

flying during the day when people were out and about does not bear contemplation.

It is impossible to cost the damage. In February 1968 it was estimated that some £30 million of damage was caused to property throughout Scotland. In Bute there was probably several hundred thousand pounds of damage. The final figure however will probably never be known.

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WEATHER REPORT

Detailed particulars of the daily weather may be obtained from the Meteorological records in the Society's Library at the Museum.

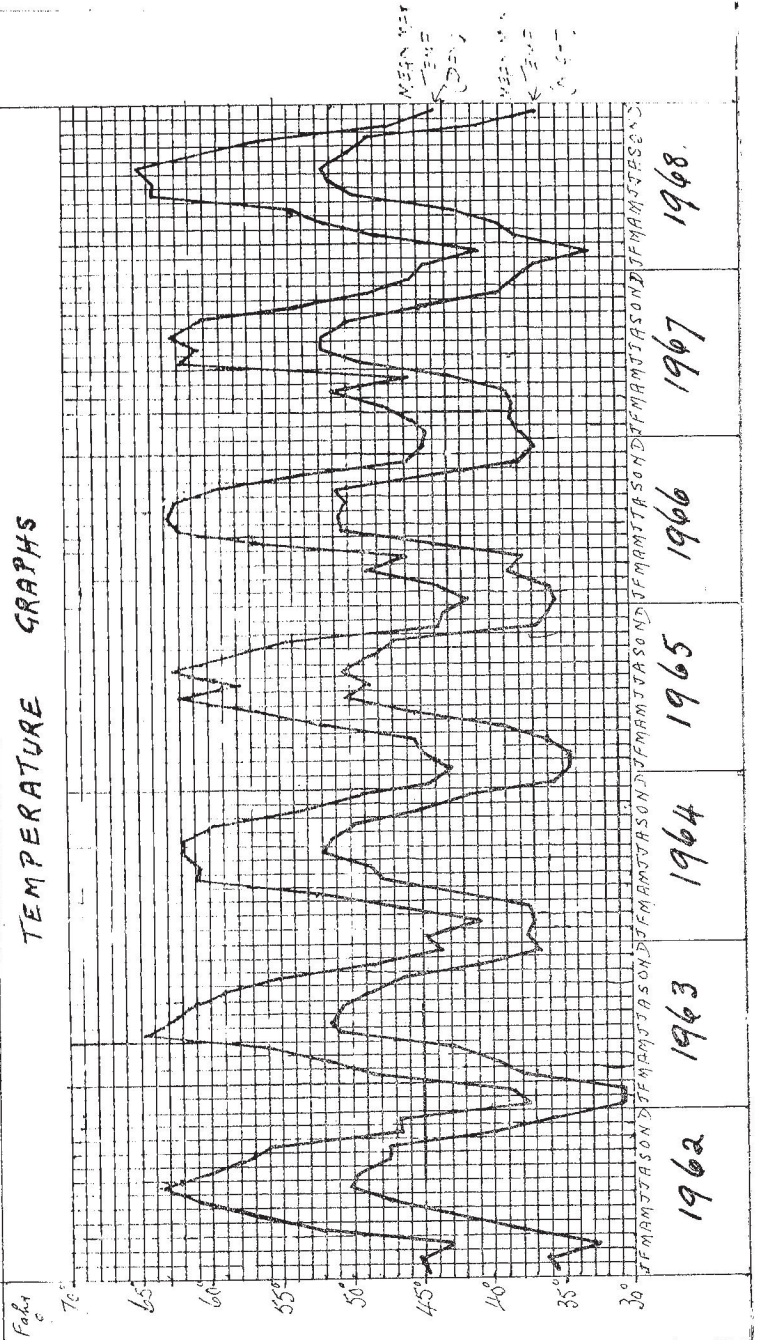
The whole of these daily readings were collected by Mr. J. McFie in the grounds of Rothesay Academy, and it is very unfortunate that, due to circumstances beyond Mr. McFie's control, the Sunshine Records are, in several instances, incomplete.

This is particularly unfortunate in the case of the records for 1968, as this was an unusually sunny year.

There is a record in the Society's papers, giving details of the rainfall at Rothesay from 1800 to 1875, and the average over the whole of this period is 48.56".

The average over the past 30 years, from 1939 to 1968, is 53.4", and it would be interesting to know the cause of this increase.

The Temperature Graphs and the monthly records of Sunshine and Rainfall were prepared by J. Boydell.



RAINFALL (in inches)

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	TOTAL
1962	10.95	4.77	1.93	3.69	2.37	2.71	3.20	8.02	6.91	3.06	5.54	6.50	59.65
1963	0.74	1.03	5.98	3.08	5.47	3.14	4.60	3.36	4.49	5.82	6.35	1.90	45.96
1964	2.86	1.69	2.69	3.41	3.27	3.46	3.41	5.93	6.94	4.84	5.98	5.18	49.66
1965	6.43	.73	3.09	4.46	3.43	4.29	4.60	5.57	7.66	5.70	3.09	6.72	55.77
1966	3.29	4.71	5.85	2.39	5.02	3.81	2.15	2.46	6.17	3.95	6.39	8.70	54.89
1967	5.26	5.10	4.92	3.51	3.58	3.51	4.57	3.42	5.58	9.55	5.43	4.43	58.86
1968	5.38	2.92	5.52	1.92	3.30	1.67	2.61	4.22	7.17	8.92	4.58	2.10	50.31

SUNSHINE (in hours)

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	TOTAL
1962	24.1	72.8	111.4	214.4	226.6	184.7	150.3	148.7	90.0	78.3	35.1	39.7	1376.1
1963	80.0	114.9	98.6	116.0	192.0	188.0	174.3	105.4	137.8	55.4	51.4	31.4	1346.0
1964	43.6	56.0	65.4	135.0	162.7	161.1	134.9	149.5	119.2	×	×	×	×
1965	75.3	95.0	103.4	151.3	140.1	141.0	155.8	149.7	76.5	87.8	75.8	48.1	1299.8
1966	31.3	16.6	97.5	105.4	188.6	119.1	183.2	170.6	55.5	91.5	39.6	37.9	1136.8
1967	62.1	49.2	94.7	140.2	158.9	219.3	114.1	140.0	88.3	61.5	51.9	40.5	1220.7
1968	23.0	49.8	88.9	174.8	174.5	234.1	×	191.1	×	×	×	×	×

(A) — Average

× — No Data Available