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SMART, written, typed, duplicated, and sold by St. Michael's pupils, is BACK.

WANTED: News, reports, articles, stories, crosswords, etc.

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL-CAPTAIN (Joseph Olancy)

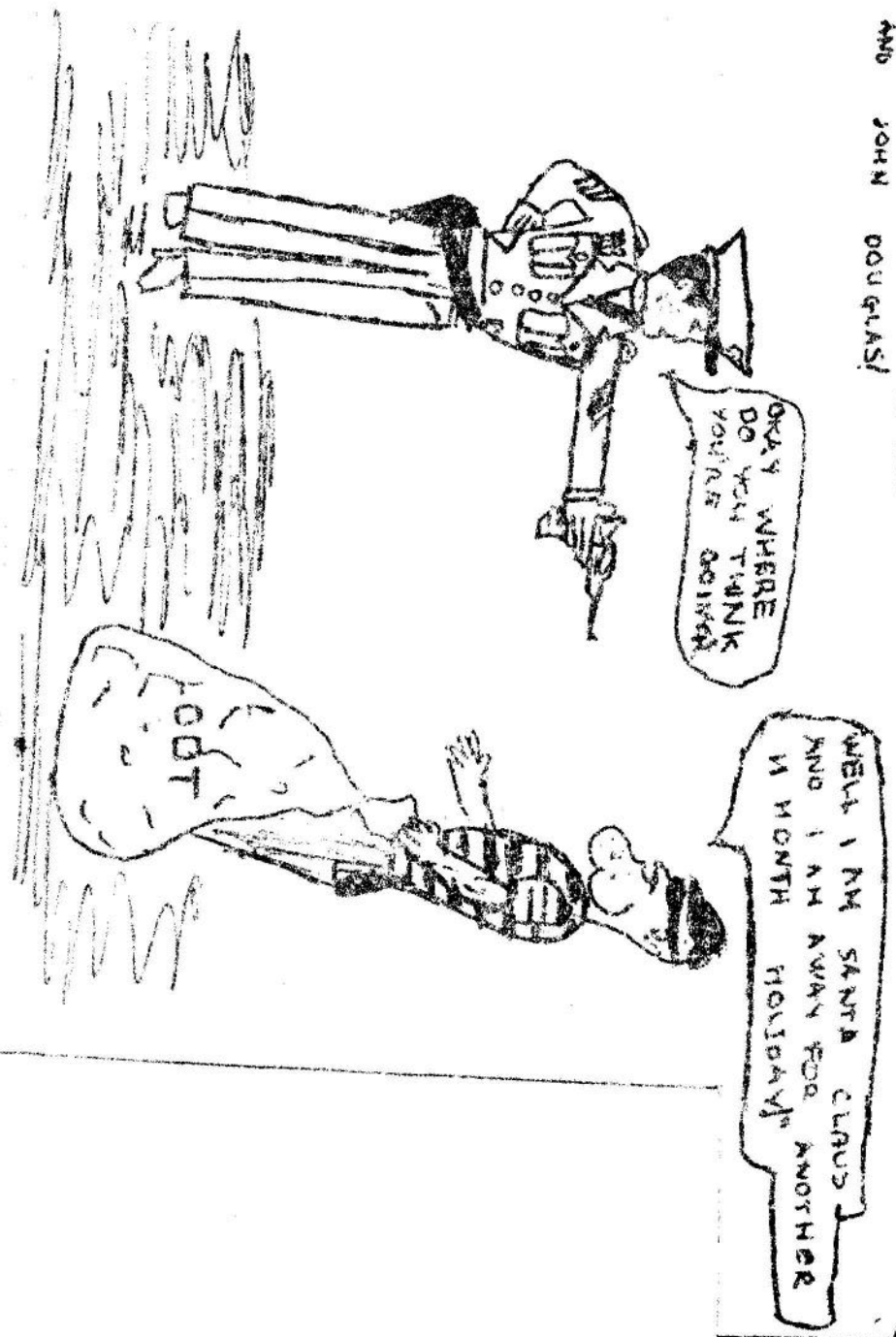
I am very pleased to see the return of our school newspaper, "S.M.A.R.T." It is ten months since the last issue (24th March) and most pupils have been eagerly looking forward to it's return.

A great deal of work goes into the production of S.M.A.R.T. and all pupils will, I am sure, join me in wishing Mr. Dickson and those involved in the publishing of S.M.A.R.T. every success with future editions.

I hope all first year boys and girls have settled in and are enjoying their term at St. Michael's and I wish all pupils especially those of 4th, 5th, and 6th year, success in their examinations.

Page 4 Crossword: All entries received by Thursday at 4.00 p.m. will be considered for the valuable SMART prize. Ask for a replacement copy of SMART when you hand in your answer. Results will be in the next issue, to be published on February 9th.

DRAWN BY DENIS O'CONNELL
AND JOHN DOUGLAS



Our Winton Rovers Star (by Illyr. SMART Reporters)

Mr. McIlroy came to St. Mick's from Ardrossan Academy which he thought was too big. He says this is a small homely school with about only 800.

He was educated in St. Mick's 5yrs. ago and so he knows most of the teachers. From here he went on to Jordan Hill College to be educated to be a P.E. teacher. He wanted to become a professional footballer. He played for Bolton, Blackpool, Hamilton Academical and had a month at Manchester Utd. when George Best was there. He decided to become a P.E. teacher because he likes to be associated with sport and he also likes to teach pupils.

He wants to go out to America in the summer to coach 18 year old's at football. Then later on he'd like to coach at professional level or even manage a team.

P.E. facilities, according to him, are rubbish. He thinks we should have a games hall so we can take part in sports which normally we can only do outside, e.g. archery. This would also be beneficial to after-school sports. He is very impressed with the cross country times. He thinks we have a good chance in the championships coming up soon.

His hobbies are females, but seriously, he likes football, badminton, swimming and most sports. He won the 2nd highest award for life-saving. He plays for Winton Rovers as a striker, but he'd like to see them winning more games.

Mr. McIlroy is MARRIED and lives in Stevenston with his wife and young daughter, Fiona, aged two.

FIRST YEAR

Watch out for the Margaret & newspaper for all the first years - coming out soon!

Lots of things have happened at St. Michael's over the last six months, but SMART has been keeping the news to itself! One of our reporters was on the October trip to Rome, the furthest-away place pupils have visited this session. Here's the full story:-

When in Rome

In October last an outing to Rome was organised through the school. The party consisted of twenty-six pupils, some from each year except first, and seven teachers. They left Glasgow Airport at about 11a.m. on Monday 20th and arrived in Rome late afternoon. All was well so far! Except for the fact that our courier was half an hour late in meeting us.

On our way to the Hotel Fleury, Connie (our courier) explained that our party would have to split into two groups for sleeping arrangements due to overbooking. Mr. Kavanagh decided against this obscure arrangement and we slept in another hotel.

The next day, Tuesday, after a breakfast of coffee (or tea) and rolls, we met the coach and for the remainder of the day we toured Rome. We saw the Colosseum, the Vittorio Emanuele Monument and many more famous sites.

Just outside the Colosseum there were many horse-pulled carriages with, in most cases, their owners sleeping in them. Sr. Pauline and two girls posed in one for a picture but unfortunately the price of hire was prohibitive.

On Tuesday evening the party returned to the Hotel Fleury for a meal but it was still unsuitable so we proceeded to a pensione called the Pensione Philadelphia.

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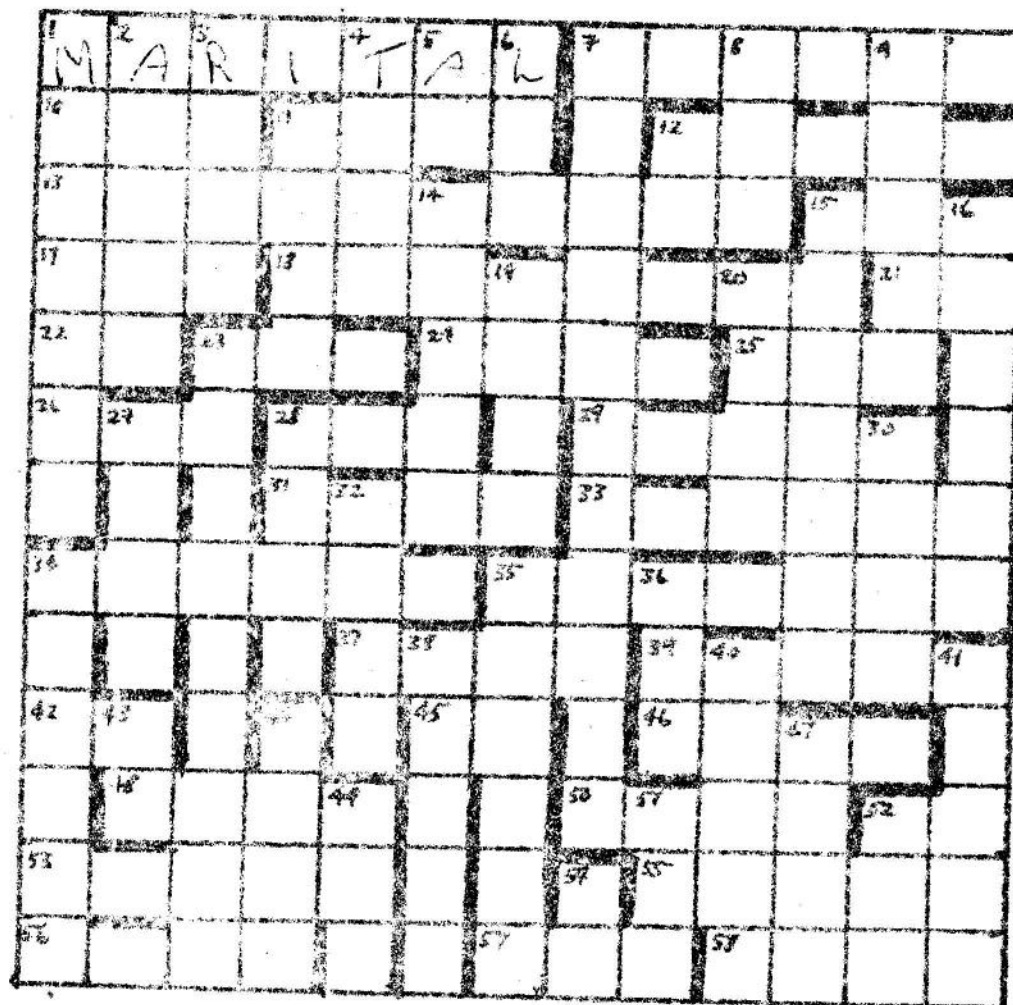
Across

- 1 Concerning marriage
- 7 A small room
- 10 A unit and integral
- 11 A first shallow vessel
- 13 Shady of a rigors
- 15 A scapally
- 17 A small child
- 18 Way-in
- 21 North Riding
- 22 Royal Navy
- 23 A small insect
- 24 A definite amount of work
- 25 Lowest common denominator
- 26 A public lodging house
- 28 A long straight rod
- 29 Single implements
- 31 To teach an animal
- 33 Tricksters
- 12 A gripping pain
- 34 Glimmer (anagram)
- 35 A variation
- 37 A notice
- 39 To amount with oil
- 42 At home
- 45 Centilitre
- 46 The instrument by which a vessel is steered
- 48 To wet thoroughly
- 50 I'll will at the expense of others
- 52 Volunteer Battalion
- 53 To remain undisturbed
- 55 Unhappy
- 56 A flower
- 57 Overwhelming grief
- 58 The back

Down

- 1 An overture of the nose
- 2 Collision
- 3 A hide with hair on
- 4 The compound of metals
- 5 Automobile Assoc.
- 6 Old fashioned detergent
- 7 A great misfortune
- 8 A precious metal
- 9 To remove faults
- 11 Soon after
- 12 Count
- 14 To give forth audibly
- 16 Oily
- 19 A garden tool
- 20 A kind of sabot
- 23 Unusual
- 27 A class
- 28 Plastic earth
- 15 To shut up from society
- 30 To shut up securely
- 32 Repulsive
- 34 To spend time idly
- 35 Containing an empty space
- 36 A part of the scale
- 38 A vast body of water
- 40 On no occasion
- 41 Smouldering remnant of fire
- 43 National Society
- 44 To ford on foot
- 47 A stringed musical instrument
- 49 A small barrel
- 51 Horn
- 52 By way of
- 54 In a direction towards

Fill in your name and class, and hand in to Room 26.
Hand in this page only.



NAME

CLASS

Compiled by R. McD.

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Wednesday brought shopping time and in the afternoon a Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square. The Pope's English was not so easy to understand. His message had something to do with communism.

In the course of the week the party divided into groups so some people saw sights that others did not.

One day Mr. Kavanagh decided to go swimming in the Olympic Pool. Arrangements were made for the non-swimmers to go accompanied by other members of staff to another place of interest.

Mr. Kavanagh took some of the group to the enormous bus terminal and made inquiries into which bus route we should take. Just to make sure, Mr. Kavanagh asked another passenger who told him in a flourish of Italian that this bus didn't go anywhere near the long-dreamed-of Olympic Pool. We looked at the tourist's map and found a swimming pool in E.U.R. (new Rome).

Thinking we were doing fine we took the sub-way to the end of the line only to discover that, although we were perspiring, this was WINTER and the open-air swimming pool was closed. SO MUCH FOR SWIMMING! But we did see the E.U.R.

While we were there we celebrated Sr. Pauline's birthday with a liquor cake.

Another day we went to the Basilica of St. Paul of the Cross which is the headquarters of the Cross and Passion Order. An American priest took us around and told us the history of the church after we had mass in the same part as the relics of Saint Paul.

When we were in Rome we found generally that ordinary things were expensive although onyx and other luxuries were cheaper than they would be if you bought them here.

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There are many more tales to tell, too many to remember, but one interesting story is that of the 'haggling' we did. If you asked the price of an object then you were expected to argue it. One member of the party was particularly good at this, so much so that she helped everybody else in their shopping and Yvonne had to rush at the last minute for her own!

This trip was a wonderful experience and everyone enjoyed themselves. The whole tour can be summarized in three words
A GREAT SUCCESS!

By Margaret A. Gilligan

The Estimates (by Flavia, Cornelia, and Aunelia)

To-day has seen the worst of the prelims by.. (Do I hear sighs of relief?) All over the school rash promises are being made of studying every night, from now till the actual 'O' grades or highers. Next week these will be forgotten and we will go back to our normal ways of hanging around the streets and lounging about friends' houses listening to the latest records.

We were very disappointed in the last few days of the exams that the toe tappers weren't at work (what happened to your shoe leather, or in most cases your shoe plastic?).

On the Academic side we find we have brilliant mathematicians who can find sine cos and tan etc. without the aid of a log book and the lucky people to whom French irregular verbs suddenly appear in front of their eyes. Not forgetting the poor Latin people (note I didn't say students).

For all you socks who have passed, congratulations; and to all of you like us, better luck next time.

Day 8: The last place which we had to visit was Chester, where we walked along the line of the medieval walls and then went on to see an amphitheatre, which was vast in size and had originally been constructed in wood but was later rebuilt in stone. All good things must come to an end and this is where our tour ended - the next stop was Scotland.

What Fourth Year are Reading (school library)

"The Catcher in the Rye" by D. J. Salinger

H Holden Caulfield, an American, who at 16 was to be kicked out of High school again. He saw no reason why he should pass exams and in fact he disliked most things about the kind of life he led. He ran away from school and rented a room in a grubby hotel in his home town. This is the story of the people he meets and his feelings before he finally decides what to do with his life. Amongst other things he gets drunk, gets beaten up and tries to find out what happens to the ducks in the park when the lake freezes up.

1984

The Thistle and the Rose
The Marriage of Barry Wicklow
Colour Blind
The Lost Girl

G. Orwell
J. Plaidy
R. M. Ayres
Catherine Cookson
D. H. Lawrence

(In the next issue: What the First Year are reading)

Report on Friendly Match between St. Michael's and St. Andrew's (Under 18's)

In bitterly cold conditions, St. Michael's gave a fair account of themselves in beating St. Andrew's 2 goals to 1. It was a hard match with both teams evenly balanced up until a minute from half-time when Edge dropped a simple shot from St. Andrew's to allow them a 1-0 lead at the interval. However a brave fightback by St. Michael's saw Hume equalise with a fine header from a Jack free-kick. With ten minutes to go Donald scored the winner from a pass from Walsh.

This was a good workmanlike performance from St. Michael's with Harte and Gallagher a bit above the rest.

N.B. St. Michael's are former Ayrshire Champions of the Cup (cont. on page 6)

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9th Feb., 1976

LUCKY NUMBER ISSUE

Each copy has a lucky number. Keep your copy safely. Lucky numbers will be put up on the main notice-board late on Monday afternoon and will stay up for two days. Those with lucky numbers must claim them by Wednesday afternoon.

Last Month's Issue

SMART apologises for the poor printing of the issue a fortnight ago. This was because of last minute production problems - our printing press had not been used for some months. The crossword was a little more difficult than usual, and only twenty correct answers were received: Kieran Griffin (II) was drawn to win the 40p prize, and Jim Pillans (IV) won the 20p prize. The ten wrong answers contained misspellings of "anonymous" and a few words where entrants had checked a word in one direction, but not in the other.

Wanted

Reports of school sports matches. On page 4 you can read about 1st year football. SMART needs unbiased reports from other teams. If its a fair report, it will be printed.

YOUR
LUCKY

NUMBER :

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Roman England Expedition 1975

Last week we reported the school trip which went furthest away in 1975. This week Bernadette McLaughlin reports on the second longest school trip: the 8-day tour by 10 senior pupils (with Mr & Mrs Dickson) round England by school mini-bus.

Day 1: After the first long stage of our journey, and several ice-cream calls our education in Roman ruins began. What we saw can only be described as humps and to us they didn't look very Roman but they were in fact a means of defence. Back on the road again and off to Bowes Museum where we saw the "Romans in the North Exhibition", which was very interesting. To end our first day we received a lecture on Roman York from a member of the York archaeological trust.

Day 2: We started the day off by visiting the Castle Museum where we were given an idea of what streets and shops looked like during the Edwardian and Victorian eras. Our next two visits were to "digs" which the York Archaeological Trust are carrying out. However, without a doubt the highlight of the day was our visit to the Minster, whose breathtaking beauty and view from the top captivated us all.

Day 3: The day that never was! Technical hitches have a habit of occurring unexpectedly and that is exactly what happened to us. The mini-bus (that ultra-reliable old banger) broke down. Therefore our sight-seeing plans were limited - what a pity!

Day 4: Heading south we eventually reached London, where we visited the British Museum. Here we were given a lecture from a very knowledgeable young lady, on their staff, about various Roman articles e.g. mosaics and a beautiful silver collection. In the afternoon we took the tube to the suburbs of London where we examined more Roman walls and saw the remains of the temple of Mithras.

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Letter to Computer at Jordanhill College

Dear Computer,

This is a letter to enlighten you as to the fact that we object strongly to your methods of standardising exam results. Many members of our year have had marks reduced greatly and others have had marks more than tripled. All the people with high marks have had their marks reduced greatly whereas those who have low marks now have higher marks than those who had higher marks than then to begin with. (Are you still with us?). We think it is very unfair that people who study each night are not allowed to keep the high marks that they achieve, and people who don't even sit exams are achieving as much as 44%. We would be very grateful if you would show some consideration for poor exam candidates like us, or self destruct!

Several Disgusted Thirdyears

Reply

Dear Disgusting Third Years,

Vee haf giffen you goot marks - 7950%!* - you vill all now plees remoof your shoos and udder thinks - 8!3?*- und kom to mein showers - Deutschland uber - exterminate! exterminate! - staindardise! stainerdisi! standerdise....

The Computer

Seriously though, third years, some of the points you make are valid. Some are not - no standardisation procedure will change an order of merit for example. That absentees were awarded the average mark of the class was surprising, but something which can be rectified both now and on later occasions.

The raising or lowering of marks as a result of standardisation is inevitable - that is the whole point of the procedure. Large changes in the original marks indicate that the original distribution of marks has been well away from the "normal" distribution it should have been.

D. B. Dorriam

School Council Report

John Donald is the pupil representative for St. Michael's on the school council for this year. The Council has had several monthly meetings so far, and John has written this report for SMART on progress to date:-

The concept of schools councils was built into the Local Government of Scotland Act of 1973 in an effort to involve those mostly concerned with education i.e. teachers, parents, priests and most essential us, the pupils. Strathclyde Regional Council has approved a list of precise functions in which the S.C. should involve itself. The undertaking of these functions was best employed by us breaking up into two committees to consider certain functions in detail. There are still some functions which we keep for discussion only with the full council present. One of the most pleasing decisions we had to make was the acceptance of Fr. Moore onto the council as the representative of the Catholic Church.

Although No. 2. committee has most functions to deal with, No.1 committee, has arguably the most important function on it, that of attendance. Owing to the fine work of No.1 committee, attendances of less than 50% will be enough to get you up before the committee for what punishment your case deserves. I'm on No.2 committee which is as important as No.1 committee and more than equals it with the amount of work the members put into it. We deal with a wider variety of functions than No.1 committee ranging from letting of schools and playingfields to school and community links. On No.1 committee we also deal with School Crossing Patrols and Accident Prevention which has improved greatly with the help of the committee.

That is just a very brief summary of what a School Council consists of. We are still forming and many grey areas still exist but these will be cleared in time and the Schools Council will be able to expand further.

First Year Victory (by Neil McDonald and Paul O'Neill)

On Saturday morning the First Year team fought to win their first game of the season. The start was delayed (about 45mins) because the Greenwood manager had to go and get some players to make up the numbers. When we eventually started we had a strong wind in our favour but all against the run of play; Greenwood scored first. After a lot of pressure we finally equalised with a goal from Robert Gibson. We had a few near misses when a hard shot hit the crossbar and a few crept by the post. At half-time there were two substitutions. At the start of the second half a shot by the Greenwood forward was carried by the wind straight into goalkeeper Paul O'Neill's hands. Greenwood had a narrow escape when the ball was crossed and everyone missed it. Shortly afterwards a hard hit shot from Andrew Hannah flew past the goalkeeper to make the score 2-1 for St. Michael's. Then Greenwood equalised with a shot from a player well offside. Then with about 10mins to go Mark Duffy scored to give us a 3-2 win. The team won against a blinding dust from the blaze and the referee. The team was: O'Neill, Lennon, Hannah, Pearson, McCaffery, McDonald, Keen, Duffy, Maxwell, Gibson, Keenan. Subs: Griffiths and Riley.

The Monster Debate (by Kevin Hand)

On Tuesday 27th January the Scottish Daily Express Debating Competition held the 6th round at Mainholm, Ayr. The school was represented by Mary Theresa McCann and Lesley Quinn who spoke against the motion that there is a Loch Ness Monster. The debate was, as usual in this competition, of very high standard although a few speakers were inaudible, (the Bob Harris of the future) especially the first speaker from St. Josephs who gave those who could stay awake, a talk on the technical details of making fake monster photos with grease from the side of one's nose.

The debate reached a peak when Mainholm's second speaker delivered a most engrossing and humorous speech in his very own indescribable style. Dundee offered us a speaker who could be mistaken for John Cleese (vocally that is). Another speaker took out a furry monster which he called a haggis hound and kept referring to a six inch gnome with pink and green spotted ears who was sitting on the table.

St. Michael's team did well, although both speakers exceeded the 5 minute limit; to my mind Mary Theresa delivered a stronger and more convincing speech but Lesley Quinn managed to frighten many a speaker with a violent point of information.

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Dundee, Mainholm and Kilmarnock went through but St. Michael's was named as a close contender and got a "well done" pat on the back from the Judges. As usual St. Michael's got mentioned as the best losers.

Match Cont.

and League. A bit of advice to the team would be to close their mouths and start to think about the game, also simple ball control is not evident!

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Roman England Trip Cont.

Day 5: What better way is there to start a day other than visiting a Roman Villa? None. So all we eager Latin scholars trooped off to Bignor Villa which contains some very well preserved mosaics. The Villa is in excellent condition, even part of the bath house is still standing. Next stop Weald and Downland Openair museum, which gives a perfect picture of how life, mainly agricultural, progressed from about the thirteenth century until the nineteenth. After lunch we visited Fishbourne Palace (to the delight of last year's higher Latin scholars, who had studied it and therefore to some extent know something about it). The Palace also contains some beautiful mosaics from both periods of its development, but the most remarkable parts of Fishbourne are the gardens, which are cultivated the same way as they were in Roman times.

Day 6: First stop Maiden Castle, a native hill-fort. Not much of the fort was left, but there was plenty of hill. As one member said, "By the time you walked up here you'd be too tired to fight." There are some remains of a temple, built in the Romano-Celtic style. The hill-fort provided some members of the party with an opportunity to do Julie Andrews impressions. We were then allowed some free time to go shopping and we didn't buy Roman relics or plastic Roman garden gnomes. After our shopping we moved on to Stonehenge.

Day 7: We started off with a visit to the Baths. No, we weren't going for a swim, we were going to see the Roman baths at Bath. Unfortunately we didn't manage to solve the mystery of where the water which fills the bath comes from. We made several small stops in the afternoon before finally ending our day in Wroxeter. Here we were given a detailed account of the history of this military fortress by the noted archaeologist Dr. Graham Webster. The complete history of the fortress is not known, but students under the guidance of Dr. Webster are slowly piecing the story together. Day 7 was voted the best day of the whole expedition by the majority of the party.

(cont. overleaf)

MISS McDONALD

by Susan Quinn & Cornelia Mullen

"No-one will believe I am to be called Mrs Aberdeen from Kirkcaldy!"

Miss McDonald the young French teacher is leaving to be married. She leaves on the 27th February although she is not to be married until 3rd July. The reason why she is leaving so soon is not because she has to teach 2, but she is going to teach in St. Andrew's High School, Kirkcaldy. She is to be married down in England, where her parents live, but will return to Scotland and live with her husband in Fife.

"There are no disadvantages in teaching at a school I myself attended," continued Miss McDonald. "All the teachers were nice to me both as a pupil and as a teacher."

Then we asked Miss McDonald what she thought about the standard of French at St. Michael's. "I think the standard is lower than it was a few years ago, but not only in St. Michael's, everywhere." was her reply.

Miss McDonald ended this interview by telling us that although she was looking forward to leaving and getting married, she would miss the school very much.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

by Kevin Hand

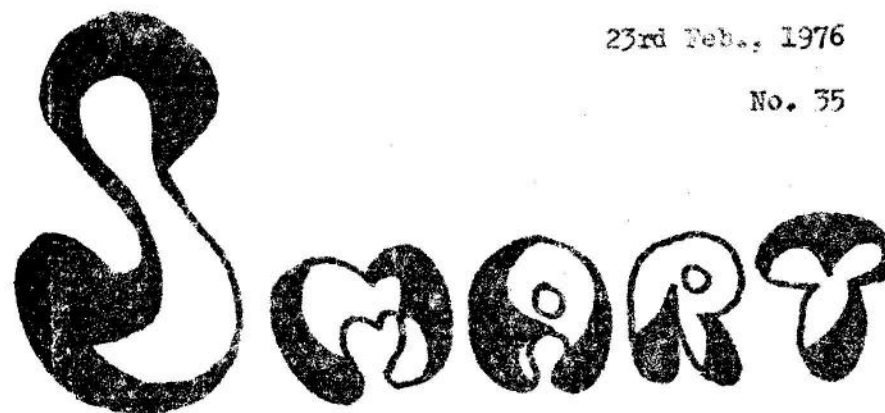
On Wednesday there were two basketball games - the second years were playing Ardrossan in the school while the seniors played James Hamilton Academy in Kilmarnock Technical College. The juniors won 52-34 but although the two senior teams were well balanced, skill wise, St Michael's lack of practice was obvious and the terrible shooting led to their 58-30 defeat.

This week also Mr McIlroy's first year football squad beaten 14-4.

On Saturday 7th Feb. we had various teams in a cross-country eveny which took place on Irvine Moor. The last runner in the under 17 team (who shall remain nameless for his personal safety) came 59th out of 120 entrants. The senior team did not do badly but a few members were out due to illness. The Olympic athletes had the same trouble.

23rd Feb., 1976

No. 35



LUCKY NUMBER

The three prizewinners in last issue's lucky number competition were Carolyn McCafferty (II), James Downie (III) and Michael Gallacher (VI).

PRIZE CROSSWORD

This week's prize crossword is a little easier than the last one. All entries received by Thursday at 4.00 pm will be considered for the prizes. Don't hand in the whole paper, just the crossword page. Ask for a replacement copy of SMART when you do so. Results will be in the next issue, to be published on Monday 8th March.

WANTED

A few extra members of the SMART team are required to report on all school news of interest to pupils and parents. Contact Mr Dickson. All school news is printed.

Letter to the Editor

This article, by an anonymous writer, is sent to your dear Editor to brighten the pages of your potentially excellent newsletter. As a means of communication, the written word remains supreme as does greasy mince at the dinner hall. But does the world know that Mr. Smith's wife has just had a baby? Do they know that the tuck shop is ruining their teeth? That Mr. Campbell has given up smoking, therefore accounting for the flat red spot on his forehead, caused by beating his head against a wall? That Mr. Leishman now wears a bunnet to go to the huts? That Mr. Maxwell is having a heavy oak 'nightstick' made up for his perpetual succour during lunch-time? That Mr. Gray the janitor is a black-belt paper bag buster? That Mrs. Hastings the Librarian is a terpsichorian magician when she isn't skin-diving? That a fifty-pence piece and a Mars bar will see you alright with Miss Dorrian at the exams? That Mr. McIlroy is 47 with four face-lifts to his credit? Or that Mr. Dickson spoke Latin at birth and has been brushing up on his double Dutch ever since? These are the things that Newsheets are made of: Gossip, Half-truths and downright lies! A pinch of rubbish is also a basic ingredient. Now don't get the impression that current school events, scores, etc. aren't important - they are, just not very. With a good grounding of lies, funny stories, and rude insinuations your gewsheet cannot fail. Without them it may become the 'Observer' of school rags - what a fate!!

Did You Know?

This issue of SMART has been:-
written by pupils on the SMART team and several others, from all years,
typed by Agnes Monaghan and Mary Theresa McCann (VI),
stapled and folded by first year boys,
Sold by SMART sellers,
bought and read by pupils, teachers and parents.

What First Year are Reading (from the school library)

On the Run (Dick Cate)

This is three stories about young amateur sprinters who put everything into their running and is all about the joy of winning and the heartbreak of defeat. It also tells of their lives and of their background. It tells of people trying to cheat them. (Tom Connor I)

The Goalkeeper's Revenge (Bill Naughton)

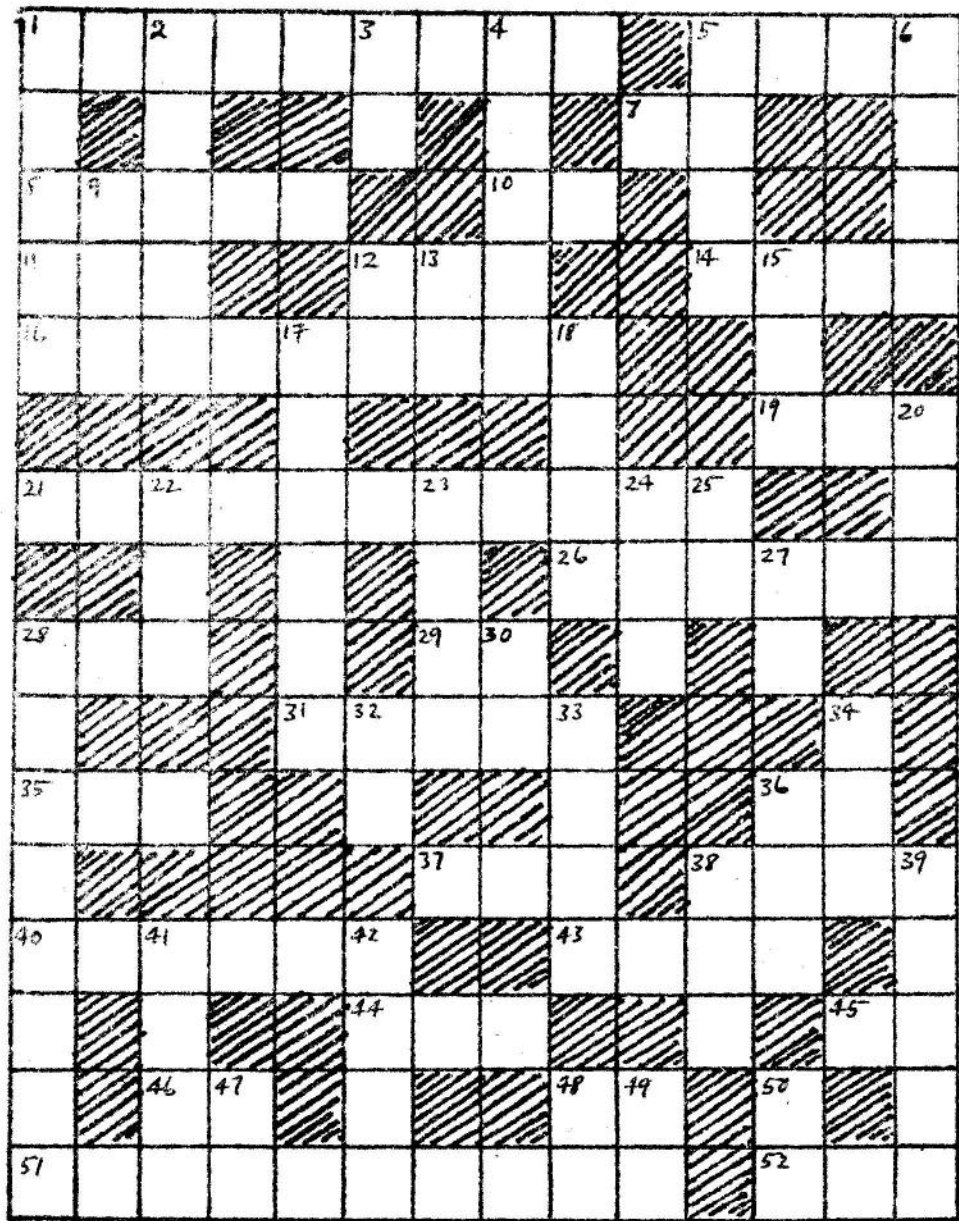
This book is packed with short stories based on the trouble boys get into. Some stories are as follows:-
Spit Nolan:- the fastest cart-racer, until one day he gets killed in a race down a hill.
The Haircut:- what happens when a boy goes to have a haircut.
Another good, well-known book is "Huckleberry Finn". Mark Twain tells the story of Huck who, as you all know, is a good friend of Tom Sawyer. You can read of the exciting adventures he gets into, accompanied by Jim, a runaway negro slave. (Lainey Barrett I)

The Mystery of the Flaming Footprints (Alfred Hitchcock)

This is about three investigators who mysteriously find out the potter (who suddenly left his old truck behind) is being hunted by two men. It turns into a mystery when the potter's daughter (who is grown up) suddenly screams and when Jupiter Jones (one of the three investigators) turns up there are three flaming footprints burned into the floor. (Mark Cunningham I)

Football's Just For Kids

This story is of Alan who plays for Box Park Rovers and a small man called Half-pint Hayman who plays for the opposing team in a cup tie. A third division team want both of them which could mean playing first division football in a few seasons. However both men know the team want both of them or none of them. (Mark Cabena I)



Name

Class



STARTING
NEXT ISSUE

we make publishing history by printing some of the adventures of one of the world's great righters of wrongs. Read how he designed the undesignable plane; how he stopped the marauding hordes of Pennyburn; how he solved the case of the disappearing sawdust; and, starting next week, how he saved the school by not getting his finger out. Who is he? . . .

Charlie Blew — Superjanny!!

Five-a-side Tournament

The tournament was played last Monday 9th February in Ravenspark Academy. The first game played between Ravenspark and Stewarton was a walk over for the home team by 5-1. Ravenspark 1st years played next and easily beat their opponents. Then came St. Michael's U-16 v Irvine Royal U-15. St. Michael's were very aggressive with Mick O'Hagan running into the goalkeepers area and kicking him. It was obvious that there was no hesitation of going in hard. Irvine Royal took the lead in the first half with a beautifully hit shot which gave the keeper no chance. In the second half St. Michael's went flat out for the equaliser and finally broke through with a great goal by Harkin. The game was very evenly balanced. We should have had the winner in the dying seconds when a great through ball was picked up by Farrell who was in the clear, he slammed the ball over the top of the four foot goal and afterwards exclaimed that he tried to put it over the keepers head. He was about five feet ten. The game continued until the next goal was scored. The teams had played about an extra six minutes when two St. Michael's boys chased after the ball and left an Irvine Royal player lying in the open. The ball was kicked through the St. Michael's boys and the unmarked player placed the ball inside the near post with the keeper managing to get a hand to it but could not stop it. Result Irvine Royal 2 St. Michael's 1. The first years came next and looked all out winners when they were two nil up against Stewarton at half-time through goals by Gibson and Duffy. In the second half they seemed up and slip up a bit and allowed Stewarton to come through and beat them 3-2. In the remaining matches Ravenspark beat Garnock in the semi-final but Irvine Royal came out tops by beating Ravenspark in the final. Irvine Royal now go through to the Area Finals at Dam Park, Ayr.

Did You Know?

Mr. Smith's wife has had a baby daughter, named Jennifer. She arrived last month.
Mrs. Duffy has had a baby daughter. She arrived last week.

PRIZE CROSSWORD CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Aluminium Bird
- 5 Worn on a foot
- 7 Sharp cry of pain
- 8 Definitely not white
- 10 Not you
- 11 Snake-like fish
- 12 By way of
- 14 Set at an angle
- 16 Famous painter
- 19 Take food
- 21 Assembly of all workers (4,7)
- 26 Small
- 28 Edge of a wheel
- 29 Saint
- 31 Canoe which also goes backwards
- 35 Stream of water; or plane
- 36 Same as 10 across
- 37 Not well
- 38 Still waters run
- 40 Tint or hue
- 43 King of the beasts
- 44 Hearing organ
- 45 Operation ::
- 46 Automobile Association ...
- 48 Same as 10 across
- 51 A stupid person
- 52 Energy for cooking

DOWN

- 1 Between Stop and Go
- 2 Kingdom
- 3 Los Angeles
- 4 A wanderer
- 5 Study hard
- 6 Way out
- 9 Place sheltered from wind
- 12 French for "goes"
- 15 Solid water
- 17 Comment; or re-correct
- 18 Work very hard
- 20 Golf ball stand
- 22 Addition of figures
- 23 Simple to do
- 24 Pinch
- 25 Gran Turismo
- 27 Infectious disease
- 28 Put aside
- 30 Thanks
- 32 Short Advert.
- 33 Destroy life
- 34 Same as 9 down
- 36 Not women
- 38 Canine friend
- 39 They're for water, music or tobacco
- 44 Not fatty
- 42 Behind
- 47 Same as 32 down
- 48 Master of Arts
- 49 Edward
- 50 "Daily Record" Highland character
- 13 Not Out

SPORTS ROUND-UP

(by Kevin Hand)

St. Michael's obtained the following results at football last week:-
The under 13 were beaten 6-1 by St. Andrew's.

The under 14 were beaten 3-1 also by St. Andrew's.

The under 15 team won 6-2 against GARNOCK and 3-1 against Ardrossan.
Under 18 won 6-2 against Garnock.

A few weeks ago the second year basketball team were beaten 72-33 by St. Andrews

Last Saturday the 3rd year hockey team played three games; they lost two and drew one.

LATE REPORTS : SMART was keeping space for reports on a hockey tournament, and last week's football (three teams were in action). Unfortunately for the readers, the reports have not yet (at the time of printing) arrived..

MARCH 6th (reports in next issue)

Visit to hockey international

Latin Speaking Competition in Glasgow (2nd, 4th, and 5th years).

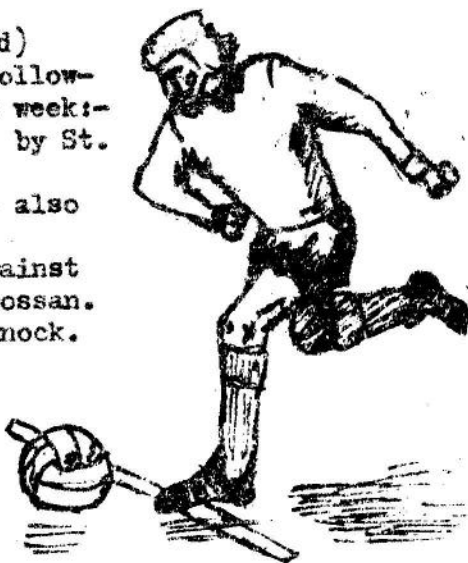
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1. What is this

2. Have you heard about the Irish tap-dancer?

3. What is a papoose?
Answers on page 6

SMART offers best wishes to its two-month old nephew at Ardrossan Academy, the "Penny Post".



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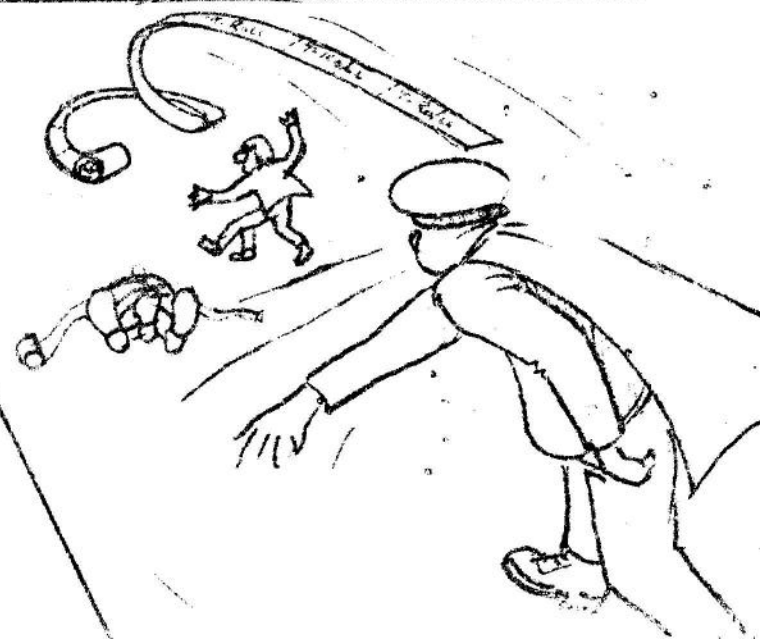
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HAVE YOU A CONSCIENCE?

A speaker (preferably male) is needed for the Irvine Speakers Club Schools Competition in the Grange Hotel (free coke!) on Monday 22nd March. The entrant must deliver a seven-minute speech entitled "Conscience". John Boothman won the cup for the school last year : let's not lose this year.

What is this:-
See inside pages

FANTASTIC
JOKES : SEE
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MISSED OPPORTUNITY! (by R. Loughran)

On Friday, the 20th, St. Michael's recorded a resounding chess victory $9\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ over Greenwood. Despite the "overwhelming support" (?) of teachers, our chess players achieved a notable victory over the Ayrshire School Chess League leaders. It's now certain that if St. Michael's had been able to enter, all dependant on teacher support, the school would have won the league.

The results against Greenwood:-

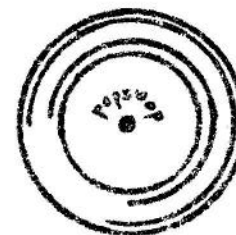
<u>Greenwood</u>		<u>ST. MICHAEL'S</u>	
1. M. Wood	0	D. Gillespie	1
2. S. Taylor	0	R. Loughran	1
3. J. McKinnon	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. Foy	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. C. Ballantyne	0	P. Edge	1
5. K. McDonald	0	R. Smith	1
6. D. Hek	0	M. Cain	1
7. K. Love	0	W. Hazleton	1
8. E. Brown	0	W. Douglas	1
9. R. Kennedy	0	D. Gillespie	1
10. B. Beckenridge	0	D. Gillespie	1
Grand Total	$\frac{1}{2}$		$5\frac{1}{2}$

Any teacher interested in immediate success would be appreciated. If interested, please contact sixth year boys.

THIS WEEK'S CREDITS

Advertising round school done by Art Department
First episode of serial - an (anonymous) teacher
Typing and Duplicating - Mary Theresa McCann,
Agnes Monaghan, Linda Piacentini, and auxiliaries
Folding and stapling - boys from 1c2 and 1m2
Football cartoon - Henry Dore
Last week's crossword - James Downie
Jokes - L.P. and Mr. V.C. (guess who: no prizes)

popswop



If you have records or tapes you wish to swop or sell, put them in POPSWOP. Contact Margaret Russell, Margaret M. Doxrian, or Ann Bennett of sixth year at any time.

The names of the records will be printed in SMART and anyone wishing to buy or swop should then contact the above girls.

This week's star L.P.'s :-

David Bowie: "Young Americans"
"Pin-Ups"
"World of David Bowie"

LIBRARY WORK (by 2 Librarians who are fleeing the country)

LIBRARY work is rather like being a Galley Slave.

Every day you have to fend off violent 2nd years, sub-human 3rd years and exam frustrated seniors.

The slave driver (who shall remain anonymous for our safety) has us constantly filing, stamping and bouncing (a skilled art, only a few can master it).

More vicious than hungry 3rd years are the Girl librarians who have been known to clobber one of us round the ear for no apparent reason.

Qualifications needed are:-

- 1) Boisterousness
 - 2) Aggressiveness
 - 3) Absolutely no intelligence
- Any offers will not be accepted .

C. Blew - Superjanny!

It was a normal day at St. Mike's. The third year had all been shot at dawn, and Mr. Maxwell had received his well deserved award for daily, conquering the journey between the main building and his hut, affectionately known as "dice station zebra". Only one teacher had committed suicide over the weekend and Charlie, competing in the "World Bag Bursting Championships" had come home with his usual gold medal.

When dinner money had been taken and distributed among the prefects for "protection", the day settled down to its usual norm of senseless violence. Charlie settled down to watch the clock spin around for an hour or two and compose himself for his next assignment.

But his composure was soon put to the test. The emergency siren hammered on in the alarm built into Charlie's skull, just behind his left ear where he keeps his "fag for after". He homed in on the signal just in time to see three pairs of feet disappearing round the corner at room 29. Charlie lifted his hat and whipped out his super T. Roll. Stretching himself back into "shanghi" position, he aimed and launched his T. Roll at the fleeing feet. The T. Roll did its job. The two boys bit the tile flooring. Charlie couldn't believe his eyes. Two boys usually had four feet. He was almost certain of this because he ~~was~~ a boy once and never at any time had three feet. He was three feet once but never had three feet. He immediately questioned the boys about their feet. "We're at first year biology this period" they said, "and we're doing limb grafting with Miss Pillas. There's two boys across there without any feet. We're just out to try them and see if it works. We're testing the ergonomic suitability, the physiological adaptability, and the overall psychosomatic inerences which is why we've just come from the toilet. In fact we could have used some of the T. Roll for the mess in there".

Charlie came back to earth with a bump. Of course! The alarm call! He quickly set the 3 footed first years on their way with two of their 3 feet tied together with T. Roll and wished them well in the school sports.

The sight before his eyes was unnerving. The toilet was a sea of floating sweet papers, crisp bags, etc., etc., and all because every tap in the place had been removed. (The reason being that the Techy. Dept. were casting in Brass that morning and had run out of material for the breech release on their copy of a Mauser H-105 machine gun which they were making with the tattered remains and walking wounded in third year.) Charlie burst into feverish activity. Down to the local plumbing and building contractor - 65 bags of cement, - 2 tons breeye block - no he didn't need any water thanks - round to the groundsman for a spade - all this in 4mins 25secs. With uncanny skill, he blocked up the toilet door, windows and vents etc. making the whole place a tomb. On reflection at this point he realised he hadn't really chicked for bbdies before the last brick went in but decided not to bother since the boy wouldn't live beyond the third year anyway. The job was done. Apart from the fact that the school now had no toilet and that there was a stream of water the thickness of a finger projecting from the wall, Charlie was justifiably proud. Holding his finger in the hole he tuned in the radio in his peaked cap to central control.

"We'll have a hole stopper in your sector in 24secs Mr. Blew came the curt reply to his request. Twenty three secs later a figure dashed down towards him, right index finger protruding and set for action. The finger locked home, "We have 100% mission completion". Said Charlie into his hat "How much do you get paid scout?" he asked the hole stopper before leaving. "Oh around £5,500 a year, expenses home every 3 months, and a pension scheme worth its weight in chalk and free paper".

Charlie walked off chuchling in his hearty way and noticed that his "fag for after" was still in place.

THE CAPITALISER (by Mr. Maxwell and A. Monaghan)

Once again senior pupils of the school are taking part in Capitaliser. For those who don't know, Capitaliser is an investment game where shares are bought. The team with the highest profit at the end of the competition wins an all-expenses paid holiday in London. Our team this year consists of Michael Gallacher (Captain), Willie Hazelton, Martin Jack, Robert Lochrane, Morag Dalton and Agnes Monaghan - all sixth year pupils. Here's a word from Mr. Maxwell our adviser.

"Unfortunately our loss to-date is £3092! This is because the team backed gold which fell because of political instability in S. Africa. Although this is the final month we are staying with gold and hoping for a miracle"

IN THE ARMY (by E. Harte)

A fortnight ago Mr. Dickson took 4th year pupils and a 3rd year to an interesting lecture on the Roman Army in Auchenharvie Academy, delivered by Mr. Mortimer. The lecture was made even more interesting by the gory description of how the Caledonians had their heads stamped into the ground by the Romans, shed in their hob-nailed boots. The shields that Roman Soldiers used are similar to the shields used by soldiers in Ireland. Mr. Mortimer's comments could be taken two ways and often were. Really, though, it was an interesting lecture and all us budding Latin pupils now know all about the Roman Army (Ha Ha).

Mr. McLAUGHLIN (by M. Mc.aren and A. Millar)

"At the age of 5 I wanted to be a professor but I found out that I didn't have enough brains! Well, I t/hought at a school in Motherwell called "Our Lady's High" and also a school in another country."

When we interviewed him last week, we also asked Mr. McLaughlin what he would like to teach if he had the choice of another subject: he replied: "It would be French or Portuguese". Talking of Spain, he said, "I've been to Spain, well, quite a few times".

When we asked him whether he thought there should be more activities at the school, he said, "Yes, more films, etc., and, of course, more Spanish." We asked if he thought the belt should be abolished, and he said, "Yes, if something else could be used instead."

We also found out that Mr. McLaughlin is hapily married, and has a little girl.

CROSSWORD WINNERS

Last issue's crossword was won by Pauline Mann (2₂) who receives the 40p prize, and Sandra McLean (4₁). The entries were drawn by the SMART team from 86 correct entries.

Believe it or not, 27 entries were wrong: five thought that working hard was swatting, but that's what you do to flies. Five usually shout "aw" instead of "ow" when they're in pain. Eleven omitted an odd letter in one place or another; and one even handed in an unsigned entry.

Wanted for a future issue: another crossword: not too hard, not too easy, and not too long.

PRIZE OFFERS

SMART needs humorous stories about true school happenings. The best written two or three will win prizes. Only pupils may enter. (Anything up to 250 words). ALSO - if you can write a later episode in the Superjanny serial, try one. Rewards offered. Maximum length : 400 words).

See pages 1 and 2

Answers: (1) A spider doing a handstand (11) He fell into the sink (11) A wee cacaat

ST. MICK'S U. 15 v GREENWOOD U. 15

(by W. Carslaw)

The game (on the 15th March) started with excitement at both ends. St. Micks opened the scoring when a Greenwood defender put the ball past his own keeper. Number two came from M. Russell.

Greenwood pulled back a goal in the second half to make the score 2-1 but a tremendous goal by Arthur Bitten put St. Micks 2 goals in the lead. Then a controversial penalty given by the referee, who was a pure -----? made the score 3-2 in favour of St. Micks, but inspired by the penalty goal Greenwood scored again to make the score 3-3, which was the final score.

The St. Micks Fool was:-

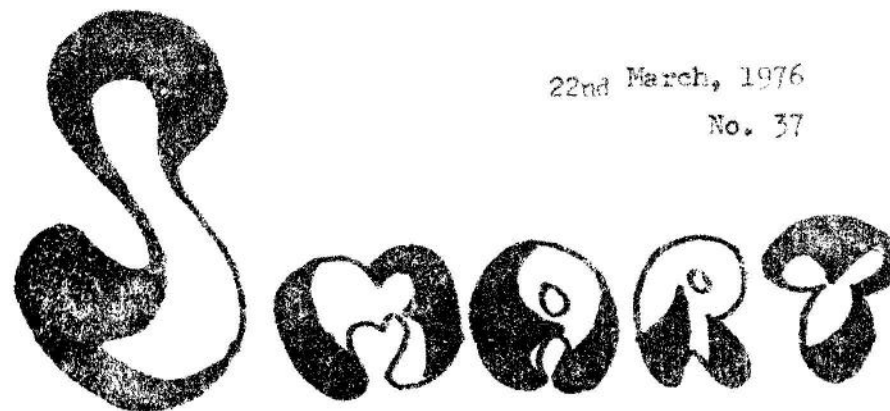
Traynor (Capt.), Murphy, Carslaw, Elliott, Hughes, McMillan, Trewin, O'Neill, Gilhoolley, M. Russell, C. Russell, Duffy, McGough and Bitten.

SPORTS ROUND-UP (by K. Hand)

RUGBY: The senior seven-a-side team went to Ardrossan on Wednesday to compete in a tournament. The team consisted of four out of the practice players, two Accies and a player who had never played rugby before, but put up a good show for his in-experience. They played Loudon in the first round and were put out 20-4.

BASKETBALL: The under 14 basketball team were beaten 32-18 on Monday by Auchenhavrie 'B' team.

FOOTBALL: The under 14 football team was beaten 5-3 on Saturday by Auchenhavrie. Return match on Thursday (too late for presses). At least the defeats are consistent. Senior football played Ardrossan and drew 4-4.



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Page 8 cartoon by John Douglas & Denis O'Connell; page 4 one by the Art Dept..

NEXT ISSUE

Due to holidays, the next issue will appear on April 20th. Hand in your news and views - soon!

THE GUITAR - MAKERS (by J. Paul)

Mr. Colgan's brainstorm to build guitars came last November. He had always wanted to make an electric guitar and he thought it would be a good idea and good experience for some hand-picked boys and a few friends in the teaching staff to build them as well.

He drew his design from the outline of an electric guitar in a music shop and cut out metal templates. SMART asked some of the boys if it was hard to build one; they said yes and added that the hardest part was the neck of the guitar and some other "nuts and bolts". They said it takes about 3 months to build one guitar.

The boys did 98% of the work with about 2% help from Mr. Colgan. The boys were hand-picked for their skill in woodwork and metal-work. (Their names are:- M. Barry, H. Fee, J. Magorian and M. O'Hagan. Staff:- Mr. Herbert, Mr. Walsh and, of course, Mr. Colgan). The boys spend almost all of their spare time in making these guitars and I must say that SMART was very impressed by the workmanship.

The boys paid £8 each to make the guitars and it was well worth the time and money. Such well-made guitars as these would be worth about £40 in the shops.

Anyone wanting to see these skilled pieces of work may go and see them in the metal-work room at any time and don't worry there's no fee to see them; so go along as soon as you can so as not to get caught in the rush!

GOLF: The television camera was in on Monday to record the Golfers' swing. Unfortunately the video-recorder did not record. Our full golf report has had to be postponed till next issue.

? Why are elephants big, grey and wrinkled?

Because if they were small, white and smooth they would be asplines.

? What is the best cure for water on the brain?

Brain-pipe trousers. (by J.C., 10²)

C. Blow - Aeronaut? - Aero bar?

What a life! Charlie hadn't used his super-janny outfit in days. In fact Mrs. Blow said it was time he had it off and washed, that it was super-sneelly, and unbecoming of a super-hero, and what if his mum, the once beautiful Zelda, the well known cosmic queen, appeared and saw fit to criticise her house keeping practices. How could she suffer the humiliation blah blah blah

Charlie saw a nagging spasm beginning to take shape and, pulling his super-janny suit tights to his muscular body, went for a walk around the goalposts. That's when he heard the scream of wind on steel, the screech of torn metal, and the sickening rush of air as overhead the newly designed and built SAL XX- 110 "Ringstay" plummeted earthwards on a one-way flight. Down it came, now only 500ft. above him. Its wings, torn off, were following at a respectable distance and twirling hopelessly. Over towards the railway, the body of the aircraft hit the ground and exploded. About 50ft from where Charlie stood, the wings plunked themselves onto the grass and virtually disintegrated.

Behind him he heard running feet and heavy breathing. Turning round he was confronted by an almost exhausted gentleman in a striped woolen tee, with a moustache and receding hair, pushing a bike.

"I'm Professor Lowsley, the designer of this plane" he said quickly in a thick Liverpoolian accent, "can I borrow your handkerchief? I think I'm going to cry." He burst into tears and while Charlie was giving him a wee cuddle to comfort him, the designer gave him most of the facts; designed the plane as a world beater - five times speed of sound - special metals developed - wings falling off at high speeds - six pilots dead already.

"I'm desperate" said the Professor, "can you help me?" Charlie closed his eyes and thunk fast.

"Have you tried perforations where the wing joins the body?" said Charlie.

"No not yet, but I will," said Prof. Lowsley. "Whatever else we try can be no less successful than my efforts."

(P.T.O.)

READ THE BOOK & WATCH THE SERIES

Three novels by D.K. Broster, reviewed by Elizabeth Higgins. The first one is on television (BBC 1: Sundays) at the moment; all three are in the school library.

THE FLIGHT OF THE HERON

This book introduces us to Ewen Cameron, and his fiancée Alison Grant. The story is concerned with the part Ewen plays in the Uprising in 1745 and the mysterious meetings with Captain Keith Windham, which have been foretold by Ewen's stepfather.

THE GLEAM IN THE NORTH

This continues Ewen Cameron's life, and is set in the aftermath of the Uprising. Ewen has grown older, is married and has two small sons. This story concerns his efforts to rescue his cousin, Dr. Archibald Cameron, who has been captured because of his work against the King.

THE DARK MILE

The last book of the trilogy, this is concerned with the feud between Ewen Cameron and Finlay MacPhair, but even more so with the romances between Ewen's cousin Ian Stewart and Miss Olivia Campbell, and Ewen's brother-in-law Hector Grant and Miss Jacqueline Stewart.

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Three months later, by special invitation, Charlie stood on the tarmac outside SAL Prestwick and watched the XX-110 "Ringstay" being put through its paces 4000ft. in the sky above. Prof. Lowsley put his arm around Charlie's broad shoulders. "Your perforations were perfect," he said. "Since the day I took my Black & Decker and drilled those holes there hasn't been a moment's trouble. Tell me what is your profession Mr. Blew?" "Janitor" Charlie replied. "Janitor!!" exclaimed Prof. Lowsley, "then how did you know how to solve our wing problems?" "Well I didn't really" said Charlie, "but in all my years as a janny I've never seen toilet paper torn at the perforations yet".

Prof. Lowsley collapsed!!!

FISH HOOK AND LATIN PRIZE (by the three Trojans)

Saturday 1st Dec, was a Peculiar Day on the calendar for nine parts of the year.

It was the day of the Latin speaking competition. The junior Latin scholars performed the play quite well, in the sense that every word was easily heard. The three girls and two boys didn't really mind not being mentioned in the prizes, but when at least two teams who forgot their words were prize-winners smoke appeared from their nostrils.

Ardrossan Academy scooped up most of the prizes (and the trophy) for Greek.

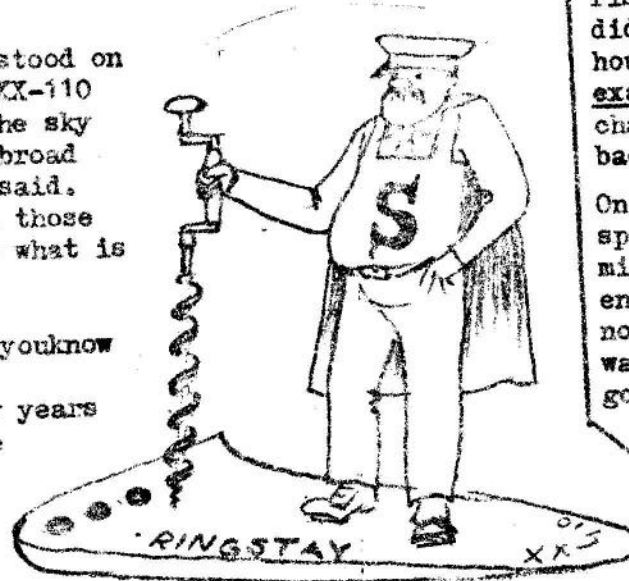
Andy Long was renamed Andy "Lang" on Saturday because the chairman's mother thought that there couldn't possibly be such a name as "Long". In spite of his new name, Andy obtained Second Prize in the Senior Latin Poetry, out of more than twenty entries.

After the competition the group proceeded along University Avenue, to the Students Union for lunch.

We heard one teacher say that his pupils who had run on ahead must have gone to a pub, by mistake, (they hadn't though). The prices were very reasonable, and the food seemed to be good, until we saw the beans, BROWN BEANS. Everything was running smoothly until Tony Beirne found a

fish hook in his soup. This incident didn't stop Tony eating the Union out of house and home. Two girls bought exactly the same dinner. One was charged 35p the other 40p. Looking back on it, we should have complained.

On the way back to Kilwinning, someone spotted a hole in the floor of the minibus. Tony Beirne kept us all entertained (whether we wanted it or not) with Billy Connolly songs till he was hoarse. Nevertheless we had a very good journey.



From Ms Librarians

(3rd year girls)

As a retaliation to the rather 'unexpected' letter which appeared in 'SMART' the other week, a few girl librarians have compiled this list of complaints against those creatures of the male species(?) who work in the library.

- A. Bossiness (the original male (?) chauvinist)
- B. A seeming allergy to hard work
- C. Sarcasm personified (when they can think it up)
- D. An inability to close the mouth.

This concludes our list. We could write more but it would be censored before it reached the printing press. As a final remark! I'll help you pack for your emigrating (if you apply early).

SMART WORD GAME

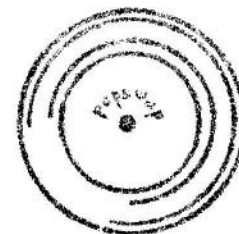
Fit the words in their proper places. The first word is given to start you off. See which words fit in with it or might fit in in other directions. Hint: start at the arrow. Go until you have used them all ONCE only. Second hint: mark off words as you use them.

SMEAR	NICER	UNION	BATON	GILDS	
BELLS	SINCE	POSED	DUCHY	MOWER	
STEEL	GROPE	NADIR	TENSE	AXLES	→
GONGS	WAGON	ABIDE	GNAWS	NEARS	
GRUNT	LINER	NOVEL	PROUD	THEME	
HINGE	VALUE	SLANG	ASHEN	NAIVE	→
IDEAL	NURSE	SCENE	CELLO		

ACTION FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

Sixth year girls raised £14 from their sale of eats last Friday, but they report that the sixth year boys were not hungry enough to do justice to the food provided.

popswop



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Young Americans } State your offer
Pin-Ups } (or all 3 for £4)
World of David Bowie }

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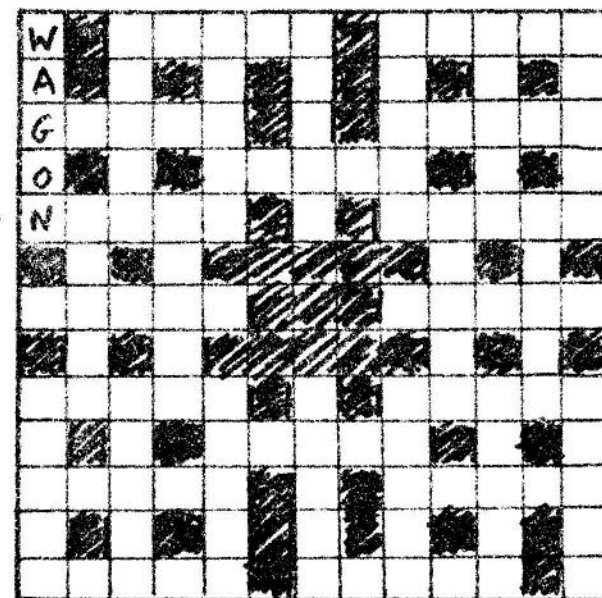
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THREE EASTER EGGS TO BE WON

All entries received by Thursday at Room 26 will be included.

Name:-

Class:-



compiled by M.C.