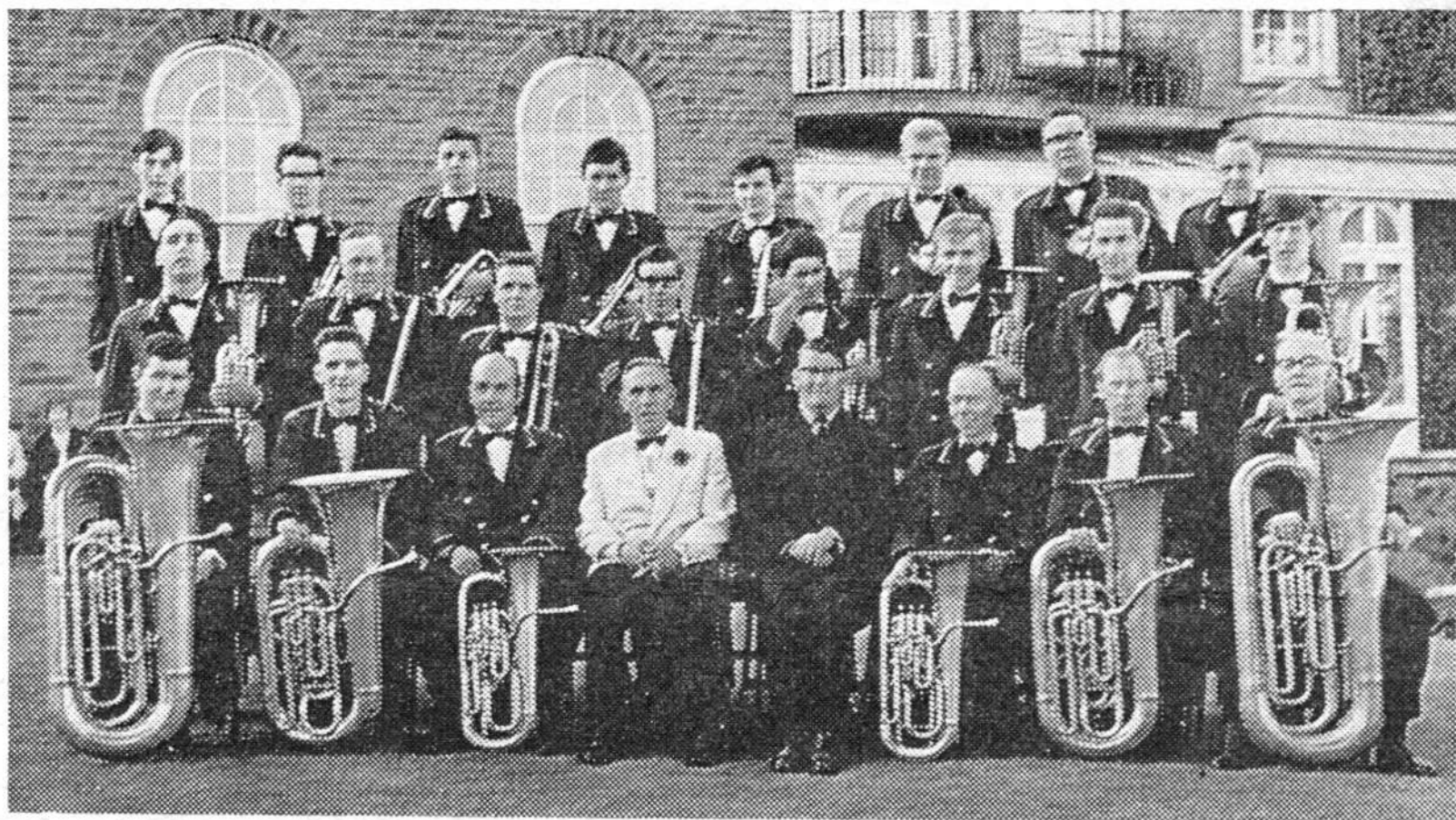


THE STAVELEY WORKS BAND



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The origin of the Staveley Works Band goes back over 100 years when it was known as the Barrow Hill United Band having connection with two local Chapels. Some years later its name was changed to the Barrow Hill and Staveley Works Silver Prize Band, and upon the nationalisation of the Staveley Company's coal mines in 1947 the Company and the Staveley Works Ambulance Corps agreed to patronise the Band and accordingly the name was changed to the Staveley Works Band, and became a fifth Division of the Corps. Since this time the band has become very well known throughout the country both as a concert band and as a marching band. For parades the band wear a guard type uniform in scarlet and have a Corps of Drums of some twelve members to assist with this type of engagement. The

parade band is well known at the Durham Miners Gala and at County, Area and Corps Inspections of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Derbyshire. The concert uniform is wine coloured jackets with gilt and black facings, and the band travel many hundreds of miles each year providing entertainment in parks and halls. The members also give a number of concerts with local choirs and in local churches and their commitments take them as far north as Durham and as far South as London. It is pleasing to note the youthfulness of the Band and to know that 17 juniors are taking lessons and have carried out minor engagements on their own.

It will be recalled that this band appeared on A.T.V.'s "Opportunity Knocks" last August, and have appeared on the I.T.V.'s newsreels in the North East on several occasions.