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BELGIUM TRIP

(continued from middle pages)

There were animals too, including a baby elephant. There was a maze in the middle of the Meli. It was quite a difficult one. Then there was on of those carousel things with the horses which move up and down. There was a play park and a parrot show.

Before we left, we went to see the "Dancing Waters Show." This consisted of different coloured waters which "danced." They made different patterns and moved about to piano music.

All too soon, it was time to go. We returned to the hotel and after we had packed and had dinner a few of us went swimming again. We came back and went to bed early. Breakfast was at 8.15 next morning, and we set off for Ostende. We had had a meal on the boat going to Belgium, but on the way back we had a meal at Victoria. Guess what we saw lying on our plate? A crusty roll!

Anyway the meal was very good. We had fish and chips and orange juice. Afterwards we got the train from Euston to Glasgow and the last on home arrived at 1 o'clock. We all enjoyed the visit and we also enjoyed our visit to the windmill in Holland on the way back.

Report by Ann Adamson, Louise Carmichael, and
Rosemary Campbell

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ST. MICHAEL'S ACADEMY FORTNIGHTLY NEWSPAPER

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PHOTO COMP. RESULTS

The recently advertised competition for photographs which were entirely the work of the photographer was judged by Messrs Campbell, Cassidy and Nollany.

The winning print taken by ERIC KERR (402) entitled "Working hand", will appear in the proposed School Magazine. The prize money which derived from entry fees amounted to 50p. The standard of entries was very good and the decision a close one.

There were no entries for the other competition advertised.

ALARMING ALARMS!

We went along to find out about the school burglar alarms. When we asked Mr McLaughlan about these he told us that it was really to be kept a secret but he told us the main principles.

There is an alarm and a little box at the end of each corridor. Each can pick up the slightest noise, as the box sends out micro-waves down the corridors. Once Mr McLaughlan was called out because the alarms had been set off by mice. Another time the alarms went off as a result of flooding and he and Mr Gray were mopping till midnight.

So there is no chance of our school books getting stolen.
(worst luck*??*!)

(AW+BT)

FOR SALE! ELTON JOHN

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

DON'T SHOOT ME I'M ONLY THE PIANO PLAYER

see Kenny McMillan or contact SMART

INTERVIEW WITH TWO FORMER ST. MIKE'S PUPILS

While listening to records in my house I took the opportunity to interview two of the worlds biggest idiots. Of course it must be Tricia Johnstone and Irene Forsyth who worked in the Tucky from 1975 to 1976.

Five days after leaving school both of them got a job in S. Meadows, a hosiery in the Industrial Estate. Tricia still works there but Irene walked out (No not sacked, walked out) and got a job in the Winton Hosiery. When asked if they like work better than school both replied "No". They said it was great at the beginning but now they wish they were back among old friends and teachers.

I asked them which teachers they miss most at school but they said they like them all. Irene especially misses Mr. Dickson and Tricia especially misses Mr. Laughlin (he'll know what she means).

I also asked what they thought about SMART and they said, "It's been so long since we read one that we forget what it's like but knowing Mr Dickson it should be good". They want a SMART this week to enter the competition (if answers are supplied) so you better keep one for them Mr Dickson or they'll be after you!!

They miss the wee Tucky room and last years 6th year boys.

(by W J III)

Four other young ladies came into school for a chat recently. Christine MacDonald and Katie McCulloch are both working for Dunlop Westayr, Christine as a personnel assistant, and Katie as a receptionist. Helen Sweeney is at McKinnon's hosiery, and Patricia McManus, so far unsuccessful at finding a job, came in also.

MINI - EXHIBITION

Now showing in the Library is a small selection Art-Work by pupils of Saint Andrew's Academy.

Being few in number the items on view do not show the whole range of techniques in Art Departments. Rather they are intended to show examples of work from each year in the school. These include exercises in line and tone and some fine representational studies in portraiture, drapery, the human figure and plant forms. Even the humble turf provides a subject for study.

Unfortunately, at this time of year, a lot of senior work cannot be shown because of certificate and Art School application requirements.

It is the hope of what we hope will be a regular exchange of works between ourselves and other schools.

Apologies and credits

This, like another great newspaper, "The Grauniad", must be a find-the-misprint issue. We apologise to the following for their names being misprinted: Eddie Gilhooley, Mr McIlroy, Mr Kavanagh, Mr McLaughlin, St Winin, and Thomas Barrett. Most of the mistakes are due to our contributors, not the three hard-working typists, (Anne Kennedy, Frances Davie and Veronica Pieroni).

Crossword

compiled by Paul Morgan. If you think the typing should be better, get the articles in sooner as that we have more time. If you type, offer to help. Crossword winners will be announced in the next issue. Hand in news for the next issue as soon as possible.

*also Anne-Marie Webster.

Library Corner

We now have a very good selection of Leon Garfield (author of 'Smith') books in the school library. His books are an exciting mixture of tragedy and comedy, adventure and romance. He is a creator of remarkable and memorable characters and his stories will remain with the reader for a long time. M.H.

'Black Jack' by Leon Garfield

This is a very unusual adventure story set in the 18 century. The central characters are the villain Black Jack, a boy named Bartholemew and a girl named Belle. The two children innocently become involved with Black Jack and from then on there is plenty of fast moving action. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes an adventure story which is different !! C.McK. "nd year

On to the Final

"We're going to win the cup" was the cry from the U-16's as they arrived back at their dressing rooms after scorching the posterior off of Greenwood in the North Ayrshire Cup Semi-Final.

The first half was a dull affair. Mick Russell put us in front with a fine goal, but just before half-time Greenwood equalised.

The second half saw complete St. Mick's domination and any Greenwood attacks that there were the backs soon dealt with. Jack Wilson put us 2-1 up not long after the restart. Minutes later Eddie Gilhalea made it 3, with Pat Duffy scoring number 4, which was a well deserved goal. Greenwood hit back and made it 4-2. However we soon regained our composure and Mick Russell scored his second goal and our 5th with the last kick of the ball.

Many thanks to P. Hayes our sole supporter we could do with a lot more in the final.

(by W. Carslaw & P. Johnstone)

BELGIAN TOUR

On 1st April 1977, 46 pupils from 1st and 2nd year went on a six day visit to Belgium. The journey began at 5 o'clock in the morning and ended at about 10 o'clock at night, and we were all very tired after the long journey, so as soon as we got to the hotel, we bagged our rooms and got ready for bed. There was a bit of a mix-up with the rooms to begin with but by 10.15 we were all settled.

The journey began on Friday morning at 5. We went to Glasgow by bus, got the train from Glasgow to Euston, changed to Victoria (and while on our way to Victoria we went on a tour of London) and then we got the train from Victoria to Dover. From there we travelled to Ostende by boat, and weren't we glad to be able to put down those bog heavy cases and give our blistered hands a rest. Then the last stage of our journey was to get the bus from Ostende to the Hotel Littoral in Blankenberge.

On Saturday we had the day to ourselves. We got up at about 7.30 (although some of us got up at 6.30) which was rather early for those of us who sometimes slept in till about 9.30. Breakfast was at eight and we went exploring until then. Breakfast consisted of crusty rolls and tea.

That was what we got every morning, and most of us vowed that we'd never look at another roll again. We wandered round the town after breakfast and bought postcards to send home. We went back to the hotel for lunch at 12 p.m. This meal was usually excellent, but was sometimes spoiled by the different sauces with which the foreigners quite often cover their food. The only time we got anything to drink was at breakfast time. Other than that we had to go out and buy a can or a bottle of lemonade.

On Saturday afternoon some of us went swimming in the afternoon, others went shopping. The pool was huge and it had a cafe inside and one outside. Dinner was at 6 o'clock and that was always quite good too.

On Sunday we visited Bruges and we saw a lady making lace

then we were able to go away for an hour or two by ourselves. We were back in time for lunch and had the rest of the afternoon free. Unfortunately it was raining in the morning but it dried up later on.

Monday was another free day for us. Again, we went swimming or shopping, and after lunch we took a tram into Ostende, did some shopping there, and after dinner at the hotel we went to a "Musical Cafe". Here we bought drinks, and listened to the music coming from a large machine with different instruments which were playing themselves.

On Tuesday we went for a full days excursion to Middleburg in Holland. Then we went to Zeeland where we saw a lovely little miniature town with tiny boats, buildings and rivers. It was just like a real Dutch town but much smaller. The buildings were made of real brick and slate.

Wednesday to some of us was the best day. In the morning we went wherever we wanted to go. After lunch we visited the "Meli Pleasure Gardens" next to the French border. The best thing was the roller coaster. There were beautiful gardens, and in some places little figures moved about and told a fairy tale in French. There was a big Indian palace, something like the Taj Mahal with a pool and a fountain in the front.

Then we saw another miniature village. But it was not as small as the other one. In fact the buildings were a bit bigger than us, and the figures there were about the size of a small child. It was like a medieval village with a witch's house. There were little cups and saucers on the tables, and one of figures moved in and out of a window with a bag of money.

There was also a mini train or a monorail.

(continued on back page)

The New 2nd Year Boy

Last Wednesday (13th April) a new boy appeared in 203. He's Thomas Freer from Saltcoats.

He comes from St. Andrew's in Saltcoats and thinks both St. Andrews and St. Michael's are "equally good."

He said, "In some aspects St. Michael's facilities aren't as good as St. Andrews e.g. P.E. but so far St. Michael's seem to be ahead in academic studies."

He has a sister in first year called Karen. His favourite subject is Chemistry. His favourite teacher at St. Andrews was Mr. Conner's and his favourite teacher here is Mr. McKinley

His favourite sports are golf, running and football. He plays for St. Winnin's parish football team and supports Celtic.
(by BT and AW)

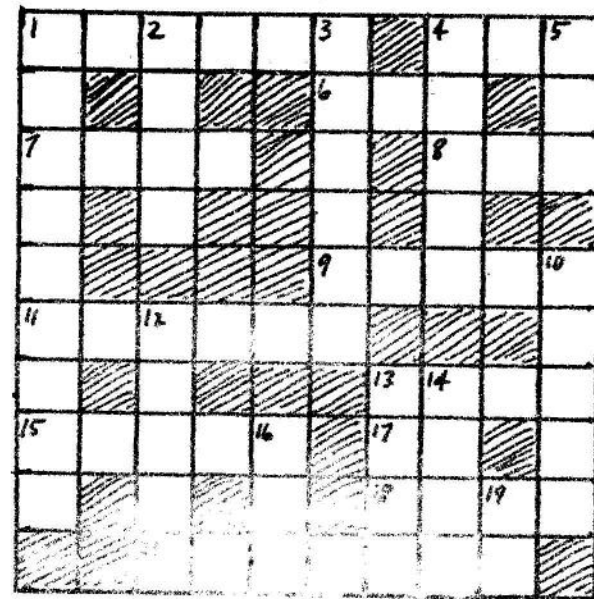
The Yankee

Another new boy appeared in 203 last week, called John Rennie. He comes from Barnegat, New Jersey U.S.A. He's been here for three weeks and now lives in Bourtreehill.

He went to the Southern Regional High School where he played for the school ice-hockey team. At his school the belt was not used but you got suspended instead. The school there starts at 8 o'clock in the morning and finishes at 2.30p.m. John's favourite meal is pizza, but he does not like the food over here.

His favourite subject is P.E. but he's not been here long enough to decide a favourite teacher or decide which school is better. He also has a sister in first year called Shirley. His favourite sports are baseball and American football. Led Zepelin is his favourite pop group and Starsky & Hutch his favourite programme.
(by BT & AW)

TEAR ALONG DOTTED LINE



Your name :

Class :

Entries to be handed in to room 26 by Wednesday at 4.00 p.m..

Three prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

CLUES: ACROSS:

- 1 household pet
- 4 sea creature
- 6 tune
- 7 not far
- 8 tear
- 9 weary
- 11 part of the head
- 13 falling water
- 15 gain knowledge by studying
- 17 morning
- 18 get up
- 20 a simple substance

DOWN:

- 1 men who eat men
- 2 tidy
- 3 wind-controlled boats
- 4 mistake
- 5 lick up
- 10 slowest learner
- 12 old saying or proverb
- 13 uncommon
- 14 General
- 16 maiden name
- 19 holy person

LUCKY NO. WINNERS

The prize-winners for the lucky number in the last issue were: Delia Clancy 106 (50p), Thomas Farret 104 (30p), Jean Smith 204 (20p), and Basil Hieroni 201 (20p). No lucky seniors this time!

ARCHERY SUCCESS

Graeme Burnett won the under 18 Scottish archery cup at Glenrothes at the end of last month. As well as the cup, he was presented with a medal.

LOST

A new, pink pencil case, with my name, address and class on it, containing 12 coloured pencils and other items. If anyone had found it or knows where it is, please contact Mr Kavanagh or me, C Welsh. Reward if found.

this space is
reserved for
your letters
and news.

INTERVIEW WITH MISS CRUIKSHANK

Miss Cruikshank was born in Glasgow in 1949 and moved to Kilwinning about 7 years ago. She stays not far from the school, (just around the corner in fact) and her hobbies are knitting, crocketing, woodwork and travelling.

Miss Cruikshank said "I became a teacher because someone told me that I would be good at it". She has been teaching for about 7 years now and has taught in other schools such as Ravenspark Acd, Garneck Acd, and Gloucester School in Germany.

When we asked her what she like ab ut St. Mike's she answered "That's a daft question". She says that she would feel overjoyed if she was voted the Top Ten Teacher. Her answer to our question - "What do you think about Smart" was - "That's another daft question - seriously though - it could be worse".

By your raving Smart Reporters:- J. Martin, C. McGarvey,
G. Rimikans.

TOP TEN TEACHERS

- 1 Mr McClure
- 2 Miss Cruickshanks
- 3 Mr Maxwell
- 4= Mr McNulty and Mr Smith
- 6= Mr Colgan, Mr McIllroy, Miss Whiston and Mr Kavangh
- 10 Mr McKinley

This week's poll was taken amongst the Fourth years, 55 pupils voted.

HAVE A GROAN!

Q Where do dressmakers live?

A On the outskirts of a city!

BRING AND BUY: A bring and buy sale will be held this week in the library. Old comics, annuals, magazines, pop posters. Hand in your donations to the library - good condition please.

DEEP SEA DIVER: Mr Walsh goes deep sea diving with Mr Pentleton. The last time he was there he went to Largs. It's peaceful and quiet; he enjoys it and said all you hear are bubbles. He lives in Ardrossan. I asked him if he was going to get married, and he said, "I haven't thought of it yet and I'll stay single till I'm 35." He and I are going to Barbados for the holidays. (Interviewed by Isobel Flaherty, IV)

MR McEVROY LEAVING: This is Mr McEvoy's last week at St Michael's. Next week he starts at St Joseph's as an assistant housemaster. Three SMART workers waylaid him on his way home last week and asked him a few questions as he sped along the bypass. He is looking forward "very much so" to taking on guidance duties as well as chemistry. He's not saying which his favourite teacher or pupil is, because it would be unfair to the rest. SMART is the only school newspaper he's seen, and he likes it, but thinks that Mr McNulty rigged the votes for popularity.

AT LAST! (news from 'Ace' reporter) For all you budding talent seekers, a recently interviewed Mrs Tannahill stated that nothing was being done about the contest at present but she is hoping to do something nearer the end of term.

CREDITS: typing by Phyllis Harvey, Annette Johnstone, Veronica Pieroni, and two shy girls in III who refused to be named. Car-toons by Denis O'Connell and Lewis Rankine. Crossword by Karen Seenan and Jean Smith.

NEXT ISSUE: probably 30th May. ISSUE NO. 50. It will contain SMART's largest ever puzzle, also a reprint of an early SMART, and lots of news.

W A N T E D A new title for SMART. Start designing now. REWARD offered for the best one.

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9 May 1977 2p

GOOD NEWS FOR SOME: The soup last week was the last for the session. No more till after the summer

HOUSE TRIPS: This year's all take place on Wed., 22nd June. Here are some of the details.

First Year: venue - Girvan; cost - about 65-75p. A response of almost 100% has been received from the 1st years, and around 15 members of staff are prepared to go if (1st yr take note) they BEHAVE themselves. The luxury coaches as Mr Kavanagh put it will leave at 9.15 and return in time for the school buses.

Second Year: As yet undecided. "May we say that it is on but no place has been fixed. Once again response has been good and all teachers asked are going".

Third Year: So far the only ones to go "across the water", to Millport. The cost is undecided and Mr Gill and Mr McNulty will be finding out about activities in Millport. They thank staff for their cooperation. (news gathered by 'Ace' reporter)

EVENTS IN MAY AND JUNE:

May 16 HOLIDAY for Queen's Jubilee (for all except those sitting 'O' grade Fashion & Fabric!)

" 17 HOLIDAY for Irvine schools

" 18 Exams begin for 1st and 3rd year

" 21 Kilbirnie Ladeside in Junior Cup Final

" 26 History field trip to Stirling for 406 & 407

" 30 SMART issue no. 50

" 30 History field trip to Culzean for 3rd yr.

June 6 Civic week concert in school

" 6 Biology field work for one week

" 11 & 12 Latin field work at Hadrian's Wall; for 4th yr; staying at Acomb Youth Hostel

" 15 Sports Day

" 16 & 20 day visit for 2nd yr Latin & Classical Studies to Hadrian's Wall

" 22 house trips for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd year

" 27 SMART issue no. 51

" 30 last day of school for 1976-77

May 18 U-16 football final

CROSSWORD WINNERS

Seniors were lucky this time. The first entry drawn was that of Danny McCambridge (402), who won 30p. The second one had two mistakes, and the girl who drew the third drew her own, and was so embarrassed that she put it back. So the second prize (20p) went to Anne Marie Caulfield (501). The next three were wrong, so the eighth one drawn won 20p - Donald Smith (206). There were 46 entries, but many of you thought that "lick up" was "lip" instead of "lap".

CHARITY CONCERT

News has just reached me of a charity concert. This concert is for old age pensioners and will be held on Monday 6th June in the school assembly hall.

In the concert the 6th year girls will sing a couple of songs, Gerald Quinn of 5th year will do a flute solo, the first choir will sing something the Prestwick Amateur Operatic Society will do a selection of songs from the shows and there will also be some piano recitations.

On the whole, the concert should go very well, and I'm sure anyone who goes, will enjoy the concert thoroughly.

By
Jodie Mellan VI

LOST

Parker stainless steel ball-point pen writes blue.
REWARD 100p from Mr Walsh, Biology.

An Interview With Mr Dickson

As Mr Dickson has never been interviewed before we thought we would take the chance to interview him as the editor of SMART.

Mr Dickson is married, but has no children. He has only been teaching for 152(?) years. He taught at Ravenspark before coming here. We asked him what he would have been if he hadn't become a teacher. "An income tax inspector", he replied. You can imagine our reply to that! His favourite game is Scrabble (the cheats game) He thinks the pupils' behaviour is usually reasonable and he thinks his job being editor of SMART is very tiring because he has to remind the SMART reporters too often.

HE thinks females are too giggly. He doesn't have time to read many books. His favourite pop star is Shirley Bassey. If he had the chance to make a new rule he would make pupils line up for the tuck-shop.

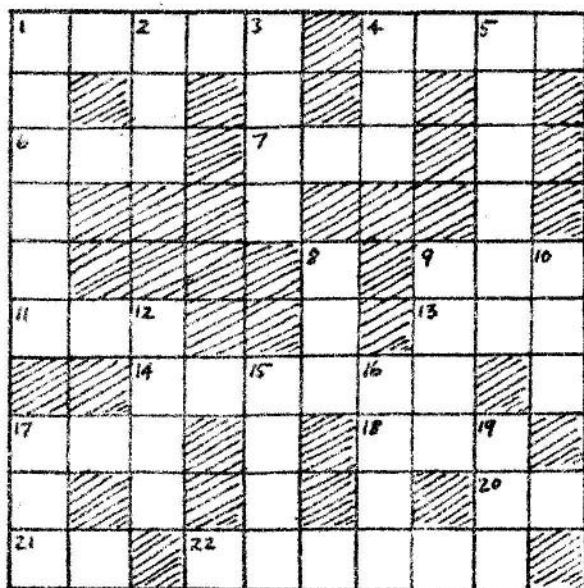
He likes taking pupils on field trips (even when the mini-bus breaks down?)

He takes his beard off every two or three years! (Hair today, gone tomorrow). We asked him if he always had a beard. He said yes, but he wasn't born with one.

"Do you often go out with your wife?"
"No, usually without her," he replied. (Charming)
His favourite food is haggis.

We enjoyed interviewing Mr Dickson and we hope we'll have the chance to do so again.
(by A Adamson, I Carmichael and R Campbell)

Prize Crossword



Class

Name

Answers to room 26 not later than Wed. 4.00 p.m.

CLUES:

ACROSS:

- 1 special reward
- 4 place for building
- 6 stupid person
- 7 don't subtract Dad
- 9 toothed wheel
- 11 Japanese coin
- 13 exist
- 14 turn upside down
- 17 friend
- 18 fool
- 20 Dad
- 21 French you
- 22 mean

DOWN:

- 1 girl who plays with boys
- 2 go to work on this
- 3 bus-like vehicle
- 4 unhappy
- 5 brand of sweets
- 8 poem
- 9 furry animals
- 10 precious stone
- 12 longest river in world
- 15 underwear
- 16 clouds cause this
- 17 fondle
- 19 intruder

ST. MICHAEL'S: MARK TWO

Due to the influx of people to Bourtreehill, the Education Dept. has decided to build an annexe to St. Michael's, work be ginning in 1981.

"This extension", says Mr McCutcheon, "will hopefully provide further classrooms, a games hall and a dining area." It will accommodate up to 500 pupils but as yet we have no idea of when it will be completed.

Next year only 160 pupils will come to this school as first year - this is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the present first year - so why is a new building needed? In reply we were told that most children in Bourtreehill are only of primary school age and by 1982-3 the brunt of the population increase will be felt.

In the nearer future, this year in fact, the two cloakrooms will be changed into two much-needed classrooms, one of which will go to the fast-moving Mrs Tannahill who at present takes her class where ever there is a vacant room. As far as the cloak-room is concerned there will be a new smaller one.

The cost of the above alterations will be £1 $\frac{3}{4}$ million at today's prices but as you can imagine this will rocket by the time the building is finished.

research and report by Kevin Fyfe and Paul McGeown

AUTUMN FAYRE

The Parent-Teacher Association announ oed plans last week for a grand Autumn Fayre to raise money for a new school mini-bus. All sorts of stalls and amusements are being planned. Miss Lennon and Mr McNulty would be glad to hear of any ideas which would help to make it the best Fayre in the area. It is planned for the end of September, but things are being organised now, in good time. More details in next issue.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE LATEST

The school magazine is well on its way to to being a great success. Altogether the total cost will be £ 1200 and we are sure everyone will agree every penny is worth it.

The front cover is in two colours with photos of pupils in the playground. There will be 30 pages of adverts with 50 pages of re ading, drawings and cartoons.

The teachers have been a great help. In the cookery department Mrs Barky raised £12 by holding a raffle for three weeks and by selling pancakes for a week. Mr Burnett raised £800 with the adverts from local shops and firms. Mrs Brown raised a large sum of money with her raffle, which had a rag doll as first prize.

Mrs Brown hopes to raise at least £400 for the Sponsered Silence. she already had a hockey drive and the money raised for that was £60 to the Scottish Hockey Association and £30 for the magazine fund. After that she still had a little money left to buy new strips.

By Two Lovely Reporters

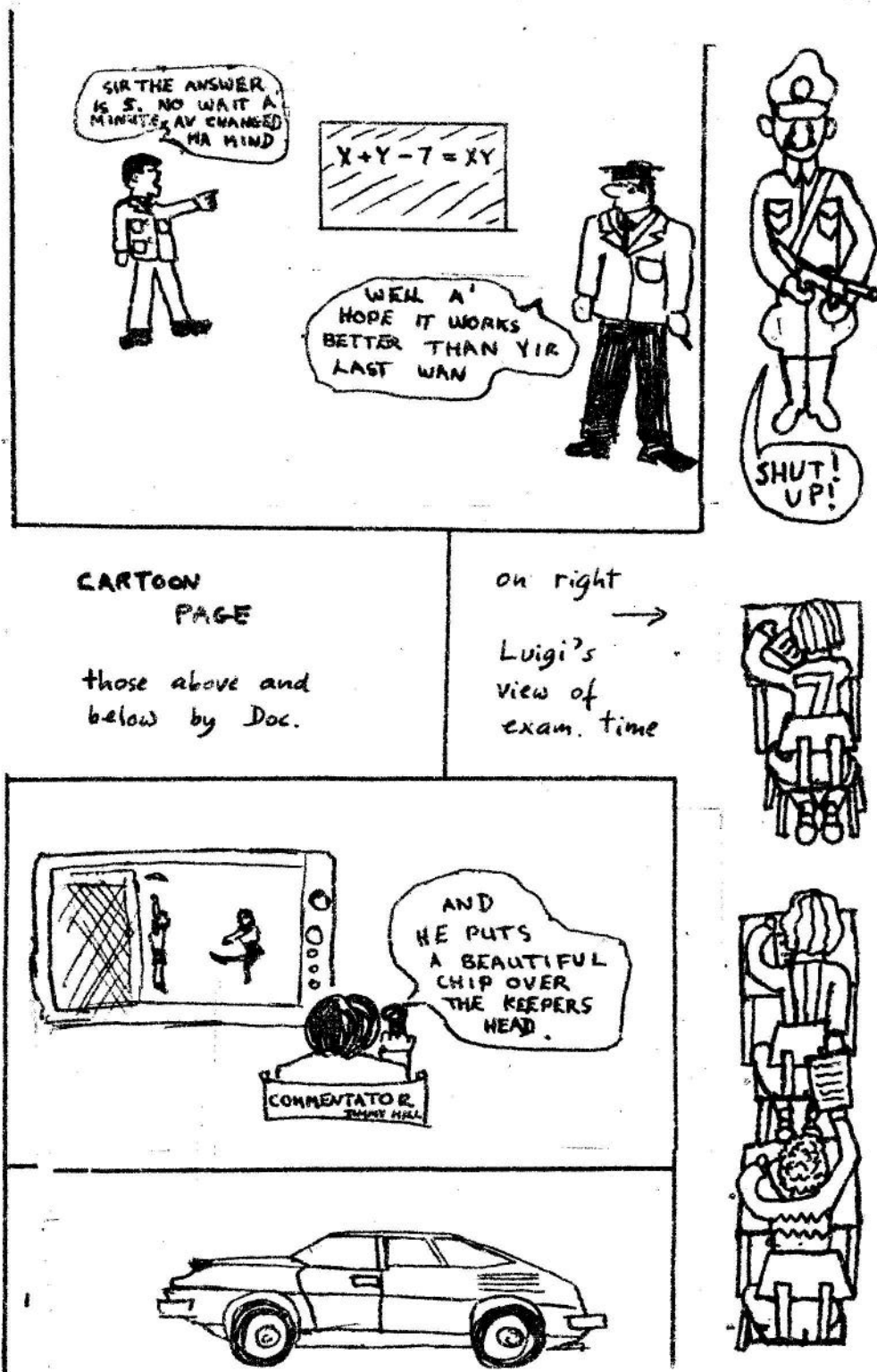
Write Monica

CLASSICS FRIENDS

Pens are now in stock again; pens 6p, blue ink, coloured cases, pencils 4p in St Michael's yellow and black; from room 26.

HAVE A GROAN

Q. Why do you need a c ashier in a police station?
A. To count coppers.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I, unlike Miss Cruikshank, do not feel SMART "could be worse".

The content of the newspaper, as these few trash-filled pages claim to be, has reached new depths of journalism previously undiscovered by any other publication. Even the 'Sun' doesn't stoop so low as to tell of an American's gastronomic preferences. We even see the domain of the BBC being trespassed with the printing of repeat material. Wasn't there a previous article on the alarm system and a flood in the school?

Moreover to use up 12¹/₂% of the papers space on a list of contents, title, credits and APOLOGIES, yes apologies, seem to me to be a waste of paper.

It is when reading such drivel that the "save the tree campaign" has my full support.

Yours faithfully

Charles Stewart (502)

P.S. No, I don't want to contribute to this publication. It is an affront to our school. And I'm so d---d apathetic anyway.

P.P.S. If this doesn't reach the printing stage it will be a sad reflection on your attitude to journalistic democracy.

Editor's reply opposite

SMART is written mainly by pupils for pupils. The Editor does give advice and help to reporters, but in the end what appears in print is what the pupils wish to say and in their own words. Different pupils, as the above letter shows, have different ideas of what makes good copy. It is up to all pupils to contribute. The critic does not have the right to criticise if he is uninterested or apathetic.

I agree that issue no. 48 was not one of SMART'S best, but the reason for this was stated therein. Last minute submissions mean hasty typing without much correction time; and two articles for which space was being kept failed to appear in spite of promise. That explains why we inserted a contents list and had a space on p. 11. A title and credits are necessary, however and there had not been a previous article on the alarm system.

SMART is conscious of the need not to waste paper - for financial rather than our correspondents nobler ecological reasons.

The quality of this letter would be much improved if Mr Stewart did not degenerate to the use of an expletive (I have deleted most of it), and checked the spelling of "gastronomic", "preferences", "paper's" and "affront".

Finally, is it not illogical to call the paper an affront and then to expect us to waste two pages on the letter and a reply, when Mr Stewart could have written us some newsy or witty report, interviews or story about the school or its pupils.

FOLLOWED BY A WOMAN'S EYE

On 30th May, Sister Dominic Savio and Miss Lennon took about 30 third year pupils to Burns' Cottage, Culzean Castle and Crossraguel Abbey on History field-work. Our first stop was Burns' Cottage where some pupils signed the visitors' book. One of the interesting things we saw there was a bed situated between the kitchen and living-room and locked in a cupboard. On leaving the cottage we entered a museum with poems, songs, buttons, a watch and a bust of Robert Burns.

When we arrived at Culzean Castle the curator took us around the castle and showed us the armoury, spiral stairway, and busts of Mary Queen of Scots, Charles I and Edward III. He told us that the three kinds of pillar which supported the stairway were called square Doric, Corinthian and Ionic. On the stairway a picture of a woman hung on the wall and no matter where you stood the woman's eyes followed you. We were told that we were too early for Prince Charles, who would be visiting there in June.

Our final stop was Crossraguel Abbey where we saw remnant of the grave of Lady Blair. We sang a hymn in the chapter house so that we could hear the echoes coming from the peculiar shape of the roof. The last thing we saw there was the dovecot where the monks kept pigeons. All in all it was quite a different day ("but we still had to work" said one girl).

CROSSWORD WINNERS

Winners of the crossword in the last issue were:

1st Alan Whyte 203 2nd R Waldron 102
3rd G Waddell 305

FOR SALE:

Polaroid Super Swinger, black & white and colour camera. Used only three times. Usually £20.
NOW £10. See Paul Daffy 105 or SMART

SWAP: Offered 1 Osmonds L.P. & 1 single
for Elvis Presley L.P. or posters, Contact C. McGovern 102
or SMART

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GOLDEN ISSUE

This is the 50th issue of SMART. Inside we print a copy of the fourth issue, three and a half years ago, when SMART was young, only one sheet thick, and before competitions and crosswords were introduced. Since then SMART has become bigger and better, with many more pupils producing it.

LUCKY NUMBER ISSUE

You will find your lucky number on page 10. The winning numbers will be posted on the main notice-board at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday). All copies sold before 1.30 on Tuesday will have a chance to win. Spare copies of this issue can be bought from room 26 or from the library.

NEXT ISSUE: probably a holiday issue on 27th June.

ICI BOOKS: Unfortunately, SMART had to be printed before a report could be written about the official presentation of £700 worth of books to the school by ICI. Report in next issue.

LOU MACARI, once a pupil at St Michael's, has offered to present an autographed football to the school for a great raffle, probably at the Autumn Fayre in September.

MR AITKEN, once Principal Geography teacher at St Michael's, and now Deputy Rector at the new Kilwinning Academy, called last week to discuss future cooperation between the two schools, working together for the good of the community.

FRED: A mouse of this name was discovered in an Art room last Wednesday, with a boy inside its jumper. Jim Davis is believed to have been trying to increase the school roll. Fred was well-fed by Miss Black on milk and cereal.

PRIZEGIVING: will be on Tuesday, 28th June, 2.00 p.m.

SUCCESS STORIES

"Last week I interviewed Eileen McNairney, former Dux medallist of St Michael's who left school in 1973.

When asked what she was doing now she said that she had been studying at Glasgow University for the degree of M.A with honours in English Literature and Latin. She had recently finished her final examinations.

She had just won a scholarship to McGill University in Montreal, Canada, to do post-graduate work in English Literature. To win this she said she had to undergo an interview in which five men drank tea, ate biscuits and asked her why she wanted to go to Canada. About 20 people applied, all of them studying different subjects. She did not think she had been successful, but she later discovered that the interview was not as important as her exam results over the past four years at Glasgow.

When asked what she planned to do on her return she replied that her ambition was to teach Latin at St Michael's if Mr Dickson would have her. She has many happy memories of the school and teachers. A last word from Eileen - St Ninians are still champs!

(by J Clegg)

Lewis Rankine (2nd year) won an extra prize in a Cunninghame District Council painting competition with his painting of 'Dreghorn Old Parish Church'. He was pictured with the other winners on the front page of the 'Irvine Times'.

Also pictured in the 'Irvine Times' was Andrew McKenna (305), described as "BABCA football club's star player".

Mary Timmons, who left school in 1975, won first prize for Latin Literature at Glasgow University this year.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY SUCCESS STORIES? HAND A NOTE IN TO SMART (room 26) IN TIME FOR THE NEXT ISSUE (either present or past pupils).

THE ENEMY OF THE WORLD

(a short story by Gerald Donnelly)

Bill Thern sat fishing on the banks of the Garneck near Kilwinning.

He had caught nothing and now he was packing up to go home.

To his utter surprise, a strange groaning-meaning sound filled the air and a small, grey Volkswagen materialised out of thin air. The windows were unusually very dark indeed. The door was flung open and a tall man stepped out. He looked very foreign with his deep, burning eyes, moustache and pointed beard.

"By the Great Crystal of Kronos!!" he shouted, obviously very angry

"Why does it have to happen to my TARDIS!"

Bill walked over to the man, who was now hopping up and down.

"I say, sir," he said, "what seems to be wrong?"

The man spun round to face Bill.

"I am the Master, you will obey me....you will obey me"

The deep, burning eyes seemed to penetrate his brain.

"You are the Master.... I will obey....obey....obey..."
Bill stood there, his eyes glazed.

The Master was about to end Bill's life when yet another groaning sound filled the air.

A tall, blue Police box was slowly materialising next to the Master's Tardis.

The door opened and a jumble of vaguely assorted people stepped out, arguing.

One was a tall, thin man with a shock of white hair, another was a small clownish figure with dark hair, another was a soldier of some sort, maybe a colonel or a Brigadier.

"Ah, now we've got you!" exclaimed the small dark-haired man.

"We've tracked you down, Master, and now you'll have to pay for your evil crimes!"

"Oh shut up!" said the tall, white haired man.

The little man exclaimed, "PARDON?"

"I said...Shut...Up!"

"Now see here," said the little man, who was most distressed

"Oi, shut up both of you," interrupted the Brigadier, he's scarpered.

The master was running off in the opposite direction.

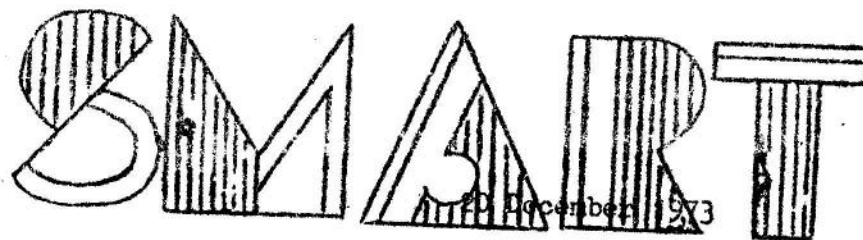
The two men, who were both Time Lords, ran after him, followed closely by the "Brig".

The Master was also a Time Lord and he had stolen his Tardis many years ago; over 5 centuries to be exact.

The High Council of the Time Lords on Gallifrey had asked the Doctor to track him down. To help the Doctor they lifted the Doctor's previous incarnation from its proper time stream so that he could literally help himself.

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EDITORIAL

Merry Christmas to all our readers! S.M.A.R.T. now appears for the fourth time, and is poised ready to begin its first full year of existence.

Again, there are staff changes to announce. Mr Kelly, to whom is due the establishment of this reliable tabloid, S.M.A.R.T., has been appointed to St Joseph's Academy as Assistant Head Teacher (Curriculum). St Joseph's must be becoming popular - Mr McCutcheon starts there after the New Year! Mrs Wilson will be going to Burntisland in Fife where her husband has started a new job.

More bad news was the postponement of the Auchenharvie - St Michael's Debate and Dance owing to bad weather. It is hoped to run this event at a later date. All present members of the debating society will be eligible for it.

A NEW CLUB

A DANCE CLUB will commence on Monday 14 January at 4 pm. All those girls interested are very welcome.

A reprint of an early SMART
to celebrate our 50th issue.

This is no 4 , 20th Dec. 1973

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HELP THE AGED PROJECT

This year the proceeds of the Christmas Concert went to charity. Here was an opportunity to help the old and needy especially at this time of year. Food parcels seemed the most suitable gifts.

The task of deciding what to buy and where, fell to Mr Dawson, a member of the Finance Committee within the School. Assisted by Mrs Stephen and Mrs McKinley he made up a list of items to be divided equally among sixty people.

Assembling and packing parcels is not easy as it sounds and IV8 are to be congratulated for the very important part they played in this project. They worked for a full morning giving of their free time willingly and pleasantly.

Fifteen parcels were sent to each district from which most of our pupils now come viz. KILWINNING, IRVINE, DALRY, KILBIRNIE.

Sincere thanks are due to the following members of staff who offered their services and the use of their cars.

- a) Mr Mellan - who covered the IRVINE area accompanied by III and IV girls. One old person was heard to remark: 'Ah! St Michael's - Is John Frew still the Headmaster?'
- b) Mr McCourt - who went to DALRY accompanied by V girls
- c) Mr Connolly - who covered the KILWINNING area accompanied by some IV8 girls
- d) Mrs McKinley - who went to KILBIRNIE accompanied by IV8 boys.

REPORTS FROM MR CONNOLLY'S GROUP

On Thursday 13 December some of our class made up some food parcels for the old folk of Ayrshire. Mildred and I went to Kilwinning with Mr Connolly. The old people were very pleased when we were giving them parcels, they were even trying to give us some money in return but Mildred and I just wouldn't take it and instead one old lady gave us a cake of chocolate each. Some of the old people just wouldn't believe us at first when we told them the parcels were for them. One of the old women said, "I hope you aren't here to rob me" when we were handing in her food parcel.

Maureen McCulloch IV8

They were happy and so pleased. Some of them even burst into tears. It was so nice just to see their faces lighting up.

We went to one house - the lady asked us in, she could not believe it was for her. Another lady was so happy she burst into tears. Her husband was in bed very ill. He was a cripple and was very pleased to see us. He brought everything out of the bag and looked at it. His wife was very pleased. The man told us that he had never received anything like that before although he had been a cripple for five years.

Georgie McLaughlin IV8

(1975)

SPORTS REPORT

Football

Under 16 won their game against Archinleck 5-0, Auchinleck deciding not to play the second half.

Under 13 have had mixed fortunes in recent games being beaten by St Andrews 5-1; IRA 4-2; Ravenspark 3-2 and then beating Auchenhavie 5-4

Netball

Eight girls have been successful in gaining Ayrshire places in the U-19 and U-16 teams.

Hockey

This has been badly hit by weather in recent weeks and so there are no games to report.

Basketball

North Ayrshire League - St Michael's won their game against IRA, the final score being 24-20

THE FIRST YEAR PARTY

The annual Christmas Party for First Years was held on Thursday 13 December. Soon after six o'clock the party was in full swing with dancing and party games. The high spot of the evening was a surprise presentation to David McGeough, who together with Mr McNeil, celebrated his birthday.

Several members of staff were present and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The dancing was very good and First Year wish to thank everyone who in any way contributed towards making the evening a great success.

The Doctor is the tall white-haired man and the other Doctor shall be referred to as Doctor 2.

The Brigadier was head of the British section of UNIT - United Nations Intelligence Taskforce.

The Master was heading towards the town of Irvine!

He ran along a road, and, turning round, saw the Doctor and Co. chasing after him. A bus was passing so the Master dived aboard. The conductor turned to him.

"Hey, you can't do that....AAAARGH!"

The conductor found himself flying through a window, closed!

A rather old lady stood up from her seat.

The Master turned round to dispose of her when.....

"Ouch!" A well-aimed blow to the head from the old lady's umbrella knocked him to the ground.

He was then chased around the bus, which had no other passengers, by an old lady with an umbrella who was shouting such things as "Hooligan!" and "Vandal".

The bus screeched to a halt and the Master was flattened by the woman as she fell.

The Brig charged upstairs and cannoned into the Master who had had enough of old women for one day.

He ran off into the street after pushing the Doctor's out of the way.

They chased after him.

"He's making for the shopping arcade", yelled Doctor 2. The Master jumped head-first through a window into the showroom of a carpet and furniture shop.

He ran towards the opposite exit, into the street.

The Doctor appeared from behind a three-piece suite only to collapse from a shove in the stomach, he fell onto a small coffee-table and knocked over a couple of vases, spilling water onto the painted floor, quickly turning it to something likesheet-ice. Doctor 2 and the Brig ran in and slid almost immediately. Soon all four were scrambling on the slippery floor. The Master was first to get up and run out of the exit and soon he was followed by the other three.

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The End

The arcade stretched right out over the river and on one wall were several large windows. The Master stood against one of them, the other three moving in towards him. The Brig. suddenly dived for him, missed, and crashed through the window to the river below. The two Doctors grabbed the Master and the struggling group fell, backwards, joining the Brig.

As they floated in the water, they were gripped by a sudden force and in a beam of light they were pulled up towards a great craft hovering in the sky above.

They entered an opening in the floor of the Control Room. This was a Time Lord craft.

Just as they entered, the Master saw his Tardis sitting in the corner. He pressed a button in his belt and was immediately freed from the force.

"Grab him!" shouted Dr 2, but he was too late. The Master closed the Tardis door and it dematerialised.

"He's done it again" said the Brig.

"It seems so", said the Doctor.

He turned to the Castellan, surrounded by his Chancery Guards. "Well, it seems we'll have to track him down again, though he could be anywhere in the Universe".

"I suppose so", said the Castellan, "set course for home."

The following 50 animals are hidden in the grid above -- we know -- we've checked it and are now cross-eyed!