

# HAGGS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEWS SHEET—OCTOBER, 1954

Minister ..... REV. WM. M. MECHIE  
(Tel.: Banknock 279)

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227 Glasgow Road

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4 Woodburn Crescent, Seabegs

Church Officer ..... MR JAS. OWENS  
32 Anderson Terrace

Application for Proclamation of Banns to be made to the Session Clerk.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

MORNING WORSHIP	..	11.15 a.m.
EVENING WORSHIP	..	6 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—Beginners		11.15 a.m.
	Junior	12.30 p.m.
YOUTH	..	5 p.m.

## CHURCH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little Children to come unto Me."

On 30th August, 1953, Elizabeth Anne Alexander, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Stewart, 257 Glasgow Road, Longcroft.

On 25th September, 1953, Donald Robertson, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Fleming, 277 Glasgow Road, Longcroft.

On 29th November, 1953, David, son of Mr and Mrs George McIntosh, 35 Kellibank, Alloa.

On 4th November, 1953, James, son of Mr and Mrs James M. Walker, 3 Kerr Crescent, Haggs.

On 20th December, 1953, Carolyn Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Davies, 174 Kilsyth Road, Haggs.

On 10th January, 1954, Ronald Henry, son of Mr and Mrs John Duncan, 184 Kilsyth Road, Haggs.

On 7th February, 1954, Carole Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Hoggan, 3 John St., Haggs.

On 18th April, 1954, Marie Anna and Isobel, daughters of Mr and Mrs Edward Urbanowicz, 25 Ballinkier Avenue, Bankier.

On 18th April, 1954, John and James Muir, sons of Mr and Mrs John Welsh, 16 Margaret Ave., Haggs.

On 25th April, 1954, Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel Malloy, 8 Kilsyth Road, Longcroft.

On 11th July, 1954, Morag Campbell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian McArthur, 48 Allandale.

On 25th July, 1954, James Scott, son of Mr and Mrs James S. Fulton, 33 Ballinkier Ave., Bankier.

On 2nd May, 1954, Jean Margaret Henderson, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Clark, 203 Kilsyth Road, Banknock.

On 5th September, 1954, Kathleen Rogers, daughter of Mr and Mrs William C. Bruce, Police Station, Longcroft.

### MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

In Church, on 19th August, 1953, Thomas Potter, 98 Mungahhead Road, Bainsford, to Jeanie Kean Millar, Bankier House, Banknock.

In Church, on 4th July, 1953, John Hunter McCallum, 11 Russell Street, Ayr, to Mary Nicol Barron, 18 The Wynd, Cumbernauld.

In Church, on 29th August, 1953, James Waugh Grainger, 362 Thornhill Road, Falkirk, to Mary Forrester Hannah, 13 Anderson Terrace, Longcroft.

In Church, on 26th December, 1953, Derek Orr, 38 Castleview Terrace, Haggs, to Janette Ramsay, 38 Castleview Terrace, Haggs.

In Russell Hall, on 6th March, 1954, John Logan, 26 Anderson Terrace, Longcroft, to Jean Welsh Arkins, 26 Anderson Terrace, Longcroft.

In Church, on 12th March, 1954, McKenzie Miller, 49 Allandale, to Christina Paterson, 31 Bankier Avenue, Bankier.

In Church, on 19th March, 1954, Robert Smith McCallum, 18 Bankview Terrace, Dennyloanhead, to Marion Wilson McKay, 26 Castleview Terrace, Haggs.

In Church, on 19th March, 1954, Francis Tully, 35 Grange Drive, Falkirk, to Thomasina Malloy, 25 Margaret Avenue, Haggs.

In Church, on 27th March, 1954, Joseph Laurie, 31 Glasgow Road, Denny, to Helen Gourlay Gillies Erskine, 22 Castleview Terrace, Haggs.

In Church, on 27th March, 1954, James Maxwell, 104 Woodburn Crescent, Seabegs, to Agnes Jarvis Wilson, 313a Glasgow Road, Longcroft.

In Church, on 27th March, 1954, Ronald Johnstone, 146 Belmont Drive, Shotts, to Janet Welsh Cooper, 7 Margaret Avenue, Haggs.

In Church, on 27th March, 1954, Alexander Wilson Smith, 28 Castle Road, Slamannan, to Robina Dunsmore, 41 Allandale.

In Masonic Hall, Bonnybridge, on 3rd April, 1954, Thomas Reid Smellie, 59 North Jackson Street, Coatbridge, to Marion Gibb Duncan, Gibbdun Cottages, Head o' Muir.

In Church, on 3rd April, 1954, John Morris, 34 Tweed St., Grangemouth, to Catherine Robertson Fraser Rankin, 170 Kilsyth Road, Haggs.

In Masonic Hall Bonnybridge, on 30th June, 1954, Robert Douglas Boles, 8 Fairlie Gardens, Camelon, to Annie Sinclair Shaw Liddell, 9 Seabegs Road, Seabegs.

In Church, on 3rd July, 1954, Andrew Dunn Glen Bryce, 28 Newtown Street, Kilsyth, to Helen Easton Robertson Howison, 42 Ballinkier Ave., Banknock.

In Russell Memorial Hall, on 7th August, 1954, John Graham Allan Ballantyne, 25 East Carron, to Annie Roy Malloy, 29 Margaret Ave., Haggs.

## INTERMENTS

"Until the day break and the shadows flee away."

- On 15th August, 1953, Jessie Kemp, 44 Hollandbush Crescent, Banknock.  
 On 7th September, 1953, Sarah Jane Russell, Lochgilphead.  
 On 9th September, 1953, Agnes M. Abercrombie, 8 Hollandbush Crescent, Banknock.  
 On 10th September, 1953, Charles Jones Abercrombie, 8 Hollandbush Crescent, Banknock.  
 On 14th September, 1953, Janet Towers, 65 Allandale.  
 On 16th September, 1953, Thomas Naismith Meek, 34 Castleview Terrace, Haggs.  
 On 17th September, 1953, Agnes Dobbie Miller, 229 Glasgow Road, Dennyloanhead.  
 On 26th September, 1953, Helen Bateman, 55 Castleview Terrace, Haggs.  
 On 14th October, 1953, Agnes Hoggan, 29 Bonnybridge Road, Dennyloanhead.  
 On 27th October, 1953, James Taylor, 4 Cannerton Cottages, Banknock.  
 On 3rd November, 1953, Margaret Blair Welsh, 5 Castleview Terrace, Haggs.  
 On 23rd November, 1953, William Watson Faulds, 11 Margaret Avenue, Haggs.  
 On 1st December, 1953, Daniel Muir, 249a Glasgow Road, Dennyloanhead.  
 On December 19, 1953, Isabella Jarvie McKendry, 5 Margaret Avenue, Haggs.  
 On 31st December, 1953, Donald McKerracher, North Garngrew Farm, Banknock.  
 On 1st January, 1954, William Paterson, 9 Bankier Terrace, Banknock.  
 On 3rd January, 1954, Margaret B. Dalrymple, 11 Castleview Terrace, Haggs.  
 On 7th January, 1954, Thomas Pow Johnston, 291 Glasgow Road, Longcroft.  
 On 28th January, 1954, James Jenkins, 6 Kilsyth Road, Longcroft.  
 On 8th February, 1954, James Russell, 156 Glasgow Road, Dennyloanhead.  
 On 27th March, 1954, Lillias Denholm, late of 26 Mannfield Avenue, Seabegs.  
 On 13th April, 1954, Catherine McGuire, 31 Glenview Avenue, Banknock.  
 On 21st June, 1954, David Gillies, 8 Cumbernauld Road, Longcroft.  
 On 7th July, 1954, Albert Edward Russell Bowe, 2 Cannerton Cottages, Banknock.  
 On 22nd July, 1954, "Baby" McMahon, 24 Allandale.  
 On 26th July, 1954, William Moffat, 27 Margaret Avenue, Haggs.  
 On 28th July, 1954, James Marshall, No. 6 Holding, Longcroft.  
 On 6th August, 1954, John Brynes, 173 Kilsyth Road, Banknock.

## ADMISSIONS TO COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

### By Profession of Faith

- Agnes Stark Cooper, 7 Margaret Ave., Banknock.  
 Mary Douglas Duncan, 2 Bankier Road, Banknock.  
 Catherine Moffat, 4 Bankier Road, Banknock.  
 Annie Stirling, 47 Glenview Avenue, Banknock.  
 Miriam Margaret W. Hopkins, Glenyards.  
 Anne Sinclair Shaw Liddell, 9 Seabegs Road, Seabegs.  
 Minnie McKee Adamson, 92 Woodburn Crescent, Seabegs.  
 Emmeline Simpson, Schoolhouse, Longcroft.  
 Isobel Liddell, 193 Glasgow Road, Dennyloanhead.  
 Christine Moffat, 38 Hollandbush Cres., Banknock.  
 Mary Muir Welsh, 16 Margaret Avenue, Haggs.  
 Hellen Malloy, 25 Margaret Avenue, Haggs.

- Agnes Malloy, 25 Margaret Avenue, Haggs.  
 Elizabeth Malloy, 8 Kilsyth Road, Longcroft.  
 Daniel Malloy, 8 Kilsyth Road, Longcroft.  
 Thomasina Tully, Rose Cottage, Longcroft.  
 Frank Tully, Rose Cottage, Longcroft.  
 George Whyte, 1 Castleview Terrace, Haggs.

### By Certificate

- Mary Fleming, 277 Glasgow Road, Longcroft.  
 Charles D. Stewart, Station House, Banknock.  
 Mrs Charles D. Stewart, Station House, Banknock.  
 Rev. J. Pringle Scott, Kilsyth Road, Haggs.  
 Mrs J. Pringle Scott, Kilsyth Road, Haggs.  
 Thomas Potter, 27 Hillhead Avenue, Banknock.  
 Mr John Brownlie, 301 Glasgow Rd., Longcroft.

### By Restoration

- Mrs Liddell, 9 Seabegs Road, Seabegs.

## COLLECTIONS

### to 12th September, 1954.

	1954	1953
Open Plate .....	£38 14 3	£31 12 5
W.F.O. ....	£501 17 3	£431 5 8
Total .....	£540 11 6	£462 18 1
Weekly Average ..	£14 17 6 (approx.)	£12 10 2 (approx.)
Increase .....	£77 13 5	

## FLOWER GUILD

- September 26—Mrs J. Duncan.  
 October 3—Miss Anderson  
 10—Mrs Walter Provan  
 17—Mrs Thomson (Glasgow Road)  
 24—Mrs MacLachlan, sen.  
 31—Miss Burns  
 November 7—Mrs M. Duncan  
 14—Mrs Wm. Provan  
 21—Mrs A. Smart  
 28—Mrs D. Whyte  
 December 5—Miss J. Fotheringham  
 12—Mrs G. Fotheringham  
 19—Mrs J. Wright  
 26—Mrs C. Simpson

## PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

The Communion Season is once again upon us, when we hope that as many as possible will be present to share our worship. It has always been a matter for regret that we have never managed to have over three hundred attending the Sacrament, but possibly this time if we all make sure that we ourselves are present a very much higher figure may be attained. The question of hall accommodation has always been felt acutely by those who lead our organisations and the Congregational Board, despite other heavy commitments, have decided that a determined effort ought to be made to remedy the position. Boxes have been secured and each member is invited to ask for one of these and to drop into it a little from time to time. The names of the Committee in charge of this effort will be announced later, and application should be made to any one member of it. In the first instance, the boxes would be collected towards the end of November and thereafter at two-monthly intervals. I cannot too warmly commend this scheme to all our members, and I trust that all will endeavour to make it an outstanding success.

During the winter months meetings will be held in the four Churches of the Bonnybridge area in connection with the "Tell Scotland" campaign. These meetings are intended to quicken the interest in "spiritual things" and I hope that as many as possible will make their way to them. Rev. George S. Gunn, D.D., of Broughton Place Church, Edinburgh, will explain what the "Tell Scotland" movement is, in Bonnybridge Parish Church, on Thursday, 21st October, at 7.30 p.m.

Might I conclude this letter by drawing attention to the fact that during the past few months several loyal workers have left our district and we look confidently to our membership knowing that the vacancies which exist in choir, Sunday School, and elsewhere, will soon be filled.

May God bless us all in our work for His Kingdom.

Yours in His Service,

WM. M. MECHIE.

### NOTES

On Saturday the 26th of June, 1954, the family of Mr and Mrs Wm. Duncan, Braeface, entertained their parents on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the Railway Hotel, Denny. The minister was present and conveyed the greetings of the Congregation to Mr and Mrs Duncan.

The evening services were resumed on the first Sunday of September, and it is hoped that an ever-increasing number will avail themselves of this opportunity of fellowship in His House.

After the Flower and Gift Day on 5th September all produce was conveyed to the Lord and Lady Polwath Homes, and the superintendent, Mr H. S. Blackwell, has written expressing the sincere appreciation of all connected with the home for such a welcome help towards the meeting of the budget.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on the THIRD SUNDAY of October, when gifts received will be taken to the David Watson Eventide Home, Gargunnoch.

It is hoped, in the not-too-distant future to arrange a visit or visits to our Church's Homes to further our knowledge of their work and to strengthen the ties which link us with that work.

During the past three months considerable repairs have been carried out on the Manse, and the Board have under consideration the raising of sufficient funds to defray the cost (£500). It is their intention to hold a Congregational Social on the 22nd October, at 7.30 p.m. in the Church, when the programme will be sustained entirely by members of our organisations (B.B.s, Life Boys, Guildry, Greenwood, Robins, Choir, W.G., and S.S.). A committee to further this end has been formed and comprises the leaders of all organisations, together with Mr Wm. Weir and Mrs McAlpine, and they are open to receive the name of any lady willing to cater for five persons (including self). It has been suggested that each lady be asked to provide only for the above number, except where the household has MORE THAN TWO full Church members, or where two ladies join forces when the limit will be ten. It is hoped that no one will invite as a guest any other members who may be able to act as hostess. In this way, the burden of purveying will be spread and the interest of as large a number as possible stimulated. This attempt to secure a large and representative family gathering should prove a very fitting opening to this winter's social activities. The price of the tea ticket will be 2/6. Should anyone be unable to

cater for five and wish to give a donation instead, they should give or send it to Mr Simpson or the Minister.

### Woman's Guild

The Woman's Guild closed at the end of March after a session in which the ladies not only enjoyed many interesting and instructive talks, films, etc., but, as a result of a Sale of Work, Bring and Buy Sales, etc., were able to hand over £185 to the Congregational Treasurer as well as contributing to various schemes connected with the women's side of the Church's work.

The summer outing took place to Selkirk, where unfortunately, owing to the "Riding of the Marches," the shops were closed, but most of the party made their way to Galashiels, where they spent the afternoon and their 'pin money.' On the return journey an interesting half-hour was passed in viewing Melrose Abbey.

The Guild will resume meeting in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 4th October. Any lady of our Congregation who would care to join our fellowship, will be made very welcome at any of our meetings. A syllabus is appended and should be retained for reference.

October	4 — Business—Devotional Evening. Rev. J. Pringle Scott.
	18 — Rev. J. R. Bell—Prison Chaplain.
November	1 — Hallowe'en Social. 15 — Mrs Rutherford. 29 — Film—Hydro Camp.
December	13 — Christmas.
January	10 — Rev. D. McTaggart. 24 — Burns Night—Mr Simpson.
February	7 — Mrs Berrie—Highlands and Islands 21 — Miss McGregor—Church Sister.
March	7 — Nurse Lovett—Missionary. 21 — Business and Closing Social.

### Girls' Guildry

The Girls' Guildry reached the climax of their year's work with the Bible Examination in February. The girls worked well for the examination but due to a misreading of the exam. papers only one Company girl succeeded in gaining a certificate. The Speedwells were, however, more successful, with marks ranging from 84½% to 96%.

The certificates awarded were to:— Company, Jean Provan. Speedwells—Una Muir, Margaret Muir, Ann Weir, Jessie Binnie, Elspeth Moffat.

It is hoped to present these awards at a Church Parade, early in the new session.

Meetings will resume in Longcroft School on Tuesday, 5th October. Robins (5-8 years), 6—7 p.m.; Speedwells (8-11 years), 7—8 p.m.; Company (11-15 years) and Service Company (15 and over), 8—9.30 p.m.

### Allandale Sunday School

The sun shone brightly as the children and friends of Allandale set out for their trip to Dunfermline on 26th June last. After a meal served in St Leonard's Church hall, the company emerged into drizzling rain. Fortunately this was of short duration, and the party were able to enjoy to the full the beauties of Pittencreiff Glen, the historical interest of the Abbey and the splendour of the shops which had been specially bedecked for the local gala.

This session has got away to a fine start with around forty children attending and a very enthusiastic band of teachers.

## The Choir

During the summer months, while the main body of the choir was enjoying a break, four of our number continued in practice and the result of their efforts was the fine singing of the male voice quartette at our first evening service this winter. Two of the ladies, Miss Mary Moffat and Mrs M. Martin, were honoured by their fellow members at a social gathering in August. Miss Moffat is now in America and Mrs Martin has removed to Grangemouth.

The outing in January took the form of a visit to the King's Theatre to see 'Zipp Goes a Million.' It was much enjoyed by all.

New members will be gladly welcomed by Mr McArthur, and it is hoped that as many as possible will assist in the worthy leading of His praise.

## Boys' Brigade

Once more we record with pride the success of Wilson Morrison, in the Senior Bible Examinations. This time he broke all Battalion records by gaining 100%. Associated with him at the examination were privates Simon Muir, John Ferguson, and Ian Stark, and they received Battalion certificates.

A very successful session was brought to a close by the Annual Inspection on May 13, the inspecting officers being Mr Jack Ralston and Messrs Burgess and Hutchison, who were the captain and lieutenants respectively of the first Hags Company. Tribute was paid to the high standard of efficiency in the Company and prizes and awards were then distributed as follows:—

One year stars—Sgt. Wilson Morrison, L/cpl. Archie Morrison, Pte. Malcolm Graham, Pte. Blair Moffat, Pte. Ian Muir, Pte. John Cowan, Pte. John Hamilton, Pte. Charles Cullen.

Three Years' Service Star—Pte. Simon Muir, Pte. John Hamilton.

Education Badge—Sgt. Wilson Morrison, L/cpl. Archie Morrison.

Wayfarers' Certificates — Sgt. Wilson Morrison, L/cpl. Archie Morrison, Pte. Simon Muir, Pte. John Ferguson, Pte. Ian Muir, Pte. Ian Stark, Pte. John Cowan, Pte. Blair Moffat.

Wayfarers' Badge—Sgt. Wilson Morrison, L/cpl. Archie Morrison, Pte. Simon Muir.

Batt. Ambulance Certificates and Three Years awards—Sgt. Wilson Morrison, L/cpl. Archie Morrison, L/cpl. Charles Stirling, Pte. Simon Muir (badge), Pte. John Ferguson, Pte. Thos. Gillespie, Pte. Charles Cullen.

Campers' Badge — Sgt. Wilson Morrison, Pte. Simon Muir.

Batt. N.C.O. Proficiency Certificate — L/cpl. Archie Morrison, L/cpl. Charles Stirling.

Long Service — Sgt. James Dunlop, Sgt. Wilson Morrison.

Best dressed Boy Coy. — Pte. Simon Muir.

Best drilled Boy Coy. — L/cpl. Archie Morrison.

Best drilled Recruit—Pte. John Ferguson.

B.B. Week—Pte. Robert Salmon.

B.B. Week (2nd)—Pte. Malcolm Graham.

The annual camp at Corriegills from 2nd to 13th July was an outstanding success, despite the vagaries of the weather. The parents who visited the boys on the Wednesday were highly delighted with the arrangements for the boys' creature needs.

Within the past two weeks great interest has been shown in our movement throughout the district. No doubt this is attributable to the fact that the torch run passed through on the Friday evening, and the BBC gave extensive coverage to the special services on the Sunday. It was a matter of general regret that none of our local boys were chosen to assist in the run.

## Life Boys

Mr Thomas Ramsay of the 9th Falkirk Team was the visiting officer at the parents' night on May 27th. Warm appreciation of the work done in the team was expressed by the guests of honour. This function rounded off a very successful session, in which our boys won the Area Shield for the most points in all sports, and received great commendation for their maze marching and singing at the Sportagama in Falkirk Town Hall on the 17th of March.

When the session started there was a great influx of new recruits, but as quite a number of boys are due for transfer to the B.B. Coy., one or two more could be accommodated.

## Hags Sunday School

The venue of the Sunday School Trip was Craigend Castle Zoo, where a most enjoyable day was spent. The Sunday School resumed after the Morning Service on the first Sunday in September. Considering the membership of the Congregation and the extent of our area, it would seem that there could be a great improvement in the matter of numbers attending.

A look at the Baptismal Roll shows that quite a large proportion of the children for whom we are responsible do not find their way to Sunday School.

It is to be hoped that this coming winter will see a marked improvement. The teaching staff are in need of augmentation as well.

## The Young Worshippers' League

Prize list for session 1953-54 is appended herewith: Margaret Mechie, Jane Mechie, Jean Provan, William Weir, George Owens, Joseph Gallacher, Matthew Gallacher, Jean Hamilton, Trent Muir, Jessie Bateman, Andrew Taylor, Pauline Hoggan, Jennifer Bruce, James Gallacher, Eleanor Muir, Janette Black, Rena Moffat.

All children below school-leaving age are invited to join.

## Youth

The meetings for young people on Sunday afternoons will resume on the second Sunday in October, at 5 p.m. in the Church.

## Seat Rents

The Martinmas seat rents are due in November, and opportunity will be given on the first three Wednesdays of that month between the hours of 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. for the renewal of the lets and the letting of new sittings. Mr M. Taylor and Mr W. Weir are also available for these purposes at other times by arrangement.