

WRIGHT AHEAD

THE HEAD WRIGHTSON NEWS LETTER

Vol. 12

DECEMBER, 1961

No. 3



The Carrs (1816) originally a site on the Yorkshire bank of the River Tees opposite Stockton where the first Stockton Races were run in 1724, which is now H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd., Thornaby

Chairman's Letter

Throughout the history of the Company, exports have played an important part in our growth. As you know, we try to keep pace with the developing overseas markets, for we are fully conscious that we must export to survive, especially in view of the fluctuating trading conditions we often experience in home markets.

As part of our campaign, we took the unusual step some weeks ago of flying twenty-five members of the Foreign Press Association and the Commonwealth Press Union to Thornaby for a Press Conference and to see our manufacturing facilities.

We have been watching the development of the Common Market carefully and if Britain does join, I feel that it will be the biggest challenge that British industry has had to meet.

For our part, I feel that with our modernised works, quality workmanship, advanced techniques and continu-

ous research and development, we are poised to make a tangible contribution on a healthy competitive basis to the world and Common Markets.

It is, therefore, with quiet optimism and by no means a formality, that I wish each and every one of you and your families a Happy Christmas and a progressive New Year.

John Wrightson



Mr. and Mrs. E. Payne



Mr. and Mrs. A. Roxborough

MARRIAGES

Best wishes for a very happy future to:

H.W. Teesdale, Ltd.

Mr. Colin Fairs, D.O. to Miss Dorothy Little, Research Library.

Mr. James Rodgers, D.O. to Miss Kathleen Johnson.

Mr. A. Roxborough (Mach. Shop) to Miss L. Dobson.

H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.

Mr. N. Hampton (Sand Mill) to Miss S. Watling (Steel Foundry Yard Office).

H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Miss Sheila Allen (Sales Dept.) to Mr. Robert Ogle.
Miss Valerie Carr (Costs Dept.) to Mr. Brian Bell.



Mr. and Mrs. C. Hefford



Mr. and Mrs. G. Pickin



Mr. and Mrs. B. Bell



Mr. and Mrs. R. Ogle

Mr. Kenneth Patterson (Die Shop) to Nurse Eileen Smith (S.R.N.).

H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Mr. E. Payne (Mach. Shop) to Miss V. Snowden.

Mr. A. Howe (Millwrights) to Miss M. Gibbon.

H.W. Minerals Eng. Ltd. — Sheffield.

Miss J. Lancashire (Tracing Department) to Mr. G. Pickin (Technical Department).

Miss J. Walshaw (Estimating Department) to Mr. C. Hefford.

H.W. Processes Ltd. — Yarm.

Miss Audrey Hodgson and Mr. Dale Foxton, who were married on the 16th September.

Mr. C. E. Pennett (Inspection) on his recent marriage.

H.W. & Co. Ltd.

Mr. N. Barber (Electricians — Steel Foundry).

Mr. Gordon Robson — Garage.

London.

Miss B. A. Wheatley, Publicity Department, London, to Mr. E. L. Gray on 30th September, 1961.

DEATHS

We offer our condolences to the families of :

H.W. Teesdale. Ltd.

Mr. T. Crooks, Teesdale D.O.

H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Mr. G. Cook.

H.W. & Co. Ltd.

Wages.

Mrs. Fletcher.

H.W. Teesdale Ltd.

Bridge Yard.

Mr. A. Hutchinson.

ENGAGEMENTS

H.W. Teesdale. Ltd.

Miss Maureen Goodman (Tracer) to Mr. Gordon Brough.

Mr. Ronald Childs, D.O., to Miss Carol Thomas.

Miss Dolores Tyreman, Technical Clerk, to Mr. Andrew Dick.

Mr. Roderick Kennedy, D.O. to Miss Angela Bird.

Machine Shop.

Mr. Barry Cook to Miss Elsa Manders.

Mr. J. Alderton to Miss Pamela Davison.

H.W. Stampings Ltd.

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

Mr. Kevin Donnelly (Drawing Office) to Miss Margaret Kennedy.

H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Miss P. A. Griffiths (Tracer) to Mr. J. Earnshaw (Teesdale Maintenance).

Mr. J. D. Hindhaugh (Fitt.) to Miss M. E. King.

H.W. & Co. Ltd.

Miss P. Humphreys to Mr. P. Hayton.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to :

H.W. Teesdale Ltd. Bridge Yard.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Tinkler — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Naisbitt — a son.

H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Chalmers — twin boys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Horner — a daughter.

H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson (Drawing Office) a second daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Malham (Electrician) a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Kendlan (Maintenance) a son.

Mrs. Aileen Elliott, former typist of Sales Dept. — a daughter (Barbara).

H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon (Fitt.) — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Waistell (Fitt.) — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Barrowcliffe (Fab.) — a son.

H.W. Processes Ltd. — Yarm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Longmire — a daughter, on the 9th August.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Horner — a son, on the 9th October.

H.W. & Co. Ltd. Maintenance.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Preece — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Baker — a son.

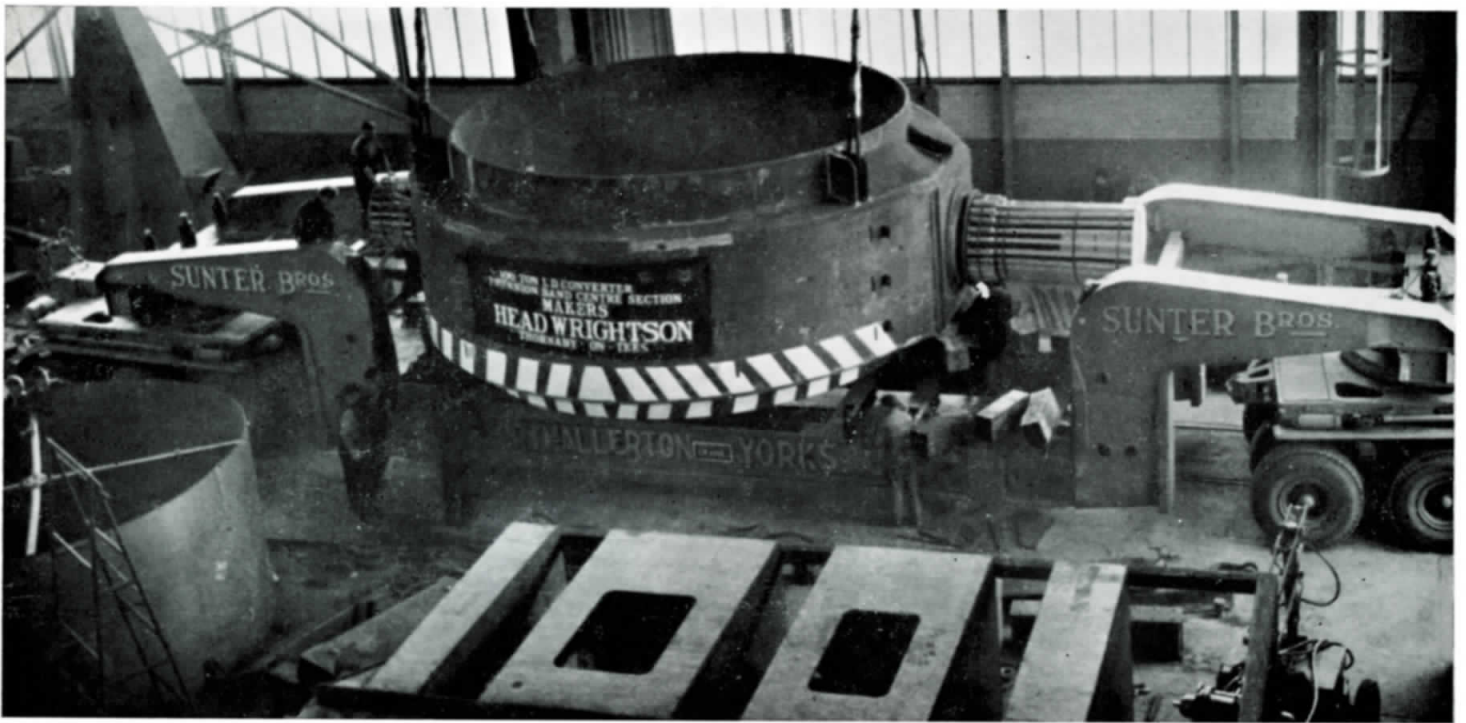
H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (Core Floor) — twins.

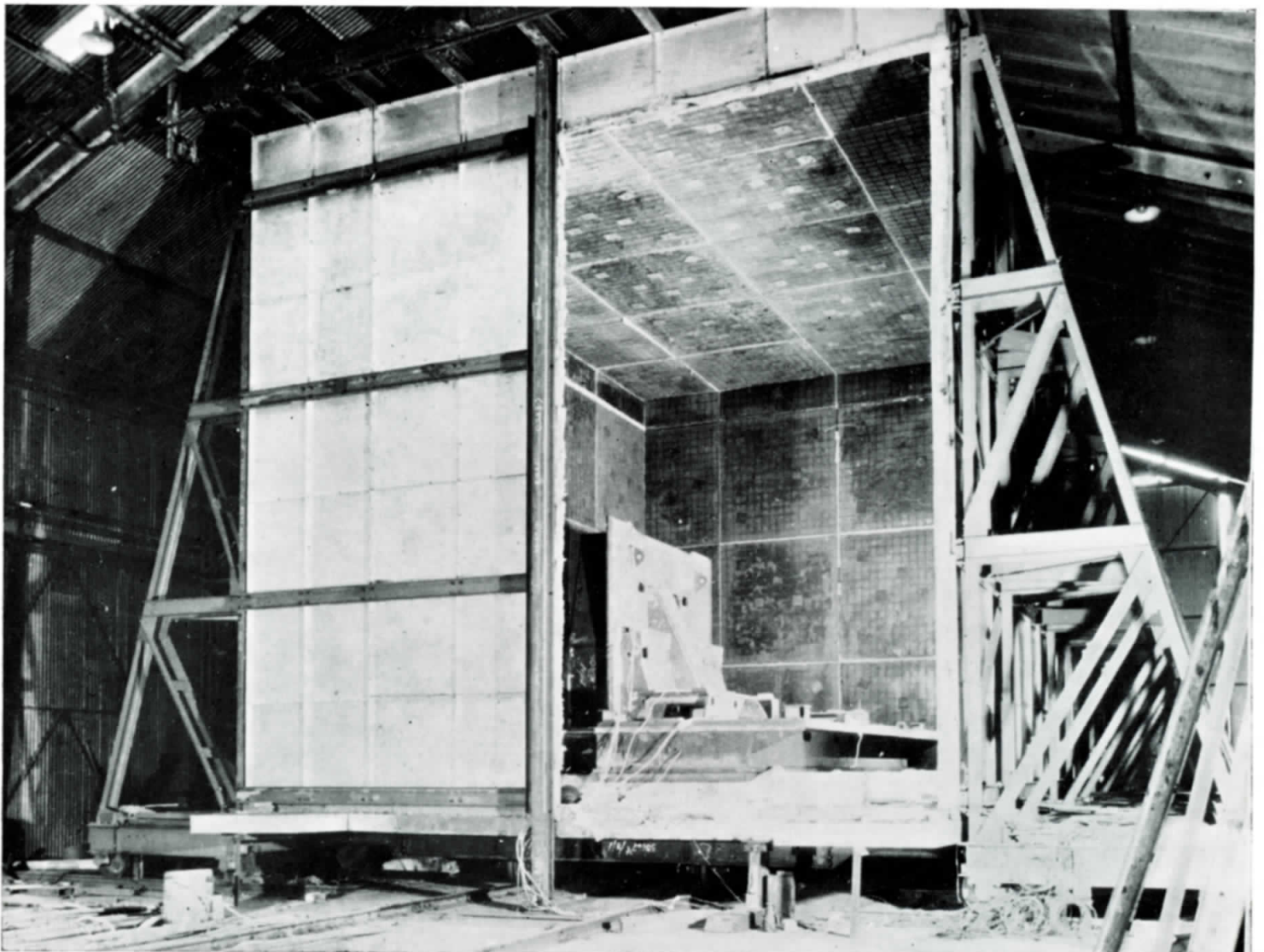
SILVER WEDDING

H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.

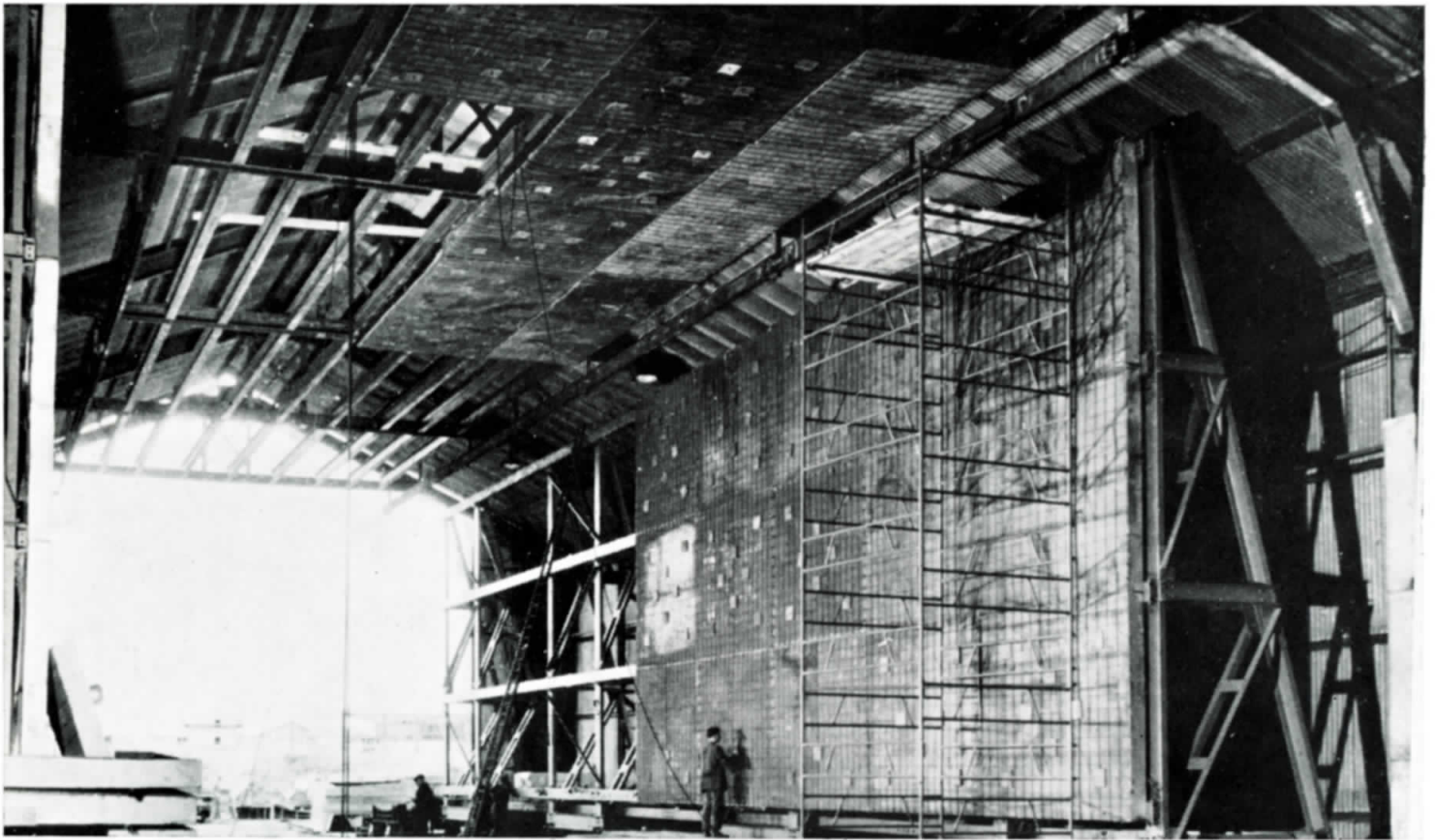
Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman (Elec. Dept.).



Centre section of L.D. Converter for Consett



Filigree re-inforcement girders in the course of erection



Construction with Filigree

H.W. TEESDALE LTD.

Oxygen Steel-Making Plant.

As part of the first combined L.D. and Kaldo Oxygen Steel-making plant in this country being installed at Consett, we recently despatched the first of two 100 ton capacity L.D. Convertors. This type of convertor was first developed in Austria and by the introduction of high purity oxygen onto the surface of the metal produces steel of a high quality, and with a short melting cycle giving high outputs.

The convertor was delivered in three sections, the centre section, shown on the opposite page, being 23' 6" in diameter by 35' 0" long weighing 120 tons. This was transported to site by a special route in the early hours of the morning with a police escort. The other two sections were despatched individually and when welded at site to the centre section, give a total weight of 180 tons.

This weight is carried by two 3' 0" diameter trunnions weighing 5 tons and 11 tons, set into the centre section. To ensure the necessary interference fit, the section of the trunnion to be inserted was shrunk by 0.072" using liquid nitrogen. This was the first time that the shrinking of an item of such size and weight had been carried out in this country.

The water cooled copper lance, the fume extraction ducting and other ancillary equipment is also being manufactured.

Filigree.

Head Wrightson's new low-cost Filigree reinforcement girder will shortly make its debut in the Stockton area. In the project in which it has been incorporated it will serve the community, since it is to be used in the construction of a new public house at Fairfield, Stockton.

Machine made, Filigree consists of a diagonally-braced 'web' welded to a top channel-shape chord. The bottom chord is formed by two strain hardened rods welded to the lower part of the web. The bottom flange is then completed by pre-casting a 'plank' of concrete 4½ inches wide by 2 inches deep around the bottom flange embedding the lower part of the diagonal web.

The girders are positioned at 24 inch intervals and concrete hollow blocks or hollow tiles are placed between the girders. These are supported on the concrete plank and in-situ concrete is poured in the spaces between the blocks. The floor finish depends upon the Architectural specification or design requirements.

Filigree is on permanent exhibition at the Building Centre in London and was shown to the public for the first time at the Building Exhibition, Olympia. (Photos above and facing).

Bridge Yard.

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. Ken Hutchinson after a short illness and offer our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

We are pleased to learn that Jim Muldowney is getting round a bit better, we hope it won't be long before he can start work again. A benefit football match was played at Billingham for him and received excellent support.

We wish a speedy return to work to Sam Hamilton and Gordon Wilson, both of whom have had long illnesses.

Our team didn't get very far in the inter-departmental competition — what went wrong, Terry?

Two Australian girls visited the canteen and handed out food parcels and wine. Jack Cook was tipped as the most likely recipient, but to everyone's surprise came out empty handed.

How are the pigeons going these days, Arthur. Had any winners, lately?

Our Works Fire Brigade didn't get a place in the Annual competition — you will have to start training for the members from the Bridge Yard, Sid.

Purchasing.

We welcome back to the office Miss Pam Bateman after a five months' period of illness.

We also welcome two new starters — Mrs. D. Brown (Typist) and Miss Christine Brown (Invoice Clerk). We hope that they are by now quite happily settled in the routine of the Purchasing Department.

Machine Shop.

New ground has recently been broken with the 110-ton special purpose wagon designed for the Central Electricity Board of Malaya which will be used by them to carry heavy loads in connection with the Cameron Highlands Electric Scheme. The wagon, which is designed to have a maximum axle load of 15 tons under a gross load of 190 tons has the following special features :—

- 1. A manually operated beam width adjusting mechanism, with adjustment 4 ft. 6 ins. to 10 ft. 0 ins.
- 2. Cross traversing facilities which can traverse the load 8 ins. either side of the wagon centre line.

Size of load, gauge restrictions and maximum axle load were the main problems to be overcome in the design of this wagon.

It is hoped that by the time this magazine is issued, three of our long serving employees are out of hospital and back at work — Beth Dermott (Foreman, Tool Room), Charlie Arnison and Bill Coleman.

H.W. IRON FOUNDRIES LTD.

The picture below shows exactly how an Indian Government letter was addressed to Mr. Addison. It was delivered without any delay which shows conclusively either (a) the remarkable efficiency of the postal service, or (b) there is only one Addison in the minds of the G.P.O.

Retirement.

Mr. J. Murray, who retired recently, came to the Iron Foundries from Teesdale in 1936, and has worked for the Company for over fifty years.

We wish Mr. Murray every happiness in his retirement.

Welcome Back.

We welcome back after illness Mr. S. Wade.

Silver Wedding.

We congratulate Mr. A. Taylor, who celebrated his Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 12th September, 1961.

H.W.I.F. on the Tele.



The above shows Mr. Norman Rowntree, Foreman, being quizzed by Terry O'Neill during the One O'Clock Show on the occasion of a recent visit made by members of the Senior Staff Guild to Newcastle. (Technical Note : Taken by Mr. Tom Randall, Steel Foundry, of the television screen. FP.3 Film 1/100th sec. at F 5.6. Distance 5 ft.).

Congratulations to Mr. F. Thompson (Maintenance Chargehand) now promoted to Assistant Works Engineer, and to Mr. G. Davies (Maintenance) now given the responsibilities of Chargehand.

ON INDIA GOVERNMENT SERVICE



*Try
Thornaby*

*M/s Head Wrightson Iron Foundries Ltd.
Feesdale Iron Works,
Hornsbly a Tines,
Near Addison*

*Authenticated Official
Commissioner
CDN
147*

CNT-3 (Revised)

The High Commission of India

We offer our congratulations also to Mrs. L. Pinnegar and Mr. C. A. Hardman who won prizes in the competition held during Safety Week.

The Ingot Mould Dressing Squad is in the news pending the entry of one of their members into the 'Fathers Club' namely Dennis. Dennis's mates are confident that the 'happy event to be' will be just the thing to settle him down and curb his naturally high spirits. Like Dennis, they are counting the days and wishing him good luck.

All at Egglecliffe extend to colleagues at home and abroad, heartiest and sincere Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1962.

H.W. STEEL FOUNDRIES LTD.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Frank Shepherd on his appointment as Deputy Managing Director.

Congratulations to the team which did so well in the novice fire competition (J. Adams, L. Adams and S. Lister). They were awarded the challenge Trophy for the best aggregate time. Our Managing Director, Mr. J. G. Allen received the cup on their behalf, from Mr. Peter Wrightson.

Also congratulations to R. Johnson (Stockton Steel Foundry) who was a prize winner in the Safety competition.

Welcome back after illness to Miss J. Henderson (Sand Labs.), Miss J. Armstrong (Corefloor), Mrs. Kirk and Messrs. Brown, Easby, Verrill and J. Close (Pattern Shop).

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. W. Laroche and Mr. C. Turner.

Retirements.

Mr. Frank Hampshire (Box Fitter), Shop representative on the Works Council, the Divisional Council and also Welfare representative, retired in August. The new Divisional Council representative is Mr. Peter Robinson (Sand Mill).

In recognition of Mr. Hampshire's services a collection from the men, women and management resulted in a wallet of notes being presented to him by the Managing Director, Head Wrightson Steel Foundries Ltd., Mr. J. G. Allen. Commenting on Mr. Hampshire's years of service with the firm and also his thirty-nine years service as welfare representative, Mr. Allen expressed thanks for his many years of loyal service and wished him a long and happy retirement.

In reply, Mr. Hampshire thanked Mr. Allen and all those present for the gift and said 'If I could have my time over, I would gladly do the same again'.

Over the years, Mr. Hampshire has also been a representative on Manor House Hospital Committee, and before nationalisation, Stockton and Thornaby Hospital Committee and Sunderland Eye Infirmary.

A presentation was made to Mr. G. Phoenix by Mr. J. James (Dressing Yard Manager) of a wallet and notes subscribed to by the men and staff. Mr. James thanked him for his twenty-two years' service with the Firm and wished him a very happy retirement. Mr. Phoenix, popularly known as 'Bram' was seventy-five years of age on retirement.

Sports.

The Steel Foundry Bowls players have won the Departmental Rinks and also the Team Competitions. Their opponents in both competition finals being the Stockton Steel Foundry.

Frank Hampshire's Locker.

The large steel cupboard kept stocked to capacity by Frank has at last revealed its secrets. Rumours around the Shop about its valuable contents got the better of Harry Irish, (Mr. Hampshire's successor) and so armed with the flimsy excuse that he could not find room in it for his own tools. (a hand-hammer and a file), he approached the Foremen, Tom Proctor and Joe Bell, for permission to clean it out. They both readily agreed and offered to help.

At 7-30 sharp next morning, after a good night's sleep these three men set about this most arduous task. The top shelf was to be emptied first. Files by the dozen, hacksaw blades and packing for rammers followed by washers, waste and pipe connections. Then came spanners, sleeves and other spare parts too numerous to mention. Things of value were placed to one side and scrap in a barrow at the other. The middle shelf was next to be emptied bringing to light nuts, bolts, chisels, eye bolts, and plates, Warwicks, hooks and a large Oxo tin. 'This was it'. Frankie's treasure! So the rumours were right after all. The lid was carefully removed to reveal a 'Tin-opener'. Getting over this disappointment with a drop of tea they set to work again on the bottom shelf. This contained the heavy stuff, including two large hammers, steel wedges, rammer spindles, large box spanners and a pneumatic drill, together with yards of rubber piping.

So that was it. Empty at last. The scrap, three barrow loads, was wheeled down to the Furnaces and Harry was left to put away the remainder himself.

Altogether a most exciting day!

H.W. STOCKTON LTD.

We welcome Mr. J. D. Eccles who became our Managing Director on Monday, 1st September, last. We wish him every success in his new appointment.

H.W. STAMPINGS LTD.

In the annual Horticultural and Handicrafts exhibition held in the Teesdale Sports Club on the 9th September, Mrs. T. Wilson of the Sales Department was once more successful, gaining three first and two second awards in the vegetable section and one first in the knitting section. Mrs. Piper, wife of Mr. Tom Piper, Wages Section, was also successful, gaining a first prize in the crochet section.

Mr. F. Britton — Buyer, was recently successful in the final examinations of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. Congratulations are extended to all.

To mark the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe (Maintenance Foreman) were the recipients of a silver serving tray, presented on behalf of workmen and staff by Mr. George Jones — Managing Director. Mr. Rowe replied suitably.

We regret to report the passing of Mrs. A. Chilton, wife of our former General Manager and present Director of H.W. Stampings Ltd. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. A. Chilton and family.

21st Birthday.

Mr. Kenneth Rowland (Draw. Office), congratulations.

A week-end visit to Blackpool, for the illuminations, was organised by Miss Stella Forster of the Typists Pool, when members of the staff, together with friends, enjoyed a very pleasant outing.

We at 'Stampings' wish all divisions and members of our Organisation in H.M. Forces, the merriest of Christmases and Prosperity in the coming year.

H.W. MACHINE CO. LTD.

Social Notes.

The National Blood Transfusion Service paid us a visit on Tuesday, 3rd October, when ninety-three volunteers contributed to the Blood Bank. This represents something like thirty per cent of those who are eligible to give blood and is a record so far.

We are pleased to see Les Williamson back with us and getting around without his crutches. Welcome back also to Mr. H. Barlow and Mr. B. Stuart (Fab. Shop) who have returned after illness.

Two people have rejoined Machine Company, Miss G. Evans (Tracing Department) and Mr. D. Burns (General Office).

Relations seem to be improved between the Machine Shop and the Fitting Shop to such an extent that the 'iron curtain' has been removed!

Congratulations to Mr. J. Hall on being elected as President of the Tees-side and South West Durham Junior Chamber of Commerce. Some of his recent engagements have included entertaining the National President and Secretary of the Norwegian Junior Chamber in connection with 'Norway Week', also presiding at the presentation of the P.B.X. competition organised by the Junior Chamber in this area with some one hundred and ten telephone operators representing fifty-three firms taking part. We hope Mr. Hall has a very successful and enjoyable year of office.

Travelling on business recently, various members of our staff have visited Poland, South Africa, India, Australia, Austria and America.

Staff Benevolent and Social Fund.

Your Committee are working hard for re-election by continuing to arrange the usual annual functions and are also trying some new ventures. The Christmas Tournaments now being held include for the first time a Chess Competition. The Christmas Draw will again take place but this year the prizes will be doubled. Another enjoyable evening is assured at the Annual Dance in Teesdale Hall and the children have not been forgotten — their party has been arranged for mid-December and will be held, thanks to the Management, in the canteen.

The Committee are still wondering why the two visits they arranged recently proved to be so popular. Perhaps the hospitality afforded by Messrs. Vaux and Camerons

was in some way responsible. Many thanks to Ron Burley, our past Chairman, and good luck to him in his new position.

H.W. PROCESSES LTD.

Condolences.

We extend our condolences to all relatives and friends of Mrs. Betty Inns who died on the 17th September after a long illness. Betty had been ill for eight months and undergone a serious operation earlier this year. Both for her services to HWP and as a person, she will be very sadly missed.

We also send our deepest sympathy to Mr. M. Cumiskey and family on the death of his father on the 21st October.

Speedy Recovery.

We wish a very speedy recovery to the following:—

Mrs. Brenda Marron (Vince Marron's wife), who is presently in hospital suffering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Eileen Wells (Canteen Cook) who has been incapacitated for some weeks.

Mr. W. Wagstaffe (D.O.) who is likely to be in hospital for some time following a rather serious accident.

Left the Company.

At the end of September, Mrs. Pat Chudley (Print Room) left the Company and with our good wishes for her future she was presented with a wall clock. We hope she is very happy and successful in her new appointment.

Mrs. Betty Cooper (Canteen) also left the Company, and besides a parting gift from her fellow workers, she received a clock from the staff.

Welcome to New Staff.

The following personnel have recently joined the Company and we would like to bid them welcome and hope they will be happy at The Friarage:—

Miss Anne Calvert (Trainee Typist) and Miss Pauline Green (Print Room) plus Mrs. Phyllis Walker who was formerly caretaker and has now joined the staff.

Messrs. A. Beddow, (Estimating), J. C. Raine, P. J. Williams and R. G. Thompson (Effluent Section); R. H. Bolt, E. Moore, P. J. Taggar, E. Bell, D. Gamble, H. Gibb and P. E. Lea (Drawing Office).

Well Done!

Everyone joins in saying well done and congratulations to Miss Rene Hatton (Switchboard) who came fourth in a competition run by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Entrants came from all over the North East to compete for the title of the most pleasant PBX operator.

In view of the number of competitors it was quite an honour to be listed amongst the finalists, for whom there were invitations to the Junior Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance at The Ladle. Here the results were announced and Rene came fourth and was given a box of chocolates in addition to the monetary prize — and of course all finalists received VIP treatment at the dinner itself.

We are all very proud of Rene Hatton in representing us so successfully in this venture.

Social Committee.

In September the new Social Committee was elected, and their first event, The Photographic Competition, in conjunction with London Office, is now well under way. In fact the three hundred entries are now being judged and results will be announced in the near future.

The Annual HWP Dance is scheduled for the 12th December (Tuesday) and will be held at The Ladle. Further details nearer the date.

Arrangements are going ahead for the Annual Childrens' Christmas Party and the Smoker, but dates and details are not yet finalised.

H.W. MINERALS ENG. LTD.**New Staff.**

We are pleased to welcome new members of staff to the Company:—

Sheffield :

Miss J. A. Chapman, typists; Mrs. C. V. Glaves, typists; Miss J. E. Kemp, filing; Mr. G. Gowing-Scopes, printing; Mr. G. Mosley, drawing office; Mr. J. Levesley, drawing office.

Thornaby.

Mrs. R. Vernon, typists

Again a number of personnel have left our various offices and they carry with them our good wishes in their new appointments.

Congratulations to Mr. A. Railton (Newcastle Office) on obtaining his Ordinary National Certificate.

Since the last news letter we have completed and put to work coal preparation plants at Wolstanton, Cortonwood and Elsecar.

At the present time Messrs. F. T. Gilthorpe, G. Abel and J. Cerniks are in Angola erecting an ore treatment plant which will be completed in the near future.

Mr. P. Callaghan has gone to Australia to supervise the modifications to the B.H.P. plant and to help with the supervision of the erection of the ore beneficiation plant and steelworks at Whyalla.

As the festive season is fast approaching, we offer to all our friends throughout the group our warmest wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Most Prosperous New Year.

H.W. INDIA LTD.

It is with much regret that we have to report the sudden death in Calcutta of Charles Mollison. Mr. Mollison worked with H.W.P. in London and also with H.W. in South Africa for a number of years before joining Head Wrightson India, and we are indeed sorry to lose him in this way.

Mick Jenks our Sales Manager has returned to Calcutta after a period of leave, and we are happy to have with us again on leave in the U.K., Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Connor.

H.W. EXPORT COMPANY LTD.

The staff of the Export Company would like to congratulate Mr. E. J. Robinson on his Directorship, and would also like to extend a welcome to Mr. A. J. Long as General Manager. Mr. Long has worked closely with us for such a long time that he is no stranger to our camp.

H.W. & COMPANY LTD.**Chairman's Department.**

Congratulations to three of our Commercial Trainees, L. Spittle, W. D. Burns and J. King who completed the final section of their professional examinations in the summer. Mr. J. King is now studying Law at Hull University and Mr. W. Burns for a General Arts Degree at the University of Wales. We wish them both every success in the future.

Congratulations also to the following Trainees who completed the Intermediate Section of their examinations this year:—

Mr. B. Smith — Inst. of Cost and Works Accountants.

Mr. H. Locksley — Inst. of Cost & Works Accountants.

Mr. G. Turnbull — Corporation of Secretaries.

Congratulations to Mr. R. Honeyman who completed the final section of the Corporation of Secretaries.

Cashier's Dept.

Welcome back to Mrs. G. Morgan after a long illness.

Maintenance Dept.

Speedy recovery to Mr. D. Plowman, Mr. E. Hunter and Mr. W. Hunter, all of whom have had a long period on sick.

Welcome back to Charlie Grounds and Fred Granger after long spells of sickness.

Personnel Department.

Mr. G. Paterson was appointed Personnel Manager on 1st October, 1961.

During the course of Norway Week in Middlesbrough which commenced on Monday, 23rd October, the Thompson Newspaper Company, which is responsible for the printing of the Evening Gazette, agreed to select six young people from Schools and Colleges in Middlesbrough, to spend a ten days holiday, as their guests, in Norway at New Year.

Of the six chosen, was one of our apprentices, John George Hogan, who is at present with our Research and Development Section. Mr. Hogan, who is twenty years of age, started with this Company in the Apprentice School in September, 1957, after leaving Acklam Hall Grammar School. He is in his second year of training for a Diploma in Technology and attends a full time course at Constantine Technical College, Middlesbrough.

The Middlesbrough Circle of Magicians recently organised and held a competition in Teesdale Hall for the 'Will Fleet' Cup. There were nine competitors and Head Wrightsons' employees came out on top:—

Alan Taylor of Research and Development Department — winner.

Peter Moreton of H.W. Stockton Ltd. — runner-up.

London.

Mr. R. B. W. Bolland succeeded Mr. Long as London Manager on 1st September.

Miss Ashley left us in July to take up work abroad. Miss Rich has taken another appointment in London, and Mr. Mercer has retired.

We welcome Mrs. J. M. Ness, Miss J. D. Haddock and Mr. C. E. K. Baker, who have recently joined London Office staff.

THE H.W. MOTOR CLUB

Autumn Rally.



It managed to stay fine for this year's Autumn Rally even though it threatened to rain a half hour before the start. The prizes to be won were a pint tankard each for the first driver and navigator, a half pint tankard each for the second and an ash tray for the third, all suitably engraved. The trophies were the Frank Shepherd and Motor Club Trophies.

The rally was an open event and although only twenty one cars took part it was good to see some of the regulars on the starting line. The low entry is due to the fact that at least two other local clubs were running rallies in the district and there were a lot of people who genuinely could not manage to enter this time.

The overall length of the course was in the region of seventy miles, although several entries who missed the left turning off the Thirsk Road clocked a few more before convincing themselves that it really was a navigable road and not a cart track. The main road could be seen from the second check point and it was interesting to note the number of cars that traversed this section of road as though they were on a ban the bomb protest march.

The route passed through quite a lot of pleasant countryside as it wound its way through Potto, Over Silton, Cowesley, Felixkirk and finished at the Black Bull at Yarm where the landlady provided a welcome and ample supply of refreshments. There was a noted absence of car sickness this time, perhaps we're all getting used to it.

The results were worked out the same evening and were as follows:—

First — J. Ward, driver, H.W. Stockton. Frank Shepherd and Motor Club Trophies. M. J. Hough, navigator. Tankard for driver and navigator.

Second — D. Hodgson, driver. H. Spittle, navigator. Tankards for driver and navigator.

Third — J. M. Waring, driver. J. Beddows, navigator. Ash trays for driver and navigator.

The prizes were presented at a dance which was held in the Coatham Ballroom, Redcar, and approximately one hundred and sixty people had a very enjoyable evening.

The Midnight "100" Rally.

The first all-night rally was held over approximately one hundred miles of North Yorkshire during the night of October 21st — 22nd. The event started at Teesdale carpark, finished on the Darlington Road about two miles from the Horse and Jockey and twenty-five cars took part in what was to be a very entertaining rally. Many miles of country lanes led to Marsham where

a double loop had several cars calling at the same check point on more than one occasion. On the second leg, a water splash also loomed up a second time for some entries.

Hot tea and sandwiches were served up at the half-way compulsory stop at Patrick Brompton by two ladies who were wives of committee members. The two cars which 'high-tailed' it to the half-way stop bore a strange resemblance to a couple of mobile shops.

Quite a lot of fog was encountered on the moor road above Richmond and upset several average speeds but the results were very close and this indicated some obviously good driving on the part of the entries in general. However, a car-load of marshals returning to the finish met some of their colleagues going in the opposite direction, but we won't go into that.

The night passed without any serious incidents and one car that was stopped at a check point wasn't even in the rally. He stopped because he thought it was a police check. He drove off again, feeling very relieved, in a cloud of monoxide and alcohol fumes. There are some strange people driving around at 4 a.m. on a Sunday.

The Club would like to thank the following people who volunteered to help with the rally and did a great deal to make it a success.

Mrs. B. Curson, Mrs. J. Allen, Miss A. Hough, M. Kirkbride, R. Newton, K. Clennet, D. Meek, W. Walker and J. Harper.

The results:

First — K. Spence, driver, H.W. Stockton Ltd. R. Robinson, navigator. Awarded the Carlton Trophy and tankards to driver and navigator.

Second — D. Hodgson, driver, Auditor. J. A. T. Tunnenham, navigator. Awarded tankards to driver and navigator.

Third — Miss P. Lax, driver, R. Alexander, navigator. Awarded ashtrays to driver and navigator.

The prizes were presented at a pie and pea supper at the Black Bull, Yarm and approximately one hundred people were there to see the presentation.



VISIT OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS

Recently a press conference was held to give members of European and Commonwealth newspapers the opportunity to meet the top management of our organisation.

Addressing these representatives, Sir John Wrightson, Chairman, said that the group could benefit from Britain's entry into the Common Market and a sales policy would be pursued which would enable the company to take part in European development whether Britain joined or not.

Sir John said Europe was, technically, a more suitable market to develop and, financially, far easier in which to operate than the comparatively under-developed countries of the world. As Head Wrightson's research and development increased in scope and tempo, production would become more specialised and more aligned with European industrial requirements. This would result in more sophisticated engineering products, such as nuclear reactors and nuclear power stations.

Concluding his address, Sir John said that the firm was almost 100 years old but new in outlook. The organisation was bustling with ideas and prepared to meet the challenge of the future.

Afterwards, the visitors toured the heavy plate shop, where they saw the Dungeness boilers and L.D. oxygen converters under fabrication. They were also shown much of the up-to-date plant and equipment used, including heavy plate rollers, x-ray equipment and a new stress relieving furnace, believed to be the largest in the world.

They also visited the Steel Foundry where they had an opportunity of seeing the initial stages in the production of a wide and varied range of castings.

The press party, accompanied by Sir John Wrightson, returned to Gatwick by plane at 4-30 p.m.

(See photograph on page 12).

Presentation of Prizes to Successful Competitors in Competitions held in connection with Safety and Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Peter Wrightson, Vice-chairman of Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd., presented prizes to winners of competitions organised in connection with the Fire Prevention and Safety Week.

Prizes for winners in the Safety competitions were safety footwear.

For fire-fighting teams who were successful — the prizes were extinguishers.

It is interesting to note that the number of injuries reported to the ambulance room have decreased by 70% over a period of eight years despite an increase of 25% in numbers employed by the organisation.

Prizewinners.

The undermentioned employees were successful in gaining an award in the Safety and Fire prevention competitions :

Safety.

- F. Close, K. Close, H.W. Teesdale Ltd.
- J. S. Mitchell, B. Mitchell, H.W. Stockton Ltd.
- A. Newstead, G. Dawson, H.W. Stampings Ltd.
- P. Veitch, C. Waterhouse, H.W. Machine Co. Ltd.
- R. Johnson, H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.
- Mrs. L. Pinnegar, C. A. Hardman,
H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Fire.

Seven of our Companies were represented in a novice competition for Extinguisher and Hose Drill.

Hand Extinguisher Drill.

- 1st.—J. Adams, H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd. Patt. Shop.
- 2nd.—D. Young, H.W. Apprentice School.

Two-man Hose Drill.

- 1st.—G. Gascoigne, C. Wardell, A. Jackson (Instruct.),
H.W. Teesdale Ltd.
- 2nd.—N. Liggitt, R. Scrimshaw, H.W. Stockton Ltd.

Inter-Company Challenge Trophy (for the best aggregate time in both drills).

Awards to H.W. Steel Foundries Ltd.

The winning teams represented the Company in the Tees-side Competition held at Middlesbrough Fire Station on Saturday, 4th November, and were successful in gaining the Trophies for 1st and 2nd positions in the Hose Drill Competitions.



The above was taken on an office outing to Scarborough in 1934. How many do you recognise? (Mr. Henderson, our retired Shipping Manager supplied the photograph)



1961 Cricket Inter-departmental winners

