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Once again the end of yet another term in our school life is in view, so, with all due humbleness, we present this, the 69th edition of your School Magazine, for your criticism or enjoyment, whichever the case may be.

Your response to our request for articles was rather slow at first, but latterly we received quite a steady flow of material. Perhaps this was due to a certain notice in the hall which stated that "all 'late-comers' will have to write an article for the magazine." Nevertheless all of Whitehill's "budding poets" (willing or otherwise) can rest assured that all contributions were very gratefully received by us. The bulk of the material came from the Lower School, but we must mention the Fourth Year who produced some good articles. The Fifth and Sixth were excusably silent, but we are hoping that they will make up for their silence by showering us with articles for the summer edition.

At the end of last term and during the course of this one we have bid farewell to old friends from the staff. We convey to them our best wishes for the future and we welcome those who have come to take their places.

And now we would like to thank all the enthusiastic contributors to the magazine, whether their efforts have been rewarded or not. Without enthusiasm and interest, publication would not be possible and we look forward to hearing from them all again. We must also express our gratitude to our Sub-Editors and our Advertising Committee for their continual support, and to Mr. Simpson, Mr. Sloss, and the English Staff who have helped us in our search for material. Most of all we would like to thank Mr. Meikle who has given us constant help and guidance in what has been a difficult but enjoyable task.

Our work is finished and, as this edition goes to press, it just remains for us to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

THE EDITORS.



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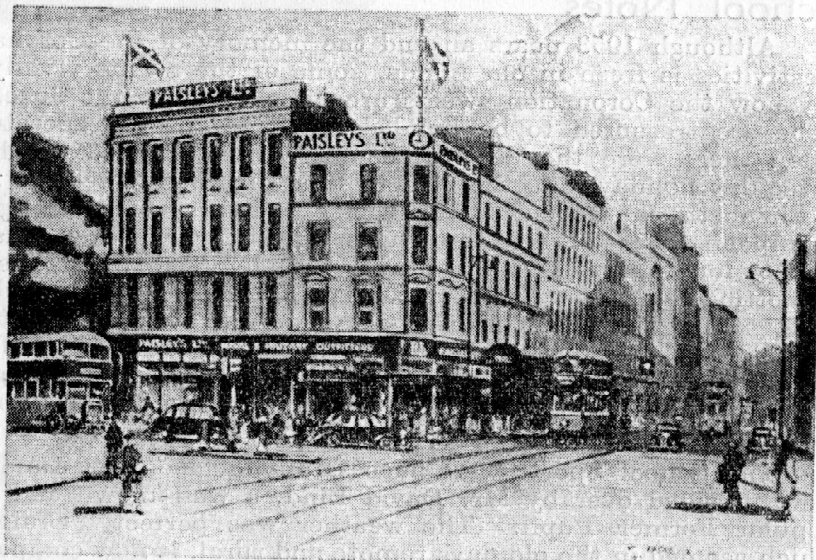
School Notes

Although 1953 nears an end the memory of the Coronation Festivities is fresh in our minds, some of the events vividly so. By now the Coronation sweets are dissolved, but the boxes we hope are treasured to be handed down to future generations. Then there were the decorations in Whitehill Street, and the three day holiday, and the visit to local cinemas to see the film, "Elizabeth is Queen," and the expedition, 340 strong, to Hampden Park to see the Queen herself, and then exactly twenty-four hours later the terrific thunderstorm when, instead of getting away early as seemed right, we were imprisoned till 4.45, some of the Staff sharing a taxi to make up for lost time! Our Coronation Concerts in the Athenæum began on 25th June, the day of the Queen's visit, and proved worthy of the great occasion and of the exertions of the Committee and performers to overcome logistic problems and traffic congestion.

The School Sports were successfully held on 6th June and were presided over by Mr. David Lind, a well-known and very popular Former Pupil. The weather was perfect. Craighend, which seemed in the old days remote and rural, is now compassed about by the new housing schemes of Cranhill and Ruchazie and, not so far away, Barlanark and the Queenslie Industrial Estate.

At the Prize-giving Bailie Thomas R. Patterson, Chairman of the School Dinner Club, presided and Mrs. Patterson presented the prizes. Staff presentations were made on the preceding day to Miss Jean Wilson, our School Secretary, on the occasion of her approaching marriage, and to Mr. Jack MacPhail whose marriage to Miss Helen M. Gordon, a former member of Staff, gave great pleasure throughout the School. May we send our hearty Christmas Greetings to them all! Miss Wilson (Mrs. Ronald McEwan), during the two years she was in charge of the office, by her quiet efficiency and kindly supervision gave a valuable contribution to the smooth working of the school organisation for which we all thank her sincerely. In place of one Former Pupil we welcome another, Miss Nan Hill, our new Secretary, who was School Sports Champion of her year. We regret very much the illness of Mr. Peter Garden, our Principal Teacher of Commercial Subjects, and wish him steady return to health and strength. Our best thanks are due to him for his photographic contribution to the Summer Number.

We have to report that we lost at the end of June the services of Miss Mary C. McColl, Principal Teacher of Mathematics, Mr. Jack Scruton (Mathematics) and Mr. James Cruickshank (Transition Classes); and at the end of September Miss Margaret E. Buchanan (English). Mr. Robert Heeps who went to Kelvinside Academy was a very valued member of the English and Geography Departments. He was also an expert as Controller of the Book Store and an enthusiastic supporter of the rugby teams. He takes with him our best wishes for his new



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appointment. We extend a very hearty welcome to Miss Margaret D. Alexander, our new Principal Teacher of Mathematics, who for many years was associated with Govan Senior Secondary School and latterly with Lambhill Junior Secondary School. It gave us great pleasure to note that Mr. K. C. Craig, of the Classics Department, had added the Degree of B.Litt. to his other distinctions.

The deaths occurred in the autumn of two former members of Alan Glen's School, Dr. James H. Steel, Rector-emeritus, and Mr. Robert Donnan, Art Master. Memories of early days will be recalled by old Whitehillians to whom these names were prominent, the one as Head of English from 1904 to 1913 and the other as our Art Master from the late nineties till 1920. It was with great regret that we heard of the death in an air accident of Ian D. G. Somerside while training as a pilot in the Royal Air Force. Ian was a pupil and a prefect in our sixth year as recently as 1949. We send a message of deep sympathy to his family.

The following Former Pupils called at the School recently:— Mr. Theodore D. Lowe, late of the legal department of the L.M.S. Railway Company, Mr. Ian Kerr of the Foreign Office and Lieut. Arch. I. Smith of the King's African Rifles on leave from Nyasaland. Archie is engaged to Miss Violet I. Witton, also a Former Pupil and winner of the Intermediate Dux Medal, 1950, and we take the opportunity of sending them both our greetings and felicitations.

Miss Mary C. M'Coll. M.A.

Miss Mary C. McColl, our Principal Teacher of Mathematics, had been absent for some months owing to illness. She made good progress in the early summer and we were pleased to see her back to duty looking fully recovered. But at the end of June she decided to resign and enjoy the benefit of rest.

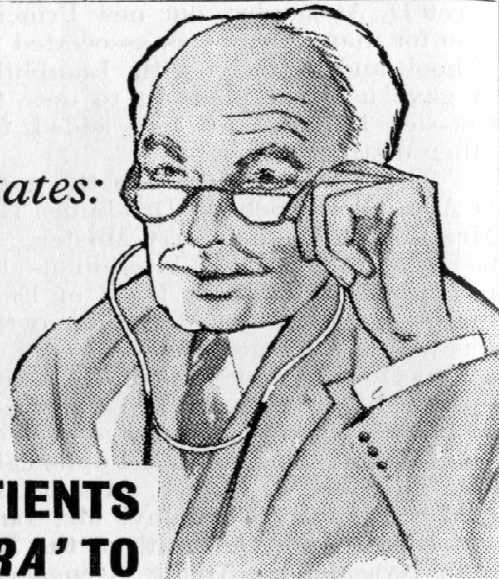
Miss McColl came to Whitehill in September, 1945, with high qualifications for her post. During her period of office the fine reputation of the Mathematics Department which had come down to her from the days of Alexander Stevenson and his notable successors was well maintained. She was ever anxious for its interests, but, in addition, she took the view of the school as a whole, and especially that of her pupils' welfare and their progress in all subjects. She had pleasure in meeting them socially and in attending the Annual Dances.

As an enthusiast for Gaelic tradition and culture she brought with her the love of the Highlands. One remembers with pleasure the beautiful pictures of the Glens that adorned Room 49, and her fine rendering of one of the Songs of the North at a Staff Reunion.

Miss McColl's personality impresses itself vigorously. One is always conscious of her earnestness of purpose and at the same time appreciative of her quick sense of humour.

We trust that she will maintain progress in health and long enjoy the amenities which come with retirement and leisure.

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The Ralph Payne Memorial Prizes, awarded annually to Senior Pupils for outstanding work in Science, are amongst the most valued of the School awards. Ralph had been a pupil of the School, then a student at the University, but had died during the second year of the Medical course. In summer, 1952, Mr. Payne put at the disposal of the School sufficient funds so that the Prizes in memory of his son could be awarded in perpetuity.

Mr. Payne had a sincere love of the School, and had a deep satisfaction from his association with it. For many years he never missed a Prizegiving in Rutherford Church, and indeed he seldom missed a School occasion.

To Mrs. Payne we offer our respectful sympathy in her bereavement.

Autumn

Autumn is the time of year,
When we realize that winter's near,
But this should never cause us grief—
Look at the tints on every leaf.

Red and brown and green and gold,
Such wondrous colours to behold,
Even the flowers have a lovely tinge,
There's a yellow one with an orange fringe.

The hedgehog rolls himself up in a ball,
And looks very prickly, and sleepy, and small.
Then he rolls down in the leaves which are dead,
And snuggles down in his winter bed.

CAIRNE MOIR, I.B.

The Library

The Library is open at 4.15 p.m. on Wednesdays for boys of Form I, Form II and Form III, and on Thursdays at 4.15 p.m. for girls of Form I, Form II and Form III. Pupils of Forms IV, V and VI may have access to the shelves by applying to Miss Garvan, Room 46.



Recent additions to the Library include:
Men Who Changed the World, by E. Larson.
The Crown of Violet, by Geoffrey Trease.

Sentinel of the Snow Peaks, by H. McCracken.
Ravens and Prophets, by G. Woodcock.
The Avenue, by Violet Needham.

J. E. G.

F.P. Successes

The following degrees and distinctions have been gained by our former pupils:—

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ISOBEL SMITH: Degree of B.Sc.

CHARLES G. McEWEN: Degree of M.B., Ch.B.

ANN W. JARVIE: First Class Certificate of Distinction in Junior Honours Chemistry.

JENNIE D. RONALD: First Class Certificate of Distinction in Junior Honours English Language.

WILLIAM GREENOCK has gained an unusual distinction. On a special course "intended to bring out the qualities of leadership" Mr. Greenock secured an Honours Award, which is rarely given, and a brilliant official citation.

ROBERT D. KERNOHAN, whose graduation was reported in our June issue, is now at Baliol College, Oxford, having won the Mary French Macfarlane Scholarship. He has also been adopted as prospective Conservative candidate for Paisley.

Whitehill School Club

This year the Club is having only one general meeting a month, on the second Friday of every month. This does not include dances and our annual visit to John Street Former Pupils' Club.

The main reason for cutting the number of meetings is lack of support. It is therefore up to the ones who are leaving school this year to rescue the Club.

Our Sporting Sections are again very strong, but attendances at general Club meetings have been poor. If any of you have brothers or sisters who are interested, send them along and they will receive a very warm welcome.

ANNE W. MANSON, Secretary.

Glasgow Corporation Art Competition

Bronze medals were gained by David Thomson, Peter Miller, and James McFaul.



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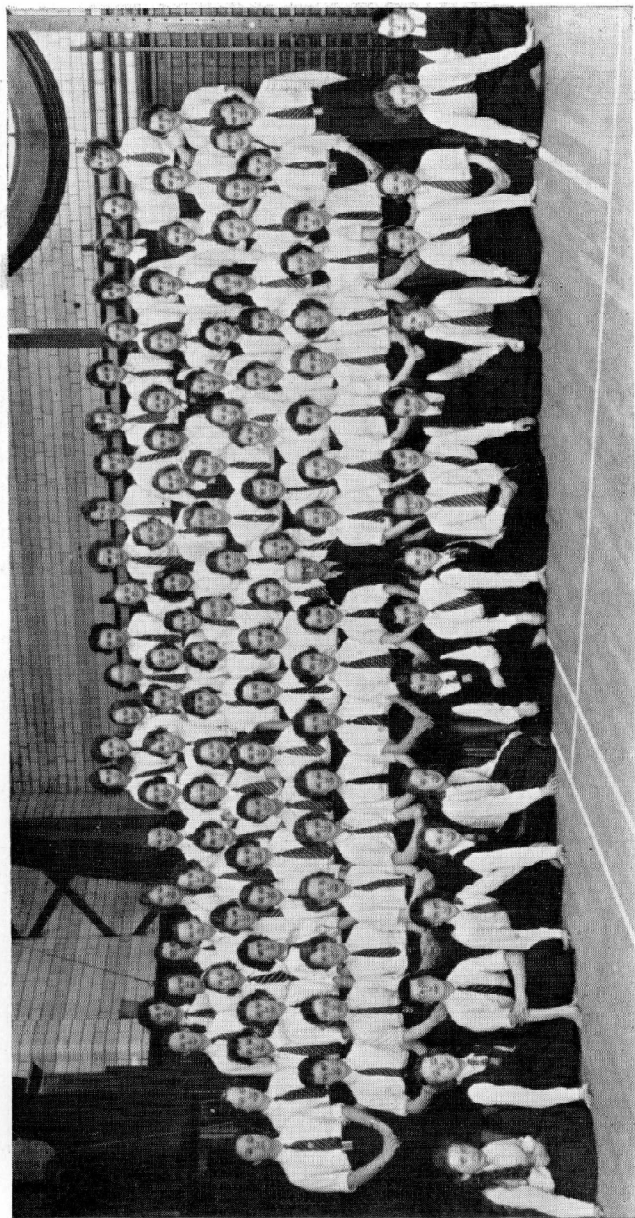


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THE GIRLS' CHOIR.

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The School Orchestra

It should not be necessary to have to "sell" music in a school with the musical reputation of Whitehill: and this article is, therefore, rather a recruiting poster than an apology for the Art—which can't be apologised for, in any case. How would you explain to a friend who'd never eaten one what a melon tasted like?

The basis of any orchestra is its string section—the violins, violas, 'cellos, and basses: and this term sees an attempt to get this basis together. So far, we have enough violins, although more will always be welcomed: we have one bass, which is enough to start with: and two 'cellos, also sufficient for the moment: but we need volunteers to learn the viola—at least three, probably four.

Now, of course, comes the catch. How much do stringed instruments cost? Violins and violas good enough for beginners can be bought for as little as £3, 'cellos for about £8, and basses £10 to £12—sums which sound large at the time of payment, but which dwindle to reasonable sizes when spread out over all the years of interest and enjoyment that the instruments can provide, or lead the way to.

At present we have two orchestral classes per week, both lasting one hour, from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m., and taking place in Room 81. The Thursday class provides instruction in the playing technique of the instruments, especially the violin and viola: and the Monday class deals with the disciplines of ensemble-playing, with the practical business of playing together as a team. There is no fee for these classes.

Modern musical instruments are not easy to play well: but it is a rule of life, that the more you put into it the more you get out of it: and no one who has mastered an instrument has ever been heard to regret the time spent in doing so. The ability to sing and read staff notation is a great initial help in learning to play: and so we come full circle to our own school traditions in vocal music, which should provide a most useful starting-point for anyone wishing to learn an instrument.

Finally, remember that Christmas is coming, and that, if you feel like becoming an orchestral player, now is the time to make your wishes known at home.

Enquiries are always welcomed at Room 30, and large queues are confidently expected there on 6th January.

I. U. M. G.

We were pleased to learn that the new Church of Scotland charge at Cranhill had been filled by the Rev. T. F. Neill, a Whitehill F.P. Mr. Neill has spent some years in Canada, and last year was Moderator of the Presbytery of Lanark. We hope he will have every happiness in his new position, which is in the nature of a homecoming.



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DAVID WILSON, IIIF.

Literary and Debating Society

Mr. Scott has retired this year from the position of Vice-President of the Society which he has guided successfully for so many years. Of his connection with the Literary and Debating Society we might quote R. H. Mottram's words concerning the gold sovereign: he had continued "unaltered in weight and fineness . . . until he seemed like something that had outdistanced change."

We must thank his successor, Mr. H. M. Hutchison, for our first lecture and discussion of the season, on "Wealth," which he carried out at very short notice.

Our syllabus so far has been a rather impromptu affair, but we look to a brighter future of debates and lectures. This includes a debate between Mr. W. O. Brown and Mr. T. Jardine. You can make a guess at what the subject is. Another interesting night to look forward to is a demonstration by Mr. R. K. Simpson of the merits of art and photography, to be followed by a discussion.

We should here like to extend an invitation to all members of Forms III, IV, V and VI to come along and join our meeting. If there is some debatable point which you are hopping mad about, or if your dream is to be an M.P., then do come. We deal in all colours of politicians.

J. L. WALLACE.

School Concert

It seems early yet to be thinking of another School Concert while the last one is still fresh in our minds. However, the Athenæum Theatre has already been reserved for 24th, 25th and 26th June, 1954. Whitehill School Concerts seem to go on from strength to strength, and we can promise ourselves that the next one will be the best ever.

A. M. M.

Soft Impeachment

Awake, awake, my boy!
And tell thy raging master why thou'rt late:
With words decide thy fate;
Words that scheming thoughts employ:
Though very crafty thee,
I not so simple be,
So do not come and spin a weak-kneed yarn to me.

Hark! how thy mind awakes.
Now give thy feeble reason with no fuss:
Thou sayest thou missed the bus,
And then thy tongue no sound it makes.
This story does not please;
Thou should'st be on thy knees;
Thou knowest that boys should not their masters tease.

Go, go away, my boy!
For thou hast never told a truthful tale.
And this I do bewail,
And every story thou employ
Is but a sinful lie—
It truly makes me sigh;
So go away, my boy, and let thy master cry.

WHODUNNIT, IV 1.

French Lecture

On 5th October over 100 pupils from various schools in Glasgow attended a Franco-Scottish Lecture in one of the rooms of the Education Offices. The lecturer was Monsieur P. Boyer. His lecture was on the history, geography, and architecture of the Loire. He spoke for twenty-five minutes. His talk was followed by a coloured film of Touraine. In this film we saw "Le Jardin de France," which was beautiful.

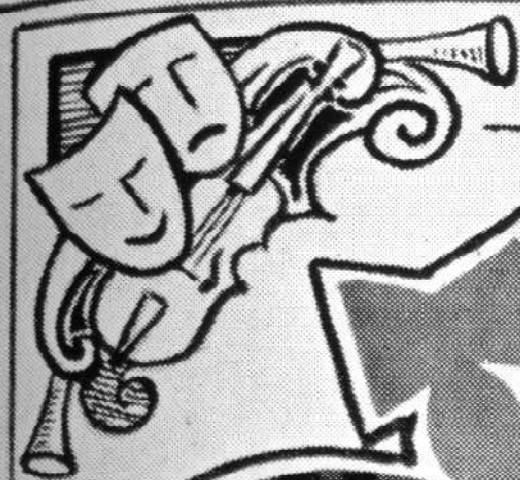
When the film was over Monsieur Boyer made a closing speech and a girl from Park School thanked him in French. We thought this was a most enjoyable lecture.

M. J., C. T., S. B., III 2.

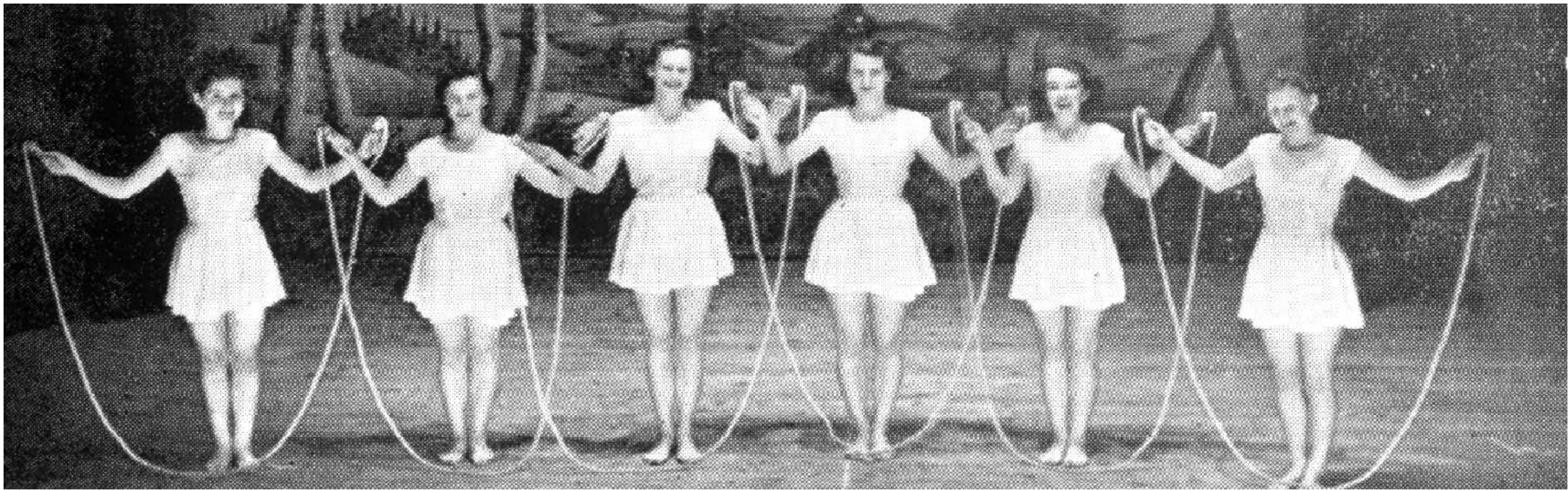


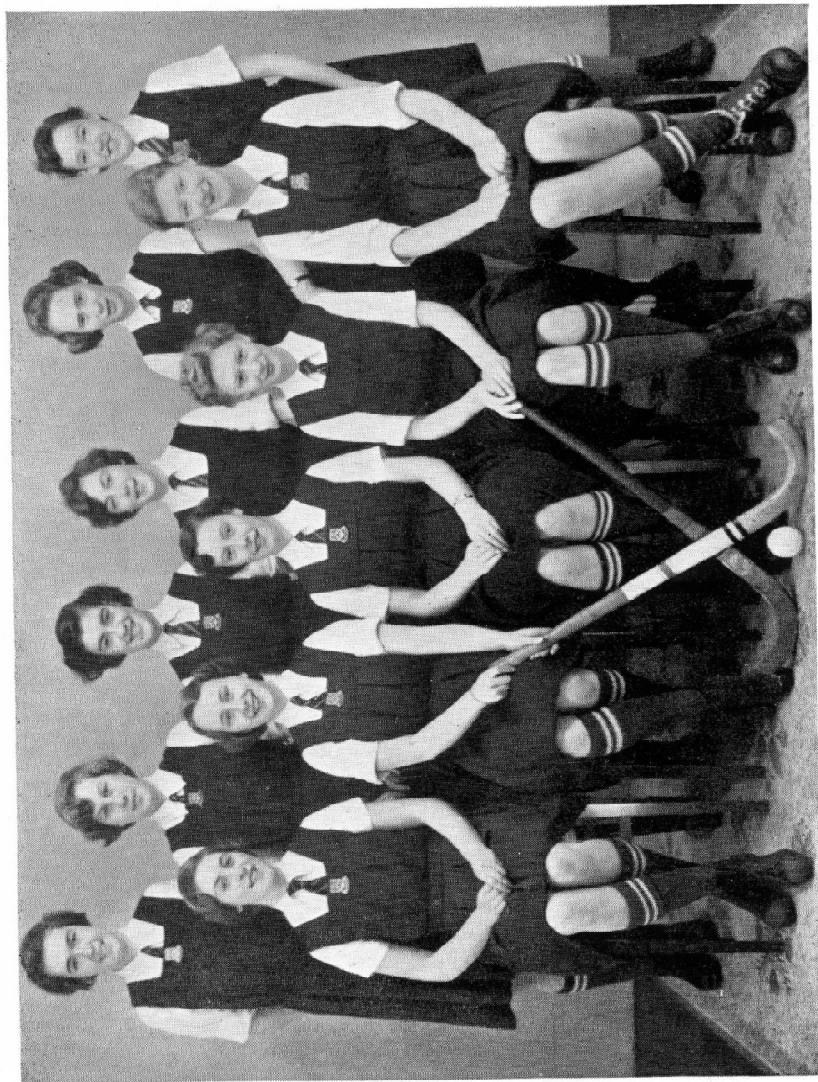
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Coronation Concert.
Whitehill
June 1953.









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HOCKEY FIRST XI.

Standing: E. Stewart, R. Wood, E. Hendry, M. McElwain, M. Tough, M. Cree.
Sitting: A. Andrew, M. McKay, R. Annandale (Captain), B. Posnett, M. Muir.

Hockey

Early in September we held our first hockey practice. The weather so far has been kind to us and although only two matches have been played, the progress of the 1st and 2nd teams is heartening. We should be able to draw up a strong 3rd XI this year, owing to the surprisingly good turnout from the Lower School. There is great enthusiasm for the game among the players and this we feel sure will help to lead the teams to victory.



Perhaps the Upper School has forgotten that there are such things as hockey practices. If so, may we take this opportunity of reminding them. They will be welcomed up to Craigend on Saturday mornings and they will certainly enjoy the healthy open-air exercise and the rest from studies.

M. MCKAY.

Snow

Nothing is so quiet as the snow;
 It falls from out a darkened sky
 Upon the wintry ground to lie,
 Without a murmur, silently and slow.

Like a fleecy blanket, softly spread
 Upon each sleeping field and hill,
 It shelters them in warmth until
 They stir and rouse within their wintry bed.

Then silent as it came, the dazzling snow
 As silent goes, within a night,
 And here and there the snowdrops white
 Put up their heads and sweetly nod and blow.

M. M., IV 1.

A Young Man's Fancy

Love! Oh love!
 Elusive love!
 Thou effervescent bubble,
 So hard to catch,
 So hard to keep,
 But surely worth the trouble!
 Ahem!!

BETA, VI.

Chess

Owing to the departure of six out of seven of the members of the team we have decided not to enter the league this year. I would also like to know where the former lower school members of the club have disappeared to. Will any finder please post them to Chess Club, Monday, 4.15.

S. A.



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Research at Whitehill

Now that the war has ended in Korea and there are rumours that an atom bomb might be dropped in the vicinity of Dennistoun, our thoughts naturally, or unnaturally, turn to the question of the progress of science in Whitehill. It was with this thought in mind that I came across the following article by these celebrated scientists, Doctor B. U. Nsen and his colleague, Professor B. E. Aker, in one of our well-known science journals. It goes on as follows:—

“For many years people (notably parents) have wished to know what goes on in that towering, red-brick building in Whitehill Street. It was with the utmost difficulty, therefore, that we gained admission to this closely guarded establishment, this feat being accomplished by posing as ‘latecomers’ (the only beings welcomed at Whitehill), and not as dehydrated fruit, as was put forward by one of our readers who suggested that we should ‘dry up.’ We were met by members of the twenty-strong security squad, otherwise known as the school session or simply ‘S.S.’ These outcasts of society were busily checking the names and numbers of the ‘technicians’ (male and female), in small black notebooks, at one of the main gates. After passing through this iron curtain we emerged into the quietude of the main assembly hall. Here the various experts on science can discuss their experiments and problems without interference from the ‘man in the street’ (how did he get past the iron curtain?). The only noises which disturb this peaceful scene are the gentle clink as the guard changes at the exits and the intonations of several muezzins calling the faithful to their classes from the topmost reaches of the building.

“The people at Whitehill in whom we are interested, however, are those few select beings who are generally to be found carrying on their experiments at the topmost level of the school and also in an isolated shack, situated well away from any of the main buildings. These people are the boffins of Whitehill and have the symbol VIa or VIb after their name. Just now these boffins are experimenting with guided missiles and atomic physics. Study of the former is carried on in a room on the top flat, where projectiles with such code names as chalk and dusters are directed with unerring aim at chosen objects.

“The study of atomic physics is the more important of the two and is carried on in the blast-proof (but not rain-proof) shack already mentioned. There in the mysterious confines of ‘operations-room 63’ the study of the atom is carried on at a feverish pace. In this room fissions of great and small degree are carried on, from burettes to beakers and other articles of glassware, including the spectacles of one who shall remain nameless. In frequent use are pieces of apparatus which emit jets of coloured liquid and which cause the chief scientist great consternation as work-benches take on beautiful hues. It is thus, with the

boffins investigating a hole which has suddenly appeared in the roof, that we leave that paradise of science—Whitehill.”

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ANON, VIa.

S.L.C.

We sweat and swot for the S.L.C.,
But fate is a fickle quantity.
When once we've faced the acid test,
Our tortured brains require a rest;
Alas, beset with hopes and fears,
We fluctuate 'twixt smiles and tears—
Will we scholastic fame attain,
Or take a header down the drain?

BETA, VI.

Not Much Fun

Little Miss Sparrow went hop, hop, hop,
She'd spied a crumb, so dared not stop,
For Master Sparrow had seen it too,
And after his sister he quickly flew.

“There's one for you, and one for me,
But what a pity there are not three!”

“A dreadful pity, without a doubt—
We'd have liked another—to quarrel about.”

EILEEN SHERIDAN, II 6.

Scripture Union

The Scripture Union is a world-wide organisation which endeavours to help young people to make the best of life through intelligently reading the Bible and enjoying it. This it strives to accomplish by providing consecutive short portions of the Bible for daily reading.

Since we are a branch of the Inter-schools Fellowship, we may enter into competition with other schools in such matters as Bible Quizes and attendances. Already this term, the first round of the Inter-school Quiz has been conducted. In the most recent attendance result we gained 12th place out of 96 schools.

Indeed, since the beginning of the session our meetings have been very well attended and our numbers have been increasing every Friday. However, we would like to see some more boys joining us.

If you would like to know more about the Scripture Union come along to our meeting on Friday at 4.15 p.m., and find out for yourself. This invitation is extended to all pupils and members of the Staff. Girls meet in Room 50 and boys in Room 81.

MARY S. CAMERON.
NORRIS HAMILTON.

Under The Editors' Table

Excuse my blushes. Somebody has written a poem about me. A young lady too. She wants to know all about me:

Who is Oswald?
What like is he?
Is he fair or is he tall?
Or is he very dark and small?
Maybe he doesn't exist at all.

In reply, may I say I am not fair, I am not tall, I am not dark, I am not small; but I insist on existing.

Of course, poems are written about other celebrities as well, and most of all about the prefects. How do you become a prefect? I've always wondered; now I know:

You sweat and you study
Like nae ither buddy,
And then you are made a prefect.

Is it worth it?

We were aware that changes were taking place in the Science curriculum, but we did not appreciate their extent. A contributor informs us:

In Science we make the atom bomb.

Kids' stuff. The writer is in I3.

More advanced scholars will appreciate the neat touches of this parody:

Is this the belt which I see before me,
The hard end toward my hand?
I feel thee still,
And on my palm and fingers streaks of red,
Which was not so before.
Now o'er the entire hand feeling seems dead.

But parody has to be very good; this one (from A. C., III3) was not quite good enough. Its twin came from A. M., also, by some strange chance, III3.

Talking of literature, some people take their reading seriously:

We toil and we boil over this complication,
Writing and reading, maths and dictation.
The books we go through are really a lot—
Dickens and Stevenson, Bronte and Scott.

Form II that is—III1F.

The same class reveals how our rugby players acquire the necessary toughness:

My mother trains him as best she can,
She bangs his head with the frying-pan.

Mother favours an unusually robust psychology.

J. Q., II3, roused great sympathy for her opening sentiment:

Everyone's sad when it comes to exams.

But the Editors did not find the rest of the poem so sound.

A First Year poet writes:

And I'll agree I am quite glad
To get this poem in the mag.

Moderate your transports, laddie—that's all that is going in. J. F., I5, sends us two near misses. He has a good turn for verse; a little more effort should get him into print next time. The same applies to B. F., II2, and an unknown writer who told us of Three Minutes of Horror. Which reminds me—we have had too many unsigned articles. If you do not want your name to appear, give us a pen name and your modesty will be respected. But put your name and class as well. The quality of your English is not always a sure guide to your position in the school, and we have to know that to judge your effort.

Others, again, sign articles to which they have no claim. We are getting tired of this; we had eight cribbed articles this time. If it goes on I'll publish the names of the copyists.

Happily these poor specimens are not typical of the school as a whole. We had a good response this time, outstanding classes being IV1, II1F, II2, II3, I3 and I6. Very near misses were scored by J. S., Safety Second, and S. Ted Fast, IV1; E. M. and J. S., III3; A. M., D.M., and M. W., II1F; G. Y., II6; S. B., I3; and E. W., I6. For once we are pleased with you. Merry Christmas. OSWALD THE OFFICE-BOY.

Cricket

The first XI did not have a very successful season, winning only three out of nine games played. Our team was comparatively inexperienced, but all the boys remained very keen in spite of the defeats. Most of the team are still at school this year, so we are hoping to do much better in the coming season.

We must thank the officials of Golfhill Cricket Club for the use of their ground for practices and home games.

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Thoughts on Carbon Monoxide

I was sitting by the fire swotting chemistry for the November exam—carbon monoxide burns with a blue flame, with a blue flame, with a blue flame. That must be carbon monoxide burning there. How determinedly it eats the coal. It must be destroyed—just like Carthage in days gone by—Carthago delenda est. Is that a gerund or a gerundive? It must be a gerund, or is it? Oh, I don't know! Carthago delenda est. . . . What does it matter now anyway? What does anything matter? I was mad to stay on at school, mad to think I could get higher Latin, higher Science, higher anything! I should have left two years ago, when I could have led a calm, uneventful, mechanised life in a stuffy old office in town, nine till five and home for tea, nine till five and home for tea, day in day out and get absolutely nowhere. But I wouldn't be bothered with chemical reactions, Latin conjugations and declensions, geometrical proofs and deductions. Still, I wouldn't get anywhere. But where am I heading just now? In precisely the same direction—nowhere. I go in for exams and bring the class average down with a bump. The staff (especially the science staff) look at me and shake their heads. They confer in staff rooms in the dingy atmosphere of smoke and strong tea. "She should have taken French instead of science." "But her French wasn't good either." "Well, how about art?" "What! Palm her on to me?" "Her maths. aren't up to much." "Her English could be improved." "So could her geography." "What subjects do you think she should have taken?"

She should have left school at fifteen. M. M., V2.

Wanted!

This year I've joined the Senior Choir,
And there we sing with zeal and fire.
But we have only one desire—
That's to enrol more boys.

We're singing at a steady pace,
When with distress upon his face
The master calls, "Where is the bass?"
And Oh! we need more boys.

So boys of Forms Four, Five, and Six,
Pray come along and with us mix;
Unless you do, we're in a fix,
And Oh! we need more BOYS.

SOPRANO, IV1.

We are indebted to Mr. R. K. Simpson for the example of his skill which appears on the opposite page; to William Anderson (VI), Robert Halliday (I5) and John Guy (I5), who acted as models, and to Mr. W. O. Brown, who provided the spectacles.



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—News Report



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SWIMMING TEAM.

Standing: Jean McNeil, Beryl Marshall, Doreen Wyper.

Sitting: Myra Milne.

Swimming

Though early in the season, the school has already dived into the swim fairly successfully. At Coatbridge Secondary swimming gala, the senior girls' team (Myra Milne, Beryl Marshall, Doreen Wyper, and Jean McNeil) took first place against the pick of the Lanarkshire schools, and our junior boys' team (Blair Macnab, Sandy Turpie, William Barr, and Donald McEwan) again annexed the Robertson Cup at Springburn Amateurs' Gala.

Unfortunately, Whitevale Baths are undergoing repairs in November and so we had to cancel our annual gala. We were however represented at the Glasgow Schools' Gala on 25th November by no fewer than 14 swimmers, with the following excellent results:

Girls.

75 Yards Championship of Glasgow (Founders' Cup)—1st, MYRA MILNE, IV 3.

Team Championship of Glasgow ("Primrose" Challenge Bowl)—1st, Whitehill (MYRA MILNE, IV 3; BERYL MARSHALL, IV 1; DOREEN WYPER, III 5; JEAN MCNEIL, III 2).

25 Yards Breast Stroke (under 14)—1st, RUTH MATHERS, I 4.

Boys.

75 Yards Junior Championship of Glasgow (under 14) (Corporation Cup)—1st, ALEXANDER TURPIE, II 1.

Life-saving Championship (under 15) ("Glasgow Herald" Trophy)—1st, Whitehill (WILLIAM HARRIS HENDERSON III 1; WILLIAM STURROCK, II 1).

25 Yards Back Stroke (under 14)—2nd, WILLIAM STURROCK, II 1.
R. G.

Whitehill Junior Red Cross Link, No. 998

Miss Orr and myself take this opportunity of thanking all the girls and boys of the school who help so generously in the work of the Red Cross. By their voluntary contributions the amount of funds is steadily increasing. The school is gradually becoming more conscious of the silver paper habit and this term the sacks have been swelling noticeably with their collections.



Remember, there are sacks for silver paper in Rooms 16 and 83 in the Main School as well as in the Armadale Street building. Try to develop the habit at home of collecting all the scraps of silver paper (including milk tops) and when you have a nice bundle gathered together, bring it along to one of the above rooms.

It is most encouraging to note that up till 15th November, the donations have risen to £22 10s. This is a good beginning for the first term. My sincere thanks on behalf of the Junior Red Cross.

Miss M. E. CAMERON.



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Resolution

At History I'm terrible,
At Geography the same,
At French and Maths and English too,
They think I am insane.
At Art I *always* am a Saint,
My hands are *never* smeared with paint.

At P.T. I can't jump the buck,
I just run on and hope for luck.
Miss Fisher says, "Oh, what a lot!
Is that all the energy you've got?"
But I don't care what they say at all,
For I'll try my best whate'er befall.

ELIZABETH PINKERTON, 112.

O.W.S. Weather Recorder

The latest news of our Weather Ship came at the beginning of September in a letter from Captain Ford.

In June the ship had no sooner returned to Greenock than it had to turn about and go back to the Atlantic in place of another weather ship that had developed serious troubles. We sympathise with the men who lost their holiday and hope the loss was made up later.

In August the ship took part in the search for the U.S.A. troop plane that disappeared in the ocean, and gave up only when the fuel supply became dangerously low.

We hope that all will go well with the "Weather Recorder" during these wintry months and that there will be many days of pleasant calm and few of storms.

Happy Christmas

They talk of Christmas presents
And of Christmas parties too,
The young ones think of Santa
And the things they're going to do.
For the chance to think such things
I'd really give a lot,
But when it comes near Christmas time
I've got to sit and swot.

When mother's making Christmas cake,
And father's making wine,
Little brother's making out
A list of toys in line.
But poor old me must sit with books
To try to help me pass.
Oh, Christmas is the time I wish
I hadn't slept in class.

AMBROSE KEWELL, IV.1.

Rugby



This season opened with but one thought for the 1st XV—the emulation of the outstanding successes of last year's team. Unfortunately, however, it is not to be, as we have gained only one point out of a possible of six, the solitary point coming from a draw with our old rivals, Shawlands. The unusual factor about this year's team is that the weakness lies with the forwards, who are usually the strongest part of a Whitehill team. It is fortunate that we have sufficient players this season to field a second XV as it will serve for recruits for next year's first.

With regard to the junior rugby, the 14½ XV as usual show signs of being the most successful this season although we are quite confident that the 13½ XV and the 12½ XV will not be far behind them in this respect. It is perhaps a pity that these young players have had no experience of rugby before coming to the school, as it is only by continual practice and association with the game that success will come.

The 1st XV are extremely grateful to Mr. McKean for his helpful advice and criticism and also for the time he spends on Tuesdays and Wednesdays attempting to improve the standard of our game. Finally, on behalf of the juniors I extend our thanks to Mr. Forgie and Mr. Gardiner who, by their assistance and encouragement, enable these young players to overcome many of their difficulties.

STUART M. HUNTER.

Student Christian Movement

This year we are embarking on our second session of the Student Christian Movement in Whitehill. The S.C.M. is a discussion group for those who desire to know more of the Christian faith and to lead the Christian life. We hope that, by discussing, with speakers and among ourselves, the problems and perplexities which arise in this desire, we may be led into a deeper understanding of the significance of our quest.

This may all seem rather vague and far-away to those who profess to have no interest in such affairs. To these people we would say, come along and join us in one of our meetings and see for yourself if a basic knowledge of Christianity is only for "kids and Holy Willies"! This policy of experiment we would specially like to stress in regard to Sixth Year boys who, so far, have shown a regrettable lack of interest in the movement. Can it be that we have no "men" in the Sixth?

The invitation to attend is cordially extended to all members of Fifth and Sixth Years. Our meetings are held at 4.15 on Wednesdays, full particulars being given on the Hall Notice Boards.

DEIRDRE SCOTT.

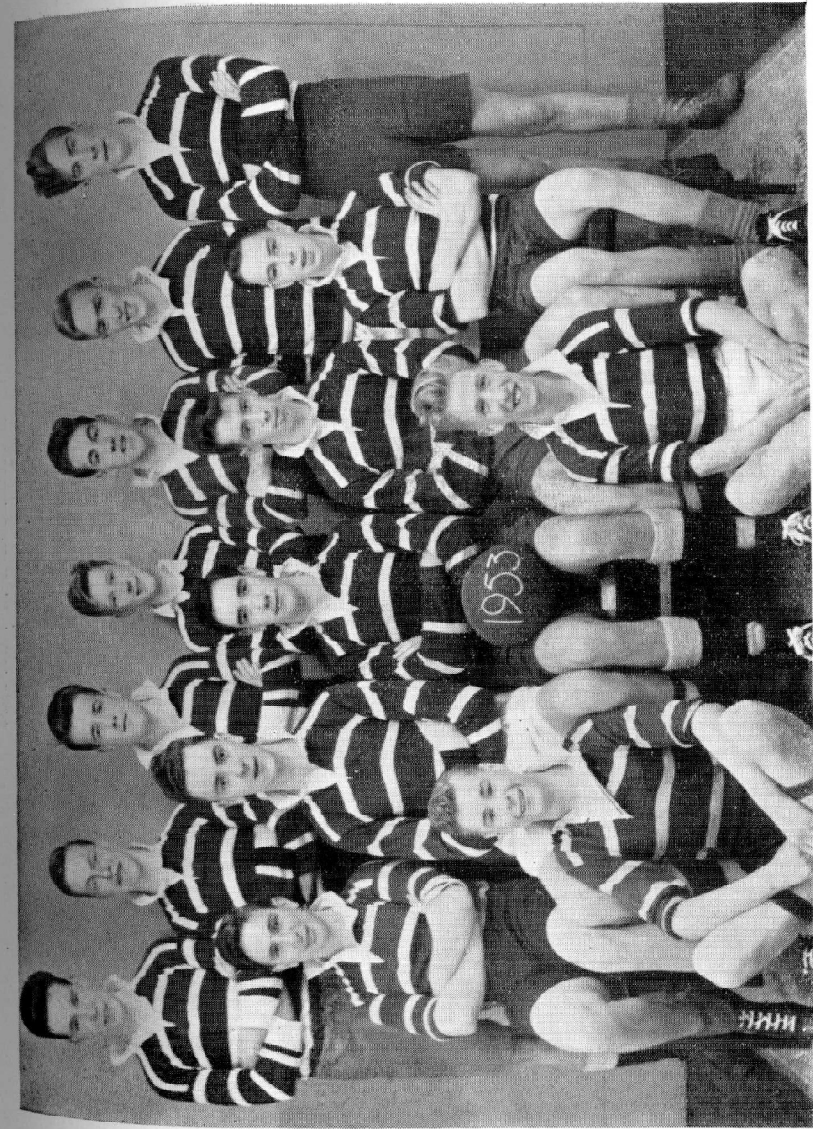


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RUGBY FIRST XV.

Standing: T. Carruthers, V. Hugo, J. Cruden, W. Goldie, A. Wright, R. Potts, I. Clark.
Sitting: A. McCallum, A. Hendry, G. Anderson (Captain), S. Hunter, F. McFadyen.
In Front: S. McKinnell, J. Wallace.

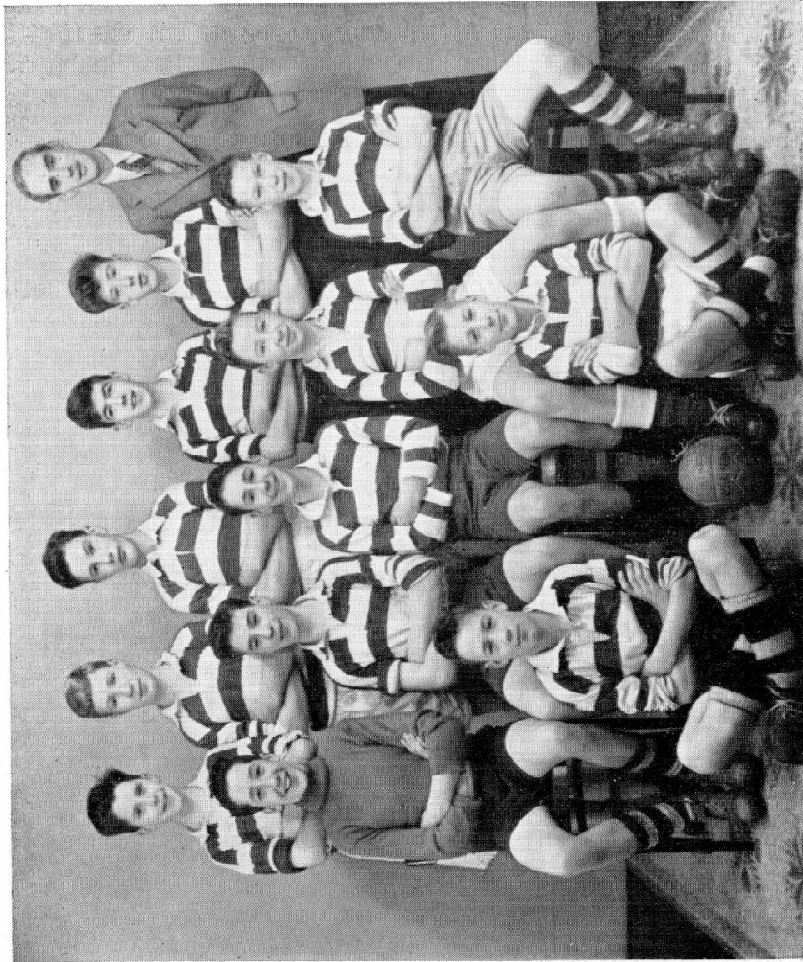
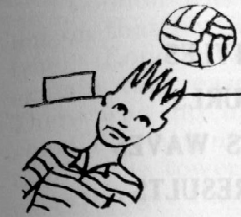


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FOOTBALL INTERMEDIATE XI.

Standing: R. Paterson, A. Keynolds, G. Roberts, A. Smith, R. Mulvey, Mr. Brehmer.
Sitting: J. Headrige, J. Henderson, D. Gentles (Captain), G. Balfour, J. Skelton.
In Front: J. Bell, K. Brooks.

Football



Although the First XI is not up to the high standard set by last year's team, it can nevertheless boast that, so far, it has not tasted defeat and perhaps by the end of the season it may be able to show an even better record. At least that is our hope. With convincing victories over Knightswood and Greenock High, its closest call was at Falkirk where it earned a draw against the High School, our rivals of last season.

So far, there has been no need to call upon the resources of the Second XI for first team duty, but it is comforting to know that that eleven contains some players of real promise who would not be out of place in the higher grade. Though competition in the Second Division is exceptionally keen, the team has nevertheless just managed to hold its own. Not only has it earned one point per game, but it has also recorded the same number of goals "for" and "against."

The same cannot be said of the Third XI. This is indeed our "problem child" for it has yet to demonstrate its real ability in terms of League and Shield success. Skill and determination it has in plenty, yet it has had to give way to less talented sides on account of a lack of height and weight. These are most important factors at this stage and it can only be hoped that the reverses so far sustained will not take the edge off the team's enthusiasm. So long as the Third XI retains that quality, the tide will surely turn in its favour.

That has already happened in the case of the Fourth XI. The first game against Dumbarton St. Patrick's was a minor disaster, but since then the team has rallied to record two successive victories with a wide margin of goals. These successes are all the more worthy because they have been gained more by skill than by strength, a fact which augurs well for the team's prospects.

WILLIAM STEVENSON.

Tennis



Once more the tennis season has drawn to a close and again our team have excelled themselves. In the mixed doubles only one game was lost out of eight. The boys' doubles played two games, winning one and losing one, while the girls' doubles won one game, having played only one. We shall have the services of the same girls' team in the forthcoming season, but unfortunately most of the boys' team have left. But by the high standard of play shown in the inter-club games I am confident that we shall live up to the reputation set by last year's team.

J. H.



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There was no response, so I took out my torch and shone it in their faces. Then I gasped, for the light illumined the faces of two wooden statues swaying on their pedestals in the slight breeze. I felt very stupid, to think that I had thought they were real people. Bah! the old boy was laughing as we continued on our way, and soon I saw the funny side of it too, and I laughed. I left him at his home, and then turned in the direction of my own. I passed by the two figures once more, and gave a silent laugh as I did so. Phew! What a horrible night it had been. It was now raining heavily and a strong wind had arisen. At last I reached my home and let myself in thankfully.

Oh, by the way, you might ask who I am, and why I was walking the streets of London at that time.

Who wears a black helmet, with the silver number "49" on it?

MARGARET PASSMORE, I4.

The Motto

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W. R., III3.

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The Scottish Schoolboys' Club

The Sunday night meetings of the club resumed in October.



The meeting attended by Whitehill boys is held in the Headquarters of the Glasgow Branch at 9 Woodside Crescent, near Charing Cross, at 7 p.m. There are signs that the number of Whitehill members this year will be the highest since the club resumed its activities after the war, but we would like to have still more boys coming along. It is encouraging to note that most of the members come from the first and second years. Ronald Cresswell, last year's school representative, is now an officer and occupies the position of School Chairman.

By the time this magazine is issued, a Whitehill club night will have been held. We are hoping for a new record attendance at this club night.

News about the Easter Camp will be given later. This camp is the highlight of the S.S.C. year and Whitehill is usually well represented at it.

T. CHISHOLM.

Golf

Owing to the loss of many of last year's team, it appears that the membership of the golf club this year will be slightly reduced, but we can only hope that new talent will be forthcoming from the Junior School. Last year's captain, George Mackie, will again take up his position as team captain and I am sure that George will join with the rest of the team and myself in hoping for a successful season.

At the time of writing, the fixture list has not yet been drawn up, but we hope to continue our fixtures of last season and perhaps add a few more.

Later in the season we shall be staging the two annual competitions of the club, the Allan Shield and the Club Championship. The Allan Shield, on a handicap basis, is open to *all* members of the school from First to Sixth Forms and I sincerely hope we shall receive a substantial number of entries for the competition to be run successfully.

We also expect to have our annual match against the Staff. Last year's match, at Sandyhills Golf Course, resulted in a customary (?) victory for the pupils by five matches to nil.

With the constant help and advice of Mr. Stewart, who assisted, very successfully, last year's secretary and captain, I express the hope that this year will be one of the club's best seasons, but it is up to *you*, the members of the school, to make it so.

W. KENNETH REID.