

Wright Ahead

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THE HEAD WRIGHTSON HOUSE MAGAZINE



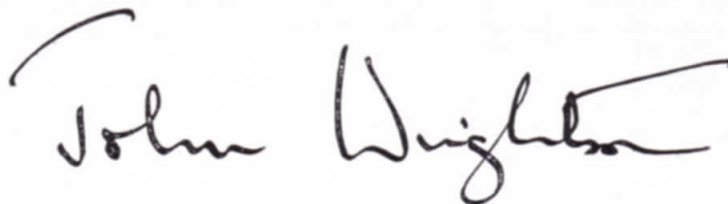
The Chairman's Message

The year 1967 has been a particularly frustrating one, not only for Head Wrightson or for the engineering industry as a whole, but indeed, for industry generally throughout the country.

Unfortunately, the present depressed trade situation is not new. Looking back in history, industry has suffered many such troughs. Fortunately, however, over the years industry has developed on a firmer and more progressive basis which has enabled it to withstand the full impact of these recessions more effectively than before.

It is said that the better the ship, the better its chance of riding a storm. The really good ship, however, is not just concerned with riding the storm, but also looking to the horizon beyond. Head Wrightson is such a ship ; and I have been confirmed in this view, and much encouraged, by the fortitude and enthusiasm shown by both staff and workpeople in the face of the frustrations this year.

I am confident that we have the equipment, the skills and the spirit to be in the vanguard when trade revives. Accordingly I am pleased to have this opportunity of wishing you and your families a happy Christmas and a brighter New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Wrightson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

Front Cover :
Trafalgar Square, London.

Inside Front Cover :
June in her Tuck Shop at Teesdale Canteen.

Inside Back Cover :
T. A. Richardson, Crane Driver, Machine Co.

Back Cover :
Yarm Fair.

Christmas Crackers



Ha, Ha!

Fat man: "Please officer could you see me across the road."
Policeman: "Across the road? — I could see you a mile away."
1st Sailor: "I've been in much worse fog than this chum."
2nd Sailor: "Where was that?"
1st Sailor: "I don't know, it was so foggy."
1st Burglar: "The cops are coming, jump through the window."
2nd Burglar: "But this is the thirteenth floor."
1st Burglar: "This is no time to be superstitious."
Sergeant: "A brave soldier never hesitates to go where the bullets are thickest to do his duty.
Now Private Smith what would you do if the camp were attacked one night?"
Private Smith: "Run in to the ammunition lorry, sir."
Teacher: "What is the meaning of the word average?"
Pupil: "Please miss, it's a thing hens lay on."
Teacher: "How do you make that out?"
Pupil: "Well, I once read in a book that hens lay on an average once a day."
Tom: "Where do you wash in this camp?"
John: "In the spring."
Tom: "I said where, not when."
Mother: "No you can't have an ice, it's far too cold."
June: "Okay, I'll wear my fur coat and muffler mum."
Geoff: "I say Smith, how on earth did you get christian names like Handal Barr?"
Smith: "My father was a great cyclist and my mother was a great musician."
Customer: "This bit of wood is full of holes."
Assistant: "They are knot holes."
Customer: "Well if they're not holes, what are they?"
Bill: "Tom and I are in partnership but we don't sell the same things."
John: "That's strange isn't it?"
Bill: "Oh no, I sell a polish that stains the fingers and Tom follows up the next day with the only soap that will wash it off."
Customer: "I've just found a twig in one of your cakes."
Assistant: "Naturally, we have branches everywhere."
Joe: "I can speak five languages."
Frank: "Go on say one."
Joe: "Kiwi, cherry blossom."
Frank: "What language was that?"
Joe: "Polish."
Page boy: "Carry your bag sir?"
Man: "No."
Page boy: "To the station for sixpence."
Man: "I don't want it carrying."
Page boy: "Well, what are you carrying it for then?"
Uncle: "Manners Boy! Why don't you use the tongs for the sugar?"
Nephew: "It's the tea that's hot, uncle, not the sugar."

EXTRACT FROM—

'Etiquette 100 Years Ago'

Smoking

If you are so unfortunate as to have contracted the low habit of smoking, be careful to practise it under certain restrictions; at least so long as you are desirous of being considered fit for civilised society.

The first mark of a gentleman is a sensitive regard for the feelings of others; therefore, smoke where it is least likely to prove personally offensive by making your clothes smell; then wash your mouth, and brush your teeth. What man of delicacy could presume to address a lady with his breath smelling of onions? Yet tobacco is equally odious. The tobacco smoker, in public, is the most selfish animal imaginable; he perseveres in contaminating the pure and fragrant air, careless whom he annoys, and is but the fitting inmate of a tavern.

Smoking in the streets, or in a theatre, is only practised by shop-boys, pseudo-fashionables — and the 'Swell Mob'.

All songs that you may see written in praise of smoking in magazines or newspapers, or hear sung upon the stage, are puffs, paid for by the proprietors of cigar divans and tobacco shops, to make their trade popular — therefore, never believe nor be deluded by them.

Never be seen in cigar divans or billiard rooms; they are frequented, at best, by an equivocal set. No good can be gained there — and a man loses his respectability by being seen entering or coming out of such places.

Never sit in the boxes of a theatre with your hat on; it is an insult to the rest of the audience, especially if there be ladies.

On entering a coffee-house, and sitting down, take off your hat; it is only a proper mark of respect to your own class, towards whom you should pay the same deference you exact from others.

Snuff

As snuff-taking is merely an idle, dirty habit, practised by stupid people in the unavailing endeavour to clear their stolid intellect, and is not a custom particularly offensive to their neighbours, it may be left to each individual taste as to whether it be continued or not. An 'Elegant' cannot take much snuff without decidedly 'losing caste'.

'Doctor', said an old gentleman, who was an inveterate snuff-taker, to a physician, 'is it true that snuff destroys the olfactory nerves, clogs, and otherwise injures the brain?' 'It cannot be true', was the caustic reply, 'since those who have any brains never take snuff at all'.

Bargain offers

A farmer called at the blacksmith's to have new shoes put on his horse, each shoe would require 8 nails to fix. The Blacksmith struck a bargain with the farmer and asked him either to pay £1 per nail, which would cost him £32, or pay a farthing for the first nail, a half-penny for the second nail and a penny for the third and so doubling the cost of each nail up to 32 nails. The farmer chose the second offer, what did it cost him?

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Time tested

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes, and but one tongue; to the end we should hear and see more than we speak.

Waste not, want not.

He is unworthy to live who lives only for himself.

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

When wine sinks, words swim.

Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.

He that seeks trouble never misses.

Civility costs nothing.

All men think all men mortal but themselves.

Man is a bubble.

Three may keep counsel if two be away.

He that buys land buys many stones;
He that buys flesh buys many bones;
He that buys eggs buys many shells;
He that buys good ale buys nothing else.

Punctuality is the politeness of princes.

Too much consulting confounds.

If you always say No, you'll never be married.

Yule is come, and Yule is gone,
And we have feasted well;
So Jack must to his flail again,
And Jenny to her wheel.

Grace is dead

Grace is dead. She was a good girl, but we done her wrong. And with grace has gone elegance and ease and charm. Disgrace is the vogue.

People don't move beautifully any more; noise has been multiplied by a discord; singing has lost control; music has forgotten melody; the dance apes a ritual orgy; architecture is confined in a glass prison; art has gone pop-eyed; and words have ceased to have magic.

In their place has come urgency, unease, restlessness, disquiet.

Much of this has produced memorable material. Some mod art is tremendous. Some new writing is real. Some latterday music will not die. Some advanced architecture is almost fit for human habitation.

On the map?

barton — Old English, barley or corn farm: Surbiton = South Barton.

brough, burg, burgh, burh, bury — fort, often Roman, or manor town or borough: Scarborough, Shaftesbury.

by — Scandinavian farm or village; Coningsby = king's village; Ingleby = village of the English.

caster, cester, chester — from Latin *castra* (city or walled town, originally a Roman station): Gloucester, Manchester.

ham — Anglo-saxon for homestead, estate: Fordham = estate near a ford; Shoreham = estate at a steep slope.

hough — Old English, *hoh, hoe* (heel or hill spur): Holton, Hutton, Hough.

hurst, hirst — Old English, hillock or copse: Chislehurst = gravel hill; Hurstmonceaux = the wooded hill of the Norman family who owned it.

ing — Anglo-Saxon, from *ingas* (groups of people): Tooting = Tota's people; Lancing = the people of Wlenca; Barking = Berica's people.

ingham — Anglo-Saxon *ingaham* = *ingas* and *ham* combined; Birmingham = estate of Beornmund's people; Gillingham = estate of Gylla's people.

ington — Anglo-Saxon *ingtun* = *ing* and *tun* combined: Bonnington (Kent) = farm of Buna's people.

lea, lee, leigh — Old English, forest, wood, glade: Crawley; Oakleigh.

pit — Pictish for a piece or share of land, place-names mostly in north-east of Scotland: Pitlochry = stony share.

shaw -- Old English, small wood: Birkenshaw = birch grove.

stoke — Old English, holy or religious place: Stoke Poges = place held by Hubert le Pugeis in 1255; Basingstoke = holy place belonging to Basa's people.

thorpe — Danish for secondary settlement or hamlet: Burythorpe (Yorks) = hill hamlet; Ousthorpe (Yorks) = east hamlet.

thwaite — clearing, meadow, paddock. Norse and common in North-west England and Dumfriesshire: Applethwaite = apple tree clearing; Gunthwaite = Gunnhildr's clearing; Slaithwaite = clearing where timber was felled.

tor — hill: Dunster (Somerset).

tun — Anglo-Saxon for enclosure, farmstead or village: Chesterton = village near a fortification; Stratton, Stretton = village on a Roman road; Sutton = south farm.

wick — Old English for dwelling or farm: Chiswick = cheese farm; Nantwich = famous town, from *nant* (named).

worth — Old English for enclosure: Hurworth = enclosure made with hurdles; Worstead = site of enclosure.



Mr. W. H. Mather : Group Production Director.

Production Engineering

Production Engineering has been defined as the ability to supply goods in the required volume at the required price at the required time and, although it includes the application of tools to materials, it is fundamentally the application of logic to work.

The job of Head Wrightson (Management) Group Production Engineering is to assist subsidiary companies to effect the maximum economic utilisation from their resources by the effective marshalling and maintenance of existing fixed assets and by planning the future development of capacity, particularly in the long term.

They are responsible for ensuring the proper maintenance of the Head Wrightson plant, buildings and property; assisting in the formulation of requests for capital expenditure; operation and maintenance of the necessary records.

In an advisory capacity, Group Production Engineering assists subsidiary companies on design and manufacture of their production and potential products in relation to existing and future Head Wrightson capacity.

In general, therefore, Head Wrightson (Management) Group Production Engineering is a co-ordinating function whose main job is to utilise the assets of Head Wrightson to the best advantage by eliminating the physical limitations of production and converting the assets into opportunities.

Europe's fastest tinning line

Head Wrightson has just been awarded a substantial contract by Richard Thomas & Baldwins Limited for a new continuous electrolytic tinning line to be installed at their Ebbw Vale works.

Planned to meet the rising demand for tin plate, both in sheet and coil form, the new tinning line will have an annual capacity well in excess of 6,000,000 basis boxes (a box represents 217 sq. ft.) with a maximum speed in the process section of 1,750 ft/min. which is even faster than the line installed by Head Wrightson for Richard Thomas & Baldwins in 1961, although that line is still the fastest of its type in Europe.

A coil preparation line, designed to operate at 4,000 ft/min. for edge trimming the material prior to tinning is also included in the contract.

Also with the new tinning line a new tinplate cut-up and classifying line is to be provided for shearing the coiled material to required lengths. This line will include the first automatic flying shear to be installed in this country which can operate at a shearing speed of 1,250 ft/min., which is faster than any other line outside of the U.S.A.

The contract includes the design, manufacture, installation and commissioning of all three lines.

The most up-to-date standards with all the latest refinements will be included in the new lines.

The contract has been placed with The Head Wrightson Machine Company Limited of Middlesbrough and is scheduled to be in production by March, 1969.

The Head Wrightson Machine Company Limited has been involved in the construction of four out of five of the tinning lines installed for the British tinplate industry since 1958 and is currently negotiating for similar plants in a number of overseas countries.

Iron Foundry — new work

Head Wrightson Iron Foundries are to supply the entire iron and non-ferrous casting requirements of Fairbairn Lawson Ltd., textile machinery manufacturers, Leeds. A contract has been signed for the year 1967/1968 to manufacture or supply their total requirements. If successful this contract will continue throughout future years.

The initial requirement will be for approximately 1,000 tons of engineering iron castings per annum, in various grades. In order to achieve this, Head Wrightson Iron Foundries have installed or are installing new plant and equipment. Some of the equipment has been transferred, by mutual agreement, from Fairbairn Lawson Ltd.

Head Wrightson Iron Foundries have been most fortunate to engage the services of the following personnel from Fairbairn Lawson:—

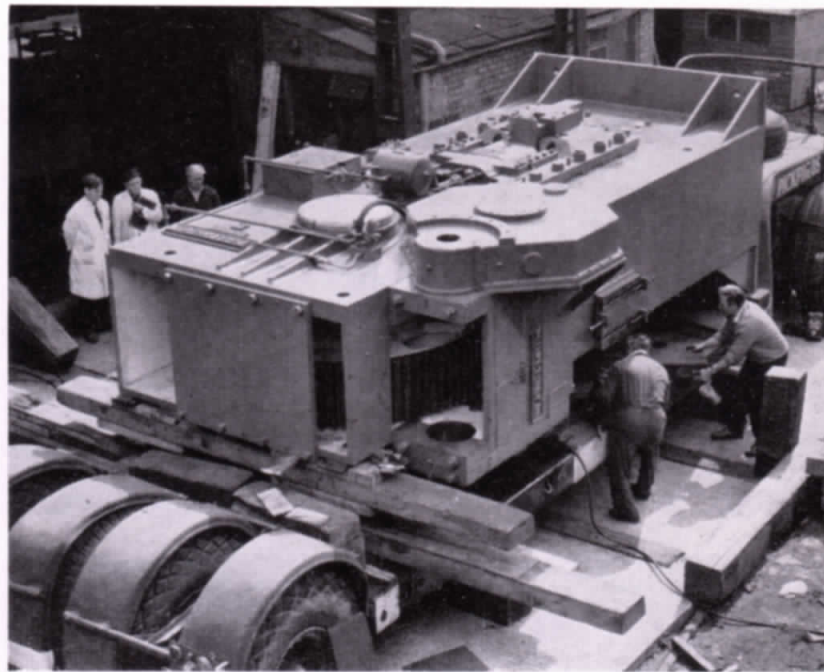
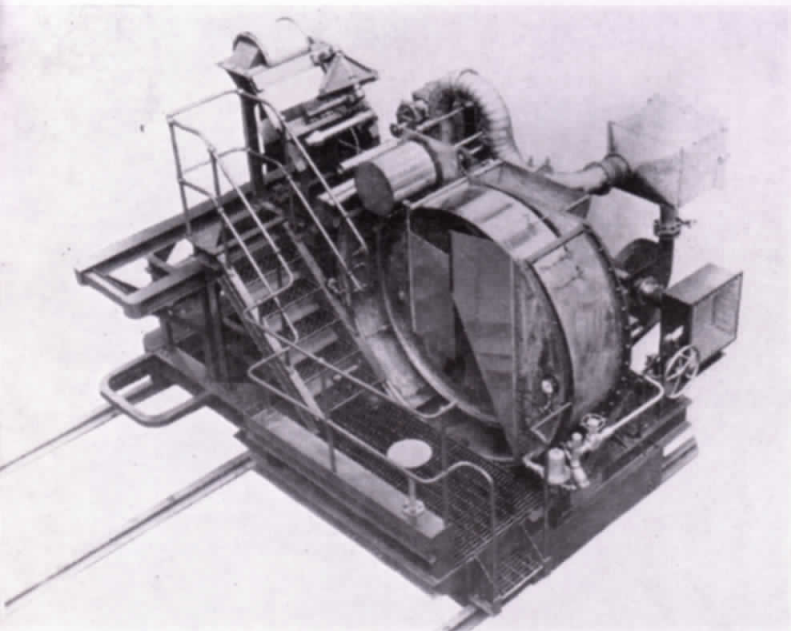
Mr. L. Dodgeson, Foundry Superintendent; Mr. B. Hutchinson, Chargehand; Mr. L. Steele, Chargehand; Mr. J. Paul, Mr. M. Alexander, Mr. A. Malcolm, Mr. W. Edward and Mr. A. John, machine moulders.

We welcome these personnel to Head Wrightson and wish them and their families every success in the future and trust they will settle happily in our Teesside community.

Because of the close co-operation between the two companies machines were uprooted in Fairbairn Lawson on October 20th; installed on Monday 23rd, and castings produced on October 26th, and delivered on November 3rd. Continuous production was thus achieved without delay.

News

A new 1,200 ton capacity billet shear capable of cutting a seven inch square bar cold, recently delivered to the forge operated by Head Wrightson Stampings at Hartlepool. This machine built by Wilkins & Mitchell of Birmingham, is the largest size of British shear made and is only the second to be manufactured and delivered in Britain. The installation of this machine is part of phase 1 of the £250,000 modernisation programme undertaken by Head Wrightson at their forge to enable them to remain competitive and to improve working conditions.



The first of two polymer casting machines for Monsanto International Engineering Corporation for their works at Dundonald in Ayrshire, on completion of assembly at Head Wrightson Stockton works.

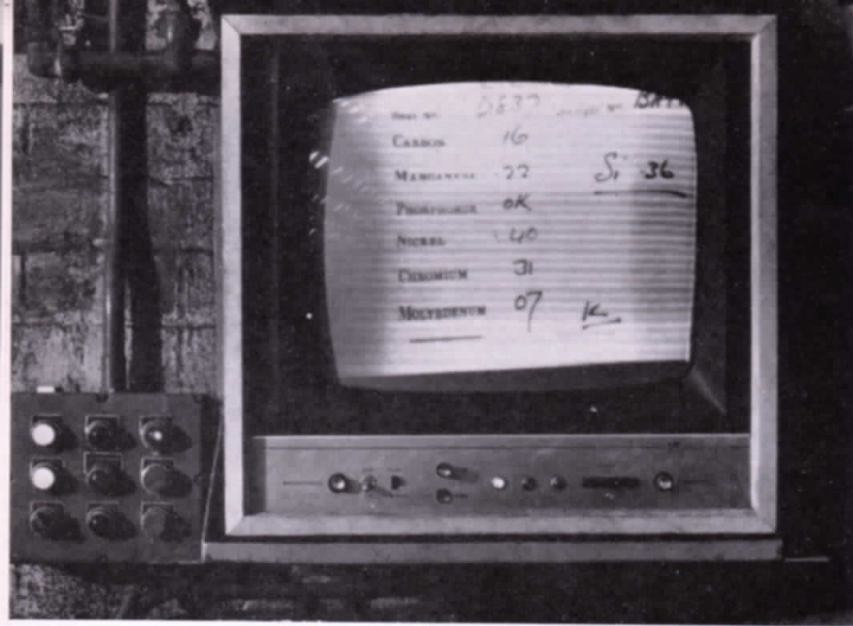
HOT STUFF

The Steel Company of Wales Limited has just placed a contract with Head Wrightson Teesdale Limited, of Thornaby-on-Tees, for the supply of seven, 270 ton capacity hot metal mixer type cars for the transportation of molten iron between the blast furnaces and the new steel plant at Abbey Works. These very large cars will weigh 450 tons each when fully loaded.

Head Wrightson Teesdale Limited has previously supplied eight similar cars of 180 tons capacity to The Steel Company of Wales. One of these 180 ton cars is illustrated opposite. The value of the current contract is in excess of £300,000.



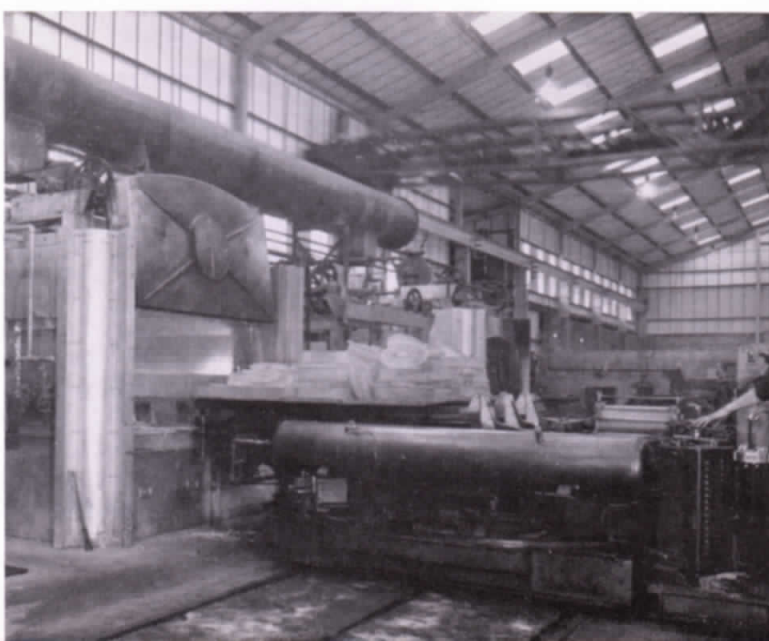
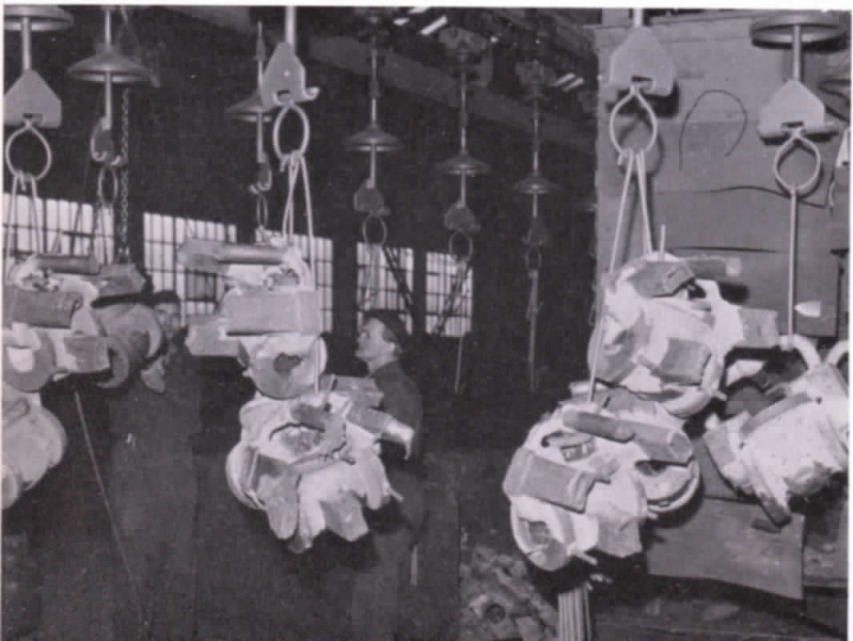
The aerial photograph opposite is of the Oldbury Nuclear Power Station which went into production early in November. For this station Head Wrightson supplied a very substantial part of the equipment.



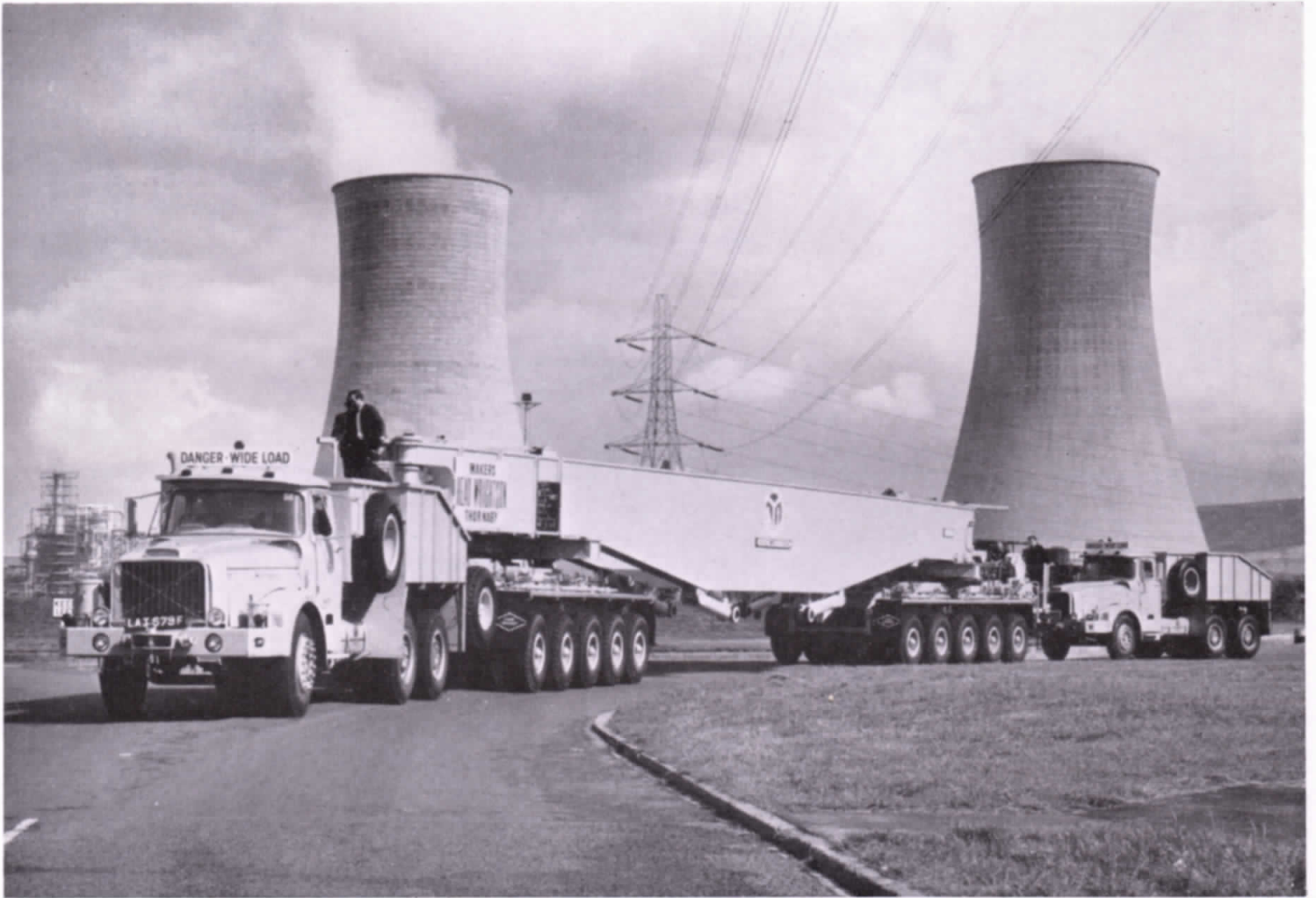
Steel Foundry faces competition

To meet the increasing competition from the British steel foundry industry and to enable us to get contracts on the European continent. The Steel Foundry has been gradually putting new equipment into operation. On this page five modern machines are shown in use.

1. This television screen enables the man on the furnace platform to obtain a precise analysis of the metal in the furnace. Samples from the furnaces are sent to the laboratory via pneumatic tube.
2. In the laboratory a vacuum direct reading spectrometer is used to analyse the samples received via the pneumatic tube from the furnaces and the results of the analysis — which by hand takes 45 minutes — are now transmitted by closed circuit television in 3 or 4 minutes.
3. This automatic moulding machine is the first of its kind to be introduced in a European steel foundry and gives better quality moulds in a much shorter time than former methods.
4. Castings are loaded on to a continuous conveyor and are passed through an enclosed shot blasting chamber for cleaning.
5. A modern electropneumatic charger of 3 tons capacity handles the castings in and out of the furnaces and quench tanks in the heat treatment shop.

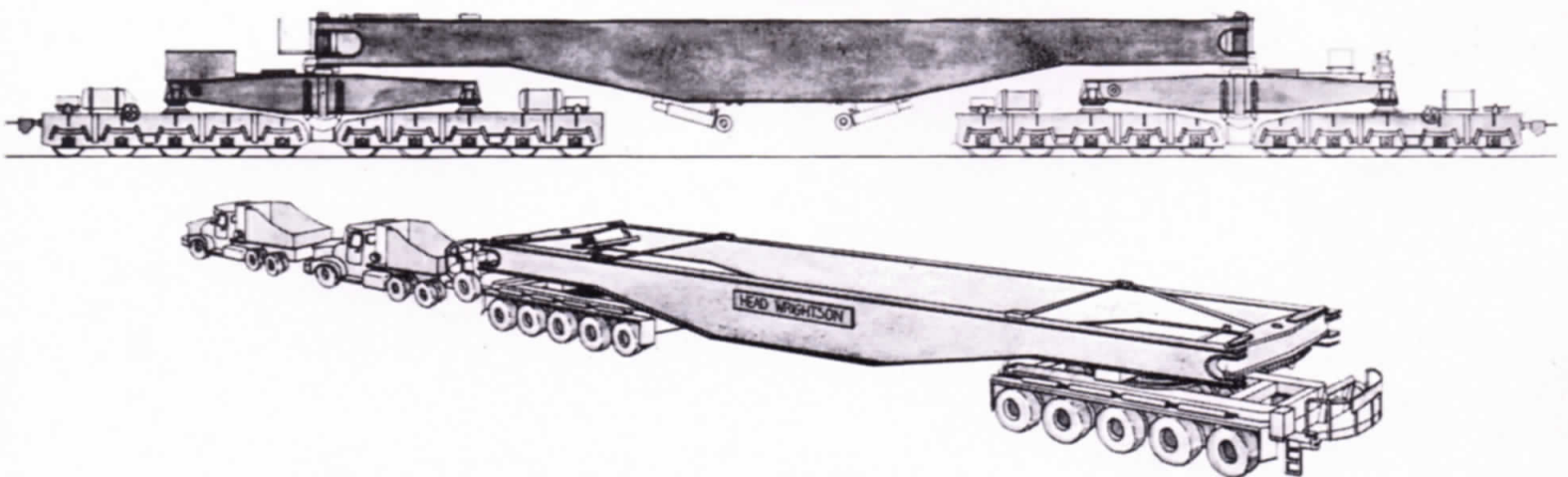


From Head Wrightson to Nigeria



A road/rail vehicle designed to carry 150 ton loads by rail from the quayside at Apapa, Nigeria, to the rail head at Mokwa, and then 55 miles by road to the hydro-electric station at Kainji on the River Niger; Head Wrightson designed and built the wagon for Niger Dams Authority. This special vehicle is provided with

alternative sets of rail and road bogies which can be interchanged without requiring assistance from equipment not carried on the vehicle. In the photograph the vehicle is seen approaching Tees Dock for shipment to Nigeria.





'Forging Ahead'

1. Douglas Griffiths, Gardener.
2. Ena Wilson, Senior Sales Clerk.
3. Oliver Billingham, Steel Control Office.
4. Lill Knaggs, Canteen Manageress.
5. Hal Stather, Storekeeper.
6. Anne Kerr, Assistant Buyer.
7. Kathleen Beach, Junior Wages Clerk.
8. Catherine Pickering, Die Shop Clerk.
9. Charlie Osman, Forging Machine Operator.
10. Cyril Robinson, Die Shop.
11. Benny Kirkbright, Vertical Borer Operator.
12. W. Winspear, Turner -- Maintenance Shop.
13. Ralph Crawford, Shear Shop.
14. A. J. Gaunt, Trainee Stamper.
15. Irene Burdess, Telephonist.



'FORGING AHEAD'

Head Wrightson has been manufacturing forgings for seventy-five years, first in their Teesdale works at Thornaby-on-Tees, where components for their large output in railway wagons were produced in a forge adjoining their fabricating shops, but in 1939 when a new factory was built at Seaton Carew a separate company was formed in the name of Head Wrightson Stampings Limited, to extend the range of forgings produced and concentrate on providing an efficient service to their clients.

The works at Seaton Carew are built on a 15 acre site adjoining the main Middlesbrough/Newcastle railway. There are up-to-date forging shops with drop hammers up to 5 tons and horizontal forging machines. There is a modern, well-equipped die shop; heat treatment department, including facilities for descaling and crack detection; and a modern laboratory.

Industries Served

Diversification has been pursued energetically resulting in a wide range of forgings of many types for various industries including the commercial vehicle, tractor, motor car, aircraft, armaments, mining, railway, and general engineering industries.

Other companies in the Head Wrightson organisation are world renowned in the construction of colliery plant. It is a natural consequence, therefore, that Head Wrightson Stampings produce many forgings for the mining industry, where reliability in the interest of safety is of importance.

Service

It is axiomatic that without the goodwill of the client no business could prosper and Head Wrightson has placed great emphasis on the need to give keen and efficient service to all their clients.

This is a two-way matter and co-operation from a client is equally essential if the best is to be obtained from the determination of the company to give a first class service in all its dealings.

This service extends from the initial design stage, the production of development forgings and conforming to delivery schedules.

Materials Used

The bulk of our output is in forgings of carbon and alloy steels.

In addition, the forge has developed its skills in the production of non-ferrous forgings, particularly in stainless steels for industries where this material is essential and in copper forgings for use in electrical generating equipment.

Because of the extensive metallurgical services available in the Research and Development Division of the Company, Head Wrightson is always ready to examine the suitability of new materials in the production of special forgings.

Sales

In pursuance of its policy to give satisfactory and efficient service to the industries it serves, Head Wrightson Stampings Limited is ready to send senior officials of the Company to visit clients to discuss ways and means of co-operating which will lead to securing contracts, and this facility extends to the continent as well as to all parts of the United Kingdom.

Teesside Park makes history

The first new National Hunt course to open in the North of England since the war is Teesside Park, the racecourse formerly known as Stockton, which lies in Yorkshire, across the county border from the Durham town.

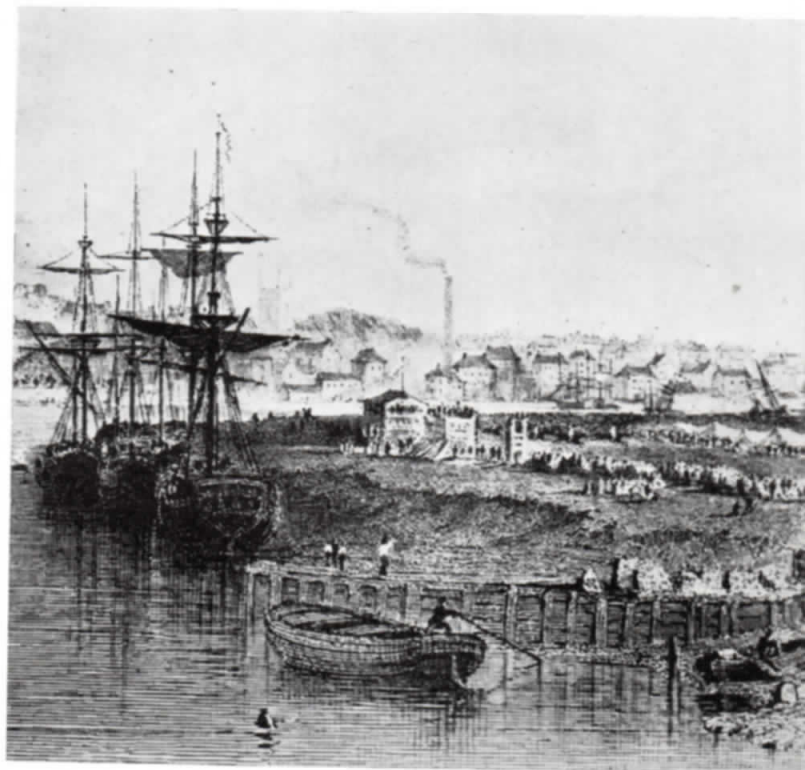
Stockton Races have been going on for at least 245 years. At first only one race a day was run, but in a series of "heats," the same horses taking part. The original site was "on the Carr opposite to Stockton Town" and on the ground is now the works of Head Wrightson & Company.

Stockton Races were always enterprising and a number of unusual races have been staged, especially in the days before the Jockey Club Rules. One race used "to be run for by women three times about the Carr for a Holland Smock and a Velvet Cap to the full value of two guineas, given by a gentleman."

After the Napoleonic wars industrial development began. Racing re-started in 1825 at Tibbersley near Billingham (now partly under the I.C.I. works). Near the river the racecourse had its own landing stage at which river parties disembarked, as they do to this day at Windsor racecourse.

The last event of the day must have been fun, at least for the spectators. It was the Mariners' Stakes of one sovereign each "for horses used solely for agricultural purposes to be ridden by the Captains of Ships." In 1841 the horses seemed to have been renamed for the day as they were Captain, Commodore, Admiral, Cabin Boy, Grace Darling, Middy and Topsail.

The Mandale course was found in 1855, and the first race on that course was named after the site. The Stockton racecourse was one of the few licenced for racing during both world wars.



Thornaby Carrs — Teesdale Works now stand where the races are in progress

C-R-A-Z-Y

Cricket Match

A crazy cricket match, in aid of the Evening Gazette Kidney Machine Fund, took place at Teesdale Park on Wednesday 23rd August between male and female employees of H.W. Stockton Ltd. In order to arouse interest and attract spectators the following rules were enforced :—

1. Men in ladies' clothing and ladies in men's clothing.
2. Men to bat, bowl and field left handed.
3. Cash penalties to the players for ducks, boundaries and dropped catches.
4. All players to have sponsors.

The ladies batting first started in great style and managed to raise a score of 53 all out, top scorer being Glenys Yaxley with 17 runs. After a brief interval the men's team managed to better the ladies' total by 24 runs, top scorer being Bill Marchant with 23. The best hit of the evening was a towering, left-handed, dress handi-capped six into the football field by "Miss" Garth Robson.

A sum of £56 8s. 3d. was raised by sponsors, penalties and a ground collection to which was added £26 2s. 6d. being the amount previously raised by a collection within the firm making a grand total of £82 10s. 9d. to help swell the Kidney Machine Fund.

Guess who



COMING OF AGE

Head Wrightson's first Apprentice School was opened in 1946 in part of the old factory building on Teesdale Iron Works site at Thornaby. The School consisted of a Machine Shop, a Foundry and Pattern Shop, a Lecture Room and Projection Theatre.

The high reputation won during these years for the standard of apprenticeship at Head Wrightson does credit to the staff of the School under the leadership of Mr. Harry Soppet.

But in 1964 the Industrial Training Act was passed and the Engineering Industry Training Board was created. It soon became obvious that the standards being set by the Board and the greater breadth of training recommended would require new facilities, particularly in the form of roomier accommodation and more machinery.

Head Wrightson made capital available and the location chosen for the extensions to the School was part of the Headquarters Works Engineers Maintenance Garage. The 1966 intake of apprentices moved in to embark on the new Engineering Industry Training Board syllabus of training. The new shop was laid out as a Machine Shop, a Fitting Shop and an Electrical (Fitting) Shop and was fitted out with an impressive array of machine tools. Meanwhile the old Machine Shop in the Apprentice School was converted into a second Lecture Room.

Undoubtedly the Apprentice School now has one of the finest small Machine Shops in the district, well able not only to satisfy modern training needs, but also able to undertake a wide variety of production work, provided that the prime aim is sound training.

There are now four mechanical instructors, two fabrication, one electrical and one foundry instructor, a total of eight instructors in addition to the Training School Manager.

The E.I.T.B. syllabus prescribes that the first year of apprenticeship shall be spent "off-the-job" in a separate training area or school. Head Wrightson had previously operated a six month "off-the-job" programme, but this included spells of training in the shops. The changeover meant that there would be a six month gap in the "output" of apprentices from the school. Partly to bridge this gap and partly because of the growing need for apprentices, additional numbers of apprentices were recruited in 1966. The return to a normal intake in 1967, coupled with the effect of the "freeze" on recruitment, meant that there was some spare capacity in the School.



Part of the Head Wrightson Apprentice School

At the same time, however, many small firms in the area, unable to support Apprentice Schools of their own, were looking for training places either in a group training centre or in the Apprentice School of a larger firm. With the encouragement of the E.I.T.B., Head Wrightson were able to offer places in the Apprentice School to these firms. Eleven local firms accepted the offer and a total of twenty-two apprentices from those firms are now receiving their first year "off-the-job" training, alongside Head Wrightson's own apprentices. At the end of the first year these twenty-two boys will return to their own firms to complete their apprenticeship.

The E.I.T.B. have not only given their blessing to this arrangement but they have also carried out a full scale inspection of the Head Wrightson Apprentice School and pronounced it entirely satisfactory.

What of the future? Immediate future plans are to rehouse the Fabrication Shop near the Machine Shop and with the development of a Foundry School to group together all practical training activities in one location, with obvious advantages. Everyone concerned with training in Head Wrightson knows that there is no room for complacency. The influence of the E.I.T.B. in raising standards generally throughout the industry is already being felt, and it will be increasingly difficult for leaders in the training field, such as Head Wrightson, to maintain their lead. But the latest developments in the Head Wrightson Apprentice School have clearly placed it in a strong position to keep and enhance the reputation which it has won over the past twenty-one years.



Apprentices in the Lecture Room receiving instruction in electrical theory

SPORT

Inter-departmental Cricket Competition

The past enthusiasm of the lads at H.W. Stockton in the Inter-departmental competitions was re-awakened this year and some of our former prestige was regained when our cricket team won the trophies after beating the Apprentice School, Eaglescliffe Foundry, and Research and Development teams in that order.

We expect to improve on this prowess in the future, so take heed, other Divisions !

The presentation of the cup was made by Mr. R. W. Featherstone to Mr. K. Tytler, the team captain, and a celebration afterwards in the club saw to it that the cup was never empty until closing time.

Inter-departmental Bowls

H.W. Stockton team reached the final for the first time and although defeated we were at no time despondent, everyone trying hard until the last wood was bowled.

A precedent was set in that we have a lady bowler in our team, Mrs. Barbara Sharp, and we can truthfully state that her performance was good.

Inter-company Golf

The trophy for this competition presented by Mr. Sturges for annual competition was won for the second year running by H.W. Stockton, Mr. R. A. Shaw and Mr. A. Sowerby.

Mr. Shaw also won the H.W. Challenge Cup for individual stroke play.

The editor regrets that the reports on sporting activities have been so very short that we could not even fill this column.

In praise of Yarm

Leave courts and great cities, vexation and care,
At Yarm all is peaceful, health breathes in the air ;
The street clean and spacious, the houses are neat,
The goddess Minerva has fixed here her seat :

Content, independent, serene, and at ease,
Come trace the green verdure of sweet winding Tees.

Here plentiful prospects are seen all around,
Rich merchants dispersing the fruits of the ground ;
Here honour and commerce sincerely unite,
The ladies are charming, the merchants polite :

Content, independent, serene, and at ease,
Come trace the green verdure of sweet winding Tees.

See snowy flocks feeding on every hill,
Soft zephyrs blow gentle, and cooing doves bill ;
Each sense is delighted, all nature looks gay,
And this month of October seems blooming as May :

Content, independent, serene, and at ease,
Come trace the green verdure of sweet winding Tees.

Now winter approaches, should stormy winds blow,
The mountains and valleys be covered with snow,
The muse shall ring oft, the dull vapours to charm,
Till spleen and black envy shall fly far from Yarm :

Content, independent, serene, and at ease,
Come trace the green verdure of sweet winding Tees.

by Joseph Ritson, 1765

Autumn Trees



The gaunt trees of Autumn stand silent

Young ones, tall, erect ; old ones, knarled and bent
Scarred with the years, and Nature's moods oft' violent

Bare arms mirror'd in the water 'neath thin feet
Soon to be lashed by gales and squalls of blinding sleet.

The Summer's gone, her roses all full-blown

Spring's fledglings, full grown,

Have gone to warmer climes

For now Dame Nature offers harder times.

Beneath their boughs, in Summer, — laughter gay !

From youngsters, eager and agog, "A-Nesting" they !
Whilst others on the nearby lake

Ply their oars with cries that happy children make.



Today is sombre. There's youngsters, only three

Beside the lake they sadly stand, beneath the trees.
No boats, no laughter, bored, ill at — ease.

The wind moves in the branches, there spots of rain.

Dark days a-comin' ; frost and snow

Icy fingers freeze the lake below.

But soon — beneath those youngsters' feet
the sleeping trees awake again.

D. R. Tallet
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The photos for this poem were taken in Locke Park,
Redcar.

Low calorie reducing diet

Monday	
Breakfast	Weak tea.
Lunch	1 boullion cube in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diluted water.
Dinner	1 pigeon thigh, 2 ounces prune juice (gargle only).
Tuesday	
Breakfast	Scraped crumbs from burned toast.
Lunch	One doughnut hole, without sugar.
Dinner	2 jellyfish skins, 1 gallon dehydrated water.
Wednesday	
Breakfast	Shredded eggshell skins.
Lunch	Navel from an orange.
Dinner	3 eyes from Irish potatoes (diced).
Thursday	
Breakfast	Boiled out stains from tablecloth.
Lunch	$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. poppy seeds.
Dinner	Bees knees and mosquito knuckles, salted with vinegar.
Friday	
Breakfast	2 lobster antennae.
Lunch	1 gubby fin.
Dinner	Fillet of soft shell crab claw.
Saturday	
Breakfast	4 chopped banana seeds.
Lunch	Broiled butterfly liver.
Dinner	Jellyfish vertebra a la bookbinders.
Sunday	
Breakfast	Pickled humming bird tongue.
Lunch	Prime ribs of tadpole.
Dinner	Aroma of empty custard pie, tossed paprika and clover leaf (one) salad.
Note :	All meals are to be eaten under a microscope to avoid extra poundage. From now on no more fussing about reducing diets.

'If I can be of some use . . .'

Dear Sirs,

I am Wang. It is for my personal benefit that I write for a position in your honourable firm.

I have a flexible brain that will adapt itself to your business, and in consequence bring good efforts to your honourable selves.

My enducation was impressed upon me in the Peking university in which place I graduated Number One.

I can drive a typewriter with great noise, and my English is great.

My references are of the good, and should you hope to see me they will be read by you with great pleasure.

My last job has left itself from me for the good reason that the large man has dead. It was on account of no fault of mine.

So honourable sirs, what about it? if I can be of some use to you, I will arrive on same date that you should guess.

Faithfully Yours,

(Signed) S. L. Wang.

BIRTHS — CONGRATULATIONS

H.W. Teesdale Limited, Thornaby

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weatherall — a daughter.

H.W. Stockton Limited, Stockton

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bambro — a daughter, Jill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Barley — a son, Peter David.

H.W. Machine Company, Middlesbrough

Mr. and Mrs. J. Galley — a son, Philip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bulmer — a daughter, Jacqueline Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Latham — a daughter, Julie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Cornfield — a son, Martin.

H.W. Process Engineering Ltd., Sheffield

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hughes — a son, Brendan Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Webster — a son, Richard Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Maskery — a son, Neil Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Street — a daughter, Claire.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Jenney — a son, Christopher.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Barnby — a daughter, Caroline Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Woodhams — a son,
Simon Andrew.

MARRIAGES — BEST WISHES

H.W. Teesdale Limited, Thornaby

Mr. A. Hewitson to Miss M. Casey.

Mr. G. Stevenson to Miss B. Jones.

H.W. Stockton Limited, Stockton

Mr. G. Nixon to Miss C. Clay.

Mr. H. Stewart to Miss M. Wilson.

Mr. D. Johnson to Miss E. Hodgson.

Mr. M. Brumpton to Miss A. Frier.

Mr. D. Arnison to Miss M. Morris.

H.W. & Company, Yarm

Mr. D. E. Collinson to Miss J. M. Wilkin.

Mr. P. Moore to Miss M. Earley.

Mr. E. G. Braithwaite to Miss E. Bonney.

Mr. K. Banks to Miss C. Odges.

Mr. V. Ayre to Miss Y. Simon.

DEATHS — SYMPATHY

H.W. Teesdale Limited, Thornaby

Mr. D. Lloyd.

Mr. E. Vernon.

Head Wrightson Iron Foundries

Mr. R. A. Love.



Mr. and Mrs. A. Hewitson



Mr. and Mrs. M. Brumpton



Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnson



Mr. and Mrs. H. Stewart



Mr. and Mrs. P. Moore



Mr. and Mrs. K. Banks



Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Braithwaite

Landmarks

Sir John Wrightson in presenting the A. D. Muir Memorial Award to David Johnson, an apprentice plater of H.W. Stockton, said that this was the first time the award had been presented. The award was established at the request of Sandy Muir's widow to the best apprentice boilermaker, based on technical college achievements and all round performance at work. It is probable that Sandy Muir was the only shop steward in British industry to have such a testimonial to his memory.



Barbara Train and Janet Davidson, both of the Personnel Department, Thornaby, have good reason to be proud of themselves, for they have secured the London Chamber of Commerce Certificate for Secretaries which is one of the highest awards which can be obtained. They were presented with their certificates at the Stockton and Billingham Technical College recently.



Bob Hornshaw who recently retired is here seen having a cup of tea with Mr. T. H. Stayman and Mr. Harry Soppet.

Bob Hornshaw joined Head Wrightson in 1935 but spent recent years as an instructor in the Apprentice School where he became a popular friend of many of our up and coming engineers.





