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## EDITORIAL

It has been a pleasant although demanding task to edit this the second of K.G.S. magazine souvenir issues. The first in 1965 brought your attention to the new Secondary building of Keith Grammar School and this year we mark the completion of the long-awaited Keith Swimming Pool which has now risen into existence alongside. In the pages of "Data" '72 you will find this special supplement along with the usual products of the unfailing imaginations of the "old hands" right down to the eager efforts found in the Primary Section.

I hope that those talented enthusiasts whose masterpieces have not been published this year will not feel too downhearted and will try again next year for unfortunately it is inevitable that many articles must be left out because of limited space. Perhaps our readers are not aware of the tremendous response given to our annual plea for material for which I must sincerely thank all contributors, both successful and unsuccessful. The members of my committee however, realised this only too well as they ploughed their way through a mountain of literary works to produce this entertaining selection for you, for which I must give them a well-earned vote of thanks.

Very little can be done without "hard cash" and in this respect I have to show our appreciation to our financial supporters, to the long-standing with their now familiar advertisements, and to the new, whom we welcome to the pages of "Data". Perhaps a packet of corn plasters would be more fitting than a mere thank-you to my business manager's foot-weary team who did the essential leg-work of canvassing, but I am afraid profits won't stretch that far.

I am quite sure that every pupil has at some time had his parents' most popular phrase "Schooldays are the best days of your life" thrown at him, but I am equally sure that no K.G.S. pupils can deny seeing a glimmer of truth in this well-worn cliché. Evidence in plenty, our readers too will find as they thumb through the ensuing pages, for it seems that every year the Editorial Committee find a growing number of clubs and societies clamouring for space in the magazine to show outsiders the extent of their year's activities. On looking through old editions of the school magazine, I find that we have progressed considerably since the days when only short football and hockey results appeared on the back page, for there are now so many more "perks" available to all types of enthusiast besides the usual three R's. Here I would like to add a word of sympathy to future editors of "Data" who will very probably find themselves faced with an exceedingly difficult task and a king sized issue.

Finally sincere thanks must go to Mr Arnaud — the Power behind my throne, for ironing out the difficulties and giving much needed encouragement and know-how in his usual capable manner. I hope all our readers find this year's mag an entertaining glimpse of school life today, and it only remains for me to wish "Data" every success in the future.

B. R. Shearer, Editor.



## MESSAGE

The close proximity of a thunderstorm, with electrical flashes occasionally illuminating the dim interior of my room, and with threatening clouds massing round the horizon, is hardly the best setting for the thoughtful composition of a message to the always critical readers of this healthy annual production. Nor does the ear-splitting passage of an aircraft homing on Lossiemouth aid the concentration. We can, however, be thankful that yesterday escaped, by the narrowest margin, this kind of weather when the K.G.S. annual games were taking place: other places on Speyside were not so lucky. The arrival of events tied securely to certain months of the school year is a clear reminder that a summer term, and thus a full session, is approaching its climax and swift end. The annual feat of running a complete sports programme of 60 events in the course of one school afternoon never ceases to rouse the admiration. The P.E. Staff and those appointed "officials" for the occasion are to be congratulated on the smooth operation of all parts of the programme, as are the competitors for their keen participation. School events still to come, such as the launching of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on the school stage or the more formal pattern there of a prize-giving, the considerably less formal challenge of golf and cricket matches between staff and pupils, all spell special activity in what is left of June.

Looking back on the school year I cannot avoid the feeling that its start and its latter stages are overcast by the dark clouds of bereavement. In the summer vacation last year came the sad news of the death, after a whole session of ill-health, of Miss Aileen Cuthbert, who had been my secretary since I came here in 1960 and had also assisted, in the same duties, my predecessor Mr J. Sutherland, and his predecessor also, Mr J. K. Drimmie. Both in the more placid days of the "old building" and in the new complications of moving here in 1965, Aileen proved a resourceful and untiring helper in the administration of the growing school. I was always grateful to her for so competently dealing with telephone callers, correspondence, enquirers at the office among staff and pupils, and with my own requests for information, all of these virtually simultaneously. With the School, I have felt great sympathy with Aileen's mother and sister, who have felt her loss so grievously. They can be assured that her loss was also keenly felt in her own old school.

More recently, and even more suddenly, came the news that the school had lost one of its most active teachers, Mr T. F. B. MacLeod,

who came to teach Mathematics and Science here when all of the Senior Secondary pupils were transferred from Morilach School, and who had only recently been confirmed in the post of Principal Teacher (Guidance) for this school. In the pages that follow you will read a most eloquent tribute to his former colleague by Mr W. Scott. To this I can only add the affirmation of my own appreciation of his work, in classroom and Lab, and in the more personal field of Guidance. From the start, Mr MacLeod made it clear that he was here to work, and this he did, conscientiously and whole-heartedly, gaining momentum as his allegiance to this school grew and was consolidated. Pupils and Staff alike are already missing his genial activity, which they recall with gratitude.

Sad though it is to realise that Mr MacLeod was only to hold his new post of responsibility for a matter of weeks, it is also encouraging to know that official recognition has been afforded to the whole structure of Guidance posts in the KGS Staff, in order to make available to every pupil at all stages of his or her secondary career a full share of reassuring advice and help in matters personal, curricular and vocational. This aspect of a school's responsibility to its pupils is one that is rightly developing at this time, with results that cannot fail to be beneficial.

Yet another benefit lies at this moment close alongside our School — so long have we gazed upon dream-towers as if in a mirage that we remain suspiciously incredulous of any Swimming Pool in reality — and even as you read the first experimental classes and indeed some of the public may have taken the plunge. It is a truly fine Pool that we are to share with other schools in the County, and with the Burgh of Keith. My aim educationally is that, as a first priority, every non-swimmer in each class should be trained to be a confident swimmer. Thereafter will come the special instruction that leads to speed and endurance swimming, to competitive events, to knowledge of Life-saving techniques and to the many other skills that bring both satisfaction in accomplishment and — most importantly — enjoyment of the water. To this end, I am confident the already successful co-operation between Town and Education Authority will be strengthened by the development of close understanding and unity of purpose between Mr Reekie and his Pool Staff on the one hand, and our own P.E. Staff and pupils on the other. From the cordial start that has already been made to this liaison, I have every confidence that it will develop healthily, for the benefit of all users.

This exciting prospect of Swimming on all timetables next session, not to mention individual visits to the Pool during the summer holidays, seems to sound an optimistic note on which it is appropriate to conclude this year's Message.

ROBIN WINCHESTER.



## MR T. F. B. McLEOD — A TRIBUTE

The sudden death of Tom McLeod on 27th May came as a great shock, as he was thought to be making good progress towards recovery from a heart attack. All members of the staff will miss a congenial and helpful colleague; his pupils will miss a dedicated teacher.



It is almost eighteen years since I first met Tom, and I look back on a friendly association with him in the varied fields of school, church, town council and bridge club. He was a man who gave devoted service to the community in many capacities, both public and private, and it was fitting that his native Dufftown should appoint him Provost. To all his activities he brought a warm humanity, sustained hard work, meticulous attention to detail and a fund of practical common sense.

In school he was concerned to do his best for pupils of all ranges of ability, and was interested in his pupils as individuals with a view to character development (he was for many years a secondary school superintendent). He applied himself wholeheartedly to the problem of guidance, and it is indeed tragic that his death should occur so soon after his appointment to the new post of Principal Teacher of Guidance, as with his experience and temperament he had much to offer.

We would extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Mary, to Allan, Stella Mary and Hellen, and to his other relations.

W. SCOTT,  
Depute Head Teacher.

### IN MEMORIAM

AILEEN M. J. CUTHBERT  
Rector's Secretary  
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died July 22, 1971

## SCHOOL NOTES

### STAFF CHANGES

The Grammar School has expanded so greatly in recent years that inevitably each new issue of this magazine must mark a considerable number of staff departures and arrivals.

Since the end of last session the School has lost the services of Mr A. King (P.E. Department) and Mr W. Cook (Principal Teacher of History). At the end of the present session we shall be saying a reluctant farewell to Miss I. C. Goodall (Mathematics Department), Miss L. Barclay (English Department), and Mr J. Cowie (Technical Department).

Among new arrivals to the School this session have been our new Principal Teacher of History, Mr P. Fleming, and his assistant, Mr A. Smith. Mrs F. Webster and Mrs A. Smith joined the Home Economics Department, and Mrs McPherson the Biology Department. In May, Mr Rennie joined us as Principal Teacher of Physics.

With effect from the month of May 1972, a number of new appointments were made from existing staff to implement the Scottish Education Department's new policy on promoted posts:—

#### Assistant Head Teacher:

(Guidance and Curriculum) Mrs M. Munro.  
(Leisure and Curriculum) Mr N. Wilson.

#### Principal Teachers of Guidance:

Miss Addison, Mr T. F. B. McLeod.

#### Assistant Principal Teachers of Guidance:

Mr C. Lamb, Mr J. G. Gilchrist, Mrs P. J. Doyle  
and Miss H. M. Cruickshank.

Assistant Principal Teacher of English: Miss M. Grant.

Assistant Principal Teacher of Mathematics: Mr W. Innes.

### SCHOOL VISITS AND EXCURSIONS

Once again there were many occasions throughout the year when K.G.S. pupils' hunger for knowledge led them to descend upon the unsuspecting public in various parts of the country; at the moment of writing an elite few are lucky enough to be cruising with the "Uganda" on the seven seas whilst others are enjoying the magnificent scenery of another Banff, in western Canada. These are the two most recent "perks" available to some K.G.S. pupils. The rest of us have been kept in constant supply of excursions to places of interest nearer home. Aberdeen was as always a popular choice with





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its subjects of educational interest including the Gilbert & Sullivan light operas "Trial By Jury" and "HMS Pinafore"; Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Goldsmith's "She Stoops To Conquer". For the language enthusiasts amongst us there was an outing to the French plays produced at Harlaw Academy, but by far the most popular excursion was that on November the 10th which enticed a total number of 99 pupils and 2 teachers to support their home country Scotland as they defeated Belgium at Pittodrie.

Bus loads of pupils were also seen heading towards Elgin at certain times during the past session, one conveying an enthusiastic party to the successful Trade Fair held in September, and later a group of seniors to attend a C.E.W.C. conference held at Elgin Academy. The destination of another interested group was a production of Jane Austin's "Pride and Prejudice" held at Elgin Town Hall which had previously witnessed a constant flow of hopeful participants in this year's Music Festival.

Banff Academy was the scene last September of the annual "School To University" conference which pulled a large audience from our senior classes and was this year followed by an evening session at which parents were invited to attend. Later that month, however, a more novel expedition was undertaken by twenty girls and twenty boys from Keith who travelled down to Kirkcaldy as the guests of the headmaster of Balwearie High School, Mr O. W. Mc-Lauchlan, formed Deputy Rector at Keith. The purpose of this visit was for the two sets of pupils to compete against each other in various sports, but the Keith pupils also enjoyed a tour of the Kirkcaldy area and places of interest and are looking forward to next Autumn when they in turn will act as hosts to a visiting party of pupils from Balwearie High School.

As we go to press, second year boys are looking forward to a trip to R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth, while February's outing to R.A.F. Kinloss was no doubt a source of great interest to those who were lucky enough to attend. A bus load of exhausted pupils has returned from an action packed week spent in the Tomintoul area as part of the post examination activity scheme, while others chose to help in pony riding at Rothes, with the pupils of Ogilvie School, and yet others to learn the rudiments of driving in our own school playground.

Most of the school's clubs and societies have of course been kept busy with sporting fixtures and excursions at all times of year and in all weathers, and will no doubt be illustrating how widely travelled they are in their respective reports. All in all it has been a busy year for K.G.S. pupils, although there is one weekly excursion we will not be sorry to miss next session, for the trips to the Munro Baths at Elgin will no longer be necessary after the welcome opening of Keith's own pool.



## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

This session the school roll was added to for a few weeks by the arrival of a pupil from Japan who wished to improve her English during her stay in Keith. The Senior girls enjoyed her company in the prefects room during intervals and her stay at school was made as enjoyable as possible, while she was ably escorted from class to class by her second year companions.

In February the younger classes were entertained in the school hall by the Scottish Opera who presented a programme of "Opera For Schools" for their enjoyment, while in March, the hall was again the scene of entertainment, this time from the Church of Scotland travelling exhibition who, in their programme showed films of Zambia, Nepal and India. It was a matter for regret that the production of the play scheduled to be performed by the County Players had to be cancelled because of power cuts as this is usually a popular item in the School Calendar. Pupils were, however, given the opportunity of watching an evening of One Act Plays, presented by pupils from Tomintoul and Speyside Junior High later on in the term.

The Services were well represented at Keith Grammar this session, starting in September when classes had the opportunity of seeing an Army display which had been set up in the playground. Interest having been kindled, it was not long before a careers team returned to give a talk on the life in the Army. In February, the R.A.F. put in their bid for recruits, with the arrival of Squadron Leader Gibb for a careers lecture. He was followed the next month by Mr Hepkin who came from a shipping firm to give a talk on the Merchant Navy. The army again returned when the Military Band of the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders arrived with their dancers to give a performance in the School Hall. As the Gordons are our local regiment, it was not surprising to find that one of the bandmen was a former pupil of the school.

In connection with other careers outwith that of life in uniform, we have benefited from a wide programme through the session. 3rd and 4th Year leavers were enlightened on the courses available to them at Elgin Technical College by a visit from some members of the Staff there. Senior classes later received information on three sets of careers. This programme began with informative talks on Banking, Accountancy and Insurance by representatives of these professions, which were followed at a later session by talks on Engineering and the British Oil and Steel Industries. The end of May will see the third in this series on the subject of Television and Journalism.

Many of his former patients and present friends were delighted to find Dr Milne in charge of the invigilators at this year's S.C.E. exams. His team included some other "new faces" familiar to us in other roles, and we are indeed grateful for their efforts in keeping the timetable running smoothly at a time of year which is so important for all concerned.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The beginning of the session saw quite a few changes in the decor of various parts of the school interior, and spurred on by the sight of new wallpaper and fresh paint, the staff undertook the re-decoration of their own quarters and by their own efforts gave their staff room a "new look". Not to be outdone, the prefects decided to try their hands at brightening up their own little domains by adding a splash of colour to their walls. No-one has yet decided whether it was a case of "many hands make light work" or "too many cooks spoil the broth", but the result was that now the walls sport a couple of murals along with a great concoction of colours and the overall impression has been expressed as "perfect".

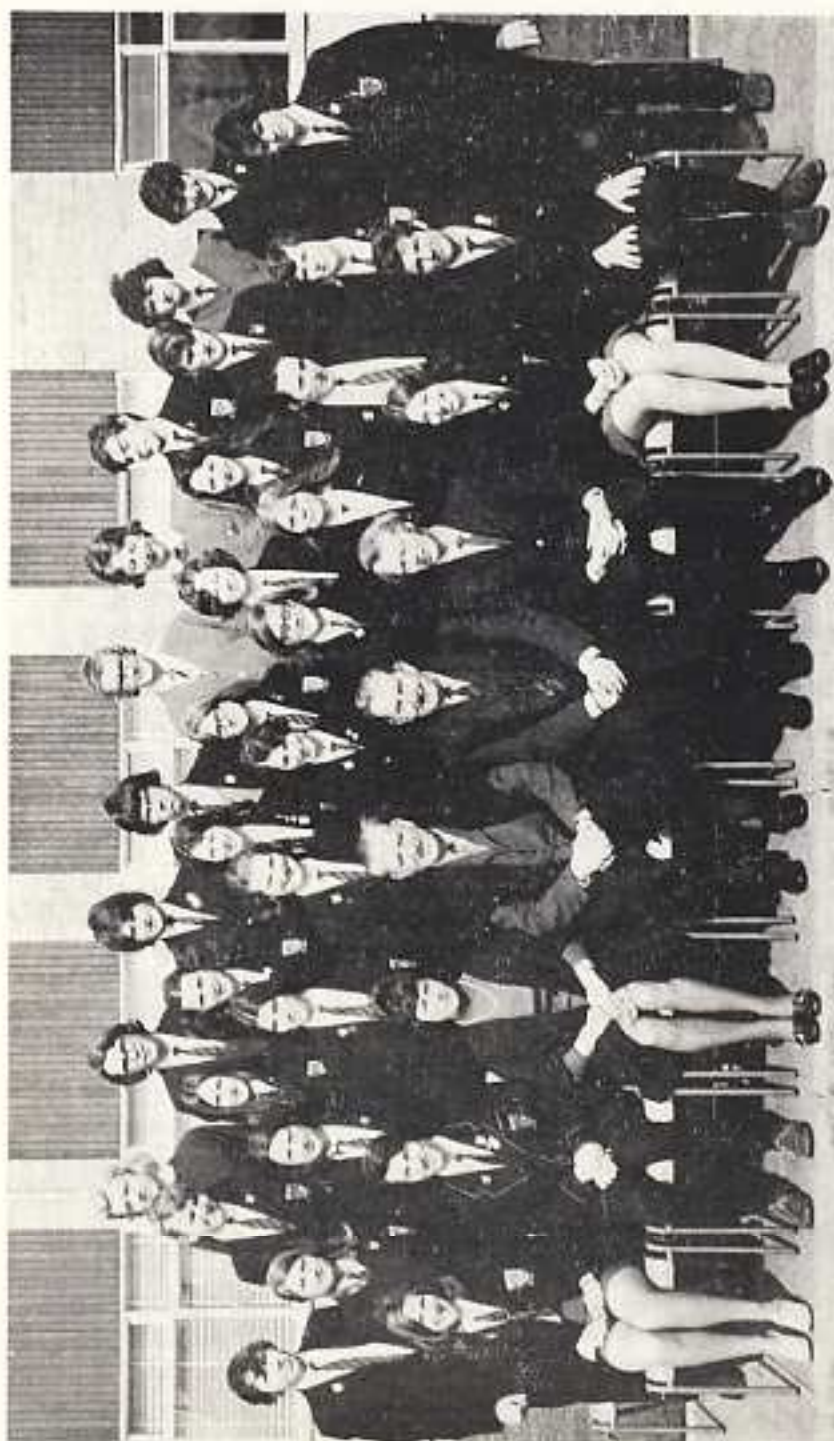
School routine was on the whole only slightly disrupted by the February power cuts although after school activities could no longer be held. The School heating system held out bravely and we considered ourselves lucky, January 18th being the only day when the school had to close after an electricity failure. Snow conditions, however, gave us cause for three early closures throughout the winter.

We must thank Canon Lamont for leading the Christmas Service in the School Hall, and the Rev. D. Mackie for joining us at Easter. The School also held a Remembrance Day Service and celebrated Women's World Day of Prayer, and our School Captains prepared for us a Christian Aid Service to mark Christian Aid Week. Again the school was indebted to Mr Barnetson and his willing "crew" for the decoration of the hall at Christmas time and to the Homecraft Department, both of whom played a large part in making a success of our School parties and Senior Dance — a credit to the hard working Dance Committee.

The hall again housed various functions all session including the many activities of the Keith and District Band who have been very successful this year. It was also the scene of the Beetle Drive which was very well supported and lived up to the expectations of its enthusiastic organiser, and more recently it saw the conference on the possibility of the introduction of a four term year in the School. It has now been taken over by the cast of "H.M.S. Pinafore" and their stage production team and rehearsals become more intense as the ominous date of production looms nearer and the participants become more excited.

As we look back over what we have set down here, anxiously eliminating mis-spellings and misrelated participles, we are struck by the cumulative impression of the record of a busy and purposeful young community, galloping through its calendar. It is indeed hard to grasp the fact that when the Greatest Show on Earth sets off again in September, it will do so without the writers of these notes.





#### PREFECTS

Back row (left to right)—Michael Collins, Trevor Whittley, John Pennet, David Purser, John Fraser, Alistair Green, John Whittley, William Malcolm. Third row—Jan Anderson, Sandra Wilson, Valerie Guild, Gail Stephen, Barbara Shearer, Jane MacPherson, Anne Sloan, William Barron, James Petrie. Second row—John Arnaud, Elsie Stuart, Christine Clarke, Irene Edwards, Hazel Robertson, Moira Smith, Sandra McNab, Ann Barbour, Fiona Goodison, Linda Sutherland, John Smith. Front row—Susan Smith (vice-captain), Charles Sloan (school captain), Mrs M. Munro, Mr R. Winchester, Mr W. Scott, Mr N. Wilson, Anne Taylor (school captain), Adam Stooling (vice-captain).

(Photograph by Whyte, Inverurie)

#### LIBRARY REPORT

If the library seems to have rather an unbalanced look at the moment it is owing to the policy of the County Library to transfer a good deal of adult stock from schools to public libraries. This policy has been unwillingly adopted and the County Library has made every effort to compensate us for this loss by giving us an ample supply of junior fiction.

We hope to have the balance somewhat restored after, if not before, the summer holidays. As we have relied almost entirely on the County Library to supply us with fiction in the past it was decided that the school should buy some novels. This we have been able to do thanks to the Helen Jane Wilson Bequest. At the moment we are awaiting delivery of our order. We owe thanks to some members of staff who have given to the library books they no longer wanted for their own bookshelves.

As lack of funds will not allow us to offer as wide a range of literature as we would wish we would urge senior pupils to become members of their local public library as well as of the school one.

M.G.

#### MUSIC FESTIVAL

In March the Moray Music Festival was held in Elgin. The school had forward a considerable number of entries in both the music and oral competitions.

As in past years our choral groups brought home honours to Keith. The senior choir and the ensemble group were placed first in their respective classes and a first and second place were gained by the recorder groups. Congratulations are due to Hazel Robertson (Class IV) on her success in the solo-singing competitions.

In verse-speaking all our competitors acquitted themselves well and we congratulate especially Joan Russell (Class VI) who won an Honours certificate for Scots verse-speaking.

Sandra McNab, Charles Sloan and Adam Stooling represented K.G.S. Debating Society in the schools' debate contest and achieved a certificate of distinction.

Special commendation is due to Class IIO who, under Miss Scott's guidance, produced a very fine display of work on 'Snow' for entry in the Project Section in face of competition from senior classes.

M.G.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year the School Council was more successful in hearing the opinions of younger councillors and one meeting had in fact to be extended to another period.

A Dance Committee was set up, along with a Service Committee and a Tuck Shop Committee. The Service Committee has been instrumental in doing a great deal of valuable work in the community.

Many other topics were discussed, ranging from corridor procedure to the possibility of girls wearing trousers during examinations.

Thanks are due to the staff advisers, Mr Winchester, Mr Scott and Mrs Munro for all their help but most of all to the councillors themselves for all their ideas, suggestions and opinions.

Anne Taylor, VI, School Captain.

## SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

After a visit to Ladysbridge Hospital at the end of last year, it was decided that the school should try to raise some money for play equipment for the children's department. This task was undertaken by the Service Committee. After a very successful Beetle Drive and Competition for which thanks are due to the Commercial department for all their help and to Mrs Hendry for making up the competition, a sum of around £45 was raised and £32 was recently handed over to the matron, Miss MacPherson. It has not yet been decided how to use the remainder.

The Service Committee has also organised collections in Keith for the blind and collections in the school of used postage stamps for the Church of Scotland Overseas Council Stamp Centre. Two more collections for the S.S.P.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. have also been organised for the month of June.

Sandra McNab, VI.

## SENIOR CHOIR

The strains of Gilbert and Sullivan are once more to be heard in the music wing as the senior choir rehearse for this year's production of "H.M.S. Pinafore".

At the Moray Music Festival in Elgin, the choir were placed first in their class and gained a First Class Certificate.

The choir are again indebted to Miss Cadenhead for her tireless work and encouragement and Miss McPherson for keeping us in key with the help of the piano.

Anne Taylor, VI.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Back row (left to right)—Gordon McGregor, Robert Fleming, Paul Henderson, Richard Skene, Sandy Duncan, Alexander Cowie. Fourth row—Michael Barron, Bryan Murray, William Farquhar, Ian McIntosh, Derek Gillies, James Fraser. Third row—Shirley Canny, Dorothy Columbus, Irene McWilliam, Joy Stuart, Elizabeth Gerrie, Heather Clark, Kathleen McIlvinn, Susan McVean, Christine Henderson. Second row—Susan Smith, Charles Sloan, Mrs Munro, Mr Winchester, Mr Scott, Mr Wilson, Anne Taylor, Adam Stirling. Front row—Stuart Andrew, Gerard Doyle, Graham Dey, David Innes, Alexander Milton, Robert Riddoch, Robert McHardy.

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## KEITH GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIZE LIST SESSION 1971-72

### Subject Prizes in Common Course Classes:—

#### CLASS I

English — 1 Karin Paterson (IG); 2nd Gerard Doyle (IG).  
History — 1 eq. Judith Milne (IB) and Peter Cruickshank (IG).  
Geography — 1 Kay Jackson (IR); 2 Judith Milne (IB).  
French — 1 eq. Kay Jackson (IR), Judith Milne (IB) and Jill Sutherland (IY).  
Mathematics — 1 Joy Stuart (IR); 2 Kay Jackson (IR).  
Science — 1 Peter Cruickshank (IG); 2 Gerard Doyle (IG).  
Art — 1 Joy Stuart (IR); 2 eq. Joseph Dolan (IY) and Blanche Roy (IY).  
Homecraft — 1 eq. Kay Jackson (IR) and Joy Stuart (IR).  
Technical Subjects — 1 eq. Michael Munro (IR) and Thomas Stewart (IB).

#### CLASS II

English — 1 Michael Barnetson (IIG); 2 Patricia Reid (IIG).  
History — 1 eq. Shona Banks (IIB) and Patricia Reid (IIG).  
Latin — 1 eq. Patricia Reid (IIG) and Jennifer Duthie (IY).  
Geography — 1 Graham Dey (IIR); 2 Patricia Mair (IIR).  
French — 1 Patricia Reid (IIG); 2 Graham Dey (IIR).  
Mathematics — 1 Patricia Reid (IIG); 2 Graham Dey (IIR).  
Science — 1 Ian Jackson (IY); 2 eq. Graham Dey (IIR) and Patricia Mair (IIR).  
Art — 1 Graham Dey (IIR); 2 David Gray (IY).  
Homecraft — 1 Patricia Mair (IIR); 2 eq. Irene Mann (IIR) and Eleanor Mann (IIG).  
Technical Subjects — 1 Bruce Stuart (IIG); 2 Charles McCumbie (IY).

### Subject Prizes in Third Year S.C.E. Courses

#### CLASS III

English — 1 Margaret Arnaud; 2 Estrid Barton.  
History — 1 Margaret Arnaud; 2 Catherine Steel.  
Latin — 1 Margaret Arnaud; 2 Elizabeth Craib.  
Geography — 1 Estrid Barton; 2 Eric Barton.  
French — 1 Alasdair MacIure; 2 David Innes.  
German — 1 Estrid Barton.  
Mathematics — 1 Eric Barton; 2 Graeme Jamieson.  
Art — 1 Henry Duncan.  
Commercial Subjects — 1 eq. Alison Gauld and Alison Maxwell.

#### CLASS PLACES

IO 1 George Anthony; 2 Evan McHardy.  
IIO 1 Walter Raffan; 2 eq. Irene Dalgarno and Jean Riddoch.  
IIIE 1 Carole Marshall; 2 Ian Barron.  
IIII 1 Alison Bowie; 2 Heather Clark; 3 Rosemary Buchan.  
IIK 1 Allan McWilliam; 2 Alexander Grant; 3 Donald McKinnon.



**IIT** 1 Graham Morrison; 2 David Allan; 3 Andrew Mitchell.  
**III (S.C.E.)** 1 eq. Margaret Arnaud and Eric Barton; 3 May Petrie.

**Subject Prizes in S.C.E. Courses:**

**CLASS IV**

English — 1 Jennifer Wilks; 2 Linda Ross.  
 History — 1 Bryan Murray; 2 Lewis George.  
 Latin — 1 Jennifer Wilks; 2 Linda Ross.  
 Geography — 1 Linda Ross; 2 eq. Jennifer Wilks & Mary Milton.  
 French — 1 Linda Ross; 2 Jennifer Wilks.  
 German — 1 Lindsay Scott; 2 Anne Collins.  
 Mathematics — 1 John Forsyth; 2 Jennifer Wilks.  
 Arithmetic — 1 Michael Stooling; 2 eq. Jennifer Wilks & Brian Mair.  
 Art — 1 Jennifer Watson.  
 Physics — 1 John Forsyth.  
 Biology — 1 Susan Grant.  
 Chemistry — 1 Michael Stooling.

**Class Places**

**CLASS IV** 1 Linda Ross; 2 Jennifer Wilks; 3 Michael Stooling.  
**CLASS V** 1 Peter Kellock; 2 Linda Sutherland; 3 Alexander Innes;  
 4 eq. Valerie Gauld and John McInnes.

**SPECIAL PRIZES—Session 1971-72**

Prize	Winner's Name	Class
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Gray Prize (best non-language pupil in 1st Year)	George Anthony	IO
Australia Prize (best pupil in 1st Year)	Kay Jackson	IR
Jane Laing Prizes (best Home-craft pupils in IIIH & IIIW/Z)	Alison Bowie	IIIH
Miss Currie's Prizes (best Technical pupils in IIIT and IIK)	Eileen McConnachie	IIIW/Z
Jane Gordon Prize (best pupils in 3rd Year Science)	Robert Allan	IIIT
	Dennis Lowe	IIK
<b>Biology:</b>	Catherine Steel	III(1)
<b>Chemistry:</b>	Eric Barton	III(1)
<b>Physics:</b>	Eric Barton	III(1)
<b>Allan Gray Prizes for Scots Vernacular</b>	Judith Milne	IB
	Graham Dey	IIR
	May Petrie	III
	Stewart Duncan	IV
	Jean Milton	V
	Barbara Shearer	VI

**S.S.P.C.A. Essay Prizes**

Stuart Andrew	IB
Patricia Mair	IIR
Margaret Arnaud	III(1)
Kathleen Porteous	IIB
Michael Barnetson	IIG
Valerie Martin	IIG
Philip Gray	IIO
Graham Dey	IIR
Neil McWilliam	IIV
William Lammie	IIV

**National Bible Society Prizes**

**Mrs E. Macdonald's Prize in**

Music (3rd Year)	Elma Robertson	III
Headmaster's Prize for Dux of Sec. III	Margaret Arnaud	III
	Eric Barton	III
Special Prizes for Intensive Commercial Course (Class IV)	1—Joan Smith	IV
	2—Irene Marshall	IV

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Prize for Homecraft (Senior Classes)	Anne Caldwell	V
German Embassy Prize for German (Class V)	Valerie Gauld	V
Special Prize in Art (Class V)	Irene Edward	V
Special Prize in Technical Subjects (Class V)		

Engineering Drawing:	James Petrie	V
Metalwork:	James Park	V
Commercial Subjects (Class V)	Elizabeth McConnachie	V

John G. Robb Memorial Prize for Modern Studies	Linda Sutherland	V
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Mr Arnaud's Memento to Editor of 'Data'	Barbara Shearer	VI
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**Special Prizes for Post Certificate Work:**

in English	Charles Sloan	VI
in History	Charles Sloan	VI
in Geography	David Purser	VI
in Mathematics	Susan Smith	VI
in Modern Languages	Susan Smith	VI

German Embassy Prize for German (Class VI)	Sandra McNab	VI
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Gordon-Grant Prize for Science (Class VI)		
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Physics:	Charles Sloan	VI
Chemistry:	Sandra Wilson	VI
The Aoda Laing Memorial Prize; for meritorious service to the School	Susan M. Smith	VI
	Anne Taylor	VI
	Adam P. Stooling	VI
	Charles P. C. Sloan	VI

**The Eua Lobban Prizes in Music:**

Singing	Moiria Smith	V
Piano	William Hendry	VI
Violin	Karin Paterson	IG
Woodwind	Linda Cameron	IB
Brass	Colin McDonald	III(1)

Wm. Greig & Co. Prize for Dux in German Valerie Gauld V

Ogilvie & Ferguson Prize for Dux in Science

Physics:	Peter Kellock	V
Chemistry:	S. Trevor Whittley	V
Biology:	Fiona Goodison	V

Collingwood-Kynoch Prize for Dux in Mathematics Peter Kellock V

Mrs Annand's Prize for Dux in History John McInnes V

John Mitchell & Son Prize for Dux in Geography Valerie Gauld V

The Wilson of Montgrew Prize for Dux in Latin Catherine Gordon V

Brown Prize for Dux in French Linda Sutherland V

Town Council Medal for Dux in English John Arnaud V

Headmaster's Memento to Captains of the School Anne Taylor VI

Dr Grant Memorial Medal for Dux of the School Charles P. Sloan VI

Peter Kellock V

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# Clubs, Societies and Activities

## DEBATING SOCIETY 1971-72

President: Charles Sloan, VI. Vice-President: Adam Stooling, VI.  
Secretary: Sandra McNab, VI.

A single piper accompanied by a haggis and the S.N.P. candidate with kilted rebuke, launched this year's Mock Election. Perhaps this was symbolic of the achievement of the Keith Grammar School Debating Society this year, that of the unexpected. Who would have believed that the Tory candidate would be returned for the imaginary constituency of K.G.S. out of a field which included such exotic attractions as Pupil Power and Women's Lib?

In the field of competitive Debating and Public Speaking the Society achieved results which may have been unexpected but which only went to illustrate the high standard of public speaking at Keith Grammar School. It is not the purpose of this report to bore its readers with ghastly details but suffice it to say that it took the runners-up in both the English Speaking Union and the Scottish Daily Express Debating Competitions to eliminate (by very small margins) the teams which represented Keith Grammar School. Little wonder that a team from the Debating Society returned from the Moray and Nairn Music Festival with a Certificate of Distinction.

Unfortunately we did not retain a trophy, that of the Keith Rotary Public Speaking Competition, which the Society has come to regard as its own. Fortunately a member of the Society's team was declared to be the best speaker (outwith the winning team) and there was much backslapping afterwards because of this.

The annual Staff Debate on the motion 'That it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all' was held for the first time before the whole school. It turned out to be one of the more amusing (and illuminating) pieces of debating witnessed by the Society this year. This, provided by Mrs Doyle and Mr Barton was rounded off by mass community singing led by Mr Smith at the piano. The Society would like to thank these members of Staff and Mr Winchester, who took the chair, for contributing to a very enjoyable afternoon's debate. Needless to say the motion was carried by a large majority.

An Inter-School Debate with Milne's High School of Fochabers at Keith Grammar School proved to be a tremendous success, as was the "nosh-up" afterwards. The motion, which dealt with Par-

liament, somehow developed into a heated exchange about American Tourists although no-one seems to know why.

The "ordinary" debates which are the staff of life for the Society were hit hard by electricity cuts and exam timetables but three were held and in marked contrast to last year well supported by our Speyside Contingent. Covering subjects concerned with Northern Ireland, capital punishment and the existence of Santa Claus (which was never really doubted), they provided monuments of humour and logic, a perfect combination in debate. The after-speaking was perhaps the liveliest, though perhaps not the most intelligent, of recent years.

The Society wishes to thank its Staff Adviser, Mr J. C. S. Arnaud for general help and guidance through the year.

Charles Sloan, VI.

## CHESS

At the beginning of the present session the Chess Club was reconstituted. We met for an hour after school every Tuesday during the first and second term. About twenty members attended regularly. While the average ability of the members was disappointing initially, I observed a distinct improvement over the year. This improvement I hope will continue in future years. Although we had only twenty active members in the Chess Club this session, the existence of the club seems to have generated a considerable interest in the game throughout the school. I shall be glad to see next session new members from those fired with enthusiasm for this pastime.

In this our first year we only played matches against Inverurie and Banff Academies and lost both times. However the experience was worthwhile and I am hoping for better results next session. At Christmas we organised an inter-house chess competition. The results were as follows:—

	Points for	Points against
Grant	7	11
Mair	10½	7½
Ogilvie	11½	6½
Smith	7	11

Finally I must thank Mr Winchester for a grant from school funds which enabled us to purchase twelve chess sets and boards.

A.J.M.

## SAILING CLUB

The recently formed Keith Grammar School Sailing Club has been meeting regularly on Wednesdays in room 10.

The object of the meetings is to prepare club members physically and mentally for a busy sailing programme during June in the Wayfarers at Cullen Outdoor Centre.

Membership, restricted at present to third year boys and girls, stands at 20 pupils, who look forward with enthusiasm to an exciting season of 'thrills without spills'.

J.K.F.





#### BADMINTON

Back row (left to right)—Robert Fleming, Alexander McPherson, Raymond Skene, Gordon McIntosh. Front row (left to right)—Alison Gauld, Susan Smith, Miss S. Simpson, Ann Barbour and Alison Maxwell.

(Photograph by Whyte, Inverurie)

#### BADMINTON REPORT

K.G.S. Badminton Club had another very successful season.

A large number of pupils qualified to play in the District Tournament at Banff in which Alison Maxwell was runner-up in the Junior Girls' Singles, Richard Skene emulating her feat in the Junior Boys' Singles, and partnered by Gordon McIntosh, in the Junior Boys' Doubles.

Susan Smith was chosen to play in the Inter-District Tournament at Perth, and Alison Maxwell in the Inter-County Tournament between Banffshire, Moray and Nairn and Invernesshire. The latter, partnered by Gordon McIntosh was also chosen to play in the Scottish Schools' Championship at Meadowbank.

The annual Staff-Pupil Match again proved to be a very successful evening for all concerned, especially for the pupils who played very well to win by 10 games to 8.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the Banffshire Schools' Tournament which was held this year at Keith. K.G.S. pupils excelled themselves on this occasion and came very close to winning

a cup donated by Mr E. Herd of Keith. Brenda Stuart won the Minor Girls' Singles and partnered by Fiona Gray, was runner-up in the Doubles. Alison Maxwell was runner-up in the Junior Girls' Singles and also in the Doubles with Alison Gauld. A clean sweep was made in the Junior Boys — Richard Skene winning the Singles, with Gordon McIntosh as runner-up, and the two of them winning the Doubles, beating Billy Innes and Fraser Simpson in the final. Ann Barbour was runner-up in the Senior Girls' Singles, and won the Doubles with Susan Smith. Linda Ricketts and Joan Russell were runners-up in this event.

Our thanks must go to all the teachers who helped to organise this tournament and especially to Miss Simpson and Mr Barnetson whose enthusiasm and coaching contributed largely to this very successful season.

Susan Smith.

#### S.S.C. REPORT, 1971-72

The end of yet another S.S.C. year has again arrived, and inevitably this in the form of a useful period of peace and rest: the many exhausted S.S.C. members use the opportunity afforded them to restore their battered bodies to some degree of good health, while deserted camping sites all over the country gratefully burst into seas of green under the less harmful influence of Mother Nature. An elite few (me), aspiring literary geniuses, tend to prefer to celebrate the experiences and events of the previous year in a scriptive extravaganza: thus, this report contains the instinctive ingredients of nostalgia and celebration.

During the year, the fame of the S.S.C. spread through the lower ranks of the school, thus erasing the need for press gangs, and due to the attractiveness of the special film shot at one of the summer camps, and the accompanying talk by Big White Chief Sinclair (and also the fact that the next camp chief was to be ex-international rugby star Ian "Syd" Smith), many K.G.S. pupils ventured to try their luck at the 1971 camp at Bruor. There, they enjoyed the annual flamboyant feast of fun, taking part in the many usual and unusual activities with alarming keenness. Crocodile hunting and cannibalism were again very popular this year, but several unusual activities also took place. Bathing in the lovely nearby river pools was enjoyed by everybody (as was bathing in the heat of the sun). Once again, however, thanks is due to the officers who unselfishly gave up their holiday time to make the camp a success on account of their very presence. The food, once again, was excellent, although complaints were heard about the absence of the domestic luxury of breakfast in bed. All this should go some way to explaining why the camp is the highlight of the S.S.C. enthusiasts' year.

Billy Malcolm, V.





### SENIOR HOCKEY

Back row (left to right)—Jennifer Wilks, Anne Taylor, Susan McVean, Susan Smith. Centre row—Stella McLeod, Valerie Gauld, Irene Edward, Margaret Morrison. Front row—Maureen Smith, Joan Russell, Linda Ricketts, Gail Stephen.

(Photograph by Whyte, Inverurie)

### HOCKEY

Because of lack of support and enthusiasm the Senior XI results have been very disappointing. Very few games have been played on account of adverse weather conditions which even affected the Annual Release of Pent UP Emotions (Staff v Pupils game. We would have won anyway!!!)

However, the Senior XI were very successful in the North-East of Scotland Tournament. After winning our section we went on to play in the Final in which we were defeated 1-0 by Golspie.

The Junior Team however, has been supported very enthusiastically and this has shown some promising results as in the 7-a-side Tournament in which the under 15's were 2nd equal.

The up and coming Second Year Team were also very successful, only losing 1 game in the season.

We must express our gratitude to Miss Cameron who has done a tremendous amount of work organising the various games to be played and for her encouragement and coaching given to all of us.

The Results for the Senior Team were as follows:—

Keith v Fochabers 1-2

Banff v Keith 3-0

Buckie v Keith 0-2

Elgin v Keith 3-1

Keith v Elgin 2-6

Keith v Buckie 0-1

Joan Russell, VI, Hockey Captain.

### SKI REPORT

Good skiing conditions frequently provided enjoyment this year for skiing enthusiasts of K.G.S.

While many of us spent a number of action-packed weekends at the Lecht or, for the more adventurous, the Cairngorms, a "chosen few" had the opportunity of experiencing competition with the "professionals" in slalom races. Although brave attempts were made, we do not seem to be up to Olympic standard as yet! However, competitions such as these provide incentive to the younger skiers of whom we have great hopes for the future in keeping up the standards of this popular activity.

Thanks this year must go to the 82nd Army Youth Team for transport, and to Mr and Mrs Lester and Mr Carling for their invaluable instruction, especially at the Easter Ski Courses which were enjoyed by all.

Special thanks must go, of course to Miss Cameron for her hard work in instruction and in organising outings throughout the season.

Jacqueline Gray, VI.

### CRICKET CLUB

With the help of Messrs M. Fleming and A. Smith, of the History Department, the school Cricket Club has been revived.

A team from Keith Grammar has rejoined the North of Scotland Schools' League. In the league we play Elgin, Buckie, Fochabers and Gordonstoun. We are also drawn against Gordonstoun in the First Round of the K.O. Cup. It is not expected of us to do well in our first year, but it will prove valuable experience for younger members of the club.

A team has also been entered in a local Seven-a-Side Trades League. This is our first venture into such a competition, and at present we are second top of the league. Those who have represented the team in this competition are: M. Collins, A. Green, J. Pennet, C. Sloan, G. McGregor, P. Barr and I. Strachan. The team also includes two members of Keith Cricket Club, A. Smith and J. Green. The team members would like to thank Mr Smith, Mr Fleming and Mr Green for all their advice.

Alistair Green, VI.





#### SENIOR FOOTBALL

(HAS ANYONE SEEN OUR SKIPPER?)

Back row (left to right)—Peter Watt, Lewis George, Billy Malcolm, Donnie McKay. Centre row—Alastair Green, Paul Henderson, John Pennet, Ali Strachan, Sandy Duncan. Front row—Michael Collins, Brian Ross, Ian Strachan, Ian McCulloch, Ali McDonald. Inset—Gordon Caldwell (captain).

(Photograph by Whyte, Inverurie)

#### FOOTBALL CLUB

The trend in recent years of K.G.S. football would lead one to expect a gruesome yet sympathetic report on the details of a hard fought season. However, these unfortunate trends have been seemingly halted at least for the time being. This season the K.G.S. senior XI, at one point X, amassed a total of 16 points from 16 games which is a remarkable improvement upon recent seasons' efforts. This total comprised some five wins, particularly against a highly rated Lochaber High School side and Banff Academy, the latter being beaten to the tune of 6 goals on two occasions. No team is yet perfect, however, and we suffered one or two setbacks—Buckie High School being the chief culprits. Apart from this, games have been very close indeed.

An interesting statistic is our Goals For and Goals Against Column which reads 33 for and 31 against which perhaps illustrates the tightness of matches during the season. The reason for these 31 goals scored against us is of course obvious — a succession of

dubious penalties, high winds and depressing Friday evenings saw to it that the Gods were indeed against us!

Cup progress was limited in the extreme this season—the senior XI falling to Bankhead Academy 4-0 in the North of Scotland Cup and the under 15's being defeated 2-1 at Banff in the Cock o' the North Cup.

The team itself showed an "exciting" blend of youth and experience, to quote a well worn cliché. Several seasoned veterans once again showed their true colours which on occasions proved to be rather pale.

Our thanks must again go out to Mr J. K. Fowlie whose constant encouragement saw us through many difficult moments, both on and off the field, and to Messrs Smith and Innes who performed admirably with the younger teams, perhaps ensuring a high standard in coming years.

A final mention should be made of Mr I. Boardman, IV, our trusted and loyal supporter/treasurer who has not missed a match since 1842 and without whose constant financial advising during heavy bouts of gambling, none of the above would have been possible.

Ian Strachan, VI.

#### CANOE CLUB

The Canoe Club has been in existence for 3 years now and very busy years they have been too.

All in all more than 36 canoes have been completed, not only for the use of the club but also for other people who are interested in the sport. The canoes built range from the very first school canoes to KW7s (slalom canoes), Skuas (sea canoes) and bats (bath canoes).

Again the club has been raising money towards the building of the swimming pool. As readers may remember last year the club raised over £100 for the pool by running a sponsored paddle from Cullen to Portsoy. This year 15 members of the club, escorted by a speed boat, participated in a ten mile paddle from Portgordon to Cullen, raising £90 which was divided equally between the club and the Swimming Pool Fund.

Since last year the club has had the experience of playing host to another canoe club. This was the Lenzie Academy club, and during their weekend visit in June both clubs had a full schedule of canoeing at Cullen and on the River Spey.

Later in the year members of our club had the pleasure of a return visit to Loch Lomond which was greatly enjoyed. The club, at the request of the Cullen Police, put on a display in Cullen Harbour during the Cullen Gala Week to show the techniques of the sport. Later they crossed the bay to give a display of surfing beside the beach. Again this year, members of the club were lucky enough to obtain the use of Kinloss Baths during the winter months, but in the future we hope to use the new Keith Swimming Pool.

J. Watson, IV.



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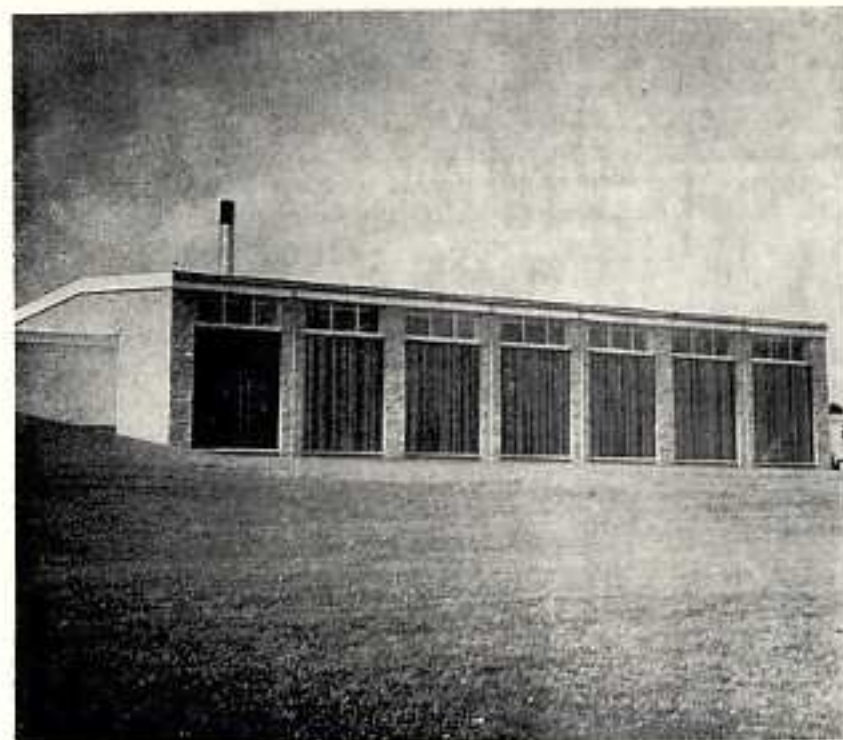
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### KEITH SWIMMING POOL

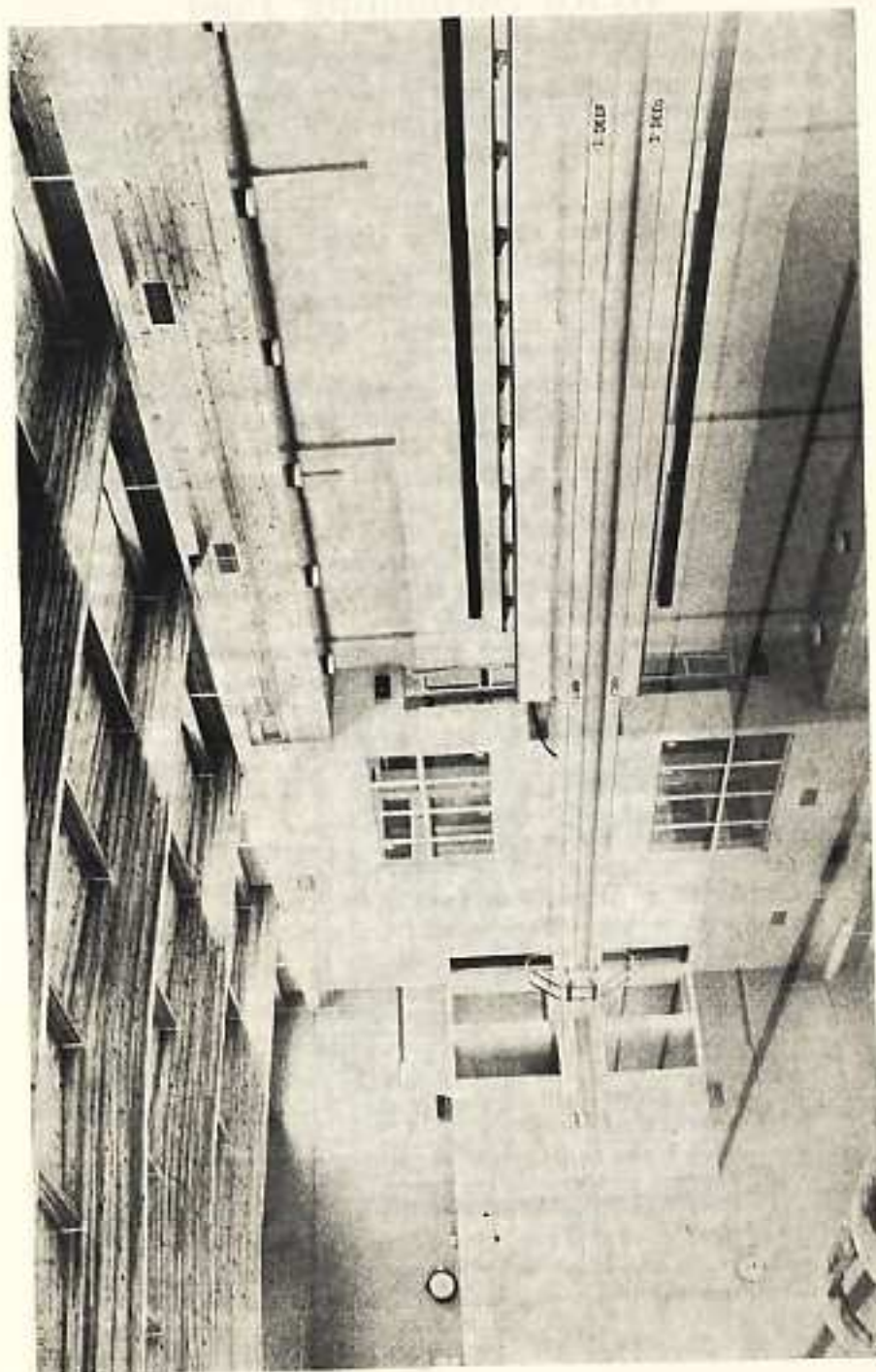
The completion during the year 1972 of the long awaited Swimming Pool must certainly rank as the outstanding event in the current school session. Indeed it may be described as a major event, not for the school alone, but for the Burgh of Keith and for the wider rural area which it serves. The translation of this project from an oft-repeated pious hope into the gleaming reality of today is a remarkable expression of community will, operating at all levels from that of the Central Government down to the individual citizens of Keith.

It is no detraction from what local bodies have done to say that what originally made the building of the pool possible was a change in the climate of opinion at the Scottish Office about such projects. Since that "green light" winked some years ago, swimming facilities have been provided in a considerable number of smaller communities up and down the country where they would have been unimaginable in earlier decades. But although a favourable change of policy at the top was the first essential, the people of Keith, and their country neighbours, have occasion to be grateful for the vision and determination of the County Education Committee and Keith Town Council who together have seized the opportunity that was offered and, through co-operation and an equitable sharing of the burdens of cost and responsibility, have made the Pool a reality.

In the last analysis, however, community projects are justified by the will of the community itself, and it is safe to say that this creative effort of co-operation between Town and County has been greatly stimulated by the determination of the people of Keith to have their pool, expressed through support given to the activities of the Keith Swimming Pool Fund Committee. For over five years, under the cheerful and resourceful leadership of Mr William Kelly, its Chairman, the committee has mounted a succession of fund raising activities, Balls, Parades, Carnivals, Sports Galas and so on which have been so generously and enthusiastically supported by their fellow-townfolk and others that the target figure of £10,000 has now been passed by a comfortable margin. It is fair to say that in the process of extracting money from our pockets Mr Kelly and his committee have added greatly to our gaiety, and they have created a sense of shared interest and purpose which has enhanced the quality of life in the town. Mention must also be made of the spirited and generous efforts made in the same cause by supporters in the Landward Area.

The Editorial Committee of "Data '72" welcome this opportunity to congratulate the town on its new acquisition, and to pay a tribute to the initiative and resource that have made it possible. With the assistance of the County Architect, for which we would like to express our gratitude, we have produced this Souvenir Supplement which we offer to our readers in the hope that they may wish to keep it as a memento of an event of no small importance in the history of their town.

J.C.S.A.



INTERIOR VIEW OF THE POOL HALL.



# Keith Swimming Pool

KEITH Swimming Pool, the construction of which commenced on 31st March, 1971, is due in terms of the Contract, for completion on 30th June, 1972, and is the first of the three swimming pools originally proposed by Banff County Council Education Committee. It is being financed on a 50/50 basis between Banff County Council and Keith Town Council, and of the latter's share, about £10,000.00 has been contributed from local money raising ventures. School pupils will have exclusive use of the pool during school hours.

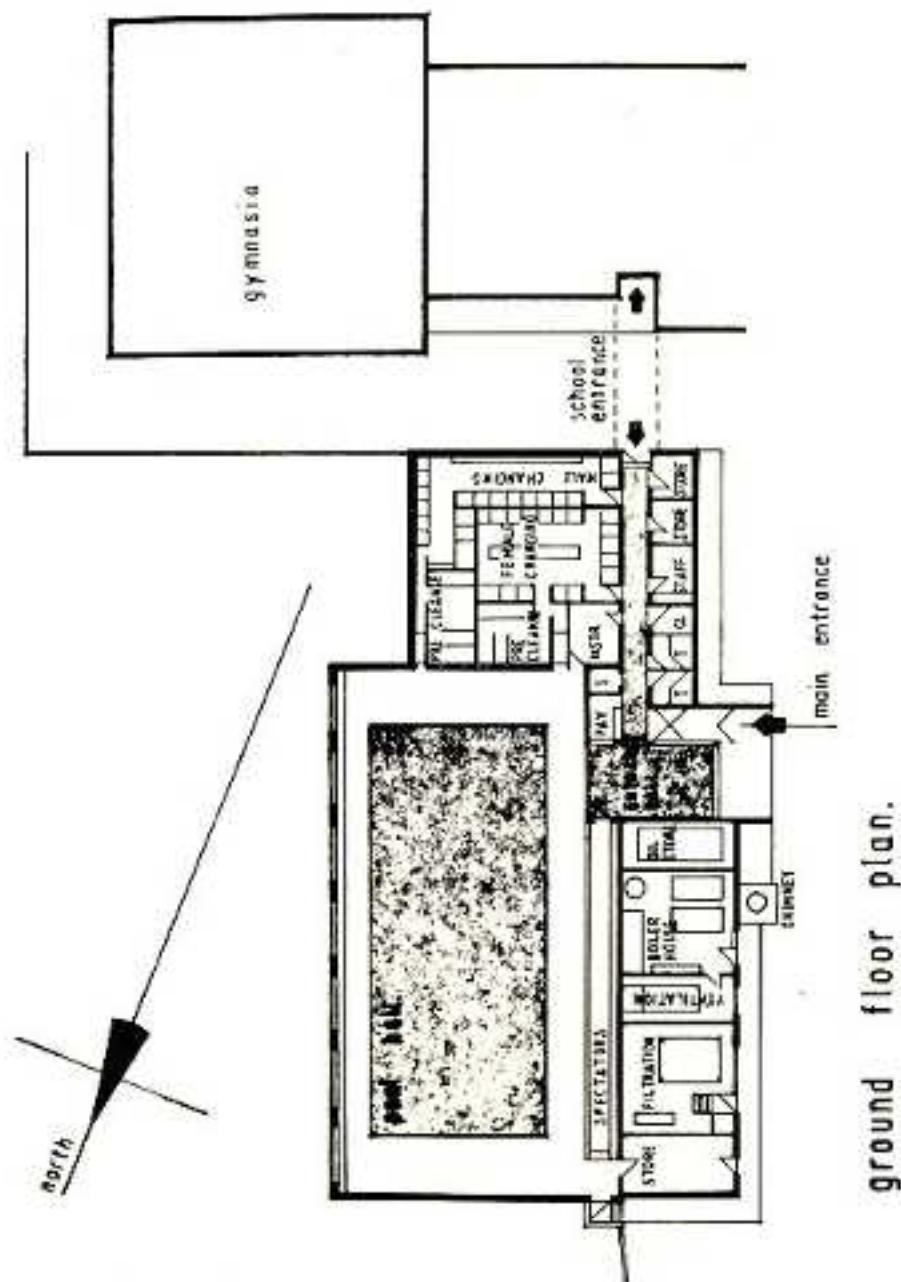
The total cost inclusive of all equipment, furniture and administrative costs is approximately £114,200.00 and of that the building contract accounts for about £98,000.00.

The building is traditionally constructed and comprises the main Pool Hall around which are grouped the plant rooms, entrance hall and changing rooms. The ground slopes of the selected site had the advantage of reducing excavations to a minimum, and a resultant cost saving.

Accommodation includes:—

- (1) Entrance hall with pay desk, large viewing window to pool hall, an area for vending machines, tables and chairs, and toilets for spectators of both sexes.
- (2) Male Changing Room with 20 cubicles and 80 lockers, and Female Changing Room with 16 cubicles and 80 lockers.
- (3) Pre-Cleanse Areas with showers, W.C.s and wash basins and foot-baths leading to pool hall.
- (4) Instructor's Room with access from pool hall and entrance hall.
- (5) Small Staff Room.
- (6) Cleaner's Store and General Storage.
- (7) Pool Hall with 5 lane pool, 25 metre x 11 metre x 1 metre shallow end and 2 metre deep end. There is a raised platform with seating for 50 spectators, down one side.
- (8) Large Store with direct access from outside and from pool surround.
- (9) The plant areas consist of:—
  - (a) Oil Storage Area with tank for 4,000 galls. oil.
  - (b) Boiler House containing two oil-fired boilers, each with 1,500,000 B.T.U. output, calorifier and pumps and metal chimney. Either boiler, singly, can maintain normal running temperatures.
  - (c) Cold Water Storage (1,000 galls. capacity) over boiler house.
  - (d) Heating and Ventilation Room.
  - (e) Filtration Room with 8ft. 0in. diameter x 12ft. 0in. long sand filter, calorifier and chlorinating equipment.

Externally the finish is Fyfe stone, machine harling on brick and cedar linings below the windows of the east wall.





Internally the Pool Hall is finished in white glazed tiles to a height of 7ft. 0in. above pool surround level. The pool itself is also lined with similar tiles, and the surround floored in red non-slip quarry tiles. Above dado height the walls are pointed brickwork and the boarded and insulated roof is supported on laminated timber beams and purlins. Windows and rooflights are double skinned, and heating and ventilation systems have been designed to maintain the correct but critical balance between water and air temperature to keep condensation to a minimum. The rooflights and windows too, are placed to as to reduce glare from the water surface as far as possible. The length of the pool, 25 metres, is suitable for normal competition work. Plant rooms, stores, entrance hall and changing rooms are all flat roofed and harled brickwork externally. Internally plant rooms and stores are finished with concrete floors and pointed brick walls, but the changing rooms are tiled from floor to ceiling and floored with red non-slip quarry tiles. Asbestos slats set below ceiling level again reduce effects of condensation.

Heating of pool hall and changing areas is by ducted hot air introduced at high level and extracted in the pool hall at low level and by roof extract fans in the changing areas. Panel radiators are provided in entrance hall and staff accommodation.

Provision has been made by way of ramps at entrances and two specially wide changing cubicles and W.C.s for physically handicapped persons.

Easy access from the school near the Gymnasia is provided for pupils from Banffshire schools, and the public entrance hall can be sealed off if required when school sessions are in progress.

The building was designed and its construction supervised by the staff of the County Architect's Department in collaboration with the following Consultants.

Reinforced concrete — Messrs Fairhurst & Partners, Aberdeen.

Heating, Ventilation & Electrical — Messrs Steensen, Varming, Mulcahy & Partners, Dundee.

Quantity Surveyors — Messrs W. M. Souter & Jaffrey, Inverness.

The Main Contractor was — Messrs F. McIntosh (Builders) Ltd., 46 Gordon Street, Huntly.

with the following Nominated Sub-Contractors:-

Heating & Ventilation — Messrs Lakers (Scotia) Ltd., 7 Summer Street, Aberdeen.

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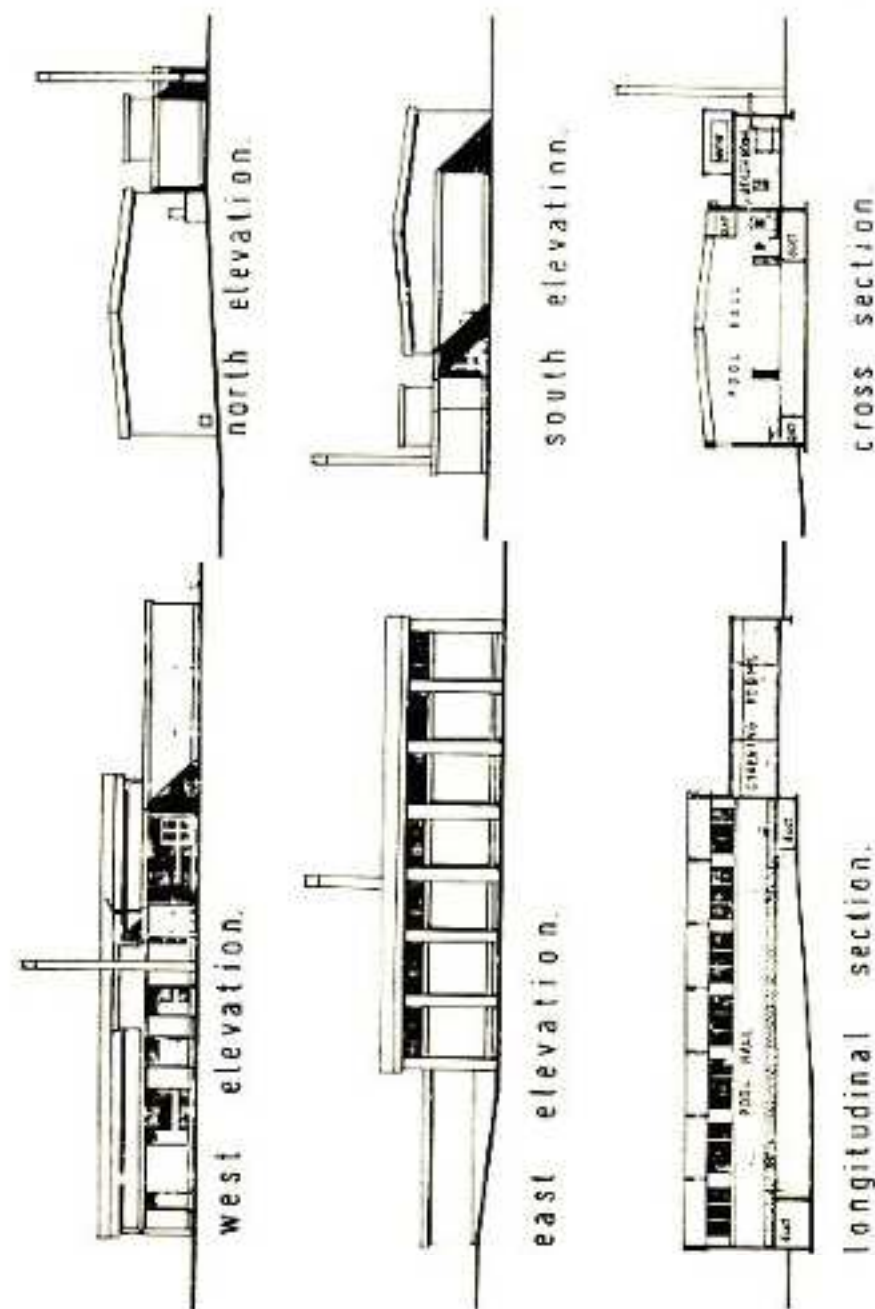
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## Literary Section

### STORM OVER

The storm has rolled away  
Still growling in the distant skies  
And all the world is silver,  
Wet silver on the rooftops  
Gleaming dully in the dusk,  
And silver in the throats of birds,  
Whose lucid sleepy chirrupings  
Are fresh against the calm.  
The silken sound of rain  
Has long since passed away;  
But tyres still swish the streets  
Like many hushed choirs,  
All synchronised and sweet,  
The poplar trees—  
Tall witches' brooms—  
Stand pointing to the sky,  
No movement in their branches.  
Muted shades predominate  
As dusk prepares to sleep,  
And black, mysterious puddles,  
Fences all incomprehensible  
Lie brooding in the night.  
Railings stand still and solemn,  
Dark gates of gleaming jet,  
While dreaming diamond drops  
Roll slowly to the ground,  
Roll silently to rest.

Jane MacPherson, V.



### "A NICHT TAE MIND ON"

Muggie-Ann wis gittin' mairit tae the fairmer Rabbie Keir,  
Though we thocht she'd deen the spierin' wi' it bein' a leap'ear.  
So a fortnight fae the widden she baed's a' tae her hame,  
A hoosie ower in Fife Keith roon the back in Vilet's lane.  
A' her bonny presents wir on her bed agin' the wa',  
Bit Lord! The lights gaed oot afore we got tae see them a'.  
"This Blackoots" Muggy grum'led, "Confoon the miners' strike,  
Sit roon the bonny fire quines, I'll get ye something' thit ye'll like.  
Noo here's a gless o' rodden wine tae toast me an' ma dearie",  
So clinkin' glesses, up we stood — wer shadas makin' eerie.  
Syne Muggie donned her bridal goon, o' it she liked tae boast,  
Bit in the flickerin' can'le licht ma freen skirl't "Aaaaah—a ghost!"  
Weel that startet aff the stories, o' bogles, spooks an' a' the rest,  
An' fan my turn came I tellt the een thit I've aye likit best.  
Nae far fae here at the "Campbell's Hole" whaur the River Isla flows,  
A sodger Iddie perished fan fleein fae his foes,  
An' lamentin' deeds o' bygone days, a ghaistly piper plays,  
An' fies he haunts the Auld Brig' — or so the story says.  
"Nae mair! Nae mair!" wailed Jeannie "Tir yersel's an' we'll awa,  
For Losh! It's close tae midnight an' I've still tae face ma Da."  
Alnee oot in that black wintry nicht, the win' seuchin through the trees,  
We little spak bit knipt on faer knolterin at the knees.  
Syne comin' tae the Auld Brig, I kennt fit a' wir thinkin'.  
Bit hark! wis that the skirl o' pipes—or the stuff that I'd bin drinkin?  
We glowered at ane anither, fleggit looks on ilka face.  
An wi piercin' skirls took tae wir heels an' up the brae did race.  
Weel past the brig, an' nae sae feart, I keekit ower ma shooder,  
Nae ghaist appeart, bit nae mistak the soun' wis gettin' looder!  
Syne Jeannie burst oot lauchin' and cried "Hey quines wir feel!  
There's a pairty in the "Royal" an ther pipin' an eichtsime reel!"  
Weel, we split wir sides wi' lauchin, an' I ken thit we'll aye mine,  
The nicht we gaed tae Muggie-Ann's an' drunk her hame-made wine.

B. Shearer, VI



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## HAVE A BREAK. HAVE A CHIT-CHAT

- Oh! Hello Marmaduke.  
—Hello Ponsonby, how are you feeling today?  
—With my hands of course.  
—Trust you to try to palm me off with one of those jokes!  
—What's that you're carrying, Marmaduke?  
—Oh! It's my mother in law's birthday present.  
—What is it?  
—It's a comfy chair but I'm taking it back.  
—Oh! Something wrong with it?  
—No, my wife wouldn't let me plug it in.  
—Oh well sofa' so good,  
—I don't think I've seen your mother-in-law.  
—But you must have. That's her face on poison bottles.  
—Oh but I'm very kind to my mother-in-law and I've just decided to redecorate her bedroom.  
—Wallpaper?  
—No with travel posters.  
—Hay Marmaduke. I like your new car.  
—Not bad eh: they call it Ford Mustang.  
—Real good, but what's that coat hook for?  
—Well it must'ang somewhere.  
—You've got a car also, haven't you Ponsonby?  
—Yes, its a Rolls Cam'ardly.  
—What's that?  
—Rolls down the hill and can hardly get up again.  
—I say, I've just noticed that's a short pullover you're wearing.  
—This? It's called a hopper.  
—A hopper?  
—Yes. It doesn't go as far as a jumper.  
—Very funny. I say, did you read about Cecil Gobstopper being trapped on top of a building?  
—No. How did he get down?  
—Well there was a large crowd gazing up at him, so he simply walked down the stares.  
—I see he took steps to save himself.  
—Well I'll have to go now Ponsonby.  
—Yes. Cheerio Marmaduke.

Bryan Murray, IV.

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"FAMINE"

Margaret Milton, Class VI.

### "OOR GAIRDEN"

The maggot's at wir cabbages,  
The weevil's at wir peas,  
The canker's at wir carrots,  
An' wir tattles hiv disease.

The greenflee's on oor roses,  
The cat's been in oor plots,  
Oor green's a mess o' worm casts,  
The flee's at oor shallots.

Oor gairden's a menagerie,  
For naethin grow's at a',  
We're thinkin' o' gettin' the roadmen in  
Tae tar an chiy it a'.

Dorothy Cowie, III3.

### GROWING UP

At one time or another I am sure that we have all uttered the words, "when I grow up . . ." When I was small, to grow up was my one real ambition. Growing up was such a marvellous, far-off event that I couldn't wait for it to happen, but at the age of six or seven it seemed a very long way ahead and time then seemed to go very slowly. A day seemed to last a week and a month to last a year. Now I realise that a life-time does not last very long, for each year passes more quickly than the last.

Now when I am in the process of growing up, I have found that it is not such a nice sensation as I thought it would be. I now realise that "everything in the garden is not lovely" and that I cannot really do anything about it. As I grow older I find it increasingly more difficult to slip off into a little world of my own. Perhaps because as I have grown bigger feet and longer legs I have also grown a greater sense of responsibility.

I often worry now, about the kind of world we shall inherit from our parents. Murder, war or a bomb incident in Belfast worry me more now than ever before and I can't see what I can do to help. So anyone who is in a hurry to grow up, don't be in too much of a rush. Growing up can be painful!

Catherine Steel, III1.

### MURDER IN THE DARK

As dusk was drawing near an evil-looking man, driving a highly-polished Rolls-Royce saloon car along the solitary road, switched on his headlights without decreasing his speed. A female figure stood in the middle of the road, half hypnotised by the dazzling lights. The next moment she was under the wheels of the car. Some impulse — could it have been pity, remorse or only fear of being revealed? — made the murderer halt his car and hurriedly return to the scene of the crime. He snatched the corpse, threw it into the back seat of the car, and covered it with a travelling rug. He immediately revved the engine and drove off at a terrific speed, heading for home, where he was going to dispose of the corpse as soon as possible.

"More hurry, less speed", he muttered to himself as he was delayed by a policeman on passing through the town, as he was exceeding the speed limit. When the policeman approached him, the murderer thought he had had it.

The policeman peered into the car, his eyes resting on the rug. "Expose me, do anything — anything but this dreadful suspense", thought the murderer, but the policeman did not suspect that anything was under the rug. When he reached home, his face well covered by his scarf, he dragged the body out from beneath the rug and took it to his wife to be cooked for dinner the following day. For he had a great liking for rabbit.

Moirra Cantlie, III2.



### THE LANGUAGE EXPERTS

[The following discussion is overheard between two small boys during their morning interval before their weekly class of torture—French].

Jock: Hey Willie, hiv ye daen a' yer verbs?

Willie: Fit verbs?

Jock: Ye ken fine — a' thon things that Crabbie telt us tae learn for the day. Dinna look sae dumbfooner! — ye mean tae say ye forgot?

Willie: Oh me — Aye, I forgot. Fit'll a' dae? She'll hing me up tae the nearest tree if she gets a hud o' me.

Jock: Fit a pleikle o' bother ye've gone an' gotten yersel' intae. Niver mind, we'll think o' somethin' yet, ah hope — for your sake!

Fit about writin' oot yer verbs on yer jutter cover?

Willie: Ah canna dae that again! She kent fit ah wis up tae last time an' ah got the ——— for it!

Jock: It's a richt problem! Hiv ye iver seen thon famous folk on T.V. — they write their words on the cuffs o' their sarks. Could ye nae dae that?

Willie: Ah could if Ah hid on ma Sunday sark. The cuffs o' this ane are a wee bit muckit so Ah dinna think Ah'd be able tae read the writin'.

Jock: Ah ken! Faun it comes tae ma turn. Ah'll stan' up an' if Ah'm lucky, Ah'll jist be able tae see ower yer shooder ontae yer book if ye hud it up a bit — open at the richt page. Fit dae ye think o' that?

Willie: Ah'm nae very sure. It micht work! (Bell rings).

It'll hiv tae work noo — that's the bell.

(they go into school. An hour later, they emerge looking very downcast).

Jock: Ooh — fit did she hiv tae go an' dae that for? A'll niver finish 500 lines for the morn an' Ah'll miss ma game o' fitba wi' the rest o' the loons. Fit a life it is!

Willie: Aye, bit we baith micht hae hid a game o' fitba if ye hadna been sich a dunderheid as tae forget yer book!

Jacqueline Gray, VI.

### HEY, POLITICIAN!

Hey, politician, cheer up, man!

Why do you look so sad?

Is it your wife, or the balance of payments,  
Or does Teddy make you feel bad?

Hey, politician, don't take on so?

It's not all your Fault things have gone wrong,  
And if it makes you feel any better,  
They'll get worse before very long.

Hey, politician, I'm unemployed,

I wonder what to do,

If I robbed someone and got sent to jail,  
I'd be better off than you.

Hey, politician, you sounded good

On the goggle-box last night.

If only you'd do all the things you said,  
The country would soon be all right.

Hey, politician, you're not too pretty,

Your Face is a bit over-ripe,

They put a health warning on packets of fags  
So I guess you should give up that pipe.

Hey, politician, why not go on strike?

Like everyone seems to do.

Your problem is, if you did, no-one would notice,

For all the work you do.

Anon., IV.

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### HAPPINESS

Happiness!

What is happiness? some say it's a thing, some say a sight, or just a word, but I think that happiness is to be felt, to love, to be free, to believe and to enjoy life as long as we have a life to enjoy, to take things as they come and to make the most of what comes our way. There is a little happiness in everything. If you look you will find it.

June Clark, IIIH.



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## TO LOVE OR NOT TO LOVE

I sit alone and brood,  
Unaware of the rain stinging my cheeks.  
What is love?  
They say it makes the world go round.  
Then my world has stopped.  
There is only pain  
Where once there throbbed a heart.  
Only tears  
Where once there was laughter.  
The world is cold—  
Dead.

I walk alone, and wrestle  
With strange thoughts illuminating my mind.  
What is love?  
They say it is better to have loved and lost,  
Than never to have loved at all.  
Is it better then, that I have lost?  
The sun shines weakly,  
Casting rays of hope on my dismal world.  
My mind clears, and I see  
That my pain was only self pity.  
My spirits soar—  
I will love again.

Linda Ross, IV.

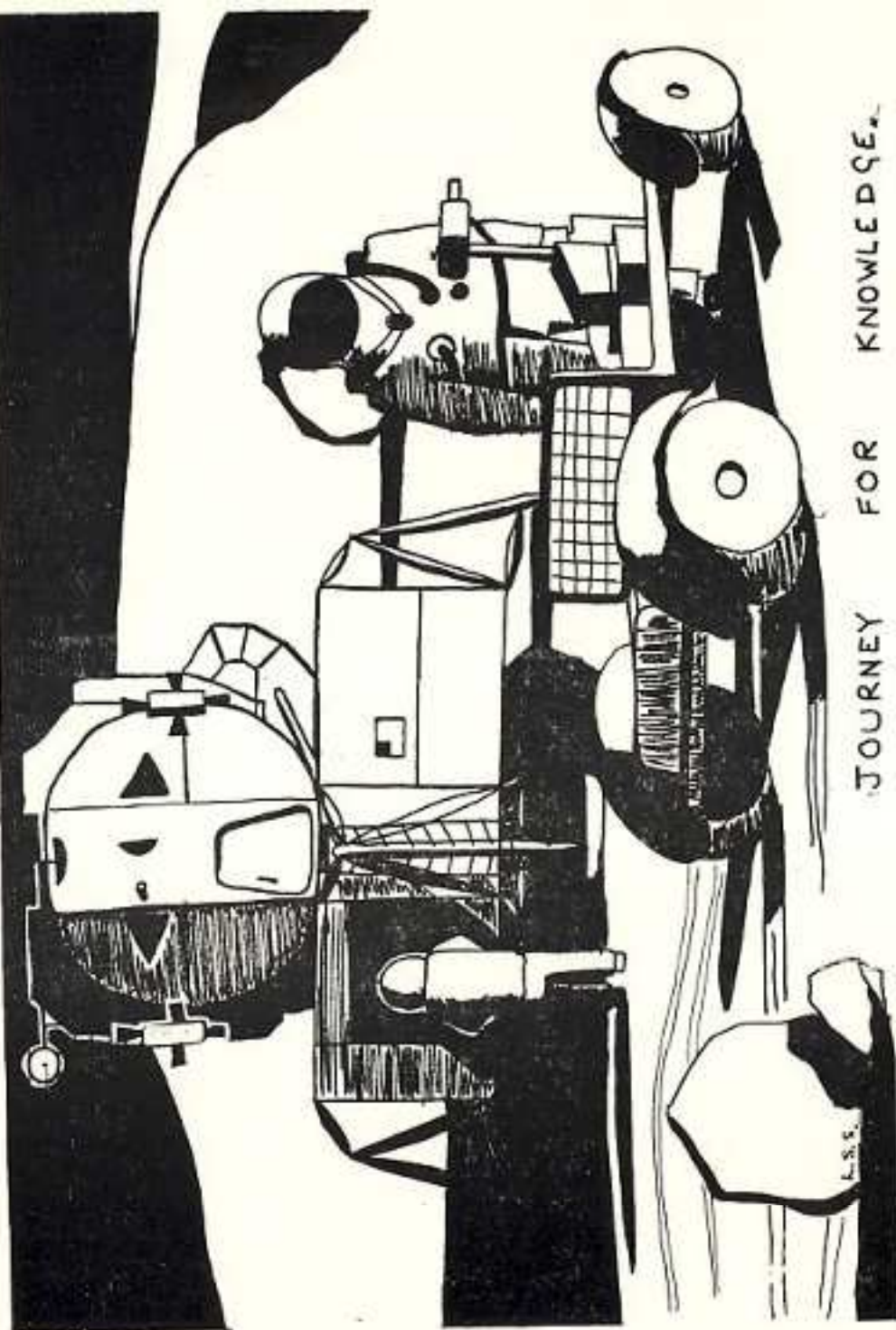
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## A SUMMER IDYLL

Floating on my back in the cool water I could see the clear blue sky above me. Everything about me was still except for the gentle lapping and rippling of the water against the barnacle-covered rocks. Behind lay the shore of rounded pebbles, seaweed and driftwood, the oddly-moulded rocks, and the sweet smelling peat and myrtle bog. In front, beyond my toes, I could see the loch stretching before me and the village in the distance. A fishing boat encircled with wheeling gulls was making for the pier. All around stood the towering mountains, imposing and beautiful. The day was hot but the mountains seemed cold and mysterious. The farthest, highest and most beautiful was cloaked in feathery mist. I was happy.

Margaret Arnaud, III(1).





# JOURNEY FOR KNOWLEDGE.

Leslie Simpson, Class IV

## PREMONITION, PERHAPS?

"We, the Peoples' Union, have taken over as the government of this country. After the short revolution by the Radicals, we overcame them, and are the new controllers. Already we have many soldiers armed with modern weapons, and trained to kill, in every district. Here is a list of the main laws we shall enforce. Take a careful note of these, you may not hear them again. Those foolish enough to violate these laws will be hung by the neck, until dead."

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"The first law of the New Peoples' Government. For at least five years, a nightly curfew will be imposed. No one will be allowed outside their homes after 8 p.m. or sundown, whichever comes earliest. The penalty for violating this law is death."

"The second law of the New Peoples' Government. Every person in this country shall work in some way to aid our campaign, whether in the fields or in the factories. The penalty for violating this law is death."

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"The fourth law of the New Peoples' Government. There will be no propagandist publications other than those issued by the New Peoples' Government. Anyone found printing, or in possession of, an illegal publication will die."

"These laws will come into effect tonight. Take care not to violate them. Offenders will receive no trial. Other laws may be imposed by the regional controllers, as they see fit. Listen to your radio tomorrow evening. I shall speak again at the same time."

I waited until I saw the green bulb shine then I sat back and relaxed.

John Forsyth, IV.

## OUR MITHER

Fa cleans oor sheen, and biles the neeps?  
Fo mak's the beds, and washes the sheets?  
Fa washes oor faces, and brushes oor hair?  
And Fa scrubs the hoose, till her hands are sair?

Fa is't — OOR MITHER! Hilda Riddoch, III5.



## KNOW YOUR WORDS

An Albino is an old comic  
A Cartoon is a place where cars are produced e.g. Coventry  
A Colander is a table of months and days  
Detail — rear part of a negro's cat  
Epilogue — a piece of an Epil tree  
A Glacier is a man who mends windows  
A Hamburger is an inhabitant of Hamburg  
A Papoose is a daddy cat  
A Spokesman is a man who makes bicycle wheels. Michael Watt, III.

## TALES FROM FAIRYLAND

Noddy put his hand inside his jacket and pulled out his revolver, then he threw back the little red door and walked into the house. Big Ears leapt up and a look of terror spread across his face as he recognised Noddy's angelic features.

"Okay, Big Ears, you dirty, double crossing fink, where's the loot?"

"I-loot what loot? I don't know what you're talking about."

At that moment a gust of wind blew the door shut and Noddy turned round bullets blazing from his gun. Big Ears raced across the room but tripped over his ears before he reached the door. Noddy's gun fired once more and the echoes rang through the house as Big Ears rolled across the room blood pouring from his mouth.

Noddy stood for a moment watching his victim then he opened the door and walked calmly into the street. Suddenly a car full of Big Ear's henchmen came screaming round the corner and raced towards Noddy. A plastic sub-machine gun fired pointed match sticks at him and he fell to the ground landing on his face and smashing his wooden nose. The car disappeared over a hill at the end of the road and silence reigned once more in 'Happiness Lane'.

By Store A. Teller, IV3.



"H's anyone seen my team?"

A portrait of the missing  
skipper of the Football Team  
1971-72. Gordon Caldwell (VI)  
1971-72.

Gordon Caldwell (VI).

## SALUTE TO A GUNSLINGER

His gun was fast as lightning  
and thirty men or more  
fell dead before his blazing  
colt and landed on the  
floor. Some say his name  
is Two Gun Tex, some say he  
is the best. His name I  
know to be "One Shot" the  
fastest in the west. Derek J. MacDonald, IIR.

## HUNTING

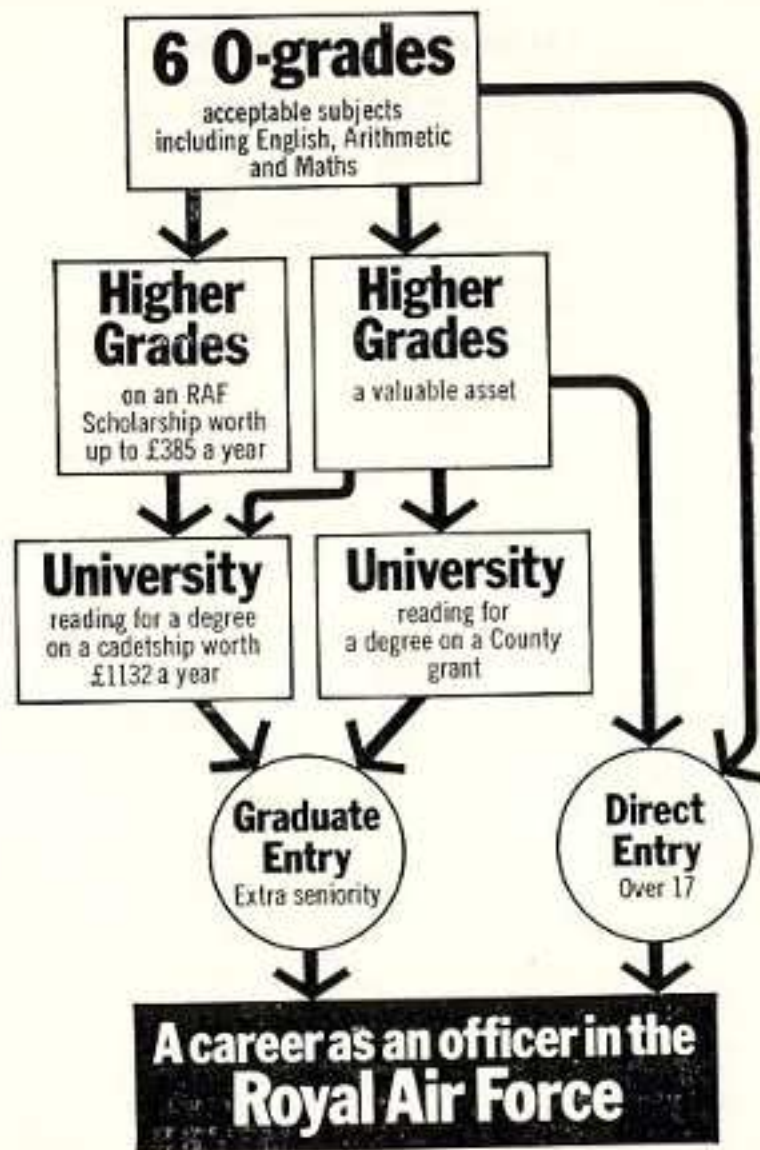
Hunting is a very exciting sport. My pony, Jingles, was at the time being very lazy. In fact he is hardly ever anything else. But I managed to arrive at 11.50. I gave up my five shilling tip to one of the servants and, after greeting the Master, I went to find my friend.


We set off, the hounds running along the road well ahead of us. We came to the first field and I pushed Jingles into a canter. We jumped over a ditch then the hounds found scent and let out a cry. We trotted along a short lane and turned again into a long green field. We raced through the soft grass. Jingles held his head high and his small ears were pricked in excitement. Suddenly I noticed the Master taking a great leap over a hedge. It was only about four feet so I plucked up my courage. I collected up my reins and talked to Jingles. As I felt him push himself off the ground with his short legs, I felt a surge of pride. He had jumped beautifully.

Suddenly there was a cry. Some horse was stuck in a bundle of wire. The whole field was in uproar. The horse was, luckily, not young so it did not panic.

I had a very exciting day. When on the Hunting field, I forgot all my worries. Lea Barwell, IY.





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## THE QUESTION MARK

People standing, running, walking,  
 People smoking, laughing, talking,  
 People here, people there,  
 People almost everywhere.  
 Births increasing, getting bigger,  
 Population — startling figure.  
 People hungry, starving, dying,  
 Children killed and mothers crying.  
 Towns get bigger, grow and grow,  
 No more country, sad to know.  
 Filthy rivers, city smog,  
 Dirt and grit and soot and fog.  
 Wildlife going, gone for good,  
 That means hunger; no more food.  
 Time goes on, but things get worse,  
 What is wrong—is there some curse?  
 What to do? I cannot say,  
 One can only kneel and pray.

Estrid Barton, IIIACI.

## THE SEA-SIDE

O' I don't want to be beside the sea-side,  
 O' I don't want to be beside the sea.  
 I don't want to stroll along, the prom, prom, prom  
 Because it's next to the gas works and o' what a pong

O' I don't want to be beside the sea-side,  
 O' I don't want to be beside the sea.  
 I don't want to lie beside,  
 Half a drum of cyanide,  
 At the sea-side beside the sea.

O' I don't want to be beside the sea-side,  
 O' I don't want to be beside the sea.  
 It makes the sand look like black soil,  
 Of course, you know, it's North sea oil,  
 At the sea-side, beside the sea.

Peter Cruickshank, IG.



## IRELAND

Ireland — God's forgotten country  
Soaked in blood from gun and knife,  
Britain's soldiers killed and shot at,  
All for sake of Ireland's strife.  
All along great Belfast city

Death is seen on every door;  
Some may even think it pretty  
Some prepared to add some more.

And the cause of this hard fighting  
One can hardly recognise.  
Is religion so exciting to the stupid or the wise? Anon.

## THE PUDDOCK

As I gaed for a walk y'estreen,  
Doon by the burn wi' Muggie my freen,  
There sittin' glowerin' on a slimy stane,  
Sat an ugly wee puddock wi' twa shinin' een.

A slithery, slimy coat he wore,  
Wi' twa hint legs and twa tae the fore,  
His big wide moo and double chin,  
A hump on his back an wrunkl't skin.  
His briest wis yella and streked wi' green  
He louped aff the steen aifter seein my freen  
Into the burn and under a steen  
Hidden in mud nae mair ti be seen.

Judith Milne, 1B.

## BATTY BOOKS

Astounding tricks by MISS T. FIED  
I'll have to walk by MISTER BUSS  
Sinking Ship by MANDY BOATS  
Get Rich Quick by ROBIN BANKS  
Horrible Sights by MAJOR I. SPOPOUT

Michael Watt, 1112.



"UNDER WAY"

Sally Gray, Class III(4)



## BORED

Ach, it's rainin' again,  
There's nithin' te dee,  
There canna be a loon  
That's mair bored than me.

Ma brither's awa,  
Ma sisters as weel,  
I'm inside wi' the cal',  
A' by masel.

It's sunny far they are,  
Their holidays nae flop,  
Oh, is there nae onybody  
That'll mak' the rain stop?

Ma games are for twa,  
Ach its bed for me  
For the rain winna let up  
As far's I can see.

Graham Dev, IIR.

## HEARTACHE

The day was long, the night even longer,  
The hurt inside grew stronger and stronger,  
The rain on the window  
Rushed down past my eyes,  
The wind in the bushes  
Just stifled my cries,  
The radio rang out  
But I could not hear it,  
I switched on the T.V. set  
But could not see it,  
The blank space in front of me,  
The numbness in my head,  
I just could not believe it,  
My goldfish was dead!

Gladys Laing, III4.



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### THE TAIL OF A SNAKE

Where does a snake's tail begin,  
Half way down or under his chin?  
He doesn't have shoulders  
Or hips or a waist,  
Or if he does you can't  
See where they're placed.  
But a snake's got a tail,  
There's no doubt about it,  
And he just wouldn't look  
Like a snake without it.  
The more that I puzzle  
It's more of a riddle,  
Does his tail start here,  
Or there, or the middle.

Jane Bowie, 1G.

### YOUTH TODAY

Some people say,  
That the youth today,  
Are all long haired and lazy,  
But think again 'cause we're not all crazy.  
If there is work to be done,  
Who are the very first to run?  
We are condemned for a few of these  
Who think they can do just what they please,  
Till you know us really well  
Just try to judge yourself as well.

Eileen McConnachie, III2.

### ROGUE MALE

His mouth is lean and twisted,  
And utters not a sound.  
There's many a bloke he's poisoned,  
Knifed, shot or drowned.  
His nose is round and dotted.  
He looks with looks that kill,  
There's many men don't like him,  
But he'll get them soon he will.  
When he was young and used to go  
To farms and steal some eggs.  
He kicked dogs in the river,  
Grabbed cats, pulled off their legs.  
His fist is tough and frightening,  
It's hard to find one thicker.  
But despite this he's a nice man,  
And we love him. He's our vicar!

Graeme Jamieson, III2.

### "NORTH EAST NEWS"

"Aldersyde",  
Crivvy,  
14th March.

Dear Maggie,

Whit's aillin' you? Or are ye aye huffin' cos o' what I said the last time I wiz ower? I'd a thocht you'd a' been by behavin' lik that gin noo, Whit's Hamish sayin' about it? I'm sure he's noticed 'at ye hinna been ower for a guid puckle weeks an' ye're gey aften ower within a week — a' bein' weel. I admit I wiz maybe a wee bittie ootspoken but efter a' if I hidna' tellt you somebody else wid've, an' as weel me as anybody else. Onywee I'm determined nae to let a wee thingie like that split's up. So I'm askin' Hamish an' you ower for yer supper a week the morn an' if ye dinna come I'll be ower to see whit wye nae. Then you'll hae tae tell Hamish an' me an' Jock yer reasons an' I dinna think ye'd like that. So please let's forget about it an' get on to the richt footin' again. I really am sorry I was sae ootspoken but it's nae the end o' the world.

We'd Sandy doon last nicht sellin' tickets for the Kirk Social. It's the wifies frae the Rural that's entertainin' this year so it should be a richt laugh. Apparently some o' them dae dancin' on the stage, jist think o' some o' them, a' twelve stane o' them, toffed up wi' their bonny dresses prancin' about for a' their worth.

Geordie doon the road's plucked up courage an' popped the question so Jenny an' him are tae be merried ance the hairst's in. Though wi' this bein' a leap year I'm jist wonderin' if Jenny decided to fin' oot for aince an' for a' if he intended takin' her for his wife an' popped the question hersel'. Min' you naebodys ever said sic a' thing it's probably jist me an' my imagination runnin' awa wi' me again, you ken whit I'm like.

I think I tellt you Jamie wiz gaun intae the city for fower weeks, weel this is his last week noo an' I hope whaun he's feenished he diz get hiz City and Guilds. The hoose whaur he's bidin's in Bucksburn an' there's fifteen o' them bidin' in't. They're a' students at the Clinterty College. We gid an' wi' him and his pal the first week an' we were shown their rooms. I thocht they looked nae bad, a bittie plain an' bare kind bit a' richt for a puckle loons but Chris didna think muckle o' them. She said there wiz great muckle cobwebs in the neuks. He's certainly appreciatin' my cookin' mair since he gid awa. He says "Mam what a cook 'at wifie is, she canna even brew a pot o' tea, it's lik' dishwater".

Weel, I'll gie ye the rest o' my news whaun ye're ower for yer supper a week the morn 'cos I'll hae to g'wa oot an' feed my pet lambs — fower o' the craitur's I hiv so far an' Jock's feedin' 'twa in the park so I'll likely end up wi' them an' a'.

Weel, Cheerio for noo,  
Annie.

Jean Milton, V



## ON THE DEATH OF A STAR

He's gone now — passed away.  
His picture, pinned above my bed,  
Smiles down still,  
Bringing fresh tears to my eyes.  
Why am I crying?  
You can't love someone you don't know—  
Or so I'm told.  
Dear God, why did you take him away?  
My eyes grow sore  
From weeping tears of sorrow.  
We idolised him—loved him—  
His smile, voice, were so precious.  
But he smiles no more—  
He's gone now—  
Why?

Linda Ross, IV.

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## MA FREEN'

Afore a write onythin about hir a think a'd better nae tell ye her name cis if she wis ti fin oot weel mibee a'd bitter say a'd rither nae end up spendin the rest o ma days lik a mashed up meely poodin.

Ma freen (a'll jist ca her at ti avoid ony disrisplet) is an afa hillik o a dame. Shi looks gey lik ma uncle Tam's Heeland coo. An losh bi heer, yi've niver seen a fatter coo. Man aye, shi's an afa hilliek o fat.

Hir hair's fir aye fa'in oor hir fissog so's yi canna see it (nae that a wint tae onywee) an fin shi laufs, man shi laufs. Its lik a cross atween a train rumling an a pig snocherin. Ae day shi started ti lauf an ma mither, fa wis awa ben the hoose, yelled oot "Hae! git that darned hillik oota heer or she'll wakin yer faither."

Ma faither shill wi say wis unner thi influence o drink. in tae wakin him ye usually need the toon an destrie bress ban.

Weel onywae ma freen fell in wi is lad ti ither day and man fit a braw cupple thae mak. Hir as big is ma unels Heelan' coo in him is fat is a ten-ten hoar wi a face as lang as thi day in thi morn. Man aye! Michty me, a canna see hoo thill git on, bit onywae it's fare pleesed me tae git thi big hulkin nanny aff ma hunds far a fiel.

May Petrie, IIII.

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### TIGER HUNTER

Slinking through the jungle, hiding in a tree  
I've got a feeling a tiger's watching me.  
Big white teeth so sharp and keen  
(The biggest teeth you've ever seen).  
Thick black stripes going down its side  
But I'll get that tiger lassoed and tied.  
Eh! What's wrong with the native guide?  
He's in behind a bush trying to hide  
From a tiger smiling with a grin so wide  
And a battered old face like Mr Hyde.  
It's staring at me with a look of hate,  
Quick! load the rifle — what a weight!  
Bang! did that shot go wide?  
No! — the tiger's lying on its side.

Kevin Charlesworth, Pr. 7(2)

### HALLOWE'EN VISITOR

Last year on October 31st  
A witch came to my door,  
She asked me if I knew her  
And then she asked me more.

I found I could not answer her  
And so I asked her in.  
She did a little party piece,  
And had a glass of gin.

For her party piece she did a dance  
It was called the Highland Fling.  
And then she sang a lovely song  
And asked me if I'd sing.

When I said "no" she turned and fled,  
But soon I found out why.  
The clock rang twelve, she had to leave,  
Her time with me was by.

Maureen J. Rutherford,  
Christine C. Dunlop, 6(1)



### SNOWDROPS

Slender, white,  
Heralds of Spring,  
Fair maids of February,  
Dainty.

Anne Mitchell, Pr. 5(1)

### MY HUSBAND

My husband is untidy. He leaves his clothes lying around. He tells me it is me but you and I know that is not true. His hobbies are football and golf. He goes to football every Saturday and golf on Sunday. As for poor old me I have to stay at home and look after the kids.

Valerie Ross, 5(1)

### THE LADYBIRD

A small winged creature,  
Which gentlemen would let to pass,  
With full stops over its back.

Barbara Winchester, age 9.

### THE SEA

Blue rolling waves  
A few hollow caves  
These are at the sea.  
Some starfish all red  
I think they are dead  
These are found at the sea.

Some crabs and some fish,  
An excellent dish  
These are found at the sea.  
The sea can be rough  
And that is enough  
To scare someone little like me.

Robert McPherson, Pr. 6(2)

### MY PET

I have a dog and a cat. My dog eats snogil bogil and my cat eats tunar fish. I take my dog two walks every day one in the park and to meet my dad at lunch time. My dog has a basket that she keeps her bones in. At my dogs birthday we give her rubber bones and five packets of snogil bogil but she is more interested in the wrappings.

Stanley Arnaud, 3e.

### THE FIRST EASTER

The very first Easter Jesus died on the big cross in Jerusalem becose one of his disipoles had told the Roman solders where Jesus was.

Karen M., Pr. 2e/s.

### LONELINESS

I remember, I remember,  
The house where I was born,  
It looked down to the lakeside,  
And the meadows full of corn.

I felt safe, there was security,  
Till the soldiers came one day,  
They burnt down the house,  
And sent me far away.

Loneliness, ugliness,  
That's all this town can say.  
Factory chimneys,  
Noisy all day.

Dirty black engines,  
No place to play,  
I feel so lonely,  
All day, every day.

I can't stay much longer,  
The mountains I miss,  
And I long for the country,  
I long for such bliss.

Barbara Richardson, Pr. 7(1).

### RAISING OF THE SCHOOL LEAVING AGE

We'll all have to stay till sixteen,  
(They must think we're all very green).  
But school's full to the door,  
There's no room for more,  
What on earth does the Government mean?

Maureen J. Rutherford, Pr. 6(1).

### EXPLODING GAS

Late one night we were lying in our bunks. We all jumped when the bell went, for we knew there was a fire. The chief fireman came up the stairs and told us it was at White Chapel Road. We jumped into our suits, and slid down the pole and ran to the engine. A few minutes later we turned into White Chapel Road. We saw the fire. The flames were like long fingers creeping up the walls. The smoke was thick and dark. Burning timber was cracking and sparks were flying like shooting-stars at night. We fought for an hour till the fire was out. Next morning we went to the scene of the fire and looked to see what caused it. The place looked as if a herd of mammoths had run through it and left the remains behind.

Gordon Cruickshank, Pr. 5(1).



### MY LITTLE DOGGY

I had a little doggy  
Who used to sit and beg.  
But doggy tumbled down the  
Stairs and broke his little leg.

Oh! doggy I will nurse you  
And try to make you well.  
And you shall have a collar  
With a little silver bell.

Lynne Hendry, Pr. 4(2).

### NOISES

I like the noise of aeroplanes,  
Of cars and boats and hooting trains.  
The laughter of lots of happy people,  
And church bells clanging in the steeple.

I like to hear the Robin sing,  
The cuckoos' call in early Spring,  
The wind softly whispering through the trees,  
The humming of the busy bees.

Julie Fowler, Pr. 6(2).

### MATCHES

To light a match is very bad,  
Unless you are as old as dad.  
If you drop one on the floor,  
The flames would beat you to the door.

Graham Law, Pr. 4(1).

### MASHER

There was once an evil witch called Masher. One day he was looking out when six hundred nights came by. I wish they were mice, he said, but he couldn't believe his eyes. They were still knights. He was angry, I'd kill them, he yelled. The knights heard and charged spears at him. He ran off. Help he cried. The knights threw their spears and he died and every-body was happy ever after.

James Fowlie, IIS.

### ATHLETICS RESULTS—1972

#### Girls Under 13

100m — 1 C. Howells (M); 2 P. McNicol (O); 3 C. Barwell (O).  
200m — 1 C. Howells (M); 2 P. McNicol (O); 3 M. Grant (O).  
High Jump — 1 C. Howells (M); 2 J. Stuart (M); 3 S. Murray (O).  
Long Jump — 1 G. McKay (S); 2 A. Logan (M); 3 L. Barwell (O).  
Cricket-ball — 1 M. McKenzie (O); 2 M. Nicol (S); 3 J. Stuart (M).  
Relay — 1 Ogilvie; 2 Mair; 3 Grant.

#### Girls Under 15a

100m — 1 J. McNicol (G); 2 J. Auchinachie (O); 3 C. McWilliam (S).  
200m — 1 J. McNicol (G); 2 J. Green (G); 3 J. Auchinachie (O).  
800m — 1 F. Morrison (G); 2 R. Morrison (G); 3 A. Bowie (O).  
High Jump — 1 B. Stuart (G); 2 J. Mark (M); 3 C. McWilliam (S).  
Long Jump — 1 A. Bruce (O); 2 J. Hendry (G); 3 C. Thomson (M).  
Cricket-ball — 1 B. Bain (S); 2 B. Stuart (G); 3 A. Bruce (O).  
Discus — 1 G. Webster (O); 2 S. Morrison (M); 3 C. Wright (O).  
Relay — 1 Grant; 2 Ogilvie; 3 Mair.

#### Girls Under 15b

100m — 1 J. Sutherland (O); 2 J. Hendry (G); 3 C. Thomson (M).  
200m — 1 J. Hendry (G); 2 C. Thomson (M); 3 G. Webster (O).  
High Jump — 1 J. Green (G); 2 R. Webster (G); 3 C. Henderson (O).  
Long Jump — 1 B. Stewart (G); 2 A. Bowie (O); 3 A. Morrison (G).  
Cricket-ball — 1 D. Eadie (S); 2 R. Morrison (G); 3 E. Laing (S).  
Discus — 1 J. Green (G); 2 G. Smith (O); 3 E. Laing (S).

#### Girls 15 plus

100m — 1 M. Smith (S); 2 K. Duff (G); 3 S. Dey (O).  
200m — 1 M. Smith (S); 2 S. Dey (O); 3 K. Duff (G).  
800m — 1 I. Winchester (S); 2 P. Dean (O); 3 M. Petrie (O).  
High Jump — 1 M. Simpson (O); 2 L. Smith (O); 3 S. McLeod (G).  
Long Jump — 1 M. Smith (S); 3 K. Duff (G); 3 H. Cameron (S).  
Discus — 1 S. McVean (M); 2 I. Edwards (S); 3 L. Smith (O).  
Relay — 1 Smith; 2 Mair; 3 Ogilvie.

#### Boys Under 13

100m — 1 C. McLean (G); 2 S. Andrew (S); 3 G. Branigan (G).  
200m — 1 C. McLean (G); 2 S. Andrew (S); 3 G. Branigan (G).  
800m — 1 S. Andrew (S); 2 G. Branigan (G); 3 J. Hermiston (G).  
High Jump — 1 C. McLean (G); 2 D. Henderson (S); 3 G. Gray (O).  
Long Jump — 1 D. Henderson (S); 2 D. Mitchell (S);  
3 G. Branigan (G).

Shot — 1 C. McLean (G); 2 A. Pennet (M); 3 G. Branigan (G).  
Javelin — 1 A. Pennet (M); 2 eq. K. Cowie (S) and C. McLean (G).  
Discus — 1 W. Milton (G); 2 E. McHardy (S); 3 D. Henderson (S).  
Relay — 1 Smith; 2 Grant; 3 Mair.



### Boys 2nd Year

100m — 1 N. McWilliam (O); 2 I. Hendry (O); 3 J. McWilliam (S).  
200m — 1 N. McWilliam (O); 2 I. Hendry (O); 3 S. Stewart (S).  
800m — 1 I. Hendry (O); 2 W. Sutherland (M); 3 eq. S. Stewart (S)  
and B. Smith (M).  
High Jump — 1 W. Sutherland (M); 2 N. McWilliam (O);  
3 A. Paton (S).  
Long Jump — 1 N. McWilliam (O); 2 W. Sutherland (M);  
3 J. Stewart (G).  
Shot — 1 J. McWilliam (S); 2 S. Manson (S); 3 J. McPherson (M).  
Javelin — 1 M. McDonald (O); 2 S. Manson (S); 3 E. Green (G).  
Discus — 1 B. Smith (M); 2 J. Shaw (M); 3 C. McCombie (O).  
Relay — 1 Ogilvie; 2 Mair; 3 Smith.

### Boys Under 15

100m — 1 N. Ledingham (G); 2 A. Steele (S); 3 L. Anderson (O).  
Shot — 1 W. Innes (G); 2 G. Jamieson (G); 3 C. McCombie (O).  
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Shot — 1 A. Strachan (G); 2 K. MacDonald (O); 3 L. George (M).  
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