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100th EDITION

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Editor **ARTHUR STEWART**

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EDITORIAL STOP PRESS

And now for something completely different! Honestly!

You are feasting your eyes on the 100th EDITORIAL. (Pause for applause.)

You may, repeat may, also be gazing with nostalgic admiration at the last traditional magazine from the revered old school. Until our yawning deficit resembles less the Great Divide, between civilisation and technology, we may have to direct our creativity to "cawin the haunle" on the old hand press. We hope, at the very latest, that Edition 101 will come from the new Meadowpark Street marvel.

Our thanks to the stalwarts on the staff: Mrs. Burr, Miss Carswell, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss MacNab, Mr. Livingstone, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Whitten and the English Department for their assistance and enthusiasm.

A word, also, to the lower school, who, as usual, supplied the bulk of the articles. Bulk is the word! We, of the Mighty Magazine Committee, were snowed under by thousands (exaggeration — hundreds!) of contributions. Through lack of space many good articles were rejected. (Why not try a class mag.?) If your masterpiece isn't here, sorry, don't call us.

You may have noticed, since everyone reads the editorial only as the last resort, that there are no photos or articles on the Football Teams in the magazine. The sad fact is that there is no football team this year although teams have been entered in the leagues for session 73-74. You may also have noticed that there is no longer a Literary and Debating Society in the school. The less said about that the better. Perhaps it suffices to say, that we are agog with apathy! We hope that next year these two traditional Whitehill institutions will make a welcome return helped with a little push (or kick) from (or to) the Upper School.

Despite the magic 100th, no cure has been found for the reticence of the Upper School. Bribery? Too expensive! Blackmail? Never . . well, nearly . . well once!

Oswald the office boy returned, with his cat, for a brief visit. We have persuaded them to tour the other magazines' High Command, quietly sabotaging their no-doubt inferior efforts.

And so, for possibly the last time in these buildings, the magazine committee has shut up shop.

Buy while they're hot! You may not get another chance!

It remains for us, optimistic to the end, to say to the next magazine committee: "Good luck! You'll need it".

Arthur Stewart 6[1]

SCHOOL NOTES

STAFF: We note with regret that the rate of turnover still remains at a level too high for the efficient functioning of Education.

English: Mr. McIntosh returned to Dundee and was replaced by Miss Carswell, who has also taken over the School Library. Miss McKenna came as Assistant Head Teacher, to Possilpark Secondary's dismay, filling Mr. Young's place in the department. Miss MacNab (English and Guidance) has been chosen as a teachers' representative on the newly proposed selection boards. Our one benefit this year from the continued spate of new promoted posts is Mr. Winpenny's appointment as Assistant Principal Teacher of English. In June we lose the services of Mr. Tod who retires after 35 years service.

History: Here we have a brand new department. Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Whitton joined us in August and Mr. MacAllister returned to the relative tranquillity of Hutchesons' Boys Grammar School in February to be replaced as principal teacher by Mr. Wood from Bellahouston.

Geography: In March, Mr. Hendry (Assistant Headteacher) left for Kilsyth Academy to become Depute Headmaster.

Mathematics: For the first time in years the staffing news was good — the department actually increased in size by one — Mr. Dunsmuir.

Modern Languages: Here we had another metamorphosis. Miss McNiven relinquished the principalship, having sustained a higher call to Albert Secondary (Assistant Headteacher). Her post was filled by our own Mrs. Robertson but the rest of the team, Mesdames Gibson, McInnes and Stothers are all new to Whitehill. We fear we have seen the last of Mr. Donald whose health has continued to deteriorate.

Classics: Mr. Laird became Depute Rector of Bellshill Academy in February leaving Mr. Gibson alone to do battle with the barbarians.

Science: The traffic here has been remarkably one-way. Mr. Blackburn came in August and went in December. Miss Hetherington (Depute Headteacher) quietly moved on to become Principal Teacher of Biology in Woodside at the end of September. Mr. McArthur gave up the principalship of Biology for a more rewarding post in Further Education. Mr. Campbell (Assistant Headteacher) leaves us in June to become "Head of Senior School" at Bellshill. He is being followed by Mr. McQueen who is relinquishing the principalship of Chemistry for a similar post in Lanarkshire.

Art: Miss Ramage joined the department.

Technical: Mr. McCormick unexpectedly joined us in September, saving the First Year boys from "Cookery", but, just as unexpectedly, he left us at the end of March. His place was taken by Mr. D. Gardner who we understand escaped from "Adelphi" by tunnelling under the Clyde.

Music: Mr. Goldberg left to become Principal Teacher of Music at Girvan and was replaced by Miss L Lavansch. She is also departing in June.

Physical Education: Although Messrs Cessford and Barbour remain as yet indestructible, there will be a completely new set of ladies in the Upper Gym next session. Miss Rae is retiring from the principalship and Mrs. Gibb and Mrs. Paterson are also leaving.

In the Business Studies, Home Economics and Religious Education Departments and in Guidance, the staff remains unchanged.

To all those who have come and/or gone we extend our best wishes.

We end the staff news on an optimistic note and, as usual, report the sound of wedding bells. Miss L. Millar from the school office (now Mrs. McMillan) led the field in October, followed a few weeks later by Mr. Mundy and Miss Hetherington. What better way to dispose of a Depute? Then, in the spring, Miss Gibson of the Home Economics Dept. became Mrs. Henderson. Our congratulations to them all.

School Successes: These are rather limited in scope!

Bridgeton Burns Club Competition:
Both senior and junior choirs were 1st in the Shield contest.

Grace Johnstone was 2nd and Isobel Buntin 3rd equal in the Girls' Solo.

Iain Somerside and Alexander Paul were 1st equal in the Boys' Solo.

Martha White and Isobel Buntin were 1st equal in the duets and Catherine Walker and Anne Reynolds were 2nd.

Anne Swan — 2nd in Elocution.

Robert Park 1st, Linda Barr 2nd and Elizabeth McIvor 3rd in the Essay Competition.

Schools Football:

Despite the fact that we have no soccer teams this year we have two boys chosen to play for Glasgow in the under 16 Scottish Schools Championship — Peter Scobie $4.^{1}$ and Jim Melrose 2^{2}.

I. Young, A. Miller and A. Barr are settling in at Sighthill F.C.

Swimming:

I. McLeod 2^{1} won the Glasgow Schools Championship, under 14, backstroke competition.

F.P. News:

First, a word of thanks to all F.P's who have in so many ways helped to make this 100th Volume possible.

Successes:

Bruce Kerr graduated B.Sc. July, 1972. James McNaught graduated B.Sc. Maths (with 2nd class Honours) from Strathclyde University in July, 1972.

Our thanks to D. Palmer for his letter describing a pre-university year spent with International Voluntary Service. Our belated good wishes to Miss Reid on her retiral from J.C.E.

General:

The main building of the Onslow Drive Annexe is now closed awaiting demolition, and with it goes Mr. Yates who has been janitor there for 10 years. We wish him well in his new post at Kings Park Primary School.

We would hope to see some activity on the new school next session.

OBITUARY:

We are saddened to report the deaths of these Whitehillians:

Mr. Malcolm McLean, former Principal Teacher of Commerce — November, 1972.

Mrs. J. Walker, wife of the former Headmaster, after a long illness — February, 1973.

Mr. John Wilson, Headmaster of Eastbank Academy and former Depute Headmaster of Whitehill — suddenly in April, 1973.

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Mr. Tod leaves us with the assurance that his work in education has made a very positive contribution to society and with the sure knowledge that there are many who have cause to be grateful for his very special gifts. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Miss M. Rae

Miss Rae, who has been Principal Teacher of P.E. in Whitehill since 1966, has announced that she is retiring this year. After her service in Hamilton Crescent, St. Gerards, Hyndland and Kenning Park Secondary, she came to Whitehill before the school became a Comprehensive. She has worked loyally for the good of the school at all times, and organised many enjoyable Swimming Galas. We wish her good luck and happiness for her retirement.

Mrs. Paterson

Mrs. Paterson, our general part-time P.E. assistant has decided to retire after almost yielding many a year to the temptations of a pleasanter life at home where she can enjoy a more leisurely, cultured existence. While we deeply regret the step she is taking, we must confess to some sympathy with, even envy of, her point of view. Our special thanks are owed her for her willingness to help in times of staff shortage and illness. We wish her every happiness in her home life, but assure her there will be a place for her, should she ever change her mind.

Visitors to Whitehill

The school is indebted to the many people who have come into school this year to address the pupils of third year. Mr. Denvy and Mr. McDonald have helped the children to decide what to do when they leave school. Sister Ross has shown films and answered questions. These people have come week after week, others have come occasionally. To all our sincere thanks.

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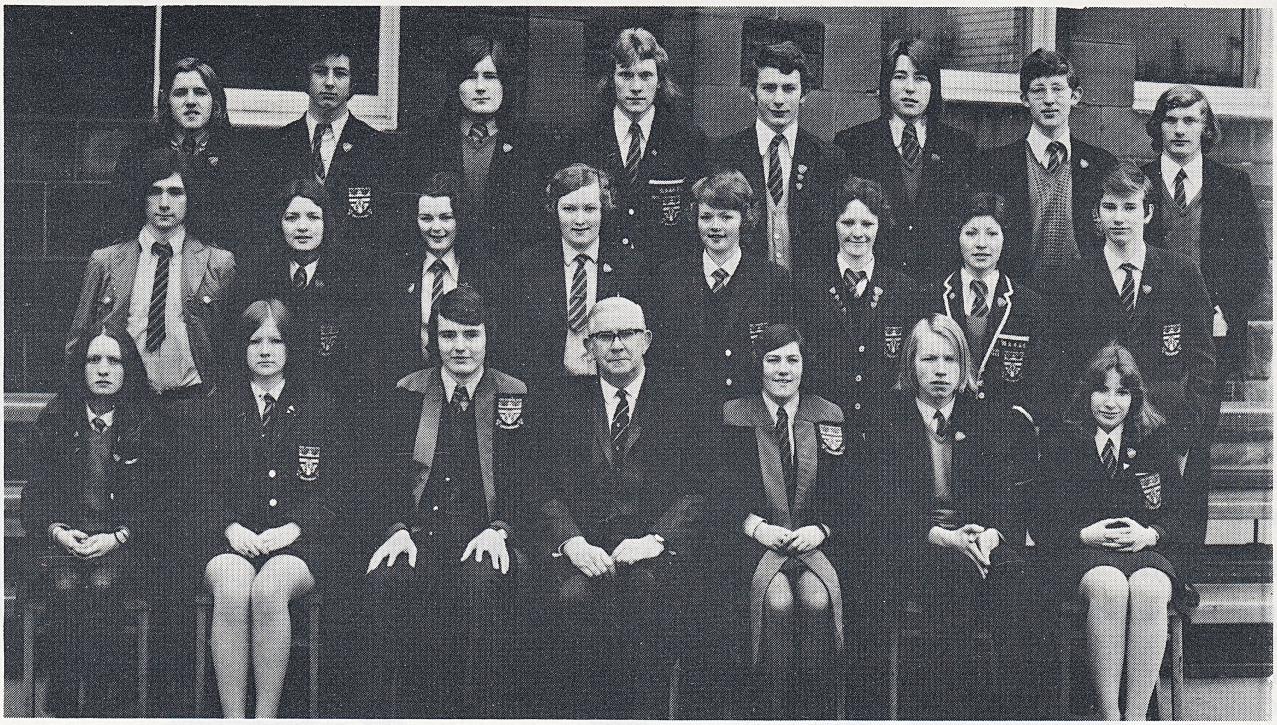

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The Scripture Union meets on a Tuesday at 4.00 p.m. in Room 91. We had a good start at the beginning of the session, with many members of the junior school attending our meetings. Some nights Speakers come along including people from W.E.C. and former pupils; we have Bible studies and films. We also go for residential week-ends to Montrose. Ask any member of the S.U. and they'll be able to tell you how much they enjoy them!

We would like to thank Mrs. Henderson for the time that she spends on S.U.

Pupils from first year to sixth year (and Staff!) are invited to come along and join us. You will all be welcome!

G.J. V^2

Foresthall Hospital

The Scripture Union have adopted Ward K, a female ward, in the hospital. We go up sometimes after S.U. and take the Old Folks fruit and magazines. The people in this ward, and any other, always welcome anyone to talk to, so if you care about people and want to cheer up the lives of these people, come along and talk to them. They really appreciate it.

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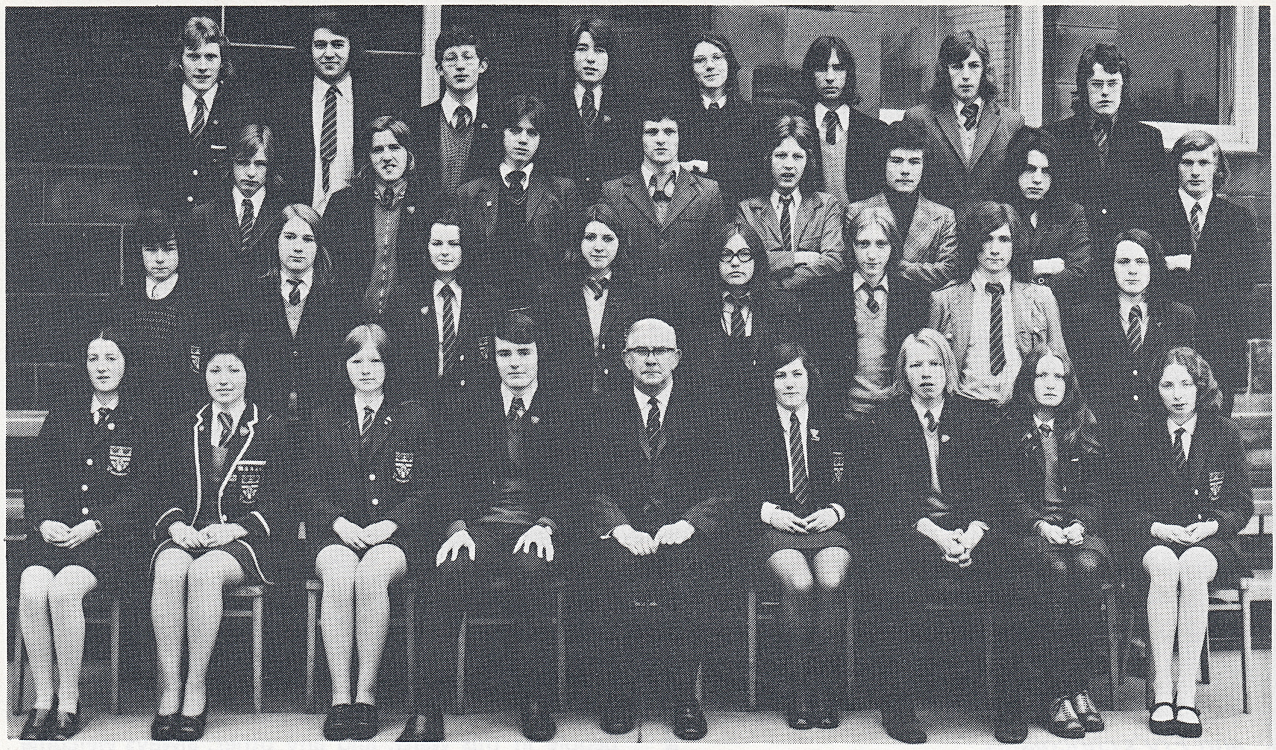

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Badminton Club

This year the Badminton Club has been unable to have a team in the Mixed-Doubles, Men's Doubles, and Ladies' Doubles Leagues, because of shortage of players, especially girls. A game, however, was arranged against Smithycroft Secondary, and was much enjoyed. The less said about the score the better.

This year we again hope to have a couple of representatives in the Glasgow Schools Championships.

Robert Baird 6[1]
Captain

Bridge Club

This year the Bridge Club was revived once again. The Club started with twelve enthusiastic pupils, eager to learn the game under the tuition of Mr. Gillespie.

Unfortunately, as S.C.E. exam — time approached, the attendance dropped to a loyal few, who have gained a very adequate understanding of the game.

I hope next year's fifth and sixth forms will continue to support the club in memory of the blind loyalty of 72-73 devotees.

A. Williamson (President)

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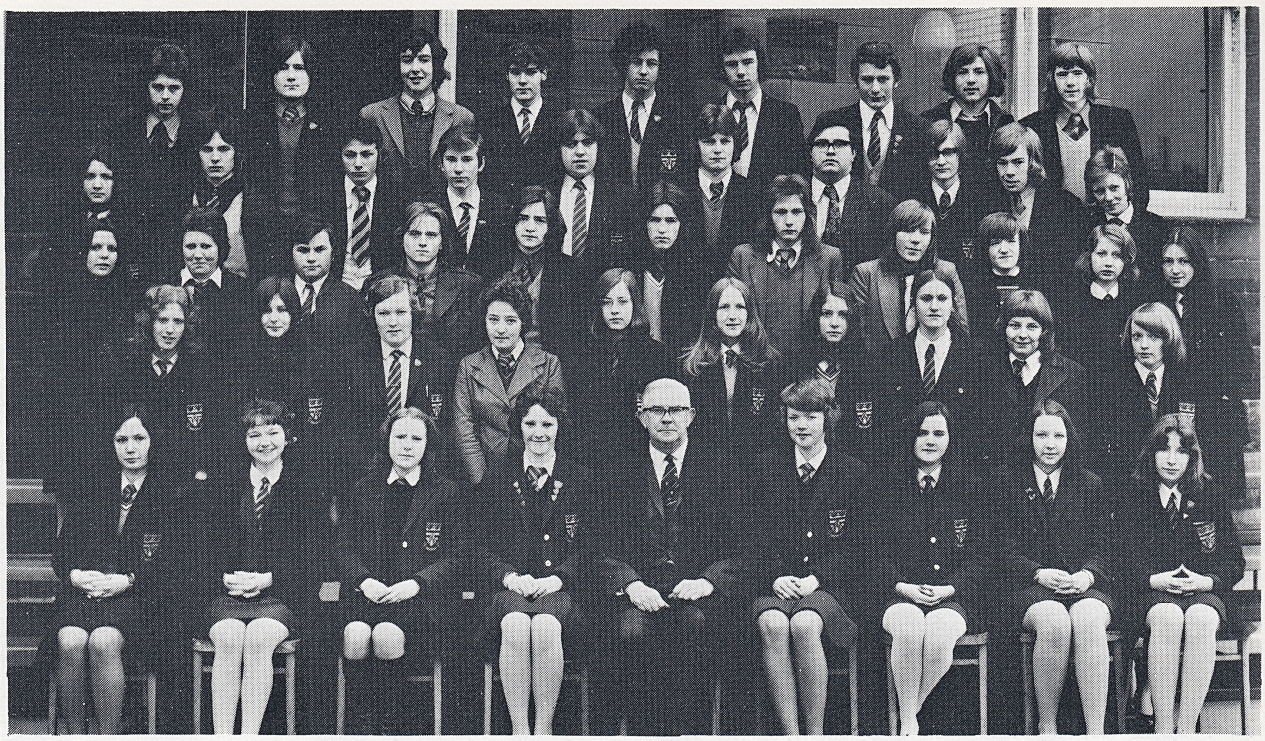

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First and second year pupils would like to thank Miss MacNab, Mr. Gowans and the prefects for a lively hour on occasional Fridays. Maybe not a highly "educational", activity, the fun gave us a chance to get to know other pupils, and cheered us up.

We also managed to make a few pennies from the sale of crisps and lemonade. This, subsidised by Miss T, went towards a good cause. For details see Miss McD.

Marks for full attendance go to R. Baird, Prefect, who came every time to organise the hour, and subdue the mob. Could we have it every Friday next year, please?

the "juniors"

The First Year Literary and Debating Society i.e. "The Yakkers"

Our year has had its "ups and downs", but generally it was successful. Over the months our attendance figures increased, declining at the end of term.

The programme was filled by debates, discussions, lectures and play-reading. Our debates were often quite heated and funny. The short lectures, which we gave ourselves, were interesting and varied. They were about lapidary work, the rise and fall of empires, the Russian Revolution, astrology, and the thalidomide problem.

We would like to thank the staff very sincerely for their interest, premises, and time that vital hour at four o'clock every second Friday.

A. Paul I.3

The Pelican Crossing

The Pelican Crossing is quite new.
And it's for the use of me and you.
You press the button on the box that says wait.
And stand there, as if it was a gate.
Here you know that you'll be seen.
Cross safely, the red man's turned to green.

Brian Scott 1^3

Sweets!

"No!" mother says. "Sweets are no good
They're a tooth-decaying food."
I wish that this fact a lie could be
As I much prefer sweets to — boiled fish,
scrambled eggs, hot milk or tea!

The dentist seems to agree with my Mum
About these sweets that go into my tum!
Surely, the Grown Ups with all their talk
Must at one time have loved — ice cream,
chocolate, lolipops, candy floss and rock.

As a companion my dad has his wife
To keep him content for the rest of his life
But me, what do I love as special treats?
I'm sure you've guessed! Of course,
my wicked, wicked sweets.

Agnes Wilson 1^1

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F.P.NEWS

The Six-One Club

Whitehill demands a ludicrous, sentimental attachment, a sort of inverted snobbery, which in later life finds me arrogantly proclaiming the values of an East End education to a Cambridge graduate who is regretting wasting his years at an all-boys boarding school. I can think of no better argument for co-education than my own experience at Whitehill!

To perpetuate some of the myths which surround the good name of Whitehill, a dinner club was formed seven years ago. It took as its name Six-One and consisted of all the members of that form class in 1965-66.

We had little right to take that name for ourselves since we excluded members of that form class in the future, even though some of our members threatened to spend their adult lives entrenched in the class. Neither did we allow women within our ranks, the agreed reason being that they weren't members of Six-One but of Six-Two.

Germaine Greer would never have let us off with it but the germane girls of Six-Two seemed glad to be rid off us. We have as yet had to repulse no attacks on this fortress of male domination.

The club meet once a year, always the last Saturday in February, in a hotel in the greater Glasgow area. Because of our reputation we find it necessary not to have a fixed station. I suppose the club will last as long as a hotel in the catchment area hasn't heard of us.

Contrary to opinion, there is nothing sinister or cladestine about our operations. Our elected head is James Macaulay, a former history teacher at the school and a battle-hardened veteran who was given charge of the embryonic Six-One when we were Four-One.

In fact, what the Establishment regard as sinister is the way Whitehill is infiltrating the power set-up in Britain. From this mass of lumpen proleteriat have evolved men and women who hold positions of authority.

Within Six-One alone we have a hold on religion, law, science, money (admittedly tenuous) and the media. Whitehill has acquired a reputation in recent years for discovering journalists.

Apart from Jack House who is of another generation, recent years have thrown up (there is no better expression) Jim Blair of the Evening Times, Rusty Steele of the Scottish Daily Express, and Crawford Gillan, soon to be of that paper, Alistair McLeod of Scotsport and your narrator D. Ross who works for The Scotsman.

All of us were singularly unspectacular at English at school level. We argue the fault lies either with the system or the individual teacher. (Pause — an astounded English department mutter about how low the Press has sunk these days.)

Whitehill was quick to make a lasting impression on me. It happened that on the first day of my first term Sinclair Ferguson rescued me from an uneven altercation with the angular Martin Chambers, your narrator being so small that he was quickly labelled "Giant".

Both are members now of Six-One, Sinclair being a minister and Martin attached to a legal firm. His firm must for reasons of libel remain unknown but whose names are parodied as Delay, Worry and Expense. The moral which I was quick to realise was that divine law is more powerful than secular justice and that in the end lawyers must answer to God also.

Sinclair has the capacity to become Whitehill's first Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (Assembly Committee '93 take note!)

Lasting impressions were easily formed in school days as many of the members of Six-One quickly found. A certain geography teacher kept what was euphemistically known as a "late" book. The names therein — and they included Andy Jamieson, a former captain of the Scottish Universities football team who works now in Wales, Ronnie Brown, engaged in work at Dounreay, and your narrator — were a guide to how corporal punishment was meted out.

Three "cautions" brought down the wrath of this giant of a man. He administered the belt with an almost surrealistic flair for terror. The tawse would emerge from a cardboard map-holder or from within the sleeve of his jacket and it stung with an acerbic bite.

Andy Jamieson survived the experience to become the only Six-One pupil member to take a doctorate, in

chemistry at Glasgow University. In fact, he beat our president, James Macaulay, to the honour by a few months. For Mr. Macaulay it was the culmination of seven years work which dragged from him 200,000 words in two volumes with 3000 footnotes.

Such is the comradeship of Six-One that members are prepared to travel from all points in Britain. At the most recent gathering were Willie McLeod from Cornwall, Albert Henderson and Andy Jamieson from Wales, and Ronnie Brown from Dounreay.

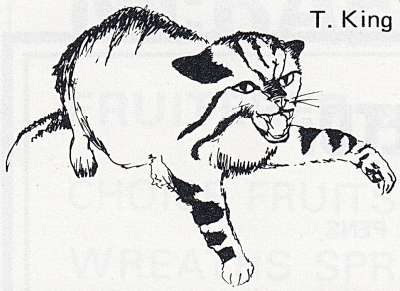
The numbers, which in the early days were 38, have settled to 25 or 26. Perhaps the most notable absentees are Hugh Tees, a former school captain now in Toronto, Jim Black who always attended while at Newcastle University but now that he is back home has deserted the cause, and Abe Acheson, The latter hasn't actually attended a dinner but is remembered fondly as going to trace Andrew Carnegie's footsteps in Fife. So far, we believe, he hasn't made his first million.

David Ross

A Frightened Cat

Up the tree quickly, quickly, little cat,
Before your enemy, the dog, gets you.
Crouched up the tree, having terrible thoughts!
I really don't envy you
Thoughts of a dog that can climb a tree,
What a terrible thought!
Or, worse, being eaten by a dog,
What a monstrous thing to think!

T. King 1^2



Eavesdropping

Its almost bell time,
Let's go.
The door's locked!
What genius has the key?
I've got it.
Open the door, twit.
Can't,
The key won't fit.
To the window!
Hey, you, boy, come round and open the door!
Get lost . . . .
I'll give you lines, boy.
Get lost . . . .
There's girls in the corridor,
Good!
Pass the key under the door . . . .
It won't open from outside.
Sob, I want my tea.
Sob, fancy spending the weekend in the annexe?
It's Sir Lancelot!
It's Roy Rogers!
My hero! Its Mr. Cambell on his way home.
(Goes to the Janny, gets a key,
Lets out
The Houdinis of the 6th year)
Still can't figure it out, though
That key does fit.
Never mind.
Thats what Education does for you,
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And perhaps we should lock them up more often.
It's true, too!

S.A.D.I.G. 6th Yr.

Mr. Winpenny:— "I always keep a picture of Miss Hill above the fire-place, because it scares the children away from the fire".

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Awards and Prizes

Unfortunately, no information is at present forthcoming about prizes and school colours.

Hockey

The hockey teams have done comparatively well this term and Saturday jobs haven't taken many away. Although the younger players didn't get many games, they have shown themselves keen replacements for the members who are learning and should have much success in the new season. All the games were enjoyable especially the last one against the former pupils even though we lost.

On behalf of the teams I would like to say thanks to Mrs. Gibb who arranged practices and meetings and without whose help the games would not have been possible.

Moira Christie 6^2

Mrs. Hannah:— When I was young I was so poor that instead of buying shoes I blackened my feet and laced my toes up.

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The Pirates of Penzance

At the end of the summer term last year the School produced a Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, "The Pirates of Penzance".

The months preceding the performance in June were given over to intensive practice, which every one found exhausting, but it had its hysterically funny moments, which compensated us.

I am pleased to say that this venture was a success. It could not have been so, if it had not been in the capable, guiding hands of the music staff, who put hours upon hours of their own time into this production. We thank you!

Also, I would like to thank Mr. Mundy and Mr. Tarbet who produced the opera, Mr. Parsonage for organising scenery and costumes and all who added to the eventual successful performance.

This year the School, with the help of the above-mentioned staff, are giving a performance of "The Mikado" another Gilbert and Sullivan opera, which, once again will take place in June. I hope it will be every bit as successful as last year's "Pirates of Penzance", giving satisfaction to the participants, and pleasure to those loyal supporters who regularly encourage school effort.

Sam Mikado VI

ORCHESTRA

Front Row: A. Bennie, K. Sim, L. Ferguson, I. Buntin, M. White, L. McCallum, E. Perry, L. Scott.

Second Row: W. Simpson, D. Porch, L. Rowley, K. McLaughlin, M. McIvor, W. Greenlees, G. Boyce, G. Hutchison, A. Crosbie.

Third Row: Miss Baird, B. Scott, L. Hamilton, L. Bruce, M. Stewart, R. Rizza, J. Bell, J. Purdie, I. Somerside T. King, A. Reynolds.

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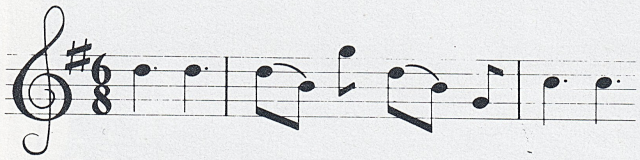
The Orchestra

The Orchestra continues to grow in number, particularly in the viola section, where we now have five young and enthusiastic players. Also in the cello section which was sadly depleted at the end of last year, due to the 5th and 6th year pupils leaving, and there were no replacements to follow on.

However Alec Crosbie 1^5 has joined the ranks, and Lynne McCallum and Alison Bennie of Primary 7 in Alexandra Parade are now able to contribute to this section. The woodwind section has now swelled considerably, with Graham Boyce 1^3 on flute and Karen McLaughlin of Primary 7 in Alexandra Parade. Jacqueline Purdie and Tom King of 1^2 on clarinet, Margaret Stewart 3^4 on oboe.

The Double Bass Section has found an avid supporter in Anne Reynolds of 2^4, which shows all in all, a thriving and growing group of young musicians.

Since moving into Whitehill, a new instrumental teaching room had to be found, and lessons now take place in "The Turret", in the Assembly Hall Complex.



O Dear where could that be, O dear etc. — — —

The route between Room 50 (who lives there?) and the Turret being known as the Musical Mile! The Orchestra now meets in the Assembly Hall for weekly rehearsals on a Friday at 4 p.m., and lots of gaiety and pleasure, as well as basic hard work is had at these sessions.

We are becoming a little more ambitious in our choice of material e.g. at present we are rehearsing Farandole by Bizet, which we hope to perform at Easter Service this year.

For the Christmas Service, apart from hymns, we were able to attempt Mozart's Sleigh Ride, in which the orchestra showed that they were a disciplined group, playing with artistry as well as accuracy — both essential qualities for an orchestra.

To Isobel Buntin, as leader of the Orchestra, we all say a big thank you for her loyalty at practices and her ability to help with timing! — a major operation where the "Whitehill Symphony Orchestra" is concerned.

Unfortunately, we are losing Ian Scott of 2^2, who has ably "abetted" Isobel throughout the year. He moves to Port Glasgow, and we are extremely sad at the prospect of his leaving, but know that what will be Whitehill's loss, orchestrally, will be Renfrewshire's gain. Good luck Ian, from all of us!

Two of our members from Golfhill Primary — Esther Perry, and Margaret McIvor took part in the solo violin class at the 12th Annual Glasgow Eastern Festival of Burns, and were awarded 1st and 2nd place respectively. Our congratulations to both members and to Helen Weldon, 4^2 who has been accepted along with Margaret McIvor for the Glasgow Schools' Third Orchestra.

The Players of the Orchestra put in a great deal of hard work throughout the year, in order to participate at certain school functions. To all participants my sincere thanks, and happy music making together.

TABLE TENNIS AND CHESS TEAMS

Front Row: G. Crawford, R. Taggart, B. Scott, D. Boyce, A. Young, D. McIntyre, R. Young.
Middle Row: I. Gilmour, J. Allison, G. Dewar, G. Keys, A. Williamson, I. Thom.
Back Row: J. Gray, R. Smith, I. Forrest, H. Naismith, B. Donaldson, G. Manson.

Chess Club

The teacher in charge of the Chess Club is Mr. D. Campbell. Junior and Intermediate sections meet Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch break. The members have been loyal and enthusiastic throughout the session. Both teams have been invited to other Glasgow schools, and offered hospitality in turn.

The most enjoyable games were at Airdrie where the teams won 4-2, and at Eastbank, with the score 3-3. They were defeated mercilessly by Glasgow High. The leagues are lost, but the club's own cup will be awarded to the Best Player of 1972-73 after the final match between Alex Young IV and Glen Manson IV.

R. Taggart 1.^{3}
W. Cameron 3IA1

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis Club this year resumed after much pressure from the Upper School. The problem of accommodation in particular seemed at one time to be insoluble. However, corridors are better than nothing.

Graham Keyes won, among other tournaments including Whitehill's, the Boys' Brigade Championships. The most notable success of the season was the school team's success against a "crack" B.B. team. Final results in the school's tournaments are: 1st G. Keyes; 2nd I. Forest; 3rd R. Smith; 4th I. Gilmour; 5th H.

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For us it is a valuable exercise. We soon appreciate that these severely handicapped people are quite clever, each in his or her own way. We go down in groups of six and learn to fit in where we can, helping perhaps in the cloakroom, or in the classroom with reading, counting, or on a project. Outside in the playground, as well as in summer outings, we join in and share their infectious enthusiasm and enjoyment of simple things.

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The toad

One day as I was walking
Along a country road,
I saw an old man talking
To an ugly squatting toad.

"Come here", the old man said.
" Look, you, at what I've found,
An old, brown, croaky toad
Sitting on the ground."

I stopped. He stretched his hand out,
The toad gave a giant hop.
The old man, he ran after it,
Telling it to stop.

But the toad, it just kept hopping on,
Till both were out of sight.
I wonder if they ever stopped,
Or just kept on till night.

Ruth Blackwell 2^1

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10 Whitehill pupils standing in a line
The "Headie" caught one smoking, and then there were nine.

9 Whitehill pupils coming through the gate,
Big Aggie tripped one up, and then there were eight.

8 Whitehill pupils to whom homework was given
One forgot to do the lot, and then there were seven.

7 Whitehill pupils out with hockey sticks,
One fell in a Craigend bog, and then there were six.

6 Whitehill pupils learning how to dive,
One missed the water, and then there were five.

5 Whitehill pupils on the classroom floor,
One felt 10 of the belt, and then there were four.

4 Whitehill pupils on a day trip to the sea,
One paddled out too far, and then there were three.

3 Whitehill pupils dying for the "loo",
One didn't reach in time, and then there were two.

2 Whitehill pupils were having a bit of fun,
Mr. Low didn't think it so, and then there was one.

1 Whitehill pupil, whose schooldays are done,
Says goodbye to the old schooltie, so now there are none.

C. Henderson 2^1

Beautiful Dreams

As I lie in my bed at night.
The stars are shining very bright
All cosy, warm and tucked-up tight.
And thats how girls should be at night.

I can hear my parents busy downstairs
Maybe they're arguing, but who cares?
Is a shadow standing on the floor?
I think its the ghost that haunts next door.

I can see the Osmonds smiling down
With their teeth so white and skin so brown
Donny stands out amongst the rest
And I know why I like him best.

There my other stars smile down too,
As if they are saying, "Goodnight to you".
I wonder, then, as my eyes shut tight,
Do dreams come true? . . . . maybe, goodnight.

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Doggers

I don't like maths, neither do you.
Meet me at the gate. I tell you what we'll do.

Bring a dentist card
C'mon, it isn't hard.
We'll dog a period or two.

The weather's good, the sun's goin'te shine
School's a drag in the summer time.
C'mon we'll skive
Out of this dive,
And dog a period or two.

It's too hot for work, don't go to school.
We'll go and 'relax', Yeah! somewhere that's cool.
Let's go to the park —
It's a good lark,
To dog a period or two.

Lie back with the tranny, doze in the sun.
Why go to school? It's much more fun
To risk the rap,
And chance the strap.
While doggin'a period or two.

Oh, find a cool cafe, sit there all day,
Some say we should work, but it's more fun to play.
What harm's
In forgetting exams,
And doggin' a period or two?

Z. Flynn

The First Year Dance
or
Slaughter of the Innocent

Stephen wore a crombie
Amego wore bovver boots.
I had on my tartan skirt
The 'gents' were wearing suits.

We started with "Gay Gordons",
Dancing sprightly, along the floor.
When it was done, we gave our thanks
And shouted out for more!

"Tattie" took Carol Newman
Debbie was picked by J. Tolan
Doigy asked Mairi Cameron
While Amego took Ann Nolan.

D. Hayes said to Susan Burley
"Och, I'm no use at this schmaltz".
This was true, for he lost his shoe
In the middle of the Waltz.

At last, at last, we stopped for food
Coca-Cola and a threepenny ice.
Then, "Give us a dance!" cried Gallacher
Gripping Toby's wee hand like a vice.

Eventually it came to an end
And out of the hall we pranced
I turned to Stephen and sadly said,
"Och, thats the end of the first year dance!"

J. Coats 1^1 S. Tarbet 1^1 J. Tolmie 1^1

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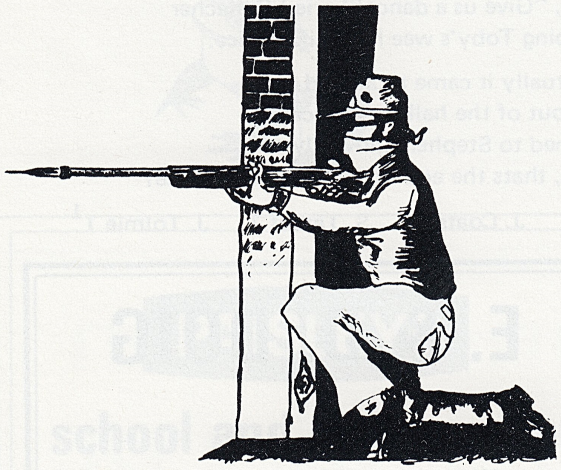
pulling out his gun
fires his single shot of death.
See the killer run.

Killer on the Ulster Streets,
who'll you kill today?
Killer on the Ulster Streets,
are you here to stay?

A.S. 6[1]



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Of the fire caused by a faulty fuse,
Of the Queen's Australian summer cruise,
And people's objections, ideas and views.

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Of the fields that were ruined by soil erosion,
Of the oil spreading into the Arctic Ocean,
And the stolen, deadly, poisonous potion.

It tells us all of the raided shop
The disabled children's sponsored hop,
The great idea that was a flop,
And a tale about a dirty mop.

They give us crosswords, quizes, games,
They tell us if it's going to rain,
These papers are us, its our world they contain,
That's why people buy them again and again!

C. McIvor 2[1]

Living

Why do we live?
Why do we die?
Why are we well?
Why are we ill?
Why do we love?
Why do we hate?

We hate because we're hurt,
We love because we must,
We're well because we're strong,
We're ill because we're weak,
We live because we're needed,
We die because we're dust.

Gillian Hutchison 1[2]

Lost Love

He walked away quickly and left me alone,
What use then was living, to me, on my own?
He said no "Goodbye", as his head turned away,
But only "Well maybe I'll see you one day".
And I think I'd take him back again
Though I might have met another by then —
If I have, he'll be like John.
Who was mine, although he's gone.
Did he care, did he spare a thought for me?
Yes, but, desperate, wanted to be free.
The long months together all gone to waste.

J. Shaw 3B2

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The Fish

In the gleam of the deep, green water
The fish all swam.
Suddenly there was strange, still silence.
Swim! Fish! Swim!
You'll be caught!
You have not seen the arrival of the Master
The Master of the Net, that takes so many away.
Quick! Fish! Quick!
Dart behind that rock.
Then a swirling, slowly settling.
The danger is past. Come out!
You have your freedom again.

T. King 1^2

Sic a Day

"Wha be ye sae gay
On sic a day,
When yer brither lies ill in bed?"

"The cat's havin' kittens
Wi' furry white mittens
Doon by the auld stack o' hay!"

I grieve fur ma brither
But sae glad fur the mither
An' the kittens a' covered wi' hay".

Dorothy Somerside 1^5

Business Studies Department

Visits to Dundas Vale have been popular with all pupils. We are fortunate to have such a well equipped centre — the latest addition being a Flexiwriter which we look forward to using on our next visit.

Junior School — Four girls Jeanette Wallace, Elizabeth Travers, Betty Haliday and Ann Henderson were selected to take part in a Work Experience course at Dundas Vale. The girls handled the normal work of an office junior for two days — typing, telephone, filing, punch card operating, mailing, franking machines, addressing machines, photocopying and duplicating. They returned full of enthusiasm — with glowing reports to prove that they had indeed 'experienced work'.

Senior School — Five of the senior boys Melvyn Ruddocks, James Gray, George Smith, Donald Connor and James Little were chosen to take part in a Business Studies Management Course to be held at Dundas Vale from 29th May to 22nd June. Since only 50 places were available for the whole of Glasgow the boys are to be congratulated on the standard they have achieved to justify their selection.

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Back Row: D. Burley, W. Gow, K. King, G. Campbell, H. Naismith, J. Forrest, D.M. Gregor.

Annual Report of the Whitehill Rugby Football Club

Under severe pressure from certain members of the Magazine Committee, we have been forced to submit this article. Well, you asked for it, and here it is —

So far our record is consistent with that of recent years:

Won 1 Drawn 0 Lost 11

Now for the excuses. This year, owing to inclement weather and our usual string of injuries e.g. twisted sweatband, jockstrap rash, and numerous other severely painful inflictions, we have been unable to play at full strength for most of the games. Lack of school support has also been a major factor in our downfall.

Our thanks go to Mr. J.A. Cessford for supplying the jerseys and sympathy and to Mr. W. McCormick, F.P., for his unflagging encouragement in victory and defeat(s)! Our only victory was a hard fought affair against Hamilton Academy at Craigend, when we won 30 pts to 4 pts. Our 3 top scorers of the season are:—

W. Gow
A. Williamson
H. Naismith

Our beloved leader, J. Crosbie, ably assisted by G. Ingram, also contributed greatly to our successful year. Our only hope now is that the team will rise triumphant from the ashes of the present 6th Form to fight again next year.

J. Gray VI[1]
J. Crosbie VI[1] (Capt.)
W. Gow VI[1]

[The Magazine Committee stagger back, astounded at the duplicity. We thought you illiterate brawn! Now it means an entire new lay out!]

Swimming Gala 1973

The Swimming Gala was to have been held at Whitevale Baths on Tuesday, 27th March. However, the entry, particularly from the girls, was poor and the Committee decided to swim off the Championship events at Dennistoun Baths. This was done and the results are as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS – SENIOR

50 yds. Free Style 1. A. Williamson 6^1; 2. M. Ruddocks 6^1.
50 yds. Breast Stroke 1. M. Ruddocks 6^1; 2. W. Gray 3^1.
50 yds. Back Crawl 1. M. Ruddocks 6^1; 2. W. Gray 3^1.
25 yds. Butterfly 1. A. Williamson 6^1; 2. M. Ruddocks 6^1.

Champion: M. Ruddocks 6^1. Runner-up A. Williamson 6^1.

BOYS – JUNIOR

50 yds. Free Style 1. I. McLeod 2^1; 2. A. McLenaghan 1^2.
50 yds. Breast Stroke 1. I. McLeod 2^1; 2. A. McLenaghan 1^2.
50 yds. Back Crawl 1. I. McLeod 2^1; 2. A. McLenaghan 1^2.

Champion: I. McLeod 2^1. Runner-up A. McLenaghan 1^2.

GIRLS – SENIOR

50 yds. Free Style Carol Cameron 4^2; 2. Chris Cameron 4^2.
50 yds. Breast Stroke 1. Chris Cameron 4^2; 2. Anne Stevenson 5^2.
50 yds. Back Crawl 1. Carol Cameron 4^2; 2. Chris Cameron 4^2.

Champions: Carol Cameron 4^2.
Chris Cameron 4^2.

GIRLS – JUNIOR

50 yds. Free Style 1. Janice McGregor 2^2; 2. Janice Calvert 2^4.
50 yds. Breast Stroke 1. Janice McGregor 2^2; 2. Janice Calvert 2^4.

50 yds. Back Crawl 1. Janice McGregor 2^2; 2. Janice Calvert 2^4.

Champion: Janice McGregor 2^2. Runner-up Janice Calvert 2^4.

J. McLeod 2^1 was 1st in the Junior Back Crawl at the Glasgow Schools Championships, winning in a new record time for this event.

School Sports 1972

The Annual Sports, planned to take place at Craigend on Wednesday, 7th June, had to be transferred to the School field because of weather conditions.

Some events could not be undertaken and we just managed to finish the Championship events before the drenching rain again beat us.

The trophies were presented by Mrs. Barr, wife of the School Chaplain.

BOYS

Senior: 100 m. R. Baird 5^1; 200 m. R. Baird 5^1, 400 m. R. Baird 5^1; 800 m. R. Rae 5^1; 1500 m. G. Keys 4^3; High Jump R. Baird 5^1; Long Jump R. Baird 5^1; Hop, Step & Jump R. Baird 5^1; Shot Putt R. Baird 5^1; Discus J. Crossan 6^1; Javelin R. Baird 5^1.

Champion: R. Baird 5^1. Runner-up R. Rae 5^1.

Intermediate: 100 m. D. Sinclair 3^5; 200 m. P. Scobbie 3^1; 400 m. D. Sinclair 3^5; 800 m. J. Bell 2^3; 1500 m. P. Scobbie 2^1; High Jump J. Forrest 4^1; Long Jump D. Sinclair 3^5; Hop, Step & Jump D. Sinclair 3^5; Shot Putt M. Summers 3^3; Discus J. Forrest 4^1; Javelin D. Sinclair 3^5.

Champion: D. Sinclair 3^5. Runner-up P. Scobbie 3^1.

Junior: 100 m. J. MacLean 2^5; 200 m. J. MacLean 2^5; 400 m. J. MacLean 2^5; 800 m. D. Cowan 2^3; 1500 m. D. Cowan 2^3; High Jump J. Warnock 2^3; Long Jump J. MacLean 2^5; Hop, Step & Jump D. Cowan 2^3; Shot Putt J. Warnock 2^3; Javelin J. Foreman 2^7.

Champion: J. MacLean 2^5. Runner-up D. Cowan 2^3.

GIRLS

Senior: 100 m. H. Girdwood 4^2; 200 m. H. Girdwood 4^2; High Jump A. Stevenson 4^4; Long Jump H. Girdwood 4^2; Hop, Step & Jump H. Girdwood 4^2; Discus H. Harvey 4^2; Javelin J. Walker 4^4.

Champion: H. Girdwood 4^2. Runner-up L. Walker 4^4.

Intermediate: 100 m. P. Goodwin 3^2; 200 m. P. Goodwin 3^2; High Jump L. Thomson 3^{cc}; Long Jump F. Dickson 3^2; Hop, Step & Jump P. Goodwin 3^2; Discus P. Goodwin 3^2; Javelin P. Goodwin 3^2.

Champion: P. Goodwin 3^2. Runner-up L. Thomson 3^{cc}.

Junior: 100 m. M. Lawrie 1^1; 200 m. M. Lawrie 1^1; High Jump R. Lang 1^3; Long Jump J. Calvert 1^4; Hop, Step & Jump J. Calvert 1^4; Ball Throw A. McKee 1^1

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Such a spirit of indomitable courage, cheerfulness and determination was displayed by the young walkers that members of staff and of I.U.S. were carried almost literally over the full 21 miles. If I had not been one of the walking supervisors I would not have believed it. Our thanks go to the Whitehill Office Staff, to all who walked and patrolled in cars, acted as checkpoints and organised the food required to sustain the participants. The final total is expected to be over £150. We wish all as happy a summer holiday as they have made possible for the children of Belfast. A final word of thanks is due to those parents and sponsors who made the venture possible in the first place.

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A.F.S., I.S.B., 6^2.

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