

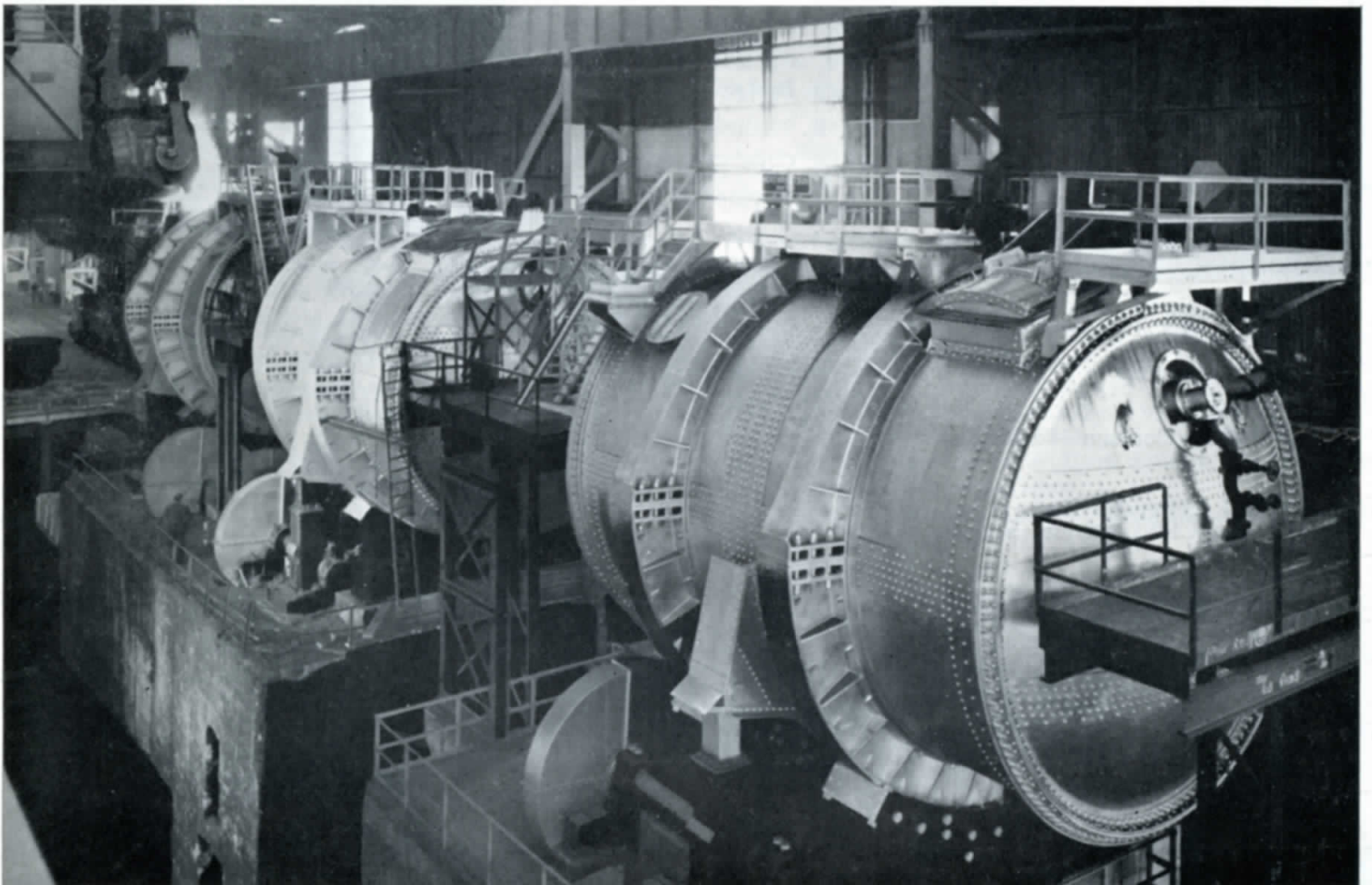
# WRIGHT AHEAD

THE HEAD WRIGHTSON NEWS LETTER

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Three Large Hot Metal Mixers recently completed  
(Note size of man on middle platform)

## Chairman's Letter

I have been reading lately with much interest about the lives of the great economists. It has been said that if the economists were placed end to end, they would still point in all directions.

Two things are very clear. The first is that their theories have a great bearing on the political thought of the next generation; it appears to take at least a generation for the latest economic theories to be appreciated by the general public. The second is that their theories are largely based on their investigations into what happens in their own lifetime.

Hence their views become out of date, and consequently the political outlook changes, as newer theories are propounded.

At the present time the economy of this Country is obviously very precarious, as we have to buy so much food and raw materials from abroad, and we are not

in our former position as the "workshop of the world" to command exports to pay for them.

I hope forethought will enable us not to have to learn the hard way, to maintain and improve our standard of living. My general impression—and as you know, I travel a fair amount, and have only recently been to Holland, Western Germany, and Denmark—is that relatively, we are already slipping.

The remedy is obvious, but we must all continue to be:  
"Men of hope and forward looking mind."  
and base our actions accordingly.

*Richard Miles*

## PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. N. Rowntree (Moulder) — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Nottingham (Chair Rammer) — a son.

### McKee Division

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hewson — twins, a son and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Connor — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Kjelgaard — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Williams — a son.

### MARRIAGES

#### Teesdale Bridge Yard

Mr. R. Nicholson to Miss N. Bage.

Mr. B. Gale to Miss Archer.

Mr. T. Thomas to Miss S. Hunt.



Mr. and Mrs. P. Johnson

### BIRTHS

#### Stockton Forge

Mr. and Mrs. J. Coulson — a daughter.

#### Teesdale Steel Foundry

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lambton (Buyer) — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott — a son.

#### Stockton Steel Foundry

Mr. and Mrs. H. Laverick — a son.

#### The H.W. Machine Co., Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan (Paddy) Murray — a son.



Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nicholson



Mr. and Mrs. B. Gale

#### Stockton Steel Foundry

Mr. R. Nicholson (Moulder) to Miss K. McCallon.

#### H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Mr. Maxie Henderson (Die Shop) to Miss Jean Jones.

Mr. Ernest Wilkin (Die Shop) to Miss Lesley Boddy.

Mr. Fred Britton (Purchasing Dept.) to Miss D. Earnshaw (ex-Teesdale Purchasing).

Miss Mavis Hanson (Production Dept.) to Mr. Tony McCann.

#### The H.W. Machine Co., Ltd.

Miss H. Rogers (Progress) to Mr. A. Archer.

Mr. Eric Nicholson (Estimating) to Miss Joan Pollock (Typist).

Mr. Peter Johnson (D.O.) to Miss Joan Lee.



Mr. and Mrs. T. Thomas

Miss Doreen Peacock (G. Office) to Mr. D. Holton.

Mr. K. Latheron (Fitting Shop) to Miss Judith Crowe.

### McKee Division

Miss Enid Moss to Mr. M. Pallant (H.W.C.E.)

Miss Evelyn Watson to Mr. J. Kidd.  
Mr. Colin Gamble to Miss Shirley Seddon.

#### H.W. Colliery Engineering-Sheffield

Mr. J. Whitehead (D.O.) to Miss B. Plant.



Mr. and Mrs. K. Latheron



Mr. and Mrs. R. Nicholson (B/Yd.)

**DEATHS**

Condolences to the families of:—

- Stockton Steel Foundry :** Mr. Dick Johnson, Mr. Barney Riley.
- H.W. Stampings Ltd.:** Mr. A. Elliott as a result of an accident.
- McKee Division :** Mr. T. Eckford.
- H.W. Machine Co., Ltd.:** Mr. W. C. Walton (Design)

**ENGAGEMENTS**

- McKee Division :** Mr. G. Adamson to Miss P. Ellis. Mr. A. Harburn to Miss F. Green.

**SILVER WEDDING**

- Stockton Steel Foundry :** Mr. and Mrs. T. Kenley.
  - H.W. Machine Co., Ltd.:** Mr. and Mrs. T. Prentice.
- Congratulations on their 25th wedding anniversaries.

**HEAD WRIGHTSON DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

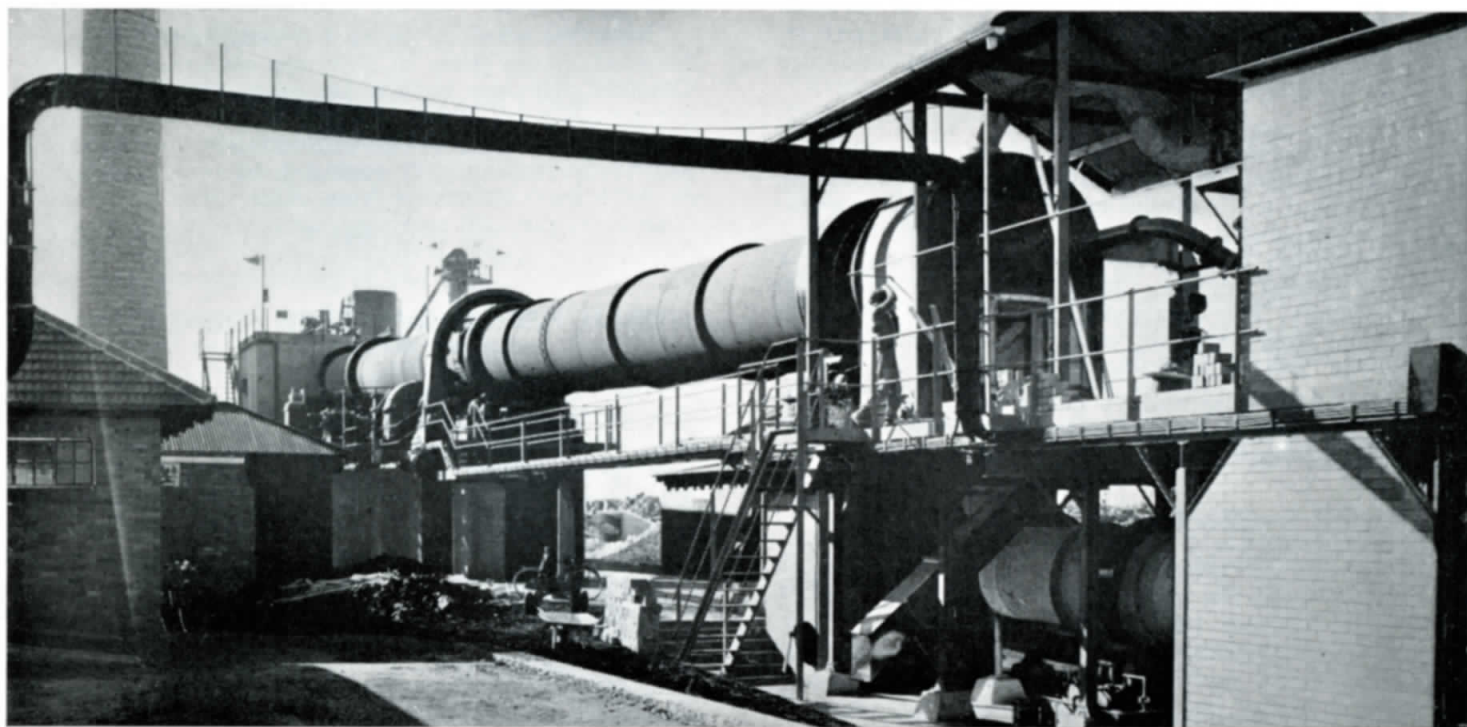
Once again we would remind our patrons and friends that the 1956/57 play season is fast approaching and we look forward to seeing them again and also lots more supporters. The society, as a whole, has spent a profitable recess from rehearsals and the monthly meetings which were mentioned in the previous issue of "Wright Ahead" have proved invaluable. We have recruited many new members and hope to see more.

Another social evening for members was held on Wednesday, 4th July, which took the form of a mystery trip to Croft Spa via Richmond. We understand that this evening's outing was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our committee has in mind for the opening play for the forthcoming season, a rip-roaring comedy, which is to be staged in January and which, we hope, will prove a profitable venture, dare we hope that "House Full" notices will be displayed in front of the "House."

Last, but not least, our Fourth Annual Ball is to be held on Friday, 26th October, 1956, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are 7/6 including supper. Don't forget that tickets for the dance are strictly limited and are sure to be in great demand so get yours as soon as they are available. There is sure to be a Black Market for tickets for H.W. Dramatic Society dance.

**NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA**



We give below extracts from a letter from Mr. R. W. Burnand, who is a Director of our associate company in South Africa. Many of our readers will remember when Mr. Burnand was at our Stockton Forge Works.

"I enclose a photograph (above) of a plant we have recently built and commissioned for the calcining and

cooling of magnesite which is used in the manufacture of high grade refractories.

Whilst not as impressive as a row of blast furnaces, it does at least show that we produce something at Benoni.

The kiln is 150ft. long and 7ft. 6ins. in diameter and the temperature in the calcining zone is 3,100°F. which is much higher than for usual kiln operation."

## ENGINEERING DIVISION

### Machine Shop

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Jack (Toby) Martin (Tool Hardener) after a short illness. It was only in the last issue of the magazine that his retirement was announced after 42 years' service. Jack, it is safe to say, was well known throughout the organisation. Members of the board of directors, as well as his workmates, have all at some time or another listened to his stories. Runner, boxer, footballer, whippet trainer, he'd been the lot. We shall all miss him greatly. Our deepest sympathies go to his widow and family.

Jack Wellum and his merry men in the Heat Exchange Shop are now back to normal. Their man Friday, Barney Loughran, has returned. It is probably only coincidence that the shop now appears much busier.

Congratulations to Bill Day (Boro F.C.) on his recent marriage.

### Bridge Yard

With the results of the City and Guilds examinations, a number of the Bridge Yard apprentices have gained distinction following a studious Winter session and awards have been gained by K. Milburn 1st class, E. Laing 2nd class, E. Highfield 2nd class and Sinclair 2nd class in the Finals. While in the intermediate section, Fenwick and J. Heath gained 1st class and Cambell a 2nd class award.

In the sporting affairs, the Bridge Yard were again successful in the interdepartmental Bowls competition and after defeating last years winners, Stockton Steel Foundry in the semi-final, they went on to win the competition by defeating, Steel Foundry Casting Office and Labs. in the final. Congratulations not only to those who played in the final tie but to all who helped in the earlier rounds.

Brian Flanagan completed two hat-tricks in the Tennis world and was also partnered in finals in all the Head Wrightson tennis section's competitions. Brian won the Stockton competition for the third season and then he became the holder of the "Miles" trophy for the third successive year. In the Mixed Doubles partnered by Mrs. Lonsdale he was successful in the final, and also partnered by P. Carson in the Gent's Doubles.

After being employed in the Bridge Yard for over twenty years, starting from leaving school, Ray Bell has decided to find his fortune in distant lands by emigrating to America and to mark the occasion, his fellow workmates have presented Ray with a wrist watch to mark their appreciation of his good-fellowship and expressing their good wishes for the future to both Ray and his wife and family. The occasion of farewell took place in the National Reserve Club, where the presentation was made by Mr. Shaw, the Bridge Yard Manager.

Colleagues, T. King and P. Colclough, made all the arrangements, and from all in the Yard, we wish you good luck with health and happiness for the future.

## IRON FOUNDRY

Welcome back to Mr. Simpson, Blacksmith, after an operation and Mr. B. Dean, apprentice Moulder, after an accident.

Welcome to Mr. K. Harrison who has joined our wages department.

We wish a speedy return to Mr. E. Littlefair (Pattern Shop), and Mr. Gillings, Ingot Mould Dresser, who are at present off work through illness.

### Cheerio:

Miss D. Burns who has left our wages department to join the W.R.A.F.

Mrs. T. Boston (Mr. Addison's Secretary) who has left to do her duty as a good wife should.



Alan Taylor

### General

It is rumoured in the Segment Gantry that "Slippers" is a certainty to bring to Egglecliffe the "Greyhound Derby Honours" next year.

Sixteen years old Alan Taylor (photo. above) who is employed in our Laboratory has been gaining prominence recently due to his skill in the art of magic. There was a full column feature of Alan in the Evening Gazette recently giving a full write-up on his prowess. We congratulate him on his recent acceptance into the Tees-side Magical Society.

Under the heading "A Scot is conquered by England" featured in the press in July was an article on Mr. A. Omiston who was visiting his sister Mrs. S. Crum after a separation of 36 years. Mrs. Crum who is Canteen Manageress at Egglecliffe was certainly excited at seeing her brother again after such a long time. Mr. Omiston is over here on a visit from America.

Mrs. Crum's son is employed at our Stampings works at Seaton Carew.

## HEAD WRIGHTSON STEEL FOUNDRIES LTD.

### Teesdale

Since the last issue of "Wright Ahead" the steel foundry have received two very important orders. Power Plant Co. Ltd. have placed orders for a total of fifteen steel gear blanks 166" outside diameter by 25½" face. These are in Nickel Chromium Moly steel and will eventually be installed in plant for the Central Electricity Board. Twelve sets of stainless steel pump castings have been ordered by Messrs. William Foster and Co. Ltd. of Lincoln. These castings are for plant to be erected in Italy and the order is a repeat of one we executed a few years ago. The customer is so pleased with the performance of the original castings in service, that we were first choice for the new job. There is every possibility of our receiving an order for the same job for 18 sets of smaller pump castings in stainless steel.

Congratulations to Mr. Peter Lamb, son of our Assistant Works Manager, who was successful in his G.C.E. Advanced in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, and becomes a student at Manchester University in October. Also to Mr. Ian Kirby who is going to the National Foundry College at Wolverhampton, for two years.

We welcome back after a long illness, Mr. Frank Harris and hope that he will continue to enjoy good health.

We extend sympathy to Messrs. J. Nunn, F. O'Brien and R. Brown who have been ill for a long while. We look forward to their return to work.

Our readers will be sorry to learn of the death of Bill Vickerson (Patternmaker) who had been with the firm for over 30 years. He was well known to many of our employees.

Deepest sympathy to Mr. W. Bolland on the death of his wife.

### STOCKTON FORGE

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ayre and Mr. and Mrs. J. Liphorpe on their marriages.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Coulson on the recent addition to the family — a daughter this time (3rd time lucky!)

We welcome back to the Drawing Office, Mr. P. Grier-son, after having completed his National Service.

Best of luck to Barry Preece, Desmond Good and Clive Harding who have gone to do their National Service.

Peter Manrow (D.O.) serving in the Royal Marines on board H.M. Cruiser "Jamaica" sailed some three months ago on a goodwill cruise in the Mediterranean but the latest news is that he is doing a bit of patrol work in the mountains in Cyprus.

### "Twilight Bowls"

In the Inter-departmental Bowls Competition, the Forge Offices had to play the Steel Foundry Office and Labs. in the semi-final. The game took place on Friday, 31st August and at the end scores were level at 41-41. As a result had to be obtained, each rink played an extra end and again the scores were level. A further two ends were played, matches were struck when measuring and still the result was a draw. A further extra end was played to cries of "Where is the jack" and at last a decision was reached — we had lost by two shots.

### HEAD WRIGHTSON STAMPINGS

Once again a Dance has been organised by "Stampings," this is to take place on Friday, 14th December. Refreshments will again be provided. In view of the success of last year's effort, we hope that members of all Departments will attend. Introduce your friends to the happy, carefree atmosphere of our organisation.

While on holiday in Spain recently, Mr. L. T. Houghton (Steel Control) paid a visit to the Barcelona Trade Fair. The following points from his letter may prove of interest.

Among British firms represented were Firth Brown, with a display of tools and stainless steel, but unfortunately during his six hours visit, Mr. Houghton failed to find that they had provided an English speaking representative, so could make no headway in this respect.

There also were Leyland, Austin and Morris Motors together with David Brown Ltd., the latter displaying their excavation machines, but in his opinion, none of these firms seemed to arouse more than a fraction of the interest of the general public. He suggests that had a coupling, set up with a RENFE truck and the fact made known that these couplings had been made to the very strict and selective standards, laid down by RENFE, been displayed, then sufficient interest might have been aroused and the opportunity given to show other things. France got in, in a big way and there were excellent Swiss, Italian and German displays of all kinds, all taking very good orders. Italy and France seem to have done very well with heavy machinery and finished goods.

The U.S.A. put up a complete show, at the same time, giving away lots of cigarettes, etc. Babcock and many other British firms displayed an item, but Mr. Houghton was disappointed at not being able to find Head Wrightson or one of our associates represented.

Living in a Mining Town, I've often heard it said, that more coal is hewn in the local workmen's Club, than ever leaves the Colliery and you can take it from me, that during the present Cricket Season, the Test Matches in particular, more runs were scored, more wickets fell and there were more maiden-overs, than were ever seen on any pitch. Those responsible for this entertainment, are the members of the "Top Table"—2nd lunch — must be looking forward to the Football Season, when once again, commentaries will be given by "Mickey Glendenning" and "Bob Marshall." It's true, there is no admittance fee for these games, but I sometimes think it would be better if we paid to leave, after all, there are no First Aid men present.

Congratulations and best wishes to the following:—

Mr. "Maxie" Henderson (Die Shop) upon his marriage to Miss Jean Jones, on the 28th July.

Mr. Ernest Wilkin (Die Shop) upon his marriage to Miss Lesley Boddy, on 21st July.

Mr. T. Piper has in his possession a photograph of employees of the Smith Shop, Teesdale, taken in 1913. Names he recalls in the group with him are.

"Shemmy" Pearson (still with us at "Stampings.")

"Buller" Metcalfe.

"Todger" Pearson.

"All Night" Jackson and Harry Roberts.

Mr. Piper is in the Wages Dept., at "Stampings" and has now completed 42 years service with H.W. There will no doubt be Teesdale employees who still remember these names.

Congratulations to Mr. Fred Britton (Purchasing Dept.), upon his marriage to Miss Dorothy Earnshaw (Purchasing Dept., Teesdale). Very best wishes for a happy marriage and many years together, from the staff at "Stampings." My own personal advice to Mrs. Britton — "Remember, Britons never will be slaves, so rule if necessary, with a rod of (Steel)."

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. J. L. Garbutt (Stamp Shop) who, owing to an accident is suffering, from a compound fracture of the fingers.

Many nationalities are represented among the workmen at "Stampings" and our industrial nurse, L. Fenelly, is having great difficulty at the moment trying to understand the needs of two Arabic gentlemen. If the need arises, I'm sure she will not know whether to send for an ambulance or a magic carpet!

Congratulations to Mr. Sydney Bristow (Maintenance) upon his re-election to the West Hartlepool Town Council.

Congratulations to Conductor Clifford Midgeley for a delightful programme by the Head Wrightson Works Band broadcast in "Sounding Brass" on Tuesday, August 7th. Also included in the triple bill were the Easington Colliery Band, Conductor Cecil Peacock and Horden Colliery Band, Conductor Dennis Scoins, the latter representing my home-town. The Brass Band never fails to impress me, for to me this is real music. Two pieces I enjoyed were "Impressario" (H.W. Works Band) and "Thunder and Lightning Polka" (Horden Colliery Band) I'm sure all wish our Work's Band continued success.

I've often wondered why a Male Voice Choir has not been formed from the various departments of our Company. Apart from the personal pleasure obtained, there is always the excitement of "contesting," for which there is still scope in the North East.

Annual Holidays are over for another year. For those holidaying in England, it must have been difficult trying to follow the sun. One female member of the Staff never fails to accomplish the most wonderful tan and once again has returned sporting a mahogany finish. A coat of varnish is all that is required to finish the job!

For those not acquainted with the "Stampings" layout, may I mention that from one side of our General

Best wishes are extended to Miss Mavis Hanson (Production Dept.) upon her marriage to Mr. Tony McCann on July 28th.

Congratulations to Mr. George Parker (Drawing Office) who celebrated his 21st birthday on 1st September. You are entitled to sport that little bit of growth on your top lip once again, so how about it?

**My reply to Miss Kaye's poem printed in the last edition  
AUTOMATION**

Luddites in the dim dark past,  
Smashed in desperation,  
Fear and Machine's ability,  
Filled them with consternation.

To us in this old busy world,  
Whate'er our rank and station,  
Thoughts of Trades' Unionists are,  
Without doubt a revelation.

We trust in these enlightened days,  
In reasonable adaptation,  
If one can do the work of ten,  
We'll benefit by the situation.

Intelligent approach lesser toil,  
Resultant with emancipation,  
Production doubtless must increase  
And also Worker's relaxation.

By the Blessing of Automation.  
Our Destiny is safe, assured,  
In the Interest of the Nation.  
If Employers and Workers do their bit,

J.A.W.

**McKEE IRON and STEEL DIVISION**

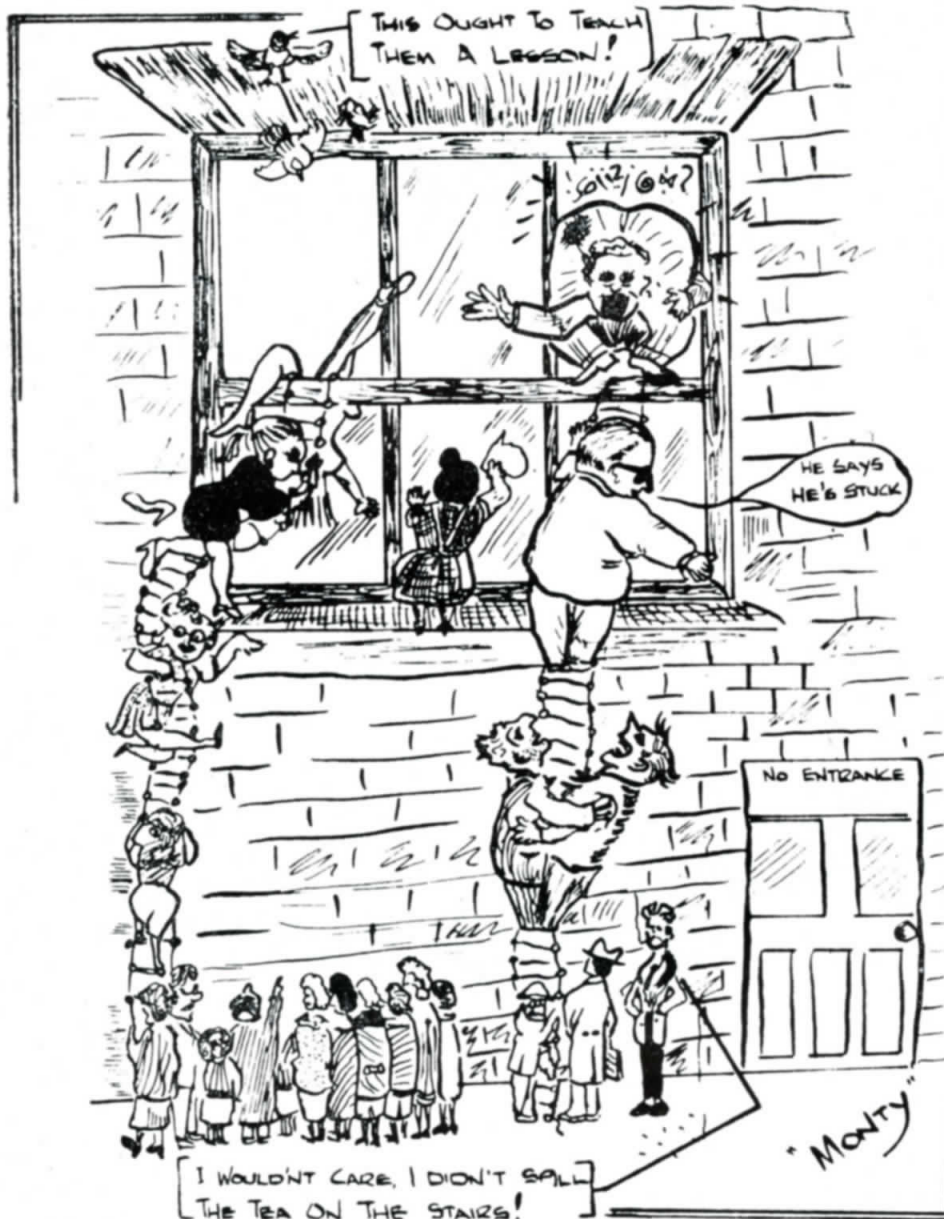
Mr. Jack Johnson, one of our younger draughtsmen who is engaged in a full time course at Durham University, recently took advantage of an International Students Exchange scheme whereby students all over the world may spend some time in foreign countries following professional studies during their vacation.

Jack has, for the past few weeks, been employed in Helsinki, the capital of Finland, and we are of the opinion that readers may be interested to learn some of his activities. He writes that there are over 300 foreign students working in Finland under the auspices of the

Exchange Association and makes a point of noting that over 200 of these are from Germany.

Jack is full of praise for the local secretary of the Association, who has made it possible for the students to visit a number of factories in Helsinki and to see quite a lot of Finland itself by means of organised tours; two of which led him over approximately 2,000 miles of the country. He remarks that he has been employed by a bridge and construction company and has learned much, although he has not been able to do as much actual work as he would have liked owing to the language difficulty. However, he has already made a number of Finnish friends who have invited him to their homes for a Sauna (Finnish Steam Bath)—it is the custom, apparently, to invite friends for a Sauna much as we in Britain invite people for a meal. However, Jack will probably have much more to say when he arrives home about the middle of September and, no doubt, will be persuaded to write an article for the next edition of "Wright Ahead."

It is with regret and sorrow that we record the death of Tom Eckford after a long and painful illness. Although



Office, can be seen hedgerows and fields where sheep and cattle graze and in the distance, the blue of the North Sea. Rather a pleasant outlook, but the other side of the office overlooks the Shops wherein the Stampers toil and sweat. Their outlook is not so bright, but no doubt they will now appreciate the fact that each morning and evening, a bevy of beauty has been arranged to pass, as we enter and leave the office, via the back entrance. (See sketch.) To the boys on Hammers Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, may I request that all wolf-whistles and calls be directed towards the achievement of high productivity. Please spare our blushes and let us depart in peace and not pieces and above all don't let our comings and goings affect the direction of the Billet-slinging.

It is with regret that we report the fatal accident to Mr. A. Elliott on August 17th. At the interment, the management and officials of "Stampings" were represented by Mr. J. Strachan and the employees by Messrs. R. Herring, G. Brown, R. Brown, S. Stokes and T. O'Keefe. Our sympathy is expressed to his relatives.

Tom had not been with the Company for a great length of time he had made for himself countless friends both in this Division and amongst the members of the Bowls Section and our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and relatives.

We also offer to Clive Pickering of our commercial staff our sympathy on the loss of his son (Erection Dept.) under such tragic circumstances.

**H.W. MACHINE COMPANY LIMITED**

Best wishes to:

Hilda Rogers of our Progress Dept., who was married on 6th July, to Mr. A. Archer (Stoker Mech. R.N.).

Joan Pollock, Typist, who was married to Eric Nicholson of our Estimating Department on 16th June. Eric and Joan have now left us to take up residence in Kilsby, near Rugby, and we wish Eric every success with this position with English Electric.

Peter Johnson, Drawing Office, who was married to Miss Joan Lee on 28th July.

Doreen Peacock, General Office, who was married to Mr. D. Holton on 21st July.

Keith Latheron (Fitting Shop) to Miss Judith Crowe.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. T. Prentice, who celebrated their silver wedding on the 21st June, 1956 and to mark this occasion Tom was presented with a half tea-service, on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, by Mr. Black.

**Office Topics by S.E.**

Best wishes to Betty Harris, who has left after being amongst us for nearly nine years. We understand that she intends to devote more time to looking after Jack, who works in our Cost Office. She was presented on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, with a lamp stand, by Mr. T. H. Hall. This was one of the quickest presentations on record, as Betty turned tail after receiving the present from Mr. Hall saying, as she fled that she was not going to make a speech.

Congratulations to Margaret Bates, who reached the ripe old age of 21 years on the 1st August.

Our best wishes go to Ann Bradley, Print Room, who left us on Friday, 7th September. She has been with us for over eight years and was a Committee Member of the Benevolent Fund on several occasions. She was presented with a cheque from the Benevolent Fund.

Mr. W. C. Walton (Design Office)

Although he had been in poor health for some four years, the sudden death in July of Bill Walton was a great shock to his colleagues and friends.

Apprenticed as a fitter in the locomotive shops of Armstrong-Whitworth at Scotswood, Bill spent 10 years in the Drawing Office of Vickers-Armstrong at Elswick before joining The Machine Company in 1948. He was thirty-nine.

We extend to his widow and daughter our deepest sympathy.

One night during the month of June, we were rather surprised to hear some very strange noises apparently coming from our Conference Room. Closer investigation revealed that this was the first practice of the long-threatened choir, under the direction of Mr. R. Blakey, who had the difficult task of moulding these voices together. Subsequent meetings proved that he was successful in his task. We understand that they are now starting to practice Carols for Christmas and we look forward to having the opportunity of hearing them.

**H.W. COLLIERY ENGINEERING**

**Thornaby**

At long last the Wages Department have taken up, what they no doubt hope, will be their final abode — back in headquarters from which they were evicted or possibly left voluntarily some years past, and in doing so have left H.W.C.E.L. in sole possession of "Richardson Duck's" office, a not so remote outpost of the H.W. Empire. It is now the turn of the Works Engineer's Department; the "brickies" have already started making some structural alterations and it is hoped that they will be quickly followed by joiners, electricians and painters so that the additional accommodation can be utilised without delay by engaging further staff to expedite progress on the Abernant and Ogilvie contracts which continue to give full employment to the Thornaby branch of the Company.

Mr. Norman Williams and Mr. Peter Charlton have now left the Company to seek their futures in the new fields — we wish them "Good Luck," but in doing so bid welcome to Mr. W. Bell who has decided to become "denationalised" as he transfers his services from the National Coal Board to H.W.C.E.L. and is taking Mr. Charlton's place as the Company's Electrical Engineer.

In the last issue we reported Mrs. Land's arrival — she has now announced the forthcoming arrival of the stork and that, of course, means her departure. We wish her every happiness and hope she will remember her short stay with H.W.C.E.L.

Other members of the staff who have recently joined us are:

Mr. J. Calvert, Mr. B. Bell, Mr. W. Hill (D.O. Clerk).  
Mr. K. Tallantyre, Mr. T. Davies, Apprentice Draughtsmen.

We hope that they are "happy in their work."

Finally, on behalf of all members of the staff we wish to express "our very best wishes and congratulations" to Mr. Malcolm Pallant and his wife (formerly Miss Enid Moss of H.W. McKee Division), who were married at Holy Trinity Church, Stockton, on 30th June — no doubt Mr. Eddie Moss of the Engineering Division, the bride's father has warned them that the "first ten years are the worst."

**H.W. COLLIERY ENGINEERING LTD.**

**Sheffield**

**Aerex v H.W.C.E.L. (Sheffield Office)**

The annual match between Aerex Ltd. and the Sheffield Office was played on the Wales Church Cricket Ground on the 11th June, 1956. Many members of both staffs with their wives and friends enjoyed an interesting and exciting match which was won by Aerex Ltd. in a close finish.

Following the match a social hour was enjoyed by all during which Mr. Needham presented the Wightman Trophy to R. Barton, Captain of the Aerex team.

The Wightman Trophy has been presented to the Lyndhurst Sports Club in memory of Charles Wightman and is to be competed for annually between the two teams.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Jack Whitehead (Draughtsman) on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Brenda Plant.

Our best wishes to Mr. Roy Baggaley and Mr. Derek Cooper (Draughtsmen) who have joined the forces to complete their National Service.

We welcome the following to our Drawing Office:—  
Michael Alcock, John McKenna, Trevor Dungworth and Anthony Hall.

## H. W. PERSONALITY

MR. FRANK HAMMOND

Fitting Shop, Stockton Forge

Mr. Frank Hammond is a fitter and turner at our Stockton Forge Works. He started there in January, 1915 and throughout his employment with the firm, unlike many of our other employees with long service, has been with that Division. Among those who started at the Forge about the same time were Messrs. John Franklin, Herbert Ayre, Arthur Greenwood, Tommy Gibbons and Arthur Emerson.

Our readers will recall that in the last issue, we told that Mr. Franklin worked at one time on the big lathe, Mr. Hammond took his place on this machine. In 1944 when the new shop was built, the big lathe was scrapped and Mr. Hammond started work on a smaller machine in the new building.

He thinks that working conditions are much improved since the days of his apprenticeship when work began at 6 a.m. and went on until 5 p.m. He travelled to work by tram in the early days. He started working on night shift at the age of 16. This was, of course in 1916 during World War I.

Mr. Hammond has no big interests outside of work. He was at one time a keen follower of Middlesbrough Football Team. He has lived in Norton all his life and does not think he would like to leave Tees-side, but looks forward to spending the rest of his working life with Head Wrightsons' and has no plans for retirement.

The fact that Mr. Hammond is a bachelor brings to mind other unmarried men at Stockton Forge—Mr. Arthur Emerson and Mr. D. Gould. Are they all wedded to their work?



### ANNUAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENTS — 1956

The results were as follows:—

*Men's Singles:*

Winner—B. Flanagan, B/Yd. Office.  
Runner-up—P. Carson, Machine Shop.

*Ladies' Singles:*

Winner—Miss Judith Wood, Eng. Div.  
Runner-up—Mrs. D. L. Lonsdale, Personnel Dept.

*Men's Doubles:*

Winners—B. Flanagan and P. Carson.  
Runners-up—J. B. Darbyshire and F. Garton, both Eng. Div. D.O.

*Mixed Doubles:*

Winners—B. Flanagan and Mrs. Lonsdale.  
Runners-up—J. B. Darbyshire and Miss J. Wood.

The presentation of prizes took place on Monday, 3rd September, 1956, at an informal dance in Teesdale Hall. In the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Miles, Mr. Frank Shepherd officiated. A new cup for Ladies' Singles, kindly given by Mrs. Richard Miles, received much attention. The section is deeply grateful to Mrs. Miles, both for the cup and for her unflinching interest in the Section's activities.

Members of the section and contestants in the tournament owe a considerable debt to the Management for the use of the hall, etc. free of charge. Their go to Mr. Shepherd and all who made the evening so pleasant.

The joint secretaries thank those contestants who took part in this year's events and hope that they will play again next year. They feel that many more members of the organisation could join in, too.

It is hoped to make an early start with tennis next year. Any one who plays or who would like to learn will be very welcome. Further details will be circulated later.



Mr. P. Carson, Mr. Frank Shepherd, Mrs. Lonsdale, Miss Judith Wood, Mr. J. B. Darbyshire and Mr. B. Flanagan. (By courtesy of the Evening Gazette)

This year a full scale tournament fortnight was organised by Mr. E. Slack, Steel Castings Costs and Mr. K. Proctor, Accounts Department, who are joint secretaries of the Lawn Tennis Section. A large number of entries was received, except in the Ladies' Doubles where the entry was so small that it was decided that this event should be cancelled.

The finals were played on Saturday, 1st September, and in spite of the cold wind, there was quite a crowd of spectators including members of the Management.