

# 20 years ago they were mere schoolboys

**T**WENTY years ago this month the 40 boys on the right had their photograph taken outside the Earl's Cross Hostel, Dornoch, Sutherland, where most of them lived while at Dornoch Academy.

Today the boys are scattered throughout the world.

In the group (with, where known, details of present occupation and whereabouts) are: Top (L-R) Billy Macleod, Strathnaver (B.Sc. graduate, in America); John Murray, Invershin (cinema manager, Glasgow); Kenny Mackenzie, Lochinver (headmaster, Achiltibuie School); Kenneth Jappy, Melvich; Tommy "Hay" Mackay, Armadale (TV announcer, Australia); Donald Macleod, Kinlochbervie (in business as a joiner in England); Angus Gillies, Tongue (teacher); Hector Macleod, Strath Halladale (B.Sc. in agriculture); Nigel Mackenzie, Stoer (Warrant Officer, R.A.P.C.).

*Second* **Third** row—Lachlan Ross, Achreisdgill (fish merchant, Kinlochbervie); Sammy Macdonald, Altnaharra (vet, Northern Ireland); Innes Macdonald, Lairg (adviser, Department of Agriculture, Stornoway); Ian Mackay, Lairg (painter); Willie Calder, Bonar Bridge (adviser, Department of Agriculture, Inverness); Charles Cunningham, Drumbeg (R.A.F.); Alastair Macdonald, Altnaharra (keeper, Altnaharra); Ian Mackenzie, Drumbeg (banker, Canada); Willie G. Mackay, Strath Halladale (joiner, Dornoch); Christie Fraser, Lairg (valuation surveyor, Inverness); Rodney Mackenzie, Lochinver (head of business studies department, Nicolson Institute, Stornoway).

*Third* **Second** row—Murdo Mackay, Sheigra (teacher, Glasgow); George Gunn, Melness (garage manager, Inverness); Sandy "Panda" Macdonald, Scourie and Ian "Fido" Fraser, Lairg (both police sergeants, Easter Ross); Mrs Margaret Macfarlane, matron; Mr James Macfarlane, housemaster (retired to Aberdeen some years later); member of staff; Huisdean Maclean, Lochinver (hotel proprietor, Thurso); Willie D. Mackay, Tongue (art teacher); Stewart Mackenzie, Lochinver (dentist, Aberdeen); Wilbert Murray, Invershin (journalist, Dumfriesshire).

**Front** row—Willie Morrison, Durness (journalist, Inverness); Harry Grant, Melvich; Gordon Mackay, Strathnaver (B.Sc.); John Munro, Melness, and Tommy "Straw" Mackay, Strathnaver (both working in Melness); Uisdean Macleod, Bettyhill (with U.K.A.E.A., Seascale, Cumberland); Alastair Mackay, Bettyhill (civil engineer, Kirkintilloch); Donald Munro, Achmelvich (university lecturer, Zambia); Alex. Dingwall, Spinningdale (P.E. teacher, Kirkintilloch); Murdo Maclean, Stoer (systems analyst, Glasgow); Kenneth Greig, Lairg (civil engineer, Dingwall); Ronald Matheson, Allnacealgach Hotel (car salesman, Inverness).

Perhaps some of our readers could provide details we haven't been able to fill in?

