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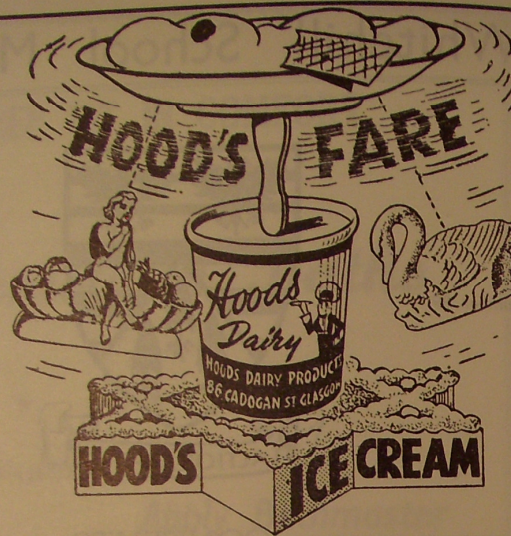
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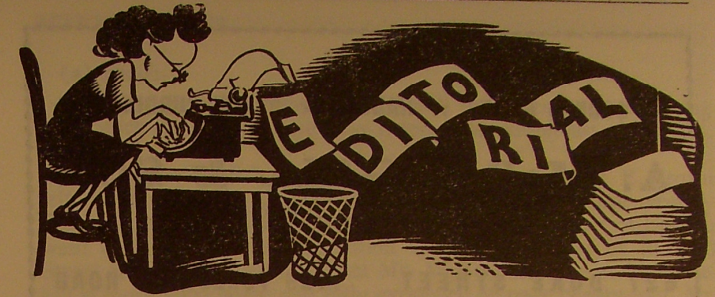
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If the tone of this editorial conveys to you a sense of shock or even hysteria, we shall quickly throw some light on the situation which arose at the Editors' table. For the first time in many years the number of articles from the Fifth and Sixth forms exceeded that contributed by the lower school. Gratified as we are by this sudden surge of interest from those lofty "myriad-minded Shakespeares" of the upper school, we deplore the apathy of the First to Third forms, who previously showered many and varied articles on our hard-working committee. So it appears that we must break from tradition in this issue to chastise not the grandees of the school, but rather the younger pupils. Surely, lower school, you have not lost all your ingenuity and enthusiasm? Let us have the benefit of your "quips and cranks" as in former years.

The material contributed has been very good, and this, our 89th magazine, adheres to Whitehill's usual high standard. Although the success of the magazine depends largely upon you, who contribute the articles, we are greatly indebted to several members of staff; we extend our thanks to Miss Garvan; to Mr. Kellet who was prevailed upon to assist; to Mrs. Blair and her advertising committee; and to Mr. Simpson, our Art Editor. Our thanks, in no small measure, are also due to Mr. Macaulay, Sales Manager, who has the unenviable task of persuading people that it is their duty to buy this gem of literature.

The trend in articles has, of course, been towards poems extolling the virtues of certain exponents of the modern cult in music - these eulogies being tendered, no doubt, by concert hall wreckers. Many contributions showed a most original turn of thought, and we could see that some length of time had been spent preparing them. Happily, we were not unduly troubled this year by those budding writers who seek to emulate Wordsworth or even Milton, and whose work closely resembles the poetry of such masters. Long may this state of affairs continue!

However, although the articles were original and of high standard, we must plead with you to increase the quantity, and give us the opportunity to exercise our veto.

A Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

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SCHOOL NOTES

(a) Staff:-

The turn-over of staff in Whitehill continues at an alarming rate. Since our last issue we have noted a formidable list of changes.

From the English department at the summer Mrs. V. E. Brown left us after helping out temporarily in a vacancy. More recently this session Mr. Walter E. Wyatt the Principal Teacher of English went on a well-earned promotion to be Headmaster of Bernard Street Secondary School. What Mr. Wyatt meant to us in Whitehill is more adequately and fully expressed on page twenty-four. Mr. David Katzenell (Science) left us in June for Strathbungo Secondary where he will no doubt continue to expatiate learnedly, authoritatively and entertainingly on any subject under discussion from physics to football pools. After shorter stints in our Science department Mr. D. L. Ovenstone and Mr. J.G. Hamilton also departed for Cranhill Secondary and the High School of Glasgow respectively. Mrs. Winifred Love of the Modern Languages department was transferred in August to Waverley Secondary. In the Mathematics department Mr. James Gilmour came and went briefly between Easter and Summer to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Tudhope's translation to Possil Secondary. Mr. Ian Clegg, a prominent figure in our Physical Education department, closely associated with our Rugby and Athletic teams, was transferred to Lochend Secondary. From the Music department Mrs. Margaret M. Corrie and Mr. Alistair I. Cameron left for St. George's Road Secondary and Craigbank Secondary respectively in August. Mr. Cameron was with us for a very short time as a supernumerary teacher but Mrs. Corrie has been with us for a much longer spell and will be much missed in the Annexe Staffroom. At the end of June, also, Miss Mary S. Moffat and Mrs. Joanna Robinson, who had been in charge of Transitional classes since January, took farewell of Whitehill. Finally, from the school office the Junior Clerkess, Miss Janet Auld, left to begin a new career: she started the three year female non-graduate teaching course at Jordanhill Training College at the beginning of October.

To Whitehill we welcome the newcomers to the Staff: Miss Muriel J. Bain (Principal Teacher of English,) Mrs. A. M. W. Cuthbert (supernumerary in English,) Miss Elizabeth A. D. Malvenan (History: replacing Mr. Graham) and Mr. William B. Bradford and Mr. Duncan M. Macdonald (Science staff.) Miss Margaret M. Jackson returned to the Mathematics department and needs no introduction to Whitehill. We are indeed fortunate in Miss Jackson's appointment. Miss J. Miller came to us very recently as a supernumerary member of the Modern Languages staff. To replace Mr. Clegg in Physical Education, Mr. Donald M. Barbour has joined the Whitehill ranks, while Mrs. Corrie's successor on the Music Staff is Mr. George G. Taylor. From the central offices in Bath Street, Miss Avril Colvin was transferred to Whitehill as assistant clerkess.

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To those who have left us we record our appreciation of their services to the School and hope that they are happily and successfully settled in their new spheres of usefulness. To our new colleagues we bid a hearty Whitehill welcome and express the sincere hope that they spend a happy and profitable time in their new surroundings.

(b) General:-

Our school precincts have now been officially extended through the purchase by the Corporation of Regent Place/Cathedral Square Church. The building is at present being adapted to suit our purposes as assembly hall, Housewifery rooms, additional gymnasium to replace the pre-fabricated one, and medical suite. When we take possession is still uncertain: the hope is that the building will be ready by the end of this present session.

(c) F.P.'s

We noticed with pleasure that Mr. David Beavis, a former pupil, now a manager and fulltime member of the Scottish Gas Board was responsible for the production during the Edinburgh Festival this year of Pergolesi's Opera Buffa "La Serva Padrona." Versatile folks, these Whitehill F.P.s!

It was noted with interest too, that another F.P., Mr. Sydney Harrison, until recently editor of the "Scottish Field" has recently gone to Paisley to run his own newly acquired newspaper concern there. Incidentally it is worthy of note that Mr. Macaulay of the History staff contributes an article on Charles Rennie Mackintosh in the current number of the "Scottish Field" while Mr. Robert H. Small, Principal Teacher of Classics, is due to have printed a leading article on the High School of Glasgow in the December issue of the same magazine.

Congratulations of the School go to Mr. George Maclean on his recent appointment as deputy Chief Constable of Glasgow. Another F.P. also due our felicitations on taking up a similar appointment in Motherwell and Wishaw is Mr. John Hamilton.

In June, Alexander Hamilton obtained the Diploma of Art at Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen.

(d) Present Pupils

Last June in the Corporation Art competition open to Glasgow and district schools, Barry Bennet gained a Bronze Medal. Five Highly Commended awards were given to Whitehill pupils. Congratulations to all of them.

At the end of October, two boys of III5., David Fitzsimons and Brian Thomson showed commendable presence of mind and common sense in helping to rescue an unconscious man from a gas-filled house. These boys deserve a great deal of praise for prompt and public spirited action.

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In a Glasgow inter-schools piping competition held in Glenwood Secondary School in October, James Jackson of IV1 in the Senior Section won the Pipers' Association Shield and Chanter. Well done, James.

At this point may we make a strong appeal for any information from any source about noteworthy activities of pupils and former pupils. Surely some of your friends have done something worthy of recording!

(e) Obituaries

It is with sadness that we have to make mention of the deaths of Mr. K. C. Craig, formerly of our Classics department, in the Skopje earthquake; of Mrs. McEwan, widow of our previous headmaster; of Miss M. B. Fisher, lately Principal Teacher of Physical Education; and of Mr. James Millar, Deputy Rector of Dollar Academy and formerly of our Mathematics department. To the families of these ladies and gentlemen we tender our sincere condolences.

F.P. CLUB NOTES

Sections meet throughout the winter session in the school as follows:-

Badminton: Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. This section has flourished in the last two years and has a full membership this season.

Choir: Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30 p.m. The first concert of the season is early in January, after which ladies who wish to join for the remainder of the season will be welcomed.

Football: Training, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The section's success this season is partly due to their policy of running a youth team over the last few years, the first XI now being a younger team than for some time.

Hockey: No mid-week meetings, but having recruited some new members this season the section is able to field a full F.P. XI on Saturdays. Still room for more, though, girls!

Rugby: Training, Wednesdays. The section is now fully recovered from its recent setback and goes from strength to strength.

Table Tennis: Wednesdays and Thursdays. The team is strong and there is a great competitive spirit among the enthusiastic members, but there is accommodation for still more.

Tickets for the Annual Dance, on 27th December in the Ca'doro Restaurant, price £1. 2. 6. each, may be obtained from the General Secretary,

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UNDER THE EDITORS' TABLE



As usual, the Editors were swamped with articles ranging from "Parliament and the Peerage" (D.H. III2.) to "Revenge" (D.F. VI.) - Now we know why we get examinations!

As was expected, the Beatles came in for a great deal of comment. The girls of IV4. proposed them as M.P.'s for the next General Election, but A.M. of IIF1. informs us that;

"Groups may come and groups may go,
But the Shadows go on for ever."

Even in our uncomfortable position under the editors' table, we have managed to absorb several useful pieces of information. For instance, did you know that the Glaswegian word for,

"I am creditably informed" is "mamattelme." (A.T., IV2.) or that;

"Cord" is the Saxon word for "shield." (A.K., IIT.)

—Well you know now!

After many hours of careful research, we still cannot recognise the teacher who:

"Stands 6' 4",
Weighs one-twenty-five,
Kinda lean at the shoulder.
And narrow at the hip."

(P.R., J.J. and A.M.)

J.B. of IV1. wrote an article about "favourite phrases;" unfortunately, the laws of libel do not allow us to print these. However, we feel that since the standard of articles rose noticeably, (there was almost no Oswald to write!) we must make special reference to a few articles which did not quite make the grade.

We have a large number of budding poets in the school, and (wonder of wonders!) we even managed to bribe the editors to print our own masterpiece!

As usual, we were informed of the good conduct of the girls of IIFD and then read, with bated breath, of the more recent exploits of IIT. (They are even planning to rid us of that great institution - the annexe.) I wouldn't be surprised if a IIT boy were found seated beside a barrel of gunpowder in Room 63.

After reading the article of I.Y., IV2. entitled "A homework parody," we wonder if she would like some more, we could do with some help with our calculus!

Anyway, we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and at the suggestion of IF6. - I'm away to hang up my stocking!

Oswald the Office Boy.

GARDEN FETE 1963

"Nothing comes amiss, so money comes withal"

The appearance of the ominous words "Garden Fête" in the School Calendar for session 1962-63 spread something like alarm and despondency among those members of the staff in whose ears the sound of the tumult and the shouting of the 1958 Jumble Sale and Fête had never quite died away.

In the Spring however, a committee was appointed and began their deliberations in the library, looking so solemn and portentous that other members of the staff, who strayed in, fled at the sight. Soon the wheels began to turn. Letters were sent to parents, former pupils and friends, explaining that we were having a Jumble Sale on Tuesday, 11th June, and a Garden Fête on the following Saturday, 15th June; and asking that goods of all kinds should be set aside for collection or delivery later.

Meanwhile various supplementary efforts were set in motion. Mr. George Brown, the famous Scottish International footballer, now Headmaster of Bellahouston Academy, generously presented us with a football, autographed by members of the Rangers Football Club. This brought us in a very handsome total, after a vigorous selling campaign. At the same time a Watch Scheme for which the prizes were two gold watches was bringing an equally gratifying response. There were, in addition, splendid individual efforts by parents, members of staff and classes. All these activities got us off to a flying start.

As the 11th of June approached, goods began to come in for the Sale, first in a trickle, and then in a torrent. The girls found their shed luxuriously furnished with choice pieces of antique furniture, and classroom cupboards bulged with all kinds of interesting bric-a-brac. On the great day, which was fine, determined and predatory-looking citizens began to assemble opposite the school gates long before lunch-time, and when the gates were opened at 2 o'clock, even the policemen were nearly carried away in the rush. Battle commenced at once, and the stallholders found themselves involved in a struggle which went on for a couple of hours, and which, particularly in the long pre-fab gymnasium where women's and children's clothing were on sale, at times was almost mortal. Many parents found respite from the battle in viewing the impressive displays of work mounted by the Technical, Sewing, Art and Science Departments, which attracted much favourable comment.

At last the uproar died away, the donors and the dealers departed, and the task of clearing up, and adding up, began.

By the following Saturday, which was again a fine day, we had all recovered sufficiently to face the more civilised activities of the Fête. These activities were very numerous - there were stalls for Fruit and Flowers, Groceries, Toys, Books, Jewellery, China, Cake and Candy, Fancy Goods, a Bottle Stall, a Parcel Stall, Concerts in the Upper Gym; a Tearoom in the Lower Gym, a Café Chantant in the wooden Annexe, a Fun Fair and Casino run by the Former Pupils' Club, a Tombola Stall, dazzling Mannequin Parades, a Judo Display, a Film Show, a Model Ship Display; indeed, you name it; we had it. Some of the most attractive goods on sale were made by parents, or in the Art Department, which produced a great array of artificial flowers, stuffed animals, moulded figures and framed pictures.

Meanwhile in Room 39 at the foot of the New Building, as it is called, a band was drawing insatiable crowds, and in the Boys' Playground equally insatiable crowds were devouring vast quantities of ice cream and lemonade. Everywhere there was interest and even excitement for the two thousand or so who surged backwards and forwards in the effort to see and sample everything.

As the stalls emptied one after another and the crowds dispersed, after a long and happy afternoon, the weather, which had been so kind to us, broke, and the first heavy drops of rain began to fall. Our luck had held to the end.

When it was all over and our hard-worked treasurer counted up the takings, we found that, from all our ventures, we had amassed a gross total of nearly fourteen hundred pounds, almost all of which was clear profit. Thanks for this result are due to every member of the staff - for all worked unsparingly, - to our Former Pupils' Club, to the parents of our pupils, to the pupils themselves, to those generous friends of the school who sent us donations, and not least to Mr. Macpherson our Janitor, and his assistants, who helped us in every possible way, and suffered without complaint all the dislocation and disturbance created by our unreasonable demands.

Strange to say, when we looked back on all our feverish activity we found we had enjoyed it.

W.E.W.

THE BLACKSMITH

The blacksmith works by night and by day,
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The minutes and hours tick slowly away,
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The flames from his fire are burning bright,
And his hands very seldom are idle,
Young children run past him without any fright,
Or stop to admire a new bridle.

A.R. and A.S., 1966.

SKI-ING IN SCOTLAND

Some years ago, a friend invited me to join a recently- formed ski club in Glasgow. Having heard of the joys - and the thrills - which this sport offers, I readily agreed.

The Knightswood Ski Club operates a dry ski-school, where the theory of ski-ing is taught. Such a school is to be recommended, as a training at it is of value when you pay your first visit to the ski slopes.

The popularity of this sport has increased tremendously in recent years in Scotland. Contrary to popular belief, it is not an expensive sport. For about £30 you can buy reasonably good equipment, consisting of skis, sticks, boot bindings and suitable clothing. Although this may seem expensive it is to be remembered that, treated properly, these items of equipment will give you many years of use.

It should be realised that ski-ing is not really dangerous. Since the introduction of "double-safety bindings", the accident rate has dropped considerably. These bindings ensure that, if the skier is thrown forward or falls to the side, he is automatically released.

Many ski-clubs, such as the Knightswood Ski Club, the Glasgow Ski Club and the Scottish Ski Club have been formed, and some have closed their membership, as a result of the numbers of enthusiasts who have joined them, but there are still several who welcome new members.

Skiers are now well catered for in Scotland, notably in the Cairngorm area, in Glenshee and Glencoe.

Several years ago a group of businessmen formed a company to promote ski-ing in the Scottish "winter" resorts. Since its formation, progress has been made, particularly as regards access to the ski slopes. The chair-lifts and ski-tows which have been erected on the Cairngorms and in Glenshee are not absolutely necessary, but they do add greatly to the enjoyment of ski-ing, since they eliminate the arduous ascent by the side of the ski run.

Although you may feel very tired as you return from the first excursions of the season, this tiredness is small price to pay for the sheer enjoyment one experiences sweeping down a hill-side, almost like a mythical god from the heavens, and stopping in a spray of soft, wet, glistening snow.

Why not try ski-ing for yourself? Beginners are welcome at many of the Glasgow clubs, and often you will find an experienced skier who will "take you under his wing", and give you many hints on this exciting, rewarding sport.

R.W. IV1.

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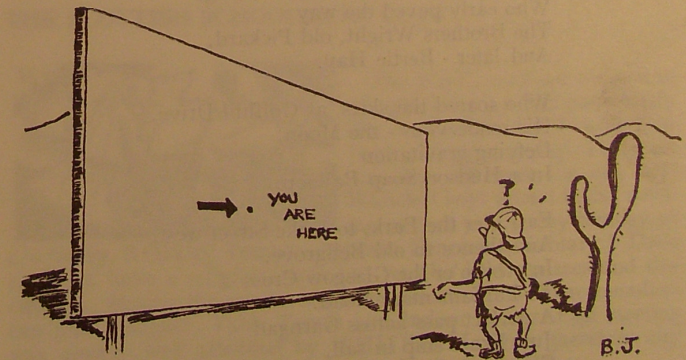
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When the train jolts to a stop, it is normal procedure to let the body remain suspended between floor and roof and then, thrusting your bag in front, wait for the forward heave. Those nearest the door are luckiest as they fall on nice, soft, platform concrete. You generally find two needle sharp elbows on either side of your throat and pairs of size ten boots on each tender toe.

No workman could expend more energy in one shift than one schoolgirl does on the journey from home to school via the Blue Trains.

These trains are truly named, as my bruises match the coach colours perfectly.

N.B., IV2.



B.J.

AUSTRALIAN LETTER

A lively picture of life in Dennistoun and in Whitehill School in the early years of this century is painted in a letter received by the Headmaster, Mr. James Walker, from Mr. Archibald Stirling, who has resided in Victoria, Australia, for almost fifty years.

We are sure that his reminiscences will be enjoyed by our readers of the older generation, and that they will arouse in the present generation, admiration for the ingenuity of their Whitehill predecessors.

He writes: "I refer to the days of Mr. Henderson (Headmaster, 1891-1904:;) Miss Ferguson, Miss Simpson, Miss Ord and others; Mr. Barclay, Mr. Imrie, Mr. MacDougal, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Middlemas, Mr. Fairweather, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Donnan (Art Teacher,) Mr. Allan (Music Teacher) and Mr. Forsyth (Elocution Teacher.) That's a long time ago!"

Mr. Stirling has still a healthy respect for the Headmaster of Whitehill - caused, he tells us, by the pain he suffered at the hands of "Grandpa" Henderson, "for throwing a clod or a piece of turf into an ice cream container belonging to one of the Italian fraternity who used to sell 'sliders' opposite the school in the long, long ago. We were warned of the verminous conditions under which the concoction was made, and I sought to demonstrate his disapproval by some action. Dear old Mr. Henderson didn't see it in that light!"

When the Hudson Soap Company sent a balloon to Dennistoun (its base was adjoining Whitevale Bowling Green,) a lift by balloon was awarded for so many coupons obtained from their products. Mr. Stirling's school friend, Robert F. Hay, obtained the number required, and, as a result, has been keenly interested ever since in space flights.

In his verses entitled "The First Orbit by Cable - 1903," Mr.

Stirling pays tribute to his friend, the pioneer astronaut—

"The stout of heart remain unsung,
Who early paved the way
The Brothers Wright, old Pickard,
And later - Bertie Hay.

Who soared the skies, at Golfhill Drive,
His rendezvous - the Moon;
Defying gravitation
In a Hudson Soap Balloon.

East o'er the Park, to Duke Street west,
And thence to old Bellgrove,
In orbit o'er the Glasgow Cross
To Parliamentary Road.
A perfect pass across Garngad
Just like a ship in sail,
Closehauled, she brought the Green abeam.
And landed at Whitevale."

In his second contribution, "The Rubaiyat of the Road," Mr. Stirling touches upon a subject of great concern at the present time—Road Safety.

"Is not a car a boon to all, indeed,
For business, pleasure, emergency and need,
Bestowing rest and leisure on our lives,
Instead of hurt by useless, senseless speed?

Is not it folly that a human soul
Creates horse power in metal for a goal,
A latent powerful mass to serve himself,
And keeps it not at all times in control?"

JUNIOR CITIZENS' THEATRE SOCIETY

The Junior Citizens' Theatre Society has, as usual, a large membership among pupils of Forms III, IV, V and VI.

A school party has already spent an enjoyable evening at "Macbeth," presented by the Citizens' Company in September, and we hope to pay further visits to the theatre in the course of the year. An interesting and varied programme (including Bernard Shaw's 'Pygmalion') is offered.

M.C.S.C.

THE SCOTTISH SCHOOLBOYS' CLUB



The S.S.C. is suited to boys of all ages, but we would particularly like to see First and Second Year boys join our meeting. There are meetings all over the city and Whitehill boys attend EAST meeting at 2.45 p.m. every Sunday at c/o Garry, 8 Oakley Terrace (opposite Dennistoun Library.) These meetings have a religious basis but we also have quizzes and discussions. During the session we have games nights where members can play Snooker, Table Tennis and Indoor Soccer. East meeting was always well attended by WHITEHILL Boys therefore any boys interested please contact me for further details.

David Cowie, VIr.

STRATFORD-on-AVON 1963

A party of Fourth Year pupils, under the leadership of several teachers, left Glasgow Central Station on Friday 7th June, bound for Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace. We arrived in the quaint little town of Stratford early next morning and after a short walk through the quiet streets we enjoyed a very welcome breakfast in a tea-room near the river.

An added interest to our visit this year was a tour of Coventry Cathedral which has been very much in the news recently. It is a very impressive building designed by Sir Basil Spence, and although its architecture is very modern, it fits in remarkably well with the remaining part of the old cathedral which is built with the same local red stone. For most of us our visit to the Cathedral was over all too quickly, and we soon had to board the buses for the return journey to Stratford where we had lunch.

In the afternoon we travelled by bus to Warwick Castle where we were shown one of the country's finest private collections of paintings and had a walk through the grounds. Many photographs were taken of the majestic peacocks strutting across the lawns, and many shudders were experienced when their shrill calls pierced the air.

We spent the remainder of the afternoon either boating on the river or enjoying the sunshine at Stratford until tea-time.

In the evening we attended a performance of "Julius Caesar" in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Tom Fleming's performance of Brutus helped to make the play memorable, and was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

It was a weary company that boarded the train for home, arriving in Glasgow early on Sunday morning. All who took part are grateful to Mr. Cliff and the members of staff who helped to make our Stratford expedition so enjoyable.

M.B., V2.

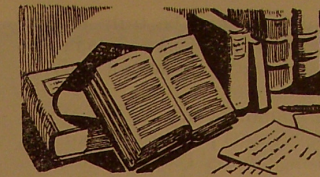
STAMP CLUB

Last session the first meetings of Whitehill's Stamp Club were held, and were attended enthusiastically by both Senior and Junior pupils. This enthusiasm bore fruit to the value of over £2, when a stamp shop was opened during the School Fête.

The club is in process of becoming affiliated to the Glasgow Philatelic Society, so that any of our members will be able to attend the Society's meetings on Tuesday evenings throughout the winter. King's Park School is already affiliated, and any of our members attending those meetings should be able to meet philatelists of their own age.

From this beginning it is hoped that a flourishing stamp club will become a permanent feature of Whitehill extra curricula activities.

J. B. MacL.

LIBRARY

We are glad to be able to report a large increase in the number of books borrowed this term by pupils of all Forms. This has been made possible by the opening of the Library at the afternoon interval two days a week. We are indebted to the School Captains and Prefects, who cheerfully give up their intervals to cope with the "invaders" who surge into Room 4 and out of Room 5.

It will not be long, we hope, before we shall be able to make some additions to our shelves - if only to satisfy IIT's demands for "more books about fishing."

J.E.G.

THE JUNIOR RED CROSS SOCIETY

Link No. 998



The Junior Red Cross Link No. 998 continues to collect tinfoil and used postage stamps.

We thank all the boys and girls who have remembered to help the Red Cross by giving donations of money and paperback books for the Centenary Bazaar held on 1st November in the McLellan Galleries.

We hope that in the future they will continue to help the Red Cross and encourage their friends to collect tinfoil and used postage stamps (British and Foreign.)

M.E.C.

SAILING CLUB

This year our appeal for new members has met with an amazing response, and we have a full membership.

The crews have been out regularly once a week, and have made good progress.

We have now closed down for the winter, but we look forward to another enjoyable season next year.

D.B.

WALTER E. WYATT, M.A. (Hons.) B.Sc.

"Nullum quod tetigit non ornavit"—it can be truly said of Walter Wyatt that, during nine years as Principal Teacher of English in Whitehill, he shared in practically every school activity, with outstanding success.

Blessed with excellent health and boundless energy, Mr. Wyatt threw himself wholeheartedly into the various ploys of school life. He appeared as much at ease organising Sports Days in the fresh air of Craigend, as toiling behind the scenes in the stuffy atmosphere of the theatre, to produce a Concert which ran for three evenings to crowded audiences.

On two occasions, in 1958 and in June this year, he undertook the Herculean task of welding the various efforts of staff and pupils into a highly successful Fête - revealing infinite patience during the preceding weeks and indefatigable enthusiasm on the great day itself.

Mr. Wyatt would have been very much at home in the Elizabethan age. Indeed, he is the Elizabethan ideal of the perfect man - scholar, poet and man of action.

A graduate in both Arts and Science, he showed in his teaching a breadth of outlook and interest which fascinated Junior and Senior School pupils alike. Stimulated and inspired, they left the heights of Room 47, prepared, against their will, to enter for Essay competitions - and to win high awards.

It is fitting that this magazine should contain a poetic tribute to him from one of his pupils, as Mr. Wyatt was frequently an anonymous contributor of verse to the School Magazine.

His ability to work hard and play hard won our admiration, and he was a skilful sportsman, whether cycling on Speyside, climbing on the Cairngorms, motoring on tortuous Alpine roads, or playing hockey, tennis or badminton.

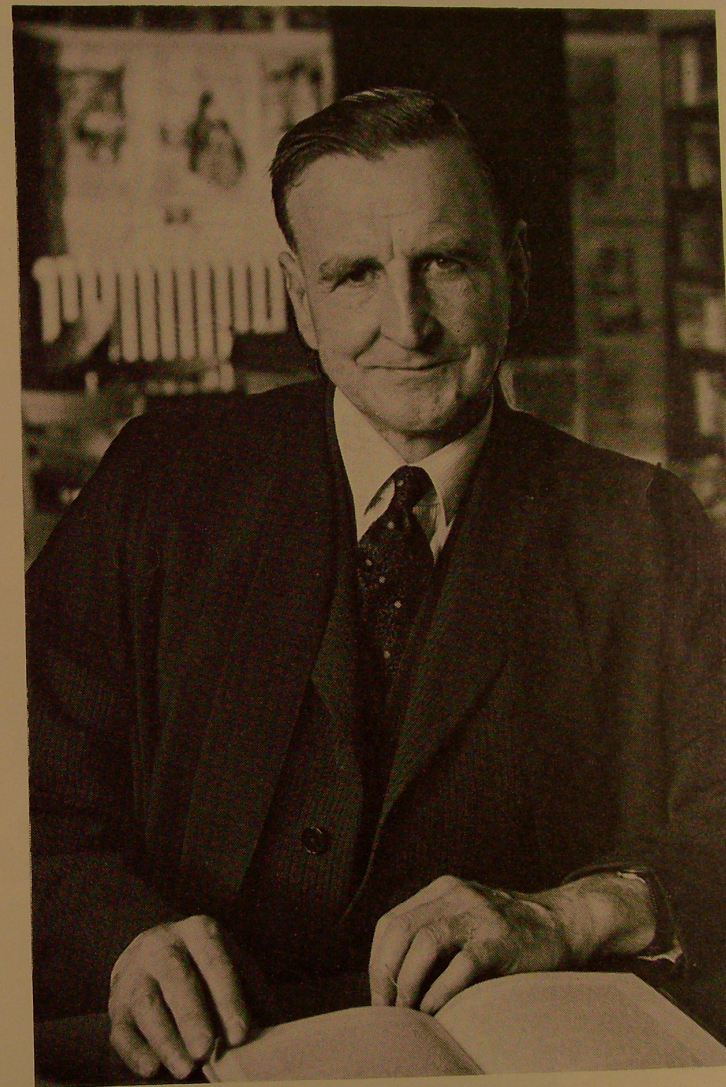
When we heard that Mr. Wyatt had been appointed Headmaster of Bernard Street Secondary School, our first reaction was to say—

"O, what a noble mind is here o'erthrown!"

On reflection, however, we considered that he possessed those qualities which are essential in the ideal headmaster - the courage of his convictions, respect for the opinions of others, interest in his staff and pupils as human beings, and administrative ability.

It was appropriate that the presentation, made to him by Mr. Walker on behalf of the staff, was held in the School Library, where he had so often sought peace and quiet to complete some important task, in what came to be called "Mr. Wyatt's Corner" in Room 5.

We wish Mr. Wyatt every success in the years to come, and to Mrs. Wyatt and their family, Margaret, Diana and Roger, who have participated in many Whitehill functions, we extend our best wishes.



WALTER E. WYATT, M.A. (Hons.), B.Sc.

SCHOOL CAMP, 1963

The School Camp, which has become a popular feature of the Lower School year, took up quarters in Grove Academy, Broughty Ferry, for the first two weeks of the summer vacation. The leaders this year were Mr. J. G. Kellett, Mr. J. R. Thom, Mr. J. S. Swan and Mr. G. S. Graveson.

The weather, which so often determines the success or otherwise of the camp, was on the whole very good, and allowed us to spend most of the time out of doors. The beach and its environs proved a popular attraction, and most of the party took the opportunity to have their first dip of the season. One enthusiast took the unusual step of bathing from the pier, fully clothed, during a fishing session!

As usual a programme of games was organised, where groups and individuals showed their skill in competition for prizes. The presence of a golf course provided a welcome addition to the traditional sports.

The outings this year were very successful. We attended the Air Display at H.M.S. Condor, Arbroath, and paid a visit to Dundee for an afternoon's indoor swimming. The highlight of the fortnight was, perhaps, the visit we paid to Glamis Castle. This was instructive and interesting, although quite expensive—"So great a day as this is cheaply bought?"

The boys enjoyed their visit to this ancient Castle, where so much history was made. There was, however, a feeling of relief when we left the castle as we found it, all its treasures unharmed - a feeling shared by our guide, an English lady obviously unused to the sight of a large party of young Glaswegians. She might have said, with Shakespeare:-

"By the pricking of my thumbs,
Something wicked this way comes."

And later:-

"The cry is still 'They come': our castle's strength
Will laugh a siege to scorn."

On both Sundays we attended service at the local Congregational Church, where we were made very welcome by the minister, Mr. Gray, and his congregation.

No camp record is complete without mention of food; this year we were catered for in first-class style by a staff of hard-working ladies, assisted on occasion by volunteers from the usual list of minor offenders.

"A little water clears us of this deed!"

So ends the chronicle of yet another School Camp, with its memories of a very enjoyable holiday.

As Mr. McKay was wont to say on his nightly rounds, with slipper at the ready - "A kind goodnight to all!"

J.G.K.



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PREFECTS

Back row: D. McCarthy, G. Herrons, R. McQuarrie, H. Tees, H. Kerrigan, S. Ferguson, W. McCormick, W. Mair, J. Miller.

Middle row: H. Gray, W. Fisher, M. Brown, M. Somerville, C. Thomson, K. Primrose, E. Macdonald, M. Browning, M. Campbell.

Front row: C. Horn, C. Stewart, R. McLeish (Vice-Captain), J. Brand (Captain), Mr. Walker (Headmaster), A. Latham (Captain), E. Loudfoot (Vice-Captain), A. Kousourou, J. Menzies.

PRIZE LIST

Dux of the School: Henderson Medal and First War Memorial Prize
IRENE E. MACPHEE

Proxime Accessit—War Memorial Prize
R. SHEILA PATERSON

Macfarlane Gamble Prize
ALAN GIBSON

War Memorial Prizes

English: PAULINE S. DOWNIE.
Mathematics: ALAN GIBSON.
Science: MATHEW W. J. MERRY.

French: PAULINE S. DOWNIE.
History: (equal) EILEEN M. LOUDFOOT.
Geography: DAVID KENNEDY.
Art: JOHN BYAR.

Ralph Payne Memorial Prizes in Science

1. JOHN M. MILLER.
2. equal. JAMES R. HAMILTON,
DAVID KENNEDY.

Crosthwaite Memorial Prizes in Latin

Seniors: 1. JEAN H. CLARK. 2. PAULINE S. DOWNIE.
Juniors: 1. CATHERINE HOUSTON. 2. IRENE YATES.

J. T. Smith Memorial Prizes in English

Senior: PAULINE S. DOWNIE. Junior: (equal) JANETTE MILLER,
ANN THOMSON.

Helen M. Weir Memorial Prizes in Modern Languages

Senior: RONALD W. McEWAN. Junior: DOREEN FLEMING.

Montgomery Prize in Classics

ISLAY J. Y. CARMICHAEL

Sandy Robertson Memorial Prize in Commerce

MOIRA H. CAMPBELL

Miss Margaret H. Cunningham Prizes for Needlework

Senior: ISHBEI AIKMAN. Junior: KATHLEEN DAVIDSON.

Whitehill Former Pupils Club Prizes for Leadership

Boy: DAVID H. DENHOLM. Girl: IRENE E. MACPHEE.

Rotary Club Prize for Citizenship

WILLIAM OLIPHANT

Special Citizenship Prize

SHEILA C. BENZIE

Whitehill Former Pupils Club Prizes

Form VI Boys: ALAN GIBSON. Girls: PAULINE S. DOWNIE.
Form V Boys: DAVID KENNEDY. Girls: EILEEN M. LOUDFOOT.
Form IV Boys: SINCLAIR B. FERGUSON. Girls: ELAINE S. McADAM.

Dux of Form IV—War Memorial Prize

ELAINE S. McADAM

German Prizes—Donated by The Scottish German Society

Form VI: IRENE E. MACPHEE. Form V: ROBERT McLEISH.

SUBJECT PRIZES

FORM VI

English: Pauline S. Downie.
Mathematics: Jean H. Clark.
History (Higher): Jean Inglis.
Dynamics: Mathew W. J. Merry.

Latin: Pauline S. Downie.
Greek: Elizabeth A. Cooper.
French: (equal) Pauline S. Downie,
Katherine M. Fisher.

FORM V

English: (equal) Eileen M. Loudfoot,
John A. Simpson.
3. David Kennedy.
Mathematics: 1. David Kennedy,
2. (equal) James R. Hamilton,
John M. Miller.
History (Higher) Eileen M. Loudfoot.
Geography (Higher) 1. David Kennedy,
2. William F. Mair.
Science (Higher) 1. David Kennedy,
2. John M. Miller.
Science (Biology) Alexandra A. Scott.

Latin: David Kennedy.
Greek: David M. Cowie.
French: Ronald W. McEwan.
German: Ronald W. McEwan.
Russian: Gordon McKenzie.
Art: Freda A. Miller.
Commercial: Moira H. Campbell.
Technical: Ian McInnes.
Homecraft: Jean O. Smith.

FORM IV

English 1. Margaret M. Nicoll.
2. (equal) June Dale,
Sinclair B. Ferguson.
Mathematics 1. Elizabeth W. Henderson.
2. Elaine S. McAdam.
3. Ellen MacDonald.
History (Higher) (equal) Ellen MacDonald,
May F. O. McNail.
History (Ordinary) 1. Ann I. M. Pollock.
2. Alistair J. M. McLellan.
Geography (Higher) 1. Martin A. Chambers.
2. Margaret F. Gray.
Geography (Ordinary) Catherine M. Finnie.

Science (Higher) Margaret F. Gray.
Science (Ordinary) George Howieson.
Science (Biology) Helen A. White.
Latin John S. Wicks.
French Marion E. Browning.
German Marion E. Browning.
Russian Jane Donaldson.
Art Anne M. A. Fulton.
Music June Dale.
Commercial Eleanor M. Stevenson.
4c Prize for General Excellence
Isobel R. Wallace.
Technical Brian D. Manson.
Homecraft Carol Handley.

FORM III

English 1. Moira C. Cox.
2. Doreen Fleming.
3. Mairi U. Bowie.
Mathematics 1. Catherine Houston.
2. Elizabeth Craig.
3. Irene Yates.
Arithmetic Margaret J. Scott.
History (Higher) Maureen Godfrey.
History (Ordinary) 1. Elizabeth Yuill.
2. Irene Hamilton.
Geography 1. Robert Archibald.
2. Irene Yates.

Science (Higher) Charles P. Stewart.
Science (Ordinary) Robert B. Black.
Science (Biology) Andrew S. Fraser.
Latin Catherine Houston.
French Charles P. Stewart.
Russian Charles P. Stewart.
German Doreen Fleming.
Art Andrew S. Fraser.
Commercial Fiona A. McKie.
Technical Alexander Hotchkiss.
Homecraft Valerie Fountain.

FORM II

Class Prizes

2FD Mary Smith.
2F1 Alan Rogers.
2F2 Jeanette Walsh.
2F3 Ronald Mathieson.
2F4 Margaret McKenzie.

2F5 John Smith.
2F6 Anne McPherson.
2F7 Ronald Murphy.
2T Matthew Sneddon.
2C Anne Stewart.

FORM I

1F1 William Dalgleish.
1F2 Wilma Campbell.
1F3 Thomas McNaught.
1F4 Evelyn Lockhart.

1F5 Bruce Raitt.
1F6 Elizabeth Mackie.
1F7 Susan H. Riddell.

TRANSITION

T1 Alexander Houston.
T2 Barbara Cameron.
T3 Margaret Malcolm.

A 'WOODEN' VISAGE

Behold the night, with stars and moon,
 Hath cloth'd the sky, until, so soon,
 A voice was heard amidst the gloom,
 Coming from a dark classroom
 —"Wipe my back, o brother dear,
 Some fool has left a milk stain here."
 Desks that talk? It can't be true!
 Yes, it is! They speak anew.
 "Help, I am undone," one cried,
 "Some Fourth year boy's unscrewed my side!"
 —"Oh, the things we have to stand,
 How I wish I had my hand
 On the girl who sits and sketches
 Cliff and Elvis; oh, the wretches!"
 —"Ne'er I'll get this stain away,
 Cleaners wash it every day.
 But every day that boy comes back,
 It seems he always has to hack
 At the hole that's in my side,
 Soon he'll have me gaping wide!"
 —"That girl who uses pink Camay—
 I'm learning more bad words each day."
 —"Help me - I can't raise my lid,
 Yesterday some awful kid
 Stuck his gum between my joints,
 Pushed it in with compass points!"
 —"They yell, they shout, they cause a rumpus,
 How I wish they wouldn't thump us!"
 —"I lost one seat two days ago,
 The other one is bound to go."
 —"I'm having trouble at one bend,
 They lit a fire 'neath MY big end!"
 —"I'll retire, throw in my hand,
 Then that girl will have to stand!"
 So they air their cares away,
 Waiting till the break of day.
 Silence will pervade that floor,
 Till again they'll groan once more.

J.W.B., VI.



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HOCKEY 1st XI

Back row: M. Donald, E. Andrew, M. Spraul, M. Browning, A. Wharton, B. Riddell.
Front row: J. Brand, E. Loudfoot, C. Stewart (Captain), J. Menzies, E. Bolton.

“A PROMISE KEPT”

In the Christmas magazine, 1959, we wrote an exposé on the “goings-on in the prefects’ room. At the end of the article we rashly promised to do a similar article in the next issue,—this time on the Ladies’ Staff Room. However, this is more carefully guarded, the ladies holding on to their privacy with the tenacity of an “ant”. Patiently we waited our chance, and, at last, it came; we crossed the sacred threshold and hiding behind Miss G-----’s gown we awaited the onslaught with glee. Onslaught is the word. You would never believe that so small a room could hold so many people. According to one member of the staff there are “legions and legions, some hanging on to the walls”.

There are $17\frac{1}{2}$ ladies, the “ $\frac{1}{2}$ ” being one who is there in body, but not in mind. Their discussions, on their entry, are an assortment of moans and groans about the dimness of this class, and the impudence of that class, and the general irritating behaviour of the sixth. Then they start on their duties. They have a rota system, someone setting the table (Ahem!), one making the tea, one tidying up etc.

As they bit daintily on their biscuits we discovered there were $630\frac{1}{2}$ teeth in the room. As for the topics of conversation - Well!!! “At every word a reputation dies”. In fact, the inmates are quite a formidable lot, together they weigh approximately $2,521\frac{3}{4}$ lbs., and measure approximately 1,188 ins. when stretched end to end. Their average size of shoe is $4\frac{1}{4}$.

They have many likes and dislikes. Pet hates include Sixth Year pupils, Monday mornings and absentee sheets. Their little “fads” are well-known; one of them is very fond of roses, while another is a passionate admirer of “Z-Cars”.

By this time the interval was drawing to a close, and there was a scurry to finish off their duties. Slowly and reluctantly they began to leave for their respective if not respectful classes. Once again the room was silent and still. Creeping out we thought to ourselves, “Wonder what goes on in the Men’s Staff Room - perhaps another time!”

E.M.L. & J.L.B. VI2.

DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO M.P.s

“What do you think of their choice?”
 “I don’t agree with it, but perhaps the Queen will refuse it.”
 “Nonsense, she has nothing to do with it.”
 “But I thought, as the most important person in the country, she could pick and choose.”
 “Oh no: the Queen has nothing to do with the choice. It’s the men at the top who do the choosing. No matter what the Queen thinks, the Beatles will appear in the Royal Command Performance.”

J.A., V.



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SWIMMING TEAM

Standing: R. Brown, R. Purdie, K. Logan, R. Beon.
Seated: J. Smith, E. McCallum, A. Muir, E. Loudfoot (Captain).



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THE EXCURSION

One year, the school trip went to SUTHERLAND, away up in the SCOTTish Highlands. We went to a SMALL village, and there, BEGGed some of the villagers for food. A SHEARER invited us in, and on a BLACK chair we saw a plaid of McGREGOR tartan. After a while we left, and, CROSSAN' a stream, came upon a BROWN CAIRN terrier, and a HUNTER. Gliding along the stream was a lovely SWAN.

Then we separated. We could climb MARTIN HILL, OR walk to LIVINGSTONE, the next village. Suddenly a TOM cat jumped out, and raced away.

At LIVINGSTONE we saw, to our amazement, a DUNLOP factory. After looking round this, we went to a shop called MACAULEY'S for some lemonade - ROBERTSON'S of course. In this village we saw a GARDNER, and further along there was a SMITHY who had a girl called ALLISON ALLAN.

Suddenly we jumped, as a BLAIR resounded throughout the hills.

Soon we, the WALKERS, were so tired that we could hardly KERRY our bags. A BARBER's shop was an object of comment, as, instead of the customary red and white pole, it had a piece of HAMILTON tartan, lit with a 100-WATT bulb. Near it was a school called HUTCHISON.

Returning on the train we saw a CLIFF, and all NEILLED on the seats to view it.

M.C., III4.

"OPERATION OSPREY"

Last March I had the good fortune to be accepted by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds as a warden taking part in "Operation Osprey." The Society considered it necessary to protect this rare bird from egg collectors and interested but ignorant people who might frighten the birds and thus spoil the chances of their resting here again.

The first eyrie was built at Loch Garten on Speyside in 1959, and since then the same pair of birds have built there. This year, as usual, they built an eyrie in the same isolated dead tree, and then the female settled down in the eyrie to lay and hatch her eggs. The nest, unfortunately, was damaged by a high wind, and both the eggs that had been laid were broken. Luckily, another pair of Ospreys were seen to have started building a nest on the edge of Inshriach Forest, and so the Society set about moving camp from

Loch Garten, south to Rothiemurchus, the hamlet near Inshriach Forest. Permission had to be obtained from the Forestry Commission before the eyrie could be shown to the public. When this was granted, a Forward Hide, approximately 90 yards from the dead tree in which the eyrie rested, and an Observation Post about 300 yards from the tree, were set up. These were linked by a field telephone, and both Hide and Post had binoculars trained on the eyrie; the public were able to watch the nest from the Observation Post. A watch was kept all day.

When I arrived in June, the other wardens had noticed signs of the female osprey becoming restless, and she had already been away from the nest for several hours. She did reappear, and remained on the eggs for a full day. Then she left and returned an hour later, and again settled down on the eggs. By this time it had become apparent that she had been deserted by the male, which was thought to be an immature Swedish bird, because it was ringed. By Tuesday, 2nd July, it was realised that, when the osprey left for the third time she had no intention of returning, and so our fears that the eggs had become addled or that the yolk from a broken egg had hardened round the other egg and so killed the developing chick, seemed to be well-founded.

After a week we removed the eggs for analysis and closed the Hide and Observation Posts. All was over for another year.

The chances that both pairs of ospreys will return to the Nature Conservancy, or land near it, are very strong, and, if this happens, it will mean that birds are slowly coming to regard Britain as a safe nesting place.

The Osprey:-

The osprey is slightly bigger than a crow, having a wing-span of approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. It has one of the most sombre yet beautiful colour patterns on its plumage. It has brilliant white underparts, brown wings and back, and a black strip from the beak to the back of its head. In an immature bird the underparts are grey. It is a bird of prey, often mistaken as the White-tailed or Fish Eagle, as it feeds on fish. It is amazing to watch an osprey glide high over a loch, swoop downward and skim the water, and pluck a fish from the surface of the loch. The more people learn about this bird, and the more they become aware that for nearly a century it was not seen in Britain because egg collectors killed off the species, the greater becomes the chance that this will never happen again.



R.B., VI1.

"T.V."

How much can one be influenced
By the invention called "T.V."
From riding with the cowboys
To sailing on the sea.

There is the twice-weekly visit
To a certain well-known street,
While on the other station
Is the policeman on his beat.

Then there is the excitement
Of visiting "Ward 10"
But if this doesn't appeal to you
You can watch "The Four Just Men."

It delights not only the parents
But those who watch with glee
The adventures of "Sir Frances Drake,"
And those of "Laramie."

The teenagers are not forgotten
For every Saturday night
They are able to see their "idols"
Whom they worship with delight.

Alas, I cannot always see
My favourite programmes on "T.V."
For homework calls, and must be done,
Roll on the week-end - and my fun!

L.W., IV2.

BADMINTON

Once again the Badminton Club meets on a Thursday in the upper Gym. The standard of play this season is very good, and those who are playing for the first time are making excellent progress.

We are indebted to Mr. Wyatt and Miss Tudhope for all their support in the past, and we shall greatly miss them.

All the members sincerely thank Miss Hetherington, Miss Dunlop and Mr. Crossan for their help and encouragement, and for all that they do to make the club so enjoyable.

Gavin Hercus, VI1.



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2nd YEAR HOCKEY TEAM

Back row: M. Miller, L. Gray, J. McCurdie, J. McKinlay.

Middle row: L. Thomson, L. Primrose, A. Loudfoot (Captain), C. King, M. Young.

Front row: E. Firth, P. Lloyd.

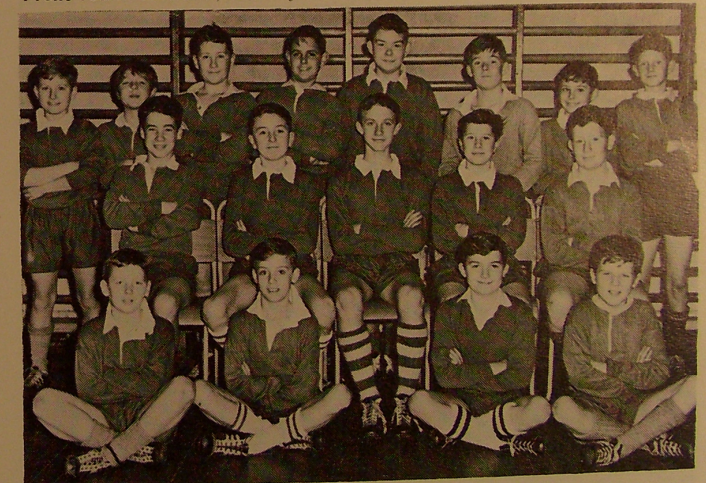


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1st YEAR RUGBY XV

Back row: D. Hamilton, A. Wilson, T. Crawford, S. Bumstead, J. McLennan, A. Neilson, A. Paterson, A. Smith.

Middle Row: I. Gray, S. Harrison, D. Marshall (Captain), C. Montgomery, B. Arthur.

Front row: J. Clark, A. Thomson, M. McCormick, J. Forbes.



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FOOTBALL 4th XI (Under Fourteen.)

Back row: G. Brockett, H. McLean, D. Moffat, J. Lambert, T. Bartke, A. Barclay.
Middle row: G. Gibson, E. Reid, A. Carmichael (Captain), M. Desport, J. McIntee.
Front row: R. Kerrigan, I. Colligan.



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INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING LEAGUE TEAM

Back row: J. Smith, E. McCallum, A. Muir, E. Loudfoot (Captain).
Front row: E. Struthers, M. Weir, P. Hill, H. Martin.

THE QUESTION

The sun shone brightly upon the upturned, expectant faces of the waiting people.

Jason stood by the intricate mass of gleaming metal which constituted the wonder of the age - the peoples' computer. For many years, mankind had been striving to build a machine which could solve any problem, answer any question; and now that ambition had been realised. Jason, out of all the scientists, had been given the honour of asking the computer its first question. He pressed the switch which poured life into the machine. A stillness crept over the assembled multitude. The question - one which had tormented mankind for countless generations - was asked. "Is there a God?" The machine clicked and buzzed into life. The reply came in the inhuman, alien voice of the computer, "Now, there is a God!" In alarm, Jason's hand leapt for the switch but a flash of light struck him down. The murmur which had arisen at the computer's reply, was hushed into an awful silence.

E.H. V2.

NEWSPAPERS

The first newspaper, if it may be so called, was the "Acta Diurna" of Rome, posted publicly in the city from the time of Julius Caesar to the fall of the Empire in 476.

The first to be printed was in China in 382.

From 1447, small printed sheets were issued in Germany and in Venice, where the accounts of events of public interest, written and termed "Notizie Scritte", were shown for the price of a Gazzetta, a small coin, from which the name "gazette" is derived.

The first serial appeared in Antwerp in 1605, the first daily at Frankfort in 1615 (it is still in existence), and the first English newspaper at London in 1622.

The first American paper was the "Boston Newsletter" in 1704.
 M.B. IIT.

WINTER TREE

gloria quidem ivit,
 skeleton, remnant of summer life,
 the decline of glory
 gone are your people, your golden throng,
 that in Autumn circled your noble frame
 rustling, whispering in adoration.

The sun, in his dying reign had adorned you
 with your last cloak, a cloak of russet,
 Then the victorious wind exiled your lover
 Leaving you in solitude, in your widow's weeds
 Black and cold.

J.M., IV2.

BEATLEMANIA

It is a bearded Beatles' fan
 And he scratching stoppeth me,
 "By thy long black hair and glittering eye
 Now wherefore stops thou me?"

"The Palladium's doors are opened wide,
 The Beatles sing therein,
 The fans are mad, the sight is sad,
 May'st hear the awful din."

He holds me with his skinny hand
 "From me to you" quoth he,
 "Paws off! Unhand me, long-haired nit."
 The "Beat-nik" sets me free.

I sat myself upon the kerb,
 By jings the stone was cold,
 And still spoke on that hairy oaf
 As he his story told.

"The fans ali cheered, the Boys appeared,
 Frantically did we try,
 To grab a shirt, a pair of pants,
 A jacket or a tie."

"Of Lennon's trousers nought was left,
 From off the stage went he;
 And Ringo's shirt was caked with dirt,
 No whiteness could we see."

"John Lennon paced back on the stage
 Red as a rose was he,
 Screaming like mad beside him were
 The other Beatles three.

The fans were here, the fans were there,
 The fans were all around;
 They clapped and growl'd and roar'd and howl'd,
 Like noises in a swound!

At length did throw an Elvis fan
 A bomb that he had made;
 But, in a rage, he missed the stage
 And the balcony matchwood made.

They sang the songs they ne'er had sung,
 Still loud, more loud they grew,
 The roof did split with a thunder-fit,
 What could the Beatles do?

The walls now cracked upon the right:
 On to the ground they fell
 Amid the rubble; at the double
 The Beatles gave a yell.

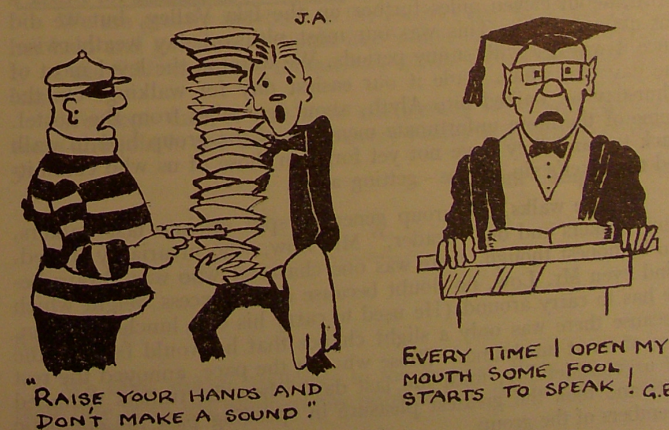
For they had done an hellish thing
 And it would work 'em woe:
 They'd sung too loud and killed the crowd
 That once had loved them so.
 "'Twas wrong," said they, "to sing a song
 That made the walls to go."

The curtains fell, the stage as well,
 The seats all took a fall;
 They were the first that ever durst
 To twist in that old hall.

Down dropt the fans, they all dropt down,
 'Twas sad as sad could be;
 And I did stay only to say,
 "No Beatles can I see."

Day after day, day after day,
 They gave nor breath nor motion,
 As idle as a house-fly killed
 With insecticidal lotion.

W.S., V3.



GLEN ISLA, 1963

It was with enthusiasm that fifteen Fifth-Form boys set off with Mr. Low and Mr. Cliff for Glen Isla, a valley in the south-east Grampians, one Monday morning last June. Needless to say, the prospect of five days away from the grindstone was very agreeable to all of us, even though we knew our hiking excursion would hardly be comparable to a Butlin's holiday.

We reached the Youth Hostel in Glen Isla, which was to be our headquarters for the four days, about 2 p.m. that afternoon and about an hour later we set off on a preliminary hike, feeling quite ridiculous in shorts, anoraks, umpteen pairs of woolly socks and hiking boots which felt suspiciously tight. A few carried maps and compasses and some had tins of elastoplast dressings and most of us had water bottles (for drinking from, just in case any of you are as ignorant as I was the week before, when I asked Mr. Low what we needed hot water bottles for.)

On this preliminary jaunt, it rained the whole time; there were about six casualties as a result of a barbed wire fence; we got lost even with the maps; and on finally nearing the hostel, Mr. Cliff led some of us into a bog, which caused a permanent squeaking complaint in my boots.

Although we had only walked about six miles on this first day, the novices among us were convinced it was nearer sixty and we had aching legs and blistered feet to prove it.

On the succeeding three days, we walked twenty miles a day on average. On the Tuesday, we climbed Mount Blair (2240 ft.) in the morning and walked through wind and rain for the rest of the day back to the hostel. On the Wednesday we set off for Bessie's Cairn, about eleven miles further up the Isla Valley, but we did not quite reach it. This was our most pleasant day weatherwise, since it was dry with sunny periods. We were on the level most of the day too, which made it our easiest day for walking. On the Thursday we walked into Alyth, about ten miles from the hostel. Some of the more unfortunate members of the group had to walk back too and they have not yet forgiven those of us who committed the hiker's sin of sins - getting a lift.

On the walks, the group generally split up into fast walkers, slow walkers and our "leader," Mr. Low, who invariably trailed. To be honest though, there was one character who was always behind even Mr. Low, no doubt because of the excess weight which he has to carry around (He used to carry his own lunch with him, because there was only a slight chance that he would be with the rest of us at lunchtime.) Those who set the pace, annoyed the rest of us considerably, until the last day, when the trailers thumbed lifts and took the greatest pleasure in speeding past the energetic members of the group.

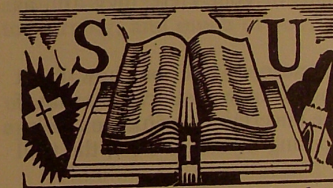
The warden and his wife cooked two main meals for us - breakfast (porridge and/or cornflakes and ham and eggs) and a three course meal at night on our return. We had one main stop during the day when we had sandwiches, an apple and cake each. So we did not starve.

Our evenings were spent playing table tennis, the quality of which was reduced from poor to hopeless due to perpetual hobbling on aching feet, or listening to piano music or trying to soothe our blisters sufficiently to see us through the next day.

On the Friday at lunchtime however, it was time to bid fond farewell to the hostel and its warden and his wife, both of whom had made our stay all the more enjoyable. All of us were sorry to leave, despite aching feet and limbs, and it was only now that we appreciated a few days of strenuous outdoor activity and we realized that the excursion had been worthwhile and enjoyable. None of us would ever refuse the opportunity of returning to Glen Isla and we are agreed that the experience was a truly unforgettable one.

R. McL., VI.1.

SCRIPTURE UNION



What is the S.U.? It is an organisation which promotes Bible reading as a daily habit. As members of the S.U. we have portions of the Bible which we read and study each day, and by so doing learn of God's plan for our lives.

We are greatly indebted to the janitors and to Miss Terrell for her help and guidance. I would like to add, that without the loyalty of the S.U. members themselves, all our efforts would be fruitless.

We hope that, if you have not already been along, you will come and join in our fellowship every Friday at 4.15 p.m. in Room 50.

Moirra Campbell, VI.2.

APOLOGY

We offer sincere apologies to the Scottish Press for omitting their title from the photographs published in the last issue of the School Magazine.

THE TROLL

I did not know how I had come to be in that silent, frosty forest very late one night last winter; but there I was. The bare dry trees shivered as I walked along, and I realized that I had never trod this way before. Quite suddenly, a dry chuckle sounded in front of me, so menacingly that I wanted to turn and flee; but I felt impelled to press on, and, steeling myself, I pushed a way through some crackling branches and saw, somehow with no sense of surprise, a wizened little troll-like creature sitting astride a mossy log, looking as though he had been waiting there, waiting for me.

He motioned me to sit down and I did so. The world seemed very far away from this desolate waste of trees and dank, crumbling earth. Without any preamble, the troll began to speak in a resonant, oddly-penetrating voice; and I think I can still hear his words. He spoke in the manner of an intimate acquaintance:

"For sixteen years - since you were born, in fact - I've watched you grow. Don't be startled; You'll soon know who I am. And during these few years, as you approached (and still approach) maturity, others saw you too: you were aware of them to some degree, but only now have you attained the power to face their views of you, and what you do and think. As well as watching you, I've watched the ones who formed opinions of you. Here they are, as I see them - can you reject my words?"

The old feeling of apprehension returned, but somehow I felt a compulsion to listen on until the end: I knew instinctively that if I could stay until the end, the fear, the uncertainty would be resolved within me. Seeing that I was composing myself to wait, the troll continued:

"First, your family, for they should know you best; but do they? Their estimates of you are damningly uncomplicated: you're just plain daft to them. You patronize the "Times," the Third, and sometimes go to see a play, and so, of course, you're branded with the name of that eccentric oddity, an Intellectual. Seeing a kind of poetry in men digging a deserted road in the silent calm of a moonlit autumn night, you feel you must remark on it, and they shake their heads uncomprehendingly, just as when you mutter lines of verse to savour their sonority, en route to bed. So it's pretty plain what they think: you live in a land of dreams, with little idea of the world; you're lazy and have no ambition merely because you want an education and despise the magic fetish of twenty pounds a week. So much for them. For their censures you care little, for their shallow approbations, less."

Something like elation replaced the uneasiness engendered by the chill forest as I acknowledged the troll's words; I was about to

address him when he began again, his insistent assurance leaving no doubt as to his belief in what he was saying:

"Now for the ones that see you at school - acquaintances mainly, rather than friends. Your powers of self-deception (for they are weaker than they were) cannot blind you to their views of what you do and what you say. They see you primarily, I think, as unsociable. (Few of society's graces are yours, and none of its trivia;) perhaps your withdrawal is taken as arrogance, your false lack of pride as its condescension. To put it in short, you are the one at the edge of the group."

Again, in spite of the somewhat bitter taste left this time by the troll's words, there was the sense of a conflict being resolved, a conflict, I now realized, that had stirred for many years. I listened with renewed awareness as the troll went on:

"Your teachers, how do they react to you? The truth is that they see you as I have described; and they add certain epithets that round you off: assiduous, conscientious, competent and keen.

Now, last of all, come those you would call friends. They see you as inclined to the Arts, contemptuous of Schoenberg; with faith in human nature and liking for romance. They respect such wisdom as you have and like to show in conversation: to them you aspire to learning, and much of your thinking is turned to that end.

As to superficialities, you're obliging and sometimes humourously-inclined; you can laugh at your own expense: so do you appear to all."

Thinking he was finished, I was on the point of speaking to him, when he continued:

"I can see by your demeanour that you don't reject my words: although some were unpalatable, you didn't throw them out, pretending to yourself that they were false. Yet self-respect does not need much exterior respect. Suffice to say that when they see you smoke, the more perceptive know that it's for pleasure, and not for uneasy social acceptance.

Now you know me: and can consequently meet me anytime and anywhere - without an apprehensive fear of the dark forest."

It was true; as the troll faded into his burrow in the dark, rich earth, the dawn broke, and beams of clear, pale light flooded the darkness and dispelled the last remnants of my fear.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WYATT.

The rain was raining
And the wind was blowing
When the school said,
"Good-bye, Wyatt!"

There were some smiling
And there were some crying,
When the school said,
"Good-bye, Wyatt!"

Here in the class
We miss him so,
But promotion came
And he had to go.

Oh! what a pity
Things cannot alter,
And we must say,
"Good-bye, Walter!"

J.K. de V., VI.

QUOTATIONS

"You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things."

—Whitehill pupils, according to their teachers.

"The very rats instinctively have quit it."

—The Annexe.

"We have some salt of our youth in us."

—Teachers v Pupils Hockey Match.

"Good counsellors lack no clients."

—Mr. W. and Mr. W.

"I have no superfluous leisure."

—Form IV, with all the homework we have to do.
C.C. IV4. and I.S., IV5.

S.C.M.



Once more the S.C.M. can report that we have made a successful start to the season's meetings, which are being well attended. Our members, drawn from Forms V and VI, took part in the recent S.C.M. Conference, where we discussed "Honest to God" and "The Christian's Task," two of our members were Group Leaders.

It is hoped that some members of Form IV will wish to join us next term. Meanwhile a warm welcome is extended to members of Forms V and VI.

Our sincere thanks are due to Miss Garvan, who has piloted us through troublesome spiritual waters!

Herbert A. Kerrigan, VI.

LITERARY & DEBATING SOCIETY



So far this session, we have had a "Raft Night" and an Inter-Form quiz. Our team did very well in the first round of the English Speaking Union Inter-Schools Competition, but was eliminated after the second round.

We have two new ventures this year - a visit to St. Mungo's Academy and a Burns night, as well as our usual debates, Hat Night and Mock Election. However, YOU make the society a success, so, if you are in Forms IV, V or VI, why not come along to our fortnightly meetings on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. in Room 22a?

Ellen Macdonald, V2.

CHESS CLUB

Last year, although the senior chess team did not do very well, the junior team was successful, and managed to finish top of League in its own district, one of three. This qualified it for a play-off among the winners of the other three Leagues. Whitehill was drawn against Hutchesons' Grammar School, away, but we were unfortunate in losing.

The Chess Club has had quite a good response to the appeal for members, and there are now about forty members who have joined since the beginning of the term. So far, no newcomer has distinguished himself above the ordinary, and, as a result, Mr. Shedden had to choose a scratch team to play our first game of the season against Allan Glen's. Owing to this, neither our Senior Team nor our Junior Team did very well, but we are hoping for better things in the near future.

Harold Phillips, IV3.

SCHOOL EXCURSION, 1963

This year, as in previous years, a party of Whitehillians, led by Miss Hutchison, visited Switzerland and Italy. The tour included one-week holidays in Zürich, Rome and Viareggio, thus giving us varied aspects of life on the Continent.

After a conducted tour of London, we proceeded to Folkestone and then across the Channel to Boulogne. We arrived in Zürich early the next morning after a night journey through France.

During our stay in Zürich, we sailed to the small, colourful town of Wädenswil on the Zürichsee, were taken a short trip on the river Limmat, visited the excellently equipped swimming baths, and the most breathtaking of all was a climb, by mountain railway, up the Uetliberg - the highest mountain overlooking Zürich.

With reluctance we left this beautiful city and wondered whether Rome, which was our next stop, would prove as exciting. On the way, we stopped at Milan for a few hours to have lunch and to see a part of the city before continuing our journey. While in Rome we saw most places of interest, including the Pantheon, the Colosseum, the Castel San' Angelo, the famous galleries of the Vatican Museum, and the magnificent Trevi Fountain. Short excursions to Hadrian's Villa, the Victor Emmanuel Monument and the Tivoli Gardens still left time for visits to the Olympic Swimming Pool and for occasional afternoon siestas. All too soon, however, we had to say goodbye to Rome, which had more than come up to our expectations.

We were now bound for Viareggio, the chief holiday resort on the Ligurian coast of Italy. Here we spent most of our time relaxing in the sun or bathing in the blue Mediterranean. Some of us were fortunate in being able to live in the homes of the hotel staff. This experience gave us a much better idea of the Italian way of life. The holiday spirit was, perhaps, more apparent in Viareggio than it had been elsewhere, but even here we took advantage of the fact that we were on the Continent and saw as much as possible of the surrounding districts. We visited Puccini's house at Torre del Lago; Pisa, where most of us managed to climb to the top of the leaning bell tower; and Lucca, the provincial capital. Other shorter excursions were to La Spezia, the Italian naval base; Portovenere, the fishing village, which was much loved by Byron and Shelley; and Carrara, the marble quarries of the world. Besides touring, we found plenty of time for bargaining at the local market and lazing on the golden sands.

Altogether it was an excellent week, the highlight of which was our visit to Florence - the birthplace of the Renaissance - where we saw the Cathedral, the art galleries and the Signoria Square and tower.

Like all good things, the holiday, unfortunately had come to an end and we had no alternative but to return home. We did so, regretfully, but we were conscious of the fact that we had benefited immensely from an altogether wonderful experience.

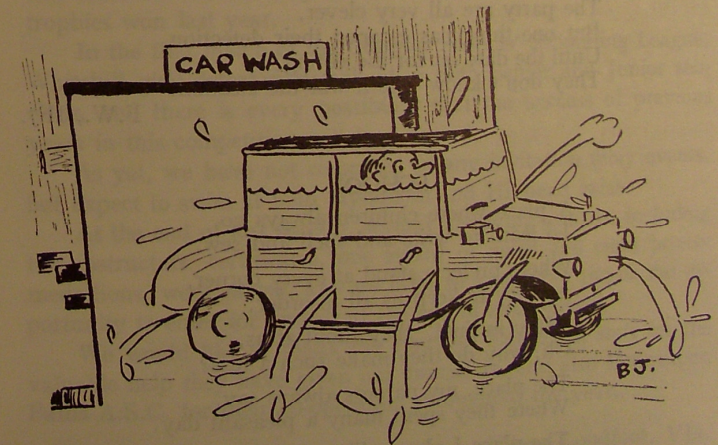
Much of the credit for this is due to Miss Hutchison, whose untiring efforts on our behalf were greatly appreciated by all and contributed to the complete success of this venture.

P. McC., VI. W. Y., V5.

ORIENTEERING

Last summer I was privileged to be included in a party of boys who were to take part in the sport known as orienteering. This is a fairly new sport, which originated in Sweden and has become extremely popular all over the Continent. Armed with only a map and compass, and any clothing you wish (the less the better) you tackle a course of roughly six miles through densely wooded country. Before you start, you are given the map references of several checkpoints on the route; you plot these places on your own map, and then the object of the sport is to go round the course in the shortest possible time taking your own routes, and getting the signature of an observer at the checkpoints which you manage to find. If the country is thickly wooded, finding the checkpoints is one of the hardest tasks of the whole operation. There are, of course, much bigger courses in the real adult competitions, and there has even been an international match between Scotland, Sweden and Germany. So the sport is really catching on here. If you have a spirit for adventure, I advise you to have a go at orienteering; it is very tough but really worthwhile.

B.J. IVI.



DRAMA CLUB



In spite of the fact that there is still room for many more members, we have had a fairly successful session so far this year. We produced several short sketches for the school fête, and even ran our own version of TW3.

Later this session, we hope to produce two one-act plays on the stage, and at present we are engaged in scratch productions of several of Shakespeare's Plays.

However, we still appeal for members! Surely some of those who still go to the theatre occasionally would like to support us!

James Bell, VI

THE NEW PRIME MINISTER

When Mr MacMillan resigned,
They decided to choose a 'Priminister,'
So they looked to the house of the lords,
And the commoners' look was quite sinister.

In the running were three likely candidates,
Mr. Butler, Lord Hailsham, Lord Home.
The trouble was whom to decide on,
When they met in that hospital room.

After many long hours of discussion,
The decision was finally clear,
The matter could only be settled,
Lord Home was the choice-though a peer.

The party are all very clever,
But one thing has escaped their detection
Until the date set for the voting
They don't know who'll win the election!

F.W., IF7.

SCHOOL

A place where children always go,
To learn to write and spell and sew;

Where prefects stand at every corner,
And try to keep us all in order;

"Stay in line!" they shout at us,
Oh, why do they make such a fuss?

The place, my parents always say,
Where they spent many a pleasant day;

The place I always like to be,
That's Whitehill Senior Secondary!

E.S., IF6.

FOOTBALL



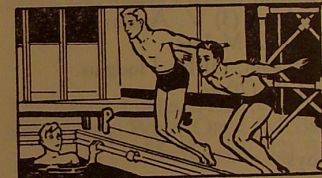
Although the season only started at the end of September, the five school elevens have already played nineteen League and Cup games. As is to be expected at the beginning of a new season, form has not been consistent, as the following records show:-

P	W	D	L
19	7	5	7

It is hoped, however, that with continued coaching, and diligent endeavour, better results will be produced as the year progresses.

W.B.

SWIMMING



This year the standard of swimming in school is particularly high, and we have achieved considerable success in the preliminaries of the Glasgow Schools' Championships. In all, Whitehill is represented in eleven finals, including five team events, in the gala, and we are hopeful of retaining the trophies won last year.

In the first match of the Glasgow Schools' Swimming League, Whitehill girls defeated Hyndland in both Senior and Junior sections, and there is every possibility that the success of previous years in this competition will be repeated.

As yet, we have not competed in any invitation relay events, but expect to swim at both Hyndland and Hillhead galas.

At the end of last session, several lifesaving awards, including two instructors' certificates, one award of merit and eight bronze medallions, were gained, and we hope to give other pupils the opportunity to enter for awards at the end of next session.

We would like to thank the Physical Education staff for the valuable help they have given our swimmers, and also Dennistoun Baths A.S.C. for their co-operation throughout the year.

Eileen Loudfoot, VI2.
Kenneth Logan, VI3.

ANNUAL SPORTS

The annual Athletics Meeting of the School was held at Craigend on Saturday, 1st June, before a gathering of parents, former pupils and friends.

Mr. Walker presided, and the prizes were presented by Miss Tudhope, M.A. formerly of the Mathematics Department.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Girls

100 YARDS : (1) B. Riddell, (2) E. Andrew, (3) V. Anderson.
 220 YARDS : (1) E. Andrew, (2) V. Anderson, (3) B. Riddell.
 HIGH JUMP : (1) V. Anderson, (2) E. Bolton, (3) E. Andrew.
 LONG JUMP : (1) B. McLean, (2) E. Andrew, (3) V. Anderson.
 DISCUS : (1) B. Riddell, (2) S. Smith, (3) E. McIvor.
 SHOT PUTT : (1) B. Riddell, (2) P. Greenhorn, (3) H. Hodgins.
 SENIOR CHAMPION (GIRLS) B. Riddell. (20pts)

Senior Boys

100 YARDS : (1) D. McMenemy, (2) W. Thornton, (3) A. Kousourou.
 220 YARDS : (1) D. McMenemy, (2) W. Thornton, (3) D. McCarthy.
 880 YARDS : (1) D. McMenemy, (2) W. Thornton, (3) R. Logan.
 HIGH JUMP : (1) R. Logan, (2) W. Thornton, (3) D. McCarthy.
 LONG JUMP : (1) G. Arthur, (2) D. McCarthy, (3) W. Thornton.
 SHOT PUTT : (1) W. Thornton, (2) D. Dale, (3) A. Kousourou.
 DISCUS : (1) R. Henderson, (2) A. Kousourou, (3) D. Dale.
 SENIOR CHAMPION (BOYS) W. Thornton. (26pts.)

Junior Girls

80 YARDS : (1) J. Henderson, (2) L. Orr, (3) J. Clark.
 150 YARDS : (1) L. Orr, (2) J. Clark, (3) K. Scroggins.
 HIGH JUMP : (1) J. Henderson, (2) M. Weir, (3) M. Cowie.
 LONG JUMP : (1) A. Davidson, (2) J. Henderson, (3) J. Bell.
 CRICKET BALL : (1) A. Davidson, (2) A. Forbes, (3) P. Lloyd.
 JUNIOR CHAMPION (GIRLS) J. Henderson, III2. and A. Davidson, IF2. (16pts.).

Junior Boys

100 YARDS : (1) J. Harvey, (2) R. Mathieson, (3) R. Skinner.
 220 YARDS : (1) J. Harvey, (2) J. Henderson, (3) R. Mathieson.
 440 YARDS : J. Harvey, (2) J. Henderson, (3) W. McMillan.
 HIGH JUMP : (1) C. Martin, (2) R. Kerr, (3) R. McNab.
 LONG JUMP : (1) J. Henderson, (2) J. Harvey, (3) R. Skinner.
 SHOT PUTT : (1) J. Harvey, (2) D. Watt, (3) R. Russell.
 DISCUS : (1) J. Harvey, (2) J. Henderson, (3) R. Russell.
 JUNIOR CHAMPION (BOYS) J. Harvey. (34pts.)

Invitation Relays

GIRLS : King's Park.
 BOYS : Hillhead High.

Form and Class Relays

GIRLS SENIOR INTER-FORM RELAY : IV4, III2, V2.
 GIRLS 1ST FORM RELAY : T3.
 GIRLS 2ND FORM RELAY : IIF6.
 BOYS 1ST FORM RELAY : IF3.
 BOYS 2ND FORM RELAY : 2T.

Handicap Races

300 YARDS GIRLS OPEN (BOGLE CUP) : (1) L. Orr, (2) J. Clark.
 880 YARDS BOYS OPEN (McBRIAR CORONATION CUP) :
 (1) D. McMenemy, (2) B. McNab.

Other Races

Girls

75 YARDS (Under 13) : (1) J. Clark, (2) S. Ray.
 MEDLAY RACE (Open) : (1) P. Lloyd, (2) M. McCahon.
 THREE-LEGGED RACE (Under 15) : (1) J. Hamilton and A. Gray.
 THREE-LEGGED RACE (Over 15) : B. Riddell and A. McMillan.
 EGG AND SPOON RACE (Open) : (1) J. Watt, (2) K. Carmichael.
 SACK RACE : (1) J. McCurdie, (2) M. McPhail.
 SKIPPING ROPE RACE (Open) : (1) A. Gray, (2) L. Orr.

Boys

100 YARDS (Under 13) : (1) J. Galloway, (2) D. Marshall.
 MEDLEY RACE (Open) : (1) R. Rankin, (2) E. Docherty.
 THREE-LEGGED RACE (Under 15) : (1) J. Henderson and J. Cant.
 PLOW FIGHT (Under 15) : (1) J. Harvey, (2) B. McNab.
 SLOW CYCLE RACE (Open) : (1) R. Wishart, (2) D. Cunningham.

THE GLASGOW SCHOOLS' SWIMMING LEAGUE (See photograph)

This season The Glasgow Schools' Swimming League enters its fifth year. This organisation, run by schoolgirls, with a little help from Staff and from the Glasgow Schools' Swimming Association, tries to promote interest in swimming in schools by a series of competitions.

The league comprises eight schools, and the various matches consist of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly races, followed by a medley team race, in both Senior and Junior sections.

Whitehill has been represented in all four finals up to date, and has been fortunate enough to win the Senior section three times and the Junior section twice. An added incentive to the League was the presentation, two years ago, of two new trophies, the Junior cup being presented by Mrs. Henderson of Westbourne, and the Senior shield by Miss Scott of Whitehill.

This type of competition gives opportunity to many swimmers, in a variety of strokes, and Whitehill has enjoyed its association with the League, and is proud of being one of the founder-members.

Eileen Loudfoot, VI2.

GOLF



Last season was our most successful for a considerable number of years. We won the same number of games that we lost and halved one. The highlight of the season was a victory over Allan Glen's, one of the strongest teams in the West of Scotland, by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. The Masters were able to halt their long run of defeats with a very creditable half.

In the school competitions the Allan Shield was won by S. B. Ferguson and the runner-up was I. Carmichael. This shield was presented in 1904 by Robert S. Allan who was then the chairman of the School Board of Glasgow.

The Senior Championship was won by Islay Carmichael and the runner-up was Sinclair B. Ferguson.

The Junior Championship was won by B. Hamilton and the Second Year Championship was won by I. Ritchie.

With so many promising young players to stock the team in the future, we confidently expect any team which plays Whitehill to finish second.

Our thanks go to Mr. Small for his help and co-operation and to all the masters who took part in the Masters v Pupils match.

Gilmour H. Brown, IV1.

HOCKEY



So far this season our 1st XI has played six matches, winning four, drawing one and losing one. Our other elevens are also doing reasonably well.

At the beginning of October we took part in the Senior Tournament. This year, although we had the same number of points as Cranhill, the winners of our section, our goal average was less.

As in former years we have a very enthusiastic Second Year team, which has already won their only match.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Scott and Miss Simpson for the time and encouragement which they have given to the teams. A special vote of thanks is given to Miss Dunlop, who took over the training of the 3rd and 4th XI's during Miss Simpson's visit to America.

Jean Menzies, VI2.

CRICKET



Lack of practice facilities, poor weather and the pressure of summer examinations all contributed to the decline in the standard of play during last season. The number of boys joining the section was probably the lowest on record and difficulty was sometimes experienced in putting a side on the field. David Denholm led the team with varying success being handicapped by a shortage of bowlers. It is to be hoped that there will be a more enthusiastic response to the request for members in the coming season.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Crerar and Mr. Graveson for Coaching at the nets and umpiring the games. We are also indebted to the groundsman at the field for the preparation of wickets and to Golf-hill Cricket Club for the use of the pavilion and nets.

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TENNIS



Together with our West of Scotland Championship commitments we had a full fixture list.

The girls' team was fairly successful, winning most of the matches played.

The boys' team, however, won all but two matches, and also succeeded in reaching the semi-finals of the West of Scotland Championships. After defeating schools of the calibre of Lenzie and Airdrie Academies, we came up against much sterner opposition in Eastwood, in the semi-final. After an exciting match, Eastwood reached the final.

In the annual Teachers v Pupils match, which takes the form of a mixed doubles match, the supremely fit staff team defeated the pupils by six sets to three.

Next season we again hope to have a full fixture list for both boys' and girls' teams.

We wish to thank Mr. Cliff and Miss Dunlop for their help and encouragement during the 1963 season.

Alexander Getty, VI3.

RUGBY



At the time of writing, the 1st XV has played four games and is as yet unbeaten. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the 2nd XV, whose best result to date has been a draw against Eastwood. However, with the coaching being given by Mr. Brown, this situation should soon be remedied.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd year XV's have had some slight degree of success, although there is still room for improvement.

At this point, all members of the five XV's wish to thank those members of staff who have given their time for the benefit of the teams.

Thomas Carson, VI1.

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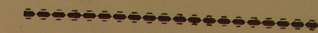
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