

# WRIGHT AHEAD

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## Chairman's Message

As you know, our usual practice is to illustrate some of Head Wrightson's technical achievements on the front page of *Wright Ahead*.

At Christmas-time we try to do something different. On this occasion I thought it would be a good idea to show our typical badge of "H.W. sitting on top of the world" slightly modified, as you see. I hope that all of us at Head Wrightson's, and our families and friends will have a Happy Christmas.

As we are a world-wide organisation, we must go up and down with world-wide trading conditions. Unquestionably there is a slight set-back at the moment, the first for many years. But continuous efforts on the part of all of us, including our colleagues on the Parent Company Board, and our colleagues the labourers on the shop floor, will ensure that we shall quickly see an upward trend. In fact, there are favourable indications at the moment, helped by the fact that

our pound sterling is reasonably maintaining its value. But solid progress is always slow. For my own part, I am optimistic.

We on the North East Coast have the best (or worst) of both the holiday seasons: in England — Christmas, and not New Year — and in Scotland — New Year, and not Christmas. May we all not only have a Merry Christmas in accordance with the English custom, and a Happy New Year in accordance with the Scottish custom, but also see that those of us who are less fortunately placed, are enabled to make the best of both festive seasons.

May I therefore, through *Wright Ahead*, convey seasonable good wishes to each other, and to all of us.

*Richard Miles*

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Mr. and Mrs. Newstead

## PERSONAL BIRTHS

Congratulations to:—

### H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Constructional Dept.).

Mr. and Mrs. Presgrave — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Thomas — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Badger — a son.

### Staff.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Renwick — a daughter, Deborah Mary.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. Gaget — a daughter, Jacqueline.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith — a son, Geoffrey.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. Barnes — a daughter.

### H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.

#### Thornaby.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnson — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. McCusker (nee Metcalfe) — a daughter.

#### Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dawson — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. Lindo — a son.

### H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stephenson — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. Des Good — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. Peacock — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Anderson — a son.

### H.W. Colliery Engineering Ltd.

#### Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Linacre — a daughter.

### H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gill — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Johns — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Davies — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Stevely — a daughter  
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clark — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Wren — a daughter, Nicola Jill.  
Mr. and Mrs. K. Gale — a daughter, Helen Fiona.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Sowerby — a son, Noel Christopher.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Waller — a daughter.

## MARRIAGES

Congratulations to:—

### H.W. Teesdale Ltd.

#### Shipping.

Mr. E. Young (Shipping) to Miss B. Davey.  
Miss A. Stoker (Shipping) to Mr. T. Anderson.

#### Constructional Dept.

Mr. J. Simpson to Miss A. Cullen.  
Mr. H. Allinson to Miss I. Fox.

### H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd.

Mr. R. Wilkes to Miss R. Legg.  
Mr. R. Wright to Miss M. McCusker.

### H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Miss A. Readman (Costs) to Mr. J. Lancaster.  
Miss M. Winter to Mr. A. Newstead.

### H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

#### D.O.

Mr. A. Baker, D.O., to Miss D. Leather of Llantrisant.  
Mr. W. Lockheed, D.O., to Miss J. Pallister.

## DEATHS

Condolences to the relatives of:

### H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.

#### Teesdale.

Mr. H. Coppinger, Mr. R. Johnson and Mr. J. E. Carter

### H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd.

Mr. A. Allison, Mr. A. Bowes, Mr. W. Darley, Mr. L. Patchet, and Mr. P. Finn.

## ENGAGEMENTS

### H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Miss M. Sherris (Typing Pool) to Mr. Roy Taylor.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

We are happy to print a picture of Mr. and Mrs. E. Littlewood on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Mr. Littlewood retired from the Company's service some years ago but we still have with us three of his sons — Messrs. Alf, Dave and Charlie Littlewood, all of whom are members of H.W. Teesdale Ltd's. staff.



Mr. and Mrs. E. Littlewoods' Golden Wedding

H.W. TEESDALE LTD.



One of three 200 tons capacity Hot Metal Mixer Cars for the Steel Company of Wales. The Ladle is electrically tipped by a motor through reduction gears engaging a gear on the trunnion at one end of the Ladle. This is by far the largest Hot Metal Ladle Car in the country. The gross weight is approximately 380 tons, giving a 24 ton wheel load.

First of all let us wish Messrs. T. McFarthing and J. Myers a long and happy retirement after completing 56 and 46 years' service respectively with the firm. Our pictures show Mr. J. Shaw, Manager Constructional Department making presentations to each of them.

We were pleased to see another of our Division's pensioners, Mr. J. Lyall, press the button for the launching of the Bradwell Heat Exchanger Shell. He would see a big change in the size and lay-out of the yard since he left us.

Work is going ahead in the yard — the "boilers" continue to go down the slip-way on their sea journey to Bradwell and we are beginning the construction of the Queenhill Bridge which will be interesting to watch. It is quite a long time since a bridge of this type was built in the yard.

We wish Arthur Heron the best of luck in his new role of foreman and Jim Clasper in that of inspector. We wish A. Middleton a speedy return to work.

We welcome back to work Gilbert Warriner after his illness, also "Tot" Thomas after completion of National Service. To all "yard" lads in the forces a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mr. Harry Bexley (Purchasing Dept.) has been transferred to Steelworks Engineering Ltd.

Misses D. Forbes and D. Wrigglesworth of Purchasing Dept. have been transferred to H.W. Sales Section.

**H.W. IRON FOUNDRIES LTD.**

**Welcome.**

We welcome to our staff Miss Christine Houghton (Telephonist).

**Retirement.**

We wish a long and happy retirement to Mr. J. Bashford and Mr. F. Butterwick.

**Get Well Soon.**

We wish a speedy return to work:—

Mr. J. Chambers, Mr. J. Bowes, Mr. J. Gillings, Mr. J. Hobson, Mr. L. Bloom, Mr. F. Outhwaite, Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. R. Myers, Mr. J. Byass, Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. J. Watts, Mr. R. Gourlay, Mr. R. Leeming, Mr. J. Heslop, Mr. J. Collins, Mrs. Harrison.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mr. P. Renton on the loss of his father.

**Presentation at Egglecliffe.**

Mr. R. Miles (Chairman) presented Mr. W. B. Eddy with a Television Set for which works and office staff from various companies and divisions have contributed. The presentation was to mark Mr. Eddy's retirement as Foundry Works Manager after 50 years service with the company.

Our Chairman referred to the increasing frequency with which he was making presentations to members of his generation and recalled those made to Messrs. Wardell and Cussons, who had also had 50 years' service with the Company. He pointed out that much of the Company's present prosperity had arisen from the work done by Mr. Eddy and these other gentlemen.

In reply Mr. Eddy thanked Mr. Miles and his colleagues for the very handsome gift, and paid his own special tribute to his ex-colleagues and many friends



Presentation to Mr. J. Myers



Presentation to Mr. T. McFarthing

throughout the Company who had made his long years of service such happy ones.

Mr. Eddy also thanked Mr. Miles and the Parent Board for the kindness and understanding they had always shown him.

Mr. Addison paid a special tribute to Mr. Eddy on behalf of the Iron Foundries saying what a fine example Mr. Eddy had set for those who were to follow him.

Mr. Addison expressed regret that Mrs. Eddy was unable to be present and wished Mr. Eddy and his wife a long and happy retirement.

Miss N. Ritchie (Mr. Addison's Secretary) presented, on behalf of the Iron Foundries, a bouquet to Mr. Eddy asking that it be given to Mrs. Eddy with very best wishes.

Although space was limited, the function drew representatives from practically every section of the Company.

We are pleased to give office accommodation to Mr. F. Stafford and his staff who joined us in October. We hope that Mr. Stafford will soon be asking for extra accommodation upon receipt of the many orders we are sure will be forthcoming under the new Sales Organisation.

H.W.I.F. express to all Companies and Divisions the very best of Christmas wishes and success and happiness in 1959.

### H.W. STEEL FOUNDRIES LTD.

#### Teesdale.

We wish a speedy recovery to Messrs. T. E. Smith and Mr. J. Young.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. J. E. Carter, late shop foreman. His unexpected death was a shock to all his workmates. He was a friendly man, liked by all with whom he had worked for 36 years.

Mr. Rowley Watson has decided to retire, we wish him a long and happy life and hope that he will come and see us sometimes.

We welcome Mr. G. Taylor and congratulate him on his appointment as assistant General Manager.

We are sorry to lose Mr. J. Allen to H.W. Stampings Ltd., also Miss Mothersdale who has left the Company.

Congratulations to the Steel Foundry four-a-side Bowls Team, Messrs. J. Hodgson, E. Hodgson, H. Hutchinson and G. Clarkson and G. Howe (reserve) on winning the inter-departmental competition. We were defeated in the final of the inter-departmental rinks competition and offer congratulations to our victors.

In the recent swimming gala, the steel foundry office staff had the following successes — a first, three seconds and four thirds — from 9 entries.

#### Stockton.

Our Division was very successful at the annual Fruit and Vegetable Show — Mr. H. Gaddas was top prize winner and Messrs. Umpleby, Stainton, Stirling and G. Gaddas also won prizes.

We offer congratulations to Mr. George Taylor on his new appointment.

We congratulate Mr. D. Evans on his promotion to staff.

Messrs. Layton, Lyons and Bulmer are still on the sick list — we wish them a speedy recovery.

Messrs. Hudson, Fisher, Pyman, J. Carter, P. Robinson and W. Tennant have retired, we wish them a long and happy life of leisure.

### H.W. STOCKTON FORGE LTD.

#### Drawing Office

Les Williams and Dennis Harrison have been called forward at long last to do their "stint" of National Service, to them both we send our heartiest greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

The Drawing Office members are holding their annual smoker on Thursday, 18th December and certain members are now putting in a spot of training in preparation for the "Big Night".

Congratulations to Clive Marrison and his team of Clive Harding, Pete Grieveson and Tom Chambers on their recent successes at the Swimming Gala.

John Ward has recently gone to take up a course of study at the Sunderland Technical College and we wish him every success. We think that he will go far now that we have seen his latest creation — an Austin Seven (year unknown) dressed overall in scarlet and black.

#### Christmas Greetings.

All members of the staff offer cordial greetings to members of all Divisions — we hope that 1959 will see us still going "Wright Ahead".

A very special thank you to all at Cupola Mining & Milling Ltd. for the assistance given to the D.O. staff during their recent operations visit to the plant.

The information supplied to members concerned was duly noted, especially that of "places to visit". This seemed to cater for all tastes and was enjoyed immensely. "Has Johnny Johnson sold the organ yet?"

#### "UNLUCKY"

IN STOCKTON FORGE a number of men  
Did a perm on the Pools — the number was ten,  
They picked eighteen teams at two bob a time  
And put them all down in a very straight line.  
They started at three went on to six,  
Missing two every time right down the list,  
But when it came up they found they'd been done,  
Whoever filled it in had started at one.

#### IN NECKS TO NO TIME

You've heard of the chap who broke his wrist,  
Whilst reaching out quick for his money,  
But the latest event in the template shop,  
I think beats the lot — it's a honey!  
Young Allan shot round the office block,  
Through the Template shop door in a whisk,  
Reached the clock — stamped his card,  
And lo and behold — a slipped disc.  
There's a warning in this sad event,  
For all you physical wrecks.  
When doing your best to beat '33,  
Mind your blooming necks.

A speedy recovery to Messrs. N. Hopper, P. Nichols, J. Bailes, J. Walker, J. Poppleton, C. Moyes, J. T. Braithwaite, H. Baker and A. West.

### H.W. STAMPINGS LTD.

On the 1st of September, a presentation was made by Mr. Brian Newman (Die Shop), to Mr. I. "Tutty" Smith,



Presentation to "Tutty" Smith

to mark his retirement earlier in the year, after 73 years service with Head Wrightson and Co. Ltd. This was in the form of a wallet of notes, contributed to by Workmen and Staff, as a token of appreciation. Two Press photographers were present, together with Mr. Arthur Corner (Work's Manager), Mr. J. Strachan (Die Shop Manager), Mr. Potter (Die Shop) and Miss N. P. Kaye (Staff). The same evening, reference was made to this little informal ceremony in the "News of the North" Bulletin, of the B.B.C. Mr. Smith must indeed hold the record for long service in a working capacity, one which all in connection with our organisation should feel justly proud. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, Mr. Smith is slowly recovering from a recent serious illness having become indisposed shortly after this presentation took place. We sincerely hope that he will soon be sufficiently recovered to enjoy the retirement he so rightly deserves.

Mr. Ray Ferry (Drawing Office) has for disposal, one Ford Zephyr Rear Bumper. I think the main idea was that Ray should manoeuvre his motor-cycle on to the top of the Zephyr in order to acquire free transport, but somehow it back-fired (the plan — or was it the car?) with the result that the front wheel of the motor-cycle was wedged to the rear bumper of the car. Having paid for replacement, he was made a gift of the dented bumper. Thus having this start, I suggest that he applies for unwanted spare parts, he may then become the owner of that longed for 4-wheeled transport.

We recently reported the Ruby Wedding of Mr. R. Cummings (Die Shop). Since then, Mr. Cummings has been admitted to hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be with us once more.

Congratulations to Miss Marion Watson (Typist) who recently celebrated her Twenty-first Birthday.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. William Amos, Drawing Office, upon his forthcoming engagement to Miss Sheila Clements (Wages Dept.) on 17th December. With wifely handling the currency, it will not be necessary for Bill to have that extra pocket fitted into future suits.

The "Stampings" 5th Annual Dance, will take place on 16th January, 1959, in Teesdale Hall. Notices will once again be posted in all departments, giving the necessary details. It will be advisable to obtain your tickets early. These will be available from members of the Committee.

Owing to the recent decline in industry, and this has been more or less general throughout the country, it has been necessary for economic changes to be made. Many familiar faces are no longer with us. It is to be hoped that the forthcoming year, will prove brighter and a general improvement will result in a "back to normal situation".

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a Known Way".

Our sincere wishes go out from us at "Stampings" to all in connection with our Organisation at home and overseas, for a brighter and more prosperous New Year.

#### LATE NEWS

#### OBITUARY

It is with extreme regret that we record the death of Mr. Israel "Tutty" Smith, aged 85 years, who retired a short time ago after 73 years' service with the Company. Most of his working life was spent in H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd., at Teesdale, with a short period, before his retirement, in H.W. Stampings Ltd.

#### H.W. MACHINE CO. LTD.

The Autumn Dance was held in Teesdale Hall on Hallowe'en Night. Everybody had a most enjoyable evening and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Canteen Staff for the success of this function.

We were pleasantly surprised at the success of our swimmers at the gala.

A. Outhwaite, J. Ridsdale, M. Stephenson, J. Seaman; Inter-departmental Shield Relay Race.

M. Stephenson, 1st in breast-stroke and 2nd in free style.

J. Ridsdale, 2nd in diving for objects and J. B. Green, 3rd in Veterans Race.

Mrs. Margaret Bradburn is ill in hospital and we all hope she will be back with us soon.

Mrs. Rita Greenan left our employ to work for Stockton Education Committee.

Harry Townsend (Technical Development) has left us to be Technical Representative for Keelavite.

We welcome the following newcomers:—

Mr. J. McCluskey, D.O., Mr. M. Stephenson, Sales Records, Miss Pamela Smith, Comptometer Operator.

#### Heard in the Office.

We have received the full hot air requirements for the mill from the U.S.A.

Why have Nuclear Power asked for our co-operation in twisting?

A young draughtsman who scorns the marital state was heard discussing the price of engagement rings? When is it to be Ivan?

Girl friends are tougher these days. Which young draughtsman swears she dislocated his shoulder? . . . and come to think of it — why did she?

Congratulations to "Pip" Roberts on his 21st birthday and to Alf Howe on his television appearance in "This is Your Life" — Alf is serving in Cyprus with Brian Hackett and is expecting to be joined by John Dixon who is also on National Service.

#### H.W. IRON & STEEL ENGINEERING LTD.

##### Mr. G. Husband.

George Husband started his working life with Head Wrightsons twenty-five years ago and he had been with the Firm continuously, except for Army Service, until his sudden death on the 23rd September this year.

During that time he had progressed from Office Boy to Sales Manager and at every stage he made many friends, both within the firm and each and all of the companies with whom he came in contact.

His cheerful personality and zest for work and living were well known and his passing is a sad loss to all who knew him.

We express our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Christmas comes but once a year,  
(There may be some who say "Hear, Hear"),  
But we in H.W.I.S.E.L. are glad to say  
We all enjoy that happy day.  
And as we are all friendly still,  
It being the season of good will,  
We send our greetings far and wide  
That you may all this Christmastide,  
Be happy and gay and of good cheer  
With every good fortune in the New Year.

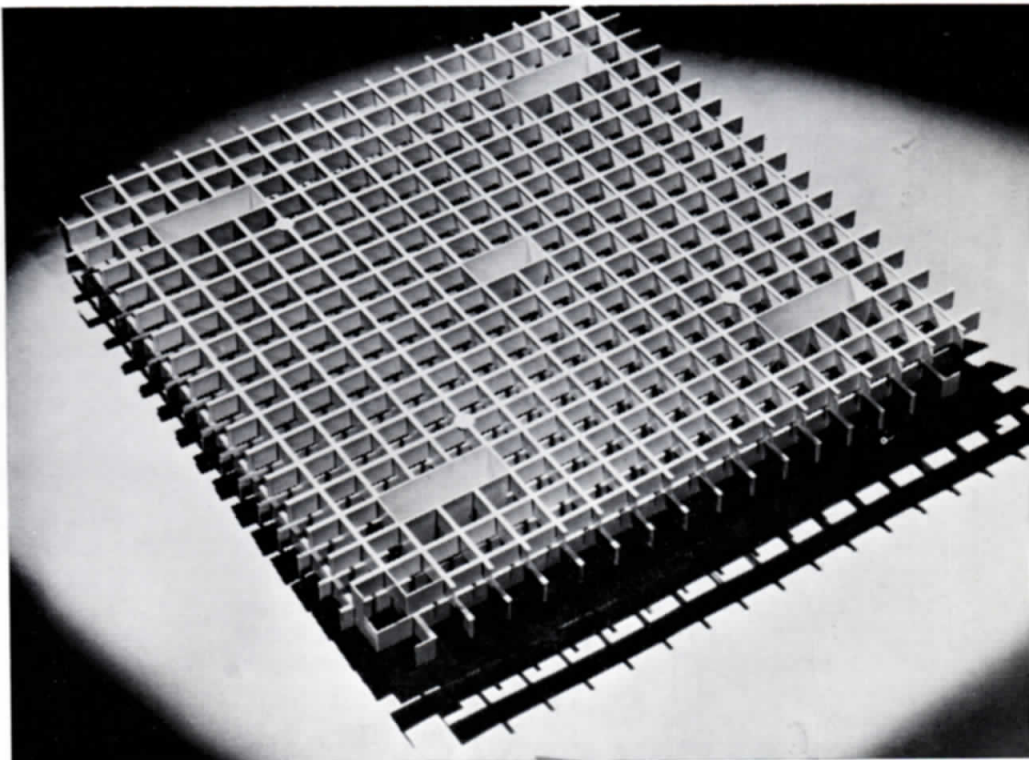
**FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THERE IS NEVER A CROSS WORD ?**

**ACROSS**

1. Second-hand dealer in radiators? (4, 9).
7. I join the oat to make a jot (4).
8. She is Pam, we stress (8).
10. Does the animal need this to move? (8).
11. It takes three to make a riot (4).
13. Where talent rests there's often heat (6).
15. C.I.D. at work in D.O.? (6).
18. Used on Christmas parcels (4).
19. Offered to deter Ned (8).
22. We hear that overtime workers are paid in chemicals (8).
23. Found in the kitchen (4).
24. They carry waist bands (8, 5).

**DOWN**

1. The Company sounds as if it should be in the hands of a referee (7).
2. H.W.D.S. is in need of one (5).
3. Symbols for pauses (6).
4. He connects AC with a painful result (4).
5. K is missing from airy delusion with ill effect (7).
6. Rhodesian Iron & Steel Co. (5).
9. An intermediary of the male sex (5).
12. Rated commerce (5).
14. To make a person drunk? (7).
16. Three blind mice (7).
18. A musical note to improve your health (5).
20. Invert the bar to have a Merry Christmas (5).
21. A fruity start to a letter (4).



"Polygrid" Packing — H.W.P.

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**H.W. PROCESSES LTD.**

The year 1958 is drawing to its close and we look back over our achievements and find that the social side of H.W.P., to say the least has been most successful. One of the most memorable events fresh in our minds is that of "The Derek Tow Motor Rally". This was the hardest of the four rallies run so far, and the winners, J. Willan, the driver, and P. Underwood, navigator, deserve our heartiest congratulations.

There are many events fixed for the near future, but the two to which we look forward with great anticipation, are the Sports and Social Club Christmas Dance and a visit to the Pantomime.

The newest social venture is the formation of the Engineering Society which holds its first large activity on 5th December, with a film show, in the Social Club Room.

Christmas looks like being a great event with prizes being offered for the most original decorations on show in each section of the offices. You may remember seeing a photograph of one of the weird and wonderful contraptions displayed the year before last without any incentive. Now that a prize is in the offing we expect to see some very strange parcels arriving at these offices on the great day and being placed in some prominent position to await unveiling. Einstein has nothing on our boys when they really get going.

Turning for the moment to the working side of life here, at the Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Exhibition held at Olympia in June we showed samples of a new plastic packing under the trade name "Poly-Grid" Packing. This is manufactured from either Polystyrene or Polyethylene powders. This exhibit has aroused considerable interest and the Shell Company has decided to install a large number of these packings in cooling towers we are providing for them at Petrochemicals site at Partington.

This packing gives a high cooling efficiency and will not only be suitable for provision in new cooling towers, but also for re-stacking existing towers, particularly the large chimney Hyperbolic equipment seen all over the country on power stations.

We look forward to this Shell order being the commencement of considerable production of "Poly-Grid" packing for cooling duties in this country.

The festive season is with us once more, and the age old wish of good fellowship and good cheer is extended to one and all for Christmas 1958, and for the coming Year, too.

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

**Thornaby.**

Recent additions to the staff at Thornaby are Mr. Keating, Progress Clerk, Miss Irene Travill, Trainee, David Morgan and Frank Peacock, Apprentice Draughtsmen, and at Abernant Site Mr. I. X. Ioannou, Junior Civil Engineer, and Ogilvie Site Mr. F. S. Milligan, Electrical Engineer. They are very welcome and it is hoped they will enjoy working for H.W.C.E.L.

Mr. A. Nossiter, who joined this Company soon after it was formed as the Colliery Equipment Division, has moved to the Research and Development Department.

Congratulations too to Mr. J. Allen in obtaining his Ordinary National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering and Mr. Neil Scott who has been admitted as an Associate Member to the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. Both are members of the Newcastle Office Staff.

As this issue will reach employees just before Christmas we wish to send our best wishes to all our colleagues in all branches of the organisation whether at home or overseas.

#### Sheffield.

We welcome Mr. D. R. Wallis who has joined the Estimating Department from our Manchester Office and Miss I. Smith who has joined the Buying Department.

It is good to see Mr. Brian Walker again in the Drawing Office on his return from National Service duties in the Forces and Mr. R. A. Peck who is a new member in the Drawing Office.

Mr. George Pickin (Technical Department) has gained the Higher National Certificate in Chemistry with an Endorsement in Mathematics and Mr. A. Webster (Technical Department) has gained the National Certificate in Chemistry. Best wishes and congratulations on these successes.

#### Tall Dahlias.

All gardeners are interested in growing special specimens and Mr. T. Foy, Caretaker of the Sheffield Offices, is no exception to this rule. He has specialised in the growing of Dahlias and this year had two specimens growing to a height of 10 feet in the gardens surrounding the offices.

Reports in the local newspaper show considerable interest in tall growing Dahlia specimens but none have surpassed what we may call "Dahlia Foyana Giantica".

Mr. Foy's keen gardening provides much colour and beauty, enhancing the surroundings of the offices and the Sheffield Staff much appreciate the pleasure given. May his success continue.

#### Seasonal Wishes.

The Staff in Sheffield offer warmest wishes to all members of the Company for a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

### LONDON OFFICE

Miss D. C. Morris, secretary to Chief Publicity Officer, has left us to take a post abroad. Mr. R. A. Shaw has returned North to Stockton Forge.

We have welcomed, during the past few weeks, Miss Sheila Gillan to work as secretary to the Chief Publicity Officer, and Miss Rosemary Gower to work as telephonist.

### NUCLEAR POWER DIVISION

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. J. Stephenson and Mr. E. Blain who have recently joined the N.P.D. drawing staff.

Further to our last issue, we are pleased to learn that Mr. John Lawson's wife has since been discharged from hospital following an operation. We hope she continues to progress satisfactorily.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. P. J. Llewellyn, whose father died on the 20th November.

In this issue we focus attention upon Miss Pat Brewster (typists). Representing the Co-operative Society Youth Club, on the 22nd October, Pat won the Senior Finals of the Public Speaking Contest. The subject of the debate was "The Colour Bar". We wish to express our congratulations.

A new Committee has been formed and the Social Section are busily engaged in arranging Christmas festivities on behalf of N.P.D. staff.

Arrangements have been put in hand for a Smoker to be held at the Pot and Glass, Egglecliffe, on the 19th

December, when it is hoped that as many male members of N.P.D. Staff as possible will attend.

N.P.D. has recently held its own photographic competition and in the next issue we look forward to announcing the results.

The last Treasure Hunt held on Sunday the 28th September, was thoroughly enjoyed by the parties in the 12 cars entered. The course was supposed to cover 40 miles but one or two thought this inadequate and returned with much superior mileages. The results were as follows:—

First:	Miss K. Winn	(Unattached)	3278 points
Second:	Mr. S. A. Fisher	(N.P.D.)	3255 points
Third:	Mr. G. M. Elliott	(N.P.D.)	3246 points

The Polyaural Club, Stockton, which is supported by a contingent of Head Wrightson personnel, was in the news recently. Its fame reached a large public when the Daily Mail announced through the medium of Tanfield's Diary, that Lord Londonderry had expressed interest in the Club and would like to pay a visit on his return from London. In fact, Lord Londonderry wrote personally to the Club promising his fullest support.

The Polyaural Club was founded eighteen months ago and amongst members and artists several Head Wrightson names will be found. To ear-mark but a few:—

Jack Jones (N.P.D.) is a founder member; Jimmy Liphthorpe (Forge) has played for members a number of times; Alec Danby (N.P.D.) who has been the pianist for several Jazz Bands in the district has often entertained the Polyaural Club in his own inimitable style; and many will also know Ron Slack (Teesdale), a budding clarinetist and a member, who shortly hopes to present a group.

On the 9th December, the Polyaural Club is presenting a Charity Show for the nurses of local hospitals when Jimmy Liphthorpe will provide the entertainment and Graham Reed (Purchase Department, N.P.D.) will give a conjuring show.

#### Answers to Crossword (facing)

ACROSS—1, Heat exchanger. 7, Iota. 8, Emphasis. 10, Wormgear. 11, Trio. 13, Latent. 15, Tracer. 18, Tags. 19, Tendered. 22, Nitrates. 23, Oven. 24, Conveyor belts.

DOWN—1, H.W.I.S.W.E.L. 2, Actor. 3, Commas. 4, Ache. 5, Gastric. 6, R.I.S.C.O. 9, Agent. 12, Trade. 14, Tighten. 16, Rodents. 18, Tonic. 20, Revel. 21, Date.

### THE FAIRBURN CHOIR

Congratulations to Mr. Malcolm Pallant, an employee of Head Wrightson Colliery Engineering Ltd. at Thornaby, who has recently been appointed conductor of the Fairburn Mixed Voice Choir in Stockton.

The Choir was formed in 1947 and since that date has given many miscellaneous concerts in the district to the Old Age Pensioner Organisations and the general public.

The Founder Conductor has recently left the district and the choir (age group 16-30 years) has been reformed under Mr. Pallant's direction.

The musical library of the choir includes many of the standard serious works, lighter classical pieces, and West End Show music, not forgetting a few George Mitchell arrangements.

Due to the reforming of the choir new members would be welcome at this time, particularly tenors and contraltos.

Choir practices are held each Monday evening 7-30 p.m. - 9-30 p.m. in the Oxbridge Lane Boys School, Stockton-on-Tees, and any person interested is asked to contact Mr. M. Pallant, Ext. 152 or Mr. R. Furphy, Ext. 305.



Presentation of Tennis Tournament Prizes

### 1958 LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A very successful lawn tennis tournament was held this year. There were almost 100 entries and Mr. E. Slack, Hon. Secretary, coped successfully with weather and awkward working times.

Mr. Richard Miles, our Chairman, and Mrs. Miles presented awards to successful competitors and Mrs. Irving presented the trophy given to the section by her late husband, who was Works Medical Officer. Those present were pleased to see Mrs. Miles looking so well after her illness.

Event Winners were as under:—

Gent's Singles (Miles Trophy) — Mr. B. J. Flanagan (5th time). Runner-up — Mr. G. Semple.

Ladies' Singles (Mrs. Miles Trophy) — Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick. Runner-up — Miss J. L. Lonsdale.

Gent's Doubles (Dr. Irving Trophy) — Messrs. B. J. Flanagan and D. Sizer. Runners-up — Messrs. D. Kirkpatrick and Mr. G. Semple.

Mixed Doubles — Mr. B. J. Flanagan and Mrs. D. L. Lonsdale. Runners-up — Mr. G. Semple and Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick.

Ladies' Doubles — Mrs. D. L. and Miss J. Lonsdale. Runners-up — Miss J. Thornton and Miss A. Cowin.

We welcome back Mr. Peter Wrightson after his visit to the U.S.A. where he was able to contact many of our business associates. He had an opportunity of visiting our Sales Office in Toronto, Canada, where he met Mr. E. J. Robinson who wishes to be remembered to his many friends in the organisation.

### Visit to Poland and Czechoslovakia

Mr. L. W. Needham (of H.W. Colliery Engineering Ltd., Sheffield) and Mr. A. Neville of H.W. Export Ltd., London, recently visited Poland and Czechoslovakia where they attended an International Scientific and Technical Conference on Mine Construction. Mr. Needham visited several mines in Poland. Mr. Neville also investigated the import requirements of the Polish Chemical Industry. Their long combined report also includes interesting personal impressions of the two countries.



Cricket — 1st Eleven

### CRICKET

The 1958 season has been extremely successful, the first eleven completed the league programme without losing a match and finished league champions by 10 points. This year also marked the entry of a second eleven into the Durham Minor League. After early teething troubles, the team improved to obtain 4th position.

The second annual dinner was held in Teesdale Hall on 26th September. This occasion was attended by Mr. F. Shepherd, who kindly consented to present replicas of the League Trophy to members of the first eleven.

Congratulations to Ron Mackinlay, Henry Harris, Maurice Pratt and Tony Court for some fine batting performances, whilst Barry Brannans bowling averages speak for themselves. (173 overs, 57 maidens, 45 wickets, 281 runs. Average 6.2.)

Owing to domestic problems Harry Wilson was unable to play during the season, whilst Arnold Wells has decided to retire from serious cricket after over 25 years with the Club. On the other hand, it was pleasing to note the increasing interest of younger players, including apprentices.

The annual general meeting will take place early in the New Year on a date which will be notified to all departments and subsidiaries.

Our Chairman, Mr. Richard Miles left England on 12th December by air for South Africa. He proposes to visit Head Wrightson & Co. South Africa (Pty.) Ltd., and its associate company, Wright Boag & Head Wrightson (Pty.) Ltd., and to make a short stay in the Federation.



# HEAD WRIGHTSON EMPLOYEES' COUNCIL

## GENERAL FUND

Income and Expenditure A/c. for year ended 31st December, 1957

1956		1957		1956		1957	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Subscriptions:</b>				<b>Employees' Contributions:</b>			
	800	Ropner Convales. Home	800			H.W. & Co. Ltd. ...	1853
	1642	Manor House Hospital...	2124	2700		H.W. Teesdale Ltd. ...	1377
	1200	Social & Ath. Club ...	1200			H.W. Iron & Steel	
	200	Dr. Barnardos Home ...	200			Works Eng. Ltd....	165
	—	British Red Cross ...	250	703		H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd	642
3842	—		4574	442		H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.	457
<b>Donations:</b>				3845			4494
	60	Institute for the Blind ...	60			H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd	1556
	—	S. Durham & Cleveland		1077		H.W. Stampings Ltd. ...	975
		Mission to Deaf & Dumb	10			H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.	930
	10	Thorn. O.A. Pensioners...	—			H.W. Aluminium Ltd. ...	81
	10	Stock. O.A. Pensioners...	10			H.W. Colliery Eng. Ltd.	100
	—	Warwickshire C.C.		6567			8136
		(Spooner's Benefit) ...	3	500		<b>Company's Contribution</b>	500
	10	League of Friends - Stock.		199		<b>Interest on Investments—</b>	
		and Thorn. Hospital ...	10			Gross ... ..	321
		Guide Dogs for the Blind					
		Association ... ..	10				
	20	Mayor's Appeal for					
		Handicapped Children ...	—				
		Peoples' Dispensary for					
		Sick Animals ... ..	5				
		The 'Save the Children'					
		Fund ... ..	20				
110	—		128				
<b>Grants to Employees:</b>							
	1553	Sickness Grants ... ..	2065				
	230	Hardship Grants... ..	143				
	93	Death Grants ... ..	117				
1876	—		2325				
<b>Retired Employees:</b>							
	102	Summer Outing ... ..	124				
	62	Christmas Gifts ... ..	61				
164	—		185				
<b>Employees' Children's Treat:</b>							
	472	Pantomime ... ..	467				
	88	Income Tax on Interest					
		on Investments ... ..	136				
	10	Audit Fee (proportion) ...	11				
	13	Sundries (Printing, etc.)...	9				
	8	Ropner Convalescent					
		Home—Reps. Expenses...	8				
	32	Fruit and Veg. Show ...	35				
151	—		199				
		Reserve for Depreciation					
		of Investments ... ..	700				
6615	—		8578				
651		Surplus for year ... ..	379				
£7266	—		£8957	£7266	—		£8957

Under the H.W. Employees' Council Scheme of which all our employees are members and for which payment of 10d. per week is made, the following benefits are available:—

Sick payments of £3-10s. after sickness of one month (three times in one year).

Hardship grants by application in first instance to own representative.

Treatment at Manor House Hospital.

Recuperation at Ropner Convalescent Home (including wife and children over 9 years of age).

Contribution in bulk to deserving charities (e.g., Dr. Barnardo's Homes).

Treats for all *employees'* children.

Use of sports facilities at Teesdale Park (football, cricket, bowls, tennis, table tennis and darts).

Social and other benefits to our Old Age Pensioners.

All these items are subject to annual review and recommendations for additions thereto can be made through Divisional Council.

## HEAD WRIGHTSON EMPLOYEES' COUNCIL

### SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB FUND

Recreation Ground and Games Income and Expenditure A/c. for the year ended 31st December, 1957

1956		1957		1956		1957	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>INCOME</b>	
		<b>General Expenses:</b>					
	600	Groundsman's Wages and National Insurance ...	628	1200	Amount received from General Fund ...	1200	
	172	Fertilizers, Bulbs, Seeds, etc. ...	272	500	Company's Contribution ...	500	
	18	General Repairs ...	452	8	Subscriptions—Bowls ...	22	
	—	Electricity ...	29	1708			
	28	Water ...	25	225	Proceeds from Lottery ...	1722	1352
	73	Insurance—Accidents, etc. ...	94				
	45	Petrol ...	52				
	10	Grant to Hon. Secretary ...	10				
	10	Audit Fee (Proportion) ...	10				
	2	Bank Charges, etc. ...	4				
	73	Repairs to Machinery ...	71				
	16	Cleaning Materials ...	1				
	18	Sundry Expenses ...	51				
	40	Depreciation of Fittings and Equipment ...	49				
1105			1748				
	268	<b>Football Section Expenses</b> ...	433				
	38	Less Receipts ...	1				
230			432				
23		<b>Cricket Section Expenses</b> ...	231				
1		<b>Nethball Section Expenses</b> ...	—				
82		<b>Bowls Section Expenses</b> ...	184				
11		<b>Darts Section Expenses</b> ...	26				
9		<b>Table Tennis Sec. Exs.</b> ...	13				
	8	<b>Swimming Section Exs.</b> ...	30				
	—	Less Gala Receipts ...	7				
8			23				
46		<b>Tennis Section Expenses</b> ...	49				
1515			2706				
418		Surplus for year ...	368				
£1933			£3074	£1933			£3074

## HEAD WRIGHTSON EMPLOYEES' COUNCIL

### SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB FUND

Recreation Hall Bar Income and Expenditure A/c. for year ended 31st December, 1957

1956		1957		1956		1957	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
		<b>Refreshment Consumed:</b>				<b>Sale of Refreshments:</b>	
	4299	Beers ...	5390	5520	Beers, etc. ...	7206	
	765	Cigarettes ...	969	827	Cigarettes ...	1063	
5180	116	Refreshments ...	128	6347			8269
51		Customs and Excise ...	64	4	<b>Billiards Receipts</b> ...		9
	293	Wages (inc. N.I.) Steward ...	373	6351			8278
	83	Cleaners Wages ...	69	283	Deficiency for year ...		
376			442				
		<b>Sundry Concerts:</b>					
	179	Artists ...	235				
	94	Waiters and Doorman ...	80				
273			315				
32		Glasses and Measures ...	34				
	184	Electricity ...	178				
	159	Coke ...	237				
	15	Water ...	19				
358			434				
14		Secretary's Expenses ...	18				
20		Stocktaker ...	20				
10		Audit Fee (Proportion) ...	11				
18		Sundry Expenses ...	54				
302		Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings and Equipment ...	157				
6634			8036				
		Surplus for year ...	242				
£6634			£8278	£6634			£8278