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Well, here it is at last. After a surprising mixture of bribery, torture and pleading, we have collected enough articles to form a school magazine.

The quality of this issue, be it high or low in your estimation, has necessarily been of your own fabrication. If you are not satisfied, well, write something more brilliant next term.

The standard of the articles this term has been pretty poor, and the flow of matter has certainly been no Niagara.

We would like to thank all those of you who gave us articles, whether successful or not. And we would also like to mention the teachers who helped us in our duties, namely, Mr. Meikle, who organized the editorial committee, Mr. Sloss and his committee for advertising and sales, and Mr. Simpson for his artistic contributions and supervision. We must not omit our four sub-editors, who helped to sort out your work.

'Tis said that all good things come to an end. Well, we have enjoyed trying to produce an interesting magazine for you, and we hope we have succeeded. (You'll have found that out long before you read this editorial.)

We shall not all be darkening the portals of Whitehill again, and to our successors we wish every success in their attempts to compile "The Mag."

THE EDITORS.

PRIZE LIST

Dux of the School: Henderson Medal and Prize, War Memorial Prize of £10—
THOMAS CHISHOLM.

Proxime accessit: War Memorial Prize of £5—
STANLEY AFFROSSMAN.

Macfarlane Gamble Prize of £1—
MARGARET S. M. CHISHOLM.

Dux of Intermediate School—
ERNEST FORREST.

War Memorial Prizes—

English: MARGARET S. M. CHISHOLM. **Modern:** CHRISTINE S. GREIG.
History: STUART M. HUNTER. **Mathematics:** ROBERT RAMAGE.
Geography: JAMES F. MORTON. **Science:** STANLEY AFFROSSMAN.
Classics: MARGARET S. M. CHISHOLM. **Art:** ANNE ANDREW.

Ralph Payne Memorial Prizes in Science—

1 THOMAS CHISHOLM. 2 STANLEY AFFROSSMAN.

Crosthwaite Memorial Prizes in Latin—

Senior: 1 MARGARET S. M. CHISHOLM. 2 ROBERT MUNRO.
Junior: 1 ERNEST FORREST. 2 DINAH McINTOSH.

J. T. Smith Memorial Prizes in English—

Senior: WILLIAM M. WARREN. **Junior:** ANNE R. GRAHAM.

Thomas Nisbet Prize in Mathematics—
JAMES AITKEN.

Sandy Robertson Memorial Prize in Commerce—
MARGARET K. REID.

Baillie Matthew Armstrong Prizes for Leadership—

Boys: JAMES AITKEN. **Girls:** MARGARET M. HARVEY.

Rotary Club Prize for Citizenship—
ROBERT RAMAGE.

Inner Wheel Club Prize for Citizenship—
HELEN B. McGILVRAY.

Special Prize for Citizenship—
JOHN L. WALLACE.

Miss Margaret H. Cunningham Prizes for Needlework—
1 (equal) MARGARET CARTER and PATRICIA A. McEWAN.

Whitehill School Club Prizes—

Form VI, Boys: THOMAS CHISHOLM. **Girls:** MARGARET S. M. CHISHOLM.
Form V, Boys: JOHN R. B. YOUNG. **Girls:** CHRISTINE S. GREIG.
Form IV, Boys: GEORGE SHEARER. **Girls:** EILEEN STEWART.

SUBJECT PRIZES.

FORM VI.

English: MARGARET S. M. CHISHOLM. **Mathematics:** THOMAS CHISHOLM.
History: MARGARET M. HARVEY. **Physios:** STANLEY AFFROSSMAN.
Geography: JAMES F. MORTON. **Chemistry:** STANLEY AFFROSSMAN.
Latin: ANNE K. YOUNG. **Dynamics:** THOMAS CHISHOLM.
French: WILLIAM M. WARREN and **Technical:** ALEXANDER M. HENDRY.
GEORGE TENNANT (equal).

FORM V.

English: 1 MARGARET A. MOIR. **Maths.:** 1 WILLIAM K. REID.
2 VERA MILLIGAN. 2 JOHN R. B. YOUNG.
3 JAMES E. BROWN. 3 ROBERT DOUGLAS.
History, Lower: ALEXANDER McCALLUM. **Science:** 1 JOHN R. B. YOUNG.
Geography, Lower: WILLIAM K. REID. 2 WILLIAM K. REID.
Latin: JOHN R. B. YOUNG. **Art:** DAVID W. THOMSON.
Greek: MARY S. CAMERON. **Music:** JEAN GREIG.
French: CHRISTINE S. GREIG. **Commercial:** MARGARET K. REID.
German: CHRISTINE S. GREIG.

FORM IV.

English: 1 HOPE ROBERTSON.
2 JOHN SWAN.
3 MAUREEN CUNNINGHAM.
History: 1 (eq.) BERYL R. MARSHALL
and EILEEN STEWART.
Geography: 1 A. GORDON WATSON.
2 ROGER YOUNGER.
Latin: A. GORDON WATSON.
Greek: MARGARET R. H. REID.
Special Greek: ROBERT MUNRO.
A. GORDON WATSON.

Maths.: 1 GEORGE SHEARER.
2 ELINOR H. MATCHET.
3 JOHN D. H. MACKENZIE.
French: HOPE ROBERTSON.
German: ALEXANDER FITZGERALD.
Science: 1 (eq.) ELEANOR BOYLE and
GEORGE SHEARER.
Art: JOHN D. H. MACKENZIE.
Technical: DAVID I. FRASER.
Special Commercial: MORAG WHITEHILL

FORM III.

Classical: 1 ERNEST FORREST, 2 MARGARET COLLINS, 3 JEAN HALL.
Modern: 1 JEAN P. McNEIL, 2 JAMES SHARP, 3 NEILSON McMEECHAN.
Commercial: 1 HAZEL McINTYRE, 2 MAUREEN KEAN.

FORM II.

Classical: 1 WILLIAM LENNOX, 2 ADAM T. McNAUGHTON, 3 JEANNIE W. ALLISON.
Modern: 1 HENRY HODSON, 2 AGNES RENTON, 3 NORMA McGINTY.

FORM I.

Classical: 1 ROBIN N. BARR, 2 ISABEL M. WALLACE, 3 MYRA C. KENNEDY.
Modern: 1 MOIRA M. CAMERON, 2 IRENE ARMSTRONG, 3 (equal) ANNE MATHERS
and IAIN M. KILPATRICK.

TRANSITIONAL.

1 ALFRED WARNOCK; 2 MARGIE McCARDLE; 3 RUTH BIRNIE.

School Concert

The School Concert has become something of a tradition in Whitehill. This year, as usual, it is being held in the Athenæum Theatre. The dates are 24th, 25th and 26th June.

We are hoping to provide a varied and enjoyable entertainment. Look out for the notices about the sale of tickets and buy yours early.

A. M. M.



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SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

BOYS.

100 Yards Flat—
1 S. Hunter, 2 A. G. Watson, 3 R. Potts.
220 Yards Flat—
1 S. Hunter, 2 A. G. Watson, 3 R. Potts.
880 Yards Flat—
1 R. Potts, 2 V. Hugo, 3 A. G. Watson.
High Jump—
1 V. Hugo, 2 R. Grant, 3 J. Henderson.
Champion: STUART HUNTER (24 pts.).

Long Jump—
1 A. G. Watson, 2 S. Hunter, 3 D. Clayton.
Shot Putt—
1 G. Anderson, 2 S. Hunter, 3 R. Grant.
Discus—
1 G. Anderson, 2 S. Hunter, 3 W. McCor-kindale.
Runner-up: A. GORDON WATSON (16 pts.).

GIRLS.

100 Yards Flat—
1 B. Posnett, 2 M. Robertson, 3 H. McIntyre.
220 Yards Flat—
1 B. Posnett, 2 M. Robertson, 3 C. Murdoch.
High Jump—
1 M. Robertson, 2 M. Hunter, 3 E. Stewart.
Champions: BARBARA POSNETT and MARGARET ROBERTSON (each 18 points).

Hockey Dribbling—
1 B. Posnett, 2 C. Murdoch, 3 J. McNeil.
Netball Shooting—
1 H. Robertson, 2 M. Robertson, 3 J. Fox.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

BOYS.

100 Yards Flat—
1 W. McMillan, 2 J. McKay, 3 W. Sturrock.
220 Yards Flat—
1 G. Littlejohn, 2 J. Headrige, 3 (equal)
W. Sturrock and A. Wyper.
440 Yards Flat—
1 G. Littlejohn, 2 A. Turpie, 3 A. Wyper.
Champion: GORDON LITTLEJOHN (20 pts.).

High Jump—
1 G. Littlejohn, 2 W. Sturrock, 3 J. McKay.
Long Jump—
1 J. McKay, 2 R. Greenock, 3 G. Littlejohn.
Shot Putt—
1 J. McKay, 2 R. Greenock, 3 W. Sturrock.
Discus—
1 J. Letham, 2 W. Sturrock, 3 A. Sang.
Runner-up: JAMES MCKAY (18 pts.).

GIRLS.

100 Yards Flat—
1 A. Irvine, 2 R. Peters, 3 E. Stronach.
150 Yards Flat—
1 A. Irvine, 2 M. Murdoch, 3 M. Goldie.
Skipping Rope—
1 E. Stronach, 2 A. Irvine, 3 E. Johnstone.
Champion: ALISON IRVINE (16 pts.).

High Jump—
1 C. Pellow, 2 R. Peters, 3 I. McGarry.
Target Aiming—
1 E. Rogers, 2 R. Henderson, 3 I. McGarry.
Runners-up: RENA PETERS and ELIZABETH STRONACH (8 pts. each).

OTHER EVENTS.

BOYS.

880 Yards Open Handicap (McBriar Cup)—
1 V. Hugo, 2 E. Hein, 3 J. Headrige.
Obstacle Race—
1 D. Hamilton, 2 W. Carroll.
Slow Cycle Race—
1 D. McPherson, 2 W. Reid.
Medley Race (under 15)—
1 E. Donaldson, 2 E. Nolan.

Three-Legged (under 15)—
1 D. McPherson and F. Spalding.
Pillow Fight (under 15)—
1 J. Buchanan, 2 J. Laurensen.
100 Yards Flat (under 13)—
1 A. Crawford, 2 R. Fotheringham.
Barrel Boxing (under 13)—
1 A. Dearing, 2 J. Fox.
Form II Relay—II F.
Form I Relay—I 5.

GIRLS.

300 Yards Open Handicap (Bogle Cup)—
1 D. Dawson, 2 H. McIntyre.
Obstacle Race—
1 (equal) E. Brown and A. Milne.
Sack Race—
1 M. Bell, 2 M. Muir.
Three-Legged (over 15)—
1 M. Bell and M. Knox.

Three-Legged (under 15)—
1 S. Wilson and N. Wright.
75 Yards Flat (under 13)—
1 E. Lamond, 2 M. Lamond.
Egg and Spoon (under 13)—
1 M. Wyper, 2 J. McMabon.
Senior Relay—VI.
Form II Relay—II 3.
Form I Relay—I 8.

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School Notes

The uneventful first half of 1954 will be remembered for its long "dreich traik" to the mid-April Easter Holidays. Just when we were emerging from winter an explosion took place at Dalmarnock Electricity Station which put lights out in Dennistoun and neighbourhood for about five days. Classes in Arnauld Street came to the main building for warmth; supervised homework ceased; in many houses pupils had to study by candlelight; and there was a run on Alladin lamps. The school bell also failed and we were "burled" from period to period. On this last point I am reminded that at the time of writing the school clock is minus its hands and presents a blank look to anxious timekeepers. Its substitute in the Hall is one of the old clocks that used to grace the walls of classrooms sixty years ago.

The twenty-sixth annual reunion of the School Dinner Club took place in the Grosvenor Restaurant on 5th March, Bailie T. R. Patterson in the Chair. The toast of Town and Gown was proposed by Mr. John A. Mack, Stevenson Lecturer in Citizenship in the University and one of the School's Snell Exhibitioners. To him replied Lord Provost Thomas A. Kerr, resplendent in his gold chain and attended by his Officer in red jacket. His speech was preceded by the whole company singing "Caller Herrin'." He began by explaining the connection between herring and Glasgow Magistrates, arising from the enterprise of a seventeenth century provost in the curing trade. He then went on to his boyhood's exploits in Dennistoun, which included bathing in Alexandra Park Pond and coming out blacker than he went in owing to the deposit of "coom" from Blochairn Iron Works. The Rev. John S. Lawrie, Minister of Blackfriars, replied on behalf of Gown, recalling the connection between his church and the University in the High Street from 1451 to 1870. Mr. William S. King of Queen's Park Football Club was elected next year's Chairman.

The death of Mr. James Imrie took place in January. Mr. Imrie, whose connection with the School began in the late nineties, was famous, along with the late Miss Margaret Scrymgeour, for the training of Whitehill's qualifying classes which gave such a splendid foundation to the work of the Senior School. Mr. Imrie's services were recognised by promotion and eventually a headmastership. He long continued his close interest in his old school and gifted many staff and class photographs for publication in the two Jubilee Magazines.

It was a pleasure to see Miss O'May back to duty after her illness. We shall, however, have to take farewell of her at the end of this session when she retires after seven-and-a-half years' service as Woman Adviser. Mr. George Kerr, Principal Teacher of Technical Subjects, is also retiring in June after ten years' faithful work with the "Technical Boys" of the Fourth and

Fifth Years. Mr. Walter H. MacGregor, who has just retired from the headmastership of Eastbank Junior Secondary School, gave yeoman service to Whitehill when he was on the staff, especially in the supervision of the Magazine. We thank him again and send greetings and good wishes to him and to Mrs. MacGregor, a Former Pupil and a former member of the Art Department.

Recent Staff changes are as follows:—Miss Margaret D. Barr (Transitional Classes) came in January; Mr. M. Angus Gunn (Mathematics) replaced Mrs. Sadie R. Allan, now on the Staff of Moray House, Edinburgh; Mr. Alex. Dow (Classics) replaces Mr. James R. Cuthbertson, who has gone to Hutchesons' Grammar School. Mr. Cuthbertson, who was on the Staff for seven years, was a very popular colleague and teacher, and took a deep interest in the social side of the School. To all who have come to us we give a hearty welcome, and send greetings and good wishes for the future to those who have left.

Two beautiful silk flags, the Union Jack and the St. Andrew's Cross, are to be placed soon on either side of the War Memorial in the Hall. They have been presented to the School by a Former Pupil who wishes to remain anonymous. We express to him our very grateful appreciation of this proof of his deep interest and affection for his old school. The beauty of the Memorial, which was unveiled a year ago, is thus enhanced and its meaning brought home.

Congratulations to Mr. Fletcher and his choirs for winning the following prizes at the Glasgow Musical Festival in St. Andrew's Halls! (1) The Allison Trophy won by the Boys' Choir for the sixth time in succession. (2) The Premier Challenge Class—"Glasgow Herald" Trophy won by the Girls' Choir for the fifth time and also (3) their winning the highest number of marks ever awarded by the adjudicator for the Class Junior Choirs (Senior Girls). Finally, (4) the Boys' Choir again, who won the Boys' School Choir Class. Individual successes include Archibald Simpson, IV 1, who won the Intermediate Piano Solos, and Tom Robertson, II 1 G, who won the Boys' Vocal Solos.

We congratulate Mr. Meikle and the Teachers' Orchestral Society on the very fine concerts held on 6th and 7th May in the High School Hall. Whitehill colours were in evidence among the attendants and there were many in the orchestra who had links past or present with the School, not to speak of the Conductor himself and the Soloist, a Former Pupil, Miss Margaret Taylor, who gave much pleasure by her singing. Mr. Meikle's Whitehill Former Pupils' Ladies' Choir ended their seventh season with a very successful concert on 25th May.



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F.P. Successes

Mr. JOHN FOSTER has been appointed planning officer for the Peak Park Planning Board, a local authority in its own right under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947. The Park includes part of Derbyshire, Cheshire, Staffordshire, the West Riding of Yorkshire, and Sheffield county borough. Mr. Foster began his career as chief planning assistant at Kirkeudbright.

Mr. ROBERT D. KERNOHAN, who graduated with First Class Honours in History and is now taking a post-graduate course at Baliol College, Oxford, has been elected chairman of the Federation of University Conservative and Unionist Associations. He is the second Scot to be chairman of the Federation, which was founded in 1930 by the first Lord Tweedsmuir. Mr. Kernohan is prospective Unionist candidate for Paisley.

Mr. JOHN MACKINTOSH has been awarded the Keith Prize of the Royal Scottish Academy for a portrait.

Miss JENNIE D. RONALD has graduated M.A. with First Class Honours in English Language and Literature. Miss Ronald also won the Bradley Medal earlier in the year. This medal is awarded for a special essay competition.

Mr. HENRY WALKER has graduated M.A. with Second Class Honours in French and German.

Mr. ANDREW J. SCOBIE has gained Second Prize in History.

Mr. GEORGE BROWN has gained Distinction in Greek.

At the College of Physical Training, Mr. GORDON REID has been placed First in his year in Gymnastics.

Scripture Union

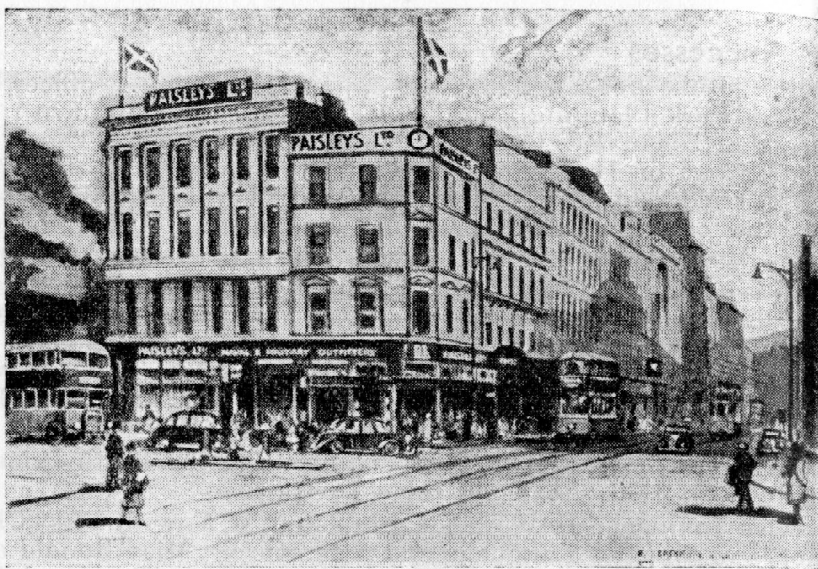
The Scripture Union is a world-wide organisation formed for the purpose of promoting the habit of daily Bible-reading. Although there are many branches in Scottish schools, the Whitehill branch holds a high place on the attendance sheet. The highest so far this session has been 86, which is very near to the School record. We were well represented at the Easter Camp and hope there will be many more at the Summer Camps.

We would like to thank both Mr. McEwan and Mr. Kelly for their co-operation.

The Scripture Union is open to everyone from First to Sixth Years. Have you been along yet?

Mr. Arthur Stobo

While this magazine was in course of preparation we were grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Arthur Stobo, who has looked after our printing for many years. To his knowledge and taste we owe much. Printing was to him a vocation, and it gave him deep satisfaction to do work with meticulous accuracy. We mourn his passing, and to his relatives, also members of the firm, we offer our sincere sympathy.



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Miss Janet A. O'May

Miss Janet A. O'May, who has decided for reasons of health to retire at the end of the session, was appointed in January, 1947, to be our first Woman Adviser, having held a similar post in Bernard Street Junior Secondary School. As a Former Pupil she came to no unfamiliar surroundings. In the seven years she has been with us she has commended both the appointment and herself to us all by the most conscientious way in which she has carried out all her duties, especially those connected with the welfare of the girls, the arranging of medical reports and inspection, and mass radiography, not to speak of first aid treatment and consultations in her office when contusions and abrasions were sustained and fainting fits occurred. At the same time she carried on very efficiently the teaching of her classes in the English Department. Sometimes there was the feeling of strain, especially in winter, but it was faced in good heart. At the School Dinner she inculcated courtesy at table; and met the jocosities of Members of Staff present with many a good riposte.

We thank her for all the care and consideration she has shown. We say farewell with great regret and we wish her speedy recovery to full health and enjoyment of the coming years of leisure.

Mr. George M. Kerr

Mr. George M. Kerr, who came in March, 1944, to be Principal Teacher of Technical Subjects for both Whitehill and Onslow Drive Schools, is due to retire on 2nd June—to the very great regret of those of us who are in contact with him whether as Members of Staff or Senior Pupils. It is not easy to owe allegiance to two schools at once, but this Mr. Kerr has done with the ease and large-heartedness which are characteristic of him; making him popular and highly respected by both schools. Under his care the Technical Department extended. There are now five assistants instead of two and with the erection of the Armadale Street Building there are now altogether six Technical rooms, including two for metalwork with the most up-to-date equipment in Scotland. Whether we intruded on him amid the clash and clatter of the "manual" room or sought him in his "den" at the most remote corner of the building there was always the cheery welcome, the twinkle in the eye, and the prompt settling down to business.

We thank him for his kindly co-operation and his excellent training of our boys. In a very practical way he has done a good job. We wish him many happy days in retirement.

Under The Editors' Table

A small offering this time. We have fewer articles than usual—and that leaves a very small number. One or two classes made a commendable effort—IV1, II1F, II2, I2, I3. But some made no effort at all. One class, III2, specialised in cartoon work this time, with very good results, but we do not advise this as a general practice. A good deal of guidance from your art teacher is necessary before you know how to tackle this kind of thing.

G.J., I3, at least gets off to a clean start:

On Monday morns we always rise,
Set off to school with soap in our eyes.

R.H., II2, is concerned with a later hour:

Then following this was a plate almost bare,
And the specks in the centre were custard and pear.
What could she be talking about?

A.M., II6, also touches on food, and displays a long memory in this connection:

The donkey brays a bonnie tune,
How can hee haw sae fresh and fair?
How can his lugs stand bolt upright,
And they sae heavy, fu' o' hair?
Ye'll break your teeth, ye glaikit beast,
Chewin' at yon prickly thistle;
Thou mind'st me o' departed days,
When beefsteak hadnae ony gristle.

Those were the days. Our present sorry state is also remarked by E.M., IV1:

In time of Cleopatra,
Before Bing or Frank Sinatra,
Men could sing of their ambitions all the same,
Though to croon was not the fashion,
They all emptied out their passion
In stirring songs of true romance and fame.

This we thought was promising; but then came the decline and fall—the poem fizzled out.

V.R., IV1, and E.A., III3, showed good technique in handling verse, but their themes did not take them anywhere. Good work also came from M.W., II1F; a little humour would have helped here. D.P., II2, did make us grin now and then, but there were too many items that were simply commonplace. WHODUNIT, I2, made a bold attempt at rhyming virtuosity, but it did not work. Other Near Misses were scored by ALTIPETO, VI; DAN DARE, IV1; T.H., II1F; and M.C., I3.

May your holiday refresh you.

OSWALD THE OFFICE-BOY.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS.

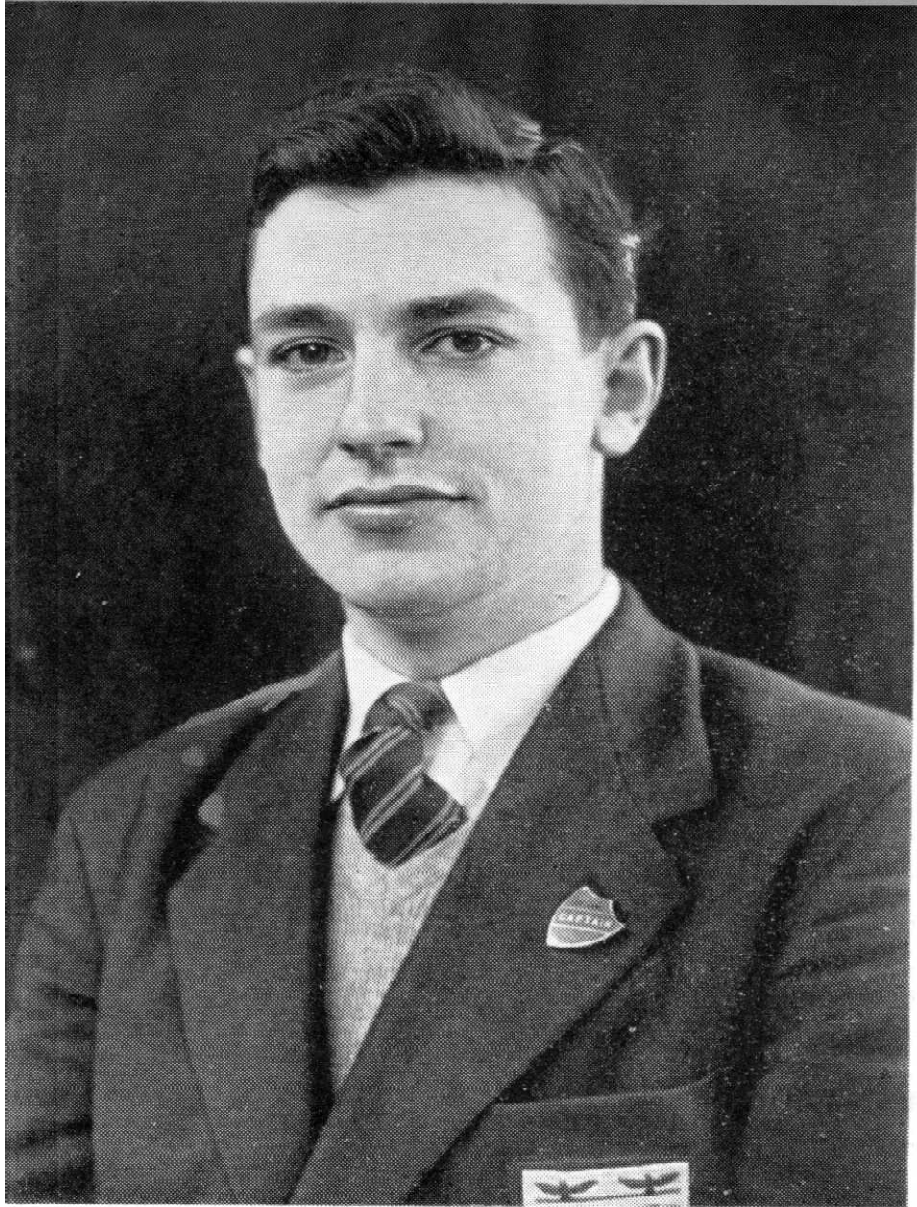


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Margaret Harvey.

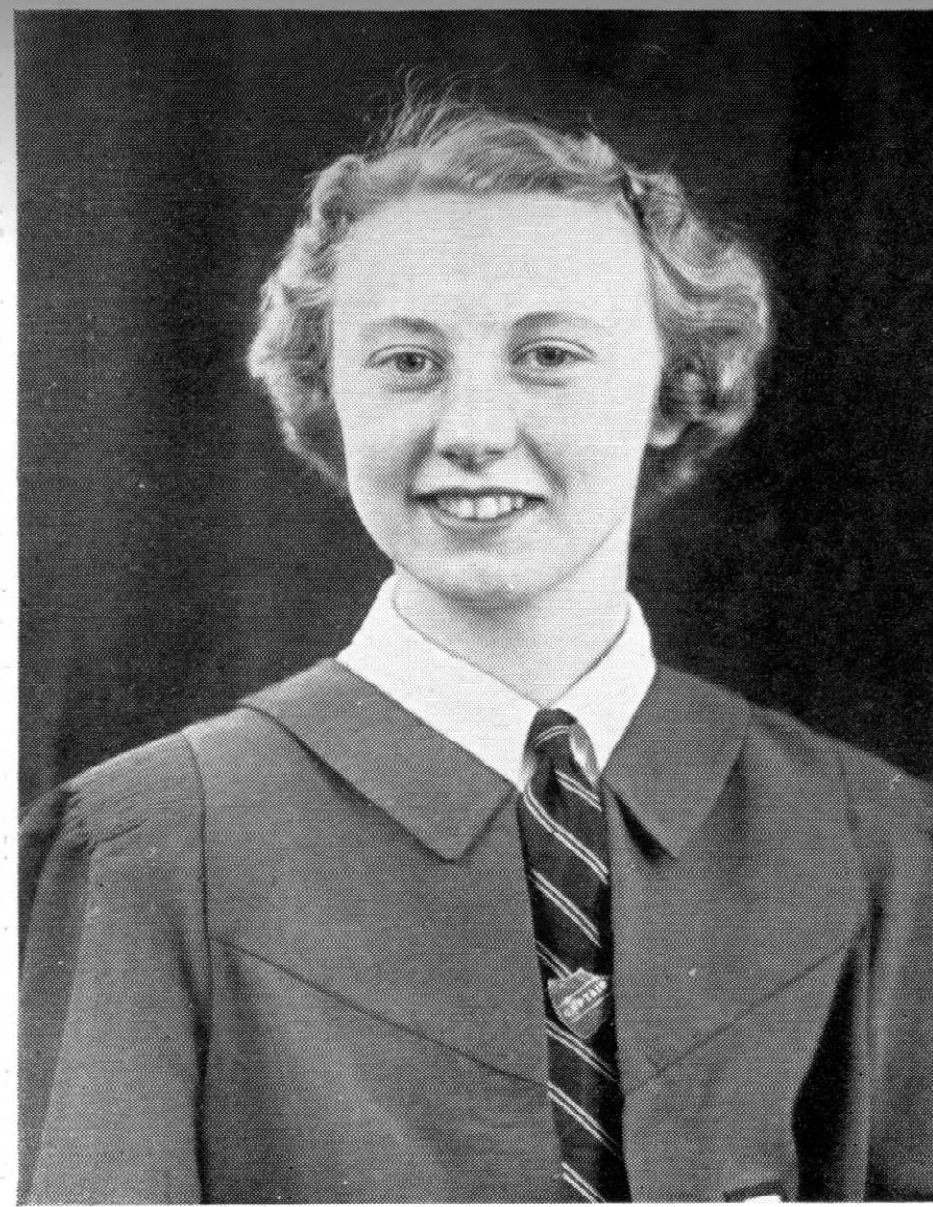


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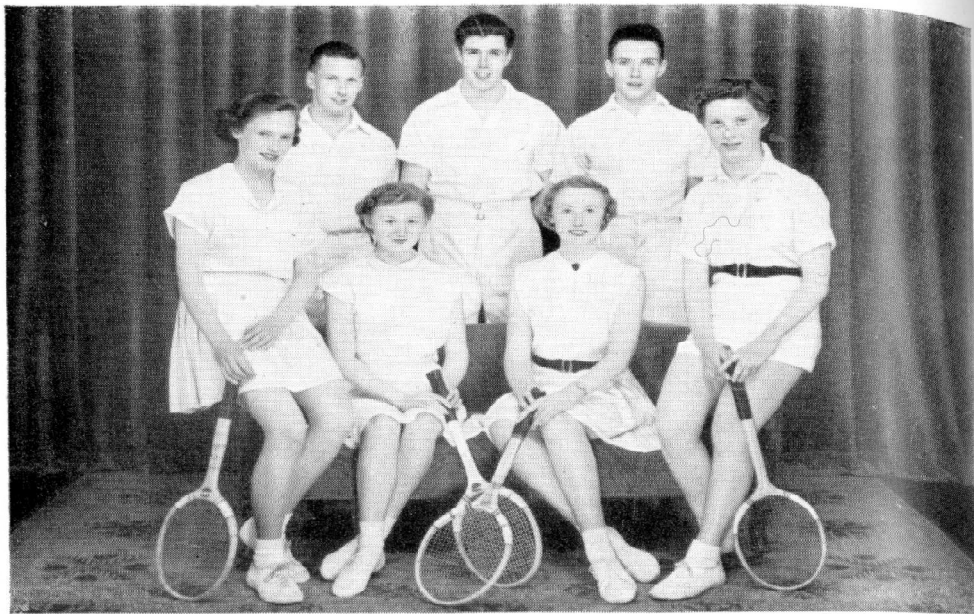
SCHOOL CAPTAINS.



James Aitken. [Photo by Mr. Simpson]



Margaret Harvey. [Photo by Mr.]



TENNIS TEAM.

[Photo by Laurie]

Standing: John Henderson, Robert Brown, John MacKenzie.
Sitting: Myra Hunter, Barbara Posnett, Margaret Harvey, Charlotte Cunningham.
Absent: Gordon Anderson.



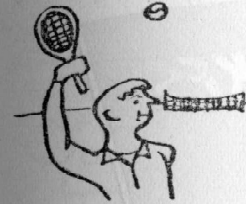
GOLF TEAM.

[Photo by Laurie]

Standing: Peter Miller, David Hunter, James Aitken, David Boyle, Allan Wright.
Sitting: Kenneth Reid, Mr. Small, George Mackie.

Tennis

This year, as usual, we have had a large entry for our inter club ties and so far they seem to be progressing quite satisfactorily.



For the first time since the tennis club began three years ago, we have arranged games for the junior school. There has been an excellent entry for these competitions and we hope that in future the juniors will play as important a part in our club as the seniors.

We have a large fixture list this season with all our old rivals and I am sure that this year's team will acquit itself as well as its predecessors. At the time of writing we have played only one game, against Queen's Park School, but it had to be abandoned because of rain.

I must take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Simpson, who has been of great assistance to me in the planning and execution of this year's programme.

JOHN HENDERSON.

Golf

Another golfing season has begun and by the time this reaches you the Allan Shield and Club Championship competitions should be well into their final stages.



So far we have played two inter-school matches—one against Allan Glen's, our famous rivals whom we held to a draw 3-3, the other against Kelvinside Academy, when we were extremely unlucky to lose 4-2. We have arranged games later in the season with Lenzie Hutchesons' Grammar, Greenock Academy, Ayr Academy and Hamilton Academy.

This year's Pupils v. Staff match will be again held, I presume, as successfully as in previous years, but this year we are considering playing this match further away from home.

Mr. Small has now taken over Mr. Stewart's duties of lending a helping hand to the Secretary and Golf Section in general and I am sure that Mr. Stewart's enthusiasm and kindly advice will be re-echoed by our new adviser.

Two of our golf team—George Mackie and James Aitken—have been chosen to play in the trial at Eastwood for the East v. West game. As our school was well represented in last year's team, we hope that George and James will find a place in this year's team.

W. KENNETH REID.

New Light on the Crimea

"The hospital were very bad with mince and rats running across the floor."

—Examination answer.



[Photo by Law]

TENNIS TEAM.

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Sitting: Myra Hunter, Barbara Posnett, Margaret Harvey, Charlotte Cunningham.
Absent: Gordon Anderson.

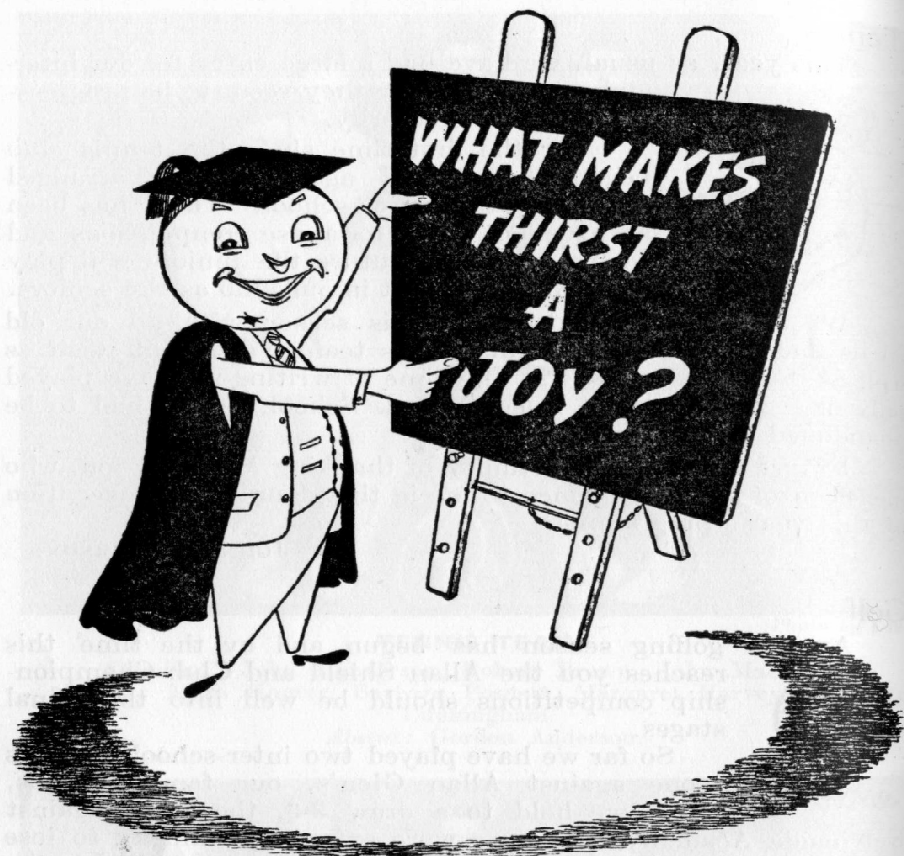


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GOLF TEAM.

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Allan Wright.

Sitting: Kenneth Reid, Mr. Small, George Mackie.



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Scottish Schoolboys' Club

By the time this magazine is published the Club's activities will have ceased for the session, except, of course, for the camps during the summer holidays. Only four boys attended the Glasgow Easter Camp at Wiston Lodge, although other three boys, who came on visitors' day so late that they could not get home, stayed the last night in camp. They seemed to have enjoyed their brief stay, because they have applied for the Summer Camp at Portavadie. It was generally agreed that the Wiston Camp this year was even better than that of last year. This was mainly due to the excellent weather. Ronald Cresswell, our School Chairman, organised a grand sports programme, and was it a coincidence that the tent of which he was officer won both the inter-tent football and volleyball competitions?



The Whitehill attendance at the Sunday meetings during the last two terms fell slightly, but we still have a high proportion of boys in the First Year, which is very promising. Although it will be a disadvantage not to have a School Representative in the top two forms, we are hoping to maintain the good work.

The Sunday Meetings camp this year will, as usual, be at Portavadie in August. The All-Scotland camp, to which any boy over 13 can go, will again be held at Bruar, in Perthshire, in July and August.

T. CHISHOLM.

Second Year Wisdom

Some strange information as usual emanated from the recent examination answers. The English language was enriched by the creation of a new verb:

"When the land had been platered it went fallow."

Both vocabulary and syntax have to be enlarged to accommodate the next one:

"A flail is an Neageth type of grining of corn and for centuries after it was used."

If you still are not too clear as to what a flail is used for, perhaps this is more straightforward:

"A flail was used for taking stones out of horses' hoofs."

Further unexpected definitions:

"A Dais was a sort of rule or law."

"A Solar was a quite solitary room."

"The Hennin is a large pole with a close hanging on the end of it."

If you can work that one out, go to the top of the class.

The First Half Century

(From our Weather Ship.)

When we dropped our anchor at the Tail of the Bank on 9th March we had completed our first fifty voyages. It is six and a half years since we bade farewell to Devonport on our maiden voyage. During those years we seem to have lived season by season, enjoying the summer months, waiting for winter and looking forward to Spring, to the longer evenings and promise of sunshine.

A lot of changes have taken place in the ship's company since October, 1947. The Chief Steward and I are the only originals left, but there are several that have been in the ship over five years.

We have had our ups and downs. The greatest of our "ups" was the rescue of the crew of the Norwegian ship "Veni," which ran ashore on Balach Rocks off the west coast of Islay. It was in the early days of 1948, at the beginning of our third voyage. A south-easterly gale was blowing, and when we were off Rathlin Island on the north coast of Ireland bound out into the Atlantic a distress signal was received from the "Veni." We were only a few hours steaming time away from her. It was a dreadful night, with a S.E. wind of 50 knots, a high sea, and visibility at a minimum due to heavy rain. However, with the help of the Radar we were able to close the wreck and rescue the crew.

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The "Weather Recorder" was again involved in a rescue bid last summer when an American B.36 bomber crashed into the Atlantic 200 miles to the south of our station. It was a long trek, and when we arrived we were appointed in command of the search and rescue. Two Manchester liners picked up a few survivors and a few bodies were recovered, including that of the pilot, which we picked up. It was a sad incident with a heavy loss of life. During the operation when the search was in full swing we transmitted and received 3,000 W/T and R/T signals in 36 hours.

When the Queen made her trip across the Atlantic to Newfoundland on her way to Bermuda we played our part in supplying navigational assistance. Her Majesty graciously sent us a signal of thanks.

Our "downs" have usually been contributed by the weather, our ever-present foe. We have had our poundings, but these little ships are sturdy bulldogs and can stand a lot of punishment.

Although we are weather ships and our main function is to observe and report the surface and upper air meteorological conditions, we have contributed in the past, and we still do contribute, our mite to the field of research. Plankton is collected from the sea and sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Last year a paper was read in Paris on the work of weather ships in this field. Each voyage, weather permitting, the earth's magnetic variation is checked and the result sent to the Admiralty. Twice daily a bathythermograph sounding is taken to a distance of 400 feet below the surface of the sea and the graphs boxed and sent to the Admiralty. Some of the time of the navigation officer is taken up comparing positions obtained by astronomical observations with those observed by electronic aids. These comparisons are sent to the research department of the Ministry of Transport. Radar has its share, and anomalous radar fixes are sent to the Admiralty. The latest we have in hand is testing buoyant rubber life rafts. It is thought that these rafts, similar to those used by aircraft, can be of value to ships when lifeboats cannot be used. I expect we will be testing these rubber life rafts for the rest of the year, testing their stability under various conditions and making up wind/swell drift tables for them.

A busy life and a useful one. I suppose that during the 50 voyages we have contacted something like 10,000 aircraft on Atlantic flights, giving them the latest winds at their height, radar fixes and other navigational assistance as well as acting very often as a W/T link between the aircraft and the shore.

I wonder how many of us will still be pounding the Atlantic in these ships when the century is completed?

Captain A. W. FORD,

O.W.S. "Weather Recorder."

Key to Photographs of Forms V and VI.

BOYS

Back Row: Norris Hamilton, William Stevenson, David Blair, Norman Hamilton, Robert Douglas, Gordon Anderson, David Thomson, Henry McGhie, Alex. Fraser, David Hunter, William Esslemont, James Clark, Robert McMillan, James Brown, James Rennie.

Middle Row: James Crawford, Finlay McFadyen, John Wallace, Edward Smeall, Alex. Lawson, James Morton, Thomas Chisholm, Peter Miller, David Bell, Stanley Affrossman, David Evans, W. Kenneth Reid, James Addison.

Front Row: Alex. Hendry, John Young, Robert Brown, Ronald Potts, Stuart Hunter, James Aitken, The Headmaster, Robert Ramage, George Tennant, William Anderson, John Henderson, Alex. McCallum, George Mackie.

Absent: Wm. Cribbes, Wm. Fleming, Peter Urquhart, Wm. Warren.

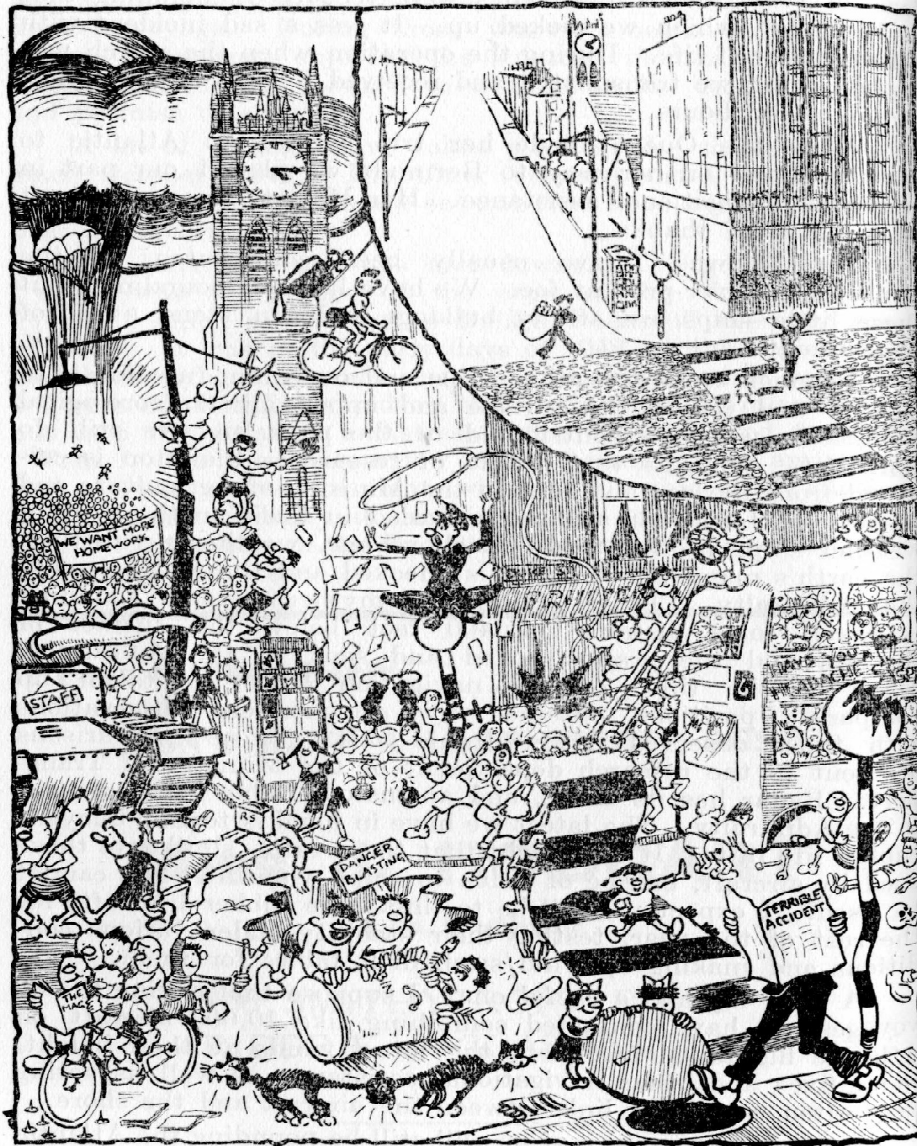
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Absent: Jenny Forrester.



(Drawn by Mr. R. K. Simpson)

OUR ZEBRA CROSSING.



W. S., III F.

A Visit to Belgium

I recently visited Belgium, and noted with great surprise that it is a very different country from Britain although it is only four hours' journey by boat from Dover. The first thing I noted was that there was no speed limit and motorists certainly took advantage of the unrestricted speed which motorists in our country do not enjoy.

Secondly, in Belgium, motorists do not need licences, and thirdly, instead of the illuminated arm affair that British motorists use for showing if they are going to turn a corner Belgian motorists merely have red bulbs on both sides of the car, back and front, so that when the driver wants to turn to the right he presses a button and the lights on the right side of the car glow.

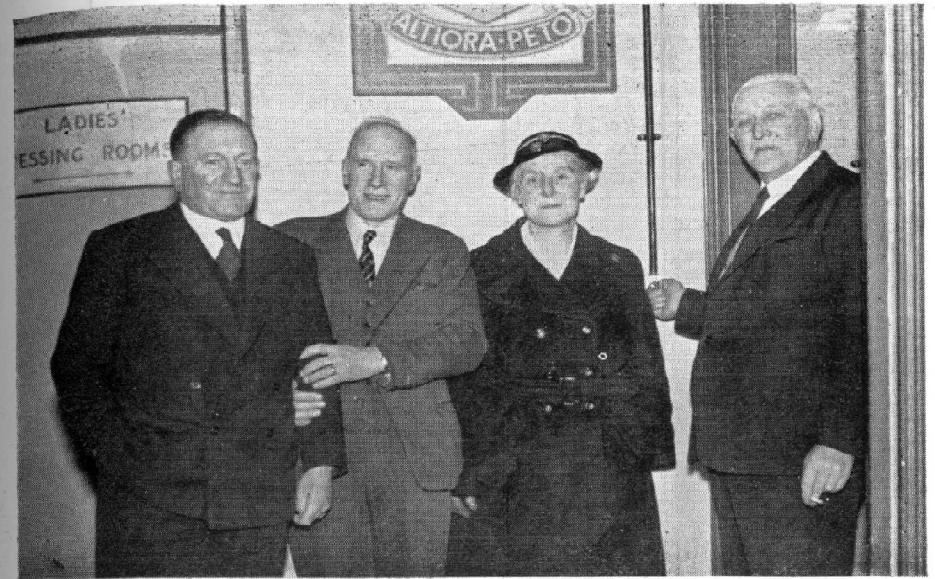
In Belgium great changes are being made. Brussels can claim to be one of the first cities on the Continent to have started a helicopter service. While on a bus tour through the city we watched the machines arrive and depart. One big building has a flat roof so that helicopters can land on it to save space below. Brussels also has a very modern airport. We visited it and saw that it consisted of a huge white building with a beautiful interior. We went inside and saw a beautiful restaurant complete with television, a white modern statue, and massive modern paintings painted on the walls. Nearby is the Central Station, and now, to save the time of passengers arriving by plane and going elsewhere by train, it has been linked with the airport by means of an underground tunnel.

Now for places of historical interest. Bruges is a charming little town and sometimes it has been called "The Venice of the North," owing to its numerous canals. We went on a boat trip through Bruges and found it very exciting, especially when we had to duck to avoid hitting our heads on exceptionally low bridges. It was here we saw the only Michelangelo statue in Belgium, "The Madonna and Child." Also here we saw the Church of the Holy Blood. A Crusader is reputed to have brought back from Calvary some of the Blood of Jesus. It is kept in a silver vase and on the first Sunday in May each year there is a procession through the streets called The Procession of the Holy Blood.

Ghent is a very interesting town full of history. We went into Ghent Cathedral to see part of the service, and it was there we saw many pictures by Jan Van Eyck. Then we went to a beautifully kept castle complete with moat, the Castle of the Counts.

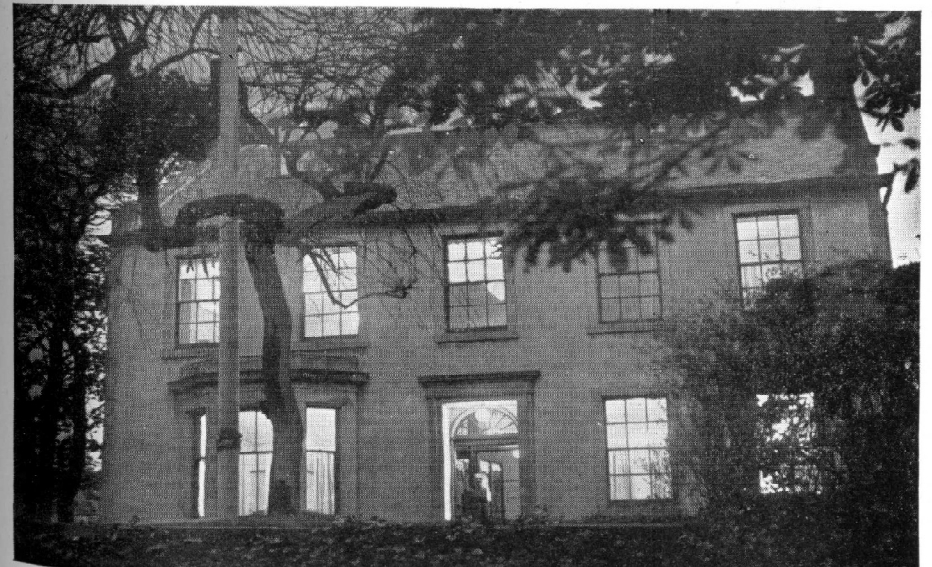
In summing up, Belgium is a very beautiful, ambitious country and if you get the chance of going next year with the school, take it. You will certainly not regret your decision.

"THE HAPPY WANDERER," II 1 F.



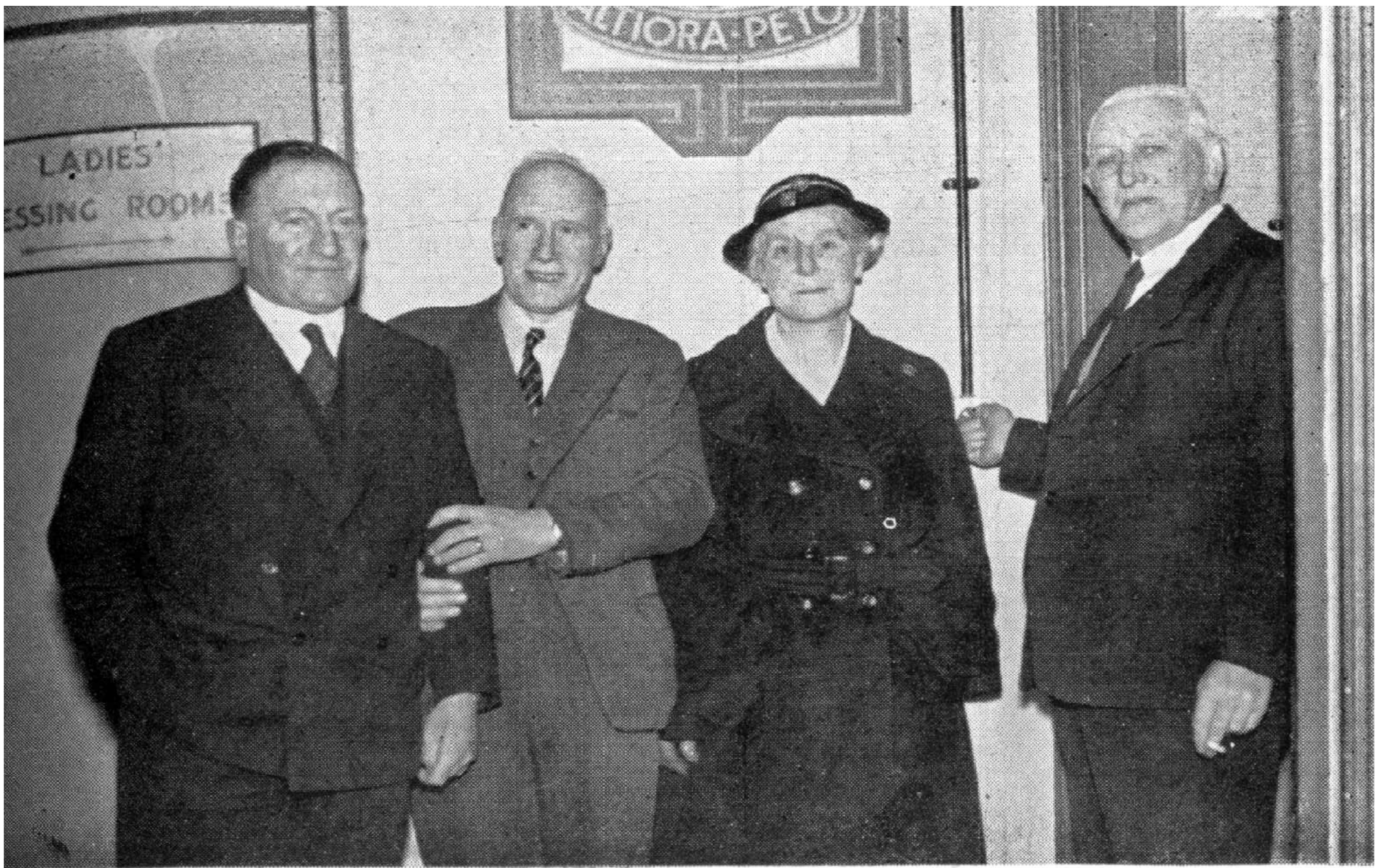
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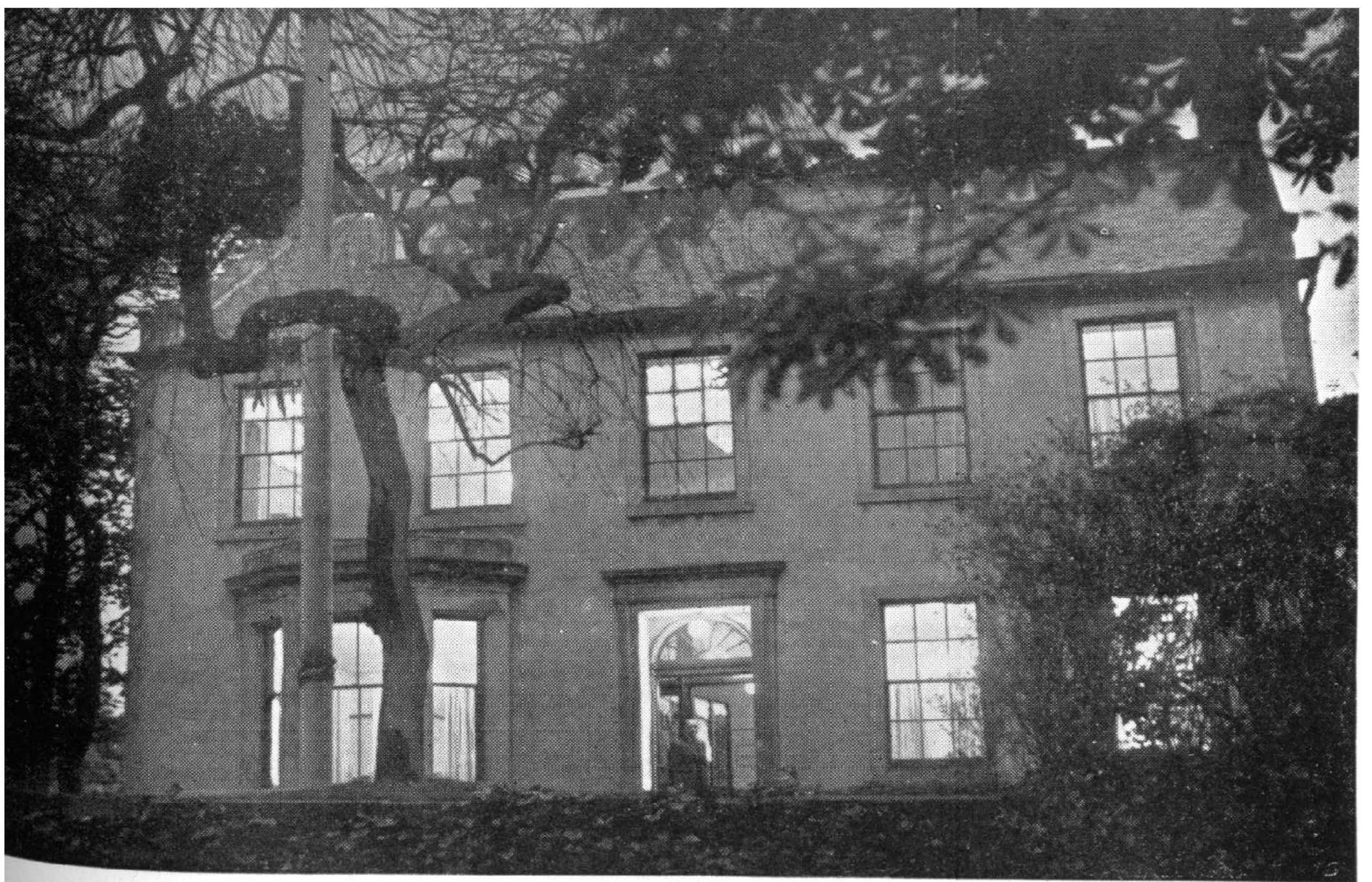
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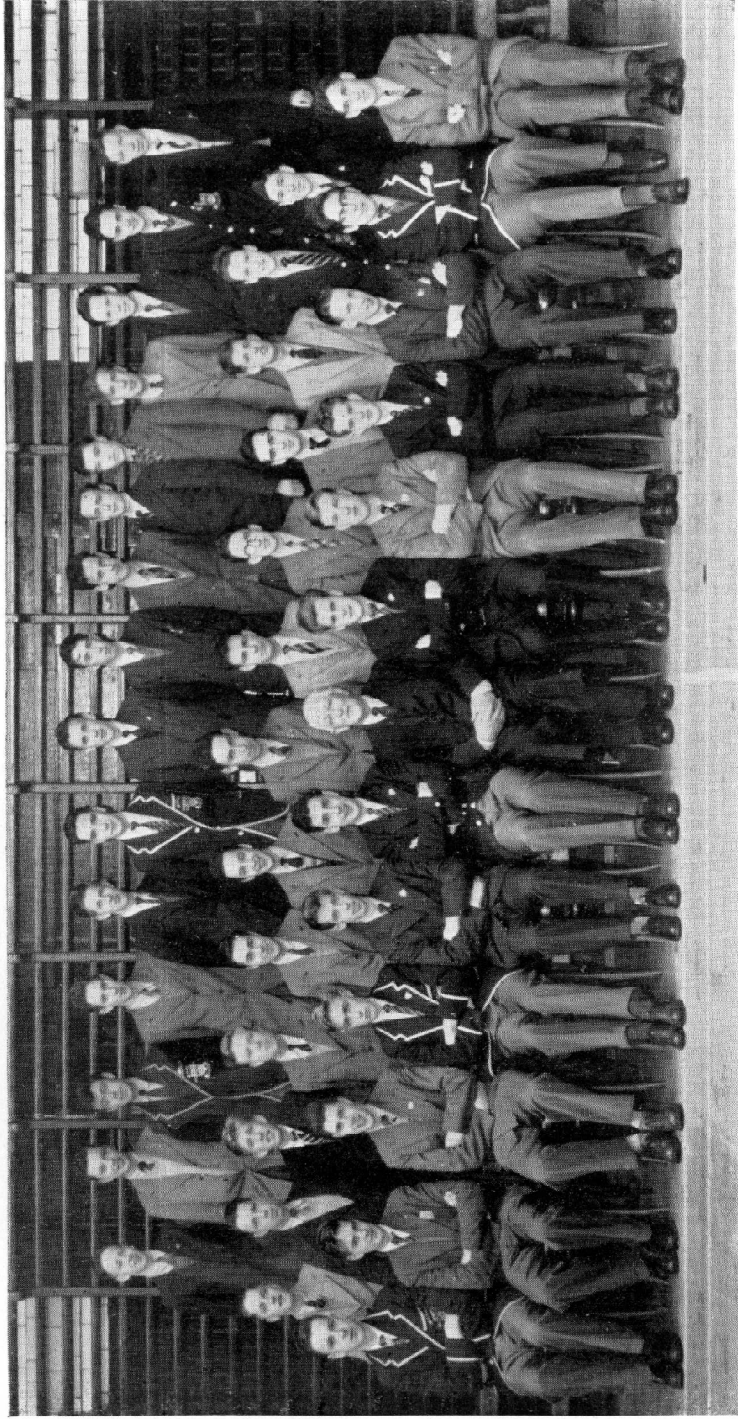
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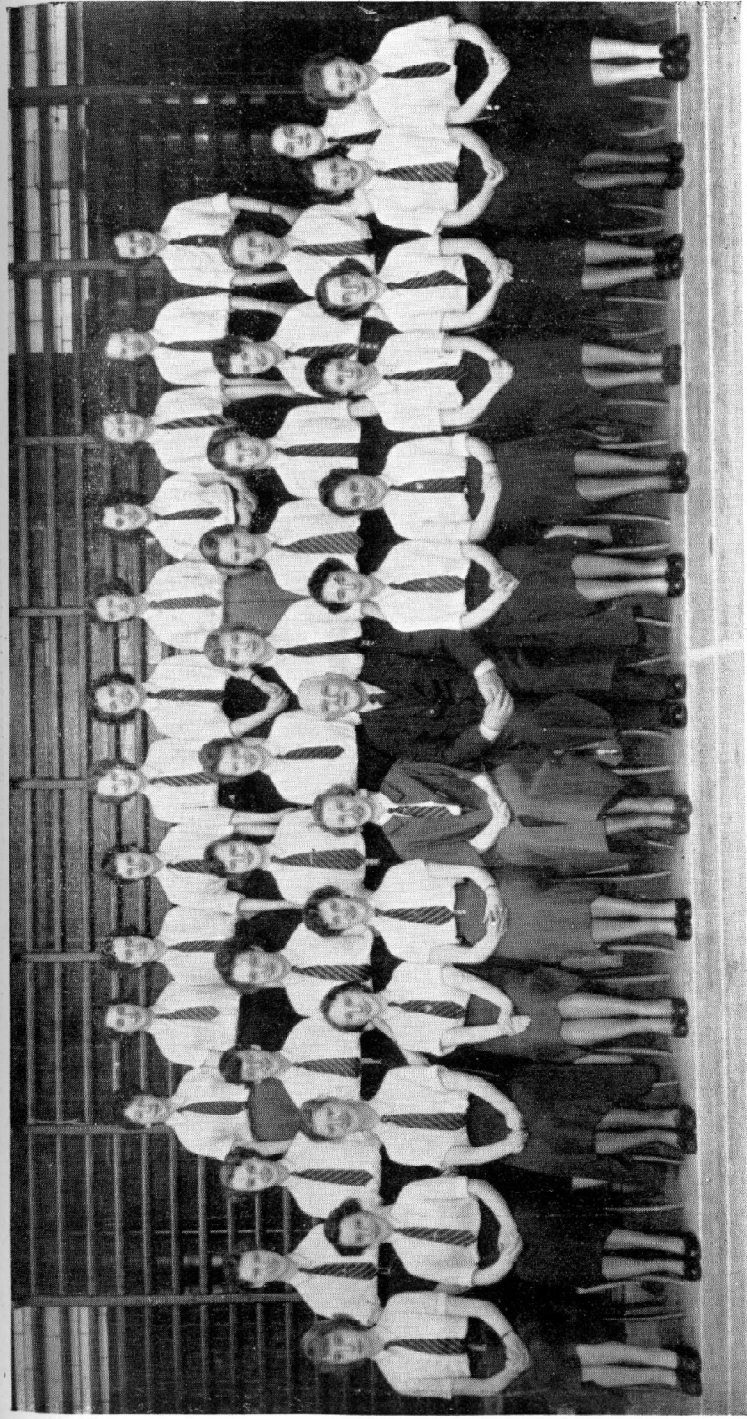
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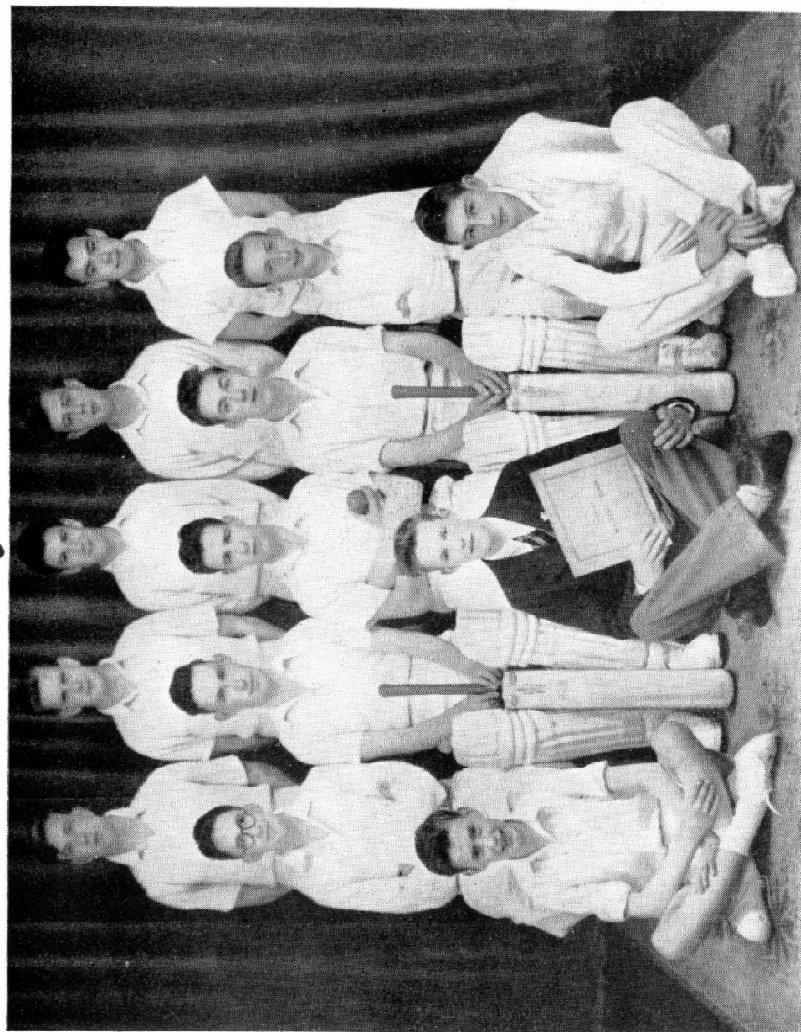


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In Front: Tom Robertson, Gordon Jenkins (scorer), Iain Smith.

Cricket

This season the team started off very well. At the time of writing we are still undefeated, having won three of the four games played. The fourth, unfortunately, had to be abandoned because of heavy rain when we were in a fairly strong position. A pleasing feature is that the ability is much more evenly distributed in the team than in previous years.



As in previous years, we have the use of Meadowpark, Golfhill Cricket Club's ground, for practices every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 4.15. We also have the use of the ground for matches during the week and on Saturday mornings. The result of this is that we have many more fixtures than in previous years, and also that we have the same number of home games as away games. All members of the team wish to extend their thanks to Golfhill C.C. for these facilities. We must thank the groundsman, who has cheerfully attended to all our needs during the season.

It seems at the present moment that nearly half of our team will be at school again next year, and this, together with the large number of junior boys who are keen to play, augurs well for the future.

T. CHISHOLM.

The Seasons

In Summer trees are clothed in green,
 And lots of bees are always seen.
 The sun shines down in a cloudless sky,
 And holiday-makers go cheerily by.

In Autumn the golden grain is cut,
 And squirrels gather nut by nut.
 The birds make ready for their flight
 To warmer countries where they will alight.

In Winter people sit by fires,
 And cows rest snugly in cosy byres.
 The little children love to play
 In the snow that falls by night and day.

After Winter comes the Spring,
 When once again the birds do sing,
 When once again the trees are green,
 And little lambs will soon be seen.

Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring,
 Round and round the seasons ring,
 Bringing in another year,
 One we hope of goodly cheer.

JEAN CHALMERS, 13.



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Our Climate

The climate of these fair isles has been variously described. The American tourist dismisses it with the disparaging "Gee, da flood," and our righteous anger at this insult to our native clime is only slightly mollified by the Eskimo's enthusiastic "Oink, oink bodoink." According to authoritative geography books, Britain's climate is maritime, which, at first glance, does not convey much to the uninitiated. On consulting a dictionary, however, we find the mystery explained: "maritime" is defined as "pertaining to the sea." This adequately describes the British weather, as one is almost continually reminded of the presence of the sea by the oceans of water which pour down from the heavens.

It is an extremely difficult task (except for the very observant) to differentiate between the seasons of the year, as summer, winter and in between are subjected to rainstorms of equal fury. One highly recommended method of ascertaining the season is to watch out for the first snow-fall, which generally denotes the presence of winter (though more generally of summer). Summer is even harder to detect; but by the presence of a serious-looking group of men in a field (two of whom are wielding what look like palings), it can be assumed that a game of cricket is in session. Then by doing a swift mental calculation, one may arrive at the conclusion that summer has come.

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The weather provides the Briton with an opening gambit in every kind of conversation. Indeed, more friends have been won by the simple phrase, "terrible weather, i'n'tit?" than by any other known statement (apart, that is, from an affirmative to a plea for pecuniary assistance). If, by some strange freak of nature, the sun happens to shine, the unaccustomed brightness affects the minds of the stolid population like heady wine. Immediately, in festive mood, raincoats and umbrellas are cast aside and the ladies appear in all the grandeur of their holiday attire. This is all to the good, for in all probability the clothes would never be worn at holiday time. The males, however, being naturally more prudent, generally decide to go on wearing their winter clothes, knowing that by the next day the downpour will have resumed.

The origin of Britain's perennial rainfall is, to enlightened historians, patently clear. In the well-known book on ancient Keltic folklore, written by the bard, Uptha Jerrs, the explanation is given. This is one of the many books ascribed to the minstrel, and is known to connoisseurs the world over as "Mi Spokesis Bustit" (which literally translated means "the spokes of my umbrella are unfortunately damaged"). In his book, the author traces the life of Ahm Drookit, an umbrella maker of the Iron Age, who inhabited a cave in the Cairngorms. Ahm Drookit was a sad umbrella maker for, in those far-off days, Britain's climate was aridteranean (hot dry summers, mild dry winters), and thus he had few customers. One day Ahm Drookit, heartened by a long and heavy fall of rain, set out on a sales campaign over the mountains. Seeing a disconsolate raindeer (Keltic spelling, not mine!) which was really the supreme Keltic god, Retipuj, in disguise, he unhitched one of his travelling umbrellas (the latest thing in those days) and tied it to the raindeer's antler. Retipuj, so the story goes, was so grateful for this act of kindness that he decreed that Britain's climate should be perpetually wet.

If you happen to see a happy face smiling through the rain, you will know that this is one of Ahm Drookit's descendants, no doubt also an umbrella maker like his celebrated ancestor.

NOMM DI PLUVIUM, V.

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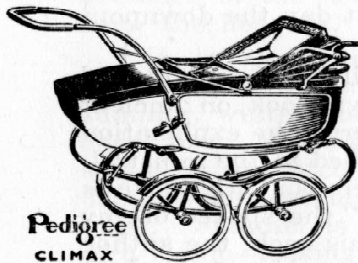
I see him wafting through the hall
With billowing gown outspread.
Attending to me not at all,
I see him wafting through the hall,
Looking as though he carried all
The world's woes on his head;
I see him wafting through the hall
With billowing gown outspread.

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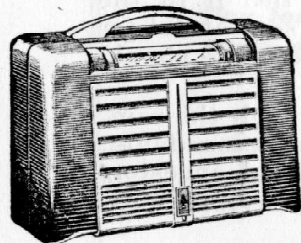
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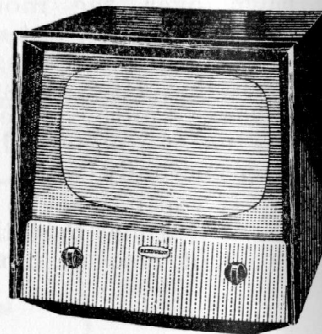


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Hockey

The hockey season has drawn to a close once again. We started off last year with a strong 1st XI and there were high hopes of a successful season, but the weather was against us and ten of our games had to be cancelled.



In January of this year our captain and centre-half, Rhona Annandale, left school. This unsettled the team for a while, but towards the end of the season there was a noted improvement in our play, especially in the teamwork of the forward line.

A good fixture list has been drawn up for next season and it is hoped that those of the old teams who are not leaving school will be backed up by many new players from both the Upper and Lower School.

Our thanks are due to Miss Fisher and Miss Crofts for their encouragement and to the ladies of the Staff who accompanied us to our away matches.

MONICA MCKAY.

The Literary and Debating Society

This year the subjects of the talks and debates delivered by staff, pupils and visitors to the School Debating Society have indeed covered all views and tastes: from a discussion of the Supernatural to such a worldly matter as "Wealth"; from the "Art of Public Speaking" to photography. Thus we have pondered and debated our way through another season and in case someone had not aired their views on their favourite subject, we included in our syllabus a "Hat Night."

Attendances have been high all year with quite an appreciable sprinkling of Third Year pupils.

We must thank Mr. Williamson, Mr. Katzenell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jardine, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Munro and Mr. Simpson for their services throughout the year and Miss Hetherington for her undying support.

J. L. WALLACE.

Classical Verse Speaking Competition

Held under the auspices of the Classical Association of Scotland (Western Branch) in Glasgow University.

First Prize for Junior Latin Repetition:
Margaret Reid, IV 3.

Second Prize for Junior Greek Reading:
Archibald Simpson, IV 1.

School Library

The School was represented at a Course for School Librarians held in Moray House Training College, Edinburgh, on 12th and 13th March.

Additions to our shelves include the following:—

- “How to Fly,” by L. C. Bagley.
- “In the Antarctic,” by F. Debenham.
- “Cortez, Conqueror of Mexico,” by R. Syme.
- “Going into the Country,” by G. Beardmore.
- “The Young Traveller in England and Wales,” by G. Trease.
- “The Young Traveller in Scotland,” by Ian Finlay.
- “The Young Traveller in Sweden,” by G. Proctor.
- “The Railway Builders,” by E. Garnett.
- “The Book of Flags,” by Vice-Admiral Evans.
- “The Ascent of Everest,” by Colonel Hunt.

We wish to thank members of the Staff who have contributed volumes to the Library during this session.

J. E. G.

Despair

It is a dreadful morning, five past ten,
The whole class quiet sit, and concentrate;
Breathless with expectation, masters wait
To see results of scratch and scrape of pen.
A restlessness at length runs through the class,
Listen! the back-row genius has been struck,
And with some care and not a little luck,
One article may all the rest surpass.
Oh dear! Oh dear! What shall I ever write?
If I appear untouched by inspiration
My teacher is not therefore joyful made;
I brood upon my poem day and night,
And work at it with grim determination,
The gods being with me if it makes the grade.
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On the Canal Bridge

I met a teacher in an antique suit,
Who said: Two bodies of the first eleven
Lie at Craigend. Near them, within a foot,
Half sunk, a murder'd ref. lies—no name given.

And here's a shin-guard and a hockey boot,
And on one touch-line rests a full-back's head.
Behind the goal-posts are assorted limbs,
And there a teacher stands and counts the dead.

And on a new tombstone these words appear:
“My name is Mr. —, king of gyms:
Look on my works, ye pupils, and despair!”
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that abandoned place, cheerless and bare
The lone and muddy fields stretch far away.

ROBERT MUNRO, IV 1.

Student Christian Movement

We have reached the end of our second full session of the S.C.M. and have been encouraged by noting the increase in the number of members this year. It is hoped that this progress will continue in the session 1954-1955, when it will be up to pupils of the present Fourth and Fifth Years to support the movement.

The group has had an interesting and varied selection of discussions on both Biblical and topical subjects. One of the highlights of the term was a discussion on the Colour Bar in which we were led by two visiting students, a Nigerian and his Indian friend.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. M. Hutchison and Miss Garvan—whose task has included recalling us tactfully from our frequent slight (!) wanderings from the subject—for their indispensable services to us.

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Football



On the whole, this has been a most enjoyable season, though it is true that the School has no trophy to show for the prowess and skill shown by the players. Nearest to achieving such distinction came the First XI, which, after accomplishing the feat of completing all its League engagements without defeat, for the loss of only a single point, was narrowly beaten at Lesser Hampden by our old rivals, St. Mungo's, in a "League decider" after a drawn match at Celtic Park. In that memorable game, thanks no doubt to the Whitehill version of the "Hampden roar," we came within an ace of winning. We didn't—so we look forward to better luck next season.

Then, no doubt, we shall be without some of our tried and trusty stalwarts, but we are fortunate in having a group of young and enthusiastic players who have not only upheld the honour of the School in the Second Division of the League, but have also shown the spirit and skill required to fill the depleted ranks of the First XI.

The Third XI, however, has not had a very good season at all. At times, it has shown a fair degree of skill, but, lacking in height and weight, it has made little impression on opposing defences and has also been handicapped on account of promising players leaving school.

This team should prove much stronger next season, because it will be strengthened by some skilful young players graduating from the present Fourth XI. After rather an indifferent start, that team struck up such good form that it finished the season with 21 points out of a possible 28—a very creditable performance indeed.

Nor has the success of the Fourth XI gone unrecognised, for two of its most prominent members, A. Gunn and R. Maxwell, have been selected to represent Glasgow against Lanarkshire and against Sutherland. And just to prove that our football skill is not on the downgrade it should be mentioned that D. Thomson, our First XI goalkeeper, has represented the Glasgow League against both Bradford and Lanarkshire, while W. Forrest played with no mean skill at inside-right against London at Hampden Park. With such up-and-coming talent in our ranks, we look forward to an even more successful season in 1954-55.

Dramatic Club

Under the care of Miss Richmond a nucleus of a club has been in operation during most of this term, and now that the "concert season" is once more upon us these activities are being expanded. Plans are not yet quite complete, but we hope to have ready a short play with a cast of Juniors and perhaps a somewhat longer one with a cast drawn from the Senior School.

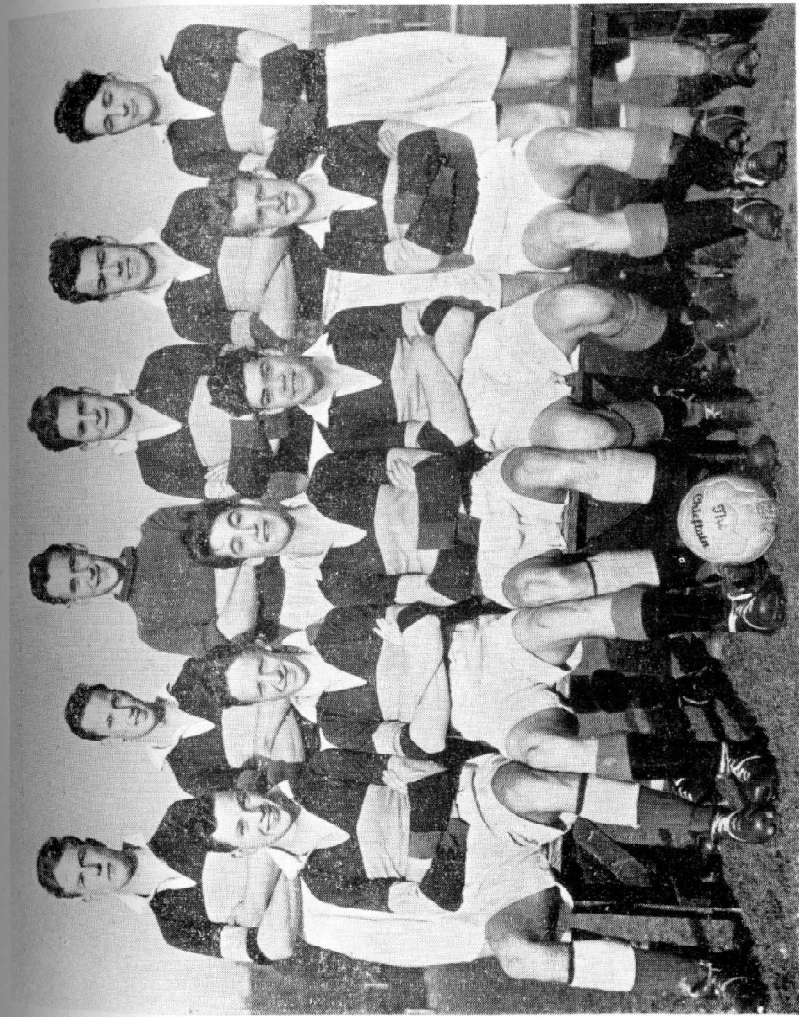


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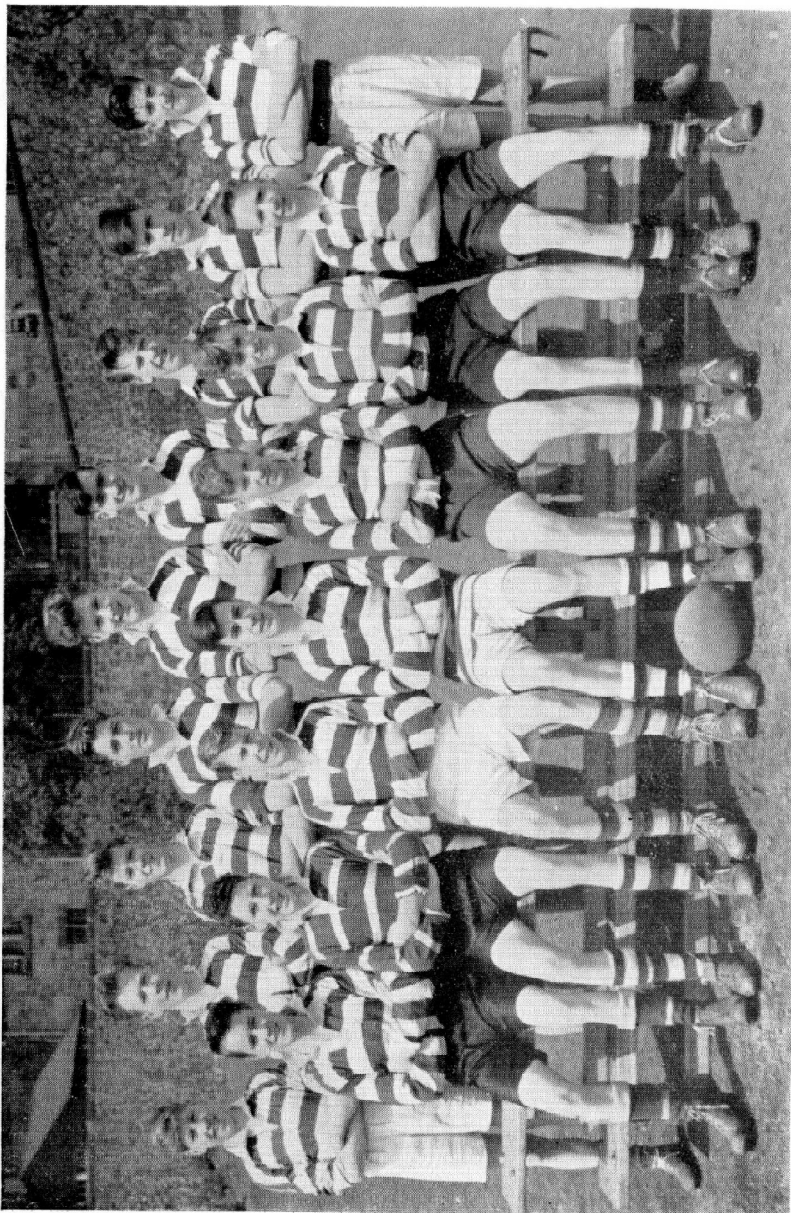


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RUGBY 14½ FIFTEEN.

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 Sitting: J. Coopey, R. Bushnell, A. McGregor, W. Mackintosh, J. McKay, R. Greenock, D. Hamilton.

Rugby

Once again the season has drawn to a close and for the 1st XV in particular it could be said that it was not exactly a worthy successor to last year's brilliant run of victories. This, however, was not entirely due to the boys as the condition of Craigend—particularly in the early months of this year—limited the number of games. This is clearly shown by the scoreboard which reads:—



Points.					
Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For	Agst.
6	2	2	2	60	50

Fortunately, the junior rugby teams, the 12½, 13½ and 14½ fifteens, upheld the school's prestige by having a very successful season. This is a good portent for the future.

In this year's encounter with the Former Pupils, the "Old Crocks" reversed last season's ignominious defeat by thoroughly trouncing the school team 28 points to 14. After this match the Former Pupils extended a warm invitation to all the school rugby players who would like to train at Craigend during the month of August. In the interest of the school it is hoped that many boys will take advantage of this fine opportunity.

Swimming

We were able to publish the results of the Glasgow Schools' Swimming Gala in the December issue of the Magazine. Since then our senior girl swimmers have added to their laurels. The senior team (Myra Milne, IV 3; Beryl Marshall, IV 1; Jean McNeil, III 2; Doreen Wyper, III 5) won the Invitation Relay at Hyndland Secondary School's Gala most convincingly, and Myra Milne—outwith school competition—was chosen to represent the West of Scotland in the 400 yards and in the Relay for the Kemsley Trophy.

In the area heats of the Scottish Schools' Swimming Championships, Myra Milne (100 yards open), Elizabeth Lamond, T1 (25 yards under 13), and Sandy Turpie, II 1 (50 yards under 15), all qualified to represent Glasgow in the Free Style events and to lead the Glasgow Team in the Relays for their respective ages. Ruth Mathers (14) was representative in the 50 yards Breast Stroke under 15 and Doreen Wyper qualified for the Relay Team of the same age group.

"and after the selusion of the cellerage he had lived in so long the carol of happy birds fell on his four legs at once, in the joy of living and the way across the meadow till he reached the hedge on the further side."

First Year exercise.



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RUGBY 14½ FIFTEEN.

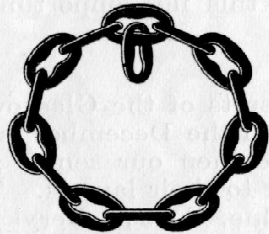
Standing: D. Webster, D. Lovett, J. Letham, H. Henderson, A. McLennan, E. Forrest, D. Waddell, J. Baird, A. Wyper.
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Figuring It Out

I have always wanted to have a garden—a real garden, I mean, not like the muddle of weeds and stones which fronts my house and affronts me. Each Spring I set out with the best of intentions for making large scale improvements, but alas, 'tis much easier to promise than fulfil. That seemingly interminable growth of weeds chokes my enthusiasm as much as it does my flowers.

Recently I paid a visit to a friend of mine who has a very fine garden at both the back and the front of his house. When I arrived I found him just about to begin mowing the lawn. I cast an envious glance round the garden at the trim hedgerow, the brilliant border and the immaculate lawn. "Gosh, how I wish this garden were mine," I said.

"You wouldn't say that if you had to look after it," returned my friend. "Take this lawn for instance. D'you know I walk about half a mile every week when I'm mowing it?"

"How d'you make that out?" I asked incredulously.

"Well," he said, "it's about seventy feet by twenty-five, isn't it? Now, allowing that the mower makes a cut of, oh, about a foot wide, that means I walk seventy times twenty-five, which is fifteen hundred feet every time I do the mowing. And twice a week makes it up to over half a mile."

"Gosh, I never thought of it that way," I conceded. "Now let's see. You say you cut this lawn twice a week all the year round?" My friend nodded assent. "That's about 180,000 feet a year, and, dividing by 5,280, it comes to—good gracious, over 30 miles!"

"Oh well, it's not so bad really," said my friend. "As long as you just do each turn as it comes then you get along all right."

Returning home by bus later that day, I worked out some more astonishing figures. Do you realise, those of you who walk, say, half a mile to school and back twice every day, that you travel in all something like 400 miles in a school year? And just think of Mother for a moment. She probably makes over 1,000 beds and washes over 20,000 dishes yearly! I've no doubt the reader can think of many more examples like these. If we started to think about these things, I'm sure no-one would ever be able to do anything. We'd just collapse at the thought. "Take a tick at a time and you'll get along fine" is certainly a true saying.

Nevertheless, when I walked up the stairs on my arrival home, and glanced over the hedge at my garden, I felt quite glad I didn't have to walk 30 miles every year mowing the lawn.

JOHN SWAN, IV1.

Daddy's Thought

I have a daughter
That when I got
I wished I'd bought
A model yacht.

My little Scot
Is polyglot
And talks a lot
Of tommy-rot.

At mathematics,
Cachalot,
French and German—
"Mein Gott."

But life is fraught
With much that not
In manual taught,
And so I thought

Sir Lancelot
Will take my daughter
And tie the knot—
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On Cultivating Blisters

If you can think of no better way in which to spend your Easter holidays, why not go hiking? On the first day of your expedition, you could perhaps travel by 'bus to a suitable "starting-point," and from there, walk as quickly as possible to the nearest Youth Hostel. The main thing to remember, on arriving, is that you want to look as if you are utterly exhausted by walking for miles and miles without a rest; therefore, as you climb the stairs towards the door, ease your haversack slowly and painfully from your back, and drag your feet up the last remaining steps towards the reception-desk. (This is for the benefit of some rather curious hostellers, who will be peering at you from behind the curtains of the dormitory windows.)

On the second day, your feet will have become gradually more painful, until you will be able to feel your blisters boiling and bubbling, and the soles of your shoes will seem to be as thin as paper, so that you can feel every minute particle of gravel piercing into you, like a long, sharp knife.

However, to keep your spirits soaring, just imagine the wonderful meal which you will be able to prepare on a square inch of "hot-plate," whilst about forty other hostellers are trying to procure that same square inch of "hot-plate"; and when at last you manage to convey your frying-pan to an empty square inch of table, you will notice that in some strange way you seem to have acquired, instead of the ham and eggs which you prepared, an evil-smelling mixture of soup, beans, and probably some "Pom."

By the end of your holiday, your distance travelled per day will be reduced to about five yards, but think of the stories which you can tell your friends when you have come back, and when they are all gasping in admiration, you will realise just how many blisters would have been deprived of a happy existence had you not gone away.

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Sports Day—But no Sports

We have permission to reprint the following from "The Daily Express" of May 31:

Whitehill School playing-field at Ruchazie, Glasgow, was deserted in the bright, warm sunshine all Saturday—annual sports day. For sports master Mr. Thomas Jardine called off the sports after Renfrew Met. Office gave him the forecast at 9 a.m.—"Thunder, heavy cloud, pouring rain." He telephoned visiting relay teams from three other schools, then hired a loud-speaker van to tour the streets warning pupils.

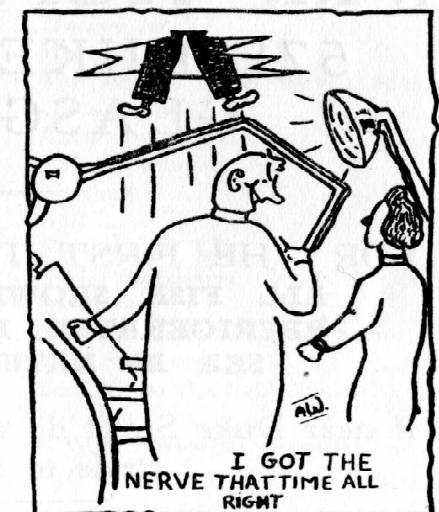
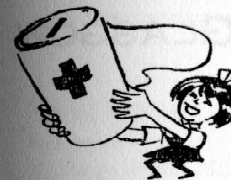
Renfrew explained last night, "It was one of those unpredictable cases and it turned out we were 100 per cent. wrong. But if Mr. Jardine had phoned 45 minutes later we would have given him the correct forecast. We expected a depression from England—but it did not move north."

The Junior Red Cross Link, No. 998

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