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BENNACHIE ESSAY WINNERS IN FOCUS



A MOST delightful little ceremony preceded the business at the sixth annual general meeting of the Baillies of Bennachie recently.

Regional Councillor John Sorrie had generously donated the prizes for an essay competition on "Why I Like Bennachie", open to the sixth and seventh years of Gordon District Primary Schools.

In spite of many commitments, Mr Sorrie was able to come along and present the prizes in person.

Over 100 children took part and the prize-winners were—1 Isla Salter, Kemnay; 2 Donna Cornwell, Alehousewells, Kemnay; 3 Arthur Smith, Kintore; Special Prize—Justin Lamb,

Strathburn, Inverurie, who contributed a most humorous effort in the doric.

MERIT

Eleven merit prizes were won by the following—Duncan May, Balmedie; Sandra Thomson, Oyne; Kevin Doughty and Kenneth Hogg, Chapel of Garioch; Una Dow and Gary Bakewell, Alehousewells; Katherine Low and Carron Smith, Kemnay; Kim Sharp, Strathburn; and Jane Jackson and Pamela Ross, Kintore.

Councillor Sorrie, in congratulating the winners, said he had just returned from a two-day Farmers' Union conference in Edinburgh where the question of land use was discussed with

particular reference to the conflicting interests of farming and conservation.

As far as Bennachie was concerned he said that he would make it his special interest to support the Baillies in preserving such a wonderful amenity.

OFFICIALS

The officials appointed at the meeting were: Senior Bailie—James McKay; Deputy—Algy Watson; Clerk—Mrs Helen Fraser; Treasurer—Leslie Anderson.

Vacancies in the Council, caused by the retirement of Johnston Hay Bill Taylor and Tony Pack, were filled by the selection of Mrs Sheelagh Morton, Wartle, Mr Tom Michie, Tarves, and Mr

Michael Davidson, Inverurie.

Founder Senior Bailie, Dr Gordon, was made a lifetime member of the Council.

Mr James Kelman, the noted baritone, delighted with songs old and new along with young Brian Taylor with his violin.

APPRECIATED

Professor Grimingham's illustrated talk on world-wide heaths, heathers and other moorland species was highly appreciated.

Archie Whiteley, in his usual felicitous style, gave the votes of thanks.

Editor: Isla Salter's winning essay will appear in the Advertiser next week.