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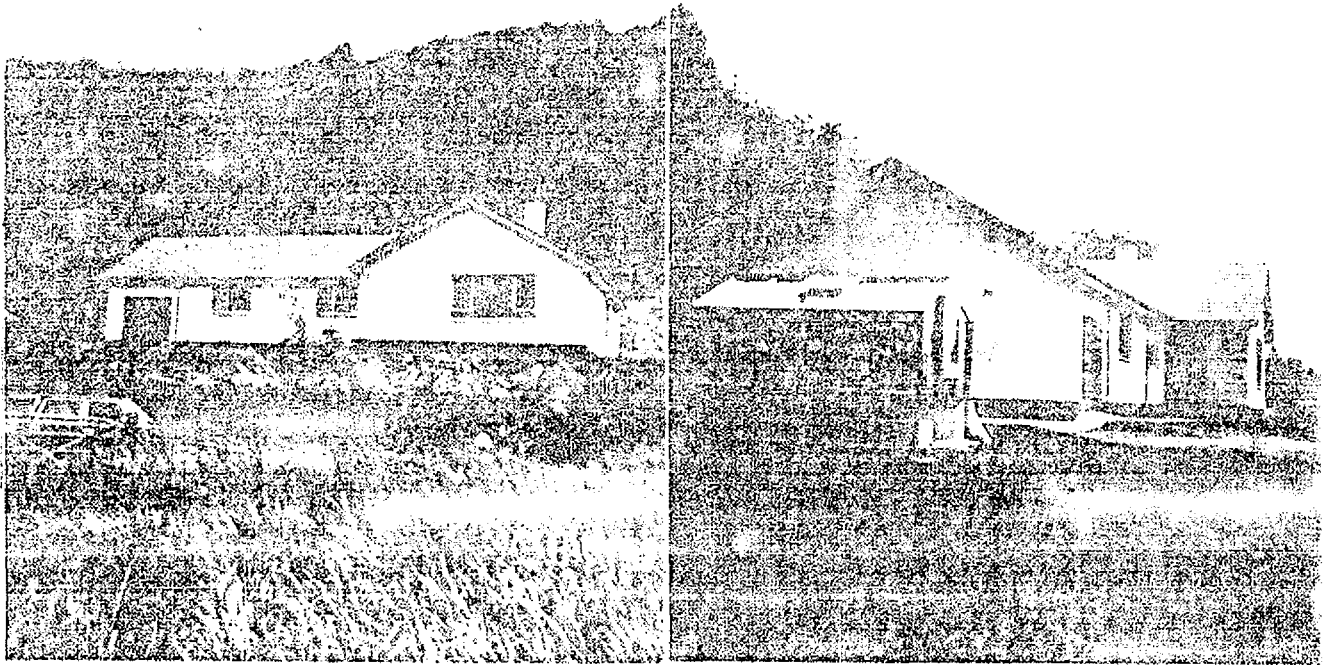
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(Photos: Margaret Gillies)

"THE NEW HOUSE", ONE OF THE OLIVER HOMES,
ON THE SITE OF THE OLD "ROSE COTTAGE".
INFORMATION INSIDE ON OLIVER HOMES, AND
A STORY ON THE OLD "ROSE COTTAGE".

editorial

This issue is somewhat late again. Perhaps it is time to announce a couple of changes of policy. The first is a smallish one. In future, and starting with this issue, the winners of the two prizes, for creative writing and for reporting, will be given a choice as to the kind of prize they wish: either a book token or record token.

The second change of policy is this. We are going to stick from now on to our schedules. That means we will issue the magazine at the end (in the case of Christmas, towards the end) of the following months: Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec.

This means that we ourselves will endeavour to report events and will not wait for reports.

That is not to say we do not want reports. Far from it, we prefer reports from the various activities, and it is far better for the magazine that they appear. For example, we believe that some interesting things have been happening in the two secondary schools in the area, and no doubt many know of them. We could report the facts, but you will agree that reports from the inside, so to speak, lend more community life to a community magazine.

Over to you, secretaries, organisers, participants, etc., etc.

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20.5.81.

The Editor,
Moriston Matters,
Invermoriston.

Dear Sir,

Mrs Young and I spent two very happy weeks as residents in "Homewood", and I would be grateful if you could convey to everyone in the Glen our sincere thanks for the wonderful time we had; everything was perfect including the weather.

I purchased a copy of your February issue and a study of the various reports, and comments, was a very clear indication that the Community Spirit, about which we hear so much these days, is very much alive, and well, in Glenmoriston. Your victory over the proposed closure of the School is an excellent example how, even in these bureaucratic days in which we live, it is possible for a United Community, no matter how small, to outface an Authority, if their cause is just and their action united.

Mrs Young and I are looking forward to further visits to the Glen, but as we can not see into the future we will, in the meantime, have to be content with the memories of a lovely holiday, and close with our united good wishes to all the permanent residents in Glenmoriston.

To us MORISTON REALLY MATTERS.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Ian C. Young.

The building of a new house (see following pages) on the site of what was once "Rose Cottage" may be an appropriate time to give some account of the old "Rose Cottage" and its main inhabitants. The word "main" is important, for "Rose Cottage" in even fairly recent bygone times was, being on the roadside, a favourite port of call for not only members of the family but wayfarers of many a kind, the once familiar and respected tramp and tinker, acquaintances, friends, etc. On the Free Kirk Communion Sabbath, for example, the house would be packed.

The main inhabitants of Rose Cottage for many years were Alexander MacDonald and his sister - Katie Archie to all, for they were of the MacDonald "Archies" of Achnaconeran. Kate, surely one of Nature's gentlewomen, instinctively kind to young and old and the animal world, was a much-loved personality in and beyond the Glen.

But it is on Alexander that this article is centred. This Glen has produced many a character and worthy - eccentric, our modern way of life might say - and it is hoped that the Glen will continue to produce them. But Alexander MacDonald of Achnaconeran and Rose Cottage, though by choice a retiring and unobtrusive person, must have been one of the most renowned of these old worthies.

Before going on with this article, however, the writer wishes to make two points.

First, there are many, beyond doubt, stories and anecdotes about Alexander MacDonald, many of them known to the older inhabitants of the Glen. They will be based on a core of truth, of course, but will have a legendary dimension by now. What follows is based on the writer's own personal recollections. This is

preferred in the interests of truth and accuracy; anyway, they will be enough to give a fairly full picture of the man.

Second, at the time of these recollections Alexander had his good days and bad days. Latterly, he suffered a great deal from rheumatism - it was said that in his prime he worked throughout the day no matter what kind of weather prevailed.

Alexander MacDonald was known to all as Allyvick. This is a corruption of Ally Bheag - wee Ally. He was a wee man, and slight in stature, but very strong and wiry and supple.

Perhaps the most striking thing about him was his tremendous zest for life. You would be awakened very early in the morning to the sound of a song being sung outside in the garden. This was Allyvick - at six in the morning, often earlier - giving a rendering of 'O Rowan Tree' to a rowan tree that was then in the garden. Often the early morning cuckoo would take him from his bed. He loved the cuckoo, and come July, when away the cuckoo would fly, it was his heartfelt wish that he would live to hear yet "another cuckoo". One of his favourite sayings was, "I wish I could have the age of Methusaleth"; another, "I wish I was forty tomorrow".

Allyvick, like many an old Highland worthy, had a reluctance to come into contact with such as doctors and ministers. Whenever one or other loomed on the garden step out he went like a spectre, out through the back and into the wood behind Rose Cottage. But it happened that once the Free Church minister, the late Mr MacLeod, caught him before he made his practised escape. Well, the next Sunday, Kate, a regular church-goer, was asked by Mr MacLeod how her brother was. She had no idea that this encounter had taken place and was somewhat

staken aback when Mr MacLeod, himself a learned divine, went on to say that he had found her brother a "most interesting person" and a "fascinating conversationalist".

Yet Allyvick, it might be gathered from his own remarks, had not liked school. He spent, he often said, "three weeks in Standard 3". But he was remarkably well informed about current affairs. In these immediate post-war years his heroes were Churchill, Roosevelt and Monty, probably in that order. The writer of this article vividly remembers how he would take the sheet of a newspaper and tear pieces from it until there was left the outline of Northern Africa, Western and Central Europe. He would then proceed to show the various theatres of the war, in general and particular.

It is not easy to keep the gentleman in wayward plus-fours out of things. In these days, this gentleman lived, along with his brother Donald and sister Mary, in their old family home in Wester Achnaconeran. There was then a well-trodden path, beginning in the grounds of Rose Cottage, through the then deciduous wood to Achnaconeran. (It is most certainly completely obliterated now.) The gentleman in the wayward plus-fours would take this path often. Now it happened that on Friday nights certain matters of business would detain this gentleman in the village. So that when he did manage to get away darkness had fallen. Not only that, the wood was thick. In these circumstances, navigation of the path was understandably difficult, and the detachable items of one's dress could easily go adrift. In the case of the gentleman in wayward plus-fours it was one of his faithful caps that often was lost to an overhanging clump of saplings or bushes. Well, the next time he called at Rose Cottage (his

business affairs required that he visit the village again on the Saturday) a ritual would be performed. The gentleman in plus-fours would come in, sit down, the teapot would be replenished and placed beside the fire, the time of day would be passed, and so on. Then in due course Allyvick would delve into the space behind his chair, where he kept his fiddle and fiddle music and an assortment of tools and things, and fetch the cap he had found when getting firewood. He would tactfully place the cap on the plus-foured knee of the visiting gentleman. It was not until some time afterwards that the writer of this article grasped why Mr MacLeod had then shake her head and why the two men would begin to chuckle heartily and to exchange mysterious reminiscences.

There were many facets to Allyvick, but we must conclude. We'll take one more facet - he was said to have the "second sight". Now it must be admitted that a great deal of legend tends to grow on the person reputed to have the second sight. Very often the predictions such a person makes are the result of shrewdness and observation - and Allyvick was a very shrewd and observant man. However, the following incident can be vouched for. The writer of this article was then in secondary school and no longer lived at Rose Cottage as he had done when he attended the primary school. But he continued to be at Rose Cottage quite a lot afterwards, when there were dances and pictures in the Hall, and there was always church on Sunday. This incident happened at the time the late Sir John Cobb was attempting to break the water-speed record on Loch Ness. It was Allyvick's custom to go, on "pension days", to the shop for paraffin and tobacco. On one such day, on his return, he began to speak about a man, a stranger, a tall man, who came

from the hotel front door just as Allyvick was leaving the shop. The man began walking down towards the shop. Allyvick began walking up the road to Rose Cottage. But "something", as he reported, made him look round. The man had disappeared. What preoccupied Allyvick for the next few days was how the man had managed to "make the shop of it" so quickly. It will be remembered that at the beginning of this article reference was made to the fact that Allyvick had his good days and his bad days. When he had his bad days, he never looked at the newspapers. However, one Sunday, after the incident just reported, one of his good days it was, he happened to look at one of the, dare one mention it? Sunday papers (which were then available from the car that took them to the west. Incidentally, one recalls the fear at Rose Cottage that the car with the Sunday papers would come at the same time as the "Church"

ous). Anyway there was a photograph of the late John Cobb on the front page of one of the Sunday papers. As soon as Allyvick saw this photo he announced that this was the man he had "seen" coming from the hotel. Now Sir John and his team had been in the hotel. Miss Jean Alexander had invited them there for cocktails, but not on the night Allyvick had "seen" John Cobb. These are facts. Shortly afterwards John Cobb was killed on Loch Ness.

We have attempted to unearth a photograph of Rose Cottage and Allyvick. But come to think of it - does a photograph of Allyvick exist? He may not have been able to escape from a minister all the time, but a person armed with a camera - escaping him or her would have been easy for one so wary and wily!

D. MacD.

"THE OLD ROSE COTTAGE".



Photograph supplied by J. MacEwan.

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The new "Rose Cottage" was built probably somewhat quicker than the original, with construction taking just under 14 weeks from the laying of the first brick, to the final coat of paint, curtaining and carpeting.

The house itself is of timber frame construction, manufactured by the housing division of Andrew Oliver & Sons, a long established Scottish company. In fact it was 160 years ago in 1817 that Olivers first opened their doors for business in the small Border town of Hawick, and it is from these same premises that the Oliver business is controlled by Stuart Oliver, great-grandson of the founder.

Although a slightly more diverse business to-day, Olivers have been to the forefront of system-built housing in Scotland for the past two decades, and have been particularly active in the Highlands and Islands.

The long-standing reputation of the company is well reflected in the high standard of fixture and fittings used in their homes, as those visitors to the house were able to see.

The new owner, Mr. J. R. Shaw, very graciously allowed the house to be opened as a show-


house for the weekend prior to his moving in, and apart from arousing a lot of local interest, serious enquiries have resulted from as far away as Falmouth in Cornwall, and the Island of Bressay in Shetland.

The building work was undertaken by the local firm of Glen Survey & Building Co., who have for a number of years now, been erecting Oliver homes. At the short opening ceremony, Mr Stuart Oliver, was full of praise for the rapid and efficient way in which the new Rose Cottage was built. The building industry, he commented, comes in for quite a bit of "stick" from the press, often


with just cause, and it is only a pity that when you get a good example of system-building, and workmen who take a pride in their work, that this receives no publicity at all.

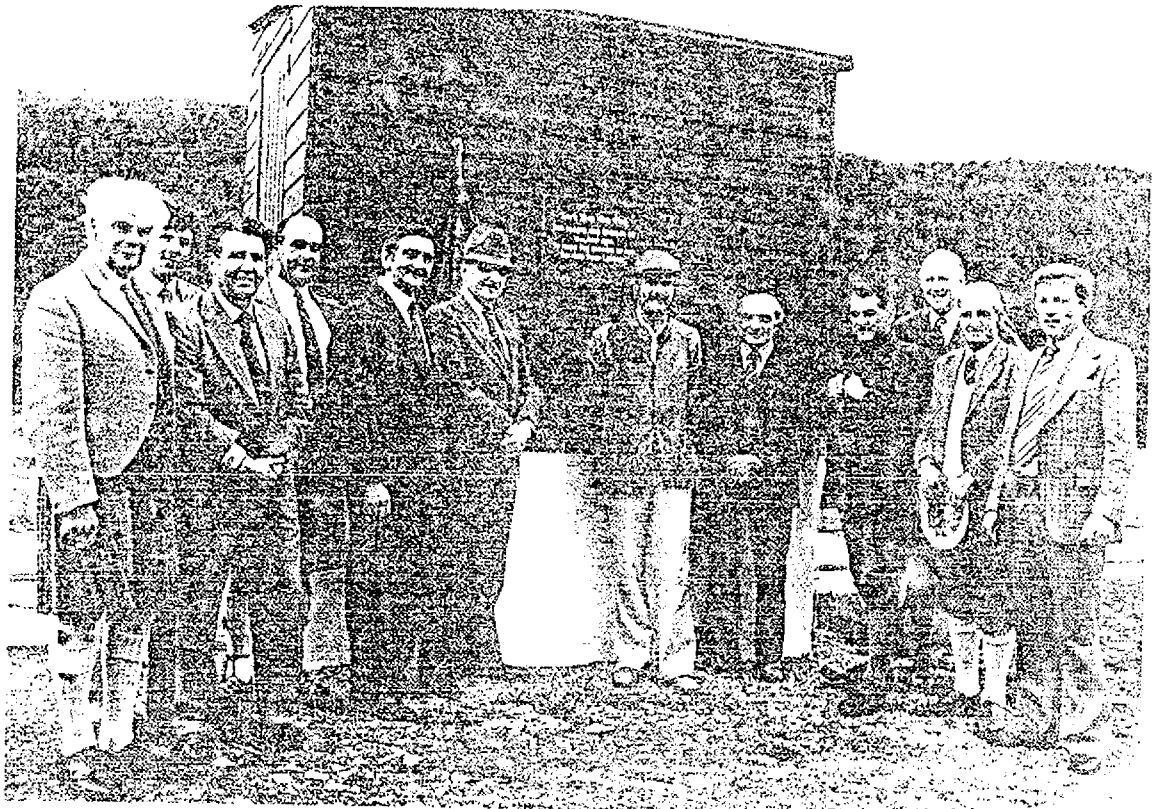
Jerry Johnson, who is the Highland Regional Manager for Oliver Homes, and also a director of Glen Survey, expressed his own tribute to all the local sub-contractors whose team-work and co-operation had resulted in a difficult site being transformed in a remarkably short space of time.

J.J.



**WHY EVERYONE
SHOULD THINK ABOUT
CHRISTMAS
ON AUGUST 15-SEE p. 13**





LOCH NESS GUN CLUB.

The official opening of Loch Ness Gun Club's Olympic Trench layouts took place at Bhlaraidh on the 6th of June. The ceremony was carried out by the European Champion, Peter Croft from London. There was a good turn out of shooters and spectators. A shoot was held to mark the opening and the European champion showed his ability by winning with 95 ex 100.

Bell, Glasgow and third, Martin Girvan. The shoot went without a hitch and prizes of Caithness Glass to the value of over £800 were much appreciated by the winners. The profits from the shoot went to a local charity and it is hoped to do another charity shoot later in the year. A British team qualifier is being held here on the 10th and 11th of July, and this will also be the last practice for the British team which flies to the European championships in Moscow the following week.

We hope to have reports on these in the next issue - etc. The Club now run practice shoots here on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. and anyone interested is welcome to come along.

The picture is of the opening ceremony:

- 3rd left: Paddy Paterson,
- 4th left: Ronnie Ross, Club Chairman.
- 7th left: Peter Croft.
- 10th left: Ian Grant of Glenmoriston Estates Ltd.
- 11th left: Peter Low, Club President.

The others are representatives of the various bodies who helped build and finance the layouts.

D.M.G.

PRIZE FOR YOUNG REPORTAGE

During the past few weeks there has been a fair number of shoots.

On the 25th April, there was an Olympic Trench Shoot, in which there were nearly 35 guns, and the trappers were:-

Caroline Grant,
Karen Tomlin,
Shaun Grange, and
James McDonell.

During the day a lot of snow and sleet spoilt the day. The shooters though kept the laughs going and the tea ladies, Anne Girvan, Margaret Girvan and Erica MacKenzie, kept everyone on their toes. After a five-minute break for dinner the trappers got back to work.

The whole shoot went well and there were 100 birds to be shot.

The highest scoring man was Martin Girvan with 93 shots. This was closely followed by 91's and 90's. Among the prizes were whisky, a food hamper and money.

This shoot was closely followed by the one on the 2nd of May. Again the trappers came, although James McDonell was ill, in hospital with appendicitis. Thanks though to Allan Menzies who kindly trapped for us. After a short practice to test the traps, the shoot got underway. The weather was perfect for the white pigeons and all the shoot-

ers did rather well. This shoot though was 'down the line' and the trappers had to be fast as the shooters were very quick. Although they were quick, no one was hurt. Again the trappers had a quick lunch and all was finished by 8.30. Martin Girvan was not at this shoot as he was attending another. But we shall expect to see him winning here in the near future.

The winning man was Mr.C.Gaffarty. George Girvan also shot very well, and Mr Fergsuon won the prize for the best score by a club member a beautiful cup and whisky. The shoot ended nicely and everyone enjoyed whisky, crisps at the end.

Thanks to the tea ladies, Mrs Tomlin, Anne Girvan, Erica MacKenzie and thanks for help from Helen Morgan. Thanks to Alastair Menzies for helping the trappers and making us split our sides with laughter at the end. And thanks also to EVERYONE who made the shoot run smoothly.

As a matter of interest Glenmoriston Shoot is the best in Scotland and all sorts of people come to it from all over the country: England, Glasgow and Edinburgh, etc., and we hope many more will come during the season.

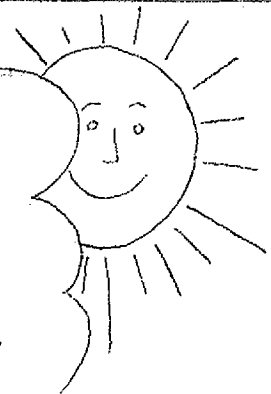
KAREN TOMLIN (13).

Overheard.....

Passer-by to young scholar leaning on the fence waiting for the school-car on a beautiful June morning, "I suppose you'll be counting the days till the holidays now".

Scholar: "I wish I had the time".

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INVERMORISTON SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING.

Invermoriston School's prizegiving was held on Wednesday 1st July and was attended by a large number of parents and friends. Special guests were Mr. James Grant of Glenmoriston, Rev. Bart Buell and Mrs Buell who presented the prizes. Mrs Nicholson reviewed the school year, recalling the many happy events as well as the anxious second term when the threat of closure hung over the school. Thanks was expressed to all individuals and organisations who rallied round at the time, and to the many people who contribute throughout the year to the life of the school. Special mention was made of visiting teachers, Mrs Alison MacDonald and Miss Jennifer Thomson, and thanks was also expressed to Mrs Meggie Stoddart, Mrs Kate Stoddart, and Mr George Swan.

The children then presented a short programme of songs and poems, which was followed by the presentation of prizes. Mr Grant proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Buell who was given a small gift by Catherine Steele. Rev. Buell addressed the children and after the closing hymn and prayer tea was served by Mrs Stoddart and Mrs MacMillan.

Prize List:

Prizes:

P.1. - Karen Tracy, Jennifer MacDonald, Derek Steele.

P.2. - Calum McLean.

P.4. - Catherine Steele, Brodie Nairn.

P.5. - Alan McLean.

Burns Federation

Certificate: - Alan McLean.

Mr. James Grant's Catherine
Prize for Handwork: Steele.

INVERMORISTON SCHOOL SPORTS.

Sports were held at Riverside Park on Friday 26th June. What promised to be a fine afternoon was marred by sudden heavy rain towards the end of the programme, but only one event had to be abandoned in favour of a race to the school for tea and lemonade, served by Mrs Kate Stoddart and Meggie.

Principal winners were:

P.1.

Karen Tracy: Doggie Race and
Throwing the Boot

Jennifer Potato & Spoon and
MacDonald: Backwards race.

Derek Steele: Sack, Ostacle and
Hoop.

P.2.

Calum McLean: Flat.

P.4.

Brodie Nairn and
Catherine Steele: Flat (equal)

Brodie Nairn: Sack, Backwards
and Hoop.

Catherine Steele: Backwards.

P.5.

Alan McLean: Long jump, Potato,
Ostacle, Throwing
the Boot.

M.L.N.

Sports Trophies:

Peter MacMillan

Memorial Shield: Derek Steele.

Stoddart Posy

Bowl: Calum McLean.

Senior Cup:

Brodie Nairn.

GLENMORISTON MEMORIAL

PRIZE: Alan McLean.

INVERMORISTON SCHOOL CLOSING

As usual, sports and prize-giving took place on the same day in presence of a large gathering of parents and friends. Prizes were presented by Mr James Ewen Grant of Glenmoriston, who also addressed the children. There was a comprehensive survey of the last year's activities, and the children performed a small programme of songs. Mrs Anne Girvan spoke on behalf of the parents. There was a much appreciated service of tea, hot sausage rolls and biscuits, while the children enjoyed ice-cream and lemonade.

Principal prize-winners were Judith Watson, John McDonell, Marlene MacRae, Laura MacRae, Claire Tomlin, Martin Girvan, Hazel MacRae.

Sports Cup - Judith Watson
 Runner-up - John McDonell
 Ladies' Egg & Spoon - Mrs Anne Girvan
 Gents' Sack Race - Norman MacLeod
 Pre School Race - Sandra Girvan.

M.C.G.

OUR SALE.

Our sale was on Wednesday the 10th of June at 2 p.m. The admission was 20p. I was at the door and Marlene MacRae was at the Food stall, John McDonell was at the White Elephant stall and the Book stall. Claire Tomlin was at the Clothes stall. Judith Watson was at the Cake stall with Teacher. There were lovely iced buns and beautiful meringues. Laura MacRae was at the Toy stall and Jewellery stall. In the raffle Laura won the bottle of sherry, Jackie won the short-bread mould, Judith's Auntie

Mary won the lavender, Mrs Grange won the Ladies' hankies and Karen Tomlin won the bottle of whisky. Afterwards there was tea and juice and some biscuits. I bought a necklace, a spray of perfume and coathangers for my dolls. We raised £134.17. Mrs MacRae made lots of cakes and buns and so did Anne Girvan and Nancy and Mrs. Gillies. I think that was very good of them and all the others too.

FIONA McADAMS.

ANNUAL OUTING

Our annual outing - in conjunction with Invermoriston School - was favoured with warm sunny weather after a showery start. We visited Abriachan Museum where Mrs Stewart kindly showed us round. Our next stop was Pringle's Mill at Dores Road, Inverness where we were allowed to watch tweed being woven. Some took advantage of the mill's restaurant facilities while others lightened their purses in the mill shop. We then went on to Inverfarigaig Forest Centre, where all enjoyed a walk along the forest trails. The highlight for many of the children was the viewing of the Falls of Foyers, though this presented a few anxious moments for the accompanying parents! Finally, we spent some time at the Great Glen Exhibition at Fort Augustus where we enjoyed admiring the well-laid out exhibits and listening to and watching an excellent slide show relating to the Highlands.

M.C.G.

"Abriachan made you realise how families lived and how lucky we are today".

"Pity they didn't put names on the trees, etc."

GLEN URQUHART SECONDARY
SCHOOL

On 17th June a meeting took place at the invitation of the Highland Regional Council, of the School Building Sub-Committee, Glen Urquhart School Council and the Community Council to discuss two proposals for improvements to the Secondary School. The two proposals were, briefly (a) to spend £34,000 on essential safety works to the main stone building, Technical block, Maths and Housecraft buildings, of a mainly electrical nature, and (b) close the main stone block and replace it with 3 demountable units and a toilet block, all, similar to the structure for science and the staffroom erected last year, at a cost of £20,000 plus the essential work needed on the aforementioned areas - a further cost of £14,000 - giving a similar total expenditure to proposal (a).

A good deal of discussion took place with the basic fear that once such a large proportion of the school was demountable it would be a short and easy step to wheel it all away and close it - very understandable when one recalls the recent efforts to close other schools. However the School Council and the Community Council extracted two basic undertakings by the Highland Regional Council Education Committee.

Those are (i) there is no policy now or in the future of closure and (ii) this school is to be placed on the Capital Grant priority list for major re-modelling in a permanent manner. This in fact means inclusion on National Government priority in Education - about a 5-year

list - which means that within the next 5 or 6 years a new school, or at least a total rebuilding in permanent form, should ensue.

The scheme being proposed by the Regional Council was accepted - scheme (b) This scheme does provide good value for money in the short term - quick, useful and bright accommodation and an immediate improvement in facilities and conditions - although of a temporary life-span (maximum of 10 years.)

It was felt that the best overall solution had been reached and a cynical public left in more trustful and confident vein, thanks to a very patient and well-chaired Building sub-committee. We look forward to their plans and concern being reflected in the continued improvement of the situation in Glen Urquhart, to a fully re-built and flourishing school in the next decade.

M.A.T.

FORT AUGUSTUS SPORTS
DAY

On Thursday, the 18th of June, Fort Augustus had their sports day. We were also invited. The sports started at 1.30. I took part in five events. The races included the flat race, the potato and spoon race, the three-legged race, the 150 metre race and the obstacle course. I came third in the three-legged race, Brodie came third in the primary 4 three-legged race. Catherine came second, Calum came third in the egg and spoon. He also came third in the obstacle. Karen came second in the backwards race. Derek got a first place. Also he got two third places. Jennifer got a third and a second place.



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Prize for creative writing



THE KITE.

Like a great hawk
The kite swoops
And hovers.
Falling low.
Leaping high.
It turns and curves.
Flying swift and fast
Or gently gliding
On the wind currents of the air.
It tugs fiercely at the string
Like some great beast trying
to escape.
Or a hooked salmon fighting
for freedom.
It tugs fiercely again
And then more gently,
Till at last, defeated, it
falls to the ground.

ALAN McLEAN.

THE CAT.

The cat likes milk.
It plays with wool and other
things.
When my cat drinks it slurps.
And with wool, the cat winds it
round its legs.

CATHERINE STEELE

CATS.

A tabby cat is like a tiger.
It sneaks in the jungle.
It catches its prey with a
pounce on it.

BRODIE NAIRN.

THE TIGER.

Among the shadows of the night
The tiger creeps,
Its eyes shining bright.
On the bank the bullock sleeps...
Tooth and claw flash in the light
As the tiger drags its prey away
To the bushes,
For the feast.

NOTE:

We forgot to mention that Mr Ian McAulay, selections from whose school magazine we printed in the last issue, suggested that the pupils of our primary schools might like to correspond with the pupils of his in Shetland. The address is:-

Mr Ian McAulay,
Mossbank Primary School,
Mossbank,
Shetland.

REPORT ON COMMUNITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD
ON 19th MAY AND 7th JULY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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There was a request by councillors that a letter of commendation be sent to R.J. MacLeod Ltd on the very efficient way in which they under-took the construction of the new section of the road.

It was reported that the playing fields at Invermoriston were not cut as regularly as other grass areas because it requires bigger cutting gear. Within a few years it will be comparable with other areas and will use the same equipment.

Attention was drawn to a large pool of water ^{which} gathered at the end of the bridge at Invermoriston and this has been rectified.

It was also brought to the attention of the Community Council that there is a dangerous bend in the road just west of Achlain Farm.

The Community Council Gala Day is going to be held in Fort Augustus on the 8th of August where there will be entertainment for all the family.

T.D.G.

The Glenmoriston Manse is empty but eagerly, patiently, graciously to be occupied by its new owner, Mr David Mallin.

The sale of the Manse marks a change in the history of the Parish, which was one with Urquhart Parish until the end of the last century, when the Manse was built. There is now no longer a resident minister and the Parish of Glenmoriston is linked - not united - with the Parish of Urquhart.

This means that the members must assume considerably more responsibility, which some of them have very willingly done.

It also means that the first Sunday of each month, the worship service will not be held in Glenmoriston but in Dalchreichart School at 3 p.m. Otherwise services are held in Glenmoriston Church every

Sunday at 12.15 p.m.

We trust you will find time to join us in the worship of God during these long summer days.

F.E. BUELL.

**TO RAISE FUNDS TO GIVE THE CHILDREN OF GLENMORISTON
A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS YEAR**

WE PRESENT


A GRAND SUMMER BAZAAR

**IN THE VILLAGE HALL
Saturday Aug. 15 at 2pm**

 **LUCKY DIPS!**

 **HOME BAKING!**

ICE CREAM!

 **BRIC-A-BRAC!**

 **HIGHLAND TEAS
50p**

ADMISSION FREE

A HAPPY SERVICE.

Some members of the congregation who were not aware of the arrangement for the first Sunday of July arrived at the church at 12.15 p.m. along with several visitors. As they were about to leave having come to the conclusion that there was no service then, one of the visitors, Mr. D. Hilliard from County Antrim, asked them if they would like a service and they all said yes. He said he had helped out on other occasions, and with his wife and the organ he conducted a service most acceptably, and everyone said how much they had enjoyed it.

W.S.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Glenmoriston Guild Meeting on Tuesday, May 5th, was devoted to Nepal, where the speaker, Mr. J. Allan from Inverness, and his wife worked for many years as dentists in a Mission Hospital.

Mr Allan's descriptions and anecdotes of life in this beautiful country, in the shadow of the Himalayas, were as colourful as the accompanying slides.

Mrs Marr expressed our appreciation of Mr Allan's informal and humorous presentation which made the evening so enjoyable.

At the Annual General Meeting it was decided that the 1981/82 session, commencing in October, would combine with the Urquhart Guild until membership increased in Glenmoriston.

N.N.B.

S.W.R.I.

The final meeting of the 1980-81 session of the S.W.R.I. was held in the Hall on 11th May. Mrs B. Churchill from Drumadrochit opened the meeting with a demonstration of different types of hems for difficult fabrics. She then counted the votes for the new committee which is as follows:

President- Mrs W. Tomlin

Vice President and Minute

Secy- Mrs K. Watson

Secretary- Miss Christine
MacDonald

B. Marr

Press Secy- Mrs J. Grant

Chair Hostess- Mrs A. MacKintosh

Committee Member- Shona

Robertson

The articles entered for the Arts & Crafts Exhibition were on show and members had been awarded 2 gold, 3 silver and 4 blue stars with the community gaining a silver star with 75%.

The competition - an embroidered mat - was won by Mrs Sey and the silver spoon for the winner of the most points in the session's competitions was won by Mrs W. Tomlin.

The meeting ended after very welcome refreshments.

W.T. & K.W.

Glenmoriston S.W.R.I. committee would like to thank all those who contributed to their fund-raising sale on 25th June. £95 was realised after expenses which will go towards our Golden Jubilee celebrations.

In this Jubilee year we would welcome any new members. Our new session starts on October 12th with a cosmetic demonstration.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to record the death of another worthy senior citizen - Murdo Fraser on May 30th.

Although a native of Kiltariity Mard, a wood cutter all his life, spent a number of years in the Glen, coming first in the late fifties to work with Alec Cowie at Bhlaraidh, and remaining with Alec MacPherson, and later, when he lived at Alltsaigh, with Rab Smeaton. When he left the forests he moved to the Clansman Hotel where he attended to the petrol pumps. An unobstrusive man, he carried out his work diligently without troubling anyone, retaining his smart appearance and fresh complexion, belying his eighty-seven years. He is survived by a son, Simon in Canada and a married daughter, Sybil, in Liverpool.

Mrs Winifred Ward had been in hospital for a short time, but was home again when she died very suddenly on July 1st. Of recent years she had not been able to go about as much as she would have wished but she nevertheless maintained her interest in the life of the village and kept in touch with her friends by means of the many thoughtful notes she wrote and messages she sent on beautiful cards of which she must have kept a varied and ever-ready supply. That this was appreciated by those who experienced it was made clear by their presence at the funeral service in Glenmoriston Church. She was devoted to her husband and home, always striving even in the face of physical weakness to reach her high ideals there. To Leslie in his sorrow we would offer our deep sympathy.

Mrs. Margaret Shepherd came to Glenmoriston less than two years ago, but by her friendliness and readiness to help in whatever was going on soon established a place for herself in the community. We are sorry that illness overtook her so soon, before she had had long to enjoy the new bungalow she built at Craigard. We offer our sincere sympathy to Robert and Jim in their loss.

Reference to the "Old Rose Cottage" article. A photograph of Allyvick did turn up! In the photo are:-

Back Row:-

Allyvick's brother, Donald, Donald's wife, Jeannie and their daughter, Jessie (still alive).

Front Row (from left to right):-

Allyvick, his mother and Katie Archie.

in brief

COMMUNITY EFFORT.

The "Moriston Matters" Annual Award for Community Effort has been awarded this year to the pupils of Dalchreichart Primary School for their excellent records of attendance.

It has come to our notice that Miss Fiona Grant of Dalchreichart, who has just completed her secondary education, has had fourteen years' perfect attendance in the schools she has attended (She began school a year earlier than the statutory age). This is indeed an outstanding achievement and we congratulate her.

A sum of money from our funds will be given to the Headmistress, Mrs Grant, for book(s) or whatever for the pupils of the school.

BADMINTON.

On the evening of Monday, 30th March, Glenmoriston Badminton Club made the 'long trip' to Fort Augustus to play the local club in the return friendly (as reported in the last edition of 'Moriston Matters'). With the prospect of playing in a larger hall, hopes of a good result were high. However, despite a dramatic improvement in our play, Fort Augustus team still proved too strong for us and again we lost our game bar one.

Congratulations this time to Anne and Wendy for keeping the local flag flying.

Although the 'season' is now officially over until October, it is hoped to play at least once a month 'just to keep our hand and eye in'. Anyone interested in coming along should contact club members as to the date and time of club meetings.

D.R.T.

Congratulations to Helen Fraser on passing the final exams for the B.Sc. degree in Pharmacy at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen.

.....and to Fiona Grant on her excellent record of fourteen years' perfect attendance at school.

Congratulations and best wishes to Derek Rudkin and Fiona MacEwan who were married in Inverness on June 27th.

We welcome to the community Stuart Stephen and his wife, Camilla, with their children Rory and Natalie who live in one of the Hydro houses at Bhlaraidhand Jerry and Agnes McCluskey who have joined the hotel staff.....and Mr.J.R.Shaw now resident in the new Rose Cottage.

We also wish the new babies well - Amanda Stoddart, daughter of Duncan and Fiona, born on 10th May, Donna Lee Lamond, daughter of Donnie and Susan, born on 10th May and Kelly Louise Bell, daughter of Willie and Alison, born on 27th June.

We hope that Donnie MacMillan with Pam and Amanda feel settled in their new house in Whitebridge, and send our best wishes also to Bill Bedford, Karen, Michael and Ketil John in their new home.

INVERNMORISTON WEIGHT WATCHERS.

Due to no particular valid reason, but using the summer holidays as an excuse, the above club have decided to postpone any further activities until the winter season. Judging by the recent weather this could loosely be deemed to have started already, however, the weak-willed have still got a few weeks' respite, until the great "WEIGH IN'S" start again.

S.J.