

# WRIGHT AHEAD

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THE Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan and Lady Dorothy visited the works of Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd. recently. After being a model of the Didsbury Head supplied by Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd. to the Australian Government. Additionally, the company and the Australian project had an order for a new nuclear power station. Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd. has been awarded a contract to supply the new nuclear power station. The value of the contract is £86,500. The new compartments will be 40,000 tons in weight. The new compartments will be 396,000 tons in weight. Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd., Stockton-on-Tees.

## COMPLIMENT OF A JUDGE

JUDGE Clifford Cohen handed out a compliment to Head Wrightson and Co. Ltd. of Thornaby during a County Court case at Stockton today.

Several employees of the firm gave evidence, all of whom had long service records. Finally, when a witness said he had been with the firm for 30 years, Judge Cohen commented: "It is a wonderful record to hear so many people who have worked there for so long."

Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd. of Middlesbrough worth over £220,000.

Bradwell nuclear power station. On the 1st of July, 1961, the new nuclear power station was completed. The value of the contract is £86,500. The new compartments will be 40,000 tons in weight. The new compartments will be 396,000 tons in weight. Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd., Stockton-on-Tees.

(By courtesy of the 'Evening Gazette')

I was particularly pleased to read this comment in the local press, when Judge Cohen gave public recognition of the long service records of some of our employees. I entirely endorse these publicly expressed sentiments.

Long service with the Company has always been traditional and in these days of full employment and mobility it is by no means accidental that this enviable tradition continues to flourish. It is proof that contentment in our work and satisfaction with our way of life bring their own rewards.

Since the war the Company has grown tremendously but fortunately not at the expense of traditional Head Wrightson spirit.

As you know, we pay particular attention to the young people joining the Company, not only in actual training but also in imbuing them with the Company traditions. We hope that our efforts in this direction will maintain the continuity of which we can all be justly proud.

I wish you all a happy holiday.

John Wrightson

**BIRTHS**

Congratulations to :

**H.W. Teesdale Ltd.**

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sibly (D.O.) — a son, Kevin.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Adamson — a son, Thomas Richard.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. T. McLaren (Erection) — a son.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. Peat — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Poulter — a daughter.

**H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd. Thornaby.**

Mr. and Mrs. Martin — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. Adamson — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Heightly — a son.

**H.W. Stampings Ltd.**

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Forbes (Drawing Office) — a son.  
Mrs. Forbes was formerly Miss Margaret Johnson of the Typing Pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bartle (Die Shop) — a son.

**H.W. Stockton Ltd. Fitting and Machine Shops.**

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ellis (Rate-fixing Dept.) — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. Bentley — a son.

**H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.**

Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams (Inspection) — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Sharp (Tubes D.O.) — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Woolard (Tubes D.O.) — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. McConnell (Tubes D.O.) — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Boughy (Tubes D.O.) — a daughter.

**H.W. Processes Ltd. — Yarm.**

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Birch (Engineers — Boiler Group) — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Elliott (Engineers — Mechanical Group) — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Kemp (Drawing Office) — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lawson (Engineers — Mechanical Group) — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Main (Purchase) — a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Sizer (Drawing Office) — a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Walker (Messenger/Commissionaire) — a son.

Congratulations also to a former member of our staff, Mr. R. Waller and his wife who have recently had a daughter.

**H.W. & Co. Ltd.****London.**

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Holland—a daughter, Sally Anne.

**Thornaby.**

Mr. and Mrs. P. Shepherd — a daughter, Susan.

**H.W. Minerals Engineering Ltd.**

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bagshaw (Buying Dept.)—a daughter.



Mr. and Mrs. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Scrimshaw  
(Brides are sisters)



Mr. and Mrs. Roddam

**MARRIAGES**

Congratulations to :

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

Mr. J. Wilson (moulder) to Miss J. Bolam (core floor).

**H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd. Thornaby.**

Mr. K. Fielden.

**H.W. Teesdale Ltd.**

Mr. P. Hart to Miss P. Lee.

**H.W. Stockton Ltd.**

Mr. R. Scrimshaw (Fitting Shop) to Miss M. Lee (Double Wedding) (see also under H.W. Teesdale Ltd.).

**H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.**

Mr. A. Sanderson (D.O.) to Miss D. Martin.

**H.W. Minerals Engineering Ltd.**

Mr. G. Thorpe (D.O.) and Miss A. Gregory (Printing Dept.).

Mr. D. Thomas (D.O.) and Miss T. Truelove (Switch-room).

**H.W. Accounts.**

Dorothy Train (Power-Samas Section) and Peter Bell (Machine Shop, Rate-fixing Dept.).

Joyce Rhodes (Burroughs Section) and Robert Jeffries (Wages Dept.).

**DEATH**

Condolences to family of :

Mr. W. Agar.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Congratulations to :

**H.W. Teesdale Ltd.**

Mr. J. F. Heath to Miss M. Goodswen (I.C.I. Wilton).

**H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd., Thornaby.**

Mr. B. Hadman to Miss O. Quigley.

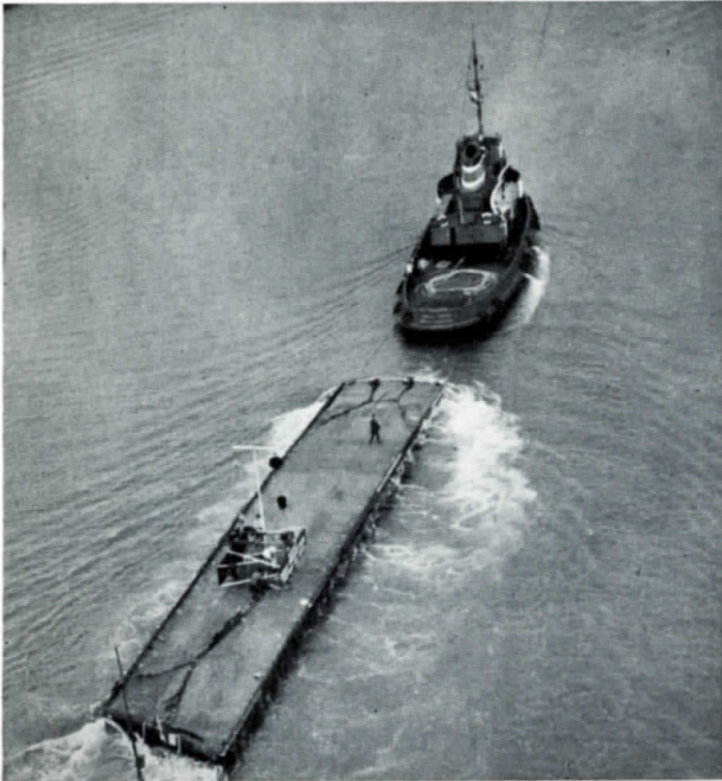
**H.W. Stampings Ltd.**

Mr. Kenneth Rowlands (Drawing Office) to Miss Betty Wood.

Miss Gillian Attwood (Comptometer Operator) to Mr. Albert White (Stamp Shop).

**SILVER WEDDING****H.W. Teesdale Ltd.**

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Lacy — congratulations.

**H.W. TEESDALE LTD.****Stepney Bridge.**

Once again, our launching facilities at Head Wrightson Teesdale have paid off.

We recently delivered by the unusual method of launching and towing to Site in the Thames at Stepney, a Swing Bridge.

Owing to difficult access to the Site by any other means, this Bridge was designed as a floating box structure by the Consulting Engineers, Husband & Co. We were called upon to do the job.

Our picture shows the bridge on its way down river at the start of its journey to its site on the Thames at Regents Canal Dock, London, two miles below Tower Bridge; the journey taking forty-seven hours.

The bridge was fabricated completely in our shops, except for the footways. It was traversed out of the shop, placed on a turntable and moved through 90°; then jacked onto one of our slipways and launched into the River Tees.

At London, the bridge was lifted out of the water by two P.L.A. Wrecklighters and landed on to skid rails on the dock wall. A third wrecklighter helped to support the outside of the bridge whilst it was skidded ashore.

The Bridge is now nearing final completion.

The main statistics are:— Swinging weight approx. 417 tons, overall length on centre line 135 feet, width of carriageway 20 feet, with two footways each 6 ft. wide.

**Bridge Yard.**

The department has now a new manager—Mr. George Cain and we wish him every success in his new post.

To mark Mr. Shaw's retirement after fourteen years as Manager, the department held a social evening. Mr. Tot Sheldon presented Mr. Shaw with a camera on behalf of the men. Tot had had a very long association with Mr. Shaw. The evening was a splendid one with good entertainment which had been arranged by Mr. T. Harper.

A group of the boys from Harry Johns' shop had a day trip to Scarborough and some of them tried the bow

and arrow game — shades of T.V. and Robin Hood. Norman Lyall got the only bull — with eyes closed and praying hopefully.

Our best wishes for speedy recoveries and return to work to Jim Muldowney and Sam Hamilton.

The department shared the inter-departmental cup for football with the Iron Foundry, Eggescliffe. After play-extra time, the score was still 0-0. This must be the first time the cup has been shared and many felt that it would have been better to have had a replay.

**Purchasing.**

The Purchasing Department receives many odd requests but we all raised our eyebrows when we received a requisition from a certain department for a quantity of "Fools Caps". We wondered who was to wear them.

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

The photograph in the April issue of 'Wright Ahead' was taken in 1922 and is the Iron Foundry team which won the Inter-departmental Football Challenge Cup, defeating the Bridge Yard by 4-1. This was the first time that the Cup was competed for.

The names of the gentlemen in the photograph are:—

**Left to right, back row:** A. Gladders, W. Davidson, H. Parsons, R. Barnes, R. Howe, W. Jackson, T. Heslop.

**Middle row:** P. Newrick, G. Worn, T. Bruce, J. Cavanagh, J. Smith, T. Maine, A. de Pledge.

**Front row:** J. Simmons, T. Ayres.

It may be of interest that in the same issue of 'Wright Ahead', there is a photograph of Dick Barnes at the presentation of clocks for fifty years' service. Dick, who is the only member of the group still in the employ of H.W.I.F. is now employed on the Segment Gantry, and still has vivid memories of the first final forty years ago — the winning team receiving a gold medal each.

Mr. A. de Pledge was a founder member of the H.W. Sports Section.

It is exactly forty years since the Iron Foundry and the Bridge Yard were finalists, and this year the Iron Foundries once again played the Bridge Yard in the final. A hard match resulted in a 0-0 draw, and it was agreed that each side would hold the cup for six months.

On the 23rd June, the Iron Foundries had a Smoker at which Mr. Addison, Director and General Manager, presented the cup to Ron Snowdon, the Captain of the team, whose birthday it was on that day. All members of the team received miniatures of the cup. The smoker was a huge success, and Mr. Addison paid a warm tribute to the fighting qualities of the team and expressed the hope that they would retain the cup next year so that a similarly pleasant evening could be held.

Terry O'Neil proved to be a very competent Master of Ceremonies; the Committee are to be congratulated on arranging such a splendid evening. The Concert Party was very good indeed and Phil Barnes lived up to his reputation as the Perry Como of the Iron Foundries. Finally, it was nice to see so many ladies present they added much to the social occasion.

Mr. Geoffrey Morris, Works Manager, and Mr. Frank Maine, Assistant Works Manager, were also guests.

We offer our congratulations to the following:—

Mr. N. Addison, who has been made Chairman of the Cast Iron Chair Association.

Mr. G. Morris, Works Manager, as President of the Senior Staff Guild.

Mr. G. Catchpole, who has been elected Chairman of the Stockton Rural District Council once again.



### H.W. STAMPINGS LTD.

The photograph above shows employees of the Smiths' Shop about the year 1914.

Amongst those we have identified are:—

#### Still in our employ :

Harry Roberts, 'Scotty' Morgan, Tom Piper, 'Buller' Metcalf.

#### Others identified :

W. Billington, Fred Pearce, Tom Stephenson, Edward King, J. Williams, 'Hoppy' Hopwood, Bill Jackson, Jack Beeston (Foreman), Joe Potts, Ned Colley, N. Hughes, T. Jones, Sid Ponting, S. Yates, 'All night' Jackson, J. Smith, G. Heppleston, 'Yorke', Stockdale, 'Shemmy' Pearson, G. Pearson, 'Todger' Pearson, Joe Heppleston, E. Cavill, Joe Lumley, Alf Rule, J. Tulloch, A. Oliver, Tommy Simpson, Tom Summerfield.

Some very enjoyable outings have been organised by Miss Stella Forster of the Typing Pool. Visits to the Lake District, Harrogate and Knaresborough together with an evening at a Newcastle cinema were made by various members of the Staff and friends. All agree that Stella should carry on with the good work and look forward to the Panto season and possible further outings.

Mr. K. Clark's team including Mr. B. Bashford, won this year's Senior Staff Guild treasure hunt. Mr. H. Robson (Sales Manager), partnered by Miss Rosamund Cook (Headquarters) was successful in the finals of the H.W. tennis tournament.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Charles Gray, (Stockyard). Our sympathy is expressed to his relatives.

We welcome the return to work after her accident, of Miss Catherine Pickering (Die Shop). It was also good to see Mr. J. F. Stafford (Sales Representative) out and about again, after his recent illness. We sincerely hope that the future will bless both with good health.

Our congratulations are extended to Miss Kathleen Fox upon her promotion to Private Secretary to the Managing Director.

Our very Best Wishes for a happy future are extended to Miss Sheila Allen (Sales Department) on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage to Mr. Robert Ogle, on 7th August. Miss Allen succeeded Mrs. Aileen Elliot who was Sales Typist for eight years and has left to await a happy event. One or two, carbon copies?

We have also said 'Goodbye' to Mrs. Iris Davis (Senior Typist) and Mr. Albert Hall (Senior Wages Clerk). The presentation of a brief-case was made on behalf of the staff to Mr. Hall, by Mr. Arthur Day (Staff Supervisor) recognition of his thirteen years service with the Company, eleven of these being spent at 'Stampings'. Still on the subject of departures, we wish Mrs. A. Ashbridge of the Wages Department, every happiness in her new home. She is joining her husband, who has obtained employment at the Atomic Energy Plant in Cumberland.

### H.W. STEEL FOUNDRIES LTD.

#### Retirement.

We wish Mr. Fred Menzies a happy retirement — he was one of our long serving people, having been with us for over forty years.

Welcome back to Sam Hadley after a long illness. Best wishes for good health in the future.

We wish a speedy recovery to Jeff Close (Pattern Shop) who has had a long period of absence owing to illness.

Mr. W. Hartley who retired from his job as a sawyer in the Pattern Shop not long ago, after a good number of years with us, has recently had a leg amputated. We wish him a good recovery.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Bob Bulmer who died very suddenly.

Our condolences to Mr. W. Watson of the Steel Foundry Shop on the sudden death of his son-in-law Mr. Kidd and on his daughter's illness. They were involved in a motor accident. Mrs. Kidd was employed in the Steel Foundry Office before her marriage.

**H.W. STOCKTON LTD.**



Extension to Welding Shop

**The Changing Face of Head Wrightson Stockton.**

Having dropped the name of "Forge" from our title, and demolished the old "Foundry", we have broken two links with the past.

Demolishing the "Foundry" left us short of covered assembly area so it was decided to extend the Welding Shop by adding to its length. The extension covers seven bays, an increase of 168 feet, giving an overall shop length of 621 feet with a floor area of approximately 52,000 sq. ft. Craneage being two at 10 tons and 1 at 25 tons with track centres of 83' 0". The extension has gas radiant heating, is double glazed and has an insulation board lining, these should give a cool shop during the Summer and a warm one in the Winter.

During the excavations, several items of interest were uncovered, one of these being a tar tank about 10 feet dia. and 6 feet deep containing tar which, excepting for a hard crust 6" thick at the top, was very fluid, handling this was a sticky business. The tank was no doubt a relic of the old Foundry days. Another point of interest was the multi-coloured strata, probably caused by the dumping of waste material from the "Tileries".

Accessibility by road is being improved with work progressing on a new "Black Path", this is to be an 18 feet wide carriageway with foot-path and buffer kerb. The internal rail system has been extensively altered and a new weighbridge installed.

Another feature which has altered the landscape is the large temporary building, with a floor area of approximately 3,300 square feet, which is used to house Planning Department, Erection Department and the Works Manager's Office.

We have good news for all amateur gardeners. Recently two members of the Machine Construction Section found a new method of germinating "INSTANT LOBELIA MUSTARD". One of the members, who incidently, is affiliated with the Percy Thrower Fan Club found this such a success, that after clearing part of his garden of cabbage plants to make way for this wonderful new invention, spent almost two hours transplanting them out.



All interested persons should contact Messrs. D. Harrison and J. Gage, H.W. Stockton, D.O.

**HOW DID THEY DO IT?**

A kind friend sprinkled the "MUSTARD" seed among the lobelia.

As a result of a challenge by the "Aluminium Greenhouse Section" to the "Flatley Dryer Section" a darts match was arranged and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the "Flatleys" by six games to nil. This result left the champion red pencil section with very red faces, much to the disappointment of Chas.

## H.W. MACHINE COMPANY LTD.

### New Starters.

Welcome to :

Mr. J. Wilkin (Tubes D.O.), Mr. G. Parker (D.O.), Mr. N. W. Collins (Elect.), Mr. C. Musgrave (Elect.) and Mr. J. E. Bannister on loan from Minerals Division.

### Speedy Recovery.

To Mr. J. W. Gill, Mr. A. Baxter and Mr. L. Williamson.

### Social Notes.

Best wishes for a very happy retirement to Mr. G. Hillaby affectionately known as 'Guy' by all his colleagues. This occasion was marked with a presentation by Mr. Mather on behalf of his work mates of a wallet and notes.

We hear that Ron Burley has invested in another yacht and hope he will spend more time in the boat and less time in the water than he has in the past. It is a pity that another outdoor activity brought such misfortune to Les Williamson when out riding. We hope he will soon be back with us.

Treasure hunting days are here again and after the successful Guild Hunt on Thursday, 22nd June, the Benevolent and Social Fund Committee ran an equally entertaining event on July 4th.

### Photographic Club.

The Club has now purchased a 35mm Enlarger and together with a couple of "Solid" photo-flood stands we are slowly accumulating more equipment.

Of course now that we have photo-floods available there is no reason why we should not use them. We were going to suggest a night for "Cheesecake Studies" to the female staff but a certain circular referring to a caravan holiday with two of our most eligible bachelors received so little response that we decided to abandon the scheme.

What the girls don't seem to realise is that Marilyn Monroe started at the bottom and worked her way to the top (and Cecil Beaton).

## H.W. PROCESSES LTD.

### Yarm.

#### Left the Company.

The following persons have recently left the company and we wish them every success in their new jobs :—

Mrs. S. Bailey (typists); Mr. D. Pearson (Drawing Office) — Mr. Pearson's services to the Social Committee as Treasurer, will be sadly missed, as he has been a most active member of the Committee since last September.

#### Leaving the Company.

Whilst we regret to lose the services of the following personnel, we wish them well in their forthcoming appointments elsewhere :—

Mr. T. W. Duck (Drawing Office and Mr. G. Reed (Purchase) — we would mention that apart from as a

colleague, we shall also miss Graham Reed's prowess as a conjuror, whose shows have been the mainstay of our children's Christmas parties and other entertainments.

Mr. P. B. Thomas (Chief Engineer).

#### Joined the Company.

The following personnel have recently joined HWP YARM staff, and we would like to take this opportunity of welcoming them and hope they will be happy with us at the Friarage :—

Miss E. Piper (Typists); Messrs. Collis and Jenkins (Engineers Departments), Mr. Cooper (Estimating), Mr. Hartley (Progress Engineer), Mr. Dickenson (Drawing Office) and Mr. Shaplin (Library).

#### Recuperating.

Mr. Jack Walker (Caretaker) now out of hospital we are glad to say and he is recuperating at home.

Mrs. Betty Inns (Projects Office) whilst at home she is still very poorly.

We would like to wish both a very speedy recovery and hope they will both be back at work once more.

#### Social Committee.

A very successful outing was held last month when a trip was arranged to Vaux Ltd., Sunderland. About thirty members of the staff joined in and had a most interesting tour of the brewery. We should like to extend our thanks to those members of the Social Committee who arranged this outing.

Forthcoming events in the Social Committee calendar include the proposal to hold a fashion parade; and also a repeat of the so-successful photographic competition which was held last September. At that time we had a superb response with black and white prints, colour prints and transparencies. We hope for equally keen (if not keener) competition this year both from those who entered last time as well as from our new staff members.

#### Stradivarius Violin.

A certain member of the Erection Staff at Yarm is very interested in music and is, in fact, second violin in Redcar Amateur Operatic Society. His hobby has naturally lead him to be equally interested in the musical instruments themselves, and he has apparently from time to time discovered some worthwhile violins.

During a recent tour of inspection around a particular junk shop in Stockton, he came across a most interesting and very old violin which he purchased for "an old song". Imagine therefore, his delight when on cleaning it up he discovered the name of STRADIVARIUS carved in the wood.

The chances were that if it was a genuine Strad, the violin could be worth a small fortune; if it was a Strad made by one of the master's students then it could still be worth a handsome sum; if it was a very old violin but not from the famous workshop and the name was only a fake, then the value would drop accordingly, although at all events it would probably be worth more than the purchase price.

The violin is now in the hands of experts and we sincerely hope that the new owner may have had a lucky "find".

P.S.—Since writing the foregoing, the experts have announced their verdict — it is not a genuine Strad, nor was it made by one of the Master's students. This is most disappointing for our Mr. Marrow who, for a little while, hoped he had been one of the lucky few to come across a valuable violin of Strad vintage. However, although not a Strad, it is apparently quite a good, old violin, with a very good tone, and better than the one which Mr. Marrow already owned.

We would like to send our best wishes to these couples who have recently been married:

Miss Jillian Shepherd and Mr. Vince Roddam, whose wedding was on the 3rd April. Jill is a member of HWP typing pool and her gift from the staff was a tea service.

Mr. Ron Ellis (Estimating) and Miss Susan Watson who were married on the 10th June. Their wedding gift from the staff was a transistor radio.

#### London.

#### Left the Company:

Mr. E. B. Talbot (Products Manager) recently left the Company after eleven years' service, and we all wish him well for the future. Mr. Talbot was presented with a transistor radio set by Mr. J. H. Turner on behalf of his colleagues.

The following members of our staff are leaving the Company at the end of June and we also wish them well for the future:— Miss Jessie Feltham, who is being transferred to McKee Head Wrightson, Mr. M. R. F. Howard and Mr. D. Dawkins.

We wish long and happy retirement to Mr. W. T. J. Wells, who retired at the end of June.

#### Welcome to the Company:

The undernoted have recently joined the Company and we are pleased to welcome them and hope they will be very happy with us.

Mr. D. A. Puttock, Mr. E. A. Heads, Mrs. D. R. Diehl and Mrs. D. J. Stuart.

#### General News:

We welcome back Mr. Neville Bunnetta after an absence of two years from the Office. Mr. Bunnetta has been working with the Danish Atomic Energy Commission in Copenhagen on the Danish Reactor.

WOT TOW! This is commonly called a palindrome, but it also happens that Mr. Derek J. Tow, our Products Manager, was married on July 10th, and we are sure everyone at Thornaby and Yarm join us in wishing him every happiness for the future.

Miss Sybil Price is also getting married early in July and we would also like to wish her every happiness for the future.

### McKEE HEAD WRIGHTSON LTD.

As recently announced in the Press, M.H.W. is participating in the design and engineering of two units for the new Strasbourg Refinery. We are working on this project with our associates, PIC Engineering. The work covers a large Atmospheric Distillation Unit and a Gasoline Treating Unit. M.H.W. is providing process design,

basic mechanical design and general supervision to PIC.

The capacity of the Strasbourg Refinery will be 3.3 million tons per year, approximately. It is expected the refinery will be commissioned early 1963. Crude oil will be delivered to the installation from the South European pipeline now under construction, and finished products will be distributed by barge, road and rail supplying North East France, South Germany and Switzerland.

A number of our engineers are visiting Paris regularly in connection with this job, and many more are brushing up their French in anticipation of a few weeks sojourn in France. We hope to give you some of their impressions and experiences in future issues of "Wright Ahead" — we feel sure that such matters will be of great interest to readers.

Our social activities have been going ahead as evidenced by the following report. The Kee Club, which has been in existence now for over a year, has been very active during the last few months. The Club has a pleasant clubroom in "The Stone House", in Old Street, and in January a very successful children's party was held there. This party was organised in conjunction with HWP Sports and Social Club and about seventy children spent an enjoyable afternoon as our guests. The clubroom was also the scene of a Social Dance early in March.

In April the Kee Club held a Buffet Dance at the Bonnington Hotel in Southampton Row. The Derby Rooms formed a pleasant setting for the evening and over a hundred Club members and their friends were present. Music was provided by Tommy Berkitt and his Band and a good time was had by all.

Several theatre outings have also taken place or are planned for the future. Members enjoyed a visit to "King Kong" and visits to "The Music Man", "Oliver", "Ben Hur" and the latest Cinerama film, "Search for Paradise" are being arranged.

Earlier this year, in response to popular demand, the Kee Motor Club was inaugurated, with Mr. Ken Stevens as Chairman. This Club aims to further interest in motoring generally, to provide its members with information and advice and to arrange meetings of interest to motorists. The Kee Motor Club's first venture was a Motor Rally held on 26th May. Eighteen cars of all shapes and sizes entered for this Rally, and among the competitors we were pleased to welcome friends from HWP. The evening was fine, if a little chilly, and the area covered was High Beech and district, Essex. Overall winners of the Rally were the team consisting of Messrs. E. Fisher, W. Essam, R. Jolley and Miss J. Rednall.

For future activities the Kee Motor Club is now planning a second rally in July, and visits to Lotus, Ford's and Cooper's are also envisaged.

Following the successful launching of a Motor Club, the Kee Club is in the process of forming a Camera Club and a Cricket Club.

The Kee Club issues two publications. One a magazine — "The Kee-Hole" — issued every two months, and this venture is thriving. Six issues, including many articles by members of the staff, have appeared, along with Crossword and Quiz competitions, to date. The other, a monthly Newsheet giving details of future programmes.

## H.W. MINERALS ENGINEERING LTD.

We are pleased to welcome new members of staff at Sheffield.

Miss P. L. Shepley, Secretary. Mrs. F. A. Lewis, Typists. Mrs. M. A. Ward, Typists. Miss M. Darwin, Filing.

Mr. D. Roberts has joined our Technical Department from the parent Company.

Mr. M. Crehan has joined the Company from H.M. Forces.

Mr. J. Appleton (Manchester Office) has left the Company to complete his National Service.

Our good wishes are expressed to the following who have left the Company:—

Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. B. Walker.

We are pleased to welcome back to the office Mr. H. Mawson who has been in hospital.

## Report on the Lyndhurst Sports Club First Camping Expedition, June, 1961.

Being new to this pastime I was most anxious to learn all I could on this, the Club's first weekend camp. On the Friday morning the Hon. Sec., more affectionately known as Dad, was in a tremendous bustle. Had I got this, was this packed, was the other packed. The enormous pile of paraphernalia suggested that we were moving house. Hon. Sec. had been confidently predicting a sunny weekend, but as the day drew nearer the weather got colder, and the voices of the weather forecasting Jeremiah's louder, and so the number of sweaters and changes of clothing grew. Just in case, of course!

At last we set off, not I might say, without some incident and probably much secret comment from the neighbours, who were, no doubt, convinced that we were mad, or fleeing the bailiffs. The drive to the Lakes went off very well, that is, apart from a wrong turn in Rotherham and Fiona being a little overcome by the occasion.

Arrival at the site began the usual argument about which was the best site for the advance party's tents and how could we make sure that B.B.B's. tent was the one that would get flooded first. We're kidding Barry! While all this was going on Fiona and I decided to retire, and by the time the first arrivals roared into camp we were fast asleep, although around midnight there was a bit of an interruption as a space capsule arrived, subsequently found to be a Bubble-car from which merged two fanatical 'Lightweights'.

Next morning dawned with that sound known so well to lovers of camping in this dear old country, RAIN. By the time cooking shelters had been rigged up the rain had ceased, and the stillness was only shattered by the roar of Primuses.

Not being an organised camp, in fact quite the opposite, everyone decided to follow his or her own bent, eventually, however, everyone seemed to gyrate towards the beach. Here Uncle Barry and Uncle Allan were busy fishing while Uncle Phil tried to help them by pulling faces at the fish underwater. This didn't help much and we all had to go without a fish course at lunch time.

The afternoon saw great activity, with the fishermen determined to get their revenge and provide the Club with fish for a week. As it turned out, their expedition not only proved abortive, but they were not even allowed to fish in Haweswater. The majority of the rest of the party went on the steamer up the lake, except Uncle Nev of course, who took the Hon. Sec's. short cut to the

landing stage and just missed the boat. Fiona and I had a pleasant afternoon on the beach making speedboats and watching a little girl catch fish which were bigger than any of our piscatorial friends were able to manage.

Not many of the party knew that it was my birthday, but the word got around and I had some lovely presents brought back from Patterdale and Pooley Bridge. After another snug night under canvas it was very sad to have to leave such a beautiful spot, but we had some wonderful fun, and I hope to have many more such outings, you see I'm only ONE!

AILS A, Expedition Secretary.

P.S. Daddy is responsible for words of more than one syllable.

## H.W. INDIA LTD.

Our staff in India has been increased by the arrival of Mr. C. E. Mollison from H.W.P., London, and by the transfer from H.W.I.S.E.L., Durgapur of Mr. A. Pulimood and Mr. G. Singhal.

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Miss G. McCarthy as Secretary to Mr. T. O'Connor.

Already a number of projects are being handled in conjunction with Head Wrightson Companies at home, and much travelling is being done all over the Sub-Continent by Mr. O'Connor and his staff.

Mr. Jenks, our Sales Manager, has come on leave with Mrs. Jenks, and he will be paying visits to Tees-side before he returns to Calcutta at the end of the summer.

## H.W. EXPORT COMPANY LTD.

Mr. Rodney Otway has joined us as Manager — Europe in the place of Mr. Anthony Neville, who has left the Company. Mr. Otway has spent some years on the export side of The Morgan Crucible Company, and has visited many of the European countries where he will be travelling for us.

Mr. E. J. Robinson, our Manager for Africa and the Middle East, has recently visited Lisbon together with Mr. L. W. Needham of H.W.M.E.L. An order has been secured for a Stripa Plant for Angola as a result of this visit.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Beryl Burton to our Company.

## H.W. & COMPANY LTD

### Power-Samas Section.

At the end of April we said good-bye to Mrs. Westwood, who had been with us for three years and wished her all the best for the future. Mr. Corney presented a chair to Mrs. Westwood on behalf of her many friends and paid tribute to her efficient part in the installation of this new Section. Mrs. Bell has taken over as Senior Power-Samas operator and we wish her every success.

### Burroughs Section.

We welcome Mrs. Vivienne Marwood who has been appointed Senior Operator.

Mrs. Freda Wilkinson, who has been with the Company eleven years as Burroughs Accounting Machine Operator, left us on 16th June, having moved to York where her husband had obtained a new post. We hope she settles down quickly in her new surroundings.

### New Staff — London Office.

We should like to welcome the following personnel who recently joined our staff:—

Mrs. J. A. Dixon (Copy Typist), Mrs. E. Sinclair (Telephonist), Mr. H. D. Still (Publicity Department).





### MANOR HOUSE HOSPITAL — AND NOW THE LADIES!

Over forty years ago Manor House Hospital was founded to provide a Specialist hospital service for the industrial worker. Until the latter part of 1959 the hospital catered for men only, although it had long been the aim of the Executive Committee to open a Women's section. In September of that year limited treatment facilities for the ladies were provided as a temporary measure to "bridge the gap" until the Women's Hospital could be opened. This important event took place on the 12th April, 1961, when the official opening ceremony was performed by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

There is no doubt that 1961 will be the most eventful year in the history of Manor House Hospital since those early days in 1919 when a band of optimistic pioneers from the North comprising of a Northern Area Council and four District Committees from Wearside, Tyneside, Tees-side and Hartlepool, and Carlisle, formed the Industrial Orthopaedic Society and acquired the old Hamstead Manor House with the aim of establishing a unique hospital. But what a difference in the circumstances! The original Manor House was indeed a humble affair — a few "army type" huts, somewhat primitive equipment, and with uncertain financial support. The wisecracks shook their heads, and indeed the plans of those pioneers did seem to be a wild gamble. The early years were difficult, but perseverance, faith and sacrifice won the day, and throughout the years Manor House was built up to what it is today. A specialised hospital group with an impressive list of forty-three Specialists. The difficulties which surrounded the launching of the Men's hospital do not exist for the women. Their new hospital, "Inverforth House", is truly magnificent, and no efforts — or expense — have been spared to make it a fitting home of healing for the women.

Originally one of the most luxurious mansions in greater London, and the home of the millionaire, Lord Inverforth — it was bequeathed to the hospital on his death — well over £200,000 has been spent in adapting the premises, and a further £50,000 will be spent on furnishings and equipment. Already, those who have seen the building in its unfinished state have said there will be nothing like it in this country. Indeed, some of the men have been heard to whisper, "Give Manor House to the ladies, we'll have this!"

"Inverforth House" is situated some three hundred yards from Manor House on the highest part of the Heath. It is surrounded by lawns and gardens with an ornamental pond and extensive rose pergolas. The views are magnificent, extending in one direction as far as Harrow-on-the-Hill. Internally the fittings and furnishings are up to the standard which is now expected from Manor House — the best possible. Apart from the accommodation for patients, it will also house the nursing staff.

While, as mentioned above, the launching of the Women's section has not been faced with the difficulties attending the founding of the original Manor House, there were problems to be faced. The main one being that of finance. However, the support of the membership, Firms, Organisations and Leagues of Friends, not only in the North, but all over the Country, has shown that such tremendous schemes can be undertaken with confidence.

The opening of "Inverforth House" is only part of the scheme of development at Manor House Hospital. With the exception of the war years, progress has been almost continuous, and during the past five or six years the hospital has changed out of all recognition. In 1954 the Pathological Laboratory was brought into use, and this was followed in 1955 by improvements in the Physiotherapy services and gymnasium. 1956 saw the opening of a new Department of Diagnostic Radiology, and the construction of a three-storey block to house the Out-patients' Department, Dental and Optical Departments, minor operating theatre and patients cafeteria, etc.

The following year brought the modernisation and re-equipping of "B" Ward, and in 1959 "ward five" after complete conversion was made available for the ladies. In the same year the magnificent Ivy House, Rehabilitation and Recovery Hospital, the former home of Madame Pavlova, the Ballerina, was brought into use, and a new Chapel of Rest erected. 1960 saw road works and a car park completed, and the commencement of an entrance block which will provide additional outpatient facilities, waiting, consulting and treatment rooms, administrative offices and will have accommodation for some of the medical staff.

This is a worthy record of achievement particularly when one considers that all the finances are raised by voluntary effort. Membership is open to everyone, in-

dustrial and administrative workers alike, for the modest subscription of 3d. per week, which entitles a member to his return fare to London and all necessary hospital treatment and maintenance.

The pioneers of the North should feel justly proud that their pioneering acorn has grown into such a mighty oak.

### Mr. JACK SHAW



Fifty years with the Head Wrightson Organisation, of Thornaby — that was the record of Mr. John A. Shaw when he retired after being construction department manager of Head Wrightson Teesdale Ltd., for fifteen of them. Here, at a social evening in the National Reserve Club, Thornaby, he is being presented with a camera by Mr. W. Sheldon (second right), on behalf of the men who worked in the construction department with him.

Also in the picture (from the left) are Mr. W. Meredith, Transport and General Workers' shop steward; Mr.

A. Muir, Boilermakers' convenor, who presided, and Mr. E. Winnard, Amalgamated Engineering Union shop steward.

Mr. R. Purnell, director and general manager of Head Wrightson Teesdale Ltd., was among management representatives present.

Mr. Shaw joined the firm as an apprentice in the template shop. He became foreman template worker, a position he occupied for ten years before being appointed manager.

### ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT — 1961

A successful Tennis tournament was held at Head Wrightson Club during the fortnight ended 17th June.

Winners were as under:—

**Men's Singles:** Winner: J. S. Goodchild. Runner up: N. T. Jackson.

**Ladies' Singles:** Winner: Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick. Runner up: Mrs. G. D. Jackson.

**Mixed Doubles:** Winners: H. A. Robson and Miss R. Cook. Runner up: Mr. and Mrs. D. Kirkpatrick.

**Ladies' Doubles:** Winners: Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick and Miss R. Cook. Runners up: Miss P. Moon and Miss J. Lacy.

**Men's Doubles:** Winners: J. S. Goodchild and T. L. Jones. Runners up: N. T. Jackson and G. E. Lowes.

Thanks are due to the Secretary, Mr. Colin Fletcher and his Committee for the work they did in this connection.

### VICE-CHAIRMAN IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. Peter Wrightson, O.B.E., Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd., left by air on the 21st June for Sydney, Australia and will be returning at the end of July.

During his tour he will visit Head Wrightson (Australia) Pty. Ltd., and call upon the principal customers in that country.

### COMMONWEALTH TECHNICAL TRAINING WEEK 29th May — 2nd June, 1961

The Commonwealth Technical Training Week held throughout the Commonwealth was initiated by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, following his visit to a State Apprenticeship Week in Australia.

The purpose of the week was to draw attention to the very wide range of apprentice schemes and technical training programmes which are open to young people. The organisation of the Week in the United Kingdom was undertaken by the Local Authorities, and in Stockton and Middlesbrough a series of events including Open Days, Prize Distribution, Religious Services, Careers Exhibitions were arranged with the co-operation of local Companies and Organisations.

We at Head Wrightson took a full part in all of the activities and in addition to giving careers advice and information at the Stockton and Middlesbrough Exhibitions, we held an Open Day at the Apprentice School and the Head Wrightson Machine Company. Our thanks are due to all those who willingly gave their time in ensuring the success of the Week.



H.W. Stand at Middlesbrough Town Hall

**HEAD WRIGHTSON EMPLOYEES' COUNCIL**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Income and Expenditure A/c. for year ended 31st December, 1960**

1959		1960		1959		1960	
EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Subscriptions :</b>				<b>Employees' Contributions :</b>			
1000	Ropner Convalescent Home	1000		1486	H.W. & Co. Ltd. ...	1267	
2564	Manor House Hospital ...	2590		2151	H.W. Teesdale Ltd. ...	1825	
1200	Social & Athletic Club ...	1200		267	H.W. Iron & Steel Works Engineering Ltd. ...	302	
200	Dr. Barnados Home ...	200		947	H.W. Stockton Ltd. ...	912	
300	British Red Cross ...	300		538	H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd. ...	571	
5264	—	5290		1327	H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd. ...	1429	
<b>Donations :</b>				<b>Company's Contribution</b>			
60	Institute for the Blind ...	60		817	H.W. Stampings Ltd. ...	1003	
10	Nat. Fed. O.A.P. Assoc. ...	10		908	H.W. Machine Co. Ltd. ...	987	
10	League of Friends — Stockton & Thorn. Hosp.	10		—	H.W. Processes Ltd. ...	240	
1	R.S.P.C.A. ...	—		107	H.W. Minerals Eng. Ltd. ...	96	
—	Tees-side Parents and Friends of Spastics ...	20		8548	—	8632	
—	British Empire Cancer Campaign ...	75		500	<b>Interest on Investments</b> —	500	
—	Thornaby O.A.P. Clubs ...	1		380	<b>Gross</b> ...	399	
81	—	176					
<b>Grants to Employees :</b>							
2403	Sickness Grants ...	2140					
205	Hardship Grants ...	106					
35	Death Grants ...	59					
2643	—	2305					
<b>Retired Employees :</b>							
161	Summer Outing ...	160					
84	Christmas Gifts ...	84					
245	—	244					
<b>Employees Childrens' Treat :</b>							
496	Pantomime ...	585					
153	Income Tax on Interest on Investments ...	148					
10	Audit Fee (Proportion) ...	11					
3	Sundries (Printing, etc.) ...	2					
13	Ropner Convalescent Home—Representatives Expenses	—					
38	Fruit & Vegetable Show ...	40					
—	Presentations to Officials Retiring ...	247					
—	Legal Charges ...	11					
217	—	459					
8946		9059					
482	Surplus for year ...	472					
£9428		£9531		£9428		£9531	

Once again the Council is pleased to present a successful Balance Sheet which gives some indication of the work it is doing on behalf of all contributors.

**Retirement Gifts.**

At a recent meeting, the result of the ballot on the proposed Retirement Gift was considered and it was

noted that the majority in favour of the scheme was very small.

After further consideration, it was decided to postpone the Scheme until such time as further investigations had been made and a fuller opportunity given for discussion.



The Chairman, pictured at the Control Panel of the new £100,000 Sand Plant at Egglecliffe Foundry, after having performed the opening ceremony on 2nd May, 1961

### HEAD WRIGHTSON ATHLETIC INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CRICKET COMPETITION, 1961

#### Results up to going to Press

#### Preliminary Round

18 — 6 BALL OVERS

R & D 'A'	v	R & D 'B'
Stockton Steel Fdy.	v	H.W. Mach. Co. 'C'
Stockton Offices 'B'	v	Teesdale Maint. 'B'
H.W. Mach. Co. 'B'	v	Teesdale M/S
Teesdale Gen. Off.	v	Stockton B/Yd.
Teesdale Maint. 'A'	v	Allsop's Sq. B/Yd.
Teesdale B/Yd. 'A'	v	Teesdale Steel Fdy. 'B'
Stockton M/S 'A'	v	H.W.I.S.W.E. 'A'

#### FIRST ROUND

20 — 6 BALL OVERS

Stockton Offices 'A'	v	Teesdale Steel Fdy. 'A'
Stockton M/S 'B'	v	Stockton Steel Fdy.
Teesdale B/Yd. 'A'	v	Teesdale B/Yd. 'B'
R & D 'A'	v	Steel Castings
Teesdale M/S	v	H.W. Mach. Co. 'A'
H.W.I.S.W.E. 'B'	v	H.W. Processes

Teesdale Maint. 'A'	v	Stockton M/S 'A'
Teesdale Gen. Off.	v	Maintenance 'B'

#### SECOND ROUND

Stockton Offices 'A'	v	H.W. Processes
Teesdale Gen Offices	v	Stockton Steel Fdy.
Stockton M/S 'A'	v	R & D 'A'
H.W. Mach. Co. 'A'	v	Teesdale B/Yd. 'A'

#### SEMI-FINAL

22 — 6 BALL OVERS

1	Stockton Offices	v	
2	H.W. Mach. Co.	v	Teesdale Gen. Off.

#### FINAL

25 — 6 BALL OVERS

1	v	2
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