

WRIGHTSON AHEAD

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Sir John Wrightson at the 'Blowing In' ceremony at Durgapur

Chairman's Letter

As we announced just before Christmas we have established a new company to serve our interests in the growing Indian market. Head Wrightson India Limited has now started with its main office in Calcutta, under Mr. T. O'Connor, the General Manager.

As many of you know, I have just returned after a four weeks tour of India during which time I took part in the launching of the new company. I also visited our contract at Durgapur where I was fortunate enough to be present when the Union Minister of Steel, Sardar Swaran Singh, performed the Blowing In Ceremony on our No. 2 Blast Furnace. I have returned full of confidence and stimulated by the great possibilities which exist for Head Wrightson in the industrialisation of India. On all sides

there was evidence of a genuine appreciation for Britain and for British help. We can look forward to a growing demand for our many products as the third five year plan of Industrialisation gathers momentum.

I wish Mr. O'Connor and his English and Indian staff all prosperity and luck in the bright future that lies ahead.

John Wrightson

BIRTHS**H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.**

Mr. and Mrs. R. Willis — a son.

H.W. Stockton Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirton — a son.

H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid (Estimates Dept.) — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilkin (Die Shop) — a son.

H. W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Green — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Whaly — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Piercy — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson — twin daughters.

H.W. Iron & Steel Eng. Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Williams — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Irvin — a daughter.

H.W. Processes Ltd. — Yarm.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor (D.O.) — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowes (Engineers) — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Britton (Inspection) — a grand-daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Elliott (Engineers) — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Sizer (D.O.) — a son.

H.W. Minerals Eng. Ltd. — Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Richards — a son.

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

Mr. C. Steel to Miss A. Grainger.

Mr. T. Garbutt to Miss Casling.

H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Mr. R. Baker (D.O.) to Miss J. M. Stevens.

H.W. Iron & Steel Eng. Ltd.

Mr. M. Rhymer (Elect. Section) to Miss S. Dodds.

H.W. & Company Ltd.

Miss Moira Graham (Cashiers) to Mr. R. W. Heavisides.

ENGAGEMENTS**H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.**

J. Wilson (Moulder) to Miss J. Bolam (Core Maker).

DEATHS

Condolences to the relatives of :—

H.W. Teesdale Ltd.

Mr. F. Thompson.

H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Mr. E. Gray. Mr. W. Jubb. Both were long serving employees — Mr. Jubb had been one of our pensioners for some years.

H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.

Mr. T. Alderson — Pattern Shop.

H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

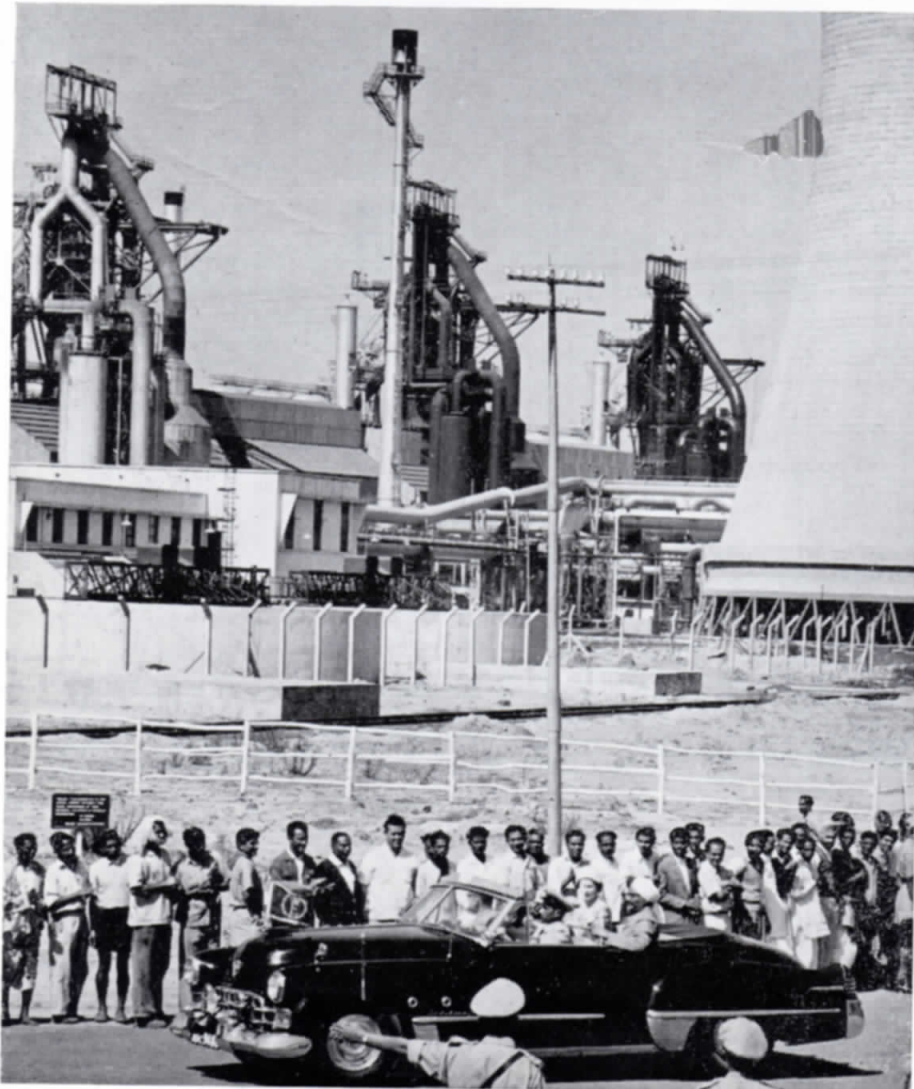
Mr. H. Darley.

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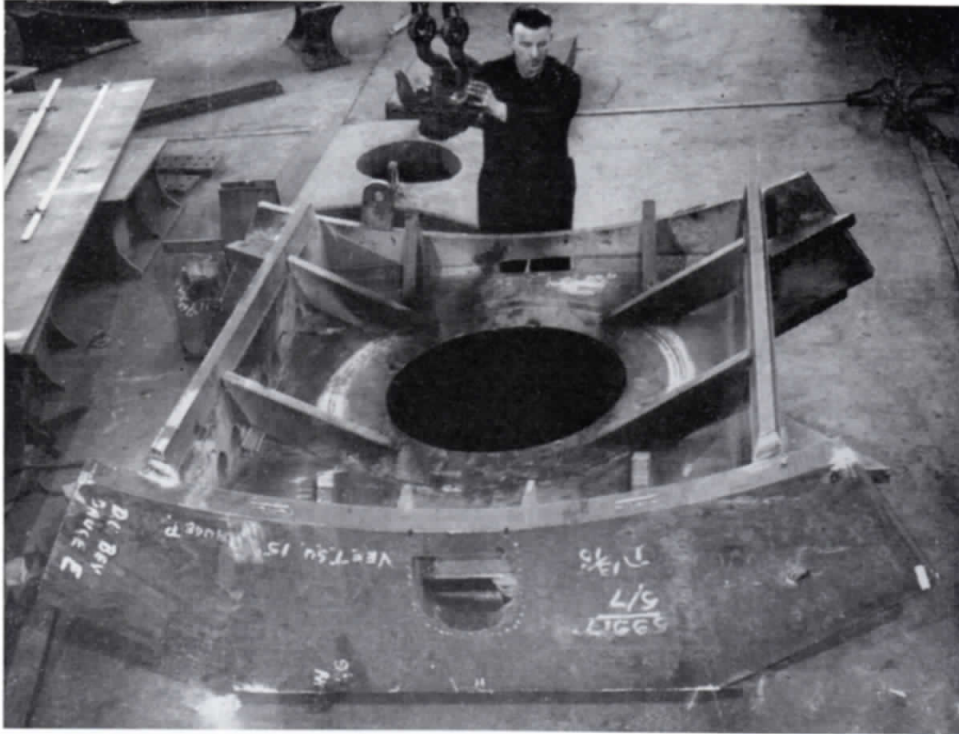


Her Majesty The Queen in India.
Our photograph shows Her Majesty
at the Durgapur project—our Furnace
is at the rear.

We are pleased to report that the following message has been sent to our Company from the Private Secretary to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II :—

“The Queen was much impressed by the speed with which the Durgapur project is reaching completion and by the excellent job which has been done there. She sends her warm congratulations to all the Companies in ISCON connected with this work”.

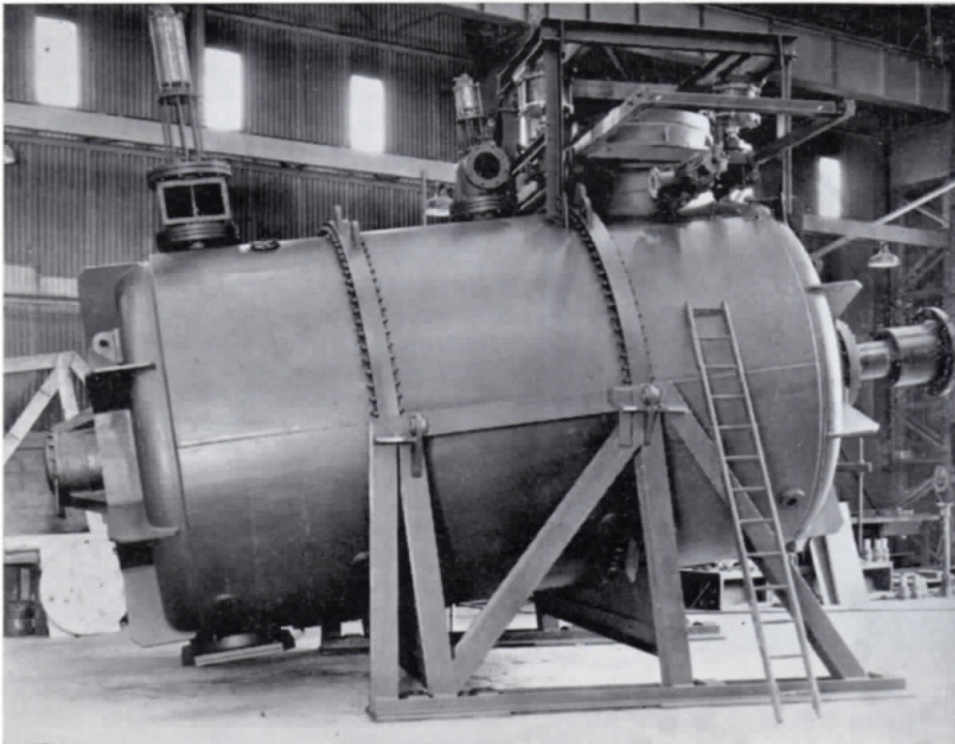
H.W. TEESDALE LIMITED



Well advanced in the works are the two 100 ton L.D. Oxygen Steelmaking Converters we are fabricating for Consett Iron Co. To emphasise the weight and plate thicknesses of more and more of the jobs we are now undertaking, our picture shows, in the course of fabrication, one of the two Trunnion Pin Housings required for each of the Converters.

Machine Shop.

New ground was broken recently when the last of the four Xanthators was shipped to Russia. Let us hope this is only the start of many such orders from this new market. Each xanthator weighed 41 tons and measured 9 ft. diameter x 25 ft. long (see photograph).



There has been quite a few staff changes since our last issue. Mr. Jack Wellum has taken charge of the Fitting Bay in the Heavy Machine shop. Jackie Wood — foreman of the Heat Exchange shop. Harold Cryer, Jr. has been transferred to Inspection Department and his place has been taken by a newcomer to the firm, Mr. Alan Hewitson. Freddy Goodman, Arthur Jackson and Tommy Betts have been appointed Fitter Chargehands.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the wife and family of the late Harry Syson. Harry was with the firm all his working life — some 40 years. He'll be missed by his many friends in the Machine Shop.

We send best wishes for a long and happy retirement to Ellis Humphries. Ellis had been with us for 50 years and was very popular with his work-mates — a real early bird, he'll be missed.

Bridge Yard.

The department held its annual dance when an enjoyable evening was had by all. Our thanks to "Sandy" Muir and "Billy" Hill for the work they put in. We were pleased to see our girls at the dance as they were the instigators of the first dance which has now become an annual affair. We look forward to seeing their smiling faces next year.

We are pleased to see Chris Brown back at work after his long illness — best wishes for continued good health Chris. "Manny" Boyd is now out and about again — get well soon and back amongst us.

Evenings are getting lighter now which means Inter-departmental Football again — we hope the department does better this year — after all, Harry Forster is back out of the forces and, so they say, is to have the team built round him.

Jimmy Preece and Alfie Hall have now retired — we wish them good health and enjoyable leisure.

Commercial Dept.

Misses Margaret Smith and Sylvia Pitelen have attained their majorities — fellow members in the typing pool offer congratulations.

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

We said goodbye recently to Mrs. Francis MacDermont who has since had a baby daughter.

We would like to place on record that Mr. W. Cosker will have completed sixty years service this year. He started with Head Wrightson at the age of twelve years as a Chair Scrubber, went to France in 1915 in World War I and was eventually Platoon Sergeant to Mr. Wilfred Wrightson, our late director, in the D.L.I. He returned to Head Wrightson in 1919 and was made Chargehand Labourer. Mr. Cosker has worked under Messrs. Holligan, Birtle, Willis, Greenwell and

Eddy, and on moving to Eggescliffe he was put in charge of the Stores, which job he continues to do in his usual efficient manner today.

Long Service Awards.

Messrs. W. Huck, J. Young, E. Gibson, R. Barnes Snr., were all awarded clocks for completing fifty years service with Head Wrightson. Messrs. E. Green and E. Hinds were also awarded watches for forty years service.

H.W. STEEL FOUNDRIES LTD.

Teesdale.

We regret that Mr. Chantrill has had to terminate his employment with us owing to serious illness.

We wish long and happy retirements to Messrs. Matt Baker, and Jack Swales. Both these stalwarts are long serving employees, the former for 50 years and the latter for 40 years.

The 'flu bug has been busy in the foundry and quite a number of our personnel were or are at present away from work.

Congratulations to members of the foundry personnel who received watches for forty years' service.

Mr. J. G. Allen, Managing Director of Head Wrightson Steel Foundries Ltd., presented Mr. J. Swales with a wallet of notes on his retirement. Subscribers to this gift were Management, Staff and workmates from the foundry. Mr. Allen paid tribute to Mr. Swales' long and faithful service to the department.

A smoker was held recently when presentations were made to three retired employees. Mr. Geo. Taylor took the chair and on behalf of workmates presented wallets of notes to Messrs. Rowley Watson, Tom Blakeburn and George Mankin. After suitable replies, by the recipients, musical items were given by members with piano accompaniment by Mr. Barr.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirby on their success at Crufts' show. They won a first, a second and a special prize in the beginners' class, with their seven months old rough Collie — Radiant Regina.

Stockton.

Silver Wedding.

Congratulations to A. Jordon (Furnace), December 26th, also daughter's engagement same day (last year).

Many believe this to be a photograph of the first football team which bore the name Head Wrightson's. We give below names of some we recognise. Do you know any others?



Left to right, back row: A. Gladders, ? H. Parsons, ? ? ? T. Heslop.
Middle row: P. Newrick, G. Worn, ? ? Dalton Smith ? F. R. ? 'Ninty' Ayres

Sick.

Speedy recovery to: G. Wales (Fitting Shop), W. Marshall (Moulder) and R. Ford (Lab.) in hospital.

Welcome Back.

After many weeks of sickness, Miss J. Bates, office staff.

H.W. STAMPINGS LTD.

The recent spell of frost and ice, once again brought havoc on roads in the North East, where accidents were countless. Among the unfortunate car owners, was our General Manager, Mr. George Jones, who not only suffered damage to his car, but was himself the victim of head injuries. We are pleased to see him back at work and sincerely hope that no after-effects will result.

In our last edition, the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones was reported. We apologise for this error, as this recent addition to the family was of course a second daughter.

Should any future visitor pass through the general office, he or she will be confronted with a "Rhapsody in Blue". The female members of the Staff are sporting pleated Terylene overalls, which are practical, as well as smart. This is known as "Swinging the Blues".

We congratulate the following members of the Staff who were successful in recent First Aid examinations:—

Miss Sheila Clements (Planning Department).

Miss Ivy Gibbon (Planning Department).

Miss Margaret Thomas (Costs Department).

together with Industrial Nurse, Mrs. L. Trotter, who successfully undertook a refresher course. Congratulations also to:—

Mr. J. Mallam (Electrician), Mr. B. Johnson (Stamp Shop), Mr. G. Howard (Stamp Shop), Mr. G. Cook — successful in First Aid examinations and Mr. J. Smith and Mr. C. Roy, who also undertook refresher courses.

When the Easter edition of "Wright Ahead" is received we shall have said goodbye to Miss Joyce Wiles who will be married on the 4th of March. We wish Joyce and her husband, a very happy future.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Ronald Gregorson (Die Shop) who is absent as the result of an accident to his hand.

21st Birthday.

Congratulations to Miss Sheila Allen (Sales Dept.).

Stampings 7th Annual Dance was held in November at the Billingham Arms, when Mr. A. Day officiated as M.C. During the course of the evening presentations were made by Mr. George Jones to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elders, to mark the retirement of Mr. Elders, who received an inscribed gold watch and Mrs. Elders was the recipient of a marcasite brooch. Our thanks are extended to Mrs. T. Wilson, Miss Joyce Hall, Mr. Kevin Donnelly, (members of the Staff) and Mr. Ken Patterson (Die Shop), who successfully organised the dance.

Making her debut with the Seaton Players, is seventeen year old Jean Harper, employed in the Drawing Office as tracer. Credit given by the local press states that "Jean stepped easily into the part of the daughter, who performed with poise and charm". We wish her every success in this added interest. Already, she is an accomplished dancer, having formerly taught ballet and tap dancing.

Our sympathy is expressed to Mr. L. T. Houghton and family, upon their recent bereavement.



One of the Conveyors installed at Meadowbank

H.W. STOCKTON LIMITED
MODERNISATION OF MEADOWBANK
SALT MINE

Salt has been produced in Cheshire for centuries and today the greater proportion of the salt extracted is pumped up as brine, in a similar manner to the salt wells at Greatham, belonging to Cerebos. However, at Meadowbank Mine, Cheshire, now owned by Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., salt is still produced by underground mining methods to meet the needs of certain users, of which the principal ones are: municipal and other highway authorities, who use it for snow and ice clearance; agriculture, where it is used for land treatment and some of the metallurgical industries, etc.

Rock salt is found in two thick beds at Meadowbank. One bed is no longer worked but the main bed 86 ft. thick and about 470 ft. below ground, contains very large reserves and is now being vigorously developed. Head Wrightson Stockton Ltd., received an order for the supply and erection of a skip plant designed to convey and hoist 138 tons of rock salt per hour, using 2½ ton Skips — this throughput being based on a shaft utilisation of fifty-five winds per hour.

The salt passes to our plant from the primary crusher, where it falls by gravity to a 42 ins. wide belt conveyor, 188 ft. long, which lifts it to a transfer point and so to a second 42 ins. conveyor, 150 ft. long. Although the conveyors are of orthodox construction there are certain modifications to allow for the presence of salt. The belt

idlers have a vitreous enamel finish and the tension screws are of stainless steel.

The second conveyor discharges into a surge hopper of 18 tons capacity, and an apron feeder 36 ins. wide x 40 ft. 6 ins. long draws the salt from the surge hopper and discharges it to one of two 2½ ton measuring pockets.

Bottom-discharging Skips are used to hoist the salt in the shaft, the existing electric winder and headgear having been adapted to suit the new equipment. To obtain the greatest possible load capacity within the size limitations imposed by the winder and headgear, the skips are of aluminium alloy. Each skip is 17 ft. 6 ins. long x 6 ft. 6 ins. x 3 ft. 4 ins. and a deck is fitted over the top of the skip hopper to provide a man-winding cage on the top.

Salt discharged at the surface falls into a receiving hopper and thence, by an apron feeder, to a belt conveyor leading to another plant, where the salt is crushed and screened.

Fitting Shop.

Welcome back Alan Busby after completion of National Service with the army in Germany and wish him good luck on his return to civilian life.

In hospital are Bob Minto and Peter Hall for leg operations. By the time this is published we hope they are fully recovered and back amongst us.

Our sympathy to the family of Fred Wilson, who's death was reported in the last issue. He had worked in the Machine Shop for many years and will long be remembered by his friends and workmates.



Planning Department.

The male staff of this department held their first annual dinner in December at the Royal Hotel, Stockton, when an enjoyable time was had by all. Dart and domino competitions were a feature of the evening.

The results were:—

Darts Winner: Mr. J. Bellerby. Runner-up: Mr. W. Heron. Dominoes Winner: Mr. G. Cooper. Runner-up: Mr. W. Robertson.

The evening's arrangements were made by Mr. J. Suttill.

Our photograph shows a happy group at the function.

Drawing Office.

The Drawing Office held a dinner in the Vane Arms Hotel on 20th January. After an excellent meal "Bob" Howe thanked those present on behalf of himself and Bob Wright for extending an invitation to them. In his speech, Mr. Howe impressed on us the importance of draughtsmen, ever from the days of the pyramids, when "correctly sharpened" chisels were used instead of pencils.

The rest of the evening was devoted to entertainment provided by well known local artistes, including Matt Innes, who gave a wonderful performance. One of our own colleagues, George Worn, contributed a fine rendering of "Because of You" and another member of the Office, enjoyed himself so much that he donated £5 to a charity but, unfortunately, does not know who collected it.

The evening was a complete success and a smoker is, at present, being arranged for the Easter period. It is our intention to make the dinner an annual event.

H.W. MACHINE CO. LTD.

Welcome back to the grindstone to our Mr. Whaly and Mr. K. Grange one of whom we understand has been ploughing the high seas.

Illnesses.

Best wishes and speedy recovery to our colleagues:

Mr. W. Agar, Mr. S. Levitt, Mr. J. Pattison, Mr. J. W. Gill, Mr. N. Banks, Mr. A. Baxter, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. McNulty and Mr. R. Lyall.

Also a welcome back after illness to:

Miss P. Griffiths (Tracer) and Mr. P. Eason (Electrical Dept.).

In January, H. T. Errington visited Australia to witness the commissioning of a Cut-up Line at Australia Iron & Steel Pty. Ltd., Port Kembla. During his visit he called in to Metal Manufacturers Ltd., to see the

100,000 lb. Drawbench recently supplied by us and also to Messrs. Ly-saghts to see our 2½" Roller Leveller.

The journey was made in a Boeing 707 jet which covered the 13,000 miles in thirty-six hours from London to Sydney — winter to summer in a day and a half. Dr. K. Hoyle of R. & D. was there for the first two weeks and together they visited the famous surf beaches, basking in temperatures of 106°F.

Bon voyage to Ray Smith who is off on his travels again this time to South Africa in order to Commission the ISCOR Shearing Line.

New Appointments.

Congratulations to Arthur Baker who is now assisting our Sub-contracts Engineer. We hope he will find the change of work interesting.

Leavers.

Best wishes to Mr. Frank Skidmore who recently left us. He was presented by our Benevolent Fund Chairman, Ron Burley, with a writing set and Parker pen on behalf of his colleagues.

One of our colleagues Mr. T. A. Dodds, Assistant Chief Engineer was recently honoured by being invited to give a paper at the inaugural general meeting of the "Ebbw Vale Engineering Society". He presented a talk entitled "The Design of Modern High Speed Electrolytic Tinning Lines". The meeting was held in Richard Thomas & Baldwins' old lecture room, on 8th February.

Mr. Dodds outlined the history of electrolytic tinning and dealt with processes and principal design features of the new No. 2 Ferrostan E.T.L. now under construction at Ebbw Vale.

H.W.I. & S.W.E. LTD.

Departures.

Mrs. J. Manikin — Typist.
Miss T. Muir — Typist.
Mrs. D. Mills — Tracer.
Mr. J. Martin — Draughtsman.
Mr. H. Bexley — To H.W. PROCESSES.

New Starters.

Mr. K. Walker — Draughtsman.
Mr. C. N. Riley — Draughtsman from H.W. Col. Eng.
Mr. W. C. Richards — do.
Mr. J. W. Brown — do.
Mr. C. J. Hobson — do.
Mr. B. Midgley — do.
Mr. K. Cooke — do.
Miss P. Franklin — Receptionist.
Miss B. Ostle — Typist.
Mrs. S. Littlefair — Typist from H. W. Processes.
Miss A. Dodd — Print Room.
Miss A. Hough — Multilith Operator.
Mr. D. Wilkinson — Construction Dept.
Mr. R. Close — Inspection Dept.
Mr. K. Vernon — Buying Dept.
Mr. R. Fowler — Progress Dept.
Mr. R. Lord — Site Services.



Another picture at the 'Blowing In' ceremony

South Africa, H.W.

S. Rhodesia — B. Furnace "Blown in" 10th February, 1961. This is another of our design projects.

Easter Greetings, to all our friends throughout the Head Wrightson organisation at home and abroad.

H.W. PROCESSES LTD.

Left the Company.

The following people have recently left the company, and we wish them well for the future :—

- Mrs. H. E. Rees — on 31st January.
- Mrs. S. M. Littlefair — transferred to HWISWEL on 6th February.
- Mr. R. Waller — on 31st January.
- Miss P. M. Wardale — on 28th February.

Welcome to the Company.

The undernoted have joined the company and we are pleased to bid them welcome and hope they will be very happy with us :

- Mrs. Joan Wright; Miss Jillian Shepherd; Mrs. June Mason and Mrs.

Dawn Whatt (Typists), also Miss June Pilbeam (Central File).

Condolences to :

- Mr. C. E. Pennett (Inspection) on the death of his wife.
- Mr. R. W. Elder (D.O.) on the death of his father.

Good Health.

We all join in wishing a very speedy recovery to Mr. Jack Walker (caretaker) presently undergoing hospital treatment prior to an operation; also to Mrs. Betty Inns (Projects Clerk) who has been ill for some weeks and is presently in Middlesbrough General Hospital.

We hope they will make a quick and complete recovery.

Durgapur.

At Durgapur, on the 2nd February, 1961 at 1500 hrs. No. 2 B.F. was successfully "blown in", on schedule.

The ceremony was conducted by SARDAR SWARAN SINGH Minister of Iron, Steel and Fuel, for the Indian Government. The chairman, Sir John Wrightson Bart., and our General Manager, Mr. W. H. Adams, were present at the ceremony.

No. 3 B.F. is nearing completion and should be "blown in" in the very near future.

Condolences.

To Mrs. M. Waller (Typist) and her family, we extend our deepest sympathy on the recent sad loss of her father, also to Mr. C. W. Boshier (Draughtsman) and his family on the very sad loss of his father and brother.

Contracts.

We are pleased to announce that since the last edition of "Wright Ahead" we have received notification from the H.W. Australian Office that Broken Hill (Pty) Ltd., have placed with them an order for an Oxygen Steel Making Plant at WHYALLA. This order was obtained in face of very strong international competition after our team, comprising of Mr. N. C. Lake, Dr. K. H. Hoyle and Mr. J. R. Ayres, visited Australia to discuss our tender and to convince the Australians that H.W. Plant is the best. Our Managing Director, Mr. T. H. Stayman has also visited Australia in connection with future possible orders.



Scene at H.W.P. (Yarm) Children's Christmas Party

Correction.

In the last issue we welcomed Mr. Stan Howe to the drawing office, but unfortunately miss-spelt his name. We would apologise for this oversight as Mr. Howe's family have of course, been associated with Head Wrightson for three generations.



Watching the conjuror

Children's Christmas Party.

On Saturday, 17th December, the Social Committee culminated their many weeks of effort by holding the Children's Christmas Party in the Friarage canteen, which had meanwhile been transformed with murals from Alice in Wonderland and posters of Italy sent by a former member of our staff, Mr. Nowacki, who is now resident there.

The tables took up the same theme in the form of place mats depicting characters from Alice in Wonderland, and toadstools and small woodland creatures (the latter being made by Mr. Rigg's small son).

Mr. Graham Reed (Purchase) opened the party proceedings at 3 p.m. with a conjuring and puppet show which intrigued and amused the children (photo above). Tea was then served — and what a feast it was!

Balloons kept the children entertained whilst the projector was set up for a programme of cartoon films. During the intervals, ice-cream, sweets and lollypops were served. Then there was a lucky dip, kindly provided by a member of the staff, which brought smiles of delight and surprise.

The pièce de résistance was undoubtedly the arrival of Santa Claus (alias Mr. Eric Wooley) whose tinkle of sleigh bells could be heard as he passed the canteen windows. Each child received a present from the huge sack he carried on his sleigh, and in consequence Father Christmas was a very popular person.

Alas! all too soon, yet later than anticipated, the time came for the party to finish. Several young guests asked when the next party was to be held — from which one can assume that they had enjoyed themselves, and this gave a feeling of satisfaction to the Committee and helpers, to whom a word of thanks is very well deserved.

Social Committee — Annual Smoker.

This very popular event never fails to initiate the Christmas spirit at The Friarage. Like the previous year, it was held at The Horse and Jockey, Durham Road, on Friday, 16th December, 1960.



Table at H.W.P. Dance at 'The Ladle'

Our guests included Friarage personnel and their parties; representatives from H.W.P. London and their wives; R. & D., HWISWEL and other associate companies.

During dinner background music was provided by Mr. Geoff Elliott's tape recorder, giving a selection of songs from the shows. Later the resident orchestra provided the music for dancing and the M.C. was Mr. Eric Lockney.

Our very able photographer was Mr. John Taylor (Development Dept.) who is now circulating a volume of rough prints from which copies can be obtained for a permanent record of this happy occasion.***

A Raffle was held during the interval, and the lucky winner was Mr. Frank Shepherd, who won a bottle of whisky.

All too soon the time came to part — how quickly the evening had gone by, for which every credit is due to the organising committee for all their hard work which ensured such a successful evening.

*** If any of our guests would like to see or have copies of these photographs, please contact Mr. J. K. Taylor (Development Dept. — Tel. Ext. 30 or 31).

The entertainment for the evening was varied:— Mr. W. T. Britton won the prize of a Tankard for the domino competition, the runner-up, Mr. L. Dixon, received 50 cigarettes.

Our departmental conjuror, Mr. G. Reed, then took over, and as usual his baffling tricks left us thinking.

The musical evening which followed consisted of a violin solo and many sing-songs.

We are indeed indebted to the Proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Wormesley, for the catering which added so much to an enjoyable evening.

Dinner Dance.

The date was the 24th January, 1961; the place, The Ladle, Marton Bungalow, and the occasion: the Annual Dinner Dance — without doubt the major social function of the Social Committee's calendar.



Mr. G. P. Davidson at H.W.P. London dance

London.

H.W.P. Sports and Social Club, in conjunction with the Kee Club (McKee Head Wrightson) got together and had their Annual Children's Party on Saturday, January 28th, 1961. This was a great success as seventy-eight children were entertained. The function was held at Stone House in Old Street, and due to limited accommodation the tea was held in four shifts. If noise is anything to go by, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with the usual rounds of games, a conjuror, and a visit by a rather belated Father Christmas (Des Chopping), who, it appears, was greeted with a pelting of four gross of cotton wool snowballs. The feeling of the party can be summed up in the words of a very tiny girl who, after receiving her present, said "He's not a real Father Christmas, but it's all lovely".

We take this opportunity of wishing every success to a late member of our staff, Charles Mollison of Sales Dept., who has been transferred to H.W. Export Company and is now domiciled in India. Before leaving, he was presented with a pigskin pocket wallet, together with good wishes from all of the staff.

The Annual Dance was held at The Bonnington Hotel, W.C.1., this year. The dance was a complete success and was voted one of the best Annual Dances that has been run for the London Staff. Well over a hundred members of the staff and guests enjoyed a full evening of ballroom and novelty dancing, backed by a substantial buffet and bar.

The London Staff were very pleased to have Mr. Davidson and his daughter as their guests of honour, together with a representative staff from the Yarm Office.

Certain representatives of our staff had the good fortune to be invited to the Yarm Annual Dinner Dance, coupled with a visit to the Offices and Plant at Head Quarters, Thornaby. The party enjoyed in all respects the Dinner and Dance, especially those who had not visited the works before,

the tour of the Offices and Plant organised by Mr. Frank Shepherd.

H.W. MINERALS ENGINEERING LTD.

We are very pleased to welcome new members of staff at Sheffield:

Dr. G. F. Eveson — Research and Development.

Mr. G. Cottam — Accounts.

Mrs. J. Boyce — Typists.

Mrs. L. Cowood has recently retired from the Typing Department, and carries with her the good wishes of the Staff for a very happy retirement.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. Richards (Sheffield) on the birth of a daughter.

There has been a considerable movement of staff from all offices. The majority of the Drawing Office Staff at Thornaby have been transferred to other offices at Thornaby and Stockton. To them and those who

have left our Manchester and Sheffield offices we offer good wishes for the future.

Mr. R. O'Brien has left the Company and has taken up an appointment as a Director with the British Motor Corporation at Longbridge. We wish him well in his new work.

H.W. & COMPANY LTD.

Research and Development Department.

As our readers may know several of our staff have visited Russia, on different occasions recently.

We have now been approached by the State Public Library of the Ukrainian SSR Academy of Sciences, Kiev, asking for technical pamphlets and catalogues dealing with mining equipment, manufactured by us, for the benefit of their engineer readers.

We hope that this indication of their interest in our products may lead to possible orders.

Maintenance Department.



Principal guests at Maintenance Department Annual Dinner

We welcome back after a period of sickness Messrs H. Pearson, T. Millican, Peacock, Preece and Broadbent and wish them continued good health.

Dave Plowman has had a long spell of illness. We hope to see him back at work before long.

The department's fifth annual dinner was held in December at the Zetland Hotel, Saltburn. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Barker and members of the Drawing Office Staff and their wives. It was voted to be one of the best dinners so far, and our thanks are due to the organisers.

Our sympathies go to Mr. T. Kirton who recently lost his father, Mr. W. Kirton, who had not been long retired from the post of watchman at H. W. Machine Co. Ltd.

We wish long and happy retirements to Messrs. W. Addison (23 years' service), W. Bates (25 years' service) and W. Lynch (18 years' service). We will miss them after so many years amongst us.

"Robin" has changed Tees-side air for that of Bournemouth!

Mr. G. Wheelhouse of our department has been awarded the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. This will be presented to him at a later date. Congratulations from us all.

HEADQUARTERS

Awards.

Miss Sandra Musgrave, Commercial Trainee in the Chairman's office has been awarded the Royal Society of Arts Bronze Medal for exceptional performance in the English (Stage II) National Examination. The medal was the only national award made at the annual presentation of medals in the Constantine College, Middlesbrough on 31st January.

Mr. Malcolm Stayman, one of the first entrants into the Commercial Training Scheme, and now in Secretarial Department, has passed the Final Examination of The



Our picture shows Mr. J. Shaw, Constructional Department Manager, H.W. Teesdale Ltd., handing over a wallet of notes on behalf of the yard to Jimmy Preece, who retired recently after 50 years' service with the Company. On the left of the photograph is Matty Preece, his brother, who has now been with us for 47 years.

Corporation of Secretaries and has applied for Associate Membership of the Corporation.

Mr. Malcolm Bell, who was also a commercial trainee, and is now in H.Q. Cost Office, has passed the final part 'B' of the Costs and Works Accountants' examination.

Our congratulations to all three.

Misses D. Bennett and M. Porteous have now reached the age of 21 — congratulations to them both.

Rescue.

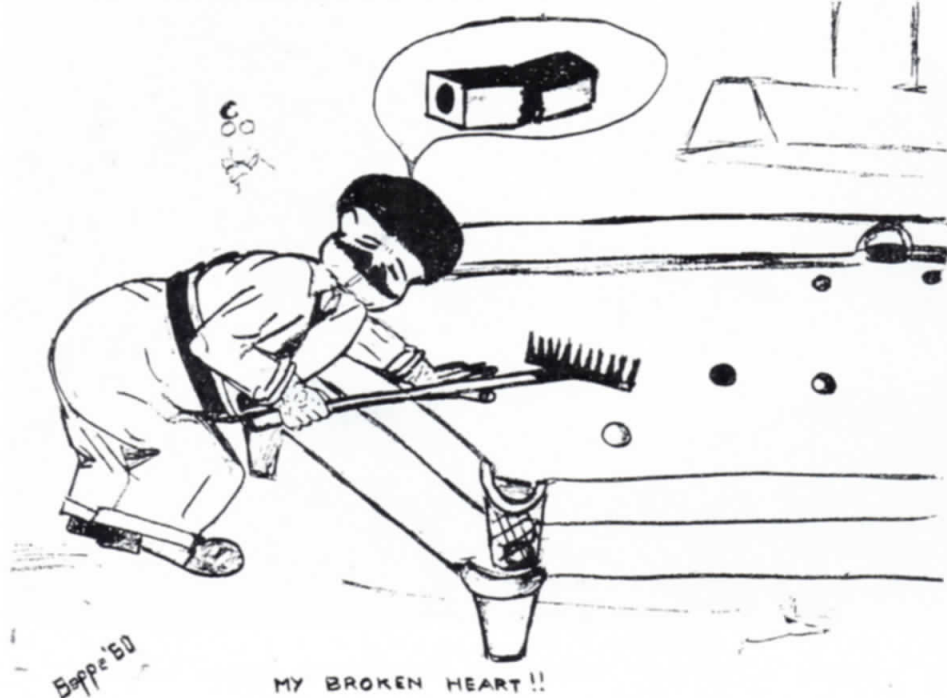
Some time ago a four year old child fell into the static water tank at Teesdale. Mr. Rickelton our Works Security Officer, was informed of this when another small child knocked at his door one Saturday evening. Mr.

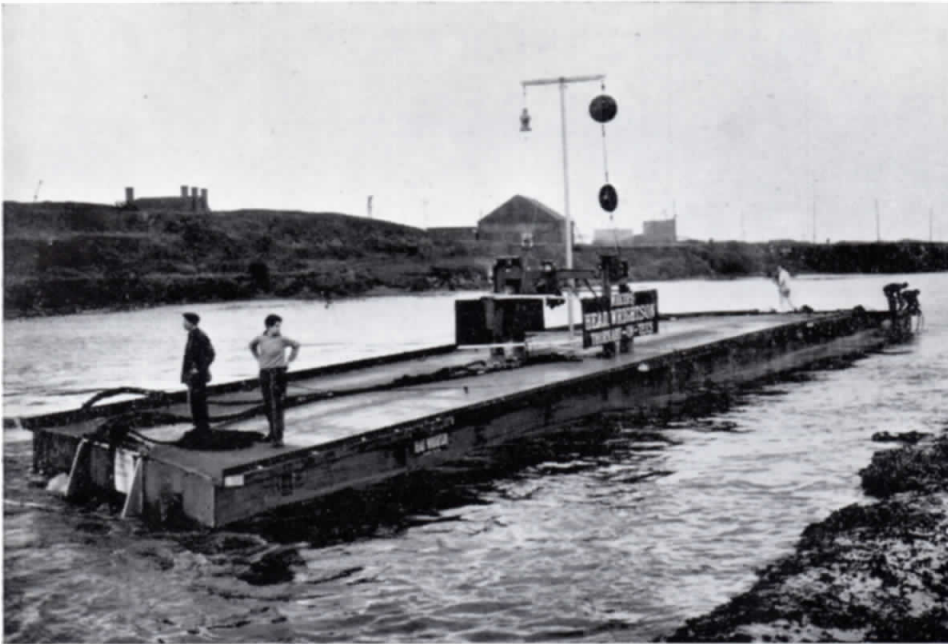
Rickelton rushed to the tank, dived in and brought the unconscious child to the side and, eventually, out of the water. Artificial respiration was then applied until the ambulance came to take the child to hospital where he made a full recovery. The static tank is 17 feet deep and has sloping sides which made the rescue difficult.

We are sorry about the time which has elapsed before publication of this item but the matter was brought to our notice some weeks after the occurrence — Mr. Rickelton evidently considered the matter as part of of his duties.

Miss Rosemary Gower, who has been the London Office telephonist for two years, is leaving us to take up a position with a French family in Saint Tropez as from March 1st. We wish her every success in her future life.

There is no prize for guessing who the personality in this cartoon is — the artist was an Italian engaged at Bradwell.





'Stepney Bound'
(By courtesy of 'Evening Gazette')

A STEEL BRIDGE FLOATED BY SEA TO LONDON

Once again we broke new ground by using the River Tees and North Sea for delivery of an unusual piece of equipment — a pre-fabricated Welded Steel Bridge. This has a swinging weight of 417 tons and was built by Head Wrightson Teesdale Ltd., at Thornaby-on-Tees. The bridge, structurally complete, was launched into the River Tees on 14th March, attached to tugs of the Tees Towing Co. Ltd., to be floated via the North Sea and River Thames to Stepney, London, on its three day journey.

It is believed to be the first time a bridge has been despatched such a distance in this manner and it was specifically designed as a seaworthy pontoon, in order to avoid jamming the roads with a heavy piece of equipment. An added advantage was that the bridge could be built in our own workshops, giving greater control over the manufacture.

The swing bridge is of box type construction, 135 ft. long by 32 ft. wide and will be used to carry both pedestrian and motor traffic over the entrance to the Regent's Canal Dock. It is of modern design with a deck span of battled construction and cantilevered walkways. British Waterways are sharing the cost of the new bridge with the London County Council.

The civil engineering sub-contractors are Messrs. W. C. French Ltd., and Sir William Arrol & Co. Ltd. are the machinery sub-contractors. The Consulting Engineers are Messrs. Husband & Co., in association with Mr. Joseph Rawlinson, C.B.E., M.Eng., the Chief Engineer to the London County Council and Mr. V. H. Tripp, M.I.C.E., is Principal Engineer, British Waterways.

HEAD WRIGHTSON WORKS BAND

On Saturday, March 11th, 1961, the band competed in the Second Section of the "Daily Herald" Northern Area Brass Band Championship at Sunderland, and gained 1st place. Thus they are now the Northern Area Champions and will now go forward into the Championship Finals in London in October of this year.

Not only is the band contesting and playing in Local Parks, but they have started to aid the Churches by giving concerts to raise their funds. The band has already given concerts for the Thornaby Congregational Church and Berwick Hills Baptist Church in Middlesbrough, which were a great success and have also been asked to play for the Thorntree Baptist Church in Middlesbrough, and again for the Thornaby Congregational Church.

The band quartette is going from strength to strength and since 1958 have won three first prizes, five second prizes, three third prizes and a fourth prize.

PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE AWARDS, 1960, by the Chairman, Sir John Wrightson

Clocks — 50 Years' Service

H.W. Teesdale Ltd.
H. Tunnicliffe, General Stores. G. A. Cockrill, Machine Shop. J. H. Preece, Bridge Yard.

- H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.**
R. Barnes. A. Gibson. W. Huck. J. Young.
Watches — 40 Years' Service
 - H.W. & Company Ltd.**
Frank Shepherd, Personnel. R. Peacock, Maintenance. A. Vernon.
 - H.W. Teesdale Ltd.**
J. Hampton, Bridge Yard. J. Howe, Bridge Yard (Paint and Despatch). J. W. Rawling, Bridge Yard.
 - H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.**
E. Hind. E. Green.
 - H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd. Thornaby.**
A. E. Dunger. J. Fagan. A. Fisher. G. G. Thompson. J. Swales.
 - Stockton.**
W. E. Bartaby. J. W. Ormston.
 - H.W. Stockton Ltd.**
W. Heron. G. Hesketh. A. H. Langham. W. Sowerby.
 - H.W. Iron & Steel Engineering Ltd.**
G. Rafferty.
- These presentations will bring the number of awards presented since the inception of the scheme to:— 60 clocks and 287 watches.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO STUDENT EMPLOYEES — 19th JANUARY, 1961

The following young men are among those who have obtained excellent marks in the various technical courses and continuation classes. We were, therefore, able to recommend them for awards from the Mechanical Handling Engineers' Association, each of which was accepted and prizes of books, instruments and tools were presented by Sir John Wrightson, our Chairman.

- H.W. & Company Ltd.**
Kenneth Iceton, Research and Development. David Lowery, Research and Development.
- H.W. Teesdale Ltd.**
Raymond Lathan, Machine Shop. Neil Barker, Bridge Yard (Welding). Alec Butler, Erection.
- H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.**
Malcolm Young, Pattern Shop.
- H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd. Thornaby.**
David J. Hawkins, Foundry.
- Stockton.**
Philip Welsh, Pattern Shop.
- H.W. Stockton Ltd.**
Dennis Cleary, Bridge Yard. Howard Craggs, Pattern Shop.
- H.W. Processes Ltd. Yarm.**
J. Sydney Franklin, Draughtsman.



Sir John Wrightson presenting clocks to 50 years' service men
(By courtesy of 'Evening Gazette')

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, STOCKTON



The first stage of the Municipal Buildings to accommodate the Departments of the Town Clerk, Borough Engineer and Borough Treasurer were opened recently by Alderman C. W. Allison, C.B.E., J.P., these buildings form the first instalment of a complete scheme on the Church Road site, which will include further offices for the remaining departments of the Corporation. The Municipal Hall to accommodate fifteen hundred people

with a restaurant and a bar. H.W. Stockton Limited were responsible for the stress calculation and construction of the crowning feature over the main entrance hall which is constructed entirely of aluminium together with a central fibre glass cone. The feature comprises six aluminium tubes 7" in diameter secured by 3 bolts to each concrete upstand which were constructed insitu with the reinforced concrete roof. (Block kindly lent by Stockton Corporation).