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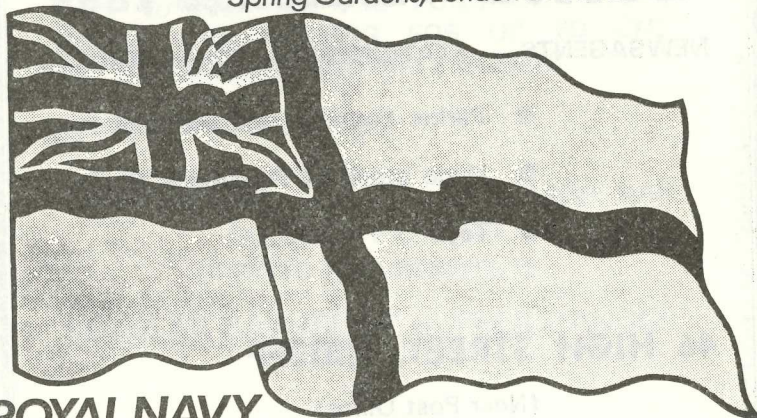
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editorial

It is with pleasure mixed with sadness that we present this, the last Magazine of the former Boys' School (. . . nostalgic tears). However, to mark this momentous occasion, certain new features have been included — for example, more photographs, a welcome contribution from the Rector, and also a Sixth Form Leavers' Section (the latter just to tell you what we all do after a life-time at M.A.C.).

We all welcome wholeheartedly our new Rector, Mr Ashmall, to the School, and are glad to see how well he and his family have settled in: he has a difficult task in front of him.

While in name our two schools have joined, a dichotomy still exists. Morrison's has much to offer, even more so in its new situation, and in the past has given a great deal, as a result of which many people are proud to have taught and worked here.

So we are convinced that in the challenging times ahead, all will 'buckle-to' in true Morrisonian fashion and will strive to make sure that here in Crieff, unlike in so many other places, Education does not develop into,

" the inculcation of the incomprehensible into the ignorant by the incompetent."

SCHOOL NOTES

School Officials this session are:

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With the arrival of the new Rector on 1st February — reference to Mr Ashmall appears under separate heading after these "Notes" — the massive task of reorganisation began very quickly. The initial stage has been principally a problem of rearranging classroom and other accommodation so that departments from the former Boys' and Girls' Schools, in due course to be united administratively, would be united geographically. These changes began on 23rd February, when Room 10 was handed over to the builders. It now houses three separate rooms: two of these are the province of the Depute Rectors, Mr C. A. Thomson and Mrs A. Patterson; the third is the office of the Rector's Secretary, Mrs Anne Brown, and this room connects with the Rector's study through a former cupboard. The room previously used as the Office is now a reception room in the charge of Mrs Low, formerly the Headmistress's Secretary. Thus the administrative centre of the School surrounds the Rector's study in the former Boys' School main building.

The general post, which begins on 6th June, will result in these broad changes. The Boys' School main building will house English in the upper west wing, Mathematics on the ground floor, History and Economics. In the former Girls' School main building will be accommodated Modern Languages, Classics and Geography; while the new Music Department will occupy two newly-built large rooms formed out of the old Girls' Gym: this is augmented by various practice rooms, previously used as offices and a sickroom. The united Primary Departments (P3 to P7) will be all together in the Beatrice Mason Building, with Home Economics, while P1 and 2 will remain in the Primary Block next to the John Smith Building. A certain amount of rearrangement of Science and Technical laboratories will also take place. These will be a new Staffroom in what has been the Technical Drawing room and the workshop. The Library will be housed in the present Girls' Library, and the old Sclanders Library will become the Boardroom.

To go into further detail would confuse all but those most familiar with the layout of the whole campus. It is described above partly as an acknowledgement of the size of the operation and partly to allay the surprise on some Old Boys' faces when they walk in to visit Mr X and find themselves in a filing cabinet.

There are, happily, few Staff changes to record this session. Mr H. T. Miller, Assistant in the English Department, left us in September, 1978, to take up a post in Dumfriesshire: our best wishes go with him and his family. He was succeeded by Mr Rory D. Allardice, M.A., who was educated at Dundee High School, the University of Aberdeen and Aberdeen College of Education. Mr Allardice has taught English as a foreign language in both France and Italy, and is keenly interested in outdoor activities. He has quickly established himself as part of our school community and we offer him a belated welcome.

Mr D. J. R. Chapple leaves us in June to take up a post in Perth High School. Mrs S. G. Macintyre's temporary appointment in the Primary Department ends in July after two years' hard work with P5 and P3. We should like to thank Mrs Macintyre for her keen interest in her teaching here, and for her lively personality as a colleague.

Both Mr and Mrs A. P. Macintyre left Dalmhor in March of this year. As Housemaster and Housemistress they thus ended nearly ten years of continuous service in Ewanfield, having spent four years there previously. Just a few months short of fourteen years is an impressive spell. Mr D. H. MacLennan, who followed Mr Macintyre after his first tenure as Housemaster at Dalmhor, once remarked that any apprehension which he felt about his new responsibilities was quickly dispelled when he discovered that the House worked like a well-regulated clock, and he readily acknowledged that such organisation was a reflection of the zeal and thoroughness of his predecessor. To both Archie and Susan Macintyre go the thanks of many, many Dalmhor boys for all their labours.

If Mr Macintyre had become an institution in Dalmhor, how much more can he be so regarded on the sports field. On the evening before the Old Boys' match in September, 1978, the London Morrisonian Club gave a dinner at the Murraypark Hotel to mark twenty-five years of the Macintyre management of the First Fifteen. Football managers come and go, they say, but Archie goes on for ever. Dedication is the name of this game, and those boys in First Fifteens past and present, perhaps still smarting from some caustic comment delivered in unmistakable tones from the touchline, should remember the other side of the coin: the games master has frequently to come from a warm bed at 7.00 a.m. on a Saturday morning only to declare a pitch unplayable, while the rest of us sleep soundly. The first twenty-five years, they say, are the worst.

Mr Macintyre's successor at Dalmhor will be Mr D. E. Miller, B.Sc., presently at Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood. Mr and Mrs Miller will take up their duties in September, 1979, and we look forward to welcoming them then. For the current summer term Mr and Mrs Ashmall have been in charge of the House.

The new Gymnasium was opened on 29th March, 1979, by Mr Nairn A. MacEwan, who needs no introduction to these pages as an Old Boy, former rugby internationalist and presently coach to the Scottish Rugby Union. The new building stands to the south of the Games Hall on part of the Knoll, and supplements the facilities already provided in the Games Hall: there is one badminton court and sets of beams, ropes and wallbars. Photographs appear later in this issue.

Academy Hall has been in use since September as a dining centre for boarders, offering lunches to day pupils and Staff during the week.

The School has been involved in two broadcasts on radio this Summer Term. On Sunday, 13th May, the boarders took part in "Word for Living" on BBC Radio Scotland. This consisted of hymns, readings and unscripted discussion of two themes: praise and worship, and the caring society. On 10th June the whole School sings for the "Sunday Half-Hour" series, which goes out on Radio 2 and the World Service of the BBC.

The Boarders' Social has continued to meet during the two winter terms, with a variety of programmes, including films, discos and a visit to the theatre in Perth. Thanks are due to Mr John Reid, and all members of Staff who gave up their time to supervise this activity.

The Senior Drama Group are presenting Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" in Academy Hall on 27th, 28th and 29th June, 1979. A report will appear in next year's magazine.

We should like to wish all boys leaving at this time good luck and happiness in their future lives.

ALMOND HOUSE

Some aspects of School life are not directly concerned with the internal or extra-curricular work of the place itself. Mr A. C. Meakin writes:

Before I arrived in Crieff in 1956, the Rector, Mr Quick, suggested that I might find "digs" in Almond House, where, he assured me, Morrison's staff and pupils had been well served. I did find "digs" in Almond House, and found Mr Quick's recommendation truly justified. At that time Almond House was run by Mrs Millar, who had started lunches for pupils not long after the War ended. Over the years many pupils and staff lunched there. Mrs Millar's meals were famed, and we all remember especially the bumper Christmas lunches. On Mrs Millar's death in 1958, her daughter, Helen, continued to run Almond House in the same tradition. We are sorry to report, however, that at last October's long weekend Miss Millar retired, and pupils no longer lunch there. We express our gratitude to the Millar family for their long service and our best wishes to Miss Millar in her retirement.

THE NEW RECTOR

Mr Harry A. Ashmall, M.A., M.Litt., took up his appointment as Rector of Morrison's Academy on 1st February, 1979. Mr Ashmall was educated at Kilsyth Academy, the University of Glasgow and Jordanhill College of Education. An Honours graduate in History, he has taught at the High School of Glasgow, first as an Assistant Teacher and then as Principal Teacher of History, with a short spell as Principal Teacher of History at Lochend School, Glasgow, intervening. He comes to us from Forfar Academy, where he has been Rector since 1971.

Mr Ashmall is very well-known in both educational and church circles in Scotland. He has written and lectured extensively on educational administration and other professional subjects, and has contributed to pre-service and in-service courses in several of the Scottish Colleges of Education. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Scottish Educational Research Association, and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Scottish Educational Review. Mr Ashmall is an elder of the Church of Scotland and is the Scottish Representative on the Central Committee and Education unit of the World Council of Churches, which position has recently brought him into the forefront of the national debate on the WCC's controversial aid-giving programme. He is also a member of the General Administration Committee of the Church of Scotland.

The new Rector has broadcast frequently on radio and television, and has several publications to his credit, including the official history of the High School of Glasgow. His recreational interests include squash and golf.

Mr Ashmall is married, with two daughters, and Mrs Ashmall, herself a teacher, takes a keen interest in the Girl Guide Movement, in which she is a District Commissioner. We hope that the Ashmalls will be very happy in Crieff, and we offer them a sincere welcome to Morrison's Academy.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW RECTOR

In last year's Editorials both *The Morrisonian* and *The Mag* referred to the changes which were soon to take place in the two Schools. Some doubts were expressed about the future of the journals and each questioned the appearance of another *Morrisonian* or *Mag*. This session they both appear again to make their distinctive and welcome contributions to the life of Morrison's Academy. This, however, will be their last appearance in their present forms, not because they have failed in their separate rôles, but because the future demands a slightly different effort if the School is to be properly reflected in one publication.

The future, of course, is not clear, nor should it be at this stage; many people will be asked to contribute to the planning and preparation that will be required if we are to be effectively one School. The dis-

cussions are still in their earliest stages though a number of in-School Advisory Committees have begun their work, consultation has taken place with the Parents' Association, while discussion in the Board of Governors continues.

Already changes have taken place which will affect the kind of future that may be ours. Since September a single timetable has been in operation; since February boys and girls together have shared prayers in Memorial Hall; the Head's Administration has been re-shaped; a new Music Centre is being built; Departments are being re-housed and a new Staffroom is planned.

We are in good heart and already have hopes that in the future bursaries and scholarships may be provided to make the distinctive Morri-sonian traditions widely available.

In these early months I have been helped by the interest and welcome given by pupils and parents, supported by the patient understanding of staff, and strengthened by the traditions on which an exciting future can be built. I look forward to sharing that building with all.

H. A. A.

16th May, 1979.

Mr DAVID R. JOHNSTON-JONES, M.A.Oxon.

In a witty but poignant farewell speech to the staff, Mr Johnston-Jones recalled Peter Ustinov's account of his parents' distress when he informed them of his intention to become an actor, and their immediate proposal to him to try something safer — such as sculpture! Perhaps, Mr Johnston-Jones suggested, Headmastering might now be considered to offer even less secure employment than acting, and aspiring Headmasters might well be advised to consider something safer. Thus it was in his phlegmatic way that he alluded to the traumatic change in circumstances in which he had found himself in the previous few months.

Mr Johnston-Jones came to Morrison's in September 1974, at a time when the future shape of the school was as yet undetermined, and the new Rector found himself facing a period of uncertainty which made forward planning difficult. In the course of his four and a half years at Morrison's Mr Johnston-Jones introduced some changes into the curriculum and extended the range of the Modern Languages Department by bringing a French *Assistante* to the staff for the first time and, in conjunction with the Girls' School, introducing Spanish to the curriculum in S6. He had a great love of France and its literature, and he early became involved in the teaching of the subject in the School. It was a disappointment to him that the re-organisation of the two schools into a single Academy and the consequent change in the staffing situation resulted in his seeking an appointment elsewhere. Both he and his family identified themselves very much with the school. No school function took place without both Mr and Mrs Johnston-Jones being present and their regular support of the school teams was very much appreciated.

We would like to extend our very best wishes to Mr Johnston-Jones as he takes up his new post as Headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, Liverpool, and trust that he and Mrs Johnston-Jones will find every happiness in this new appointment.

C. T.

MORRISON'S ACADEMY APPEAL FUND

The Governors have approved the setting up of a Fund with the following objectives:—

- (1) To finance on a continuous basis, bursaries and scholarships in Morrison's Academy, as may be awarded by the Governors.
- (2) For such other purposes or objects as shall in their judgment be for the welfare, benefit or advancement of the Academy.

As a result of the previous Government's educational policy the last year when we shall have Authority Sponsored Pupils will be 1982. It is not yet clear to what extent the new Government will give assistance, but it is almost certain that any Grant offered to us will be in a different form, and that it will not reverse the decision of Tayside as regards the education of local children.

The Governors' decision to launch the Appeal Fund will ensure that the ideal of the late Thomas Morrison should not be allowed to lapse, and that local children should still be able to compete educationally with those from throughout Britain and overseas, and so complete their schooldays at Morrison's, competent and capable of mixing with persons from different backgrounds and countries.

The Governors have appointed one of their number, Mr A. Ross Belch, C.B.E., LL.D., as Chairman of the Appeal Committee, and Mr Hubert W. Strathairn as Secretary. The other members of the Committee are as follows:

Governors' Representatives: Mr K. M. Grant (Vice-Chairman);
Mr T. Finlayson, Mrs J. L. Graham, Mr A. Macdonald.

Governors' Nominee: Mr R. B. A. Bolton.

Parents' Association Representatives: Mr J. B. Dakers, Mr A. B. Inglis and Mr R. D. McNeil.

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Staff Representatives: Miss H. S. M. Gardiner and Mr J. C. S. McGregor.

Ex Officio Members: Mr D. P. McLaren (Chairman of Governors); Mr H. A. Ashmall (Rector) and Brigadier G. McMurtrie (Bursar).

SPEECH DAY, 1978

Speech Day was held in St Michael's Church at 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 7th July, 1978. The Chairman of Governors, Mr David P. McLaren presided, and the prizes were presented by Mr I. A. Duncan Millar, C.B.E., M.C., C.Eng., M.I.C.E., J.P., D.L., Convener of Tayside Regional Council. Mr Millar gave a lively and entertaining address to the Schools before presenting the prizes.

In his Report, Mr Johnston-Jones referred to the events of the school year, academic, aesthetic, athletic and recreational. The Rector thanked members of staff, particularly Mr Bell who was retiring after twenty-five years at Morrison's Academy, and outlined various changes in House responsibilities. He spoke of the great changes about to take place in the School as we know it, and emphasised the permanent qualities which characterise education, quoting from Kipling's "Kim": "Education is greatest blessing if of best sorts. Otherwise no earthly use."

Academic Prizes

P4: 1st, M. G. Crease; 2nd, T. S. Young.

P5: 1st, T. A. Shuttleworth; 2nd, M. B. Dakers.

P6: 1st, R. W. Dalglish; 2nd, B. A. Gourlay.

P7: 1st, A. S. Meakin; 2nd (equal), D. G. Steel and P. Young.

P7: 1st, D. P. Wake; 2nd, Andrea B. Hall.

- S1 Cross:** 1st, C. M. Guthrie; 2nd, E. A. Ferguson.
- S1 Star:** 1st, J. D. Jarvie; 2nd, G. B. Wilson.
- S2 Cross:** 1st, T. J. Copeland; 2nd, W. D. Cartwright.
- S2 Star:** 1st, A. M. Scott; 2nd, A. E. S. Mair.
- S3:** 1st, M. Valentine; 2nd, G. Nicholson; 3rd, N. M. D. Johnston-Jones; 4th, C. M. Band.
- S4:** 1st, A. J. E. Gray; 2nd, C. D. Penny; 3rd, G. W. Frier; 4th, D. B. Meakin; 5th, A. M. Niven; 6th, E. A. M. Muir.
- S5:** 1st, D. L. Lord; 2nd, J. G. Cunningham; 3rd, J. H. Holms; 4th, J. Macfarlane; 5th, F. I. M. Band; 6th, I. M. Cartwright.
- Taylor English Prize:** D. L. Lord.
- Howard Baker Art Prize:** I. C. Kirkwood.
- Reid Technical Prize:** D. S. M. Buntin.
- Kennedy Modern Languages Prize (shared):** F. I. M. Band and I. M. Cartwright.
- Goethe Institute Prize for German:** F. I. M. Band.
- S6: Duncan English Prize:** K. R. Lyon.
- Valentine English Prize:** Valerie E. M. Johnston-Jones.
- Strathairn History Prize:** C. I. Millar.
- John Smith Mathematics Prize (shared):** R. A. Christie and D. J. Hawkins.
- A. D. Kippen Physics Prize:** A. J. Kinroy.
- John Smith Chemistry Prize:** D. J. Hawkins.
- Howard Baker Economics Prize:** R. A. Christie.

Individual Trophies

- Belch Cup for Golf:** A. S. Biggart.
- Dye Cup for Tennis:** G. S. Knowles.
- Valentine Shield:** C. I. Millar.
- Robertson Dobie Piping Trophy:** I. M. Cartwright.
- Junior Piping Prize:** A. H. Mitchell.
- McGregor Trophy for Solo Drumming:** I. I. C. McIvor.
- Chanter Prize for Learner Pipers:** T. Y. Griffiths.

House Trophies

- Downie Tennis:** The Murrays.
- Smith Swimming:** The Campbells.
- Marr Rugby:** The Murrays.
- Marr Cricket:** The Murrays.

Champion House Shields

- Lauder (Lower School):** The Grahams.
- Crieff (Upper School):** The Murrays.

Medallists

- MacRosty Medal:** R. A. Christie.
- Dux Medal:** D. J. Hawkins.

Governor's Bursary

- D. J. Hawkins.

Sports Clubs

RUGBY

Captain: A. S. BIGGART



The 1978-79 season saw the First XV completing a total of only eleven games out of an original twenty; thus it was the weather which dominated our matches. However, the Old Boys will be quick to remind us that bad weather was no excuse for our deficiencies in our annual fixture — this “friendly” game ended with the Old Boys the winners by 22 points to 6.

If the winter weather was the dominant factor in the season, then injuries played nearly as important a part. We lost G. A. McKenzie and A. N. Buchanan at the start of the season — the former forced to retire permanently from rugby after aggravating the initial injury. These were followed by many more, and the side was therefore stretched to fill in the gaps left by injured players with match experience. Those injured included the Captain, A. S. Biggart, who missed more than half the matches as a result. A. I. Mathieson and I. McKenzie both captained the XV in various matches during his absence.

After some early defeats — 8-14 against Dollar and 3-4 against Kelvinside — we overcame Hutchesons' Grammar School 12-0 in an entertaining match which gave the team some much needed confidence. We followed this with good victories over George Watson's College, Robert Gordon's College, Royal High School and Dundee High School, interrupted by a defeat at the hands of Dunfermline High School.

Then followed a three-month break because of the impossible weather conditions.

When we returned to the field, against Glasgow Academy, our total lack of match practice was embarrassingly apparent and the game was lost. This was followed by our biggest win of the season: 51-9 against Aberdeen Grammar School.

I. McKenzie and A. I. Mathieson brought special distinction to the side on their selection for the Scottish Schools' Squad. Mathieson was capped against England and Ireland, and efficiently led the pack in both games. J. Macfarlane and A. M. Brown also represented the Midlands 'B' side in the course of the season.

As always, the team is indebted to Mr Macintyre for his untiring encouragement; to all the Staff who coach the teams, travel and referee; and to Mr Grieve and his staff for their work at Dallerie.

Colours were awarded to: A. S. Biggart, I. McKenzie and A. I. Mathieson.

Half-Colours were awarded to: F. S. Holder and J. Macfarlane.

FIRST XV RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Result	F.	A.
Sept. 9	MORRISONIAN CLUB	Lost	6	22
Sept. 16	KELVINSIDE ACADEMY	Lost	3	4
Sept. 23	DOLLAR ACADEMY	Lost	8	14
Sept. 30	MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL	Lost	4	10
Oct. 7	HUTCHESONS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won	12	6
Oct. 14	GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE	Won	9	6
Oct. 28	DUNFERMLINE HIGH SCHOOL	Lost	4	14
Nov. 4	ROBERT GORDON'S COLLEGE	Won	16	4
Nov. 11	ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL	Won	18	14
Nov. 14	STRATHALLAN SCHOOL	Lost	6	20
Nov. 25	DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL	Won	27	6
Dec. 2	GLENALMOND	Cancelled		
Dec. 9	PERTH ACADEMY	Cancelled		

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Jan. 13	GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL	Cancelled		
Jan. 20	STEWART'S-MELVILLE COLLEGES	Cancelled		
Feb. 3	EDINBURGH ACADEMY	Cancelled		
Feb. 10	HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	Cancelled		
Feb. 24	BOROUGHMUIR SCHOOL	Cancelled		
Mar. 3	GLASGOW ACADEMY	Lost	8	15
Mar. 10	ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won	51	9

SECOND XV

Captain: K. R. MURRAY

After a good win over Kelvinside Academy, the next four matches were lost, and it was only after victories against Dunfermline High School and Rannoch that the side regained their confidence and started to play to their true ability.

A very small pack frequently won most of the possession against bigger opposition, with D. S. M. Buntin and A. C. Kerr being outstandingly hard workers. The backs, on their day, could be devastating, with penetrative

runners like R. M. Gillies and S. C. Wake opening gaps in many a defence. The all-round playing ability of full-back D. G. F. Beat was a great asset and he was top points scorer with 49.

The season was a satisfactory one on the whole and was greatly enjoyed by all.

THIRD XV

Captain: J. D. A. NAISMITH

This Third XV was notable for its keenness and enthusiasm throughout the season. Despite its undistinguished record, the side played well, and many games were lost by narrow margins, apart from heavy defeats by Dollar Academy and Hutchesons' Grammar School. J. D. A. Naismith was a captain who contributed in large part to the enthusiasm of his team. J. I. Walker scored a try in every game in which he played. E. R. Campbell, J. S. McGeachie and J. L. Fordyce were hard-working forwards, and R. A. Edreira, once he had adjusted to the change from American football, gave indications of a real talent for rugby football. I. D. Brown and D. S. Bosomworth were competent half-backs whose play augurs well for next season.

COLTS XV

Captain: D. W. NIMMO

After a disappointing first game, in which we were beaten by over thirty points by Kelvinside Academy, the team recovered to gain an encouraging win against Dollar. The side then suffered three consecutive defeats at the hands of Merchiston Castle, Glenalmond and Hutchesons' Grammar School — in the case of the first two being beaten by larger and more skilful sides. But in the third game a little more spirited play might have made a difference.

After the mid-term break the side had an excellent win over Dunfermline High School, and another win over Dollar. However, the close score in the next game went against us when we were beaten 0-4 by a large Rannoch side. In the remaining fixtures we were beaten by Queen Victoria School, Dundee High School and Edinburgh Academy. In the only fixture of the Easter Term we were beaten by Glasgow Academy — a sad note to end a modest but spirited season.

A. M. Scott and A. L. McAllister were effective workers in the loose, and R. G. J. Mathers and A. J. G. Bryson combined well at half-back. A. McKenzie and C. N. B. Macmillan showed great strength as the two centres.

Colts' Badges were awarded to: R. G. J. Mathers, A. J. G. Bryson, A. L. McAllister and D. W. Nimmo.

FIFTH XV

Captain: A. J. LONIE

The Fifth XV is a lively and enthusiastic side who have the potential to become a really good team. The pack is probably larger than the average Morrison's side at this stage, and with constant practice this will become a very effective working group. The front row, while smaller than the other forwards, has considerable strength in the hooking ability of A. G. Law, whose courageous loose play and vigorous leadership of the pack have a strong influence on the success of the whole team. The spirited play of J. M. Scott, a newcomer to the team, and the admirable, if erratic, work of P. N. Moore are also important contributors to the side.

The Captain, A. J. Lonie, is a player of great promise, whose athletic skill and ability to handle and kick a ball make him ideally suited to the stand-off berth; while D. T. Lothian, a new boy to the School, has shown himself a rugged and talented all-rounder, whose combination with J. R. Halley in the centre can, on their best days, be a formidable force. A word of praise, too, for the wingers, C. M. Guthrie and A. I. B. McNab, whose courage and speed compensate for their current lack of height.

It has been a good season, spoilt of course by the weather, but if the players are prepared to give time to working at skills — especially handling, and timing of passes — and close attention to basic routines at the line-out, their season as Colts will be as successful as it should be enjoyable.

SIXTH XV

Captains: J. R. SKEA and A. L. SMALL

This was obviously not the most successful of seasons. To be fair, though, the record alone does not give credit to the work and enthusiasm which the boys put in. In addition, for most of the season the team was without four or five of its best players, and one can see that the season was not as black as it seems. The loss of key players meant that more than twenty boys played for the team at one time or another. This is not in itself a bad thing, of course, but it did prevent any sort of team spirit emerging as the season progressed.

All the boys must be congratulated for their efforts, which they kept up right to the end of the season: it is not easy to be beaten heavily week after week and still maintain the keenness which the group shared.

Special thanks must go to the two captains for the season: firstly A. L. Small and then J. R. Skea, who took over after Small had sustained an injury. Their help off the field was much appreciated.

PRIMARY XV

Captain: B. A. GOURLAY

A small but lively team performed well during the season. After a defeat by Watson's, two first-class games were played, against Dundee High School and Edinburgh Academy, the latter game being especially exciting as it resulted in a no-scoring draw, something rather unusual at Primary level. In the final two matches, against Dollar and Glasgow Academy, the Primary XV ran up against two larger and more competent teams and lost rather heavily.

There is a good nucleus to this team, and with more practice and experience it could prove a useful one in future seasons.

Team Records for Season 1978-79

	Points					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	12	6	0	6	166	122
2nd XV	13	6	1	6	126	112
3rd XV	12	2	2	8	129	249
Colts XV	12	3	0	9	75	254
5th XV	12	7	1	4	158	96
6th XV	10	0	0	10	4	382
Primary XV	5	1	1	3	12	96

Inter-House Rugby

Overall Champion House: The Drummonds.

Senior Rugby: The Drummonds.

Intermediate Rugby: The Campbells.

Junior Rugby: The Grahams.

Primary Rugby: The Murrays.

CRICKET — 1978 SEASON



Our first fixture was against George Watson's College in Edinburgh where, due to our lack of practice, we lost by six wickets. The following week we returned to Edinburgh, this time to play Stewart's-Melville Colleges. They batted first and made 106 for 9, G. Telford taking 4 for 19; we were all out for 71. Our first home match was against Robert Gordon's College. They batted first, reaching 218 for 3 and giving us a near impossible task. Our total was a very respectable 97 for 5, with N. J. Marshall making 32. We drew with Dundee High School, A. P. Milroy making a fine 57, and K. M. P. Ryder taking 4 for 20.

Our first win came against Crieff. After dismissing them for 93, Ryder taking 3 for 18 and I. F. Lindsay 5 for 29, the School passed this total with the loss of just one wicket; R. A. Christie made 44 not out, and R. A. Davidson 40 not out. Against Glasgow Academy we batted first and made 133 (Marshall 47; Lindsay 40 not out). Glasgow were dismissed for 61, with Ryder taking 4 for 13, and A. S. Biggart 4 for 20. The match against Kelvinside Academy in Glasgow resulted in a draw. In the match against George Heriot's School a combination of accurate bowling and some fine fielding dismissed them for 73 (Ryder 4 for 14). Alas, we could not sustain this effort when batting, and collapsed to 55 all out. The next match, against Glenalmond, was lost, with the School just failing to hold on for a draw after it looked as if we would win.

We managed a draw against a good Comrie team. Our score was 98 for 8 (Christie 30; Lindsay 28 not out); in reply, Comrie made 124 for 4. The next match, against Dollar Academy, was probably our worst performance. Very bad fielding helped Dollar to 196 for 5, while our reply was 107, with C. N. Marshall making 44. In our final School match, against Perth Academy, we made 107 (C. N. Marshall 30). Perth just hung on for a draw, making 82 for 9, with Lindsay taking 3 for 2, and Davidson 3 for 16.

Against the Old Boys' XI the School was set to make 150 to win, Lindsay taking 3 for 20. Sadly, our total was 112 all out, although Biggart made a good 51.

The Cricket Prize was awarded to K. M. P. Ryder for his fine bowling and good captaincy.

Thanks must go to Mr McGregor, who coached and umpired the First XI, and also to all members of staff who coached and umpired the other Elevens: their help is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Mr Grieve and

his staff, who prepared and maintained the wickets excellently throughout the season.

Full Colours were awarded to K. M. P. Ryder.

Half-Colours were awarded to: D. I. S. Browne, R. A. Christie and R. A. Davidson.

Team Captains, 1978

1st XI—K. M. P. Ryder	Junior "A" XI—D. W. Nimmo
2nd XI—G. Gorrie	Junior "B" XI—A. G. Law
Colts XI—D. S. Bosomworth	Primary XI—E. B. Ross

Team Records, 1978

	P	W	D	L
1st XI	13	2	5	6
2nd XI	9	3	2	4
Colts XI	8	3	2	3
Junior "A" XI	6	2	2	2
Junior "B" XI	6	3	0	3
Primary XI	7	2	0	5

ATHLETICS — 1978 SEASON

The Athletics Team competed against Dollar Academy and George Heriot's School this season, but unfortunately lost both of these matches. Despite these results, there were, as usual, many noteworthy individual performances. The main strength of the team was again in the senior group, although all groups deserve mention for their keen and enthusiastic attitudes. M. J. M. Coombes captained the Team and deserves to be highly commended for his interest in the team as a whole, and particularly for the encouragement he gave to the younger members.

In the first contest, against Dollar Academy, the team was defeated by 168 points to 183. M. J. M. Coombes equalled the Best Performance in the senior high jump (1.68m), and C. S. J. Alexander equalled the Best Performance in the senior 100m (11.1 sec.). The seniors did well in their events and at the end of the contest both senior groups were equal, with 66 points each. Unfortunately both the intermediates and juniors were beaten, by 48 points to 62, and 54 points to 55 respectively.

In the next contest, against George Heriot's School, the team were defeated by 199½ points to 149½. Both the senior and junior groups were beaten, but the intermediates did well to win by 57½ points to 52½. In the senior section N. J. Marshall gained a new Best Performance in the hurdles with a time of 15.4 secs. In the senior field events Coombes gained first places in the Shot, Discus and Javelin. In the intermediate group F. S. Holder must be congratulated on gaining five firsts.

Eight members of the school team were entered for the Scottish Schools' Athletics Championships at Pitreavie, Dunfermline. Coombes came second in Group A (17-19 years) Javelin. Alexander came second in Group B (15-17 years) 400m. Alexander went forward to represent the Scottish Schoolboys in the British Schools' International in July. There he ran for the team which came second in the 4 x 400m Relay.

Sports Day, 1978, was a combined event for the boys and girls of Morrison's. It was no wonder that the girls' senior 100m was such an attraction! As usual, there was much entertainment for the numerous spectators. Coombes won the Senior Championship with 43 points; runner-up was N. J. Marshall with 38 points; Alexander was third with 23 points. The Intermediate Championship was won by F. S. Holder with 49 points; A. I. D. Todd was runner-up with 23 points. Holder must be warmly congratulated for gaining a new Intermediate Record in the Discus with a throw of 41.38m. The Junior Championship was won by D. Duncan with 20 points; runner-up with 12 points was A. D. Morrison. The Primary Championship went to D. P. Wake with 12 points; runners-up with 10 points each were P. Young and G. Campbell. The Inter-House Championship was won by the Grahams with 149 points.

As ever, Mr Macintyre's help and encouragement were greatly appreciated by everyone. Many thanks also to every member of staff who helped the School's Athletics during the season, and also the pupils who helped with various duties. Last but not least, our warmest thanks to Mr Grieve and his ground staff for all their hard work at Dallerie.

Athletics Colours were awarded to M. J. M. Coombes, N. J. Marshall (re-award), C. S. J. Alexander (re-award) and F. S. Holder.

Scottish Schools' Cross-Country Championships

This year the School entered a team for the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Sections of the Competition, and a total of fifteen boys were involved: this was the first time that all sections were represented. The Championships were held at Heriot-Watt University Sports Complex on 3rd March, 1979. The best individual places were achieved by D. A. Glen, who was forty-third out of five hundred in the Junior Section, and R. Boyle, who came twenty-seventh out of two hundred in the Senior Section. The best team placing was thirteenth out of twenty-seven in the Senior Section.

SWIMMING

We were fortunate enough to enter a very strong group of swimmers in the Perthshire Schools' Gala. There was some very creditable swimming. In the Under-16 Group there was one individual first — I. D. Brown in the two lengths breast stroke — and eight individual seconds in the senior age groups. The Over-16 relay team were first in the four-by-two-lengths freestyle relay, while the two teams entered at the Under-16 level were second and third.

Among the Juniors, F. I. M. Allan came first in the Under-11 breast stroke and J. J. Bell first in the Under-13 two lengths freestyle. There was one individual second in the Under-13 age group, and of the relay teams, the Under-13 came first, the Under-12 second, and the mixed Under-11 first.

The Inter-House Gala was held as usual at the end of the Christmas Term and the Campbells secured a victory for the second year running, with a total of 123 points. The Grahams came second with 108, the Drummonds third with 95, and the Murrays last with 90. The House Captain of the victorious House, J. Macfarlane, received the customary ducking.

TENNIS



The team was entered in only one competition this season, the Midlands Schools' Team Competition. After beating Perth Academy 6-0, and a strong Glenalmond team 5-4 in the preliminary rounds, the team progressed to the semi-finals, where they beat Lawside Academy 6-3. In the final, held in Dundee, the team lost to an efficient Dundee High School team 7-2. They performed creditably to get to the final, most markedly in the good win over Glenalmond, in which the first couple were the steadying influence, winning all three rubbers.

The team on these occasions was:

- 1st couple: C. N. Marshall
R. A. Christie
- 2nd couple: G. S. Knowles
D. J. Knapman
- 3rd couple: C. I. Millar
D. G. F. Beat

There was a large entry for the School Singles Championship, the Dye Cup, with G. S. Knowles and C. N. Marshall reaching the final, after beating R. A. Christie and D. J. Knapman respectively in the semi-finals. In a fiercely contested final, Knowles emerged a well-deserved winner.

The Murrays won all three matches to retain the House Tennis Championship. The positions were as follows:

- 1st — Murrays
- 2nd — Campbells
- 3rd — Drummonds
- 4th — Grahams

Half-Colours were awarded to G. S. Knowles and C. N. Marshall.

BADMINTON

The season started badly, with most of the School matches being cancelled, and the few games which were played were lost, owing to lack of practice.

For the first time there was a School Mixed Doubles Tournament for the seniors, and from the many entries the winners were T. B. A. Gallagher and Allison Watson.

Although the season was a disappointing one, the Badminton Club continues to be very well attended, especially by younger boys. We have taken part in the Perthshire Schools' League at Under-fifteen, Under-sixteen and Open level, but appreciating the higher standard of play in competition, it

is gratifying to note that two players, T. B. A. Gallagher and R. T. G. Wishart, were selected to play for Perthshire in the Scottish Schools' Championships.

The opening of the new gymnasium will give us an additional good court next session.

In the Inter-House Badminton Competition, the Grahams won the Senior section and the Campbells won the Junior.

GOLF

"Is it not strange that desire should so many years outlive performance?"

The Golf Team's will to win had always been there, but their ability to "put-it-together-on-the-day" had evaded them on many previous occasions. However, in the 1977-78 season "performance" at last equalled "desire."

The annual Perthshire Schools' Team Stroke Play event at Glenalmond was the first of many County successes, M. G. A. Parker winning the individual event and the team gaining victory by a narrow margin.

The County Stroke Play Individual Championship was again held at King James VI Golf Course in Perth. After a 73 in the event proper, G. A. Hepburn played some sound pressure golf to win the play-off and the championship.

The Match Play final at Craigie Hill was a close game against old rivals — Glenalmond — but the team played some good golf on the way to a $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ victory on a tricky course.

As was mentioned in last year's "Morrisonian," the team's best performance of the year was undoubtedly in the Aer Lingus event. The team fell only two shots short of representing Scotland in the International Finals. Special mention should be made of M. G. A. Parker, who shot a 74 over the Old Course in the finals, finishing second in the individual placings.

A. S. Biggart, G. A. Hepburn and M. G. A. Parker represented the County in the annual match with Angus.

The 1978-79 Team would like to congratulate Parker and Hepburn for recent successes: the former won five out of six matches in the Scottish Universities Event at Prestwick; the latter reached the last sixteen in the Scottish Boys' Event at West Kilbride.

The Team's thanks go to Mr Wilson and Mr Macintyre for their running of the side.

Colours were awarded to: A. S. Biggart, R. A. Christie, G. A. Hepburn, M. G. A. Parker.

C.C.F. NOTES

Senior Cadets this session are:

Sgt. A. N. Macnaughton

Cpls.: A. S. Glen

J. L. Isles

M. S. A. McNicol

The O.C. is Major A. C. Meakin. Other Officers are Mr McCarra and Mr Chapple. Mr Robertson is S.S.I.

Again we are indebted to Mr Reid for Motor Maintenance, Miss McGregor for First Aid, and Mr Saunders for Light Rescue Instruction.

The Inspecting Officer in 1978 was Col. Chancellor from Army H.Q. in Edinburgh. His report was a good one, which means that under the new system the Contingent is not officially inspected this year. Instead, on the evening of 22nd June, the Contingent will be inspected by Wing Commander Lane, the Secretary of the Highland Territorial Army and Volunteer Reserve Association (T.A.V.R.A.). It is hoped that many of the cadets' parents will be able to be present on this occasion.

Prizes in 1978 were awarded as follows:

Finch Cup (Best House): The Drummonds

Kenya Cup (Best Senior N.C.O.): C.S.M. P. J. F. Wham

Cultybraggan Cup (Best Recruit): Cdt. A. G. Meikle

Mungall Vase (Best Senior Shot): Cdt. J. C. M. Ragless

Robertson Dobie Cup (Best Junior Shot): Cdt. D. S. Bosomworth

First Aid Cup: Sgt. K. P. N. McGregor

Once again at the Inspection we were supported by the School Pipe Band.

The Highland Tactical Course was again disappointing, with our A and B Teams seventh and twelfth respectively. We were, however, third C.C.F. Team. This year, unfortunately, the competition is not to be held until October, so that in fact our senior cadets have missed a competition.

Camp in 1978 was at Cultybraggan and was very enjoyable, the weather being very good throughout. The culmination was an overnight bivouac near Balquhider, followed by an excursion over Ben Vane and Ben Ledi. On return to camp, the cadets had a break of half an hour before parading again for a farewell to Captain Stuttard, who was leaving the C.C.F. after twenty-five years' service. A presentation was followed by a march past at which Capt. Stuttard took the salute.

The record of the 1978 camp would not be complete without mention of our driver, popularly known as "Monty." Monty was a Territorial who, in lieu of annual camp, was driving for the cadets at Cultybraggan, and decided that Morrison's was his favourite Contingent.

The 1979 camp is again at Warcop, where we hope to enjoy the facilities offered there in the past.

We have again been supported by 36 C.T.T. in Perth, but Mr Scott has retired and the O.C. is now R.S.M. Lamerton. We are still in touch with Mr Danells.

Sgt. Macnaughton attended this year's United Kingdom Land Forces Leadership Course in Norfolk and reported enthusiastically. We anticipate good grading for Sgt. Macnaughton.

Adventurous Training was again in Skye and was attended by eight cadets, who enjoyed one of the best visits to Skye we have yet had. We were never kept indoors by the weather, although at one or two places deep snow in the hills prevented us doing exactly what we had planned. Valuable assistance was given by James Garven, who was waiting to go off to Sandhurst, having just passed his R.C.B.

James also helped in the preparation for our teams for last year's Highland Tactical Course and as a result of a meeting on that weekend, he later in the summer spent a fortnight at a Territorial camp in Kentucky. Latterly he has been an Officer-Cadet, acting as a Platoon Officer in the 2nd Bn. Lowland Volunteers. We wish him all the best in his course at Sandhurst and hope to see him duly commissioned into the Royal Highland Fusiliers, the Regiment of his choice.

A fellow-platoon commander in the same Battalion as James is Allan Downie. Nigel Dunkley is now in Edinburgh as Liaison Officer for his Regiment, the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. Any other former cadets who are now serving in the Forces are urged to keep me informed of their movements.

A. C. M.

27th PERTSHIRE SCOUT GROUP

SCOUTS

This session those who joined the 27th have stayed with it and have given to the Troop more than they have taken from it. The outlook and attitude of the Troop follows closely the Scout Promise and Law, with something of the spirit of the three musketeers also — one for all and all for one!

It has been entertaining and it has been fun: there was a lot learned too. Seventeen boys earned their Scout Standard, fifteen their Swimmer badge and one his Camp Cook badge. Work done involved learning about maps and compass, first aid, axemanship, icepicking, canoeing, field cooking, survival and skiing.

A fundamental ingredient for an enjoyable camp is good weather and this we had on the three occasions we slept under canvas. The first one was strenuous. It started with a six-mile march, with full pack, to the farm and a fair climb thereafter to the site, carrying tentage and equipment. Our lack of experience showed through, but food was plentiful, though sometimes on the raw side, and the practical trial brought valuable, if hard-earned, experience.

We attended the gathering at Scone of Scouts from all over Tayside who were there to meet the Chief Scout and we benefited from the interchange with the other Troops. Later in the year we held Patrol camps and the older boys took part in a twenty-four-hour survival course where their rations were restricted to a few pieces of chocolate and water which they supplemented with a newly shot rabbit. This type of activity is typical of the Scout's training towards independence and resourcefulness.

In December the Troop gave a display in the Games Hall at which their school friends, parents and other grown-ups were present. Using the games equipment there was a demonstration of how a boy with a broken leg could be rescued from a tree and carried to safety over a "river." This very competent display was organised and controlled by James Main, the Troop Leader. There were also demonstrations of constructing a stretcher and first aid.

A sponsored walk was carried out by sixteen of the boys, who raised £80 for charity. All the boys completed the required sixteen miles.

This term we are hoping to welcome some of the older Cubs who will take part in our activities towards their Link Badge before they join the Troop next year. We hope that a day other than a Sunday can be organised for meetings as this will encourage more day children to join the Troop.

CUB SCOUTS

Despite the problem of a regular meeting place, the Pack is still an important and vigorous section of the Group. We have thirty boys, which is the most reasonable total for many years. The writer remembers the time when there were forty-three Cubs and only one Ranger Guide to help the harassed Leader!

Our "Sixers" are Scott Coupland, Mark Dakers, Christopher Hilton, Angus Mair and Jeremy Marris, with Mark as the senior Sixer. The smaller number of boys in each Six, has given the Sixers more opportunity to learn to lead and impose authority.

We were well ahead with our badge work, when the problem of the long winter with its attendant illness hit us, and thus we have twelve boys waiting to pass their Silver Arrow standards. With the better weather, we are now outside learning about maps and compasses. The sausage cooking — and eating — expedition will be completed, with we hope no unfortunate results, by the time that this article appears in "The Morri-sonian."

In December we were unable to attend the annual pantomime at Perth, because it opened after the end of the Term. Instead, we went to see the Purvis Puppets at the MacRobert Centre at Stirling. The boys were fascinated by the display and later were able to see how the puppets were operated and to view them close up.

We had an excellent Job Week, when over £83 was raised. The shield for the highest sum collected went for the second year running to Graham Stirling.

It is hoped that after the examinations, we shall be able to join with the Scout Troop to visit the R.A.F. Station at Leuchars. We are keen for the young boys to mix with their seniors, as some will be attending Troop meetings with a view to obtaining their Link Badge, before joining the Troop next year.

This is the last occasion that the writer will prepare a report on the activities of the Morrison's Cub Pack, and he takes the opportunity to thank all the parents who have assisted and given encouragement over the past fifteen years. In particular he wishes to thank Mrs Hilton who is a warranted Scouter, and to pay his tribute to the Lady Instructors, who have attended the meetings each Friday so faithfully, and without whom the Pack could not have continued to exist.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

"The Mikado"



This session has seen a continued development of varied musical activity in the School. Indeed this began at the end of last session, after the publication of the 1978 "Morrisonian," when a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" was presented in Academy Hall. This most popular of the Savoy operas is a challenge for the zest with which amateur companies perform Gilbert and Sullivan, and this production justified that expectation. The Ladies and "Gentlemen" of the Chorus (all girls) sang with conviction and feeling, contriving to combine Japanese demureness and courtesy with a considerable agility of movement around a stage much too small for the large numbers: indeed Titipu sometimes resembled present-day Tokyo in the underground rush-hour.

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Douglas Meakin was a suitably frightening Mikado, while Ian Fleming was a suitably frightened Ko-Ko. The latter, who found great difficulty in keeping time, amply compensated by good characterisation. All too often the part of Nanki-poo is played by an anaemic tenor who, it seems, gets the girl at the end only because the script says so. In James Main we had no tenor, but a pleasing voice and appearance, and a persuasive portrayal of the young musician.

A delicious trio of giggling schoolgirls was given us by Joanna Murray, Jennie Smith and Sharon McKinnell, whose sweetness of voice and attractive appearance spoke well of their Ladies' Seminary. Lorna Todd had to work hard musically at Katisha — a most demanding part — and played and sang in the best traditions of this horrific elderly lady: a very successful and convincing performance. Pish-Tush was equally convincingly played by Moyra McNee, but Fiona MacIntyre's Poo-Bah was a *tour de force*. Her use of voice, mannerisms and movement was a *complete* performance, and her timing and sense of comedy demonstrated great talent and maturity. She seemed to enjoy it as much as we did.

Praise must go to all who contributed to the success of this production — scenery, make-up *inter alia* — but especially to Mrs Hunter, who was the driving force behind the whole venture, and whose musical direction reflected the sustained and exhausting work which she put into this effort.

The Christmas Carol Service

The annual Christmas Carol Service was held in St Michael's Church on Sunday, 17th December, 1978, with the School Chaplain, Dr

Heavenor, conducting the worship. The Service followed the traditional pattern of familiar hymns alternating with familiar and unfamiliar carols. As last year, there was a central section, this time consisting of six excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" sung by various soloists and duettists and the Senior Girls' Choir. Familiarity tends to lend authority to the idea that these pieces are easy, but this is never so, and a chorus such as "And the Glory of the Lord" places strain on all the musical resources of a singing group. In the event, the performance had many shades of colour and this careful control of contrast and balance was continued throughout the excerpts, culminating in "Glory to God," whose triumphant acclamation concluded dramatically, with the organ fading away, reflecting the departure of the angels.

The Junior Boys were perhaps less successful than in previous years, but for a small group they coped manfully with the deceptively straightforward-sounding "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" by Harold Darke. Sustaining of melody and pitch in this moving Victorian setting makes many demands on very young voices. But the boys made a good impression, and they were more at ease with "Adam lay y-bounden" and "Little Children, Wake and Listen!"

The joint Choirs — Junior and Senior Girls', and Junior Boys' — concluded the carols on a quiet note with the Polish carol, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly." Such an ending has its own magic before the blaze of colour and sound in "O come, all ye faithful" and the dazzling Widor Toccata.

The lessons were read by the Chaplain, Vina Murchie and Andrew Biggart, the organist was Mr Andrews, and the conductor was Mrs Hunter. As in previous years, there was a retiring collection for the Save the Children Fund, which this year raised £94.

Concert

A Musical Evening was held in the Memorial Hall on 26th March, 1979, at which a large number of parents and friends were present. A very wide variety of musical items were performed. These were far too numerous to mention each individually, but there were some notable performances which cannot go unrecorded.

The Girls' Senior Choir sang with the precision of diction and pleasing tone which we have come to expect under Mrs Hunter's direction, and this was especially evident in their unaccompanied items. A smaller group sang a madrigal with beautiful tone and most impressive control: this was unaccompanied and without a conductor. The Junior Choir also acquitted themselves with credit — conducted with panache by Lorna Todd in two of their songs.

The Orchestra, conducted by Mr Stuttard, have some very young members who are yet inexperienced. These players are talented musicians and with continued practice together they will develop into a good group; their determination on this occasion was very creditable.

Individually Douglas Meakin deserves praise for his viola solo by Michael Head, while Lorna Todd's violin duet with Bruce Gourlay of Primary 6 was a very brave effort: Lorna's fine playing helped her talented young partner as they performed part of a Bach Double Violin Concerto. Outstanding among the soloists was Julian Ragless, whose clarinet playing suggests a very bright musical future; and Sarah Mitchell's rendering of the flute solo "Sicilienne" by Fauré was as sensitive and finely played a performance as anything in the whole evening.

The woodwind ensemble's playing of Schubert was a delight to hear, and, while the newly formed Wind Band's Marches of Scotland were less kind on the ear, the liveliness and happiness of this group brought the evening to a light-hearted conclusion.

School Societies

DEBATING SOCIETY

Debating this year started with a combined topics and "raft night," which was greatly enjoyed by all concerned. That apart, our first term's debating took a different form from the usual, in that we ran a highly successful tournament covering a wide range of topics, varying from the state of the British Commonwealth to the degeneracy of modern youth, all of which provoked a great deal of audience participation. The tournament reached its climax just before Christmas, when the final was held, the motion debated being "That sport in schools should be voluntary." This was perhaps the liveliest debate of the term, with George Frier and Lorna Todd (Proposition) emerging worthy winners, receiving the handsome trophy obtained for the Society by Mr Miller. Runners-up were Morag MacDonald and Fiona Corbett. We are grateful to Mr Denis Cairns and Mr Alistair Anderson for judging the final; to all Staff who judged in the earlier stages of the tournament; and to Douglas Meakin for chairing the meetings throughout.

Although the tournament prevented us from having the customary Toastmasters' Speech Contest, we were very successful in the English Speaking

Union Inter-Schools Tournament, with our team of George Frier and Joyce Crawford reaching the Tayside Region Final. Even though they did not reach the Scottish Final, their performance was felt to be very creditable.

January 26th saw our annual Burns Supper, which this year was in Academy Hall. Morag MacDonald took the chair for the evening. Mr Donald MacLean proved an entertaining guest speaker, whilst it gave Sinclair Browne "ecstatic pleasure" to propose the Toast to the Lassies, to which Lorna Todd wittily replied. Thanks are due to Mr Andrews, Mr Gonnella and the senior girls for musical entertainment, to Mr McCarra and Mr Carson for reciting, and to Michael Cartwright for piping in "the beast" kindly prepared by Mrs McGuire. Afterwards a lively dance was held: our thanks to Mr Carson and Douglas Meakin for arranging the music.

Our other social event of the year is a proposed debate and disco with Dollar Academy after the S.C.E. Exams.

Finally we must thank Dr MacQueen for all her help throughout the session.

D. B. M.

THE SCRIPTURE UNION

During the whole of the session the Scripture Union has been meeting in the audio-visual room in the main building. These meetings have been held jointly with the girls' S.U., and this seems to have been very successful, despite reservations expressed at the end of last session by some boys.

The Scripture Union, I believe, must now be ranked one of the top societies in the School as far as organisation is concerned. We have been aided admirably not only by Miss Gardiner, Mr Thomson and Mr Chapple, but also by a keen and devoted committee which has met regularly to decide the format of meetings and so on. We are much indebted to the committee members and the staff mentioned above.

During the session the S.U. has been visited by several guest speakers, to whom we should like to express our thanks: Mr Richard Gorrie from S.U. Headquarters visited us in October, accompanied by "Boss" Meiklejohn. Later in the same month Mr Rannie of Crieff gave a Bible Study on Philippians; Mr Sibthorpe gave a splendid talk about the Gideons' movement, which he illustrated with a slide show; and in November we were visited by Miss May Wilson, who has been working in Thailand as a missionary among the Akha people for the last three and a half years, and will most probably be back out there now.

Other important events in the Scripture Union calendar have been the now seemingly annual bread and cheese lunch — some boarders thought

this ought to be held more often — and the coffee evening, for which there seems to be enough food to satisfy what always turns out to be a much larger gathering than is expected.

A last special thank-you to all those who became, by choice or otherwise, members of the sub-committees which were formed to ensure the smooth running of the weekly meetings. To those who are leaving we wish all the best, and to those returning and to the new committee, we wish an enjoyable session and an especially enjoyable time at Scripture Union.

I. C. K.

THE CHESS CLUB

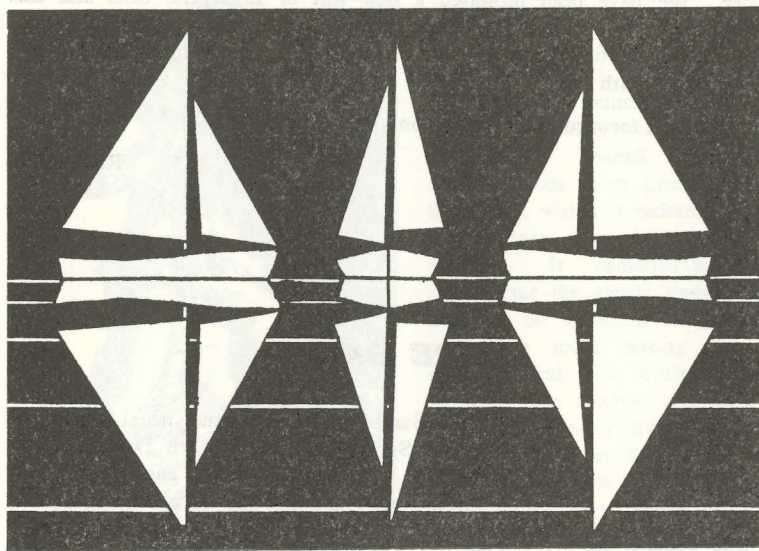
We hope that chess at Morrison's will soon become a major activity in the School, as it has been growing very popular. Since the formerly Girls-only Club first accepted boys into its ranks almost two years ago, the boys have been proving their ability to equal the girls' skills. In fact, among the semi-finalists in the recent tournament to find the School Champion, not a girl was to be found, but this is due entirely to the greater number of boys entering the tournament, and we hope to see more girls in the top places in the future.

The standard of players entering the tournament was very high, and it was only after a long hard struggle in the longest Championship to date, that Mark Valentine of Fourth Year emerged as Champion over the other fifteen entrants. It must be said that the other three semi-finalists, James Ellis, Andrew Gould and Nicholas Johnston-Jones, also had very good chances of taking the title.

Because of this high standard of play, it has been decided that the Club should make efforts to expand, and arrangements are being made by Mr Higgins, to whom many thanks are due, to purchase clocks and tournament sets so that a team can be formed which will represent the School in external matches.

M. V.

SAILING CLUB



Last season was a successful and enjoyable one for all concerned with the Sailing Club. The weather was often cold, wet and windy, but with an adequate number of fairly experienced helmsmen (and helmswomen), we were able to cope with almost anything the elements could throw at us. The membership remains in a healthy state, and it is particularly encouraging to see the keen interest shown by the youngest members. In July we shall unfortunately lose most of our senior experienced members, so it is to the youngsters that we look for our future success.

The races for the Jean Brown Cup were once again a highlight of the season, and were obviously enjoyed by participants and spectators alike, with some very close finishes. First this year was Graham Donaldson with Roderick Baird as crew; second was Sarah Mitchell with Alison Mitchell; and third was Douglas Kerr with Stephen Penny. Mrs Brown herself presented the cup, and also generously provided fish and chips for all those present!

This season is starting off slowly, mainly due to the very cold weather, and the totally inadequate storage and working space for the boats, necessitating outdoor work on the boats in between the snow flurries.

Again the main Club night will be Fridays, with the likelihood of Mondays as well, depending on demand. The boats are generally in good condition, and within a few days of the time of writing should be on the water. We have been promised a new suit of Enterprise sails and this should make a tremendous difference to the competitiveness of the boat selected. Unfortunately sails, like many people, tend to stretch in the wrong places with age.

We look forward to a good season.

R. K. F.

PIPE BAND



The Band carried out the usual duties of playing on Sports Day and Speech Day last year. In addition to these traditional engagements, we were invited to play at the Dunkeld Arts Festival and an Open Day at Perth Fire Station.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the Band was unable to defend its title at the West of Scotland 'Schools' Pipe Band Competition in Glasgow, much to the regret of everyone concerned.

We have introduced a second practice night for Band members on Monday evenings in addition to our usual Friday session. Novice chanter classes are also held on Friday evenings, and a class for the more advanced learners now starting on the pipes is held on a Sunday afternoon.

There is a plentiful supply of young drummers and pipers now able to play in the Band. It is due to a lot of hard work and perseverance by these people that the Band can now look forward to a bright future.

I. M. Cartwright was awarded the Robertson Dobie Piping Trophy and I. I. C. McIvor the McGregor Drumming Cup.

All this would not have been possible if it had not been for the hard work of our tutors, Mr D. Donaldson and Mr H. Sinclair, to whom we express our grateful thanks.

This year's officials are:

Pipe-Major: A. C. Kerr.

Drum-Major: A. S. Small.

THE CLIMBING CLUB



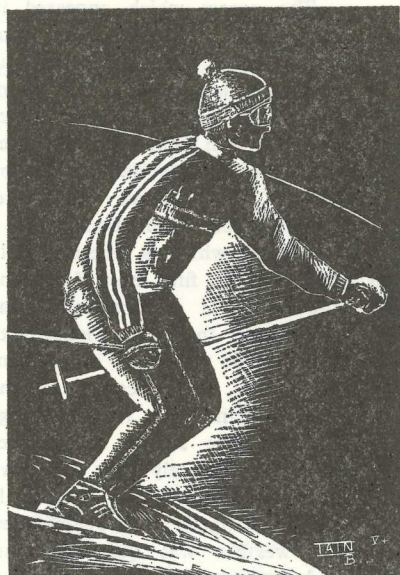
The report which appeared in last year's "Morrisonian" was written much later than usual and covered a large part of the Summer Term in 1978. The remainder of that term found us on three more hills already well trodden by the Club. Meall Ghaordie, climbed from Glen Lochay, is a long haul, which is redeemed only by its very fine view from the summit. It demonstrates the axiom that the gentle slopes with little or no variation in gradient are much more testing to the spirit — and as a result the legs — than the steeper and higher hills. Fortunately that day gave us our reward at the top; while the following week on Schichallion the weather was quite glorious, and we had more than two hours'

self-indulgent laziness on the summit, soaking up the sun before some intrepid souls soaked themselves by Olympic swimming efforts in the River Lyon on the way home.

Ben Ime the next Sunday was a depressing contrast. A very misty and humid day found our spirits less than willing to proceed to the neighbouring Narnain, and instead we cut back over Beinn Chorrnach to the track from Butterbridge to Loch Sloy, at least covering some new ground.

In retrospect we should have done more exploring in the Christmas Term. We climbed two tops in the Tarmachan range in September, an innovation being the efforts of a new but senior member to heat some soup on something resembling a firelighter. Thermos flasks have made the rest of us lazy. For a time thereafter rugby claimed most of our energies, and then the severe winter kept us in Crieff — sometimes not just because of the snow and ice on the hills, but because of snow and ice on the roads. This long period of enforced idleness makes the older ones amongst us apprehensive about our first tentative climb up Ledi; but our fears are a little allayed by familiar territory, even if winter conditions have returned on May Day.

SKI CLUB



During a winter in which so many activities were axed because of snow, ski-ing came out a winner. On Sunday mornings from the end of January until the middle of March, a bus — sometimes two — left Victoria Terrace bound for Glenshee. All who participated were able to benefit from professional instruction, and many complete beginners have become competent skiers. Also, the more advanced skiers have enjoyed several Sundays of excellent ski-ing conditions, especially towards the end of term.

The School was unable to enter a large Senior team in the Perthshire Schools' Ski Championships due to the onset of the "prelims." However, the Under-16 Team came fourth, with I. L. Wilkie attaining sixth position in the individual placings. The Under-14 Team came fifth out of the seven teams in their section.

To organise an activity as complex as ski-ing, a tremendous amount of work has to be done, and nobody can vouch for this more than Mr Macintyre and Mrs Laing. May we express our sincere thanks to both them and to the masters who supervised the buses, for putting in so much time and work to make this activity possible.

I. G. M. D.

CURLING CLUB

As in the previous two or three seasons, the School curlers have been frustrated in practice by the unsuitable times of ice availability at Perth Ice Rink. We now have to rely on boys and girls who are already knowledgeable in the game to represent the school in the now various tournaments at this level. The standard of schools' curling is now very high, and the lack of proper practice time occasionally shows up in a series of games.

The School Team took part in three tournaments this season, namely the Scottish Schools Championships in February, the local Schools Competition and the Gogar Park Schools Invitation Tournament — the last

two during the Easter Holidays. Although we did not win through to the finals of any of these competitions, the team gained in stature with every game, and in turn met both the Scottish Schools Championship winning rink from Perth High School, and the runners-up from Kingussie High School. In both these games the team played well, and lost to the Scottish Schools Champions only on the last stone of the match — a nail-biting finish indeed. Notable and decisive victories were gained against teams from Hutchesons' Grammar School and Perth Grammar School. We look forward with confidence to next season.

Those who represented the School this season were: Gregor Smith (Skip), Ian Stuart, Gordon Cunningham and Fraser Steele. Stewart Miller took over from Gordon Cunningham owing to the indisposition of the latter during the Local Schools Competition.

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS

KEVIN '20 John Player King Size' ASHWORTH has decided to take a year 'off' on the Continent, and then to do French and German at Dundee.

ANDREW BIGGART — golfer extraordinaire — has successfully fulfilled the role of School Captain (so he tells us) and is going to do History at Edinburgh.

Mr Justice (GORDON) CUNNINGHAM is still determined to become Morrison's answer to Rumpole of the Bailey, and is going to do Law at Edinburgh.

DUNCAN L. LORD, when not telling everyone that his middle name is Lancaster, is away to Heriot-Watt to study Actuarial Maths.

Having just passed his driving test this year, but giving Brands Hatch a miss, FRANK 'Fittipaldi' BAND is going to do Modern Languages at St Andrews.

DOUGLAS 'I'll have a pint' NAISMITH has chosen Architecture at Edinburgh — to rebuild Muthill as the cultural centre of the North (his story, not mine . . .).

James Heriot, alias JOHN MACFARLANE, is determined to let sleeping vets lie and pursue Veterinary Medicine at Edinburgh.

MICHAEL WRIGHT is still wondering if he's the only person in St Andrews who's doing Geography and Psychology (names and addresses gratefully received . . .).

KENNETH MURRAY, like Denis Thatcher, knows what it's like

to have a famous 'better half.' He has decided upon Economics and Accountancy at Edinburgh.

MIKE CARTWRIGHT, that ardent Welsh player o' the 'pipes, is joining his motoring f(r)iend at St Andrews to do Modern Languages.

Dame Naomi (IAN) FINDLAY is forgoing 'the life on the ocean wave' (he's a sailor) to look after a fish farm, and then he's away to Edinburgh to do Ecological Science.

A renowned punk rocker, RAYMOND OLIPHANT is off to Heriot-Watt to study the intricacies of the safety-pin by means of his Engineering Course.

A lad of uncertain temperament, ROD WISHART, local MAFIA agent, has opted for Chemical Engineering at Edinburgh.

GRAEME WILSON intends to increase his already wide-ranging vocabulary even further by doing English Language and Literature at Edinburgh.

IAN KIRKWOOD, of apiary fame, is buzzing (sorry . . .) off to Edinburgh to exercise his considerable artistic talent.

I hear that ALAN BRADBURY is as yet undecided on what he's doing next year but is looking forward to the extra freedom University life affords.

BILLY MORROW feels he wants to inflit inconvenience, discomfort and torment on the World. He's doing Dentistry at Edinburgh.

GUY HARVEY, who spends most of his time on the Isle of Man or at Easter Road, is going to do Electrical Engineering at Heriot-Watt.

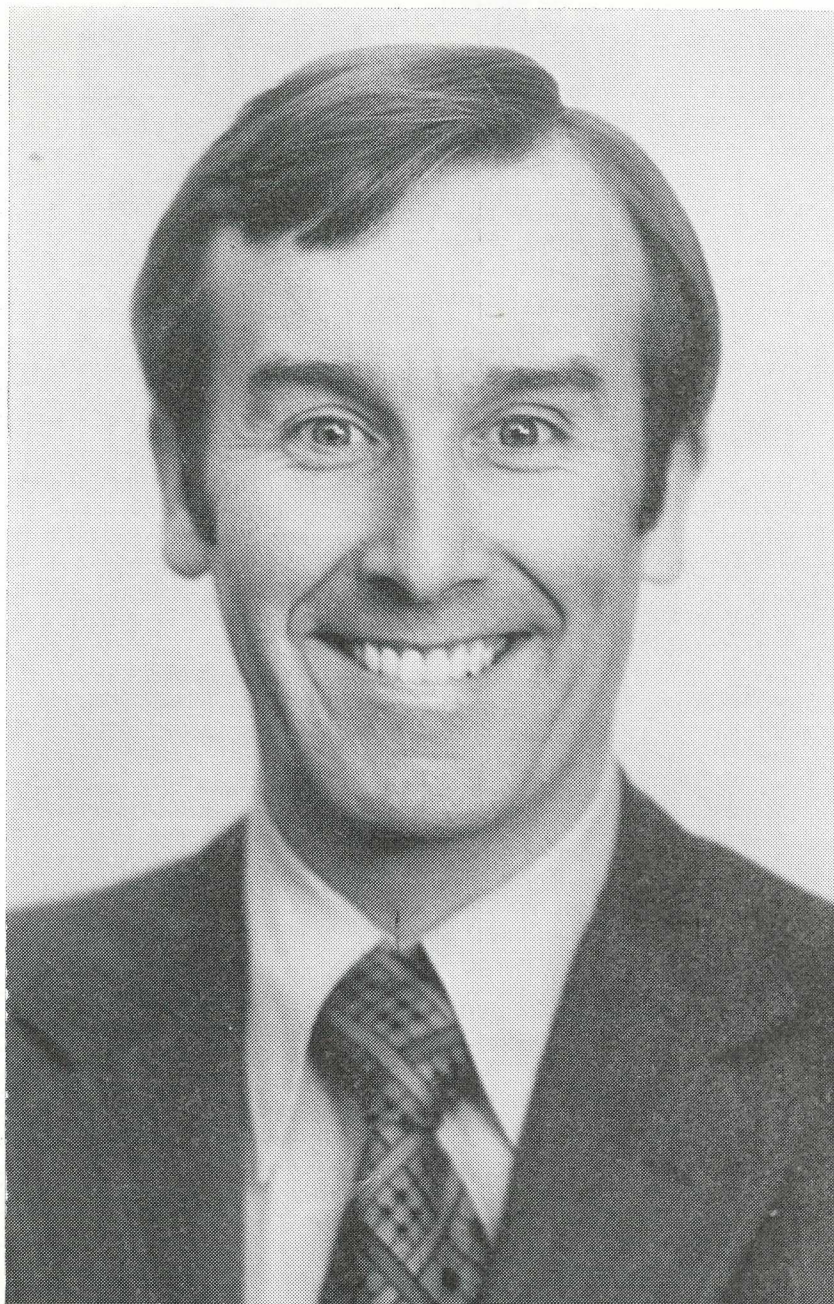
GREGG DAVIDSON, looking forward to the prospect of a fuller social life, has chosen Civil Engineering at Edinburgh.

Monsieur AROS MATHIESON hopes to do Law at Dundee University. Eh voilà, what more can be said?

DAVID 'Nipper' KNAPMAN, having decided not to give his body to Science, will now give his mind to it — at Edinburgh.

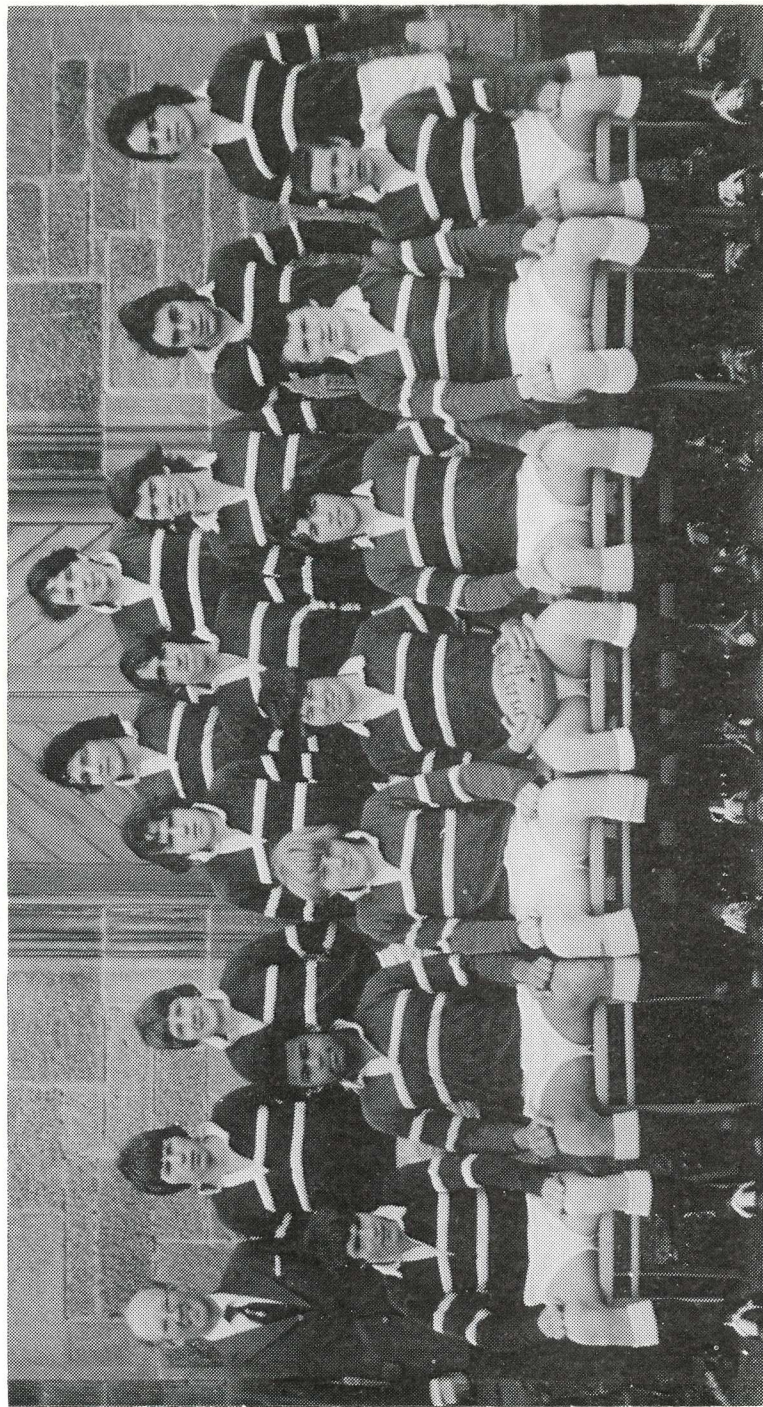
PAUL STEWART, having kept a low profile over the years, is away to Aberdeen to study the delights of Chemistry.

J. G. C., M. P. W.



The New Rector: Mr H. A. Ashmall, M.A., M.Litt.

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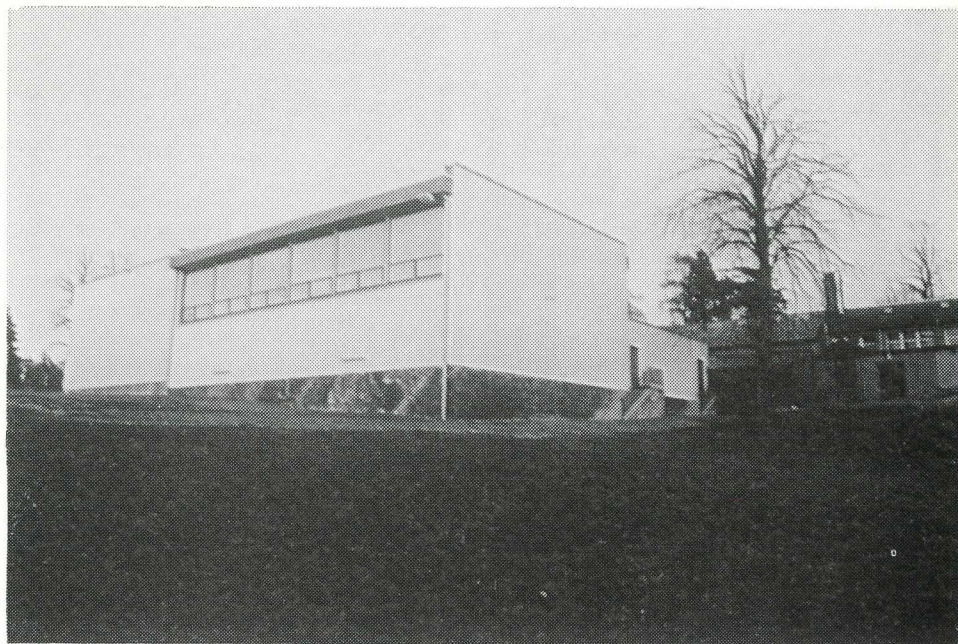
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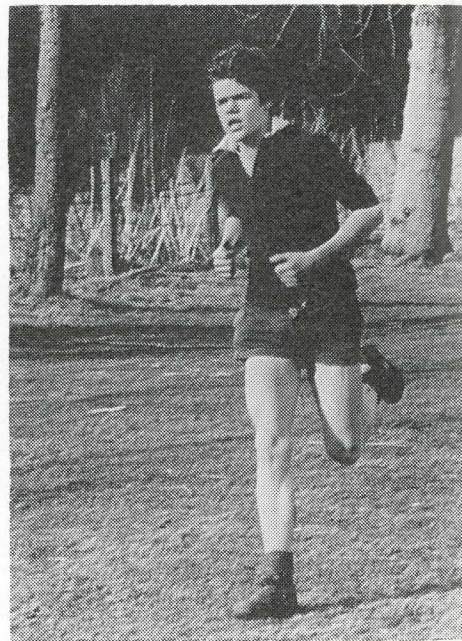
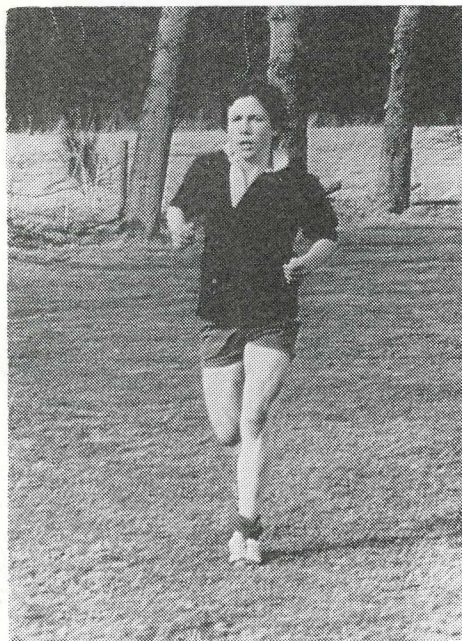
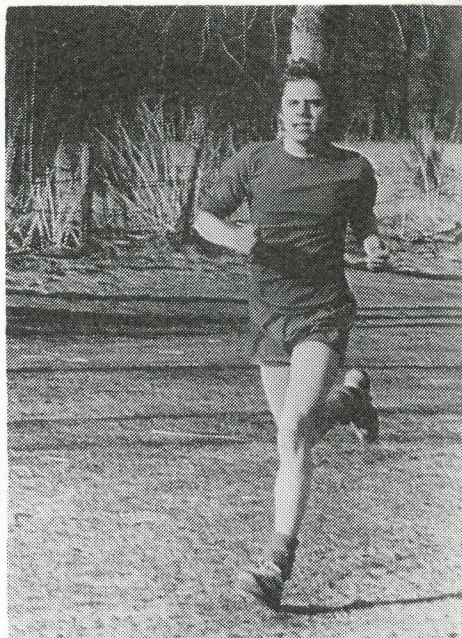
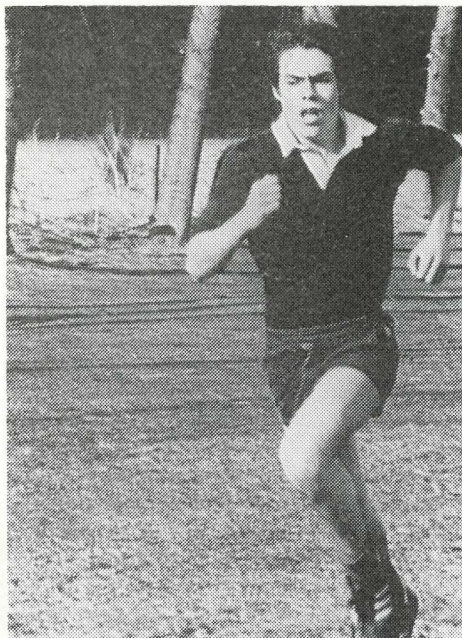
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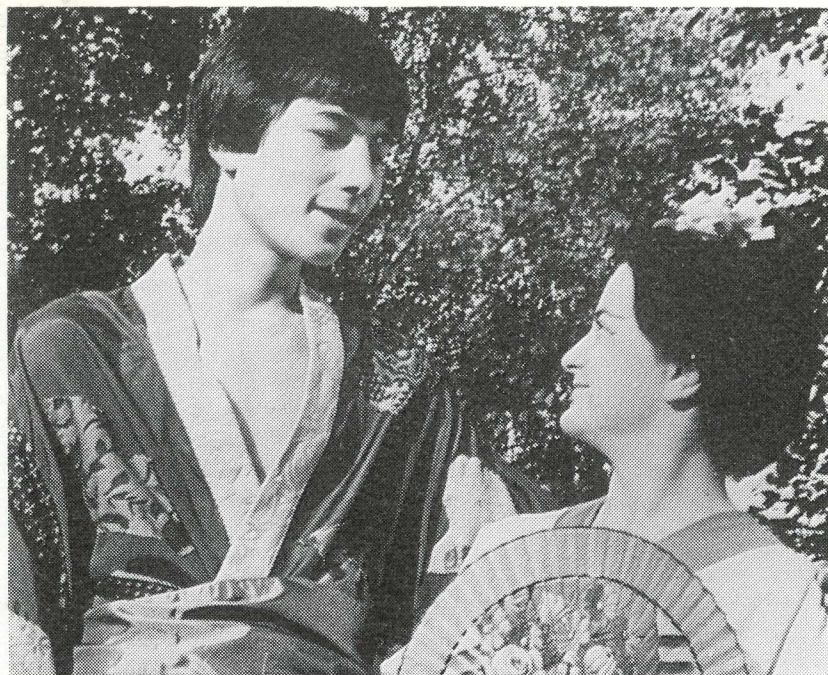
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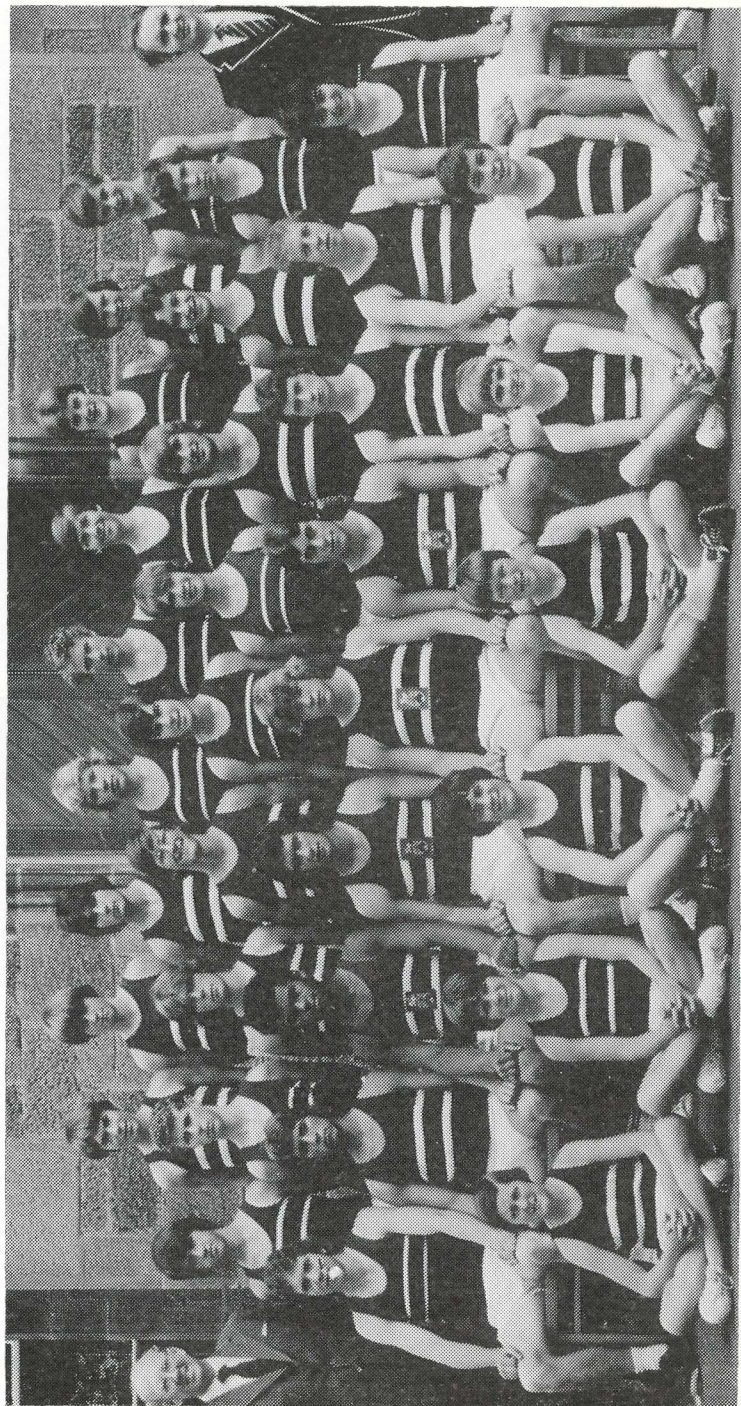


Top: I. G. M. Duguid (5th) and N. R. Todd (1st).
Bottom: D. T. Lothian (7th) and D. M. Glen (4th).



Top: Nanki-Poo (James Main) and Yum-Yum (Joanna Murray).
Bottom: Ko-Ko (Ian Fleming) and Pish-Tush (Moyra McNee).

ATHLETICS 1978



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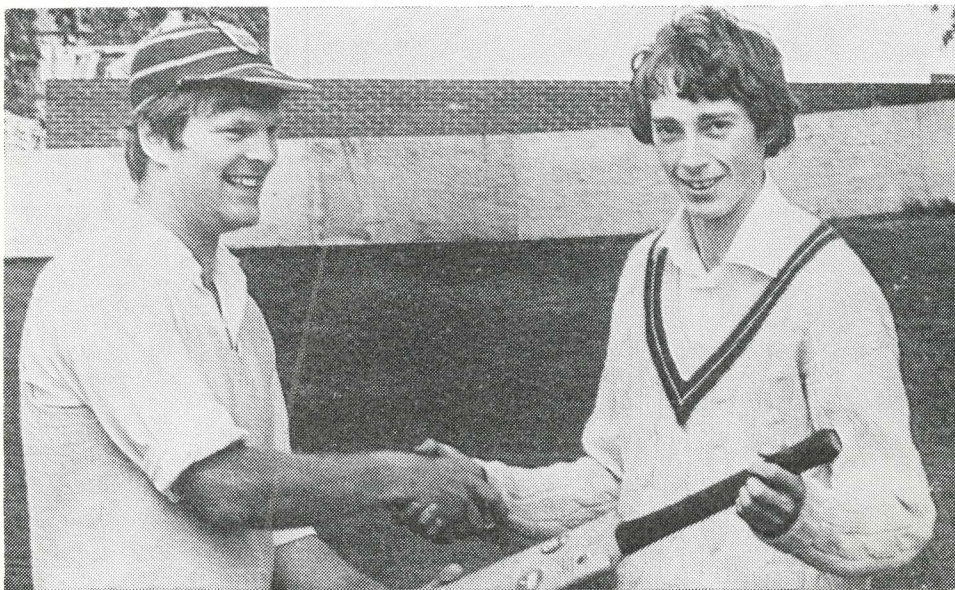
Climbing Club — Ben Ledi — 6th May, 1979

CRICKET 1978



Above—First XI, Back Row: Mr J. C. S. McGregor, D. G. F. Beat, C. N. Marsall, N. J. Marshall, A. P. Milroy, A. S. Biggart, T. B. A. Gallagher, D. B. Meakin (Scorer)
Front Row: R. A. Davidson, R. A. Christie, K. M. P. Ryder (Captain), D. I. S. Browne, I. F. Lindsay.

Below: The two captains in the Old Boys' match against the School. K. M. P. Ryder presents the Trophy Bat to R. H. E. Vick.



VOICES FROM THE PAST

As this is the last Boys' School Magazine, perhaps it is not inappropriate to give a flavour of two of the earliest editions of "The Morrisonian." The first quoted was published in February 1889, marked "Vol. 1, No. 4"; the second was published in July 1894, marked "Vol. 4, No. 9." They were monthly publications, slim but full of detailed reportage and comment, and they cost 2d (less than one penny in to-day's currency). They are a reflection of more leisured times.

1889: The Library

The library is now in full swing. Volumes to the number of sixty-five are on the shelves, and a notable algebraical formula gives us warning that at the present rate of increase we shall soon have to migrate to a more capacious cupboard. The response to the request for books has been most hearty and generous . . . The Librarian would like to state to the ever-widening circle of readers of the *Morrisonian* that 65 books is not by any means the maximum desired. We can take more.

The combined number of books in the Girls' and Boys' Libraries in 1979 is around 14,000. Miss Blair and Mr Clark may tremble at the thought, but "we can take more!"

1889: Some thoughts on co-operation—

Morrison's Academy, Crieff.

DEAR EDITORS,—May I put in a word on behalf of the young ladies at Ewanfield School. While we are enjoying so many benefits this term, why should they be left out in the cold? I think if there was a list of books in the library, the young ladies might know what books we have; and Mr Wright or Mr Beattie might be good enough to take the charge of giving or receiving them. Hoping this will find a place in your Magazine.—I am, &c.

RASPBERRY.

So co-operation — or whatever the real motives of "RASPBERRY" — is not as new as we might think.

Present Editors are constantly in fear of giving offence to those described in the pages of "The Morrisonian." In 1894, it seems, there were fewer scruples. Here are some comments on

"CHARACTERS OF THE CRICKET XI FOR 1894":

J. FORBES, Captain—As a batsman has good defence, but fails to take advantage of loose bowling. Is slow in the field. Would bowl better if he bowled slower and used his head. Has captained the team with judgment.



Marsall, N. J.
akin (Scorer)
I. S. Browne,

M. P. Ryder



G. C. STRATHAIRN—has played well in a few innings, but will not play with a straight bat. A slow fielder. A moderate short-stop.

A. D. THOMSON—runs away and does not always play with a straight bat. Has played a useful innings now and then. A fast and erratic bowler. A fair fielder.

J. CAPPELL—A poor batsman, because he does not play with a straight bat. A fair bowler and a moderate field. Has not been able to play much.

T. H. WOOD—A good-length bowler. A poor batsman, and a bad fielder.

F. W. HEYS—tries to play but is not very successful. He does his best.

A. C. BALLINGAL—A stiff but useful batsman. Is energetic in the field.

Despite all these shortcomings, the record to date was: won 7, lost 2 and drawn 2. In those days masters played for both the First XI and First XV. One Mr McLachlan seems to have been indispensable to the rugby side — and to musical evenings. A list of the rugby team against the Old Boys on 19th January 1889 reveals how much family involvement was required:

Back, Mr Stewart; Halves, Black, Watson, Cassils (the Captain); Quarters, Scott, Oldham ma; Forwards, Mr McLachlan, Mr Wright, Harvey, Duncan ma, Carmichael ma, Wilson, Duncan mi, Carmichael mi, and Duncan tert.

(For the younger readers, “ma” (major) was the eldest or elder brother; “mi” (minor) the younger or middle brother; and “tert” (tertius) the third or youngest.)

Rugby seems to have produced some purple passages:

“School Gossip,” 1889:

“Hurrah for the boys with the silken tassels,
And hurrah, above all, for their fleet captain, Cassils!”

Yea, I must unburden myself, for my heart is full, and my head is — well, unable to contain it. Heroes of the first XV, we are all proud of you! You have distinguished yourselves, and you have distinguished the school as no football team has done heretofore. Your victories have been many and brilliant; your defeats few and honourable. To the goal, then, my brave men, and when the season is over, let there be such a record as shall stimulate the athletic prowess of generations of Morri-sonians yet unborn.

Many of us would see familiar themes being presented in a paper to the Debating Society on 11th January, 1889, by Herr Löffler. It was an "elaborate and well-reasoned paper" and a "most eloquent one." Its subject?

The general use of tobacco; the percentage of the smoking population of all the European countries; the composition of the material; its baneful results, physically and morally; the general depraving and disgusting habits that smoking engenders — were some of the points brought out in the course of the lecture.

Some younger Old Boys would recall the picking up of stones from the pitches when Dallerie was first acquired not so long ago. In 1889 the ACADEMY CRICKET PITCH was being levelled — in Academy Park — and the writer of "Athletic Notes" for that year wrote:

We are all delighted to see the improvements begun on the pitch. When finished it will be capital, and I think will make a difference in our scores. I have always held that a carefully got 30 on the old ground was well worth a 50 on most other fields. But how about the School windows? Will they be as lucky as the skylight of the house in the Coldwells Road, which has as yet escaped, though the slates all round bear marks of many a drive.

The park was levelled — at a cost of £70, for which a special appeal had to be launched. A donation of £5 was regarded as "handsome," as indeed it was: it came from William Millar, Esq., of Roundelwood.

Reading through these beautifully presented publications, it is difficult to believe that they come from ninety years ago, with two World Wars intervening; and whether one should react:

"plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose," or to say wearily,
"sic transit gloria . . ."

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE HILLS

Towering above the valley, the hills loom,
Guarding unprotected lowland
From unknown hordes which prowl without.
Through all that Time can batter them with,
They stand unyielding. Wrapped in ermine majesty,
The ancient masters belittle the snow-wrapped fields
Of winter. Curtained by a shimmering veil of heat,
They deride the plain sweltering in summer heat-wave.
They scorn trees wrapped in early morning mist
And rise loftily above low-lying areas saturated by rain.
Often, they withdraw from the world, enclosed in cloud,
And brood, deeply, on their lot — a land to shield
Using awesome force and steadfastness granted to the protectors
By the ancient magic which created them.
Who knows what power these cold, neutral lords withhold,
Waiting for a chance to release it, and rule ?

GRAEME B. WILSON, Form 2 Star.

WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER ?

The Cavalier boy looked so brave,
The Roundhead's face, oh, it was grave !
The little boy lied, his father to save,
When did you last see your father ?

The Cavalier's mother had frozen with fear,
Wishing her husband away from here,
Her daughter wiping away a tear,
When did you last see your father ?

At the dark door a Roundhead stood,
The little boy up, on a stool of wood,
Wondering whether such lies could be good,
When did you last see your father ?

CHRISTOPHER I. HILTON, Primary 6.

THE RUGBY TEAM

Have you ever seen a rugby bus ?
Glass-fronted, mob-infested,
Juggernaut.

Have you ever seen a full-back ?
Fearless, scareless — a little too careless ?
Troubleshooter.

Have you ever seen the threes ?
Fast foursome, havoc-making,
Attackers.

Have you ever seen the half-backs ?
Fleet-footed, greased lightning,
Poised.

Have you ever seen the props ?
Granite-shouldered, bruise-bringing,
Tanks.

Have you ever seen the hooker ?
Shin-padded, grapple-footed,
Striker.

Have you ever seen the locks ?
Power-pushing, ball-grasping,
Generators.

Have you ever seen the back row ?
Crash-tacklers, disrupters,
Spoilers.

Have you ever seen the rugby ref ?
Impartial, controller,
Arbitrator.

Have you ever seen the touch judges ?
Flag-waving, line-running,
Markers.

Have you ever seen the supporters ?
Deep-thronged, scarf-waving,
Raucous.

Have you ever seen the groundsmen ?
Care-taking, line-marking,
Doctors.

BOYS OF PRIMARY 7₁.

THE FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD

King Henry,
Fat, noble,
Greeting Francis.
Francis,
Slim, wealthy,
Welcoming Henry.
Nobles,
Suspicious,
Watching each other carefully.
Jewels,
Red, green,
Glittering in the sunlight.
Cardinal Wolsey,
Holy, proud,
Enjoying the splendour.

TERENCE A. SHUTTLEWORTH, Primary 6.

THE FLYER

The huge bird stood motionless on the tarmac,
Waiting, patiently, for the swarm to emerge.
Sunlight streamed into its deep eyes,
Reflecting sudden sparks of life into the gaunt surroundings.
A gust of wind blew past,
But no feather moved on the creature's sturdy wings.

Then they came forth towards the bird,
A seething mass.
But soon they vanished,
Swallowed into its empty stomach.

Slowly it began to move,
Until finally, soaring gracefully into the air,
It carried its passengers towards their chosen destination.

COLIN M. BAND, Form 4A.

LIVING

Now and again a timid sun peeped
Through the sickly, man-induced smog,
To brighten the greying city, steeped
In the foulness of progress gone wrong.

Never stopping to look or wonder why,
A silent people trudged slowly on.
Theirs was to work and not defy,
Theirs not to question, and finally die.

JEFFREY S. McGEACHIE, Form 4A.

CITY

Day-time. Hot, noisy, bustling.
Cars rushing back and forth
On nowhere errands. Individuality
Disappears, one person just a nobody
Amongst many. They scurry around
Like white mice in an insoluble maze,
Creating an unending coil
Of hurry.

Night-time. Wild, menacing, brazen.
Neon signs blazing their titles
Above glass doors that throw out welcoming light, inviting you to step
Into a hot, smoky, noisy interior. Dark side-streets
Weave a dark, intricate labyrinth of threat, to be avoided.
And everywhere, an undertone of madness,
Waiting to be unleashed.

GRAEME B. WILSON, Form 2 Star.

ARGUMENT

Argument with the wise is a waste of brain;
With the foolish, a waste of breath.
When a man is in the right, he need not argue,
When in doubt, he should not;
And when he is in the wrong, he cannot.

DAVID A. GLEN, Form 2 Cross.

A CHRISTMAS WITH A DIFFERENCE

'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the house,
Things were real mellow . . .
Even Irving, the Mouse.
Our boots were hung up,
The incense was lit,
In hope that St Nick
Would soon do his bit.

The tree was decked out;
It was really a sight,
With love beads and flowers
And a flashing strobe light.
Wearing my T-shirt
From Woodstock Nation,
I was getting into
Some good meditation.

Then . . . pow !! in the night . . . a hullabaloo,
It shook the waterbed
And woke up old Blue.
I stumbled around
And tripped on my beard.
It stuck to my toes
And felt really weird.

When I got to the window,
I was really uptight,
'Cause the scene I perceived
Was a mind-blowing sight !
What through my shades
Did I see through the snow,
But eight tiny mooses
And a wild U.F.O.

Then onto the roof
They flew with a shout,
The whole Kosmic Crew
Really freaked me out !
They caused such a hassle
And made such a fuss,
I thought someone would call
The fuzz down on us,
But before I could say, "COOL IT ! . . .
HOLD DOWN THAT LOUD JIVE,"
Nick zapped toward the chimney
And leaped in with a dive !

A CHRISTMAS WITH A DIFFERENCE (continued)

As he trucked from the fireplace,
His smile all agleam,
I thought, "IT'S UNREAL !
It must be a dream !"
Then he nodded and said,
" This isn't a fake . . .
Like, I've come in peace,
To groove my Yule Number."

His duds were all fur,
Trimmed in leather and such,
And he came on Stone Funky . . .
. . . He was really too much !
His back-pack was painted
With black-light festoon,
Full of albums and posters
And a neon balloon.

His eyes, a light show !
His beard, da-glo bright !
A plastic, fantastic,
Kaleidoscopic sight !
He looked like a guru,
This beautiful cat . . .
. . . I thought, like, wow ! . . .
. . . This dude knows where it's at !

" Don't want to sound heavy,"
He said with a grin,
" My message is simple,
So dig it . . . tune in.
I brought you some goodies,
But that's not the thing.
My real trip is bringing
Good vibes to this scene."

So we rapped until dawn
About Peace, Love and Truth.
Then he said, " Gotta split now,
Or I'll be late in Duluth."
And he wiggled his nose and said,
" I did my bit,"
And straight up that smoke hole
That Fat Cat did split.

A CHRISTMAS WITH A DIFFERENCE (continued)

As he sped from the roof
And into the air,
He said, "Let's get it together,
All you people down there!
Merry Christmas to all,
And to all a Good Night!"
And then in a flash,
He streaked out of sight!!!
(REALLY OUTA SIGHT!)

D. I. SINCLAIR BROWNE, Form 5C.

THE TREE

Have you ever thought, if you were a tree, starting off as a little seed growing up inch by inch and seeing all the other trees as tall as mountains, as tall as hills, that you could be as tall as that one day? But it's still dark where you are. No warmth of the sun is getting down to you. But then you hear that noise that all trees fear; that grumble, grumble of the saw, the crashing of trees and tearing of roots. Could it be your turn tomorrow? But remember you are small and they are tall.

There are no more trees around you. They are all gone. They have all been cut down. There are seeds on the ground. Then one day you are big and they are small. Then you hear that sound. Grumble, grumble, crash — you feel yourself falling.

Your turn has come.

GORDON C. SHON, Primary 7₁.

THE WORKERS

The less they work, the less they get,
The less they get, the more they want,
The more they want, the more they argue,
The more they argue, the more they strike,
The more they strike, the less they get,
The less they get, the less they work,
So why work?

NICHOLAS M. D. JOHNSTON-JONES, Form 4A.

POOR OLD CAR

Poor old car,
Once someone's pride,
Now ruined, all inside,
Poor old car.

Poor old car,
Once someone's joy,
We use you as our toy,
Poor old car.

Poor old car,
You are full of rust,
Just a gatherer of dust,
Poor old car.

Poor old car,
Your number plate
Is out of date,
Poor old car.

Poor old car,
Just a home for a hen,
No use now to men,
Poor old car.

Poor old car,
Your body now is scrap,
Fit only for a nap,
Poor old car.

Poor old car,
Made in nineteen-thirty,
And now so very dirty,
Poor old car.

ANGUS W. S. MAIR, Primary 6.

SPRING

Icicles dripping,
Flowers springing,
Birds flying,
Snowmen dying,
Grass greening,
Trees screening,
Streams running,
Bees humming,
People smiling,
Gardeners piling.

DUNCAN S. MURCHIE, Primary 7₁.

THE OWL

Silent hunter of the night,
Swooping down upon the kill.
Beating wings upon the ground,
Letting out an eerie sound.
A squeal of terror,
A flashing beak.
Splintered backbone,
Filthy reek.

Silent hunter of the night,
Flying far;
Far out of sight.

DAMIAN P. WAKE, Form 1 Star.

THE SPORTS CAR

Fast and exotic,
It bombs along.
Using up petrol,
Like it didn't belong.
Maybe it's speedy,
Maybe it's cool.
But I can assure you,
'Twas bought by a fool.

ALASTAIR G. NIVEN, Primary 7₁.

SONG OF THE SHETLAND OIL SLICK

I, bringer of ruin,
Terminate the breed
Of sheep that depended
On Shetland's seaweed.

I came in a tanker
Which crashed in the voe,
And now, against knitwear,
To war I shall go !

My temper is boiling,
I destroy the sheep,
I drown them in oil,
And bury them deep.

I am black and slimy,
Horrid and thick,
Dirty and grimy,
I am the oil slick.

TERENCE A. SHUTTLEWORTH, Primary 6.

THE WALK OF AGE

It walks unheard,
It walks unseen,
It isn't death,
It could be mean,
It walks away,
It walks sublime,
It is at home,
It could be time,
It walks with you up to your grave,
It has a name :
It is called Age.

COLIN G. BRODIE, Form 3A.

WATER SAFETY PRECAUTION

In connection with the present dispute by the Water Authority, we must recommend you not to drink tap water. Please comply with this advice until further notice, as it could result in illness. Do not attempt to call the Ambulance Service as they are all on strike. Do not attempt to reach the hospital by rail because the railmen are all on strike. Having arrived at the hospital, do not be too surprised to find that you are the only person in the whole hospital, since the hospital staff are also on strike. If there is no-one there, then simply return home and relax amid all the noise created by frantic pickets, and by schoolchildren, who have been sent home because of the schoolteachers' dispute and because of the oil scarcity in schools. Having been through all this pandemonium, you will, no doubt, be desperate to escape Britain for a while and go for a holiday. However, the British working people have seen to that, too. There are disputes at all the airports and docks, so you will have to remain at home for a few weeks. To go back to the question of your health, if you feel like committing suicide, then we beg you to hang on, because the flipping grave-diggers are on strike now.

ANDREW J. GOULD, Form 5C.

THE YACHT RACE

The day of the race dawned bright and clear,
The crews arrived and up went a cheer,
The yachts were out in the sea,
The smaller keeping well to the lee.

All jostling near the starting line,
Trying to be there right on time,
Then at last the starter's gun,
And all the crowd were enjoying the fun.

Soon the boats were out of sight,
Round the island and off to the right.
Then later a murmur in the crowd,
A sail could be seen full and proud.

Towards the finishing line it raced,
Setting its opponents quite a pace,
Over the line to become the winner,
But still in time to be home for dinner.

ROGER G. MARRIS, Primary 7₁.

FISHY TALES

With arms out wide throughout the day,
He tells us of the one that got away.
After dinner when he has more strength,
Both fish and stories grow in length.
We sit around, getting utterly bored,
As he rambles on, arms now uncontrolled.

In burns and rivers, streams and meres,
In ponds and pools, dams and weirs,
From banks and beaches, islands and piers,
With worms and maggots, daggers and spears,
In Scotland and England, Libya and Algiers,
He claims he's fished for years and years.

For hours and hours we must endure
His endless talk of worm and lure.
He waves his hands, his false teeth rattle,
As he tells us of his never-ending battle.
With salmon and trout, tench and pike,
With roach and rudd, carp, bream and the like.

JAMES YOUNG, Form 3A.

OIL SLICK

Oil slick
Black thick,
Dirty slime,
Short time.
Shetland sheep,
Now asleep.
Soft knitwear,
Men don't care.
Killed two score,
Hurt lots more.
Oldest breed,
Killed by greed.

CHRISTOPHER I. HILTON, Primary 6.

Sunshine is guaranteed for the opening day of the 1980 Olympics, Moscow Radio said yesterday. A squadron of aircraft has been placed at the disposal of the Olympic organising committee to seed any threatening clouds and force the rain out of them before they reach the main stadium in Moscow — Reuter.

MOSCOW 1980

To Moscow we'll go,
Without any snow,
For sun is guaranteed.

Now ladies fat,
Can wear best hat,
For sun is guaranteed.

We'll see a lot
Of people hot,
For sun is guaranteed.

Olympic Fun,
Will see the sun,
For sure in 1980.

KENNETH C. STEVEN, Primary 6.

BEST CONTRIBUTION

An anonymous Old Boy has again donated a generous prize for the Best Contribution to "The Morrisonian." This year the award goes to Graeme B. Wilson of Form 2 Star for his poem "The Hills," which appears on page 40. Graeme is also commended for his second entry, "City," which is on page 43.

We thank the anonymous Old Boy very sincerely for this gift.

FORMER PUPILS' SECTION

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES

ABERDEEN

Due to a paper shortage in the Aberdeen area we were not able to get our oar in last year. But just to remind you that the Granite City is still the place to be, we've made a special effort this time.

1st Year

GRAHAM HOOD has taken a roundabout route but is finally doing Medicine; he initially involved himself in a whole range of activities, some of which have now dwindled, leaving only his favourite ones.

CHRISTOPHER 'just good friends' MILLAR, doing Law, finds his work keeps him busy (or so he claims), but still plays rugby whenever he can find a team willing to play him. Also here is PAUL WHAM, who is often knocking about the Union, though he has successfully avoided our spies in the last fortnight.

2nd Year

IAIN GLEN, also a lawyer, has been seen frequently standing outside the St. Machar Bar (all-day licence), asking directions to the Law Library. Miraculously he gets through his exams (so he says).

'Lucy' MACKENZIE, that distinguished linguist, seems to have got his wires crossed, as he is rumoured to be doing Chemistry. He has proved too good for our spies, as has 'WAF' FERGUSON.

SIMON RAGLESS, after a brief stray into the Law Faculty, is now doing French and German. GRAHAM 'join the queue, dear' REID, a medic, is enjoying life in his down-town penthouse and still intends to bring the N.H.S. to its knees.

3rd Year

ROD STUART, doing Geography, has holed himself up in his cottage outside Aberdeen, where he is rumoured to spend hours cleaning his pet rocks and gluing his car together. LESLIE THOMSON (Politics and International Relations) is rarely seen on campus, but is believed to be preparing an S.N.P. attack on Westminster. Meanwhile, he collects beer-mats.



ALBERT BIL (Senior Honours Geography), organ-player extraordinaire, continues to sail through his course with irritating ease, missing out years here and there. Next stop — Professorship!

Robert Gordon's Institute of Science and Technology

GRAHAM MITCHELL was the overwhelming choice for the President of R.G.I.T.'s Students' Representative Council, a post which he is fulfilling with great success. His sabbatical year also gives him time to concentrate on his other love — flying.

DAVID WATTS, Engineering, is reputedly 'jamming' his way through everything very nicely, but is another elusive character.

Aberdeen College of Commerce

STUART JAMIESON ('Mr Burton') is currently doing the second year of his interpreter's course. SCOTT SHANKLAND (Romeo) breezes through the work, giving him ample time for extra-curricular activities!

EDINBURGH

1st Year

As usual a large number of Morrisonians converged on Edinburgh in search of the bright lights of the capital. After an experimental first term all seem to have settled down to the rigours of work.

In Social Sciences, DONALD MORRIS is seldom seen, but does work, I am told. MICHAEL PARKER studies Commerce successfully when not winning titles with the University Golf Team. GRANT GORRIE, also B.Comm., enjoys university life and works hard.

3rd Year

BILLY ALLAN, Dentistry, has shown great ability as a comic actor alongside his undoubted dental skills. DAVID PARKER, B.Comm., is cheerfully being transformed into an accountant, while ROBIN NISBET is less enthusiastic with the same course.

PETER STOTT, History, is happy to be in the Honours course. BILLY McCOLL, Vet, has had the pleasure of living out various fantasies through the year, in combination with a lot of hard work.

DAVID TELFORD, Economics, has had possibly less of a pleasurable existence, but has no complaints.

D. T.

4th Year

DAVID WARNOCK, who completes his B.Comm. with Honours this term, has recently accepted employment with I.C.F.C. BARRIE WALKER, not daunted by his experiences teaching the people of Crieff how to park some summers ago, is going to continue that profession — this time with children. He hopes to go to Teacher Training College after he graduates in Maths.

STEVE TURNER is back at University in time to collect an Honours degree in Mechanical Engineering, while STEVE RAITH on the Civil side is working hard for his finals and making life very difficult for his flat-mate STUART MACINTYRE, who is completing Honours Law and going on to do a two-year postgraduate managerial degree. Both are getting married this summer.

ROBERT MEIKLE (single, attractive, etc.) is practising Medicine on anyone he can get his hands on — no reasonable offer refused.

No survey of the hard-working student population at Edinburgh would be complete without a mention of RANALD NAISMITH — he's still here.

Senior Citizens' Section

BILLY CROSS and IAN SCOTT are in their sixth and final year of Medicine. The course has now been reduced to five years.

NIGEL LAING and BILLY DUFF are completing their Ph.D.s this year.

S. W. M.

NAPIER COLLEGE

Doing a B.A. in Business Studies is JAMIE THOMSON, who assures us all that he is working hard, while ALASDAIR WATSON does Business Studies and Accounting. RODDY MacGREGOR enjoys his electrical engineering, while KENNY ALLAN spends some of his time studying environmental health.

NEIL MARSHALL hopes to do ? (ask his brother) at Napier after spending this year at Stevenson College. He continues to improve in the rugby world, playing a few games for Heriot's F.P. 1st XV this year.

MARTIN COOMBES is working well at his engineering course!

G. G.

HERIOT-WATT

1st Year

Only two newcomers have arrived at Heriot-Watt this year. KENNETH 'Spid' RYDER is pursuing a Civil Engineering course, and plans to continue playing cricket. BRUCE GRAHAM, doing Actuarial Maths, works hard and is enjoying this course.

G. G.

2nd Year

EWAN GILLIES is rumoured to have got into Second-Year Mechanical Engineering but he may actually be repeating First Year! Once again he has had a successful season playing on the wing for Strathmore R.F.C. Neglecting his duties to some extent is JOHN DENHOLM, who is in Second-Year Economics. He leads a proverbially hectic social life, centering mainly around Edinburgh University Ski-Club.

DAVID LAING is repeating his struggle of last year with Actuarial Maths.

Apologies to the few other Morrisonians in Second Year who are definitely here, but about whom I could discover nothing before the deadline for printing.

3rd Year

ALASTAIR HOY is easing his way through to a General Science degree, secure in the knowledge that he has been accepted for Pilot training.

Little is seen of ALISTER MINTY who probably stays in and works every night! Well, maybe not, but he seems to be working sufficiently hard to cope with the demands of his Electrical Engineering course.

Also coping well with his course is NEIL CROSBIE, who is doing Marine Biology. Neil has also been diving in some warm distant climes this year.

4th Year

Alone in Fourth Year is GRANT BAYNE who is managing admirably, as expected, with Actuarial Maths and Statistics.

D. R. L.

DUNDEE

This year saw only two freshers: ALISTER MacEACHEN, who is coping well with Law, despite an illness and the amount of time he spends on the football park, and IAN MacKAY (I.D. not I.H.), who, having graduated from Napier College and gone to South Africa, returns to Scotland to do a degree in Civil Engineering.

RICHARD TAYLOR has changed from Architecture to Social Science, and seems to have spent most of the winter ski-ing, whilst the other Social Scientist, STUART FOSTER, still insists he is working hard.

ALAN MATTHEWS continues to enjoy the delights of Medicine and can be seen jogging across the Tay Bridge in an attempt to keep fit. Finally IAN FOTHERINGHAM maintains his rugby and social interests, and graduates this year in Law — so be warned.

A. E. M.

DUNDEE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Here we have COLIN CRAWFORD and IAN GANNON, both of whom are studying Accountancy. Also present are KEITH FYFE and LESLIE STIRLING (engaged in either mechanical, electrical or civil engineering — we're not sure which), EWAN MacDONALD (electrical engineering) and lastly, that happy-go-lucky dingo from down-under, COLIN MATHER, who's doing Business Studies.

A. E. M.

GLASGOW

So another year has passed since the last correspondence from the Morrisonians desperately engaged in battle for a degree at 'Ra Yooni.'

IAN HIRST is still here in his final year of Sociology. He is considering taking a Law degree next year. LINDSAY MUIR, now in Third-Year Medicine, works hard and has bought himself a car.

JAMES GARVEN has decided that the life of a dentist is not for him and is leaving to sample the military delights of Sandhurst in October, while that other staunch bastion of the O.T.C., ALLAN DOWNIE, has been seen on an Engineering Course.

In second year we have JOHN CAMPBELL, who, when not pursuing rugby balls for Clarkston, is also doing Geography, Psychology and Physics, while DAVID FRIER is known to be engaged in learning increasingly obscure languages. ROBERT KAY is still doing Engineering. He has bought a motor-bike, which seems to be his only vice in life.

Other F.P.s to be seen here are NEIL BUCHANAN, now in his final year in Medicine and about to be released on an unsuspecting world, and JACK MEREDITH, still a lawyer, and PETER YOUNGER. Peter seems to live student life to the full and amongst other pastimes plays the 'pipes in the University Band. DAVE BILSLAND, in his first year of Medicine, is producing excellent results.

D. G. F., J. M.

ST ANDREWS

In my experience, Morrisonians at St Andrews tend to see very little of one another. This makes my present task a difficult one, so if I omit people, I apologise to them.

GORDON MILNE is in his final year reading Psychology; according to sources, he appeared recently in the Kate Kennedy Parade. DAVID COULL is completing his studies in English, and writing operas and symphonies in his spare time. DEREK McLEAN, of the same generation, hopes to stay on at St Andrews to work for a Ph.D.

DOUGLAS McGEACHIE, according to John Holms, retains his dignity. His brother ALASDAIR, is said to have changed course, but is still enjoying life. Mr HOLMS himself appreciates the freedom which university affords; enough said?

DAVID ARNOTT is back from his year in America and is still active. He tells me that BRUCE KINROY is here somewhere reading Science.

I often bump into CHRIS SWAN at one thing or another — be it coming out of lectures or at parties. He remains cheerful.

Of my own year, BIG BILL MACMILLAN is generally heard before he is seen, but the sight, when it hoves-to, is always an interesting one. FERGUS TORRENS, I see occasionally; he is fast becoming an ardent Scottish Country Dancer. Both these gentlemen are reading Science.

I am at the end of Second-Year Classics, and of myself can only say, "Moi, je ne regrette rien."

D. A. S.

FORMER PUPILS' NEWS

You may note the change of title this year from Old Boys' Section to Former Pupils' News. This is entirely deliberate since a number of these Old Boys don't like being reminded of the fact; but, more seriously, it is with a view to the future. It is likely that next year there will be only one magazine covering what used to be the two schools—with integration of the schools it is hoped to integrate the two former pupils' clubs; hence the broader description will allow us to embrace the girls — in a manner of speaking, that is.

On this business of integration and amalgamation of the Morrisonian Club and the Old Girls' Union, there have been a number of meetings between representatives of the two former pupil clubs and it is hoped later this year to produce a scheme of amalgamation suitable to both clubs; it is agreed that the new joint club will be known as the Morrisonian Club and preparation of a draft constitution is presently under way, its main aim, as always, being to promote the welfare of Morrison's Academy and maintain and strengthen the friendships formed there.

The Club, as is, continues to promote Morrisonian activity through local branches in London, Hong Kong and Glasgow, and with an amalgamation with the O.G.U., there are high hopes of establishing in Grief and Edinburgh where they are particularly strong.

As always, we hope **All** school leavers (boys only for this year) will join the Club. Life Membership subscription is £10, which includes one free issue of the magazine. An annual circular helps keep you in touch with the Club's activities. Club Membership Card is required to be exhibited when purchasing club ties, blazers, etc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the A.G.M. was held on Tuesday, 24th April, in the Royal Scottish Automobile Club in Glasgow. It was a historic occasion since for the first time there were "observers" from the Old Girls' Union and in addition the new Rector attended and addressed the meeting. There was as usual a good turnout with lively, informal discussion, particularly regarding the proposed amalgamation of the two clubs and integration of the two schools.

Office-bearers and committee were appointed as follows:

President: I. M. Stuart (1952).

Secretary: M. D. Sheppard (1961).

Treasurer: A. W. Deakin (1961).

Senior Vice-President: D. Stewart (1931).

Junior Vice-President: M. Moffat (1957).

Committee Members: S. W. Macintyre (1975), T. J. Macaskill, H. Beattie, A. Leckie (1961), R. Bolton (1964), J. Henderson, D. Millar, G. Philips (1968).

Past Presidents on ex officio list: G. D. Greenshields, T. McNeil, H. G. Dodd, J. B. Omand, T. Dunsire, T. N. Biggart, C. C. Stewart, K. M. Grant, N. R. Waddell, A. S. Brown, W. G. Semple, A. I. M. Macmillan.

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Board of Governors: T. Dunsire.

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Appeals Fund Committee: I. Stuart, M. Moffat.

ALISTER MACMILLAN WRITES:

There are about a thousand young people at Morrison's now; there are many 'older' people who have been to Morrison's, many who wish they had been there and, dare I say, a few who wish they hadn't! When we consider first, second and even third generations at the school as well as parents, brothers, sisters, staff and others, "Morrisonians and Associates" is a real worldwide organisation.

Membership of the Former Pupil Clubs of the Morrison's Boys' and Girls' Schools enables F.P.s to keep in touch with their School and friends from what were probably really 'the best years of their lives.' There has been an increasing liaison between the two Clubs — the Morrisonian Club and the Old Girls' Union (MAC and OGU). With amalgamation of the two Schools we hope this trend will continue and that all F.P.s will join their F.P. Club. Hence, here we shall talk of Morrisonians as any F.P.s of Morrison's and start by giving some news of girls traced, particularly in Morrisonian Club outposts. We hope also that Morrison's girls will not hesitate to get in touch with Morrisonian Club representatives in the various areas — as indeed we hope also will parents and pupils. Let us all benefit by contributing to the 'Old Boy/Girl' network of common interests — Morrisonians, Morrison's and Crieff; contact the F.P. Clubs (see list below) and please let us know if you are prepared to act as a contact in any centre or country not listed. If we really develop this network and tap the experience and goodwill of those prepared to help Morrisonians — and each other — we should have a useful resource for social as well as more practical self-help purposes. Let us maintain the links of friendship and common interest and, if you are not a member of your F.P. Club, why not join now as a Life Member and support or even organise Branch/Area activities.

MORRISONIAN (FP) CLUBS

Morrisonian Club

Secretary, Mike Sheppard, 2 Ledcameroch Crescent, Bearsden, Glasgow, UK. Tel.: Home 041-942 5902, Work 041-248 3904.

Old Girls' Union

Secretary, Miss Edith Turpie, Cairndhu, Crieff, PH7, Tayside Region, Scotland, UK.

OR, for either, as appropriate

Morrisonian (FP) Club, Secretary, c/o Morrison's Academy, Crieff, PH7 3AN, Tayside Region, Scotland, UK. Tel.: 0764 2203.

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Edinburgh: Tom Macaskill 031 226 6541.

Glasgow (Branch): David Stewart 041 647 2231.

London (Branch Club): Muir Moffat 0628 26326.

Sheffield: Richard Vick 0742 26401.

OVERSEAS

Belgium, Brussels: Alister Macmillan, Ave. de la Bergerie 18, 1410 Waterloo, Brussels. Tel.: Home 2-354 4397, Work 2-649 9620.

Hong Kong: James Fairbairn, 4002 Connaught Centre.

Canada, Ontario: John Cummings, PO Box 380, Winona.

South Africa: Stuart Graham, PO Box 31 099, Braamfontein.

West Indies, Dominica: Dr Norman Begg, Princess Margaret Hospital.

Timbuktu (or elsewhere)—ask Club Secretary for possible contacts!

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

GOLF: Brian McLean, 22 Alexander Avenue, Eaglesham (Tel. Eaglesham 2733).

As usual, Brian is co-ordinating Club teams for matches against the school for the Cameron Cup and for the entry to the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools' Cup. Those who wish to be considered should contact Brian.

RUGBY: Tom Macaskill, 35 Darnell Road, Edinburgh (Tel. 031 226 6541).

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

CRICKET: Richard Vick, 55 Whirlow Lane, Sheffield (Tel. 0742 360 924).

Richard will organise the Club side to play the School First XI on the Monday of Sports Weekend. Please contact Richard if you wish to play.

TENNIS: Tom Macaskill, 35 Darnell Road, Edinburgh (Tel. 031 226 6541).

Tom is hoping once again to put together a team to play a school side on the Sunday of Sports Weekend, so contact Tom if you wish to be considered.

REPORTS FROM THE BRANCHES

HONG KONG

The Hong Kong branch continues to be informal, but social. The current roll is Tom Harley, Richard Gibb, Robin Radcliffe, Nigel McNie, David Cameron, Gordon Saddler, Andrew Godfrey, Iain Leighton, James Fairbairn and Leigh Roberts.

Leigh Roberts is a recent "discovery." In fact it turns out that he had been in Hong Kong for many years but paths had not crossed until some recent business dealings. Leigh left school in 1963 and after five years in the Merchant Navy with City Line, joined Wallem's, a well-known shipping firm in Hong Kong. He became a senior director there before leaving over four years ago to set up his own shipbroking firm which is now well established with an expatriate staff of four. Leigh is married with two boys.

Last autumn the branch was visited by Norman Jack, who is now a U.S. citizen resident in San Francisco. He has recently set up his own engineering consultancy business there and, almost at the same time, got married. His wife is Philippino. Norman was on a Far East tour with his local rugby club. Norman's parents still live in Crieff. His two brothers, Stewart and Gavin, were also at Morrison's.

Raymond Beyer (left school in the early 1970s) passed through recently. Raymond is an RAF pilot officer and was *en route* to Australia at the joy stick of a Canberra transporter.

Iain Hall, ex-HK Police, left last summer to return to Edinburgh, where he now has a job with IBM.

Robin Radcliffe has recently left the Mandarin Hotel where he was group financial controller, and is now practising in his own accountancy firm.

Dick Gibb has recently been appointed Managing Director of United Sterling (Far East) Ltd., a subsidiary of the U.K. Company, active mainly in the China Trade.

Additionally, news of two Old Girls, Doreen MacLean who left in 1968 and now works in the Finance Branch of the Hong Kong Government and Catherine Styles (née McDonald — brother Gordon) who now has two children.

Finally, when in Hong Kong, contact James Fairbairn at Room 4002, Connaught Centre, 1 Connaught Place, Hong Kong, Telephone 5 - 257063 (Office) or 5 - 871404 (Home).

LONDON

Chairman: David Millar 01 629 9496.

Vice-Chairmen: Gary Chalmers 01 278 2345.

Fraser Kirkcaldy 01 636 3629.

Secretary: Donald Munro.

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

GLASGOW

Chairman: D. Stewart (1931) Strathaven 22092.

Treasurer: D. Fyfe (1976).

The Club meets on the second Monday of every month in the upstairs lounge at the Blythwood Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow, at 6.00 p.m., for 6.30 p.m. Like London, these evenings are informal but unlike London, the Glasgow branch is not enjoying the same level of support, so please come along and add weight to the numbers.

PERSONAL NOTES

A. L. STALKER would be delighted to have a visit from any Morrisonian student arriving at Aberdeen University. Contact him at Department of Pathology, University Medical Buildings, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, and don't be put off by the fact that he is Professor there.

JOHN PERKS (1963) is now in the merchant banking world with County Bank, part of the Nat. West, Group.

IAIN McLEAN is sales manager of a wine company in Sydney, Australia, while back here, brother BRIAN McLEAN has been appointed sales manager of John Letters & Co., well-known manufacturers of golf clubs.

RAYMOND HUTCHISON, who left school in 1947, is now managing director of Bass East Lancs., based in Manchester. He has two sons, Graeme and Neil. Graeme has been capped for his county rugby side. He would be pleased to make contact with any old boys in the area and to help any youngsters in any way possible.

RODERICK DAVIDSON (1972) is now a qualified Solicitor working for a firm with offices in Leven and St Andrews. He married a former Dollar girl last year. Roderick is one of a large contingent of F.Ps. who plays for Edinburgh Wanderers.

IAIN CUNNINGHAM (1972) went to Napier to study civil engineering. Having obtained his H.N.D., he went to work in South Africa, around the Free State gold mines. Having returned to Scotland in early 1979, he found the industrial climate not to his liking and is now in Qatar for two years.

IAN RANKIN (1975), now married, is to captain Edinburgh Wanderers next season. Other Morrisonians there are ROD DAVIDSON, EWAN GILLIES, BILL BALFOUR and MIKE COCHRANE. Ian extends an invitation to any Morrisonian wishing to play the game, at any level; there are six XVs; anyone wishing to take up this invitation should contact Ian at Greenside Lodge, Murrayfield, or at his home 031-557-0284.

GERALD CRAWFORD would be glad to hear from Morrisonians if they are in the Côte D'Azur. He stays in Vence and can be contacted by phone at (93) 580202.

GROUP CAPTAIN DUNCAN SMITH has now retired and is living in Fife.

KENNETH LIECHTI hopes to graduate this year with a Ph.D. in Aeronautics from California Institute of Technology and then to find a research job in the U.S. In the meantime he was married and inherited a family of three boys and then became a widower; however, he is bearing up well in the circumstances.

F. KIDD is now the Sub-editor of the Edinburgh Evening News, after some years with the Scotsman.

PETER YOUNGER, having joined the Club after lengthy negotiations with his parents over the matter of membership subscriptions, is in his First Year at Glasgow University taking a B.Sc. in Aeronautical Engineering.

DAVE BARRY on leaving school worked for four years with University Press, Oxford, and is now with National Westminster Bank. He is married with a son and a daughter and still sails National Twelves.

NIGEL AUSTEN left Welbeck College and entered Sandhurst where he was commissioned at Sovereign's Parade last year.

GARY CHALMERS is now working on a journal called Drapers' Record, selling display advertising space. This is a Thomson publication and is the leading journal in women's fashion and the textile trade.

GORDON MARTIN (1964) is still teaching P.E. and Maths at Banff Academy and is Principal Teacher of Leisure. He and a colleague at school have been promoting Rugby and there are now four XV's at school and a new club in the town itself, all this in the face of competition from the Highland Football League. Gordon now has three children, a girl and two boys.

MEL WATSON (1961) is still living in Stirling, having gone on holiday earlier this year to Norway, and returned home married.

JIM WILSON (1961) continues to run the family business of house factors in Glasgow.

PETER STEWART (1961) is Deputy Head of a comprehensive school with 650 pupils at Grantham.

GORDON PERCY is doing Physical Education and Sports Science at Loughborough University where he plays spot the Scotsman, rather than the Morrisonian. However, there are a surprising number of them, and there was even a Burns Supper earlier in the year. The University is definitely recommended to anyone interested in P.E. or Engineering.

Of Gordon's old class mates, GORDON SCOTT has finally taken the plunge and got engaged to a BS 352T computer, congratulations to him. CLIVE MIQUEL, "studying" at Stirling, has just moved to a new flat; his new address is, The One Armed Bandit, 3 Cherry Lane. Confirmed gambler, IAIN GLEN has changed his course at Aberdeen, and is now seriously studying beer drinking, and BILLY MACMILLAN has not cut his hair since he left school two years ago.

JOHN CHISHOLM (1975) is in his third year of Business Organisation at Heriot-Watt, and hopes to take Honours next year in Corporate Planning and Marketing. He claims to have little time for sport except for a little pool and squash, although he did find time to get engaged to an Edinburgh girl. His main claim to fame is that he did the lighting for the Stranglers on their major British tour.

JACK WATTERS (1964-70) graduated in Medicine from Edinburgh University in 1977 and is at present Senior House Officer in Medicine at Keith Hospital. He takes up the post of Registrar in Medicine at the Deaconess Hospital on 1st August, 1979. Jack retains his interest in the arts, especially opera, and is a regular visitor to Covent Garden.

GREGOR WATTERS (1952-58) is on the consultant staff of the World Health Organisation. He travels widely in Europe and the Near East in connection with his work, and recently he spent six months as United Nations Project Manager in Ankara. Dr Watters married Zoila Linares in January 1978, and they have made their home in Copenhagen.

DOUGLAS WEST writes to say that after a year and a month at Ross High School, he has now moved to Daniel Stewart's and Melville College, where he still teaches Physical Education.

ALLAN LUKE, M.Sc., B.Sc., is now working as a Pharmacist in Warranambool, Victoria, Australia.

P. DOUGLAS BROWN (1958-70) writes to say that after a legal and financial career at Whitbread and Co. in London, he is now taking up a position as financial analyst with Morgan Guaranty Trust in New York.

IAN MACPHERSON has been appointed executive Director in charge of the British Linen Bank's new London office, which opens in July. He has worked in Dundee, Edinburgh and London; and he and his wife Margaret have two children.

DINNER DANCE

Last year's dinner dance was once again held at Dunblane Hydro and as usual it was a great success. It was organised by Ian Stuart for the Club, who managed to hold the price down to £5, the same level as the year before, and that price included Jim McLeod and his famous band.

This year the Glasgow branch is going to take on the organisation of the dance, to be held once more at Dunblane Hydro on 5th October. Again it is hoped to have Jim McLeod and his band. David Stewart, chairman of the Glasgow branch, will be pleased to take orders for tickets; contact him at home, 21 Millar Street, Glassford, By Strathaven, telephone Strathaven 22092 or at work 041-647-2321.

DEATHS

The following deaths were notified to the Secretary during the last year and these are noted with regret: A. J. Hunter, D. F. M. Mearns, G. Paterson, G. B. Pattullo, D. N. McIntyre, I. F. Stewart.

OBITUARIES

IAN F. STEWART (1927/33)

We regret to record the death of Ian Stewart on 4th February, 1979, in Adelaide, South Australia.

Born in Dundee in 1915, he came to Morrison's along with his elder brother David in 1927, and boarded at the Academy House under the Rector, Mr J. Donaldson. He was for a number of years a drummer in the O.T.C. Pipe Band.

He left school in 1933 and entered an architects' office in Dundee and just before the war moved to London. In 1941 he enlisted in the Royal Engineers and served at home and with the 8th Army in North Africa and Italy before returning to civilian life in 1946, when he returned to Dundee. In June 1949 he emigrated to Australia and lived and worked in Adelaide where he took an appointment with Hessel & McConnell, Architects, who were responsible for the New Adelaide Festival Theatre. For the last fifteen years he was employed by Jackman Gooden, Scott & Swan and was due to retire in 1980.

His first visit home was in 1976 for four months, along with his wife Molly and their three teenage children. Since returning to Australia his two daughters have been married. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Molly and the family.

A. J. "MAC" HUNTER, M.B.E., J.P. (1924/31)

We regret to record the death of Mac Hunter on 28th April, 1979, in Brechin, formerly of Malaya.

Mac was a boarder in the old Academy House when this boarding house was in the original school building.

His prowess on the rugby field and cricket pitch, playing for the 1st XV and 1st XI respectively, is legendary and one unforgettable memory was a cricket match, played in those days at Academy Park, when he and David McQueen both made centuries but in the process smashed no less than 4 classroom windows and 2 windows in the changing rooms of the swimming baths.

Mac became a Planter in Malaya in 1934 and rose from Assistant to Manager, then to General Manager and eventually Director of the Planting Company he was with. He retired from active planting in 1965.

Throughout his career he was a keen sportsman and in the pre-war era in Malaya he played both rugby and cricket for the State of Selangor and was capped in both sports for Malaya.

During the war years Mac had a distinguished career as a Major in Force 136 and in 1944 was parachuted into Malaya behind the Japanese lines to assist the Malayan Resistance Army. He had the honour of being the first European to enter Kuala Lumpur when hostilities ceased in 1945.

In the post-war era, in spite of his heavy commitments on Government Committees and those in the private sector, he always found time to give his sympathetic consideration and advice, be they personal or business problems, to his European staff and Plantation workers.

On behalf of the Morrisonian Club, deepest sympathy is extended to his son, Johnnie, daughter Angela, stepdaughter Ann and his brother Addi.

DUNCAN F. M. MEARNS (193?-43)

Duncan Mearns, best known as "Miranda," did not pretend to be a scholar, but he was a rugby player and a runner of some note. It was after he left school, however, that he became best known, as one whose house, for many years in Edinburgh, and his endless kindness and hospitality were open to all, particularly Morrisonians. He was one of the principals in the resurgence of the old Edinburgh Borderers' Rugby Club, to which many Morrisonians went on moving to Edinburgh, and there he fathered and befriended them with infinite kindness. He died on 18th April, 1979, after being gravely ill for a long time, and many friends mourn one who was a lasting credit to Morrison's Academy — a veray parfit gentil man.

T. D.

A NOTE FROM ALISTER MACMILLAN

My two years as President of the Morrisonian Club ended this year — at the AGM on 24th April. It was an honour, enjoyable but frustrating, as I hadn't been able to do as much as I'd hoped for the Club and Morrison's. My being based in Saudi Arabia for much of 1977 and Belgium in 1978 only helped in that I was able to meet people associated with Morrison's in both countries — as indeed I had when living in Algeria a few years previously.

Some good luck and scheduling enabled me to represent the Club and join in Club activities on a number of occasions. One such highlight was at Sports Weekend last June. We held the first F.P. — joint Old Boys/Girls — meeting in the Pavilion after the trophies had been presented by Mrs D. A. McNeill. Later that evening the Club hosted a get-together of many F.P.s, Staff and Governors. Activities on the Sunday and Monday went off well. There is great scope now for developing this weekend 'event' even further. At Speech Day in July, Cameron H. Parker presented the Dux Medal on behalf of the Club and afterwards we and our wives were pleased to accept the Governors' invitation to lunch.

Another Morrisonian 'landmark event' well worth a visit to Scotland for a weekend was the Morrisonian Dinner Dance at Dunblane Hydro. Last October Ian Stuart, our new President, organised the evening for the Club and a great success it was. We had welcome support from Governors, Staff, Parents and Girls' Associations and others. Some of our (non-Morrisonian) friends who have joined us regularly at this dance over the past 15-20 years rated it as high as any. They now admit to having to think twice when asked when they attended Morrison's!

A few more notes will illustrate activity in the past year and give news of Morrisonians and 'Associates' in various places.

CRIEFF. It was enjoyable to meet many friends of Morrison's during visits to Crieff — including the former Rector and Headmistress. Meetings and discussions with the new Rector have so far unfortunately been by 'phone. On Easter Monday holiday, 16th April, I was particularly pleased to be able to call and see John Williamson and his wife. 'Johnnie' was home, up, out and recovering from his recent severe heart attack. We all wish him well.

At Speech day it was a pleasure to have Mrs Marjorie McLellan, Ewanfield, invited to join us at St Michael's and to hear from her tales of many other Speech Days since the time she and her late husband came to Crieff, bought Glenearn and set it up as a Boarding House. She also had a few new (to me) tales about my late father when he was at Morrison's.

I would like to thank the Philips family at the Strathearn Herald for letting me have a selection of Press abstracts on Morrison's for display

at the Dance, as well as Ian High, Dundee, and my uncle, Ian 'Roosty' Macmillan, Lochranza, for team photographs around 1910-1920s.

A visit to Crieff for the School's presentation of "The Mikado" was very enjoyable.

GLASGOW. On Friday, 25th May, 1978, at one of the many enjoyable Glasgow Branch lunches I have been at, I joined (at least) Ian Henderson ('40), Alan Ramsay ('67), George Philips ('68), Bruce Wilson ('46), Ken Grant ('50), Dr Gordon Semple ('43) and Mike Sheppard ('61). These aren't ages, by the way, although they do make some of us feel better.

LONDON. The Branch of the Club in London is very active, even having their own crested ties by courtesy of artist Gerald Cumming. My wife, Isabel, and I were delighted to be able to join Muir Moffat and his wife, Tricia, and other Members and friends at an L.M.C. 'Extraordinary' meeting in the Royal Air Force Club on Friday, 2nd February — the evening before the Calcutta Cup Match at Twickenham. The group included Ian Stuart, David Miller, Andy Hughes, Gerald Cumming, Alister Marshall, Dennis Kirkland, Gary Chalmers. Next day we joined Muir, Ian and Bayne Shaw to go to the Match and on the way out I met Keith Muir, who had just come down from Glasgow and was with Colin Wells at Purley.

Congratulations to Muir Moffat, recently called from IBM to be Managing Director of the new Company being formed under the auspices of the National Enterprise Board.

BRUSSELS. Here, I have met or had news from quite a few people associated with and interested in Morrison's as well as some from Glenalmond, Dollar, Strathallan and other Scottish Schools. Indeed, come Thursday night a few of us plan to get together at the house of Alex. Grant (ex-Dollar). He is a piper and in great demand here. L. N. A. (Lawrie) Flockhart (White House, Park Lane, Old Knebworth, Surrey) gave me a ring before coming to Brussels on business. He had noted my number on a newsletter: we had a pleasant evening when he visited Belgium and we and our respective wives met again in London for dinner at the Twickenham weekend. He spoke of Tom Dunsire and others. Lawrie has recently been appointed UK Vice-President of Smith Kline & French, the US Pharmaceutical Company.

At the Scots Kirk in Brussels we met Aline Dovey (now Dunachie), Dreve de Linkebeek 2, Rhode Ste. Genese, Brussels 02-235 5512. She has been living here for several years with her husband, Gilbert, and gave me more news of Morrison's. She was there in the '40s with her sister Sheila and brother Colin C. Dovey (1933-41). Colin is now in Canada (8 Regency Square, West Hill, Scarborough, Toronto M1E 1N3. Tel.: 416 683 1967). I might well have given him a ring had I known the

number when I was stuck in Toronto en route to Chicago. However, I did try to ring Robert Lunan (19 Strathallan Buildings, Toronto 305) but got no reply. At least we might get Colin and Robert to get in touch with each other and so form the nucleus of a Toronto branch! And I am sure it wouldn't be too difficult to get a Morrisonian rep. in Vancouver.

Through mutual friends here I heard that Mr and Mrs Wylie were thinking of sending their daughter to Morrison's. We were able to meet during the Christmas vacation when our children, Fiona and Colin, were over from Crieff and between us we answered some queries before Lesley started at Knockearn last term. We hope many more here will see Morrison's as a suitable UK Boarding School.

Having been asked to 'Toast the Lasses' at the Brussels Caledonian Society Burns Night, I had the double honour of meeting Miss Teresa Cullis, OBE, UK Consul, who knows Crieff and Morrison's well. She mentioned Adriane Smith, Housemistress at Knox House, Mrs Laing Witherton at Gilmerton and Mr and Mrs Gill Richardson, with the BEC here in Brussels. Mrs Richardson was Frances McIntyre at Morrison's. We look forward to meeting next month. I also understand that there is a Morrison's pupil from Courtrai in Belgium.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone in or passing through Brussels — at least we might be able to answer queries on working, living and costs in Belgium.

HONG KONG. Unfortunately, despite being involved with work for Korea, I haven't yet managed to visit Hong Kong to meet that lively Morrisonian group, as I had hoped. Clearly, had I landed in Hong Kong a choice of hotel would have been difficult, as Morrisonians head up management in two leading hotels and the US company I work for, ITT, have a hotel there too.

Lastly — I have stressed the potential resources for advice from Morrison's F.P.s. I should be only too pleased to try to assist any Morrisonian or pupil — perhaps even on careers questions, having experience including General Management, Project Management and Management Consulting as well as Chartered Civil, Mechanical and Production Engineering with a spell as a commissioned Pilot in the Royal Air Force, with a UN Agency and experience of living with my family in Bulgaria, Algeria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia — but not Timbuktu.

Good luck and many thanks to the Editorial Staff of the Morrisonian Magazine and to the Committee and Members of the Morrisonian Club — especially Mike Sheppard, Secretary, based in Glasgow.

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AUTOGRAPHS

Morrison's Academy Parents' Association

The Association was formed in 1973 with the object of promoting closer liaison between parents and the School. Meetings are held every term.

The Association also runs a Thrift Shop for secondhand School uniform. This is housed in the John Smith basement, and is open on Wednesday afternoons during term-time, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.

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

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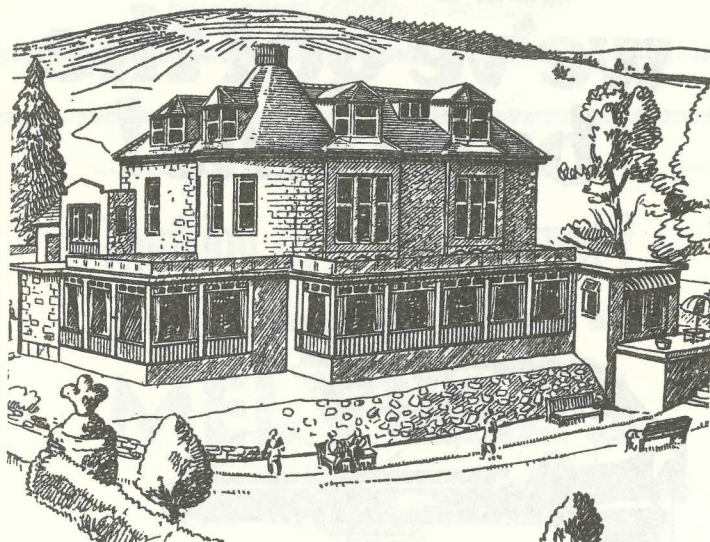
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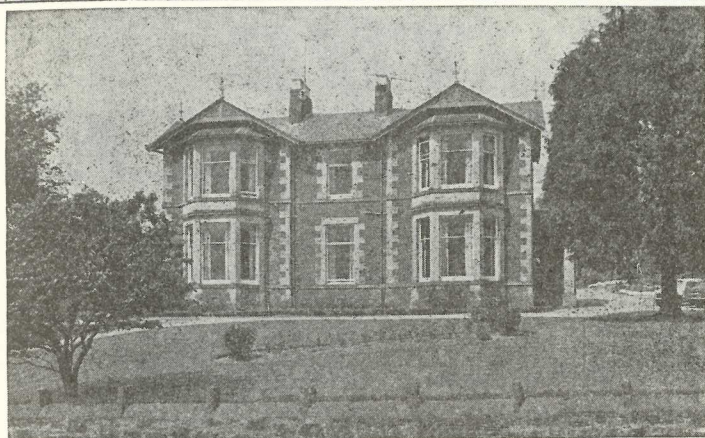
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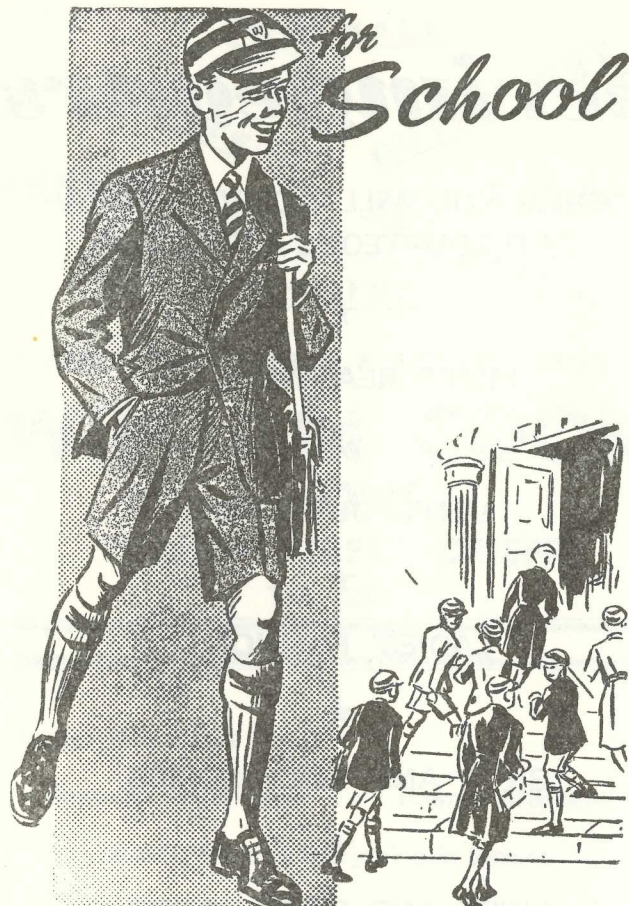
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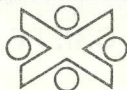
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