
 of having to cope with higher charges. Secretary
 and Treasurer Mrs. Margaret Masson did sterling wo

and Treasurer Mrs. Margaret Masson did sterling
 work in ensuring that all fees were duly paid,
 thus making a considerable contribution to
 the club's viability.

The new session started after the October
 break with the club meetings taking place on
 Tuesday and Friday evenings, and with prospects
 of another successful year.

 * FISHING CLUB *

The Old Guard and F.P.'s Club angling
 competitions were less successful than usual this
 year due mainly to the fact that some of the
 stalwarts and founder members are now, due to old
 age, perhaps, dropping out. Jimmy McLeod made
 a come-back, and at one stage did so well that
 it looked as if he might take the cup, but bad
 weather caused him to drop out, and Ian Macpherson,
 a former champion, took over and retained his
 lead until the final night when Alistair Patterson
 had a huge catch which pushed Ian into second
 place. He also took the Trophy presented to
 the Club by Norman Stone, who gained third place
 in the series of competitions, and Robert Grant,
 a regular attender, was not at all upset to collect
 the 'Booby'. With Jimmy McLeod on form the night
 of the staff v. Old Guard contest, the teachers
 had to take second place this year!

Although members fish for a magnificent cup,
 and prizes are presented each night, nobody
 worries too much about results - they just enjoy
 having a "night out with the boys" and sometimes
 endure the most appalling conditions at Lochindorb,
 when sane men would be sitting at home, with their
 feet up, watching the Telly. Long may this
 spirit endure, and we hope that visitors will
 continue, in numbers, to join us because, without
 their financial help, we could not continue.

Local members who attended were as follows
 Ian Macpherson (all 5 nights) John Stuart (5)
 Jimmy McLeod (4) Robert Grant (4) James Shand (3)
 George Paton (3) Robert McLeod (2) Duncan Rose (2)
 James Gordon (2) and Brian Cameron and Neil
 McLean on only one night.

Honorary Members R.M. Dunshea had 'Perfect
 attendance', Norman Stone (4) A. Rennie, I.
 Macarthur and A. Patterson (3) and F. Walker (1).

(Report by Secretary, John Stuart.)

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STUART.

SERVICES

Alan Anfield has profited from his Canadian sojourn to see as much of North America as possible - he is due for home posting this October. He has also developed an interest in Horsemanship. Willie Dobson is "Halfway through the basic stage of fast jet pilot training on Jet Provosts", and stationed at Cranwell. Aero-model enthusiast Archie Liggat has completed his R.A.F. cadetship at Glasgow University and graduated B.Sc., with honours in Aeronautical Engineering. Now it is over to the real thing on Jet Provosts at Cranwell!

Peter McMillan had two interesting trips recently, one to the Eastern Frontier of Germany (of which he sent us some colour photographs for use in school) and another to Italy, where he visited Naples and the ruins of Pompeii. At Easter, Rachel Smith, still at R.A.F. Finningley, proudly showed Mum and Dad through the Control Tower where she plies her trade. Subsequently, by great coincidence, we were shown through a Jet-Stream training aircraft by a young Pilot Officer who turned out to be Graham McInnes, son of former Grantown Bobbie, Constable McInnes.

Thomas Stuart has been posted to Northern Ireland for a 2 year tour of duty as O.C. Engineering Squadron at R.A.F. Aldergrove. With his wife he also attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in July, when they were both presented to the Queen. "Quite interesting!" he comments.



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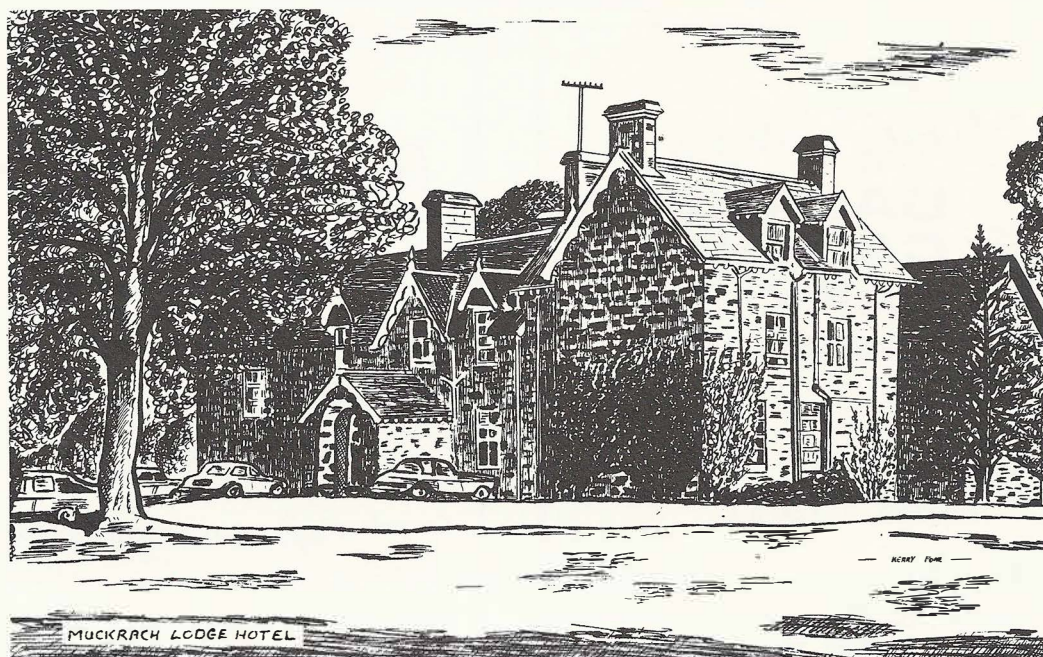
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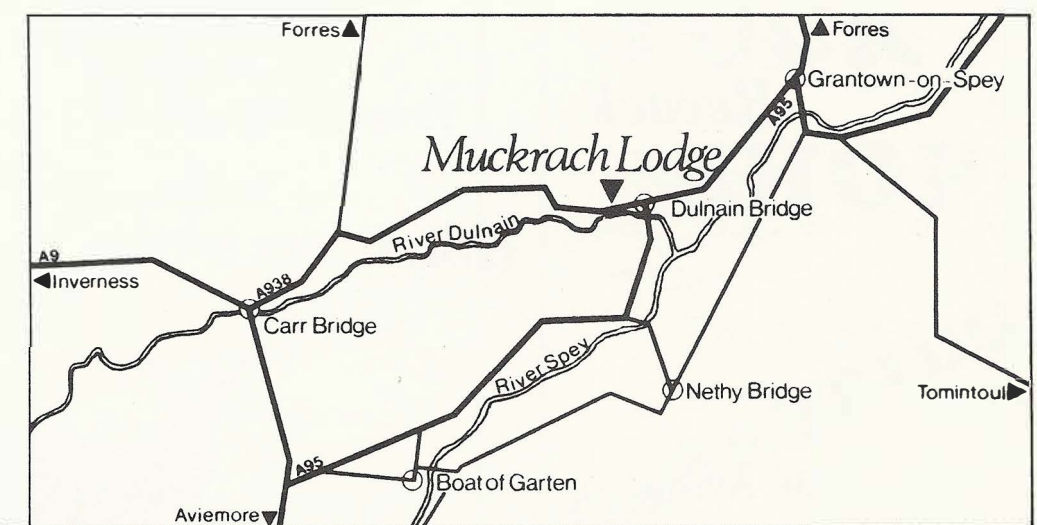
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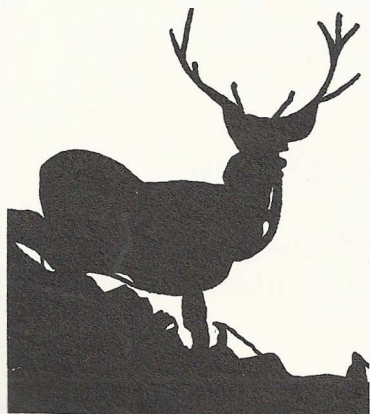
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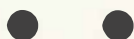
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