

# Bailies Of Bennachie A.G.M. And Ballad Competition

THE annual general meeting of the Bailies of Bennachie was held in the Assembly Hall of Inverurie Academy where the Senior Bailie, Mr James R. MacKay, welcomed the Bailies and their friends.

He outlined the various projects which had been completed during the spring and summer months. The Guide to Bennachie has sold out and a further three thousand copies had been ordered.

The 1982 Calendar was selling very well and Mr MacKay gave details of the Calendar for 1983. This will feature six colour reproductions of paintings by the late 19th century and 20th century artists. It was announced that there will be a photographic competition to choose pictures for the 1984 Calendar.

The following office-bearers were elected: Senior Bailie—James R. MacKay; Deputy Senior Bailie—Algy Watson; Treasurer—Gordon Ingram; Clerk—Mrs Helen Fraser. A new member to the council is Dr Marion White.

After tea, the Ballad Competition winners received their awards from Mr Alex. Mair, Managing Director of Grampian Television, the sponsors of the competition. Dr George Philp, Glasgow, presented prizes for the best ballads in the Doric. These were awarded to Mrs Jane Murray, Tarves, and Mr Michael Kidd, Glass.

Some of the prize-winners then entertained the company with their compositions. The entries, set to music, from Alford Academy and Daviot

School were warmly applauded. Other winners taking part were Messrs. John Mearns, James Kelman, Jimmy Wright, Miss Kelman and Mrs Ethel Davidson.

That well known local farmer, Mr Will Maitland, stepped in to recite the entries from absent winners. Mr Henry Taylor, Chairman of the Scots Language Society also took part. The entertainment programme was arranged by Mr Tom Hutchison. Dr James Gill proposed the votes of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the evening.

### WINNERS

The prize winners were: Guardians' Prize—Best Entry in the competition — "Winter Ferlie"—Poem by Dr J. K. W. Morrice, entered in Doric, Lyric Verse Section.

Verse Section (Open): Doric Verse — Narrative Ballads — 1 "The Battle of Bennachie", Professor Duncan R. Mennie; 2 "The Colony", James T. Kelman; 3 "The Tap o' Bennachie", John Mearns.

Highly Commended—"Meg o' The Garioch", Mrs S. Taylor; "The Maiden Stane", Miss S. M. Kelman; "The Road Tae Bennachie", James McLennan; "Bennachie Awa", Mrs Ann Sackwood; "Craw's Conversion", Miss Eleanor Stephen; "Within the Sicht o' Bennachie", William J. Rae.

Lyrical Verse — 1 "Winter Ferlie", Dr J. K. W. Morrice; 2 "Gowd and Yalla", Rev. David Ogston; 3 "A Prayer", James Stewart.

Highly Commended—"Maiden and De'il", George Ritchie; "Fit'll I Dee?", Miss Aileen Gaffron; "Bennachie", Miss Jean Pirie; "A Seuchin' Win' Aff Bennachie", James D. Glennie; "Farewell to the Braes", John C. Fiddes; "Address to the Mither Tap", Mrs L. Sangster.

English Verse — 1 "There's Bennachie", Miss Sheena M. Kelman; 2 "The Chant of the Pictmen", Miss Aileen Gaffron.

Highly Commended — "Gordon's College Goes To Bennachie", John Philip; "A Bennachie Picture", Norman E. Fiddes.

### SONG SECTION

Open and "Scotsoun" Prize—"The Cairtie", Mrs Jane Murray; 2 and "Scotsoun" Prize—"The Cairter o' Bennachie", Michael G. Kidd; 3 equal—"Wee Sprig o' Purple Heather", Mrs Ethel Davidson; "Bonnie Bennachie", Jimmy Wright; "Bonnie Bennachie", Mrs M. G. Lumsden; "Faur Wid We Be?" John Philip.

Highly Commended—"A Bal...

*(Faint, mirrored text from the reverse side of the page, including names like "The Cairter o' Bennachie" and "The Cairtie")*

Verse Section (Open) :Doric Verse — Narrative Ballads — 1 "The Battle of Bennachie", Professor Duncan R. Mennie; 2 "The Colony", James T. Kelman; 3 "The Tap o' Bennachie", John Mearns.

Highly Commended—"Meg o' The Garioch", Mrs S. Taylor; "The Maiden Stane", Miss S. M. Kelman; "The Road Tae Bennachie", James McLennan; "Bennachie Awa'", Mrs Ann Sackwood; "Craw's Conversion", Miss Eleanor Stephen; "Within the Sicht o' Bennachie", William J. Rae.

Lyrical Verse — 1 "Winter Ferlie", Dr J. K. W. Morrice; 2 "Gowd and Yalla", Rev. David Ogston; 3 "A Prayer", "James Stewart".

Highly Commended—"Maiden and De'il", George Ritchie; "Fit'll I Dee?" Miss Aileen Gaffron; "Bennachie", Miss Jean Pirie; "A Seuchin' Win' Aff Bennachie", James D. Glennie; "Farewell to the Braes", John C. Fiddes; "Address to the Mither Tap", Mrs L. Sangster.

English Verse — 1 "There's Bennachie", Miss Sheena M. Kelman; 2 "The Chant of the Pictmen", Miss Aileen Gaffron.

Highly Commended — "Gordon's College Goes To Bennachie", John Philip; "A Bennachie Picture", Norman E. Fiddes.

SONG SECTION

Open and "Scotsoun" Prize—"The Cairtie", Mrs Jane Murray; 2 and "Scotsoun" Prize—"The Cairter o' Bennachie", Michael G. Kidd; 3 equal—"Wee Sprig o' Purple Heather", Mrs Ethel Davidson; "Bonnie Bennachie", Jimmy Wright; "Bonnie Bennachie", Mrs M. G. Lumsden; "Faur Wid We Be?" John Philip.

Highly Commended—"A Ballad of Bennachie", J. A. C. Taylor; "The Ballad of Bennachie", Norman Fordyce; "Bennachie", Mrs Anne E. Hourston; "Bennachie Love Ballad", Mrs Jane Murray; "My Own Bennachie", Mrs Margaret Watt.

"Bennachie", "James Stewart"; "Proud Bennachie", George Dey; "My Bennachie", Mrs Nora Coultis; "My Ain Hill o' Bennachie", C. W. Brown; "Bennachie, You Lonely Queen", J. Duncan.

JUNIOR SECTION

Secondary Schools: Verse Section—1 "I Am Bennachie", William McNamara, Beechwood School; Song Section—1 "Bennachie", Alison Gracie (words), Denise Hillary (music), of Alford Academy.

Primary Schools—1 eq. Bennachie', Written and composed by Daviot School A Team (Kirstin Mackie, Amanda Craigie, Joanne Walker, Irene Donald and Katrina Craigie) and "Bennachie Is My Home", Written and composed by Daviot School E Team (Lesley Farquharson, Beverley Coultis and Gillian Payne).

Unclassified Juniors: Highly Commended—"When I Was In Primary Seven", Moragh Macdonald.

The following entries were entered in the Verse Section (Open) :Doric Verse — Narrative Ballads — 1 "The Battle of Bennachie", Professor Duncan R. Mennie; 2 "The Colony", James T. Kelman; 3 "The Tap o' Bennachie", John Mearns.

Highly Commended—"Meg o' The Garioch", Mrs S. Taylor; "The Maiden Stane", Miss S. M. Kelman; "The Road Tae Bennachie", James McLennan; "Bennachie Awa'", Mrs Ann Sackwood; "Craw's Conversion", Miss Eleanor Stephen; "Within the Sicht o' Bennachie", William J. Rae.

WINNERS

The girls winners were: "The Cairtie", Mrs Jane Murray; 2 and "Scotsoun" Prize—"The Cairter o' Bennachie", Michael G. Kidd; 3 equal—"Wee Sprig o' Purple Heather", Mrs Ethel Davidson; "Bonnie Bennachie", Jimmy Wright; "Bonnie Bennachie", Mrs M. G. Lumsden; "Faur Wid We Be?" John Philip.

Highly Commended—"A Ballad of Bennachie", J. A. C. Taylor; "The Ballad of Bennachie", Norman Fordyce; "Bennachie", Mrs Anne E. Hourston; "Bennachie Love Ballad", Mrs Jane Murray; "My Own Bennachie", Mrs Margaret Watt.

"Bennachie", "James Stewart"; "Proud Bennachie", George Dey; "My Bennachie", Mrs Nora Coultis; "My Ain Hill o' Bennachie", C. W. Brown; "Bennachie, You Lonely Queen", J. Duncan.

Secondary Schools: Verse Section—1 "I Am Bennachie", William McNamara, Beechwood School; Song Section—1 "Bennachie", Alison Gracie (words), Denise Hillary (music), of Alford Academy.

Primary Schools—1 eq. Bennachie', Written and composed by Daviot School A Team (Kirstin Mackie, Amanda Craigie, Joanne Walker, Irene Donald and Katrina Craigie) and "Bennachie Is My Home", Written and composed by Daviot School E Team (Lesley Farquharson, Beverley Coultis and Gillian Payne).

Unclassified Juniors: Highly Commended—"When I Was In Primary Seven", Moragh Macdonald.

SONG SECTION

Open and "Scotsoun" Prize—"The Cairtie", Mrs Jane Murray; 2 and "Scotsoun" Prize—"The Cairter o' Bennachie", Michael G. Kidd; 3 equal—"Wee Sprig o' Purple Heather", Mrs Ethel Davidson; "Bonnie Bennachie", Jimmy Wright; "Bonnie Bennachie", Mrs M. G. Lumsden; "Faur Wid We Be?" John Philip.