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The first of four 350 ton heat exchanger shells being winched out of the sea to a prepared site at the Dungeness Nuclear Power Station. The station in the early stages of construction by The Nuclear Power Group, can be seen in the background

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

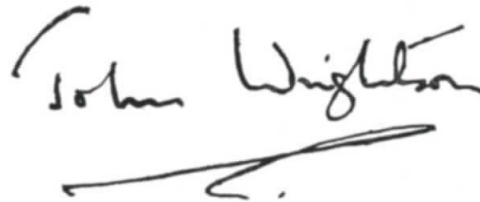
We have all heard and read much recently of the Common Market. When — and if — the United Kingdom enters the Common Market, what is the likely effect on us in Head Wrightson.

From the early days we have always been export minded. This policy has proved successful, especially over the years with the fluctuating demands of the home markets.

Over the last decade we have, as a matter of deliberate policy, extended our contacts in Europe among both the Six and Seven and conspicuous success has followed in selling our plant in France, Italy, Western Germany Spain, Sweden, Finland and Norway. As makers of heavy capital equipment, we require an economic background where "growth" is the key word, and this the Common Market seems to possess. A greater extension of our markets would enable us to spread our research and development costs over a wider front and gain the benefit of "batch" production.

In any event, Britain must continue to export, whether from within the Common Market or outside, and it may well prove easier to export to other countries from within the Common Market.

I am convinced that Head Wrightson are geared to make a tangible contribution — we have brains and skill to sell coupled with modern manufacturing capacity.



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### *Christmas Number*

Information is being gathered now for the Christmas Number and the Editor is anxious to receive, as soon as possible, stories and pictures for inclusion in this bumper issue. Please hand these in to your reporter as soon as possible.

# The Lyke Wake Walk

By Dirger Richard Harrison

On Friday, June 22nd, a party of twelve walkers including eight members of Teesdale Drawing Office Staff, left the Queen Catherine Hotel, Osmotherley, to attempt the forty miles long Lyke Wake Walk.

At exactly 8-30 p.m. the procession set off at a fast pace down the hillside from the triangulation point on Scarth Wood Moor, about a mile from the Queen Catherine. It was a fine clear evening with a magnificent view of the Cleveland plain spread out below, stretching away to the Pennines in the West and across to smoke hidden Tees-side to the North.

Everyone was in good spirits as we moved swiftly through Scugdale and up the stiff climb onto Line Moor, passing round the edges of Carlton Moor, Cringle Moor, and Cold Moor in quick succession. It had been dark for some time now and the going was rather tricky as we stumbled in holes and pushed through thick heather, then, over the Wainstones we climbed, and stopped for our first long rest at Clay Bank at 11-30 p.m.

We had covered the first ten miles in three hours and were rather pleased with ourselves as we sat down to a repast of sandwiches and coffee which we carried with us. We had no support parties organised as we believed each person should be completely independent.

After about thirty minutes we resumed the walk, in time to the rhythmic clinking of Tony Stockdale's beer bottles. Rain was now beating lightly into our faces, but this did not last long.

We crossed Urra Moor and found the paved smugglers causeway, a great deal of which has been restored to its original condition by L.W.W. working parties. We rested for a few minutes at the beginning of the derelict ironstone railway before setting off at a rare pace along the level track.

Now we were beginning to feel the effect of having no sleep and, after what seemed an eternity, we at last arrived at the Lion Inn on Blakey Ridge just as dawn was breaking. Another mile brought us to Ralphs Cross where the whole party collapsed by the side of the road. The time was 3-45 a.m., the distance covered, nineteen miles.

Our number had diminished to eleven as we set off once more, one poor soul having dropped out at Ralphs Cross with badly blistered feet. Our pace was flagging now as the deep heather and hidden pot holes took toll on weary limbs. The sun was beginning to climb into a cloudless blue sky and it was shirt sleeve order as we trudged down to ruined Hamer House.

After a few minutes rest we pressed on through four miles of murderous heather before reaching the Roman road and Wheeldale Lodge Youth Hostel at 8-15 a.m. Here we had our longest rest, with clouds of steam rising into the air as aching feet were plunged into the freezing cold water of Wheeldale Beck.



Nine members of the party, reading from left to right: Standing, E. Sibley, R. Armstrong, H. Dickinson, T. Pratt, D. Nattrass, A. Hurren, P. A. Martin. Kneeling: K. R. Harrison, S. T. Wright

Off we went again on this seemingly endless walk over Howe Moor, Lilla House, Fylingdales Moor and then the Whitby-Scarborough road. From here we headed for the radio mast at Ravenscar, and mainly due to 'Sherpa' Pratts excellent navigation, we ended up floundering about in waist high heather for two agonizing miles.

We were well split up as we approached the end and just managed to get to the Raven Hall Hotel before closing time at 2-30 p.m. due to a sprint finish over the last mile.

As we sat, glass in hand, with aching limbs and sore feet we vowed never again to attempt the Lyke Wake Walk, but already another expedition has been planned.

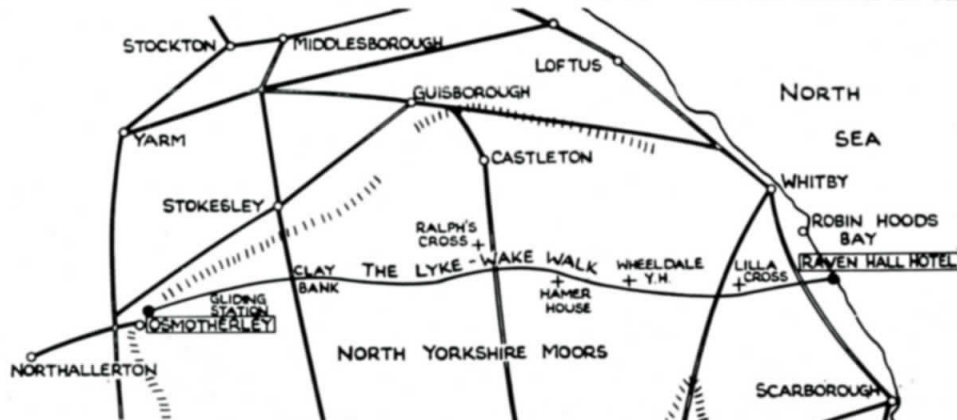
Now Teesdale Drawing Office, after its long remembered ordeal, throws out a challenge to any other department to beat our time of **18 hours**.

The eight successful Teesdale walkers were:—

W. A. Stockdale, S. T. Wright, R. S. Armstrong, W. T. Pratt, A. Hurren, H. Dickinson, K. R. Harrison, E. S. Sibly.

## The Conditions of the Walk —

1. The Walk is a complete traverse of the North Yorkshire Moors at their highest and widest point.
2. Start from Triangulation point 982 on Scarth Wood Moor and finish at bar of Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar. Or vice versa.
3. Route must cross Stokesley-Helmsley road between point 842 (Clay Bank Top) and point 503 (Orterley Road End), 1 mile South of Chop Gate; the Whitby Pickering road between point 945 (North of Sil Howe Quarries) and point 701 (North of Saltersgate); the Whitby-Scarborough road between point 538 (South of Eran House) and point 579 (The Flask Inn).
4. Completion of the walk in 24 hours is the qualification for membership of the Lyke Wake Club, members of which are known as dirgers.



## Company Round-up

### FROM MIDDLESBROUGH

During the summer months the management arranged visits to various firms on Tees-side. Two visits were made to the Dorman Long Lackenby works, one visit to I.C.I. Wilton and a river trip on one of the tugs belonging to the Tees Conservancy Commissioners. The visits proved most interesting and it is hoped to arrange further similar outings in the future. It was particularly interesting on the Dormans visit to see the gag presses installed by H.W.M. and on the river trip the view from the tug of the various works and wharfs was most remarkable.

### Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Mr. A. J. W. Sheffield on his appointment to Commandant of the Middlesbrough Special Constabulary. Also to Mr. E. Elsegood who was promoted from Inspector to Superintendent and to Mr. G. Hunt from Sergeant to Inspector.

### Three Generations

It is pleasing to see the family tradition continuing and to report on three generations working for the Company. Bob Lyall who has been 58 years with the firm and is at present in the estimating department, his son J. W. Lyall who is section leader in the drawing office, and his grandson, D. I. Lyall who has recently started as a technical apprentice.

### Ambassadors of Song

In connection with Gateway to Britain week, 50 members of the Appollo Male Voice Choir are planning a trip to Norway. Their first engagement will be an impromptu concert at the Tees-side exhibition stand in Stavanger, they then go on to Kristiansand before touring the Southern tip of Norway. It looks as though Ernie Horton, Emlyn Lewis and Bob Sowerby will have a thoroughly enjoyable tour, but with beer at 7s. 0d. a pint they will no doubt arrive back with a thirst.

### Silver Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. W. Black on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. The presentation of a teapot was made on behalf of the staff benevolent and social fund by Mr. W. H. Mather.

### Staff Benevolent and Social Fund

The annual competitions are now under way and your committee hope that the finals will be played before Christmas.

Several sporting events have been organised during the "Summer" months.

The "curtain raiser" for the cricket season was a married men v. single men game, but for the sake of the married men, no more will be said. Another interesting event was the revival of the Ladies v. Gentlemen match — a most enjoyable evening. A further two cricket games were organised with the local opposition, both matches resulting in victories for H.W.M.

During the first fortnight in September two soccer games took place, the married men v. single men match "opening" the season. The game itself was played under very bad conditions, the bachelors being on top — until the married men scored five or six lucky goals and so gained revenge for their earlier defeat on the cricket field. The second soccer game was played against one of the teams we defeated at cricket and, although the scores were not the same, we are pleased to say that the result was.

### Dates for your Diary

30th November, 1962 — Annual Dance in Middlesbrough Town Hall.

### Welcome back after illness

M. Elliott, T. Barrowcliffe, W. Shears, H. Philips, J. Collins, J. Mackenzie, S. Jackson, D. Thomas, R. Oldroyd.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. W. Johns, crane driver in the machine shop and Mr. J. Brown, fitter.

Welcome back to Mr. E. Waistrel after service in Her Majesty's forces.

### "You've met 'em"

He's just bought a car, a common or garden, ordinary, mass produced, standard assembly line job, only different!!!

It does 5 miles per gallon and 8 or 9 miles per hour more than any identical model, the body work is immaculate, its tyres are almost new although they have done over 28,000 miles, it seats an extra person with "bags of room" and the boot must be bottomless.

He can knock an hour off any journey over a hundred miles, rides on featherbed suspension, corners "like it's on rails" and can leave anything else standing for acceleration.

He's found the garage everyone else has been looking for, 10% off petrol, spares and repairs at cost (not that he needs any repairs of course) use of the pit, steam jet, grease pump and tools for minor adjustments and if he does get stuck (some hope) the garage bloke soon puts him right.

Oh yes, and insurance, he's found an Insurance Company that's out of this world. Fully comprehensive, no extra for first £5, 25% per year no claims, no extra no matter what he carries and £4 less than any estimate you've seen.

Takes some believing, but you know he could be right, you see it's his FIRST car.

### FROM STEEL FOUNDRY

The most notable event since the last issue of the magazine was the retirement of Mr. J. G. Allen, our Managing Director. He had been enjoying his retirement until very recently when he suffered another minor setback and was sent into hospital where he is now convalescing. On behalf of the office staff he was presented, by Mr. Shepherd, with a record storage cabinet and records and the works held a separate informal gathering at the National Reserve Club, Thornaby, on Friday, 7th September. The Dressing Yard held a presentation smoker to mark his retirement and arrangements were in the capable hands of our Shop Stewards, Mr. J. Watts and Mr. J. Smith with Jimmy Hudson. Catering was carried out by the Steward and his wife. Entertainment was provided by Sep Jones (Comedian), Alan Melville (Tenor), and Don Crocker (Versatile Comedian). Because of his illness Mr. J. G. Allen was unable to be present and his son received a Transistor Radio from Mr. Len Fielddon on behalf of his father. Everyone had a really enjoyable night and as they were silently slipping off home towards midnight, we could hear George singing "Yes, let me like a soldier Fall".

### Cagey?

They tell us George Suggest's application for the extension of his Bird Cage was turned down. George's reason: "it wasn't big enough to keep the Parrot in".

## Cricket Cup

For the first time ever, the final of the Cricket Competition was between the Thornaby and Stockton Steel Foundries. After what appeared to be a good score by Thornaby, Stockton won in the end by a fairly wide margin. Later a social was organised for members of both foundries, wives and friends to present the trophy and individual cups.

In the absence of the Directors, who were unfortunately away on business, Mr. R. F. Tonks, our Sales Manager, presented these.

The new Induction Furnace at Thornaby is now working and increasing our output of high alloy steels. At the same time the new core shop at Stockton Steel Foundry is nearing completion. The new shop designed to increase production will give far better working conditions than those previously available for the coremakers.

The Shell Moulding equipment recently installed which has now got over its teething troubles, allows for casting to finer tolerances with better surface finish, better definition all with greater speed. For the mechanically minded it is a very entertaining piece of equipment to watch.

The following have left us: Mrs. S. Jackson, Miss P. Turner, Mr. J. Allen and Mr. L. Knox. Mrs. W. Dalton and Mrs. S. Hutton are two "ladies in waiting". We also welcome two new members of the staff, both juniors, Mr. P. Parvin and Mr. G. Scott.

## FROM IRON FOUNDRY

### Retirement of Mr. A. Gollogly

The retirement of Mr. A. Gollogly was marked by the presentation on September the 13th, 1962, of a three piece Tea Set by Mr. Peter Wrightson.

Mr. Gollogly commenced work with the Company at Stockton Forge in 1929 and subsequently worked on many major tasks including the new Bridge Yard extension. After 20 years at the Forge he came to Egglecliffe as Works Engineer.

We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Gollogly will enjoy many happy years of retirement.

We wish the following a speedy recovery :

Mr. A. Richardson (Office Staff), Mr. R. Sexton (Metal Charger), Mr. G. Byass (Sand Mill).

### Horticulture Show

Congratulations to Messrs. A. Chalmers, T. Pinnegar, S. Nottingham and E. Westwick on winning awards in the Annual Horticulture Show at Teesdale Hall.

Mr. E. Westwick is an exceptionally keen gardener and his beautiful garden at Acklam, Middlesbrough is greatly admired in the district. Mrs. Westwick has won the Floral Display prize for seven years running, all the flowers being grown in this garden. Mr. and Mrs. Westwick give lectures for charity on Floral Arrangement and Display.

### Arrivals

We welcome to the Iron Foundry :

Mr. A. Husband (Drawing Office), Miss B. Dixon (Secretary to the General Manager).

Tyne Tees Television visited ISERLOHN to interview men from the North East and Ralph Harrison of Egglecliffe was interviewed by Tom Coyne, the well known T.V. personality. Later his mother, Mrs. C. Harrison (who works at Egglecliffe as a Core Maker) took part in the "One o'clock Show" at the Newcastle Studio, when Tom Coyne again interviewed those whose relatives had been interviewed by him in Germany.

Ralph Harrison has gained distinction by playing football for the Army XI and has just completed six weeks in England as a member of the Army XI touring the country.



Ralph Harrison interviewed for Television

## FROM TEESDALE

### Machine Shop

Quite a number of old faces are now missing from the Machine Shops. Since the last issue, three of our employees, Frank Robson (54 years), George Cockerill (53 years) and Arthur Deere (52 years) making a grand total of 159 years' service have retired. To say they will be missed is putting it mildly — so many years of experience will not be easily replaced. Charlie Thompson (Sawyer) also retired after 24 years' service. Presentations from their colleagues in the shops were made to all of them.

We wish them a long and happy retirement.

### Bridge Yard

Our first thoughts are with Tom Gascoyne who has been away from work for 10 months. Let's hope that he enjoys a speedy recovery and will be back with us in the not too distant future.

Those enjoying good health have been showing their prowess and the Departmental Bowls fixtures have reached the final with the yard team still left in. It remains for George Cain, Maynard Wilson and Alf Littlewood to steer them through to the cup.

The first departmental golf competition played at Dinsdale resulted in another success with Ken Liddle finishing second. The presentation was made by Ernie Coaker.

Prowess of a more intrepid nature is reflected in the display of ski-ing given by Matt Newton at Redcar. He was accompanied by his friend Kenny who considered discretion to be the better part of valour and did not venture out of the river. Watch out Matt, one day he will have a go.

### Purchasing Department

Mrs. Margaret Banner has left the Company and gone into retirement at a very early age! We are all very jealous. Margaret will be missed by her many friends at Teesdale.

Miss Una Warriner who has joined us from Teesdale D.O. is bid welcome.

We are glad to see Mr. Bill Jackson back after his serious illness, but we swear that his arms are shorter. Not so many fishy stories to tell!

## Stores and Stockyard Department

After 52 years service with Head Wrightson as Guardian of our General Stores, Harry Tunnycliffe decided to retire on the 29th June, last.

To help him enjoy his retirement, his many friends and working companions, all through the Works and Offices, contributed towards a gift of a Wireless Set and Electric Razor, which was very handsomely presented to him by the Management.

We all wish Harry a very long and happy retirement.

We are happy to welcome Bill Rennoldson to the Stores Department, transferred from Material Control to fill the vacancy left by Harry Tunnycliffe. Best wishes in your new appointment Bill.

Harry Dawson has come to us from Material Control. The idea is that Harry can be in more realistic touch with his mill materials and on the spot for those Bridge Yard Foremen!

Believe me, he is on the spot, too!! Any time of the day now you can pop into his office and find him surrounded by these Bridge Yard types all shouting for their materials at one and the same time.

Give him a chance fellows, he can only serve you one at a time.

## Inter-departmental Competition

Bridge Yard 'A' Darts Team, N. Toulson, D. Ripley, J. Colley, H. Sowerby, Geo. Brookes, Les. Green, carried off this trophy three years in succession by beating Bridge Yard 'B' in the final this year.

We regret the loss of one of our best sportsmen, Norman Liggitt, Plater, who has taken up Professional Football with Southend United Football Club. We wish him every success in his new profession. Norman is a canny cricketer too, we are told.

We would like to see more 'Youth' following on to replace the 'Older Men' in the Inter-departmental Games. Maybe they are studying too hard? Suggested inside forward line, Spike, Marley and Hovis. For sure the ground won't want rolling after Marley's been over it.

Congratulations to Apprentice Plater, Peter Heron, Template Shop, for getting highest marks in the North East Structural Steelwork Examination.

We are very proud of this achievement because this is the second year in succession that one of our Apprentices has received the Gold Watch, only one of which is awarded each year by The British Constructional Steelwork Association.

What about a "hat trick"?

## Fitting Shop Smoker

Held in The Green Tree, Stockton.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, with some sparkling entertainment served up by Shadow Kirton and Dickie Barnes (unpaid).

## Bridge Yard — Smoker

Over 60 members enjoyed a Social Evening in The Trades and Labour Club, Stockton. Not surprised to find we have better talent than seen on T.V. and no Commercial to mar the continuous entertainment.

Tom Coyne has not been invited to the next Smoker.

Jacky Hunter, Fitting Shop, is not going to open a Poultry Shop as he is unable to obtain Chickens and Turkeys. He is, however, open to orders for some plump and some tender ducks for the Festive Season.

**For Sale** — One pair of Wicket Keepers Gloves and Pads hardly used, apply to the Fitting Shop Marking Off Bench. No reasonable offer refused. Owner Sick.

We are pleased to note that the two Cricket Teams belonging to Head Wrightson's Cricket Section were both captained by Norton Road Men.

Mr. H. Harris was Captain of the first eleven who topped the Reserve Section of the Cleveland and Tees-side League for the third time in the past four seasons.

Mr. C. Marwood was Captain of the second eleven who won the Starmer Cup and finished fourth in the Minor Section of the same League.

Get well quick to:

S. Wilberforce (Bridge Yard). C. Finn (Bridge Yard). J. Jones (Bridge Yard). (D. Heads (Bridge Yard). D. McGarvey (Fitting Shop). S. Howe (Erection Dept.).

Welcome back after a long illness:

J. Sudron (Bridge Yard. Spike Chaney (Bridge Yard). D. O'Keefe, (Maintenance Dept.).

We extend a hearty welcome to:

Mrs. J. Alexander and Mrs. J. Thornburn (Typing Pool). Miss P. Ayres (General Office).

We trust that their stay will be long and happy.

Good Luck to Mrs. E. Briggs, who is leaving us after six years service. We trust she will not forget that we have five lines on the board at Head's.

We wish Good Luck to Mrs. M. Moody, Spares Department Typist, who is leaving us to await a happy event.

## FROM SHEFFIELD

We have successfully negotiated an order for the installation of a Cyclone Washing Plant to treat Small Coal in the National Coal Board's Preparation Plant at New Monckton Colliery. The installation will be suitable for dealing with an average load of 250 tons per hour.

Congratulations to Mr. T. Maskrey on obtaining the H.N.C. in Building and to all apprentices who have achieved successes in their studies.

## Retirement

Mr. J. Gray, of our Newcastle Office, has retired and was entertained by his colleagues at a "Pot Pie" supper in the Crown Hotel. During the evening Mr. J. S. Oswald presented a clock to Mr. Gray. We wish him a happy retirement.

We are pleased to welcome back to the office Mr. P. Nelson on his return from the Forces.

## FROM BALTIC STREET

### Social Events

The Social Club Committee are planning a Dinner Dance on Friday, 21st December, and we hope it will be as successful as the Buffet Dances which everyone has enjoyed during the past few years.

## FROM YARM

### Summer Activities

A very enjoyable treasure hunt was held on the 27th May, and this was won by Mr. Ron Hartley. Everyone finished up at the Royal Oak, Great Ayton, for tea.

### Coming Events

The annual Photographic Competition will be held in October, the closing date for entries being 12th October. Entries from the London Office are welcome.

An informal Buffet Dance was held on Friday, 12th October, at the Kirklevington Country Club.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on 15th December.

The annual Staff Dinner Dance is to be held at The Ladle Hotel on Friday, 18th January.

We extend a welcome to the following people who have joined the Company:

Mrs. B. Brookes (typing pool); Miss Marjorie Campbell (transferred from H.W. Minerals Dept. to typing pool); Mrs. B. Reeks (transferred from Canteen); Mr. K. Lee (D.O.); Mr. D. James (D.O.) and Mr. J. J. Priestley (Effluent).

The following people have recently left us:

Mrs. M. Davis (typing pool); Mrs. P. Walker; Mrs. J. Mason (Purchase).

We hope that Miss Barbara Markham (Projects) will soon be back at work again.

## FROM SEATON CAREW

We wish a speedy recovery to our General Manager, Mr. George Jones, who is at the time of writing, indisposed. Mr. Jones has recently had a short spell in hospital and all hope that it will not be too long before he is back in harness again.

Those who were tuned in to Channel 8 on Tuesday, 4th September, would learn that two employees of "stampings" were featured in the N.E. Roundabout programme. They were Mr. Cyril Robinson and his wife Muriel, of the Die Shop and Purchasing Department, respectively. Cyril has constructed a sand-yacht, the first of its kind in the North East, though this sport is popular on the West coast, at St. Annes. The camera showed them assembling it outside their home and finally, a run on the sands at Seaton Carew. We understand that speeds of up to 40 miles per hour can be reached, depending upon the wind. And the cost? Approximately £16, plus, no doubt, toil, sweat, and the loss of many leisure hours.

The Football and Athletic Social Club's 2nd Annual Dinner-Dance is to be held in the Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool, on Friday, 18th January, 1963. Tickets will be on sale late October and can be obtained from the following:—

Messrs. F. Dalrymple, F. Maugham, K. Dolphin (Die Shop).

Miss I. Gibbon, Miss I. Bell (Staff).

Messrs. R. Gregorson, S. Robson (Maintenance).

Mrs. T. Wilson of the Sales department was once more successful in the H.W. Horticultural and Handicrafts exhibition, held in the Teesdale Sports Club. Ena was awarded three firsts (carrots, parsnips and knitting) and three seconds (cucumber, rhubarb and embroidery). We offer our congratulations.

As a recent press report revealed, Mr. A. Chilton was the recipient of a tape-recorder, when he retired as a member of the Seaton Carew Board of Directors, thus ending a service of more than 50 years with our Company. To remind him of his association with "Stampings" as General Manager, representatives of the departments recorded a farewell message. An introductory speech by Mr. George Jones was followed by the sound of drop-stamping in progress. We all wish him a happy retirement and good health for the future.

Mr. Brian Smith, formerly of the Costs and recently transferred to the Accounts Dept., Thornaby. We wish him well in his new post.

We are pleased to note the return to work after a lengthy illness, of Mr. S. Garbutt (Cashier) and Mr. R. Bennison (Despatch) and hope that the future will bring better health.

Omitted from the last edition was the return to work after his sojourn in hospital, of our Work's Manager, Mr. Arthur Corner. Our sincere apologies and best wishes for continued good health.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. George Bloomfield, Furnaceman, whose accident resulted in a broken leg, after a long illness.

We wish a successful future to Miss Janet Adams of the typing pool, who left us recently to take up a new post as Secretary.

## FROM HEADQUARTERS

### Maintenance Department

Our very best wishes for long and happy retirements to two well-known members of our section, Messrs. Dave Plowman and Bob Peacock.

A presentation was made to Mr. Peacock by Bob Fishburn, Maintenance Foreman, of a bureau.

Mr. Douglas Miller, one of our fitters, is to represent Great Britain in the World Roller Skating Championships in U.S.A. later this year. Good luck, Duggie!

## FROM RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

We are sorry to note in our first report from Research & Development the moving to pastures new of Dr. T. A. Henderson, who has taken up a post as Lecturer in Cardiff University; Mr. J. Stephenson, our Librarian, who has left for a similar post at the College of Commerce, Newcastle; but most notable of all moves was that of our friend, Mr. W. E. Marshall, known throughout Head Wrightson as "Our Eric", who, after twenty years service has left to take up a position as Senior Lecturer at Constantine College, Middlesbrough.

May we take this opportunity of wishing them all, every success in their new venture.

Congratulations to Mr. A. Yeats and Miss E. Russon on their forthcoming marriage. Alan has taken up a post with B.I.S.R.A. in London, and has only stayed with us long enough to win the heart of Elizabeth and to reduce the strength of our Secretarial Staff.

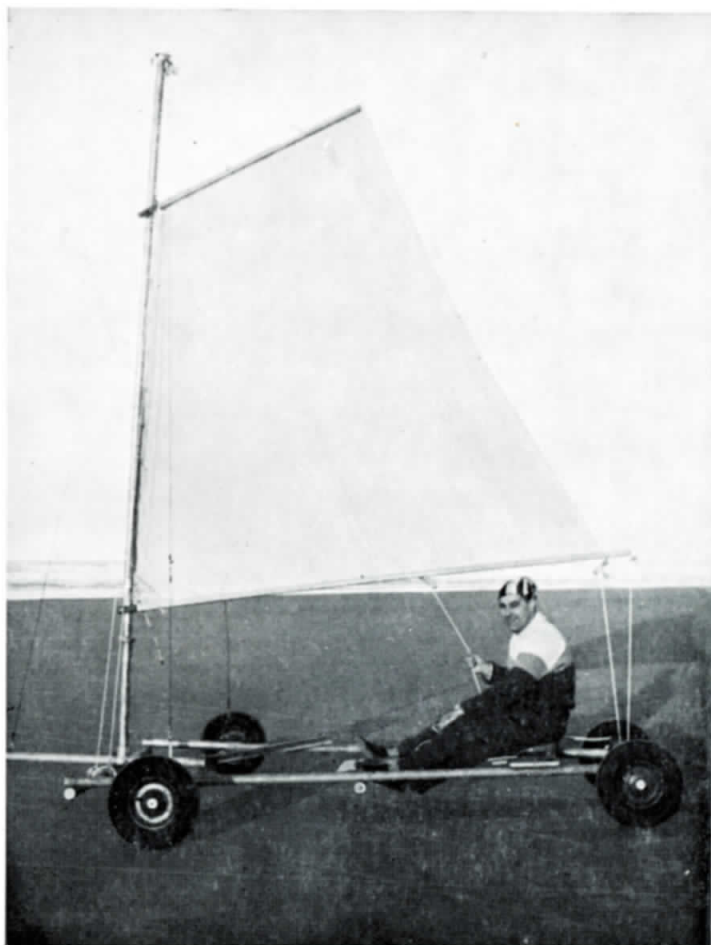
Good Luck Alan and Liz.!

## FROM INDIA

All through the year there has been a continual traffic between England and Calcutta; in fact, the airlines really ought to be making a profit on this route.

Mr. O'Connor has been home twice, Messrs. Mather and Batty from the Machine Company, Messrs. McCrone and Hodgson from I.S.E.L., have spent some time in Calcutta, and as this number is issued, Mr. Tom Wilson from I.S.E.L. is packing his tropical kit for the trip.

Mr. Prem Nath, our new Sales Engineer, who joined us from the C.E.G.B. in England started work in Calcutta at the beginning of July, and other new arrivals are Mr. D. S. Sokhi and Mr. B. K. Ghosh. The staff of H.W.I. is being built up steadily and now numbers 26.



Mr. Cyril Robinson on the self-constructed sand-yacht, recently featured in the Tyne-Tees Television programme "N.E. Roundabout"

## FROM IRON AND STEEL WORKS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crosby, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on the 12th September. Many of us remember Mr. Crosby as Chief Inspector, prior to his retirement in 1958.

We wish a speedy recovery to :

Mr. D. Carter (D.O.).

We welcome Mr. A. Bagchi, who worked with The Bridge and Roof Co. Ltd. on the Durgapur Contract in India, and who has now joined the Company as a draughtsman.

A warm welcome also to :

Mr. G. B. Gillow, Draughtsman from H.W. Minerals.  
 Mr. H. A. Harrison, " "  
 Mr. F. Peacock, " "  
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 Miss C. Lewis, Shorthand Typist from H.W. Machine.

## Globe Trotters

In pursuit of sales our staff continue to be extremely active and have visited Sweden, Norway, Germany, Italy, Greece, India, Australia and America in recent weeks, following various proposals which we have submitted.

We did at one time think that Dr. K. H. Hoyle had gone native on Bondai Beach, but we suspect that the sea was too cold even for him.

The proof that all this activity is of great value is shown by the number of very interesting orders which have been secured in the overseas market.

Of these the major one is the order for an advanced ore preparation plant for Montecatini at Follonica, Northern Italy.

This machine, which is the first of its kind to be supplied by the Company, will produce 330,000 tons of finished blast furnace feed for the manufacture of iron. It is due to be completed by the end of 1963. A considerable proportion of the equipment will be manufactured in our Teesdale Shops and there is no doubt that this work will be welcomed.

The amount of effort which has to go into the negotiations associated with orders for overseas markets these days is quite fantastic and the competition which we are facing from other Continental sources is most intense. Head Wrightson secured this order mainly on the grounds of superior technical ability and the fact that the best delivery and price were quoted. We must make every endeavour at all levels now to see that our delivery promises are maintained and that internal costs within the Group are kept down. This will ensure that we maintain our position ahead of our competitors in the export markets.

In this project we co-operated with Messrs. Sala Mas-kinfabriks A. B. of Sweden, who are supplying certain specialist items of equipment.

An extremely interesting order received recently is from The Egyptian Iron & Steel Co., for the supply of equipment for the injection of fuel oil into their Blast Furnaces at Helwan.

This process is a comparatively recent development in Europe and the prestige in securing this order should be of great assistance in obtaining business from other enquiries now in our hands.

In association with our friends Pintsch Bamag A. G. of Germany, we are participating in the construction of a Kaldo Steel Plant for Norrbottens Jarnverk A. B. of Sweden, to whom we will supply the materials handling equipment.

Turning now to social activities, we are to hold our second annual dance at the Billingham Arms on Tuesday, the 20th November, and from the enthusiasm being shown it should be as great a success as the first.

## FROM NORTON ROAD

'Breaking the Ice' is not always an easy thing to do primarily because of the danger of wetting one's feet.

We at Norton Road have been for some time rather shy of publicity and we found that other Companies were leaving us well behind, particularly in "Wright Ahead". So in order to remedy this sad state of affairs we sold the Bushel under which we were hiding our light, and decided to stake our claim to space in our "Company Magazine".

The talent, we know, is here and it will be the aim of this column to unearth and present it to the world at large and "Wright Ahead" in particular.

The Erection Department has recently been honoured by the appointment to Erection Superintendent of Mr. D. Willams from the Sales Department.

Our Russian Correspondent tells us that 'the Don no longer flows so quietly'.

## Book of the Month

"All on the Never Never", an oldie by Mr. Jack Lindsay — a sad commentary on the "Affluent Society", worth reading even if it does become a little incoherent in places.

A member of our Drawing Office Staff who was recently married almost had the embarrassment of not having a wedding ring for the occasion. After an anxious waiting period a parcel arrived just prior to the day, containing the ring (at least this is the story he told his mother) but we have doubts as to the contents, because we have it on good authority that it was last seen bouncing along the hall!!!

## The 'Tee' Break

Can anyone tell us if our Drawing Office is unique, or, do all Drawing Offices have built in bunkers for Golf Practice?

From a recent Technical Examination Paper :

**Question:** Define a bolt and nut, and explain the difference, if any.

**Answer:** A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal, such as iron, with a square bunch at one end and a lot of scratching wound round the other end. A nut is similar to a bolt, only just the opposite, being a hole in a little chunk of iron sawed off with wrinkles around the inside of the hole.

The Apprentice concerned, we are pleased to say, does not and has not worked at Norton Road.

## FROM LONDON

For the second time in two years we welcome a new London Manager. Mr. Roger Bolland has left for a senior post with British Railways and Mr. Freddie Holland takes his place.

Mrs. Audrey Webb (Steel Foundries) left during September. We now have no Steel Foundry representatives at Ship House, as Mr. Morgan has moved his tactical headquarters to his home in Southgate.

## Export Company

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Nick Drummond, who has joined us as Assistant Manager — Europe.

We have also been glad to welcome a number of visitors from abroad, including Mr. Keith Fletcher from Australia, Col. Mackenzie from South Africa, as well as Mr. Chesney from Madrid, Mr. Steve Scott from Lisbon, and after a long absence, Mr. Imat Karacali from Ankara. Mr. Karacali is returning with his family to Turkey and we are hoping that it will be possible to do business again in that country.

Mr. Robinson made a swift trip to Cairo with Messrs. Adams and Rooksby of I.S.E.L. . . . so swift that they managed to pick up a nice little order before anyone had time to grab it back from them.

Mr. Otway has also done a lot of travelling in Europe, notably to Germany with Mr. G. Morris, from Eggescliffe. He is just back from Hungary.



# Happy Motoring

From B. Mankin and K. Spence

## Club News

Since the last "Wright Ahead" was published, a great deal has been going on in the Motor Club.

Keith Ferriday, who was Secretary since the club was formed, had to resign his position as he has now left the Company. We owe Keith our sincere thanks for carrying out this difficult and trying job so well and wish him success on his future venture. Into his place stepped Ken Spence to carry on the good work.

The club is growing at a very rapid rate, and now working under R.A.C. Rules, with an increased number of social events taking place, two new positions were created, that of Competitions Secretary (Chas. Thompson) and Social Secretary (Barry Curson) to help Ken in his growing task.

John Allen has also left the Company, so has had to give up his position as Chairman of the Club.

John was a hard worker and gave a lot of time to the club and we wish him well. Dennis Crisp now has the job of keeping the committee in order.

The club has endeavoured to hold an event at least once a month, including Treasure Hunts, Film Shows, a visit to the G.P.O. Telephone Exchange at Middlesbrough, Map reading contests and a dance in the Coatham Hotel, Redcar.

David Auld did organise a coach trip to Aintree for the British Grand Prix, but this had to be cancelled when he asked for the fares. More enthusiasm and support is needed if events like this are to be successful.

A club night was started and the very few who attended had a jolly good time, unfortunately, the idea had to be dropped. We are now hoping to get other premises and will try a club night again.

The Autumn Rally was held on September 23rd. More of this in the next edition.

## Rally News

The main news on the sporting side is the recent agreement made between the club and the Stockton and West Hartlepool Motor Clubs to co-promote closed status rallies. The reason for this venture is that due to the outcry against motor sport on the public highway, the Motor Clubs expect that the R.A.C. will be forced to restrict the number of events promoted by each club in the near future. If and when "the axe falls" we will still be able to enter between six and nine closed events each year instead of two to three events.

It has also been agreed to form an inter-Club Championship between the three clubs which this year will be run over six events (two events from each club). Points will be awarded to the first five places in each event in the order, 5 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 5th place, so we hope the keen rally enthusiasts in the club will be collecting points and tankards.

The club joined the Association of North Eastern and Cumberland Car Clubs in April and this entitles all club members to enter restricted events in the area, provided they hold a valid competitions licence which can be obtained from the R.A.C. price 15/-.

Three club members entered the Stockton Motor Club's restricted event (i.e., "The Stocktonian Rally") on Saturday/Sunday, 15th/16th of September and managed to do quite well on their first big event of this kind.

The committee wish you every success in the coming season, and if any club member wishes to help in organising or marshalling we will be pleased to hear from you.

K. SPENCE, Secretary.

## 40 FT. CRUISER STUCK UNDER BRIDGE OR THE DO-IT-YOURSELF SAILOR FROM SHEFFIELD OFFICE

The body stood on the motionless deck,  
He looked forlorn and spent,  
The poor old boat looked such a sight  
All twisted up and bent.  
Along the bank a crowd had formed  
And grinned upon the sight  
As the journey through a lowish bridge  
Had turned out rather tight.  
To tell the truth, the incoming tide had  
Caught them on the hop,  
To remain under the darkened bridge,  
For two hours on the dock.  
By this time many other craft had  
Entered on the scene.  
To queue behind our would be sailors,  
Who were so very green.  
Our Mr. Chalmers protege is now  
A famous laugh,  
Since the whole hilarious story  
Was in the telegraph.  
But perhaps a happy ending is yet  
Surging on the brink  
For given another few days  
Who knows? — the boat may sink!!!

(John Leavesley's lament — specially written by a sympathetic colleague).



What time is low tide?

## On Site

### A Boiler to Dungeness

Launching large boilers into the River Tees has become part of our lives. The experience gained has taken some of the drama out of this event, but the sense of achievement by those responsible, must surely increase with each launching.

The thirteenth to be launched was the first of four for Dungeness. Not only was it the largest so far, but being the thirteenth it would be appropriate to expect it to be the most difficult. All the drama which may have disappeared from the launching, returned in full measure when it came to the point of rolling this 350 ton monster up the beach.

The journey to site of over 300 miles takes three days, and on arrival, the vessel is stripped of its riding lights and mast and lined up square with the shore, this is done using two wires at the fore end and two at the after end, through snatch blocks to hand winches. After jettisoning the sliding ways which have been acting as a keel the main 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " dia. main hauling cables are fitted to the trunnions at each end of the vessel, together with the necessary blocks and two 14 ton winches roll the vessel up the beach. Within three or four rotations of the vessel it is pulled out of the water, up the 1 in 8 beach and onto a prepared concrete pad. After a series of jacking and turning operations the vessel is hauled 600 ft. on winch propelled bogies to a position on site under the Goliath Crane.

An early reveille for Messrs. R. Allison and E. Sander-son and their team, heralded a day which will long be remembered by them. For on this bleak point of the Kent coast they are writing a new chapter in the history of the Company.

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

When the first Bradwell Boiler was launched on Friday, 16th May, 1958, it created quite a stir in many industries and also aroused interest among local shipping historians. You may remember that this Boiler weighed 200 tons and was 92 ft. long and 20 ft. in diameter. The latest Boiler to go down was 80 ft. long, 24 ft diameter, and weight 350 tons.

As a contrast to the boilers, one of the biggest ships to be launched in the pre 1900 era on the same site was the Barrowmore, 361 ft. long with a breadth of 42 ft. and a depth of 30 ft. Dead weight tonnage was 4,830 tons.

The majority of ships were engined by Blairs of Stockton, but these engines could only be counted as auxiliary because they were not economical to run. Sail was the first source of power.

Of the other types, many were sailing ships exceeding 2,000 tons.

The Company itself started in 1854 and ceased in 1924 or thereabouts. Over 500 ships of many sorts were made and launched during this period. Many of them hold world records for fast sailing time and others are still in service after almost 100 years.

Last year, after a freak storm, a hidden loft was discovered in an old building at Thornaby. Hundreds of original drawings were found dating back 100 years, the most recent about 1900. They were still bound with the original ribbon and were in good condition. Fifteen packing cases full of these drawings were sent to the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich.

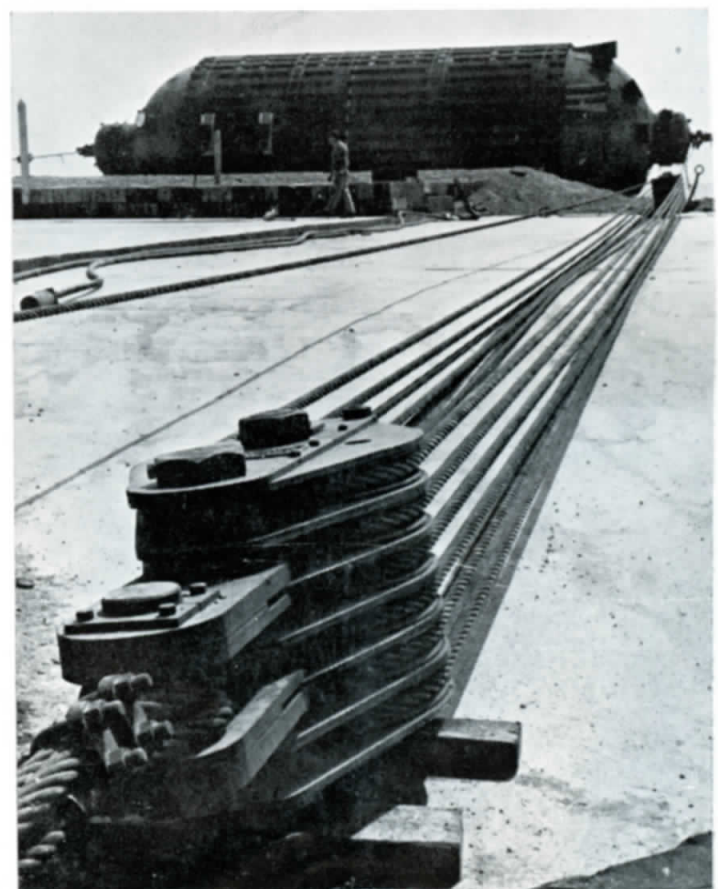
## Second Annual Safety and Fire Prevention Week — 1962

At the time of going to press, a concentrated drive, to arouse the interest of all employees in the need for the prevention of accidents and fires, was in full swing throughout our Tees-side works.

This is of urgent personal interest to all and accidents cause severe hardship for our employees and their families.

An exhibition stand has been on show at all our subsidiary Companies where equipment, provided by the Company for the protection of employees who are engaged on work where there is a possibility of injury, e.g., goggles, aprons, etc., was displayed. Competitive fire drills are being held at each branch, with prizes for winners, and further prizes for those who reach the finals at Thornaby. Prizes are also being given for outstanding safety suggestions.

New fire extinguishers are to be demonstrated and the North Riding Fire Brigade is to display new fire fighting vehicles on the competition finals day at Thornaby.



Above right: One of the early Tees-side ships, and below: The most recent vessel to be launched at Thornaby

## People in the News

### ENGAGEMENTS

#### H.W. Teesdale Ltd.

Miss J. Harrison to Mr. R. Hicks of Carlin Howe.  
Mr. R. E. McIntosh (D.O.) to Miss M. Nash.  
Mr. J. Trenholm (D.O.) to Miss R. Thomson  
(Erection).

Miss S. Lambert (Secretary) to Mr. F. A. Bainbridge.

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

Miss D. Marshall (Erect. Dept.) to Mr. W. Connor.

#### H.W. Minerals Eng. Ltd.

Miss J. Kemp (Filing) to Mr. D. Wilson.  
Mr. J. Wilson (D.O.) to Miss J. Thompson.

#### H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Miss D. Hobley (Typing Pool) to Mr. P. Stephenson.

### MARRIAGES

#### H.W. Iron & Steel Works Eng. Ltd.

Mr. L. Hodgson (D.O.) to Miss E. Caisley.  
Mr. N. Midgeley (D.O.) to Miss J. Moye.  
Mr. A. Court (Purchasing) to Miss J. Suttill.  
Mr. J. Allison (D.O.) to Miss D. Barnes.

#### H.W. Teesdale Ltd.

Mr. John Calvert (Machine Shop) to Miss A. Hill.  
Mr. G. Mathias (Machine Shop) to Miss N. Metcalfe.  
Miss E. Urwin (Invoice Section) to Mr. D. Jopling.  
Mr. R. Hutton (D.O.) to Miss S. Worn (Steel Foundry  
Office).

Mr. R. Kennedy (D.O.) to Miss A. Bird.  
Mr. R. Childs (D.O.) to Miss C. Thomas.  
Miss M. Bell (D.O.) to Mr. C. J. Hope (Joiners).  
Miss P. Green (Planning) to Mr. W. Tate.  
Mr. J. F. Heath (D.O.) to Miss M. Goodswen.  
Mr. B. Brignall (D.O.) to Miss B. Hurren.

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

Miss M. Robson (Print Room) to Mr. M. Stayman  
(Teesdale).

#### H.W. Processes, London.

Miss V. Munro to Mr. A. Groom.

#### H.W. Stockton Ltd.

Mr. E. G. Pattison (D.O.) to Miss T. Maddison.

#### H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Mr. K. Donnelly (Trainee Sales Representative) to  
Miss M. Kennedy.  
Mr. P. Hitchen (Die Shop) to Miss R. Bluckett.

#### H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Mr. R. Peat (Moulder) to Miss K. Welsh.  
Mr. B. Copeland (Electrician) to Miss M. Pollock  
(Typist).

### RETIREMENTS

We extend our best wishes for a long and happy retirement to:

- Mr. B. Heaton (H.W. Steel Foundry).
- Mr. A. Sanderson (H.W. Steel Foundry).
- Mr. J. Galligher (H.W. Machine Co.).
- Mrs. H. Atkinson (H.W. Machine Co.).
- Mrs. B. Levie (H.W. Machine Co.).
- Mrs. J. Ludley (H.W. Machine Co.).
- Mr. J. Gray (H.W. Minerals Eng.).
- Mr. J. Luke (H.W. Stockton).
- Mr. W. Cook (H.W. Stockton).
- Mr. R. Harbron (H.W. Stockton).
- Mr. E. Rollinson (H.W. Stockton).
- Mr. H. Todd (H.W. Stockton).
- Mr. W. Richardson (H.W. Stockton).
- Mr. J. McDonough (H.W. Stockton).
- Mr. A. Gollogly (H.W. Iron Foundries).



Mr. and Mrs. R. Peat



Mr. and Mrs. G. Mathias



Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Pattison



Mr. and Mrs. W. Tate



Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvert

## ROYAL OCCASION

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh gave a cocktail party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, the 26th June. Among the guests invited were Sir John and The Hon. Lady Wrightson.

Squadron Leader R. P. Gowing, R.A.F.V.R., of H.W. Stockton, who has maintained his connection with the R.A.F. as a Commanding Officer of 266 Stockton A.T.C.

Squadron, was honoured with an invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 19th July.

Mr. Gowing and his wife enjoyed their afternoon at the Palace and after passing through the richly carpeted corridors of London's most famous house and on to the terrace, the Gowings had an opportunity of seeing the Queen and other members of the Royal Family at close hand.

By 6 o'clock another famous tea party ended.

## BIRTHS

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. K. Whitley — a son, Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Idle — a son, Timothy.

### H.W. Iron & Steel Works Eng. Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stone — a daughter, Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Philipson — a son, Geoffrey Peter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Berger — a daughter, Nicola.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Coulthard — twin daughters.

### H.W. Teesdale Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Walton — a son, Ian.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Curson — a daughter, Jacqueline Anne.

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

Mr. and Mrs. T. Roe — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Walton — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Flanagan — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Howe — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hind — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Whaley — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hutchinson — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Metcalf — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Stirland — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Womack — a son.

### H.W. Processes Ltd., Yarm.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Tyrer — a daughter, Julie.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Lofthouse — a daughter, Claire.

### H.W. Processes, London.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Davies — a daughter, Margaret Jane.

### H.W. Minerals Eng. Ltd.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Worthington — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Pickin — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Baggaley — a son.

### H.W. Stockton Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright — a son, Michael John.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Strong — a son Gary.

### H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Martindale — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Morgan — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Newstead — a son.

### H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Lownsbrough — a son.

## DEATHS

We offer our condolences to the families of:

### H.W. Iron & Steel Works Eng. Ltd.

Mr. D. Rickinson.

### H.W. & Co. Ltd.

Mr. J. Miller.

### H.W. Teesdale Ltd.

Mr. W. Coleman.

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

Mr. J. Parrish.

Mr. J. Butcher.

Mr. J. Pickering.

Mr. J. Windross.

### H.W. Processes, London.

Mr. P. Kober.

### H.W. Stockton Ltd.

Mr. B. Brown.

### H.W. Stampings Ltd.

Mr. M. Croser.

### H.W. Iron Foundries Ltd.

Mr. W. Murgatroyd.

Mr. M. Flynn.

## PRESENTATION



Presentation to Messrs. F. Robson and G. Cockerill, Teesdale Machine Shop, by Mr. J. Hunter, Shop Representative

## Silver Wedding

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Logan on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Logan, who is employed in the Bridge Yard, was married on 4th September, 1937.

We wish them both a Happy and Prosperous time and look forward to their Golden Wedding Day.