

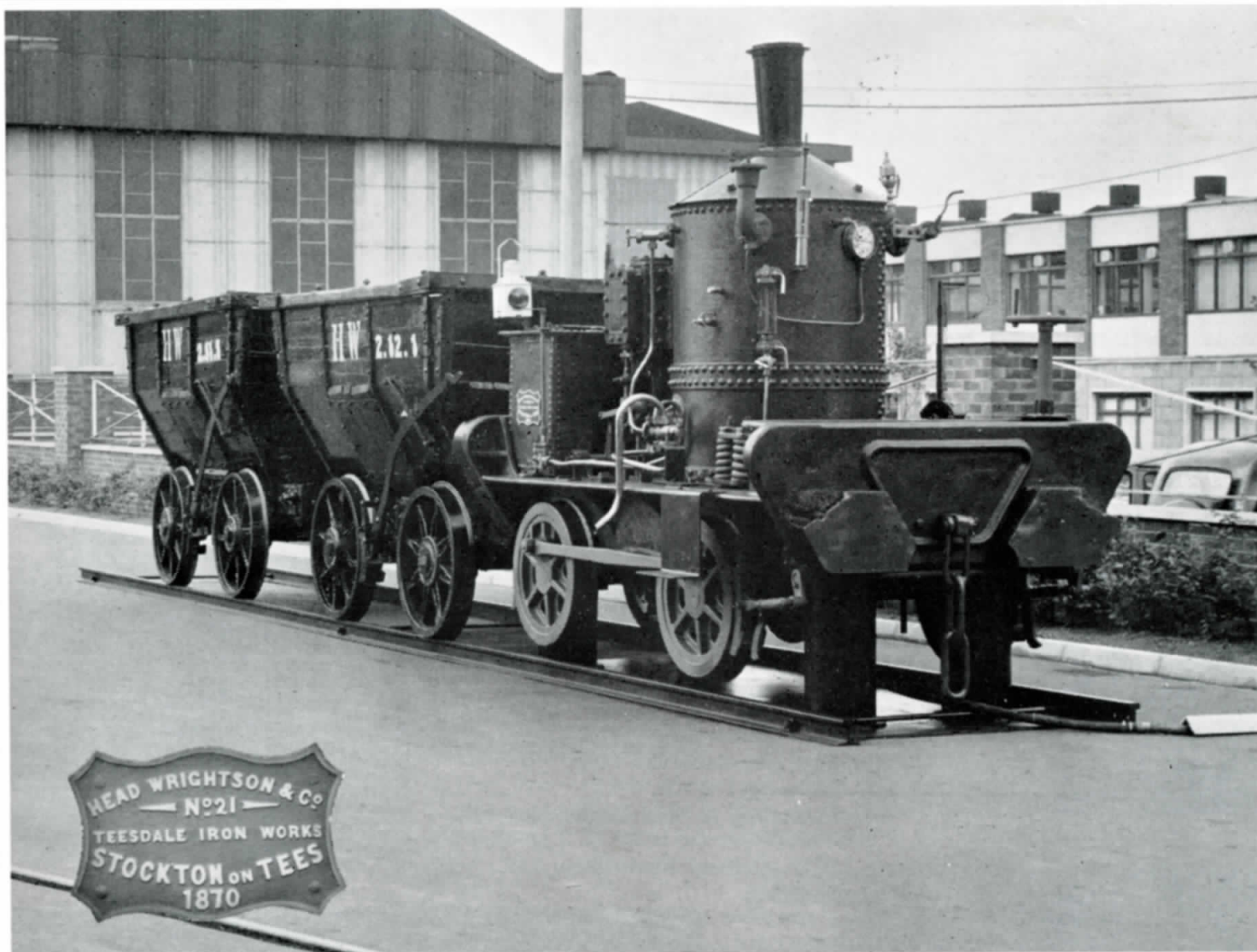
WRIGHT AHEAD

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Those of you who are shareholders in the Company, and the number is increasing, will have received a copy of our Annual Report. Others, no doubt, will have seen the Report, or extracts from it, in the newspapers.

It must be a source of gratification to all of us that our results still show an upward trend, though the rate of improvement is slowing down. But two points must be remembered. The first is that the accounts cover **last year**; and the second is that they include results of work started many years ago.

When world trading conditions decline, it takes a long time for our "heavy" trades to pick up. But there are now signs that it is doing so. We are not "out of the wood" yet, and the going is tough, especially for exports, upon which we are so dependent.

We must, of course, make progress. I am sure it is the intention of all of us to co-operate and to do our share.

These brief remarks that I make from time to time in our Works newspaper, are intended to inspire a common purpose. If they do so, to however small a degree, we can look, not backwards, but forwards, to fulfil the motto of the Borough where our Headquarters are situated:

"Always advancing"

Richard Miles



Mr. and Mrs. K. McDermont

BIRTHS

H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Chalmers — a son.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Clamp — a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Cook — a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Poulter — a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Peat — a son.

H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.**Teesdale.**

Mr. and Mrs. D. Casey — a son.

Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Donachie — a son.

H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mallam — a son.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Robson — a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Neave — a daughter.

H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wicks — a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Todd — a daughter.



Mr. and Mrs. Wright



Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson

H.W. Colliery Engineering Ltd.**Sheffield.**

Mr. and Mrs. D. Raw — a daughter.

H.W. & Company Ltd.**Nuclear Power Division.**

Mr. and Mrs. C. Davies — a son, Russel
Timothy.
Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Llewellyn — a son.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Waller — a son.

MARRIAGES

H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Miss F. Bage to Mr. K. McDermont.
Mr. R. Willis to Miss S. Hepple.
Mr. L. Horner to Miss H. Nickle.

H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.**Teesdale.**

Mr. G. Johnson to Miss S. Weir.
Mr. Jack Johnson to Miss Lillian Clayton.
Miss Jenny Kirby (Costs Dept.) to Mr. Colin
Weekes.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Willis

Stockton.

Miss A. Reddican to Mr. C. Douglas
(Moulder).

H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Miss Marjorie Brookes (Costs) to
Mr. G. Knaggs.

H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd.

Mr. J. Sinclair to Miss N. Quinn.
Mr. T. Eriggs to Miss Wiseman.

H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Mr. Jim Oakey to Miss Pat Gunn.

H.W. Iron & Steel Engineering Ltd.

Miss M. Naylor to Mr. T. J. Jones.

H.W. Colliery Engineering Ltd.**Sheffield.**

Miss Sylvia Marshall to Mr. Wright.

H.W. & Company Ltd.**Accounts.**

Miss N. McAuliffe to Mr. Brian Graham.

ENGAGEMENTS

H.W. Teesdale Ltd.**Bridge Yard.**

Mr. E. Laing to Miss E. Ryder.

H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Miss M. Pollock to Mr. B. Copeland.

H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Miss K. Fox to Mr. B. Dunn.

H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd.

Mr. Dickie Barnes to Miss Norma Cooper.

H.W. Colliery Engineering Ltd.**Sheffield.**

Miss Anne Gregory to Mr. Grenville Thorpe.



Mr. and Mrs. T. Briggs

DEATHS

H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Mr. G. Station (retired).

H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.**Stockton.**

Mr. J. Brown (Furnaceman)

Teesdale.

Mr. T. H. Lamb.
Mr. G. Howe.
Mr. J. Harris.
Mr. R. Robson.

H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Mr. George Newcombe.

H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Mr. Ossy Allen.



Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson



Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones



HIGH SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY PALATINE OF DURHAM

It is with great pleasure that we publish a photograph of our Vice-Chairman, Sir John Wrightson, Bt., who was recently appointed by H.M. The Queen to this important office. This gives our readers, perhaps, their only opportunity of seeing Sir John in his official uniform.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL FOOTBALL

1st Round :

Teesdale Offices	1	Forge Bridge Y. 'B'	2
Bridge Yard 'C'	3	Machine Shop 'C'	3
Replay	4	"	2
McKee 'A'	0	Machine Shop 'A'	8
Forge Offices	7	Stockton Steel Fdry.	2
Bridge Yard 'A'	16	N.P.D.	1
R. & D. 'A'	6	Steel Foundry 'B'	0
R. & D. 'B'	2	Forge Bridge Y. 'A'	4

2nd Round :

McKee 'B'	1	Bridge Yard 'A'	6
Middlesbro Works 'B'	4	Bridge Yard 'B'	4
Replay	1	"	5
Steel Foundry 'A'	1	Forge Offices	2
R. & D. 'A'	2	Machine Shop 'B'	1
Seaton Carew	5	Egglescliffe Fdry.	1
Bridge Yard 'C'	0	Forge Bridge Y. 'A'	4
Machine Shop 'A'	2	Forge Bridge Y. 'B'	3
Middlesbro Works 'A'	2	Maintenance	4

3rd Round :

Bridge Yard 'A'	5	Bridge Yard 'B'	1
Forge Offices	5	R. & D. 'A'	0
Seaton Carew	5	Forge Bridge Y. 'A'	1
Forge Bridge Y. 'B'	2	Maintenance	1

Semi-Finals :

Bridge Yard 'A'	2	Forge Offices	0
Seaton Carew	4	Forge Bridge Y. 'B'	1

Final :

Bridge Yard 'A'	5	Seaton Carew	2
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We publish above the draw for the Inter-departmental Football Competition and the results in the various matches. We feel sure that our readers will be interested to see the way the games went.

In the final, Seaton Carew were soon two goals in the lead but the experience of the Teesdale Bridge Yard team put paid to their opponents' efforts and with the added handicap of two players being injured, Seaton were a well beaten team at the final whistle.

Congratulations to the Bridge Yard team on their victory, they have been finalists on several occasions, and also to Seaton whom, we believe, have never before got further than the first round.

We publish on the left a photograph of the huge advertisement which hangs in King's Cross Station and which has, probably, been seen by many readers who have passed through that huge terminus.



H.W. TEESDALE LTD.**Staff.**

Every happiness to Miss Anne Davison who has recently been married.

Bridge Yard.

Congratulations to our football team who won the Inter-departmental competition after so many years as runners-up.

We were pleased to hear Mr. Cairns had such a successful journey to Italy.

We hear that a grinder got himself a boat for week-end trips. He decided to travel to Redcar but the sight of heavy waves in the bay made him change his mind — he was sea sick. His trips are now confined to the up river area.

We wish a speedy return to health to Taff Bodenham and Mr. Hamilton and welcome back Walter McClure after a long spell on "sick".

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

We wish a healthy and happy retirement to Mr. M. Geldart (Moulder).

We offer our condolences to the family of Mr. G. Staton (Retired Chair Fitter).

H.W. STEEL FOUNDRIES LTD.**Teesdale.**

Congratulations to Mr. T. Peacock who gained 2nd prize in the recent apprentice competition held by the Institute of British Foundrymen and to other apprentices who gained places in the competition.

Geo. Mankin received his clock for the completion of 50 years service with the Company — we offer congratulations and good wishes to him.

It is with extreme regret that we have to report the death of Mr. T. H. Lamb (Shop Manager) after a very long illness. He will be sadly missed for his kindness and understanding to all in the foundry. He had been with the company for 38 years.

We were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Geo. Howe (furnaceman) who had worked with us for over 40 years. His wife had died only shortly before.

Some members of our Division are keen ambulance men and were successful in recent examinations; Mr. T. Robinson gained a diploma, Mr. L. Metcalfe — a 2 year certificate as did Mr. M. Baker.

Congratulations to Mr. C. Elliott on his promotion to Shop Manager, and to Messrs. J. Bell and McLoughlin who have also been promoted.

After many attempts, the Steel Foundry managed, at last, to win the Inter-departmental Darts Competition. Congratulations to Messrs. G. Old (Capt.), E. Hardy, J. Butler, A. Fawcett, T. Cox and J. Bullock.

We wish a speedy recovery to Messrs. R. B. Bennett and J. Irish who have had a long spell on the sick list.

Stockton.

We wish a speedy return to work to Messrs. J. Scott, G. Wales, and A. Bentley.

Messrs. Jim Woodhouse, Bert Fisher and Charlie Hudson have retired — our best wishes to them.

Congratulations to Joe Bell on his new appointment to Thornaby and to Ian Kirby now back with us at Stockton Steel.

A presentation was made to Mr. John W. Nicholson (Timekeeper) to mark his recent retirement after over 46 years with the Company.

Mr. J. G. Allen, Director and General Manager, on behalf of the Company, Staff and Workmen presented him with a wallet of notes.

H.W. STAMPINGS LTD.

Earlier this year, we received a visit from Brian Newman, (Die Shop), who is at present on National Service with the R.A.O.C. Brian, who has done exceptionally well, is instructing trainees and has been awarded the Medal for being the Champion Recruit. He was chosen to represent No. 3 Training Battalion at the Army Shoot — Bisley, on the 19th April, but up to the time of preparing this article, we have not received any news as to the result of this. On his return to Portsmouth, he was expecting to be made Corporal. Congratulations, Brian, we are pleased to note that you have gone "Wright Ahead" and shall be looking forward to your return on completion of your National Service.

The Inter-departmental Football Final took place at Thornaby on the 1st May, between the Bridge Yard (B) and "Stampings" teams. With "Stampings" leading 2-0 at half-time, a mix-up in the goal-mouth resulted in MAJOR scoring through his own goal. The star of the match was no doubt STOREY who, though he had the misfortune to sustain injuries to his leg which eventually required 14 stitches, carried on throughout the first half. It seemed to be "in the bag" for the Seaton side, but again misfortune struck them when HITCHIN went off during the second half with a twisted cartilage. With only 9 men, the result was inevitable. Bridge Yard netted 4, to win—the final score being 5-2. Scorers for "Stampings" were STOREY and MAUGHAN.

"Stampings" Team:—Robson, Turnbull, McIlroy. Major, Taylor, Hitchin, Lutz, Storey, Hockworth, Maughan and Wallace.

Congratulations to the winning side and better luck next time, "Stampings".

A social evening followed in the H.W. Social Club, with Mr. Branson as Chairman. Very good entertainment was provided by the following artistes:— Messrs. F. Battersby, R. Cook, M. Murphy, J. Pickering and W. Stubbs ("Stampings") and Mr. Ron Henderson (Bridge Yard).

Congratulations to Mr. Arthur Day (Staff Supervisor) upon being elected President of the H.W. Senior Staff Guild.

During their visit North, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chilton paid a call upon their former associates at "Stampings". Mr. Chilton has recently recovered from a serious illness. We sincerely hope that the future will bless him with better health.

Presentations were made to the following, upon their retirement, on behalf of their fellow-workers:—

Mr. J. Emmerson (Maintenance), Mr. T. Storey (Maintenance) and Mr. R. Kirton (General Hand).

On behalf of the Staff, Treasury Notes were presented also to Miss Ethel Powell, to mark her retirement after 17 years service as attendant in the officials' dining room. Our good wishes for a very happy retirement are extended to all.

Friends of Mrs. Heather Shadforth (ex staff) will be pleased to learn of the birth of a daughter.

H.W. STOCKTON FORGE LTD.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. F. McLoughlin and Mr. L. Burns.

Mr. P. Wallace and Mr. A. Dutton have retired — we wish them a long and happy enjoyment of leisure.

Albert Greenwood retired due to ill health — he was presented with an electric razor.

Mr. L. Burns, who, as reported above, is ill, had to relinquish his post as shop steward in the Fitting Shop, was presented with a wrist watch by his workmates as a token of their appreciation of his past services.

We regret that Mr. Cook had to leave us and wish him every success in his new post. He was presented with a shooting stick and a fountain pen by the staff.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. G. Cooper who has been promoted to the Planning Department.

We welcome back from the Forces, Mr. A. Mowbray and bid God Speed to Messrs. H. Busby and J. Notman who have gone to do their stint.

Who is the young fellow in the Fitting Shop who is going steady with a girl named "Budgie?" Does he treat her to a packet of bird-seed instead of chocolates.

H.W. MACHINE CO. LTD.

HOT DIP TINNING LINE FOR POLAND

The Head Wrightson Machine Company Limited, Middlesbrough has received a contract for the supply of Hot Dip Tinning Plant to Poland valued at approximately £180,000. The contract was placed by Centrozap who are the buying agents for the Polish Steel Works.

The order followed a visit to Middlesbrough and South Wales some months ago by a delegation of technicians from "Huta in Lenina" which is the largest and most modern steelworks in Poland. Whilst in South Wales, the delegation saw similar equipment of Head Wrightson manufacture under working conditions.

Discussions followed in Poland and the negotiations were finally concluded in London.

Delivery of equipment will be made in twelve months.

The plant consists of two 2-way Hot Dip Tinning Lines of the most modern design incorporating provision for automatic feeding and final inspection, sorting and packing in the Lines. In addition, The Head Wrightson Machine Company are providing the engineering details for the auxiliary equipment which includes palm oil storage and preparation tanks, acid tanks, cooling and cleaning, air blowers, fans and ducting and the fume exhausting plant.

The equipment is designed to give an average output of 10,000 tons of tinplate per year. This will treble the present Polish output of 5,000 tons per annum.

Mr. B. L. Tymczynski, Delegate of Foreign Trade Enterprise and Mr. Jerzy, Assistant Manager — both of Centrozap visited The H.W. Machine Company on the 25th May.

Messrs. Dai Lewis and Brian Hackett are back with us after their National Service.

Congratulations to Derek Gardiner on his "majority".

The strength of Middlesbro' Constabulary has been augmented by the inclusion of Dave Irwin and Clive Allan as "Specials". You have been warned!

On 9th April last, The National Blood Transfusion Service attended our works. To the delight of the Area organizer 60 donors attended.

Sympathy to Widow and family of Percy Allen (Crane Driver) whose sudden death came as a shock to all his workmates.

We wish a speedy recovery to Messrs. Geo. Wilson, Alan Hird, "Jock" Earnshaw and William Hudson and welcome back after illness Messrs. Norman Banks, Jack Brown, Ray Crawford, Benny Blewitt, Peter Deakin and T. (Blossom) Burniston.

H.W. COLLIERY ENGINEERING LTD.

Thornaby.

Days run into weeks, weeks run into months and round comes the next issue of *Wright Ahead*. It is small things like this that make us realise how time is slipping by — when the last issue appeared we were just leaving winter behind now we have had summer and the thoughts of annual holidays are in our minds. We hope whether you went to Redcar or Rome, Saltburn or Sorrento you had a very enjoyable time and returned refreshed ready to tackle the problems which the future is sure to bring.

We welcome to our Staff at Thornaby Mr. J. E. Bannister Electrical Draughtsman, Misses M. Gillson and J. Fields — Shorthand typists and Miss B. Dixon — Office Girl, and to our Abernant Site Office — Mr. J. E. Rees — Office Boy.

Sheffield.

Mr. Colin Elms recently left us to return to his native land — Australia — where he is taking up an appointment with Head Wrightson (Australia) Pty. Ltd. During the years he has been with us he has made many friends who wish Mrs. Elms and himself much happiness "down under".

Welcome to new members to the Sheffield Staff.

Mrs. P. I. King — Photo Dept. Miss M. Walton — Filing. Mr. J. T. Wilson — D.O.

Friends of Mrs. MacGregor (Secretarial) were sorry to learn that she had to enter hospital for an operation. We are glad to hear that she is progressing well.

Congratulations to :

Mr. Casson whose prowess at golf enabled him to bring home the silver cup.

As these notes were being written we learned that Mrs. Spikesley has had an accident and has broken a bone in her ankle. We hope she will soon be fit again.

H.W. IRON & STEEL ENGINEERING LTD.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED . . .

This Division is proud to report a recent Premium Bond win to the tune of £500, the members of the syndi-

cate each receiving £6-11-6. To date Charles, our organiser and treasurer, informs us that we have £100 bonds. Money talks, and we are speechless.

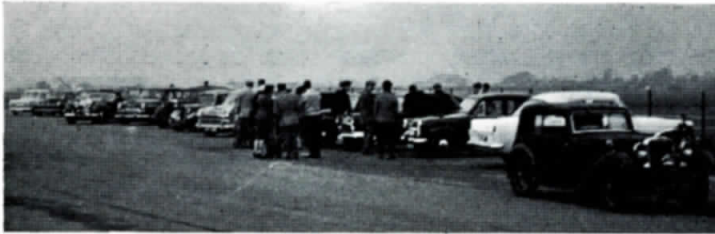
This fabulous luck prompted the slide rule, permutating, calculating, geni of the offices to roll themselves into various "rackets" —

- (a) The "brains" lose to H.W.'s. digit draw. A full permutation proved a win alright — along with a vast number of other lucky participants. Small outlay — smaller winnings!
- (b) The "brains" lose to M. Laymint competition. Small outlay — no prizes!
- (c) The "brains" win in Nestles chocolate. Success! After great deliberation this enterprising band of money mad maniacs are now finalists in a £2,500 competition with a large box of Nestles chocolate already to their credit.

You have to be careful that you are not talking to a rival or else you may be "rubbed-out".

Our sporting successes rival those in the other competitions. Football, cricket and darts matches all resulted in early exits from the respective competitions, but our teams remain incorrigibly cheerful in the face of adversity and thoroughly enjoyed the games. A possible exception was Alan Eastwood, who has a private dislike of fast bowlers!

FIRST CAR RALLY



A rally, conceived and organised by Messrs. G. Reeves, K. Ferriday, M. Stone and R. Martin, all of this Division, was held on Easter Tuesday with an entry of twenty-one contestants.

A glorious sunny afternoon provided ideal conditions for both entrants and rally cameraman, Les Askey. His photo of the start at Thornaby Aerodrome shows the interest aroused in the shape of Austin 7's to Ford Consuls. It has been rumoured in the bazaars that the Austin 7 is still up in them thar hills!

After a fifty mile 2½ hour event the winners were, 1st Mr. and Mrs. A. Ayre (Ford Consul — Stockton Forge), 2nd Jim Langstaff and John Bradfield (Ford Consul — H.W.I.S.E.L.), 3rd D. Hall and Miss Jenob Mohammed (Bond Minicar — Personnel). Subsequently the stewards, organisers and entrants all retired for a social evening at the "Pot and Glass", Egglecliffe, where Mr. A. Ayre (a grand chap) filled his winning trophy with "liquid refreshment" for the assembled company. Due to the interest shown throughout the H.W. organisation, our promoters plan to run more rallies in the future.

Footnote.

Comment overheard by steward during Rally: "Even these minor roads aren't half as bad as the Trafalgar Street switchback" — how true!

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Jones (formerly Mary Naylor) is settling down happily in the land of the leek and the daffodil. No doubt by now she will be able to pronounce:

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrdrobwllyllyntantysilioogoch,

which she assures us means: "St. Mary's church in the white hazel hollow near to the rapid whirlpool, church of St. Silio's red cave". We'll take her word for it.

H.W. PROCESSES LTD.

New developments in our cooling tower designs, covering not only the inclusion of plastic "Poly-Grid" packing but also alternative asbestos walls and parabolic fan stacks giving lower operating horsepower, are being well received in industry. These are mainly developments of our American associates, the Fluor Products Company, but we ourselves have developed a portable tower gantry to assist tower maintenance. This speeds the job and allows man-handling of components with ease. Several such gantries have already been sold.

Following on our recent efforts to strengthen the activities of our overseas representatives in Australia and Germany, we are now actively assisting our South African company to further the sales of Fluor and Head Wrightson Processes products in their area.

As the major company in Britain supplying all four main types of cooling equipment, cooling towers and air coolers both mechanical and natural draught, we now look forward to increased activity in all our sales areas on this equipment.

Turning to a lighter vein, in the last edition of *Wright Ahead* we mentioned a forth-coming Motor Rally; this rally, which was organised by Les Roe and Des Martin, was first class and enjoyed to the full by all competitors. The winning team was E. Cook and J. Phillips (Tech. Dept.).

A league table was formed for the four Rallies which were held during the 1958 season, and the winning team of this league was headed by E. Cook with F. Harrison as his navigator.

The most recent ventures of the H.W.P. Sports and Social Club are the formation of a Motoring Section and a fairly well stocked Library, both of which have started with good support.

Last month the Engineering Society staged an evening's entertainment by way of a lecture by Mr. B. C. Tanner on the construction and running of a floating generator based off Italy during the last war. You may wonder how entertainment and a lecture go together. Well, if you have ever listened to "The Colonel" telling a tale you will understand.

On the sports side, at present, cricket is the main outdoor activity and unfortunately we lost our first match. We have about one fixture a month arranged for this season, the highlight being an all day match on Sunday, 2nd August against an Essex Village team called Herongate. Let's hope that in the next issue of *Wright Ahead* we can report a good win!!

Philately has raised its head in our drawing office. It is amazing the number of people in the D.O. who are collectors or who have been collectors, and are selling their collections now. It seems to engross about 50% of our draughtsmen.

HEAD WRIGHTSON & COMPANY LTD.

Mrs. M. McDonald of the Machine Room, Accounts Dept. has left us after 3½ years service and has been succeeded by Miss M. Porteous of the Wages Dept.

We welcome back Mrs. G. Morgan (Cashier's Dept.) who has been away from work through illness for quite a long time.

THE LOLLY SHOP

A tale of the Cashiers we must tell to you,
 As we feel that enlightenment is long overdue.
 We are a happy crowd really, though some take the view
 That to work with us would be worse than the 'flu'.
 The ladies come first — we men all agree,
 They're always so willing to provide us with tea;
 Of course, this will not last we fear,
 For the canteen staff will soon interfere.
 As regards the menfolk, each one doth excel
 With comments forthcoming in wishing you — well!!!
 Some keep us happy as the months draw to a close,
 But to say we are wealthy is only a pose.
 The department now is changing fast,
 For automation has come at last:
 The new operator has made the boys stare,
 The rest of the girls say "Is it fair?"
 Our services are required in all sorts of ways,
 With photography being the latest craze:
 We are learning at present the right way to grow
 Tomatoes and cucumbers all in a row.
 Cars are prominent with our single lads
 But the married ones are content to be dads!
 This tale we must end with one only plea,
 For all we have told you, don't charge us a fee.

LONDON OFFICE

Friends of Mr. F. J. Walker will be sorry to hear that recently he has had to undergo two serious operations. We are pleased to say, however, that he has made very good progress and is now at home again, fully recovered.

Mrs. Leftwich (nee Uden) has left us to take up work near her new home at Crowborough.

We have welcomed during the past few weeks, Miss J. L. Rich to work as Secretary to Mr. Long, and Miss B. Ashley to work as Filing Clerk.

NUCLEAR POWER DIVISION

We extend our deepest sympathy to all relatives and friends of:—

Mrs. Fall, mother of Mr. H. Fall, (erection department), who died in February.

Mr. Waller, father of Mr. R. Waller (chief buyer NPD) who died on 2nd March.

Mrs. Whitaker, mother of Mr. J. Whitaker (head of administration and accounts NPD) who died on 16th March.

Mr. Train, grandfather of Mr. A. Train (chief cost clerk) who died on 20th March.

Staff Changes.

Farewell.

The latter part of March was notable inasmuch as we said farewell to three members of NPD staff, and they carry with them warm wishes for success in their respective new work:—

Miss J. Riddell, Mr. J. Talbot, Mr. M. Thadani.

Welcome.

We welcome Mr. A. Taylor, who has been transferred from R & D to join our Development Section; Mr. S. Fisher who is now on the permanent staff of NPD engineers; Mr. D. T. Turner who started with us on 1st July, who has been with us for two years as an employee of the Coniston Co.

Mr. F. Carr has officially been appointed Manager of Development and we look forward to a happy period

of co-operation with him, although he will spend most of his time at Knutsford.

Mr. Proudlove has been transferred from Knutsford to Milano and has taken his family with him. We wish him every success.

Mr. J. B. Waiton, Mr. K. A. Linfoot and Mr. D. Pearson, who have joined the drawing office staff; Mrs. Marion Simmons and Mrs. Edith McLean — Central File; Mrs. Sylvia Worthington and Mrs. Pera Forster — Typing Pool.

We wish them all every success and a happy association with our Division.

Speedy Recovery.

We should all like to extend our sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery to Miss Annette Griffiths (tracer) who has been ill since February.

Lecture.

Mr. F. Carr gave a talk to all staff of the Division on 25th May on the design for the Bradwell Nuclear Power Station and was first of a short series which he earlier gave at Harwell. The purpose of the lectures is to provide background information to help our staff appreciate the basic reasons for the chief features of the design and thus assist in interpreting current requirements for new designs. The lecture was attended by the whole of the available staff and was well received and found to be of very great benefit.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OXYGEN STEELMAKING

R. & D. has been very active in this field, and their recently published brochure on the theory and practice of oxygen steelmaking has met with a remarkably favourable reception — requests for copies continue to come in from all over the world.

МЕТАЛЛУРГИЯ ЗА РУБЕЖОМ



Работа томасовского конвертера на дутье, обогащенном кислородом

Another instance of the world-wide influence of technical publications comes from Russia. The heading above comes from the May, 1959, issue of the journal "Metallurg" and reads "Metallurgy Abroad: The operation of the Thomas converter on oxygen enriched blast".

It is, in fact, a review of a paper written last October by Dr. A. G. Raper and Dr. K. H. Hoyle, both of R. & D., to whom it gives due credit.

The Russians are very well advanced in the fields of sintering, iron-making and continuous casting (but not so much on the steel making side). Just as they obviously find it worthwhile keeping track of British literature, so the R. & D. Library now subscribes to several Russian journals—and keeps a full-time Russian language expert busy on translations.

Bowls.

The final of the inter-departmental competition took place on Friday, 4th September, between Teesdale Bridge "B" and Machine Co. Staff.

After 5 ends, Machine Co. had a lead of 21 - 10, at 10 ends, Bridge Yard had reduced the lead to 30 - 27. At 15 ends the Bridge Yard had reversed the earlier results and were 2 up with 43 shots to the opponents 41.

In the last 3 ends Bridge Yard only scored 7 shots against the Machine Co. scoring 18; chiefly through Bob Lyalls rink scoring 10 in the last 2 ends.

Final scores being:—

Machine Co. Staff 59 - Teesdale Bridge Yard "B" 50.

After the match, Mr. George Taylor, a director and assistant general manager of Head Wrightson Steel Foundries Ltd. presented the Wilfred Wrightson trophy to Mr. F. V. Hall, the captain of the winning team and the runners-up cup to Mr. George Cain, captain of the losers. Miniature cups were presented to the winners as follows:—

F. V. Hall, E. Naisbitt, G. Gowthorp, E. Jopling, J. Harris, J. Boston, S. Stone, R. Lyall, W. Maidens, S. Jackson, I. Frostdick, F. Skidmore. Reserve: T. Thompson.

Miniature cups were also presented to the runners-up as follows:

G. Cain, J. Cuthbert, M. Wilson, A. Heron, A. Watson, D. Mason, J. Bell, W. Hughes, C. Marsden, W. Price, J. Shaw, T. W. Pearson. Reserve: E. Hunter.

On Friday, 11th September, Machine Co. Staff were unable to complete the double. After winning the team inter-departmental event last week, they were foiled by Teesdale Steel Foundry in the single rink. After 5 ends Machine Co. had a lead of 6 - 4, but after this steel foundry gained the lead and retained this to win by 23 shots to 15.

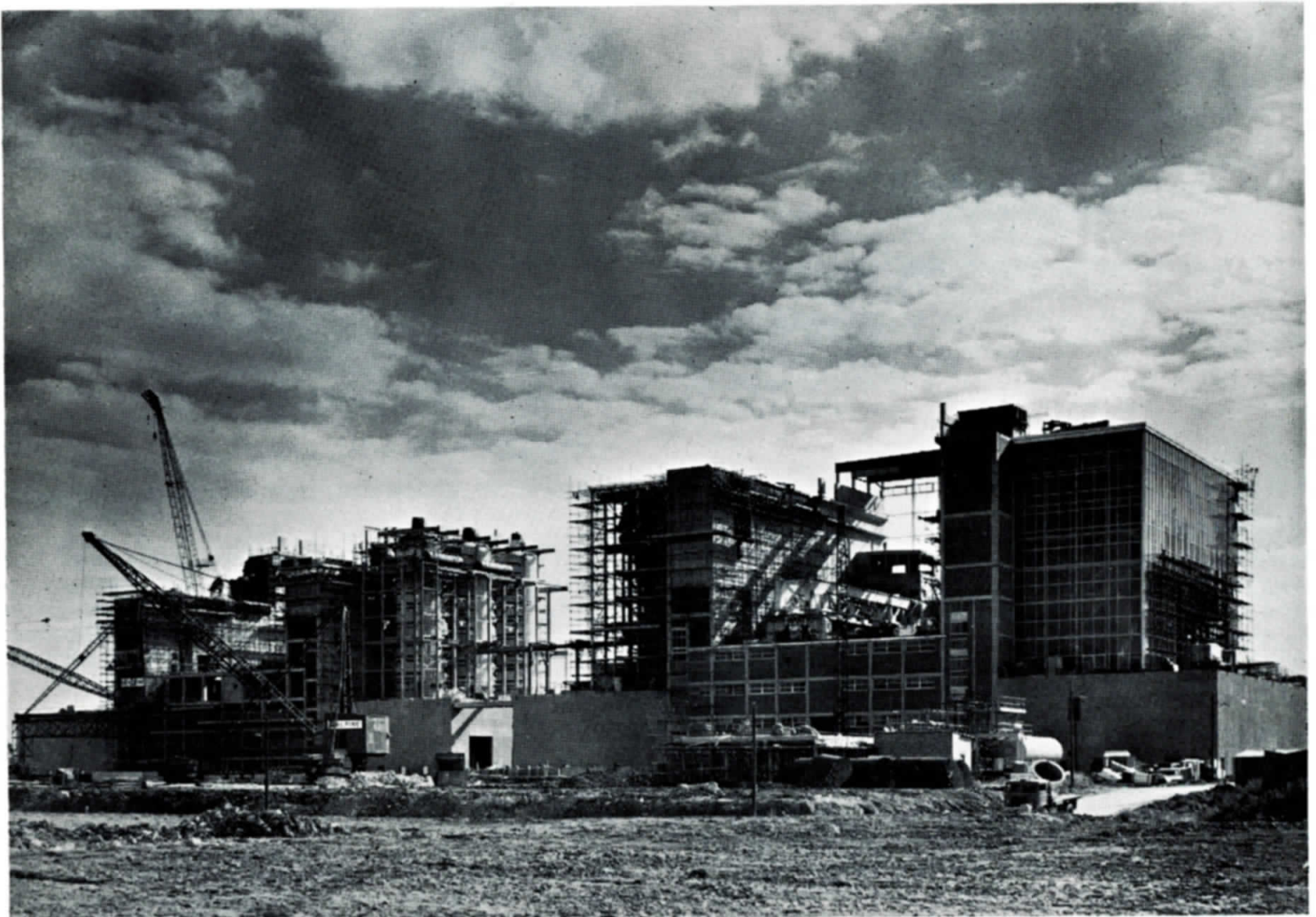
The winning team was E. Hodgson, G. Clarkson, H. Hutchinson and J. Hodgson (skip) and the Machine Co.'s rink was W. Maidens, T. E. Naisbitt, T. Frostdick and F. V. Hall (Skip).

We had a most successful season in most of our leagues, winning the South Durham and North Yorkshire Works League with only 5 games lost out of 21 played. We have only one game to play against Cargo Fleet who have lost 7 games and should finish 2nd or 3rd after all league fixtures are completed.

We have won the "A" Section of the Cleveland and South Durham League losing 2 matches out of 10, we also won the "B" Section in the same league losing 2 and drawing 1 out of the same number of matches. In the play-off for the premier cup for this league, the "A" team play the "C" Section winners in the Semi-final. The winning team play our "B" team in the final.

In the North Yorkshire E.B.A. League we finished slightly above halfway, winning 10 and making a tie with Saltburn out of 19 games.

In the Tees-side Bowls League we finished about half-way, having won 6 drawn 1 and lost 6 with 1 match to play.



Progress at Bradwell

H.W. LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

MEN'S SINGLES THE MILES TROPHY

FIRST ROUND:

B. J. Flanagan v H. Jennings; W. Burns v A. Taylor; G. Morton v G. F. Lowes; B. Hutchinson v P. Bell; D. Kirkpatrick v R. W. Wright; J. S. Phillips v J. King; L. Ellis v D. Roberts; D. Oxley v R. M. Plummer; D. Sizer v M. Bashford; D. Heald v C. Lambton; J. Barker v E. Slack; B. Smith v C. Brookes; T. Davis v A. Andrew; P. Roberts v P. Kitching; E. Dunn v R. Close; H. Thompson v G. Semple.

SECOND ROUND:

H. Jennings v W. Burns; G. E. Lowes v B. Hutchinson; D. Kirkpatrick v J. King; L. Ellis v R. M. Plummer; D. Sizer v C. Lambton; J. Barker v C. Brookes; A. Andrew v P. Kitching; E. Dunn v G. Semple.

THIRD ROUND:

W. Burns v G. Lowes; D. Kirkpatrick v L. Ellis; D. Sizer v C. Brookes; P. Kitching v G. Semple.

SEMI-FINAL:

W. Burns v L. Ellis; D. Sizer v G. Semple.

FINAL:

W. Burns v D. Sizer.

WINNER:

D. Sizer — Nuclear Power Dept.

LADIES' SINGLES MRS. MILES TROPHY

FIRST ROUND:

Mrs. A. Armstrong v Miss L. Clitheroe; Miss W. Gaunt v Miss J. Addison; Miss J. Cunningham v Mrs. Wright.

SECOND ROUND:

Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick v Mrs. S. A. Sizer; Miss L. Williamson v Miss L. Clitheroe; Miss W. Gaunt v Mrs. M. Wright; Mrs. J. Darbyshire v Miss R. Cook.

SEMI-FINAL:

Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick v Miss L. Clitheroe; Mrs. M. Wright v Mrs. J. Darbyshire.

FINAL:

Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick v Mrs. J. Darbyshire.

WINNER:

Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick — H.W. Cashier's Dept.

MEN'S DOUBLES THE DR. IRVING TROPHY

FIRST ROUND:

D. Sizer, B. Flanagan v R. Botterill, D. Oxley; Partner, G. Lowes v G. Morton, M. Bashford; B. Smith, D. Heald v J. S. Phillips, J. Taylor; J. Barker, H. G. Thompson v A. Taylor, P. Roberts; C. Lambton, W. Hopper v M. Plummer, A. Andrew; D. Roberts, P. Kitching v J. King, W. Burns; E. Slack, Partner v G. Semple, D. Kirkpatrick; B. Hutchinson, T. Davis v W. Gartry, Partner.

SECOND ROUND:

D. Sizer, B. Flanagan v Partner, G. Lowes; J. S. Phillips, J. Taylor v J. Barker, H. G. Thompson; M. Plummer, A. Andrew v J. King, W. Burns; G. Semple, D. Kirkpatrick v Scratched.

SEMI-FINAL:

D. Sizer, B. Flanagan v J. Barker, H. G. Thompson; J. King, W. Burns v G. Semple, D. Kirkpatrick.

FINAL:

D. Sizer, B. Flanagan v G. Semple, D. Kirkpatrick.

WINNERS:

D. Sizer — Nuclear Power Dept., B. Flanagan — H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Planning).

LADIES' DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND:

Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Sizer v Miss L. Williamson, Miss W. Gaunt.

SEMI-FINAL:

Mrs. D. Lonsdale, Partner v Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Sizer; Miss L. Clitheroe, Miss R. Cook v Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Darbyshire.

FINAL:

Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Sizer v Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. Darbyshire.

WINNERS:

Mrs. Kirkpatrick — H.Q. Cashier's Dept., Mrs. Darbyshire — H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (D.O.).

MIXED DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND:

K. Whitley, Mrs. Whitley v E. Dunn, Miss R. Cook; R. W. Wright, Mrs. Wright v J. Barker, Miss L. Williamson; H. G. Thompson, Miss W. Gaunt v P. Carson, Mrs. Carson; D. Kirkpatrick, Partner v E. Slack, Miss L. Clitheroe

SECOND ROUND:

B. Flanagan, D. Lonsdale v D. Sizer, Partner; E. Dunn, Miss R. Cook v R. W. Wright, Mrs. Wright; H. G. Thompson, Miss W. Gaunt v D. Kirkpatrick, Partner; L. Ellis, Mrs. Ellis v G. Semple, Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

SEMI-FINAL:

B. Flanagan, D. Lonsdale v E. Dunn, Miss R. Cook; D. Kirkpatrick, Partner v G. Semple, Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

FINAL:

B. Flanagan, D. Lonsdale v G. Semple, Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

WINNERS:

B. Flanagan — H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Planning), D. Lonsdale — H.W. Personnel Dept.

H.W. SWIMMING SECTION

SWIMMING GALA — 1959

on

FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER,

in the

STOCKTON BATHS

Watch your notice board for details

HEAD WRIGHTSON EMPLOYEES' COUNCIL

GENERAL FUND

Income and Expenditure A/c. for year ended 31st December, 1958

1957		1958		1957		1958	
EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions :				Employees' Contributions :			
800	Ropner Convalescent Home	950		1853	H.W. & Co. Ltd. ...	1410	
2124	Manor House Hospital ...	2777		1377	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. ...	2138	
1200	Social & Athletic Club ...	1200		165	H.W. Iron & Steel Works		
200	Dr. Barnardos Home ...	200			Engineering Ltd. ...	251	
250	British Red Cross ...	300		642	H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd.	1001	
4574		5427		457	H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.	679	
Donations :				1556	H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.	1628	
60	Institute for the Blind ...	60		975	H.W. Stampings Ltd. ...	1005	
10	South Durham & Cleveland			930	H.W. Machine Co. Ltd. ...	969	
	Mission to Deaf & Dumb			81	H.W. Aluminium Ltd. ...	66	
10	Nat. Fed. O.A.P. Assoc. ...	10		100	H.W. Colliery Eng. Ltd. ...	108	
3	Warwickshire C.C.			8136			9255
	(Spooners Benefit) ...			500			
10	League of Friends —			321			
	Stockton & Thorn. Hosp.	10		Contributions — per H.W.			
10	Guide Dogs for Blind Ass.			& Co. Ltd. ...			
5	Peoples' Dispensary for Sick			Interest on Investments —			
	Animals ...			Gross ...			
20	'Save the Children' Fund...	20					367
	British Empire Cancer						
	Campaign ...	25					
128		125					
Grants to Employees :							
2065	Sickness Grants ...	2529					
143	Hardship Grants ...	195					
117	Death Grants ...	78					
2325		2802					
Retired Employees :							
124	Summer Outing ...	110					
61	Christmas Gifts ...	76					
185		186					
Employees Childrens' Treat :							
467	Pantomime ...	460					
136	Income Tax on Interest on						
	Investments ...	154					
11	Audit Fee (proportion) ...	11					
9	Sundries (Printing, etc.) ...	36					
8	Ropner Convalescent Home—						
	Representatives Expenses	10					
35	Fruit & Vegetable Show ...	35					
199		246					
700	Reserve for Depreciation of						
	Investments ...						
8578		9246					
379	Surplus for year ...	876					
£8957		£10122		£8957			£10122

EDITOR'S NOTE :

We regret that much of our news is somewhat out of date, but our readers will appreciate that this is due to the recent dispute in the printing industry.



Mr. Miles hands over a clock to "a fifty year's man". Mr. Peter Wrightson, Managing Director, is also in the picture.

**PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE AWARDS
1958**

Mr. Richard Miles, Chairman of Head Wrightson & Company Limited presented awards to the following long service employees in the Board Room at Teesdale Iron Works, Thornaby-on-Tees on Monday, 25th May :

Fifty Years' Service — Clocks :

T. W. Clemmitt	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Paint & Despatch)
H. Cryer	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Machine Shop)
W. Eddy	H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.
M. Geldart	H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.
G. Mankin	H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.
F. Robson	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Machine Shop)
C. Warriner	H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd. (B/Yard)
G. Warriner	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Bridge Yard)

Forty Years' Service — Watches :

H. Fisher	H.W. Stockton Steel Foundries Ltd.
T. Frier	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Planning)
W. Gray	H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.
C. Grounds	H.W. & Co. Ltd. (H.Q. Maintenance)
W. G. Hall	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Planning)
F. J. Hobbs	H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd. (M/Shop)
J. A. Howe	H.W. & Co. Ltd. (H.Q. Maintenance)
S. Howe	H.W. Stockton Forge Ltd. (Erection)
D. Lloyd	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Bridge Yard)
E. Moss	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Com. Dept.)
W. T. Underwood	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Heat Ex. Shop)
J. G. Williams	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Machine Shop)

To-day's presentations bring the number of awards presented since the inception of the scheme to :—

50 clocks. 240 watches.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR 1958 FIRST AID
EXAMINATIONS**

Mr. Richard Miles, Chairman of Head Wrightson & Company Limited presented awards to the following men who have been successful in the 1958 First Aid Examinations :—

First Year Certificate :

S. W. Fisher Thornaby (Town) Ambulance Station

Second Year Voucher :

G. F. C. Baker H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd., Thornaby
C. J. Hope H.W. & Co. Ltd. (Joiners)
L. C. Metcalfe H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Bridge Yard)

Medallion :

M. Newton H.W. & Co. Ltd. (Joiners)

Labels :

L. Arnold H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd., Thornaby
E. Cooker H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Bridge Yard)
R. Danby H.W. & Co. Ltd. (Maintenance)
S. Duckett H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Bridge Yard)
R. C. Fryer Thornaby (Town) Ambulance Station
N. Hobbs H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Machine Shop)
T. H. Robinson H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd. (Office)
T. Smith H.W. Teesdale Ltd. (Machine Shop)

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHOW — 1959

The dry growing season was blamed by officials for a drop in entries at the Head Wrightson Employees' Council annual produce and vegetable show in the recreation hall, Teesdale Park, Thornaby, on Saturday, September 12th, 1959.

Mr. J. B. A. Suttill, secretary, said there were 250 entries this year compared with 320 last year, which was a record entry. In spite of the fall, the standard had remained high, and the horticulture judges, Mr. W. Simpson of Middlesbrough and Mr. R. T. Ralph of Thornaby, were pleased with the exhibits.

Mrs. D. Staples, of Stockton, judged the handicrafts.

The most successful exhibitors were Mr. F. G. Addison and Mr. E. Crosbie.

Mr. Addison had first prizes for the tray of vegetables, onions with tops, cabbage (green), peas, runner beans, dwarf beans.

Mr. Crosbie had first prizes for potatoes (round), potatoes (kidney), potatoes (coloured), cauliflower, cucumber, shallots (red), celery, vegetable marrow and carnations.

With ten firsts, he was the outstanding exhibitor.

Other first prizes were as follows :

Beet (globe): W. Marshall. turnips, J. Percival; carrots and parsnips, leeks (pot and trench): A. Wells; lettuce, W. Marshall; tomatoes: J. Quinn; shallots (white): J. Gladdas.

Rhubarb: J. Percival; blackberries: W. Marshall; desert apples: J. Frosdick; cooking apples: W. R. Colclough; dessert pears: J. Burton.

Dahlias: J. Quinn; asters: J. Percival; roses: Mrs. L. Westwick; chrysanthemums: W. Marshall; flowers arranged for effect: Mrs. L. Westwick; rose, Mrs. L. Westwick.

Flowers arranged for effect, and roses: Mrs. L. Westwick.

Crochet: Mrs. M. Cox. Embroidery: Mrs. H. Mann. Knitted article: Mrs. W. Foots. Miscellaneous: Mrs. E. Rigg.

Children's handwriting: W. Tait. Boys' handicraft: I. Jackson. Girl's handicraft: E. Jackson.

MR. HARRY CUSSONS

Mr. Cussons began work with the Head Wrightson organisation in November, 1905, as an apprentice in the Drawing Office at Stockton Forge. The only break in his service was during the first World War when he served in the Royal Army Service Corps (Mechanical Transport) as a Despatch Rider and Driver, from 1915 until 1919.

When he returned to the Drawing Office at Stockton Forge, he specialised on Colliery Equipment and in 1933 he became Chief Draughtsman and later Assistant General Manager.

In 1945/46 — Mr. Cussons visited Turkey on two occasions to discuss development of Turkish Coal Fields and also visited mines on the continent.

In 1954 he became General Manager of a newly formed Colliery Engineering Division at Thornaby which specialised in Colliery equipment. This Division was created to deal with the increasing volume of colliery plant required by the National Coal Board for their modernisation schemes. Mr. Cussons' wide experience in this sphere, both at home and abroad, was particularly suited to this type of work and in 1955 when Head Wrightson acquired Colliery Engineering Ltd. of Sheffield, it was combined with the Colliery Engineering Division to form a new subsidiary company — Head Wrightson Colliery Engineering Ltd. and Mr. Cussons was appointed Joint Managing Director.

In August, 1958, Mr. Cussons relinquished this position but remains a non-executive director of this Company.

Mr. Cussons has served under three generations of the Wrightson family, Sir Thomas, Sir Guy and Sir John Wrightson.

Despite his heavy business commitments, he was still able to take part in sporting activities and was a member of Norton Cricket Club and its tennis section and



Mr. Richard Miles with Sir John Wrightson, Mr. Peter Wrightson, Mrs. Cussons and Mr. Cussons

Norton Hockey and Badminton Clubs. He is a playing member of Eaglescliffe Golf Club and hopes to remain so for several years to come.

He has been for many years a member of Stockton and Thornaby Rotary Club, the choir at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Norton and a member of the Stockton Male Voice Choir.

Mr. Cussons and his wife intend to spend their retirement at Norton where they are well known and have a large circle of friends.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CRICKET COMPETITION — 1959

Preliminary Round :

A	Tees Maintenance	v	Forge B/Yard 'A'	W
B	Stockton Steel	v	Forge M/Shop 'B'	W
C	Nuclear Power	v	Forge M/Shop 'A'	W
D	W R. & D. 'B'	v	Midd. Works 'B'	
E	McKee	v	Midd. Works 'A'	W
F	Tees. St. Foundry	v	Tees. B/Yard 'A'	W

First Round :

	Forge M/Shop 'A'	v	H.W.C.E. & S. Cast.	W
	Forge M/Shop 'B'	v	Forge Office 'A'	W
	Forge Office 'B'	v	Tees. M/Shop	W
W	Midd. Works 'A'	v	Tees. B/Yard 'B'	
	R. & D. 'B'	v	Tees St. Foundry 'A'	W
W	Tees B/Yard 'A'	v	Forge B/Yard 'B'	
W	Forge B/Yard 'A'	v	R. & D. 'A'	
	Apprentice School	v	Tees. G.O.	W

Second Round :

	H.W.C.E. & St. Cast.	v	Forge Office 'A'	W
W	Tees M/Shop	v	Midd. Works 'A'	
W	St. Foundry 'A'	v	Tees. B/Yard 'A'	
	Forge B/Yard 'A'	v	Tees General Office	W

Semi-Final :

W	Forge Office 'A'	v	Tees M/Shop	
	St. Foundry 'A'	v	Tees General Office	W

Final :

	Forge Office 'A'	v	Tees General Office	W
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H.W. INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CRICKET

This summary gives you the draw and results for the inter-departmental cricket competition.

This year we received a record number of applications from departments wishing to enter teams, indeed a true reflection of the appreciation of our first-class ground and facilities.

The competition gave the once a year player his opportunity to swing the bat, to bowl that over, that would once have been a maiden, but how they all enjoyed it. Some were to play more than the usual one game and this season we had the unpredictable happen, the Steel Foundry 'A' team dismissing the Bridge Yard 'A', a truly splendid performance.

After some most exciting ties, the familiar brigade met in the final, Teesdale Office 'A' v Forge Bridge Yard 'A'.

The Forge took first knock and were soon in trouble, the fielding of the office team was good and the Forge were all out for 68. After being 2 for 2 the Office were worthy winners by 6 wickets, making 69 for 4.

Congratulations to the Office who have now won the Trophy three years running and a very well done to our groundsman and cricket committee for a splendid competition.

R. Brown, A/Sec.